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Independence Week visit

From USS Farragut to Town of Farragut for Roberts + 7 crew

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Ever at a party thinking you captivatingly were retelling just the most awesome tale only to be upstaged immediately thereafter by another? Like, "My buddies and I were on a once-in-alifetime trip at sea and caught this beast that must've been, like, this big," arms widespread as though in flight with all the bravado you could muster.

And another partygoer, as nonchalantly as taking a breath, recounts how he and his buddies caught a drug-smuggling arm of a presumptive cartel out in the Caribbean Sea and stopped some \$44 million in cocaine from making its way ashore.

Goodbye, bragging rights, and say hello to U.S. Navy Cmdr. Thomas Roberts, the man who, with pure humility, could close the curtain on your party tales (true story above).

Roberts, commander of the USS Farragut (DDG 99), is no stranger to a naval warship, and he's no stranger to East Tennessee either, where he has returned for his destroyer's Namesake Tour of the Town of Farragut and other Independence Day festivities into Monday, July 8.



U.S. Navy Cmdr. Thomas Roberts hard at work with an enviable office view aboard the USS Farragut, which he commands while out at sea. The USS Farragut's Namesake Tour began Tuesday, July 2, and will last through the Independence Day festivities into Monday, July 8.

Roberts and a seven-sailor crew dined with the Town of Farragut's Board of Mayor and Aldermen Tuesday, July 2, and today (Wednesday, July 3) they're touring the area and are the highlight of a picnic at Farragut Community Center from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., prepping for Independence Day celebrations and marching in the annual Parade as part of the namesake tour — tours that provide a chance for ships' crews to learn more about the people, events or towns for which their ships got their names.

This is Roberts' second tour of Farragut, but commanding

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Cal to crowd championship celebration

Stark, senior starting catcher on the Tennessee national championship baseball team and a former Farragut Admiral (Class of 2020), is fired up among Vols players and more than 50,000 fans in and around Market Square in downtown Knoxville Tuesday, June 25, celebrating UT's No. 1 success in the Men's College World Series. (See story, other photos starting on page 1B).



Photo courtesy of Andrew Ferguson/Tennessee Athletics

Bypass lane addition to Northshore-Concord Road roundabout pondered

TAMMY CHEEK

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Adding a bypass lane alongside eastbound Northshore Drive at the Northshore-Concord Road roundabout is being considered as an option to help alleviate one of Knox County's traffic issues.

We're going to do a Choto-Peninsula mobility study that County Commission approved this week (Monday, June 24)," said Jim Snowden, chief engineer with Knox County Engineering and Public Works. "We have identified that project — one that we think needs to be done — but we, obviously, want to take that to the community, get some input.

But, yes, it is a project we would like to do that we think would bring a lot of benefit and capacity, especially for that traffic trying to get out of the peninsula, going east toward Knoxville on Northshore Drive," he added.

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'Backbone of effort' among Town founders, Betty Dick passes

ALAN SLOAN

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As the only female among the seven Town of Farragut founders from 1979 into early 1980 who saw their dream come true with incorporation made official Jan. 30, 1980, Betty Dick "was a very special lady — I tell you what, she was a little spitfire," said Marianne McGill, a former Town alderman who was a key supporter of the incorporation fight alongside Betty and the other founders.

Mrs. Dick passed away Thursday,

June 27. She was 84.

"I really seriously think that if it hadn't been for her, we probably wouldn't have made it because she had to do a lot of talking to people and convince them this was the right thing to do," McGill said. "She was very good at that. She was always calm and unassuming and just a wonderful person. I just really miss her.

When she made up her mind on something, she stuck to it," the former alderman added about Mrs. Dick, elected as an alderman from 1981 to 1987 who also served on Farragut Municipal Planning Commission from 2012 to

2021. Moreover, Mrs. "actually laid Dick groundwork for all we did, and just started contacting the people she thought would be interested in helping, and found the right people," Mc-

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Gill said. "She was really the backbone of the whole effort, I would say. We all



Betty Dick

had different issues that we were bothered with. It was flooding, signage, road cuts, curb cuts, all that.'

Mayor pays respect Farragut Mayor Ron Williams paid his respects in two ways.

"I was at Betty Dick's service (Saturday, June 29). Betty was a great historian and one of the founders of our Town," he said. "If you go back and read 'Full Speed Ahead' again, then you kind of see how Betty was involved with all the ordinances and everything

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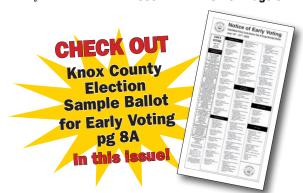
Independence Day Parade/Farragut Freedom Run road-street closures

• Town of Farragut's annual Independence Day Parade begins at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, July 4, rain or shine. The parade starts on Kingston Pike at Lendon Welch Way at FHS and continues to just west of Boring Road in the east part of Farragut Towne Square.

Road/street closures

• Kingston Pike from Lendon Welch Way to Federal Boulevard will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to around noon Thursday, July 4. Options for parade detours are as follows: North Campbell Station Road to Grigsby Chapel Road to Smith Road to Kingston Pike (going west) or Campbell Station Road to Parkside Drive to Lovell Road (going east). South side - Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Kingston Pike.

 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., July 4, for annual Farragut Freedom Run (5k and 10k).



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Town readies for Biz Mixer, **Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale**, Dog Daze 8 July 16-Aug. 11

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Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance has plans to keep the summer active with its new The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale initiative and Dog Daze 8 from mid-July into the second week of August.

"I'm real excited," SF/FBA executive director Steve Krempasky said, "We're getting a lot of response from vendors that are coming forward to participate in Dog Daze."

For starters, however, SF/FBA will host a BIZ Mixer from 4 to 6 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, at Hurricane Cycles, 138 West End Ave. in West End shopping center.

Krempasky said the mixer, co-hosted by TDS Telecom, is an "exciting and informative networking opportunity."

The sidewalk sale, being held in conjunction with the statewide Tax-Free Weekend, will take place all day, starting when stores open, Friday through Sunday, July 26-28, throughout Town.

The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale is a new

initiative to Shop Farragut.

"We're going to piggy-back on the Back to School initiative and get sales tax off sales," Krempasky said. "We're turning it into an entire event for Farragut. "Each business has the ability to do a spe-

cial event," he said. For instance, Hearthside Bank, event sponsor, plans to cook food dur-Usually, businesses cannot put items out-

side of their stores without a special event permit and normally need to do paperwork with the Town to get a special event.

By participating, "we will take care of the paperwork," Krempasky said. "(Businesses) just need to sign up their shop ... that allows them to get a (special event) permit."

Krempasky

'We want to turn this event into one similar to a Highway 27 yard sale" he said. "I want to make it annual event.

"We encourage businesses to do something special," Krem-

"It will allow all Farragut-based businesses, registered through Shop Farragut, to special promotional opportunities, relaxed special event permits and temporary signage requirements, plus opportunities to utilize discounted advertising in a special tab distributed by the farragutpress," Krempasky stated on the Shop Farragut website.

"This is your opportunity to take your business outside," he stated on the website. "Let's make Farragut an outside shopping mall! Move tables of merchandise or promotional materials to your sidewalks or parking lots. Add tents, games, music, food trucks (officially permitted) or other activities to draw people to your stores."

Then, SF/FBA will host Dog Daze 8, presented by TDS Telecom Friday through Sunday, Aug. 9-11, in Village Green shopping center.

Krempasky said he is accepting vendor applications now at steve@shopfarragut.com.

The event is a three-day festival with food, shopping and ca-

"Shop Farragut, with support from the Town of Farragut, has teamed up with Smoky Mountain Dock Dogs and Ricki's Pet Depot to bring the nationally sanctioned regional canine aquatics competition by Dock Dogs International to Farragut," Krempasky said. "There will be more than 400 jumps with 150 competitors."

Shop Farragut will move into fall with Harvestfest in October. For more information about Shop Farragut events, e-mail to steve@shopfarragut.com or call 865-307-2486.



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• Farragut and Knox County Early Voting runs from Friday, July 12, through Saturday, July 27, for the County General and Town of Farragut non-partisan elections, plus state and federal primary elections; final day to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, July 25. Ilt all ends on Election Day ,Thursday, Aug. 1.

• Farragut and Hardin Valley area voting precincts, days and times are listed: 66SE and 662W, Farragut, Farragut High School, 11237 Kingston Pike; 66NE and 66NW, Farragut, Farragut Middle School, 200 West End Ave.; 65N, Concord North, Farragut Primary School, 509 N. Campbell Station Road; 65SW and 65W, Concord Southwest and Concord West, Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd.; 65E and 65S, Concord East and Concord South, Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 1001 Ebenezer Road; 62, Hardin Valley, Hardin Valley Elementary School, 11445 Hardin Valley Road; 69S, Northshore, Northshore Elementary School, 1889 Thunderhead Road; 67 and 68, North Cedar Bluff and South Cedar Bluff, Cedar Bluff Middle School, 707 N Cedar Bluff Road; 68E, East Cedar Bluff, Cedar Bluff Branch Library, 9045 Cross Park Drive; 69W, A. L. Lotts Elementary School, 9320 Westland Drive.

• Early voting: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, July 12; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 13; (City-County Building is 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., July 13); 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, July 14, through Thursday, July 18; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, July 19; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 20; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, July 21, through Thursday, July 25; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, July 26; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 27.

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Drew and his wife, Brooke have been married for 20 years and have five children, Dean, Brooks, Moses, Isaiah and Ruth. Four of their children attend Farragut schools. Drew graduated from Farragut High School in 1999 and Carson Newman College in 2003 on a football scholarship. Upon graduation, he moved back to Farragut where he has lived raising his family. They are members at First Baptist Church Concord and currently lead a Sunday School Class.

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residents' recent opposition to having a (convenience store/ restaurant) on Concord Road, along with other growing concerns about traffic, noise, etc., I'd like to add to that the high level of traffic on our now multi-lane road has become more than just a nuisance, not just in the Historic District but for anyone living along Concord and Turkey Creek roads or beyond.

In addition to the perhaps thousands of cars using the road daily, there are heavy load trucks, semis or 18-wheeler-type trucks, emergency service vehicles, motorcycles, public transport vehicles and the increasingly loathsome, loud and annoying street-racer cars with modified exhaust systems loud enough to make your ears hurt and blood boil (speeding, racing, muffler and noise ordinances along with public safety be dam----). When will these problems be addressed?

It reduces the quality of life for many residents who can no longer sit outside and enjoy a friendly conversation in the comfort of their front or backyards. The growing level of exhaust fumes becomes more toxic by the day. These problems will not only decrease the value of our homes but will ultimately affect our health and well-being.

I grew up here and remember the quaint country road it once was. Growth and progress don't always have to be synonymous with encroachment, pollution and a decreased quality of life, or so one would hope. I would like to suggest a sound barrier wall to Town officials but don't know where to start. Any suggestions would be most welcome.

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Cmdr. Roberts

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the USS Farragut in particular was more a matter of the world working in its otherworldly way. "It was a complete coincidence that I got assigned on the USS Farragut," Roberts said. "But it was a pretty awesome coincidence just because I already had that connection."

That connection, where the dots join, is that his wife's parents lived in Farragut for nearly a decade before having a house built in Tellico Village in Loudon County.

'We've had a Tennessee connection for a long, long time," Roberts said.

He and his high school flame, Tara Roberts, met while at Notre Dame High School in Chattanooga, marrying along an Hawaiian coast in 2008 before their two sons, Chase, 15, and Cameron, 13, were born.

She, the "Commander of the Family," he joked, runs everything at their home base in Mayport, the naval base in Jacksonville, Florida. "She's a Navy family mom captain. She runs everything for us that's not on the ship."

Background

But commanding a naval warship wasn't some lifelong dream of Roberts,' he said by phone on his way to Town. He, as many youth of that day and today, witnessed the awe of the Blue Angels in flight, which sort of planted a seed in him. As with many of life's decisions, however, things boiled down to economics.

"A huge reason why I initially started," he added. "It's a tremendous benefit towards college because they foot the bill, so you don't come out of the back side with any kind of debt."

After graduating from Notre Dame in 2001, Roberts chartered a course farther south to Tulane University (New Orleans) on an ROTC scholarship, swore the naval oath and turned his tassel in 2005 when commissioned into the Navy.

A couple calendars removed, Roberts was sold, saying those introductory years really made him want to continue onward with the Navy.

"I've had awesome experiences at the jobs that I've had, the ships that I've been on and the places that I've seen," he

letterstotheeditor

Burnette answers June 26 criticisms of BOMA

I am writing to address some points raised in a recent Letter to the Editor, and to clarify my stance on these issues as we approach the upcoming election for the South Ward Alderman for the Town of Farragut.

In 2018, I was appointed to fill the remainder of Mayor Ron Williams' term as South Ward Alderman. The Watt Road apartments were approved in 2017, well before I began my service

Traffic mitigation has been a focus for me during my term in office and these projects take time to develop. I have worked with our Town engineer and the Community Development director to understand the exact causes and possible solutions. The Board has put considerable effort and resources into improving the efficiency of our traffic system in Farragut.

Over the next six years, the Board of Mayor and Alderman have \$35 million dollars budgeted for Capital Investment Projects throughout Town. Of that amount, over \$25 million dollars have been budgeted for road and infrastructure projects designed to improve traffic flow and safety of our roadways. This focus of capital dollars on infrastructure projects demonstrates the importance of providing tangible roadway solutions for the future. One of our largest expenditures is the new

traffic light management system that is currently being installed throughout Farragut. This \$7 million dollar project is being funded by a federal grant. This project will be complete by September

2024 and will fully connect fiber to all our traffic lights and Town facilities, can be adjusted remotely and timing for the lights will be optimized based on current traffic patterns.

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Challenging Town's eminent domain claim for greenway

Why facts matter in local government:

I am a resident of Farragut that lives on Sonja Drive. The Town of Farragut wants to utilize eminent domain to seize property for a greenway along our street from Admiral (Drive) to Oran. This project will destroy the character of our neighborhood.

The reasons given by the Farragut BOMA are that we live in a Parent Responsibility Zone (PRZ), that our road is narrow and dangerous and that the neighborhood is asking for the project.

The problem is that all of those reasons are not backed up by facts or research. To verify if we were in a PRZ, we simply called the Knox County Schools transportation department and they verified that we were not in a PRZ and that there were two bus stops on Sonja between Admiral and Oran.

We also verified our address through their web site at https://busapp.knoxschools.org. It showed that we were "eligible" for transporta-

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USS Farragut Cmdr. Thomas Roberts

reason to stick around a little bit longer.

"It is a huge time sacrifice that every single person makes," Roberts added. "That's why serving at all sets a lot of people apart for me personally because anybody who volunteers to serve is doing something that a huge number of others just haven't."

Betty Dick

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 her and Marianne McGill and Marty (Rodgers) and all the ones who sat there and read those things to get them approved and read into the record.

"She was a good volunteer, her and Jeremy (her husband). She was on the Planning Commission for all those years," Williams added.

Beyond Town affairs, "She was a really good golfer; I don't think a lot of people knew that," the mayor said. "She played golf when she was past 80 years old over at Fox Den (Country Club). She was a member over at Fox Den.

"She was a good one; she's sorely missed," he added. "We always had her for the (Introduction to) Farragut classes to give history lessons to all the newbies in the class."

Betty's bonds, dedication

"When both she and (the late Dr.) Ralph (McGill) were on the (homeowners) board in Village Green, that's how they got to know each other," McGill said about Betty and her husband and former Town mayor. "They just started talking, 'we've got this problem, we've got that problem.'

"She must have spent I don't know how many hours on her typewriter at the time," Mc-Gill added. "She talked David Rodgers (another of the seven founders and the first Town attorney) into helping us — he didn't think we had a chance.

"But it all worked out."

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Bypass lane

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Currently, "everyone's trying to get through the roundabout ... to get to Pellissippi Parkway," Snowden said. "There's a heavy, heavy movement continuing east on Northshore Drive. If you are going eastbound, everybody's got to go through the roundabout."

For people going east, he said the traffic backs up almost to the The Cove at Concord Park.

"What we have identified is what's called a bypass lane," Snowden said. "The county owns that property to the south of the intersection, which is TVA property, from when the lake was constructed."

Snowden said his department proposes creating a lane

for people simply wanting to continue east on Northshore Drive past Concord Road toward Pellissippi Parkway.

"You never enter the roundabout," Snowden said. "You go around it to the south and then merge into traffic further up there, closer to where the bridge is. So, that way, we can really get a lot more capacity into the roundabout and around the roundabout."

Snowden added he thinks the proposal would be possible at a very low cost.

Concerning potential costs, he said, "the good thing is there is no right-of-way and the construction would be very minimal.

"We haven't developed a full-cost estimate, but it would be something that we would anticipate probably costing

and potentially even get it slated for funding starting next fiscal year," he said. If approved, he anticipates

tal road project budget.

small," he added.

"we could possibly get started on it either late '25 or early '26 because it's a relatively small project in the scheme of design and implementation, so it wouldn't be a very long, drawn-out process ... we wouldn't have to acquire the

right-of-way, which saves tons

somewhere in the neighborhood of less than \$1 million,

which in the grand scheme of

roadwork is very, very, very

ing for the project would come

from the county's bonded capi-

as part of this upcoming study

Snowden also noted fund-

"We would like to identify it

of time."

create gaps in traffic that will zoning ordinances t mitigate this issue. protected the Town These additional connections along with traffic light ments in the Town

tions, along with traffic light improvements, provide alternate routes around Town without negatively impacting our community character and pedestrian safety.

There are no more apart-

There are no more apartments planned for the Town of Farragut. The Future Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan have been amended to exclude further development of apartments. Additionally, I approved amendments to several

zoning ordinances that further protected the Town from unwanted multifamily developments in the Town Center District.

There are no medians planned for Kingston Pike, and the Town Center Vision Plan, which received enormous public input and over 1,000 responses, has not even been considered or voted on by the Board of Mayor and Alderman.

Alderman Drew Burnette, South Ward

percent) that supported the project.

The rest are against the project (97 percent). The current BOMA is prepared to spend over \$2 million on a project that is based on unsupported opinions.

What other projects have been implemented or are in the works that are based on unsupported opinions?

Farragut residents deserve better government than this.

William Hodge, Farragut

Rebuttal

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We have numerous other traffic mitigation strategies in the budget, including a light at Jamestown Boulevard and Campbell Station Road that will reduce strain off the intersection at 35 North.

I've heard from many neighbors in Concord Hills that they desire easier access turning out of their neighborhood onto Concord Road. We have a project in the budget to add a stop light at Loop Road, which will

Challenge

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tion to all schools from primary through high school. The PRZ ends at the intersection of Sonja Drive and Admiral Drive.

We also measured the width of our side of Sonja Drive from Admiral Drive to the entrance to the Stone Crest neighborhood. The average was 18 feet.

We compared that to the width of Sonja Drive from Admiral Drive to Campbell Station (Road). The average was 16 feet. The section of Sonja labeled as "narrow" and "dangerous" is actually wider than the side that the BOMA isn't going to work on.

We are also gathering a petition to request that the BOMA stop the project. We are going door-to-door and have found that the claim that the neighborhood supports the project is false.

We have talked to more than half of the residents and have only found one household (3





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Tikiz ready to serve

TAMMY CHEEK

Knox County residents Ma-

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retta and Paul Henegar have embarked on a new homebased venture, Tikiz Shaved Ice and Ice Cream, which they launched Thursday, June 27.

"It's very exciting," Maretta said. "We got our health permit today (June 27).

"We're doing the Fincastle Methodist Church vacation Bible School (this week) in Lafollette, in honor of Paul's mother," she added.

The couple will be selling Hawaiian shaved ice, ice cream and coffee from a truck at events, such as birthdays, fundraisers, parties, churches, schools and companies for corporate picnics and other events.

"Wherever we're invited," Maretta said, adding they also can drive into neighborhoods if she has permission.

Shaved ice flavors include watermelon, tiger's blood, piña colada, strawberry, lemon, grape, cotton candy, cherry, banana and blue raspberry.

Ice cream choices include fudge frenzy, creamy cotton candy, rainbow polar pole, sour swell cherry strawberry shortcake, vanilla sandwich, orange cream bar and chocolate shortcake.

The idea to open their first business venture was sparked a couple of years ago, when the Henegars started researching small businesses; but "having a storefront was going to be so expensive," Maretta said. "We kept digging and found this (Boca Raton, Florida-based)."

To acquire the service, email to tikizofknoxville@tikiz. com or maretta.h@tikiz.com or call 844-865-0865. Tikis also is on Facebook and Instagram.

New Dollar General opens

STAFF REPORTS

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Dollar General Store has announced its new Farragut location at 13024 Kingston Pike opened Friday, June 28.

'Our customers are at the center of all that we do, and meeting customers' needs is Dollar General's top priority when choosing store locations," a DG press release stated. "In selecting store sites, we take a number of factors into consideration, carefully evaluating each potential new store location to ensure we can continue to meet our customers' price, value and selection needs.

'We further strive to provide convenience for customers who may not have affordable nearby retail options," it added.

'Each Dollar General store employs approximately six to 10 employees, depending on the individual needs of the store.

Anyone interested in joining ... with competitive wages and benefits, world-class training and development and the ability to further their career through our growing organization may apply for available positions online at www.dollargeneral. com/careers."

Moreover, "Dollar General is deeply involved in the communities it serves and is an ardent supporter of literacy and education through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation," the release further stated, "which awards grants each year to nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries within a 15-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs.'

Store brass released more numbers when it comes to giving.

"Since its inception in 1993, the DGLF has awarded more than \$250 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 21.5 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education," the release stated.

For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com

Attempting to reach out to those who may be struggling in some regard, "The Dollar General Literacy Foundation also supports individuals in the communities that Dollar General stores serve who may be interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for the high school equivalency test," the release stat-

'Referrals to a local organization that provides free literacy services are available online or a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for information is available at the cash register of every Dol-

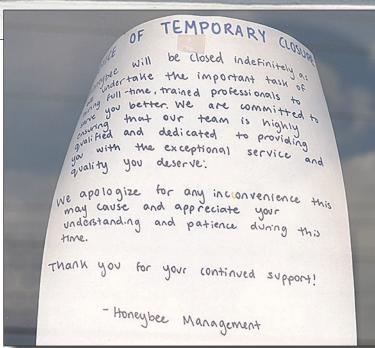
Local Honeybee C&B 'indefinitely' closed

Coffee drinkers stopping at Honeybee Coffee & Brewery, 10716 Kingston Pike in Farragut, have found the doors closed and an "indefinitely closed" note (below right) and a news story taped to the glass of the front door entrance. The note reads: "Honeybee will be closed indefinitely as we undertake the important task of hiring fulltime, trained professionals to serve you better. We are committed to ensuring that our team is highly qualified and dedicated to providing you with the exceptional service and quality you deserve. We apologize for any incon-

venience this may cause and appreciate your understanding and patience during this time. Thank you for your continued support. — Honeybee management." The Farragut location is one of the company's two stores that temporarily closed. The other is located in West Town Mall. According to a media report June 24, the company posted on Facebook "it was temporarily closing its locations in (Farragut) and at West Town Mall before reopening 'better and bolder' by July 16." However, news reports indicated "behindthe-scenes" chaos with staff

prompting the closures.





Customers have found an "indefinitely closed" message (left) on the front entrance door of Honeybee Coffee & Brewery, 10716 Kingston Pike in Farragut (above) and at West Town Mall in West Knoxville. Meanwhile, Honeybee locations in South Knoxville and Sevierville have remained open.

Tammy Cheek

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\$205k state grant to Town, Knox for Turkey Creek Watershed improved water quality

STAFF REPORTS

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Tennessee Department of Agriculture last week awarded a 319(h) joint grant of \$205,500 to Knox County, Town of Farragut and City of Knoxville to improve water quality in the Turkey Creek watershed.

The start date for this grant was Monday, July 1.

"I have to commend our staff for working hard to get these grants," Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said. "I tell you, the staff really goes over, above and beyond what most people think they would do in getting these grants.

"It's all about the staff and their hard work to get the grant money," he added.

Williams said the Town has not been notified on the breakdown of the grant funding to each government, but he said, "Of course, anything you can do to improve the water.

"The whole Turkey Creek basin ends up in Farragut," he added. "It starts at Black Oak ridge that goes between Farragut and Yarnell Road.

"If you look at the (Turkey Creek) tributaries, they fill up with silt and brush over a period of time ... it needs to be cleaned out. When you look at what you could do, there are always a long list of things that

can be done, but a lot of it has to do with how much (funding) we will be getting and what we actually can use it for. We will know that, hopefully, shortly.

Often, "when you get those kind of grants, they're very, very specific on what you can do with the money," Williams said. "We will be learning that soon."

'Turkey Creek is on Tennessee's 303(d) list of impaired streams for sedimentation and high bacteria levels," a TDA press release stated.

According to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the primary cause of the impairment in the Turkey Creek Watershed is its location in a high-density urbanized area, where sediment and bacteria easily can wash into waterways.

Williams

The press release stated, "The grant will provide up to 75 percent cost-share funds to homeowners and commercial property owners to support green infrastructure projects that will improve water quality in the watershed, including:

 "Detention pond retrofits in commercial and residential areas,

• "Septic system repairs (focused on the North Fork Turkey Creek area),

"Residential rain garden installations,

"Grassy swales/vegetative filter strips/porous pavement installations to replace concrete drainage-

· "Streambank stabilization and stream buffer planting."

In addition to those projects, the release stated the grant will support several community outreach and education efforts, including:

 Targeted mailing to inform the public of opportunities to participate,

Educational visits to classrooms and community

· Stream/wetland clean-up volunteer opportuni-

· "Make-it, take-it" rain barrel workshops and rain barrel sales, and

• Pet waste disposal stations installed in high-use

To determine if you live in the Turkey Creek Watershed, visit kgis.org and select the "Watersheds" map under "Other Maps."

For more information, call Knox County Stormwater, 865-215-5800.

Town Center canopy, projecting signs get conditional BOMA approval 4-1; White votes no - 'cheapen buildings'

TAMMY CHEEK

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Town Center businesses will be allowed to have canopy and projecting signs, with some restrictions, as Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, on second reading in a 4-1 vote, approved the amendment to its sign ordinance during its meeting Thursday, June 27.

Ordinance 24-06 amended the Town's Code Chapter 109-Signs, which allowed provisions for canopy and larger second-story projecting — or perpendicular — signs in the Mixed Use Town Center.

While Mayor Ron Williams, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin and Aldermen Scott Meyer and Drew Burnette voted in favor of the amendment, Alderman David White voted against it, as he also had done on the ordinance's first reading on June 13.

"I spoke against it last time, and of course, I still don't like them," White said about the signs. "I think they cheapen the buildings.

"These type signs, there's a reason they weren't allowed before and a reason they shouldn't be allowed now — because they're tacky," he said. "I just think it's a mistake."

"As you know, these two signs are currently not provided for in the code, and they're being targeted for the Mixed Use Town Center area," assistant Community Development director Bart Hose said. "The canopy signs would be mounted on hard structural canopies that are flat roofed, and the projecting signs would be mounted to buildings, above 10 feet, either on the second floor or the portion of the building that appears to be the second floor.

"The Planning Commission and the Visual Resources Review Board have both reviewed the proposed amendments and recommended their adoption," Hose added. "The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the ordinance on first reading at its June 13 meeting."

Regarding another sign ordinance, White reminded political candidates to keep their signs out of the right-of-way.

"(Knox County candidates) can put your signs in the right-ofway in Knox County, but in the Town of Farragut, we have an ordinance that doesn't allow you to do that," he said. "We've had some signs in the right-of-way already, and they have been removed."

Projecting signs proposed for the future Tupelo Honey in Farragut Town Center may look similar to the restaurant's downtown location (above).

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Republican Primary

United States Senate Vote for One (1)

☐ Marsha Blackburn ☐ Tres Wittum

☐ Write-In

United States House of Representatives District 2 Vote for One (1)

☐ Tim Burchett ☐ Write-In

Tennessee Senate District 6

Vote for One (1) ☐ Monica Irvine

☐ Becky Duncan Massey

☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 14

Vote for One (1)

☐ Jason Zachary

□ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 15

Vote for One (1)

☐ Justin Hirst ☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of

Representatives District 16 Vote for One (1)

☐ Michele Carringer

☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 18

Vote for One (1) ☐ Elaine Davis

☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 19

Vote for One (1)

☐ Dave Wright ☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 89 Vote for One (1)

☐ Justin Lafferty ☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 90 Vote for One (1) No Candidate

Oualified

☐ Write-In

Democratic Primary

United States Senate Vote for One (1)

☐ Marquita Bradshaw

☐ Lola Denise Brown

☐ Gloria Johnson

☐ Civil Miller-Watkins

☐ Write-In

United States House of Representatives District 2

Vote for One (1)

☐ Jane George

☐ Write-In

Tennessee Senate District 6

Vote for One (1) ☐ Domonica Bryan

☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 14

Vote for One (1) ☐ Amanda S Collins

☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 15

Vote for One (1) ☐ Dasha Lundy

☐ Sam McKenzie

☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 16 Vote for One (1)

☐ Lauren Carver

☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 18 Vote for One (1)

☐ Bryan Goldberg ☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 19

Vote for One (1) No Candidate Qualified

☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 89 Vote for One (1)

☐ Cary Hammond ☐ Write-In

Tennessee House of Representatives District 90

Vote for One (1) ☐ Gloria Johnson

☐ Write-In

State Executive Committeeman District 5 (Unexpired Term) Vote for One (1)

☐ D. Scott Hammond ☐ Write-In

State Executive Committeewoman District 7 (Unexpired Term)

Vote for One (1) ☐ Dana E. Moran

☐ Write-In

Knox County General Election

Criminal Court Judge Division II District 6 (Unexpired Term) Vote for One (1)

☐ Hector I. Sanchez Republican Party Nominee

☐ Write-in

County Commissioner District 1

Vote for One (1) ☐ Charles Frazier

Republican Party Nominee ☐ Damon L. Rawls

Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in

County Commissioner District 2

Vote for One (1)

☐ Debbie Phillips

Republican Party Nominee

☐ Courtney Durrett Democratic Party Nominee

☐ Ethan Grantham

Independent Candidate

☐ Write-in

County Commissioner District 4

Vote for One (1) ☐ Garrett Holt

Republican Party Nominee

☐ Shane Jackson

Democratic Party Nominee

☐ Write-in

County Commissioner District 5 Vote for One (1)

☐ Angela Russell

Republican Party Nominee

☐ S. Arthur Moore

Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in

County Commissioner District 6

Vote for One (1) ☐ Terry Hill

Republican Party Nominee

☐ Daniel Edward Greene **Democratic Party Nominee**

☐ Write-in

County Commissioner District 8

Vote for One (1) ☐ Adam Thompson

Republican Party Nominee Charles V Chandler

Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in

County Commissioner District 9 Vote for One (1)

☐ Andy Fox

Republican Party Nominee ☐ Matthew Park

Democratic Party Nominee Stacey Bryan Smith

Independent Candidate ☐ Write-in

Vote for One (1) ☐ Phil Ballard Republican Party Nominee

Assessor of Property

☐ Drew A. Harper

Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in

County Law Director Vote for One (1) ☐ David L. Buuck

Republican Party Nominee ☐ Jackson Fenner

Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in

Board of Education District 2

Vote for One (1) ☐ Anne Templeton Democratic Party Nominee

☐ Jennifer Owen Independent Candidate

☐ Pat Polis Independent Candidate ☐ Write-in

Board of Education District 3

Vote for One (1) ☐ Angie Goethert Republican Party Nominee

☐ Patricia Fontenot-Ridley

Democratic Party Nominee ☐ Write-in

Board of Education District 5 Vote for One (1)

☐ Lauren Morgan Republican Party Nominee

☐ Terrye Whitaker Democratic Party Nominee

☐ Write-in **Board of Education District 8**

Vote for One (1) ☐ Travis Wright

Republican Party Nominee ☐ Write-in

Town of Farragut

Alderman, Ward 1 Vote for One (1)

☐ Alexander J. Cain ☐ Jeffrey Devlin

☐ Write-in

Alderman, Ward 2 Vote for One (1)

□ Drew Burnette

☐ Randal Roberts ☐ Write-in

State General

Supreme Court - At Large **Dwight Tarwater**

Shall Dwight Tarwater be retained in office as a Judge of the

Vote for One (1)

Supreme Court, At Large, or be replaced?

☐ Retain ☐ Replace

Court of Criminal Appeals -Western Division Matthew J. Wilson Vote for One (1) Shall Matthew J. Wilson be retained

in office as a Judge of the Court

Criminal Appeals, Western

District, or be replaced?

☐ Retain ☐ Replace

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'Stark' contrasts

From family of Aggies to Orange-clad UT joy; from COVID-19-marred finish to NCAA champ

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OMAHA, **Nebraska** — It was a "Stark" contrast between his family's college baseball loyalty just two years ago, Texas A&M Aggies to the core, and being clad in Big Orange in 2024.

It was another "Stark" contrast to go from the sadness brought about by COVID-19, ending his Farragut Admirals bid for a baseball state title repeat his senior season in 2020, to ending his college career being the main focus of ESPN cameras the split second his UT Vols were national champs, after a strikeout, winning the Mens College World Series versus Texas A&M 6-5 Monday, June 25.

Cal Stark raced in joy from behind the plate — tossing his mask, helmet and glove and almost tackling closer Aaron Combs. "Man, it was just pure joy ... being able to live that and experience it is something that I'll never forget," said Stark, starting

catcher for the MCWS champion Vols, (60-13), also SEC regular season co-champions and SEC Tournament champs.

Going back to the disappointment of 2020 "and looking back on that, and then fast forwarding into now, I've come a long way in my career," added the ex-Admiral, whose efforts of handling UT pitchers as the catcher and his clutch 2-run homer in the eighth inning of game 2 versus the Aggies in the MCWS best-of-three series were critical to the Vols' No. 1 success.

Stark began playing for Tennessee in 2023 after stints at two junior colleges in Texas, ironically his home state.

"I think if you told me in my senior year in high school that I would have been the starting catcher on the national champion Tennessee Volunteers team in 2024, I don't know if I would have believed you. I might have called you crazy," he said.

"But a lot of hard work went into that, a lot of self-confidence and just betting on myself rather than taking an easy way out or jumping ship," Stark added. "A lot of people doubted me and hated on me, and you just have to put that aside and just worry about what you are trying to get done that day, whether it's doing your homework or trying to win a baseball game.

"So to be able to come from not starting at my high school and then not having a chance to play my senior year, to playing backto-back years in Omaha and come out on top to end my college career was something that is very special and something that I take a lot of pride in because it wasn't always easy.'

About his clutch 2-run homer deep to left field in a must-win







Photos by Kate Luffman (top) and Ian Cox (above, right)/Tennessee Athletics

situation in game 2 versus the Aggies, with the Vols only up 2-1 in the top of the eighth inning, "My main goal was just try and put a quality at-bat together ... there were two outs and two strikes when I hit that," the ex-Admiral added about the home run, as UT won 4-1 in Game 2 Sunday, June 24, to even the series 1-1.

"So I'll never forget: my bat slipped out of my hands the pitch before that home run, and Christian (Moore, UT All-American second baseman) grabbed it and gave it back to me and said, 'Keep going, dude. Keep fighting. ...'

That huge home run "is something that I'll never forget for sure," Stark also added. "I'm getting goose bumps thinking about it right now. Rounding those bases on the biggest stage in college baseball in a must-win game for us, and then getting to just hear the crowd, pretty much just screaming at the top of their lungs, and then seeing my teammates.

"... Just being able to do that and contribute to the team and

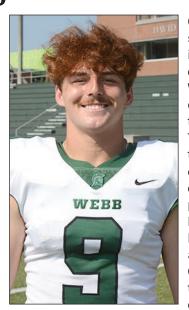
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(Top) Cal Stark, Tennessee Vols senior catcher and 2020 Farragut High graduate, is greeted by UT sophomore pitcher Marcus Phillips (44) during the Men's College World Series championship series deciding game versus Texas A&M Monday night, June 25, in Omaha, won by the Vols 6-5 to capture the MCWS title. (Above left) Stark prepares to bat versus North Carolina Sunday, June 17. (Above right) A happy Stark enjoys the postgame national championship ceremony in Omaha.

Ivy-League Spartan honored by NFF, 10 signees from Webb 2024 Class







One of 84 high school football stars nationwide on the field and in the classroom to receive a special honor, Cooper Cameron of Webb School of Knoxville's Class of 2024 has been named to National Football Foundation's 2024 Team of Distinction. While a two-time All-state linebacker/tight end for the Spartans, and team captain, Cameron's 4.70 gradepoint average and membership in National Honor Society and Cum Laude Society helped him land admission in the Ivy League at Cornell University. Nomination for this talented 6-foot-1, 215-pounder was submitted by NFF East

Tennessee Chapter. (Left) Ten Webb School Class of 2024 student/athlete seniors made their collegiate choices officials during signing ceremonies at the school in May. Back row, from left, are Drake Ingram (basketball, Centre College, Kentucky), Connor Knight (baseball, Walters State Community College), Xavier Hickman (football, Tennessee Tech), Grant Morton (football, The Citadel, South Carolina) and Ari Klasky (football, Emory University). Front row features Daksha Sutharshan, left, (soccer, UT-Martin) and Gracie Brogan (cheerleading, Belmont University). Not pictured: Abby Bullington (dance, University of Kentucky), Keller Caldwell (dance, University of Memphis) and Warren Hurst (men's soccer, Maryville College). (See related Webb story, a new coaching hire, on page 4B)



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Dream Flights experience for 7 Arbor Terrace retired veterans

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WEST KNOXVILLE — Seven veterans living at Arbor Terrace Knoxville assisted living facility had an opportunity to live out their dreams and take flight in a World War II airplane.

That experience, which happened Friday, June 7, was through Sports Clips-sponsored Dream Flights, an organization that flies veterans in a restored World War II Steadman two-seater

"I took two groups," said Erin Parten, engagement director with Arbor Terrace Knoxville. "Four (in the morning), and then after lunch, three. That was our full day.

"I guess they go all over the country doing this," said Owen Hughes, 82, one of the Arbor Terrace veterans participating in the flights. "They go place to place and give veterans (a ride)."

Honorably discharged as airman second class, Hughes served from 1960 to 1964 in the military police and security section of the Air Force and later served as a police officer in Manhattan, New York.

"We have been involved with Dream Flights for probably seven, eight years now with the Arbor company," Parten said. "They flew over downtown Knoxville. They started at Island Home Airport ... South Knoxville.

"They do a good job," she added about the Dream Flights organization. "It's usually a pilot and co-pilot. "We provide lunch and bev-

Parten noted Dream Flights was founded

by the man who founded Sports Clips.
"That was wonderful," said Mary Ann Scott, 85, who served 15 years in the U.S. Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, as a dietician. "It was my first time in a plane. I thought it was a good day. I was just ready to fly the plane.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime thing to do," she added.

"I couldn't believe my eyes when they put (Scott) up in that aircraft," Hughes said.

"It was interesting; it was exciting," he added about his own experience in the Dream Flight airplane. "I've flown in all kinds of aircraft, but I've never been in an open (cockpit) kind-of plane. It's like a Model T in terms of aircraft.

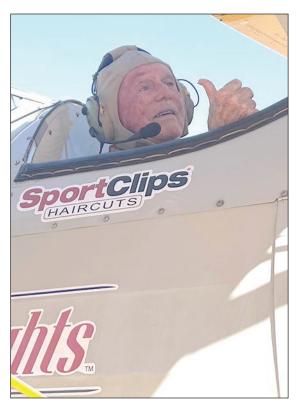
"We did a few routes around Knoxville, over the hospital, the college (University of Tennessee). We were seated, strapped in, but otherwise you're open air. (The pilots) would do these zig-zag things just to get your attention."

While he was flying in the plane, "I was thinking about the Wright brothers," Hughes said.

"I read once that the Wright brothers died young because they had crashed so many times," he added. "Both of them had multiple broken bones. It's amazing the difference in technology be-

tween then and now." "We had a big time," said James "Jim" Denton, 87, who served eight years in the U.S. Army, honorably discharged as private first class. "It was just amazing. It was enjoyable.

"First, I found out (the plane) was built in 1946," he added. "You had two people get in (the plane). They walked us around.







(Above left) U.S. Air Force veteran Joseph Beuerlein is all smiles, ready for his Dream Flights experience Friday, June 7. (Above) Fellow USAF veteran Mary Ann Scott when stationed in San Antonio in 1964. She also enjoyed a Dream Flights experience, as did James Denton (left) along with Don Godwin (below) and Owen Hughes (far left, thumbnail photo).

Photos submitted

We got up on the wing ... and we climbed in a window.

Giving more detail, "They had us all belted in," Denton said. "It was unreal what all they went through, but they knew what they were doing. They put a helmet on you (with) ear muffs. We talked to the pilot and he could talk to us.'

For Don Godwin, 94, who served four years in the U.S. Air Force in the 1950s and was honorably discharged as a staff sergeant, this was his first time in a two-seater plane.

"I thought it was much bigger than the first plane I rode in, which was a single-engine plane," he said, adding the Dream Flight aircraft was "a much stronger plane.

"It was a great trip, after we got back on the ground," Godwin added. "The wind came up."

"The flight was great," said Ben Nine, who served from 1951 to 1954 in the U.S. Naval Air Force, honorably discharged as a crewman and flight crew engineer.

While he flew a lot during his service, Nine said he really enjoyed flying again.

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One of Bank's 4 Student Leaders is FHS grad Lin

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KNOXVILLE - Bank of America recently announced Michelle Lin, a 2024 graduate of Farragut High School and a rising freshman at the University of Virginia, as one of four Knox County high school juniors and seniors "selected as Student Leaders, an eightweek paid summer internship connecting students to employment, skills development and service," stated a press release from Bank of America, sponsor.

"These community-minded students will gain practical work and leader-



Hughes

ship experience and receive financial education coaching from Bank of America's Better Money Habits curriculum, while working with The Knoxville Area Urban League and Muse Knoxville," the release

added. At UVa. Lin "has a full scholarship as a Jefferson Scholar, majoring in economics," the release stated. "With a passion for her community, Michelle uses her musical talents to give back to others by playing hospitals.

"Her commitment to service also extends to her extracurricular activities as the first student from Tennessee to serve on Junior State of America's National Cabinet as national chief of staff.'

Celebrating its 20th anniversary year, "the Student

violin in nursing homes and Leaders program recognizes 300 community-focused iuniors and seniors from across the U.S. annually," the release further stated. "Since 2004, Student Leaders has engaged more than 4,500 students and invested \$42 million in more than 500 local nonprofits as

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· Knoxville Bar Association announces a free Legal Advice Clinic for blackowned businesses runs from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursday, July 18, in Knoxville Area Urban League, 1514 E. Fifth Ave.

The goal is to help these business owners navigate legal issues and have the opportunity to meet individually with attorneys to ask questions and seek advice.

"As part of the clinic, business owners can bring their questions to be addressed by local attorneys experienced in business law," a KBA press release stated. "Attendees should plan to arrive by 4 p.m. to hear a presentation from Professor Eric Amarante of the UT College of Law.

"The presentation will educate business owners and entrepreneurs about legal and business issues that affect business ventures and other tips on how to protect and enforce their legal rights," the release further stated.

"Many of the legal issues that business owners face can be avoided or minimized with proper legal guidance from the start."

Pre-registration is required for this clinic. Visit https:// linktr.ee/kbamobc.

• MEDIC continues to celebrate our VOLunteers with a special edition gray and white Tennessee Donor Hat. Hats are available at donor centers and mobile drives while supplies last.

Donors also receive a Texas Roadhouse coupon, Salsarita's coupon and Denton's coupon. All incentives are while supplies last and on a first--come, first-served basis. MEDIC will be closed to celebrate the Independence Day holiday July 4, but will be open regular hours the day before and after.

MEDIC offers several special incentives specifically for platelet donors, including dail e-gift cards, MEDIC platelet punch card program and the daily MEDIC gift. Platelet donors must make an appointment by calling 865-521-2684.

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 Fourth Annual Morning **Pointe Foundation Seniors** Got Talent variety show, in partnership with Morning Pointe Senior Living, is introducing some big changes this year, including a lowered age of competition and additional prize money.

The 2024 Knoxville show will take place beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 12, in The Bijou Theatre, 803 S. Gay St. in downtown Knoxville. Ten local senior acts will compete.

This year, the Foundation has lowered the minimum age of contestants from 62 to 60, opening the doors to a wider variety of talent in the Greater Knoxville community.

'Seniors Got Talent is open to any talented seniors (not just Morning Pointe campus residents)," a MP press release stated. "Acts have included singers, musicians, dancers, poets, comedians and more."

More changes for this year's Seniors Got Talent show include an increase in prize winnings. The grand-prize winner will receive \$1,000, with \$500 going to the second-place winner and \$250 awarded to the third-place winner.

Online auditions are open now at morningpointefoundation.com/events/seniorsgot-talent/, and in-person auditions will take place from Sept. 24 through Oct. 6 at local Morning Pointe Senior Living campuses. Tickets will be \$10 and will go on sale in October.

 The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek's Farmers Market is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sundays through July at The Pinnacle, 11251 Parkside Drive.

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· Thousands of blooming sunflowers will be showcased at Forks of the River Wildlife Management Area during the Sixth Bi-Annual Knoxville Sunflower Celebration from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, July 13..

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Get to the fields by joining the Cycology Bicycles guided bike ride, which leaves at 9 a.m. from Suttree Landing Park, 1001 Waterfront Drive Southeast. Kickstand Community Bike Shop will loan bikes to those who want to tour along the Will Skelton Greenway bordering the sunflower fields. Kickstand will be set up at the shuttle drop off area inside the FRWMA.

Guided walking tours of the sunflower fields are set for 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., leaving from the shuttle drop-off spot in the center of the fields. Food trucks will be located at Ijams Quarries and sunflower gifts will be available in the Ijams Nature Center Gift Shop.

More information is available at legacyparks.org or by calling Legacy Parks Foundation at 865-525-2585.

Local college grads, Prez List, Dean's List honorees

· Sixteen students living in or just outside of Farragut were named to either the President's List or Dean's List at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, for spring semester. President's List honorees: Graham Baakko, Lainey Baakko, Mason Benedetti, Blakely Beron, Sophie Dotson, Selene Tan, Hannah Arnold, Tessa Schlomer, Kendall Thompson and Caleb Wanca. Dean's List honoree: Jacob Nieman, Emily Ogle, Halye Barlow, Madelyn Henrie, Ethan James and Emily Lin.

· At the the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Steven De-Freece of Farragut received a Bachelor of Science degree following spring semester, while Emily Lin of Farragut received a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

Susannah Gordon of Farragut earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Spring Semester 2024 at Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta.

• Lee University in Cleveland (Bradley County) congratulates Jacey Jennings of Farragut on earning Dean's List honors during the Spring 2024 semester. Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, undergraduate students with a semester grade -point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

• Ella Myers of Farragut was named to the Rhodes College (Memphis) Spring 2024 Dean's List. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled in at least 16 credits of academic work and achieve a semester minimum grade point average of

• Kathrine Klenske of Farragut has been named to the Kennesaw State University (Georgia) Spring 2024 President's List. To qualify, students must achieve a term grade-point average of 4.0 and complete a minimum of nine credit hours.

· Elisha Smith of Farragut has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Winter 2024 Dean's List. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a grade-point average from 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's

Lin honored

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a critical part of the bank's long-standing effort to build pathways to economic mobility across nearly 100 markets."

"Preparing a diverse pipeline of community-minded young students to be successful in the workforce is critical to Knoxville's long-term economic growth," said Terry Cline, president at Bank of America Knoxville. "The exceptional teens selected for the Student Leaders program will not only gain practical work and life experience, but the community in return gains from local nonprofits and helps to grow a diverse pipeline of talent ready to enter the workforce."





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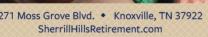
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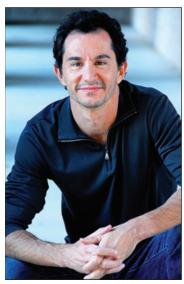
Murray new cross-country head, T&F assistant at Webb

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Webb School of Knoxville recently announced Dan Murray as its new high school cross-country head coach/ program director and assistant track & field/distance coach. Murray also will serve as a study hall proctor at the high school.

He comes to Webb from First



Dan Murray

Stark

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that win in that moment and keeping our season alive was really special," he added.

As for his first connection with the Farragut/Knoxville area, "I was born in Texas; then in 2017, my mom, her job had us move up here," he said about entering his sophomore year at FHS.

After graduating school, "I went back to junior college in Texas for two years," Stark said. "And pretty much after my freshman year, my goal was to come back and play for the Vols. So I wanted to play in front of my parents and in front of my high school coaches, my high school friends."

Before he wore Tennessee orange, "I would say probably more than half of my family were A&M fans," the FHS graduate said. "A lot of people from my high school back in Texas, the two big schools that people went to down there was either A&M or Texas Tech. I'd

was a little extra special for me," he added.

friends, she goes to A&M, and she actually was in Omaha," Stark said. "She was here for our Super Regionals in Knoxville, and she was decked out Flight High School in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina, where he served as cross-country and track & field head coach.

In his two-plus years at the helm, Murray guided his distance runners to five individual state titles, including victories at the 2023 North Carolina High School Athletic Association 3A Women's Cross-Country Championship, indoor and outdoor state titles in 2023 in the women's 3200-meter race. and NCHSAA state crowns in 2022 and 2024 in the men's and women's indoor 1,000-meter

Under Murray's leadership, the First Flight Nighthawks have won multiple conference titles in cross country and track & field. Along the way, Murray was voted Northeastern Coastal Conference Coach of the Year seven times in three sports.

Murray was an assistant cross-country coach at Christ Church Episcopal School in Greenville, South Carolina, where he helped lead the varsity boys to a runner-up finish at the state meet in 2021.

head-to-toe in orange. So I think it's safe to say we've definitely converted her; my family has definitely converted her over to the good side."

Vols head coach Tony Vitello said about Stark, "he's an unbelievable kid and he's so sound defensively. ... Cal has been our guy for a couple of years. ... He knows how to work or orchestrate a game from behind (the plate) and be that leader."

While in Omaha, Stark said he was in daily contact with Matt Buckner, his FHS head coach. Buckner labeled Stark "a really awesome young man, great demeanor, great competitor; he's a winner."



Seven U.S. military veterans from Arbor Terrace Knoxville assisted living facility in West Knoxville, 9051 Cross Park Drive, enjoyed the ride of a lifetime through Dream Flights Friday, June 7. Taking to the skies were, seated from left, Mary Ann Scott, James Denton and Ben Nine. Standing, from left, were Joseph "Joe" Beuerlein, Owen Hughes, Don Godwin and Thomas "Tom" Shoemaker.

Dream Flights

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"It's big fun," he added. "I was very comfortable because I had flown so much already.'

"It makes a lot of memories come back," said Joseph M. Beuerlein, 85, who served four years in the Air Force, honorably discharged as an airman first class.

While flying, he remembered "just looking down and hoping we stayed up."

This was his first time in a cockpit. Before that, "I was just a passenger," he said. "It was little," said Thomas

"Tom" Shoemaker, 72 — who served 20 years in the U.S. Air

Force/Air National Guard, retiring as a tech sergeant about the Dream Flight air-Vietnam. craft. "... It's the first time I've ever been in a prop plane."

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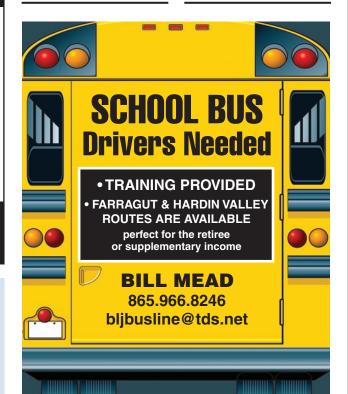
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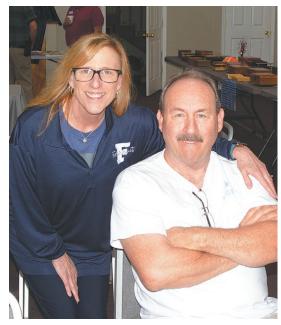
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The last class to attend all four years at the old location was 1976, while the Class of 1979 attended the old site their freshman year before everything shifted to the current location beginning in August 1976.

Scores of alumni dating back to the Class of 1949 enjoyed seeing classmates and others they went to school with — some having not seen each other since graduation night — along with browsing old FHS yearbooks, football and basketball programs and other school memorabilia from years gone by. Light refreshments were available.



Kim Clemmer (Class of 1981) and Dana Hall (1979)



Kathleen Johnson Cox (Class of 1960), left, and Karen Sizemore Johnson (1970)



A wave from Charles Hall (Class of 1949)



Tom Cook (Class of 1961)



From left, Bill McFee (Class of 1953), Ken Hall and John Marius (both 1954), Gordon Armstrong (1958) and and Doug Horne (1963)



From left, Tim Stuart (Class of 1976), Jay Beeler (1976) and Matt McFee (1977)



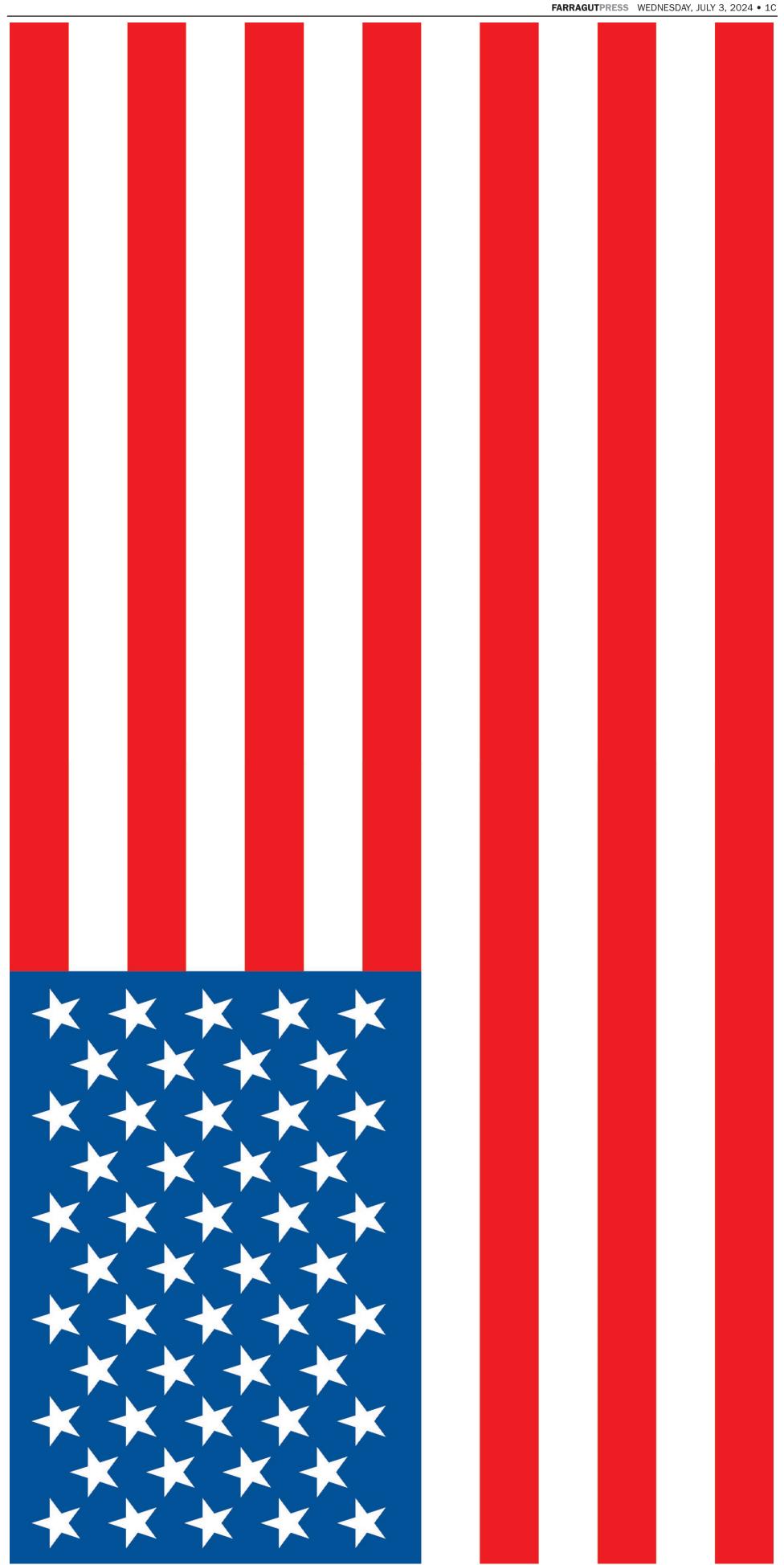
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From left, Drew Dougherty (Class of 1975), Steve Huntley (1977) and Butch Houston (1976)



Sheri Proffitt (Class of 1977) and Glen Norman (1964)





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