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Jeffrey Devlin · With more than 30 years of experi-

ence in emergency services, I would

say that I can remain calm in stressful

situations. I have spent my entire pro-

fessional life helping others on their

worst days and making crucial deci-

The ability to be calm, thoughtful,

see all sides while considering multiple

perspectives and opinions is what I do.

experience in the Town, having served

as a volunteer on many committees

during the last eight

years. I feel I am ap-

proachable and the

kind of person that

wants to understand

why people feel a

certain way about

I think in the cur-

rent Town environ-

ment someone who asks "why" is need-

ed as much as any

other time in our

things.

history.

I also have a tremendous amount of

sions in high-pressure situations.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024 • 1A ISSUE 45 VOLUME 36 FARRAGUT, TENNESSEE

Farragut Decision '24: Ward 1 North alderman seat Ward 2 South alderman seat

Roberts vs. Burnette, South

What are the qualities needed, that you possess, for the South Ward (Ward II) post that you seek?

Randal Roberts

· The most important qualities required of any elected official are the ability to listen, understand and represent our Farragut residents.

In my opinion, our elected officials no longer believe in that as they are fixated on prioritizing their own agendas, such as a "walkable" Town Center.

I want those basic qualities restored to where residents will once again

come to trust that their concerns and needs are again important.

I am not a politician, have no political ties to consider or protect, just an average resident that cares about helping his neighbors no matter what their problems may be.

Innovation and

problem-solving skills are another necessity. Those are a natural ability passed on to me from my grandfather: see a problem, analyze it and come up with solutions. My Masters in Criminal Justice emphasized "system planning and application," which is what Farragut needs when trying to address these challenges!

Roberts

I have a proven 36-year track record of providing innovative solutions to the unique challenges I encountered at ORNL. I will do the same for Farragut.

See ROBERTS on Page 4A

Why should you be reelected, and a few things you are most proud of helping to accomplish?

Drew Burnette

• I was born in Farragut in 1980 and continue to live here with my wife Brooke and five children. I love this community so much that I've never wanted to live anywhere else.

I am fully committed to keeping Farragut a great place to live and I want to ensure residents have a voice in the future of our Town.

Some things that I've accomplished

over the last four vears: the creation of the Outlet Drive corridor and bringing Topgolf to Farragut, the Implementation of a new traffic management system that is currently being installed, working closely with TDOT on the I-40 Corridor project to make upgrading the Camp-



Burnette

bell Station interchange a priority and adding lanes to I-40 that will keep traffic on the interstate and reduce cutthrough traffic in Farragut, the All-Inclusive Playground behind Town Hall, McFee Park Phase 2 including tennis courts, a basketball court and the Great Lawn, Farragut's first adaptive biking/ walking trail and road improvements occurring on Union Road.

My re-election promises are advocating for controlled development, focusing on infrastructure and safety,

Cain vs. Devlin, North

What are the qualities needed, that you possess, for the North Ward (Ward I) post that you seek?

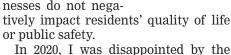
Alexander J. Cain

· During my extensive involvement in the Farragut community, I have served as a volunteer football coach at Farragut High School for a decade. I help student athletes understand the game of football, teamwork, leadership and life.

Additionally, I worked as a school security officer in Knox County Schools before transitioning to a full-time criminal justice/forensic science teacher at both Farragut High and Gibbs High. I was with KCS for 14 years.

For over 15 years, I contributed to the security church team at First Baptist Concord.

As a small business owner since 2021, I recognize the fine line between boosting Town income through sales tax revenue and ensuring that businesses do not nega-



lack of substantial public outreach during discussions about the Biddle Farm project.

-What are one or two of the biggest issues/challenges facing the North Ward, specifically, and one or two of the biggest issues/challenges facing Town of Farragut? What are you going to do about it, and why are you best suited to get the job

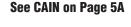


I believe I am that person. I am also extremely active and have covered every mile of greenway in our Town multiple times over and know the gaps. I think together we can close these and enhance our parks even more.

-What are one or two of the biggest issues/challenges facing the North Ward, specifically, and one or two of the biggest issues/challenges facing Town of Farragut? What are you going to do about it,

See DEVLIN on Page 5A

See BURNETTE on Page 4A



Chalk artist amid thousands at **Independence** Day Parade

Aria Robertson, 7, enjoys some chalk art along Kingston Pike before Farragut's Independence Day Parade commenced Thursday morning, July 4. Thousands lined either side of the Pike between the Parade's start at Lendon Welch Way, at the Farragut High School entrance, and its finish just west of Boring Road, enjoying roughly 95 entries and Knox County Sheriff's Office helicopters flying overhead. See related photos on page 2A and in West Side Faces, page 4B.

Tammy Cheek



Neal, 3 households take Town to court

Seeking to stop Turkey Creek Greenway Extension

ALAN SLOAN

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The threat has become a reality, as Knoxville attorney John Neal filed a Complaint in Knox County Chancery Court Wednesday, July 3, concerning Town of Farragut's fiscal year 2025 budgeted plans for Turkey Creek Greenway/Road Improvements.

Neal represents three households (four residents) living along the north side of Turkey Creek Road, as a portion of their frontyard properties close to that road, which also is near Virtue Road, would be subject to eminent domain possession by the Town should it proceed with the greenway expansion, subject to a court ruling blocking the possession as sought in the Com-

Plaintiffs are Shirley Harkins, David Galbraith and Howard and Bobbie Tipton.

The Complaint's closing paragraph begins by stating: "Plain-

See COMPLAINT on Page 6A

Early Voting — with details, closest locations — two days away; Absentee deadline approaching

• Early voting for Town of Farragut non-partisan and Knox County general election, and for state of Tennessee and federal primaries, begins Friday, July 12, at 11 locations countywide, and ends Saturday, July 27.

That includes the new West Knox/ Farragut Knox County Election Commission location, 109 Lovell Heights Road behind Synergy Car Wash along Kingston Pike.

Other Early Voting sites close to Farragut and Hardin Valley are Downtown West (1645 Downtown West Blvd., Unit 40) and Karns Senior Center (8042 Oak Ridge Highway).

Hours for the West Knox/Farragut location and Downtown West are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.,

Karns Senior Center hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on all weekdays and closed on the first two Saturdays but open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. the final Saturday, July 27.

Final day to request an absentee ballot is Thursday, July 25. It all culminates on Election Day, Thursday, Aug. 1.

For more information, visit KCEC at www.knoxvotes or call 865-215-2480.



Ladies, have you scheduled your annual mammogram?







Happy Parade Grand Marshals



Farragut Independence Day Parade Grand Marshals Marianne McGill, left, a former Town alderman who was heavily involved in Farragut's incorporation effort from mid-1979 to January 1980, is joined by Dorothy "Dot" LaMarche, former Farragut vice mayor/alderman, during the Thursday morning, July 4, festivities. See related photos on page 1A and in West Side Faces, page 4B 5, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit investigated a hit-and-run incident at 189 Brooklawn St. at Kroger.

• At 3:10 p.m., Friday, July

Victim said he was driving a red 2014 Toyota Camry in the Kroger parking lot "when a newer model Nissan sedan collided with the rear of his vehicle," the report stated. "(Victim) said the Nissan sedan fled the area, and he was not able to get a further description of the vehicle or driver.

Victim said a female advised she witnessed the incident, and she told an officer the ve-

KCSOreports hicle was "dark blue in color and possibly (has) a Virginia license plate." She said the driver was "a white male, possibly in his 20s or 30s."

Video surveillance viewed by the officer indicated suspect was "driving at a high rate of speed through the parking lot." No license number could be obtained on the video.

• At 4:33 p.m., Wednesday, July 3, officers reported an **assault** at an Olive Grove Lane residence. Victim said the suspect "approached his vehicle and started incoherently talking to him," the report stated,

then "threw a cigarette at (victim) that instead hit the door of his truck. (Suspect) started demanding (victim) step out of the vehicle to fight him."

Victim refused, and suspect left the scene.

However, "Officers made contact with (suspect)," who "explained that he was suffering from schizophrenia and had an episode. (Suspect said) he wanted to go to the hospital to get evaluated and seek treatment," the report stated. Suspect was transported to Tennova Healthcare Turkey Creek for evaluation.

Leading The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale charge is Hearthside Bank

TAMMY CHEEK

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Hearthside Bank is leading the charge as sponsor of Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance's inaugural The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale initiative with a plethora of activities.

The sidewalk sale, 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.

"Hearthside Bank is ecstatic to be the presenting sponsor for The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale," said Kristin Byers, marketing officer for Hearthside. "For over 14 years, the Farragut Business Alliance has championed our local business community through the unique Shop Farragut program, and we are delighted to support this new annual tradition.

"Join us on July 26, anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 11140 Kingston Pike," she added. "We will have donuts and coffee from 9 to 11 a.m., hotdogs and hamburgers from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 105.3 WFIV (FM) will be on site from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"MEDIC will be on site doing blood donations, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will have two giveaways that people can enter inside the branch from July 22 through July 26. The winner will be announced on July 29.'

As for reasons to be involved as an event leader, "We are proud to support this event because it aligns perfectly with our commitment to fostering local economic growth and supporting the businesses that make Farragut thrive," Byers said.

"The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale will provide unparalleled promotional opportunities for Farragut-based businesses," she

"This initiative helps businesses attract more customers and increase their visibility. Hearthside Bank believes in the power of community, and this event is a fantastic way to bring people together while boosting local commerce."

Participating "is straightforward and free, with registration through Shop Farragut," Byers said. "We are committed to promoting The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale through various media channels, ensuring maximum exposure and engagement."

Steve Krempasky, SF/FBA executive director, said Shop Farragut "is going to piggy-back on the Back to School initiative and get sales tax off sales.

"We're turning it into an entire event for Farragut," he added. "Each business has the ability to do a special event."

The sale benefits shoppers and businesses alike, Krempasky noted. Businesses normally would have to have a special event permit to put items outside of their businesses.

With this event, however, Shop Farragut does all the permit

paperwork for them.

"(Businesses) just need to sign up their shop ... that allows them to get a (special event) permit," Krempasky said.





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"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," he stated on the Shop Farragut website.

Looking to make it an annual event, Krempasky encourages businesses to have special activities, such as those at Hearthside.

For more details about Hearthside activities, e-mail social@ hearthsidebank.com or call 1-606-242-1086. For more information about Shop Farragut events and the Sidewalk Sale registration, e-mail to steve@shopfarragut.com or call 865-307-2486.

Bank, Hearthside 11140 Kingston Pike, is primary sponsor of The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale Friday through Sunday, July 26-28. From left are Megan Brundage, Savanna Huskey, Roo Morton, Anne Gillespie, Jimmy Huddleston, Keebler Williams, Drew Hampson, Steve Ward, Mary Macaluso and Josh Hopkins. Not pictured ia Tammy White.





DREW'S FIRST TERM ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Advocating For Controlled Development

- Future land use map and Comprehensive Plan amended to exclude further development of apartments within the Town of Farragut
- Additional protections provided with amendments to several zoning ordinances to further protect Farragut from unwanted multi-family projects
- Acted on citizen input and advocated for less density in Farragut
- Creation of the Outlet Drive corridor and bringing TopGolf to Farragut

Focusing on Infrastructure and Safety

- Soon to be completed and operational Automated Traffic Management System will mitigate traffic flow issues at all lighted intersections. Will adjust timing of all lights to optimize traffic flow in real time.
- \$25 Million budgeted for the next six years to further address road and infrastructure needs
- Additional lighted intersections budgeted to improve traffic flow throughout Farragut
- Worked closely with TDOT on the I-40 corridor project which will make Campbell Station exit a priority, and create additional lanes on the Interstate to reduce cut through traffic along Kingston Pike

Promoting Parks and **Greenways**

- McFee Park Phase 2, including tennis courts, a basketball court, the Great Lawn, and Farragut's first adaptive biking and walking trail. Also includes the future Dog Park and additional parking.
- Farragut's first all-inclusive playground behind Town Hall
- Continuing to connect the community by investing in our 260+ acres of dedicate Park space, 80 miles of sidewalks and 25 miles of greenways through fiscally responsible funding allocations

Fiscally Responsible: We have continued to operate our incredible town with NO DEBT and strong cash reserves.



Roberts

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-What are one or two of the biggest issues/challenges facing the South Ward, specifically, and one or two of the biggest issues/challenges facing Town of Farragut? What are you going to do about it? Why are you best suited to get the job done?

· Northshore Drive is now under construction with the addition of 2 feet of new pavement on each lane of Northshore Drive. South Farragut will be inundated with even more traffic than usual.

Unfortunately this will be the new normal for a very long time, so residents must expect even more delays than they now experience.\: https:// www.farragutpress.com/articles/2024/03/13658

Kingston Pike is a primary detour route for Northshore Drive. For 18 months to 24 months one lane of Northshore drive will be closed to widen those lanes. As such more traffic will detour onto McFee, Turkey Creek and Virtue roads to get to Kingston Pike. There are no other alternate routes.

Traffic light timing must be synchronized for many areas along Kingston Pike, especially at Concord Road and Campbell Station Road. The Town must ensure that emergency response vehicles (sheriff, fire,

rescue and ambulance) can get to the people in need. Failure to do so could endanger residents lives.

Farragut must authorize a new traffic study and fund it to provide a more comprehensive long-term solution to our traffic problems. Any pinch points that create traffic backups must be prioritized and addressed immediately. I will not vote for any cosmetic upgrades to our road system until traffic solutions have been identified, funded and implemented.

The state of Tennessee passed a new law this year that forbids using eminent domain for walking trails and parks. Yet, despite that law, the Mayor and Aldermen are determined to use eminent domain to take residents property in south Farragut for walking trails that simply are not needed and will create unneeded lawsuits the Town will not win. There is also the issue of right and

I do not condone nor agree with the illegal taking of property that violates state law.

Personal information

· Retired from ORNL after 36 years ... in Laboratory Protection Division, where I was responsible for the oversight of all nuclear materials ..., I am currently self-employed as a Security Analyst consultant.

I have been married to my wife, Lisa, for 34 years, and have two adult children.

EZ Stop-Concord issues

The building of an EZ Stop gas station has three possible

lettertoeditor

impacts on Fort Loudoun Lake. 1. When semi-trucks are off loading gas (a hazardous material) and filling underground tanks, there is the possibility spills can get into groundwater and contaminate the lake.

2. The close proximity of train tracks to the gas station is a problem for the following reason: railroad train traffic causes seismic waves that would cause the peak particle velocity to impact the underground fuel storage tanks and underground fuel lines by possibly cracking fuel lines, contaminating ground and surface waters. The surface impoundment structures would not mitigate the underground impacts.

3. The reason the Sinking Creek Embayment to the lake is called Sinking Creek is because, before the construction of Fort Loudoun Lake, Sinking Creek would go underground due to sinkholes that were breached and flowed to the Tennessee River. This area lies within a geologic district of a Karst ecosystem with sink holes and caverns. Sinkholes are formed by loss of subjacent support and internal soil ero-

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Burnette

From page 1A

and promoting our parks and greenways. I love talking to and meeting with residents throughout the Town. My email is DrewforFarragut@ gmail.com

-What are one or two biggest issues/challenges facing the South Ward, specifically, and one or two of the biggest issues/challenges facing Town of Farragut? What are you going to do about it?

· Knox County is the second fastest growing county in Tennessee and Farragut is where many people want to live because it's a highly desirable community.

We have been working on multiple projects that will help alleviate traffic and the first is the new traffic light system that is being installed throughout Farragut.

This \$7 million project is being funded by a federal grant. Once it is installed this new system will be fully connected by fiber and the controls for the traffic lights will live in the cloud, can be adjusted remotely and timing for the lights will be optimized based on current traffic patterns.

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

I've heard from many neighbors around Concord Road 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 create gaps in traffic that will mitigate this issue. Earlier this year our Town engineer, Town administrator and I met with a traffic solutions company to discuss the benefits of an AI-Powered Traffic System.

What I heard during this presentation was amazing. This cloud-based system analyzes road infrastructure in real-time and automatically adjusts without needing staff support.

I asked to put money in the budget for a system like this, and the Board agreed to hold a

consultant educate us on these cutting-edge AI options.

Good traffic management takes a multifaceted approach, and I will continue to advocate for these enhanced solutions to optimize traffic flow in our Town.

Personal information

 I was appointed to fill a twoyear term, then I was elected to a four-vear term in 2020.

I have worked in the Surgical Equipment Sales space for the last 20 years.

I met my wife, Brooke, on a mission trip to South Africa.

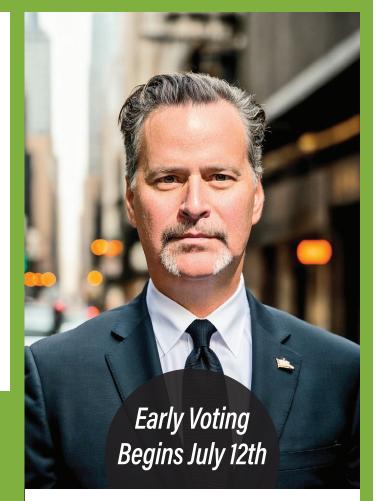


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Jeffrey for Alderma Ward One

SERVICE

Jeffrey Devlin is a service leader within Farragut. He has a long record of service to the Town, believes in its founding principles, and understands the responsibility that comes with being an Alderman. He will be ready to work day one, and remain accessible to you. Jeff believes in fiscal responsibility and growth that is deliberate and responsible.



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- Farragut Neighborhood **HOA Board Member**
- Farragut Personnel Committee
- Farragut Parks and Athletic Council
- **Farragut Board of Zoning Appeals**
- Farragut Municipal **Planning Commission**
- Youth Lacrosse Coach (Farragut/Webb)
- 30 Plus Years in Emergency Services

www.devlin4farragut.com

Friend trio bonding at Parade

Friends, from left, Rylee Jarnagin, Mila Williams and Jersey Williams, are having a good time enjoying annual Town of Farragut Independence Day Parade along Kingston Pike Thursday morning, July 4. See related photos on page 1A, 2A and in West Side Faces, page 4B.

Tammy Cheek



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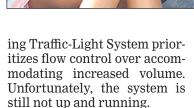
done as alderman?

• Traffic presents a significant challenge for the Mayor and Aldermen in the coming years. Two major road projects, beyond Farragut's control, are imminent:

-Northshore Drive widening: the Knox County Commission has approved widening Northshore Drive by 2 feet per lane. During construction, one lane of Northshore will close, diverting traffic via Kingston Pike, Campbell Station and other connectors within the county and Town.

-I-40/I-75 expansion: TDOT plans to add a fourth lane on I-40/I-75 east and west from Lovell Road to the 1-40/I-75 split. Improvements to the Campbell Station I-40/I-75 interchange are also in the works.

Despite these developments, Farragut is unprepared for the additional traffic. The upcom-



To address these shortcomings, I reviewed the Biddle Farm project's traffic study and conducted extensive research. By 2025, two new left-turn lanes at Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike will be necessary.

These lanes should match the current 11-foot width to prevent traffic diversion into nearby neighborhoods.

Residents of Grigsby Chapel Road, Smith Road, Everett Road, Sonja Drive and Admiral Drive deserve thoughtful consideration. As an engaged community member, I am committed to listening and committed to work in partnership with the community to develop strategies and solutions.

The other major challenge is the Sonja Drive Greenway/road expansion; residents face

an eminent domain situation, risking a significant loss of their land for a road project they strongly oppose.

Eminent domain should all

Eminent domain should always be a last resort after all other solutions have been exhausted. Extensive community engagement is paramount.

Advocating for their rights remains crucial during and after the election.

Personal information

• I have never held a political office since moving to Farragut in 1998. When I attended Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan, I was elected by the student body to the office of vice-president of the Residence Hall Association. ...

I currently own/operate a corporate security consulting and concierge transportation company, Tristar Executive Solutions.

My mother and father, along with my former wife and two stepdaughters, live here in the Farragut community.

Devlin

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and why are you best suited to get the job done as alderman?

• While the Interstate expansion and associated exit improvements will need a strong examination of the noise effects in the north ward, I think there are several issues going on in the Town that are related to each other.

We are experiencing a lot of growth and revitalization. We are witnessing redevelopment of dilapidated areas within the town, strong advancement toward a true Town Center, improvement in parks and a new school in the works.

These things are to be celebrated, and we are on the right trajectory. Couple this with the growth in Knox and surrounding counties in general, the oversaturation of I40/75, there naturally is an increase in associated traffic. Some of our neighbors think the Town has done too much too quickly.

There has been a real reactionary response to all this change, and it has, at times,

gotten ugly. We are better than this and need to remember first and foremost that we are all neighbors and care about the Town.

I will engage with all who think we are on the wrong path and listen to their concerns.

I may not convince them of why I believe Farragut is on the right path, but I will always give them my time. And if there is a change of course that must be made, I will not shy away from that.

I stand firm that Farragut is today a great place to live, work, worship and have fun. I also believe our best days are ahead of us.

Personal information

• I am certainly not a politician. ... (but) I have served on the (Town) Personnel Committee until it was shuttered. I also was a member of the Parks and Athletic Council for over five years, and I am currently (on) the Board of Zoning Appeals and Municipal Planning Commission.

I am the interim fire chief of Rural Metro Fire here in Knox County. I have worked in emergency services for almost 34 years.

I have been married to my wife, Joanne, for virtually 25 years, and have a son.

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sion, called piping, to caverns. Placing a water retention structure over a sinkhole will feed the soil-piping problem, causing a catastrophic collapse. A 4-feet deep closed depression, a.k.a. sinkhole, exists in the construction area. The proposed underground fuel storage tanks, as well as the restaurant, lie within the sinkhole boundary. The collapse will take down the building and underground fuel storage tanks resulting in a massive

and the lake. Field observations of the sinkhole suggests no run-off water is being impounded in the sinkhole, which suggests water directly infiltrates the sinkhole soil and percolates to the underlying geologic strata of limestone caverns, suggesting an active sinkhole exists.

pollution of the ground water

Since the proposed gas station is being built over this sinkhole, special environmental concerns should be implemented to prevent a major pollution event affecting the ground water. Best management practices should include not to allow a gas station to be built over this area.

Gary Tucker, Concord

Complaint

From page 1A

tiffs pray that this Court grant them a declaratory judgement holding that the defendants do not have the right to condemn their property. ...'

Defendants are the Town of Farragut and all five elected officials on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Contacted for comment Monday morning, July 8, Williams said he had "no comment at the moment," adding he had "not seen" a copy of the Complaint. No monetary damages are listed as being sought in this Complaint.

Complaint No. 13, No. 22 In an e-mailed correspondence with farragutpress, Neal released the document, adding that paragraph No. 13

That paragraph, and a portion of one other, follow (13 is broken into smaller paragraphs for greater ease of reading):

"pretty well sums up the case."

• 13- The Town of Farragut maintains a series of greenways for the entertainment and pleasure of its residents. The Town wishes to condemn Plaintiffs' property to allow for an extension of a greenway along Turkey Creek Road.

"... The Town has long planned for this condemnation. During this entire process the project has variously been identified as the Turkey Creek Greenway Extension, the Turkey Creek Greenway Connector or the Turkey Creek/Brixworth Greenway Connector. As recently as March 28, 2024, the Town adopted a 2024 "Strategic Plan" in which it referred to 'funding for Turkey Creek Road Greenway Connection.'

"There is not one document promulgated by the defendants, which suggests that there is any purpose for the project other than extension of the greenway. The proposal by the engineering firm engaged by the Town suggested three possible alternatives for the extension, one including only a minor 2-foot widening of the road in connection with the greenway work.

"Then, on April 24, 2024, the Tennessee Legislature replaced T.C.A. 29-17-102 with a new version that prohibits the condemnation of private property for "recreational facilities, recreational purposes or parks. ... (except for) (A) The acquisition of any interest in land necessary for a road, highway, bridge or other structure, facility or project used for public transportation.

"... Suddenly, the Turkey Creek Greenway extension was no longer a greenway project. ... The Town promptly adopted a new budget that referred to the project as 'Turkey Creek Greenway/Road Improvements.' The mayor (Ron Williams) wrote an email on June 13, 2024, in which he stated that the project was 'primarily to improve safety' on a 'dangerous curve' and he referred to the greenway work as 'sidewalk/trail extensions.'

"When the defendants met to consider the proposed budget, the mayor even stated that he had always thought of this as being a road improvement project. In other words, the Town tried to evade the statute by re-naming the "Greenway Extension" as a road improvement project with related side-

"Plaintiffs aver that this is essentially an effort by the defendants to defraud them by renaming the project while still accomplishing the longintended seizure of their property for a greenway extension."

· Neal's Complaint further notes, in No. 22, "the defendants met on May 23 to adopt a budget" ... that included \$200,000 for the Creek/Brixworth Greenway as a Capital expense. It included \$2.3 million for the 'Turkey Creek/Brixworth Greenway Connection' as a Proposed Future Capital Project. It says nothing about widening Turkey Creek Road in front of Plaintiffs' homes."

Town's future response

With Town attorney Tom Hale recusing himself due to a possible conflict of interest, the Town was believed to be retaining legal representation.

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Although successful for the past 13 years at 19770 Highway 11E just outside of Farragut, Popes at the Junction will be closing Thursday, July 25. Customers can expect sales before it closes. Meanwhile, Popes Plant Farm is looking for another location in the area.

Closing after 13 years

Popes at the Junction loses lease at Dixie-Lee; property sold

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Shoppers living near or traveling through Dixie Lee Junction soon will have to get their produce and plants elsewhere.

Pope's Plant Farm will be closing Popes at the Junction Thursday, July 25.

"We lost our lease," Pope's general manager Ben Blackburn said. "We've leased that property (at 19770 Highway 11E just west of Farragut town limit) for 13 years.'

He explained the property owners, the Sharp family, decided to sell.

"I understand," Blackburn said. "It's very valuable property, but we weren't given any notice of this until six to eight weeks ago, and we never heard from them at all. We heard from the new owners.

"(The new owner) asked, 'when are you going to move out?' He was as surprised as we were (that Pope's was not notified)," the general manager added. "We didn't have any bad history with the Sharps.

"That (lack of notification) put us in a bind to

find a new spot."

However, Blackburn noted the new owners have "been very generous to give us time to move everything out ... but I understand they can only be so patient."

A three-generation business dating back to the 1970s also serving Knoxville, Maryville and Greenback, Pope's is looking for a new location to serve the Farragut, Lenoir City, West Knox County and Tellico Village area.

'We were very successful for years and have loyal customers," Blackburn said. "It's very disappointing to us and our customer base.

'It's unfortunate for our employees, but we're going to shuffle them around (to the two other locations) as best we can," he added.

Before closing, Blackburn said their business "will be running sales starting at half price."

Other Pope's Plant Farm locations where its customers can shop: Popes at Creekside, 8718 S. Northshore Drive, Knoxville, and Popes at Ginger's, 244 S. Old Glory Road, Maryville.

Appreciating his loyal customer base, "We're definitely going to open another spot in the area just as soon as we can," Blackburn said.

All locations are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

For more information, call 865-986-0157. For Popes at Creekside, call 865-313-2473, or for Pope's at Ginger's, call 865-984-3574.

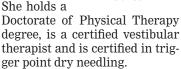
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welcomes the newest member of its team, Dr. Cristin Carter, who brings a wealth of experience and specialized training to the clinic.

Carter has been a physical therapist since 2019, treating a variety of diagnoses in the

outpatient orthopedic setting.

will She provide her expertise Simply Physio's new vestibular and dizziness programs. She holds a



· Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville has announced Natalie Saunders, **Dan Pastor**

and Kim Bowling have been named the top agents in the office for of May. Saunders

earned the overall Top Agent Award while Pastor and Bowling were

named the Top Selling Agent and Top Listing Agent, respectively.

Saunders

"Natalie, Dan and Kim each went above and beyond offer to outstandservice fulfill their clients' needs, Advan-Plus

broker/owner Jeff Grebe said. "We're very proud to have them on our team, providing the best

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gion." • The American Red Cross

East Tennessee Chapter has announced George T. "Buck" Lewis will serve as chairman for the Advisory Board of Direc-Lewis is a shareholder with

Baker Donelson and is past president of Tennessee Bar Association, past chairman of Tennessee Supreme Court Access to Justice Commission and founder of the Institute for Professional Leadership at UT College of Law.

He also served as board chairman for Mid-South Chapter while living in Memphis.

· Fort Loudoun Medical Center announces Bethany Raby, MSN, RN, CPHQ, has been named chief nursing officer of the Lenoir City hospital.

Since joining Covenant Health in 2007, Raby has served in many different leadership roles, including

manager of surgical services and interim chief nursing officer Roane at Medical Center, and senior risk manager and interim

director of surgical services at Methodist Medical Center. Raby's most recent role was

senior risk manager for the Covenant Health enterprise. She also has been serving as interim chief nursing officer at Fort Loudoun since March 2024.

Raby's CNO role is effective immediately and includes oversight of all nursing functions at Fort Loudoun Medical Center.

· First Horizon Corp. recently announced the recipients of the Grants for Good campaign.

Recipients from Knoxville include: Food4Vols, Mental Health Association of East Tennessee, The Restoration House and Wesley House Community Center.

In honor of the bank's 160th anniversary, First Horizon Foundation awarded \$1.6 million to 160 nonprofits across the bank's 12-state footprint.

FWKCC networking, Whit's ribbon cutting





Photos by Tammy Cheek

(Above) Whit's Frozen Custard owner Kimberly Wilt (with scissors) and her daughter, Samantha Wilt (to her left) celebrated the opening of Whit's Frozen Yogurt with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting at her shop, 133 Brooklawn St, Wednesday, May 22. (Left) West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Julie Blaylock, left, and Ashleigh Christian, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce director of investment development, mingle during a regional Chamber of Commerce networking featuring members of seven Chambers in the region at The Venue, 7690 Creekwood Park Lenoir City, Tuesday, June 11.



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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

☐ Dave Wright

Vote for One (1)

☐ 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 Qualified

☐ 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

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☐ 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

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County Commissioner District 5

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County Commissioner District 6

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☐ 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

Assessor of Property Vote for One (1)

□ Phil Ballard Republican Party Nominee

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

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Vote for One (1) ☐ Alexander J. Cain

☐ Jeffrey Devlin ☐ Write-in

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☐ Drew Burnette □ Randal Roberts

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☐ Retain ☐ Replace

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□ Replace

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Extra 'Farragut' in Town Freedom Run '24

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"We hold these truths to be self-evident" that Farragut churns out some genuine talent in distance running.

Farragut brothers Quinn and Nicholas DeGuira finished in first place in the 2-mile run and second place in the 1-mile run, respectively, during Town of Farragut's annual Independence Day Freedom Run Thursday morning, July 4, before its annual parade kicked off.

The winner of last year's 1-mile Freedom Run, Nicholas DeGuira, 16, did post a personal best time of 5:04, finishing behind professional runner Christian Noble of Boston, a Lee University graduate (Cleveland, Bradley County). Fresh off of competing in the Olympic Trials while employed by, and runs full time for, New Balance, Noble topped the charts with a time of 4:40.

Finishing with a 10:02 time, Quinn DeGuira, 19, was followed by Cash Coggin just 18 seconds behind.

The sons of parents Chad and Tonya DeGuira, the brothers have been competitive distance runners since they were kids — something their parents never intended, much less imagined — deciding to lace up their racing shoes with absolutely no provocation.

"Very proud of my two boys," Chad DeGuira said after the races. "They started running on their own. They came home one day (from)

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Photos by Brandon L. Jones

(**Above**) Quinn DeGuira, 19, a 2023 Farragut High School graduate, crosses the finish line in first place during Town of Farragut's annual Freedom Run with a time of 10.02 in the 2-mile run. (**Left**) Cash Coggin of Farragut, 19, crosses the finish line in second place in the 2-mile Freedom Run, clocking a time of 10.20 while sporting a bright red wig for this Independence Day event Thursday morning, July 4.

No. 1 in League I for 2024



Sugarwood 12-U 'Rays Smoky Mtn. Invitational champ again

Once again the Suguar-wood Stingrays have represented Farragut well in Blount County, capturing yet another 12-and-Under Smoky Mountain Invitational League 1 championship last week, as Stingrays swimmers pose with their No. 1 banner.

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Old guard, new coaches 'Parade worthy'

As one of roughly 95 entries during annual Town of Farragut Independence Day Parade Thursday, July 4, were "old guard" and "new guard" head coaches at Farragut High School, The highly respected Eddie Courtney (waving in back), retiring earlier this year after 27 seasons as Admirals football skipper — with one state title and career dominance against rival Bearden and late career dominance versus rival Oak Ridge among his many coaching accomplishments — and Matt Buckner (waving in front), who captured seven TSSAA Division I-AAA and 4A state titles in just 14 full seasons as FHS baseball head coach before announcing his retirement in June. Replacing Buckner is one of his former assistants, Garrett Copeland (back left), while Courtney has been replaced by his son, former Ads player (Class of 2006) and offensive coordinator Geoff Courtney (front right).



Brandon L. Jones

Nicholas DeGuira, 16, finished second (with a personal-best time of 5:04) in the 1-Mile Run during annual Town of Farragut Freedom Run on Independence Day, Thursday morning, July 4. An FHS rising junior, De-Guira won this race in 2023.

Top locals

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middle school and said, 'This is what I'm interested in doing.' Neither me or his mother are runners, and this is all about them.

"It was good," Quinn De-Guira said of his win. "I had a friend who kind of helped me pace through it.

"I just found out last night that he was running it, and I was able to, like, just pace off of him, run with him and get to talk to him a little bit that first mile. And that second mile," he added. "I just decided to take it from there. It felt good."

It was while running eighthgrade track and field when Quinn got the itch to just keep running, and didn't stop: he's about to begin his sophomore year as a cross country student/athlete at Middle Tennessee State University.

"Neither of my parents, none of my family, had never ran before," he said, "and one day I was like, 'Yeah, I want to give track a try,' and I gave it a try and realized I was better at it than basketball; stopped playing basketball and started doing track full time, and now I'm running over at MTSU."

Sharing the same sentiment as his brother, Nicholas DeGuira, who's going into his junior year at Farragut High

"One day I was like, 'I want to give track a try' ... stopped playing basketball and started doing track full time, and now I'm running over at MTSU,"

> -Quinn DeGuira, Farragut Freedom Run 2-Mile champion

School, said just after crossing the finish line, "I feel pretty good." Having shaved seconds off his winning time from last year, he said he's "improved by a lot."

Nicholas added he wasn't going to beat Noble (who's roughly 11 years his senior on top of his pro status), but he was happy snagging the No. 2 slot in the books this year.

"They've done this one their own, and they were self-motivated, and we're just two very proud parents," Chad DeGuira said.

Other Farragut runners also finishing in the top 25 included Jeremy Cerha, 28, finishing 10th overall in the 2-Mile run (12:19).

FHS linemen among 21 at 3rd Gilliam OL Camp



Twenty-one high school and middle school offensive linemen looking to improve their craft, including those from Farragut High School and Farragut Middle School, took part in Third Annual Gilliam Brothers Offensive Line Camp in FHS's Eddie Courtney Stadium on Bill Clabo Field Saturday morning, June 15. Working on a number of technique and agility drills for almost three hours included Max Hilton (above, right), FHS rising freshman, working with Noah Partin. The camp was led by a trio of brothers, all FHS graduates: Nate Gilliam, a star offensive/defensive lineman with the Admirals (Class of 2015), who went on to become an All-Atlantic Coast Conference offensive lineman at Wake Forest before landing on rosters in the NFL — currently with the Cincinnati Bengals; Alex Gilliam, a standout linebacker/wide receiver at FHS (Class of 2014); and Jacob Gilliam, also a standout ex-Ads offensive linemen (Class of 2010). Helping conduct the camp beyond blood lines were Ollie Lane, a former University of Tennessee offensive linemen (through 2023) who helped the Vols offense become one of the best in the SEC, and Tommy Mann, also a former FHS standout offensive lineman (Class of 2010).

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'Wonderful life' at 100; 'exciting' at 102

June turns 100

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While Arbor Terrace assisted living resident and centenarian June Gilligan regarded her life sometimes as mundane, she also enjoys recalling her many travels and life's adventures.

"I had a wonderful, beautiful, different — in every description — life," she reflected. "But I've had more than my share of sadness."

June celebrated her 100th birthday Friday, June 21, at Arbor Terrace with family and friends.

"It's a total shock that I've lived that long," she said. "I had my plans to die made at 92. I didn't waste any time then, from 92 to 100. I enjoyed, probably, every minute of it because I wanted to live it up all I could.

"I would say that 90 percent of my 100 years has been fruitful," June added. "I had a life most people would die for."

She attributed her longevity to heredity and a busy life.

"My parents were pretty old," she recalled. "But I was always a busy, busy person.

"When I was a little girl, I





got into all sorts of trouble because I was always doing something I shouldn't," June recalled. "But, I never sat around."



June Gilligan, an Arbor Terrace resident, turned 100 years young Friday, June 21, during a big celebration among several family members, friends and the senior living facility's staff. She is pictured in a recent photo (above left), in a photo as a young adult in the 1950s (above) and as a small child in the late 1920s or early 1930s (left).

Recent photo by Tammy Cheek Other photos submitted

While she may have brooded and cried at times — tears of joy and sadness as well as any-

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Below photo by Tammy Cheek/above photo submitted

(**Above**) Photos of Adele Bossert at age 21 in 1943. Adele celebrated her 102nd birthday Wednesday July 3, at her home at Arbor Terrace senior living in West Knoxville. (**Below right**) Adele is shown in a warm embrace with friend Erin Parten.

Adele now 102

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Two years ago, Arbor Terrace assisted living resident Adele Bossert passed the centennial milestone and carries on after reaching her 102nd birthday on Wednesday, July 3

"It's kind of exciting," she said. "I love all the complements I get for being 102, such as she's 'awesome' and 'You don't look 102."

About reaching that mark,

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Sharing their 'namesake' experiences, USS Farragut crew enjoys Town treats

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An eight-member crew from the Navy's USS Farragut came to tour Town of Farragut last week — the Town and ship named for its famed naval son, Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, the mere boy who became the Navy's first commissioned admiral.

Some drove, others flew in, but they all left with a newfound respect for the name emblazoned on their warship, and they will all remember the bits of his life memorialized here and the people who live under his shadow.

During a Tuesday-night welcome dinner July 2 at 35 North, Town officials welcomed the crew in preparation for their more extensive namesake tour of the area the next day before anchoring the annual Independence Day Parade.

"We are honored to share a namesake with you all." Farragut Mayor Ron Williams told the crew. "We are proud of our heritage with David Glasgow Farragut, the Navy's first admiral. During this week, we hope you learn more about the history of Farragut, the Town and the person. Thank you for your community service projects in the area this week, and we look forward to showing you our Town, and we hope you have fun while you are here."

And they did.

After meeting at Farragut's Community Center, the second stop on their tour Wednesday, July 3, was Campbell Station Inn, where Marianne McGill, a fundamental puzzle piece in Farragut's incorporation birth, spoke to the sailors about the Town's creation and its corresponding yesteryear.

"I gave up that part of my life for this Town, you know," she divulged, speaking of the time lost with her family roughly 45 years ago dur-

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Photo submitted

Posing in Admiral Farragut Plaza next to Farragut Town Hall are USS Farragut crew, from left, Lt. Junior Grade Joseph Stuckart; Sonar Technician 2nd Class Morgan Dossett; Lt. Junior Class Aaron Cooper; Information Systems Technician 1st Class Tyler Cobb; Logistics Specialist 1st Class Lavina Aballi (with child); Informations Systems Technician 2nd Class Cody Dodd; and Command Master Chief E.J. Kelly.

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From left, dad Kyle Ball, Sydney Ball, 14, Audrey Ball, 10, mom Nicole Ball, Makenna Ball, 11 and Landon Ball, 7

Town of Farragut's annual Independence Day Parade

Despite temperatures in the low 90s by late morning, thousands lined both sides of Kingston Pike to watch Town of Farragut's annual Independence Day Parade Thursday, July 4, along with Knox County Sheriff's Office helicopters in flight.



Justin Druba (in hat) with, from left, Jacob Herron, 8, Brooks Druba, 8, and Andrew Herron, 9



Terry Payne with granddaughter, Parker Beal, 4



Sydney Bell, 7



Joseph Bueno with children, Olivia, 5, and Matteo, 1.



Lily Stickenberger, 3



Lincoln Beal, 2



From left: Sophie Cain, her mom, Myriah Cain, and friend Ryan Ibbotson



Back row: Katie Walker, left, and Emily Long; front row, from left: Mae Walker, 2, Vanden Long, 4, and Hudson Hogue, 9

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Appointments are required for these donors. Due to the high demand, MEDIC will not be able to take walk-in donors next week. MEDIC does expect wait times — even with appointments — due to the high volume of donors. Appointments can be made online at www.medicblood.org, via the MEDIC app or by calling 865-521-2656. Farragut location is 11000 Kingston Pike.

Donors will not receive any additional incentives next week. Deferred donors will receive a coupon for Bruster's ice cream.

 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., Sun-

days through July at The Pinnacle, 11251 Parkside Drive.

To become a farmer's market vendor, reach out to Gabi Walsh of Pinnacle directly at Gwalsh@crawfordsq.com "We are seeking farmers market vendors who sell a variety of products, including dairy, fruits, vegetables, meats and other farm goods.'

· Knoxville Children's Theatre's upcoming production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," directed by student intern Maddy Grace Payne, will be performed at KCT, 109 E. Churchwell Ave., Friday, July 12, through Sunday, July 28. Tickets are available on the KCT website, knoxvillechildrenstheatre.com

· AARP Smart Driver Course offerings for 2024 include from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, July 25, and Friday, July 26, in West Knox County Senior Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Suite 101. Instructor is Paul Johnson. To register, call 865-788-7805.

Cat's anemia may require red blood blood cell jump; maybe transfusion

Q: My cat, "Bella," has been pretty sick this week. Our veterinarian says that Bella is so anemic that she might need a blood transfusion. I didn't even know they did that for cats. Anyway, she is only 5 years old and has always been a healthy kitty. We love her so much and are worried ... can you help? S.W., Far-

A: I'm sorry to hear that Bella is ill. Anemia is defined as having fewer than normal red blood cells. This occurs for three basic reasons: her body is not making enough red blood cells, her body is losing red blood cells or her body is destroying her own red blood cells.

Anemias can be classified as mild, moderate or severe.

One of the next tests your vet will do is check her reticulocyte count. This test looks at her immature red blood cells, and it is important to know if Bella's bone marrow recognizes the anemia and is capable of making more red blood cells or not.

Your veterinarian will also want to rule out common causes of anemia, which include Feline Leukemia virus, Feline Immunodeficiency virus and blood parasites, such as Mycoplasma. Drug or chemical toxicities are also possibilities. Severe intestinal parasites could also make her anemic.

Stephanie **Myers**

Ask the Vet

Chronic disease, such as liver, kidney or thyroid disease, can cause anemia. This is more common in older cats, but possible. Cancer can cause anemia, too. Hopefully this is not the case with Bella, since she is still relatively young.

Anemia is a condition or symptom, not a disease. Your veterinarian will continue testing to find the disease process causing the anemia. If the anemia is severe, transfusions are necessary if the body needs time for testing, treatment and/or medications. Best of luck to Bella.

If you have questions about your pet, e-mail Dr. Myers at lenoircityac@gmail.com





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USS Farragut

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ing the fight to incorporate Farragut, "so it's really a big deal in my heart, and to a lot of other people," noting the late Betty Dick was one of the Town's seven founders.

The namesake tour continued geographically clockwise to McFee and Mayor Bob Leonard parks, followed by Topgolf, the country-renowned Cotton Eyed Joe, Pinnacle at Turkey Creek and Founders Park at Campbell Station before looping its way back to the community center, where the community gathered to greet the sailors during a picnic.

Logistics specialist 1st Class Lavina Aballi said of her experience, "I really enjoyed seeing the history behind the Town being built, how it was created and speaking to one of the founders.

"That was really the part I enjoyed the most, just talking to (McGill) and seeing how all of this was created, how you guys have more souvenirs from Admiral Farragut himself than the Navy does,' she added. "So that was shocking to me. But I really enjoyed the history behind it and making connections to the community."

Lt. Junior Grade Joseph Stuckart has an East Tennessee connection, as does the ships commander. Thomas Roberts (see our July 3 story). Hailing from Long Island, New York, Stuckart's family moved to Johnson City around 2020.

To have a shipped name after vou. "You have to be a pretty important person and do something pretty special," Stuckart said. "And the Navy in general is all about tradition, so to see all the connections that we have to Admiral Farragut. ... I think it's really cool to see the area he grew up in and how he was able to become who he was."

Information Systems Technician Petty Officer 2nd Class Cody Dodd, who got the opportunity to throw out the first pitch at the July 3 Tennessee Smokies baseball game, said, "I appreciate the honor that is shown to David Farragut.

"I appreciate the lengths that this Town goes to," he added, "to honor him and how much his service and his contribution to the Navy and to our world is recognized here."

"We want to make sure everybody across America knows what the Navy is all about, and this is a good way to do it," said Jim DeAngio, a Naval deputy public affairs officer.

Adele at 102

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"I have been blessed by God all my years," Adele said. "I've had very good health. He's blessed me in so many ways."

To live 102 years, "first, you have to believe in God and ask for many blessings, and He'll give them to you if you truly believe," she said.

Adele also attributes exercise to her longevity.

"Doing the exercises I did at a young age ... exercise does help," she added.

Adele was born in 1922 to William and Ida Maetten Hoener in St. Louis, the youngest of four daughters, of which the other three were Dorothy, Vera and Edith. "We lived in the city, what

was called Hyde Park District" in my grandparents' house, she recalled. "We had five families living in one house.

"They just called them family flats," Adele added.

"I lived through the Depression. I was about 8 when the Depression started.

Although, "We were not rich, we were well enough during that time," Adele recalled. "My parents and sister (Dorothy) worked, so we weren't on welfare or any government programs. We were able to support ourselves.

"It was a different world," she added. "If you had any amount of money at all. you could buy fruit. If you'd be on food stamps, you were limited to what you could buy."

Her father was a truck driver for a laundry business before he opened his own laundry business.

"He was an entrepreneur who could figure things out," Adele said.

Tragedy struck the family when Vera, the second oldest child at age 1, was run over by a truck and killed. Adele was 7. "When I was 8, my oldest

sister (Dorothy) got meningitis, and she passed away," she said. Edith, who was 13 when Adele was 8, lived to be 84. She died in 2004. Adele was 16 and had a bi-

cycle when she met her future husband, Ted Bossert, whose family owned a bicycle shop two stores up from her father's business.

She remembered the St. Louis Cycling Boys all rode to the bicycle shop. Ted, whom she described as 'handsome," was a member of that club.

"I got to riding, and they had a track in St. Louis — Forest Park — where the boys would race," Adele recalled. "I would come every night to this bicycle

shop, and we'd ride out about 30 miles and back. My mother wouldn't let me go unless the wife of the bicycle shop owner rode with me.'

Adele was not allowed to date when she was 16, but "by the time I was 17 or 18, I was pretty much dating," she said. "They had cars, but my mother and daddy would not let me ride in a car."

They had to park the car in front of her parents' house while the couple took the streetcars on the date.

"They had streetcars on tracks that went all over St. Louis," she said. "They didn't have buses, but they did get them later.

"By the time, we could ride in a car, (Ted) kissed me," Adele added with a laugh. "I loved him."

"We hadn't thought much about marriage, but he did give me an engagement ring on Valentine's Day in 1942."

However, when Ted got his draft notice to go into the Army, "on Jan. 1, we decided we better get married.," she said.

Adele was 21 when she married Ted Bossert, who was 27, on Dec. 12, 1942. He reported to the Army Jan. 15. "I was a war bride," she said. "He was sent to Frisco, California.

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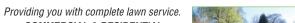












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June turns 100

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one — "I never sat around and carried my tears on my shirtsleeve all the time," June said.

Also, "I enjoy people." To have a long life, June said, "You've got to have a plan

and follow that plan as well as

you can." She was born in 1924 to the late Rovene and Walter Ward, and grew up with a sibling,

Notre Dame college" at the time of her birth," June said. "He quit school after that because he couldn't afford it. He had to work.

Wanda, 22 months June's se-

nior, on a farm near Thorn-

"My dad was attending

town, Indiana.

"When I was growing up, my family was not real lovey, lovey, lovey," the birthday girl added. "You had a problem? Well, 'wipe it off and go."

Still, she cherishes her memories of living on the farm with her sister.

"I went through so many phases in life that everything that I seemed to touch, I treasured because it was so different from what I had just experienced," June said. "I was always adventuresome, and I can remember as a little girl. I snooped all the time because I always wanted to see what was on the other side.'

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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA • July 18, 2024 • Farragut Community Center – Assembly Room • 7:00 p.m.

For questions, please e-mail Mark Shipley at mshipley@townoffarragut.org,

Bart Hose at bhose@townoffarragut.org, or Holley Marlowe at hmarlowe@townoffarragut.org

- 1. Election of Officers
- 2. Approval of agenda
- 3. Approval of minutes for the June 20, 2024 meeting
- **4.** Approval to replace existing two-inch steel gas main lines with new two-inch Medium Density Polyethylene (MDPE) plastic gas main lines along various streets in the Village Green Subdivision (KUB, Applicant)
- 5. Approval to add approximately 385 linear feet of new fiber optic communication cable in a new conduit and approximately 1,000 linear feet of fiber optic communication cable in an existing conduit along a portion of the east side of West End Avenue and extending to the macro cel-Iular tower under construction in the northeast corner of the West End Center (ADB Engineering on behalf of MCI Network, Applicant)
- 6. Discussion on the approval of the Town of Farragut Mixed Use Town Center Vision Plan (Town of Farragut, Applicant) 7. Discussion on a request to rezone Parcel 191.1, Tax Map 130, south of Home Federal Bank off Parkside Drive, 1.57
- Acres, from Office District, Three Stories (0-1-3) to General Commercial (C-1) (Turkey Creek Land Partners, LLC, 8. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a plat of
- correction related to Parcel 191.1, Tax Map 130, south of Home Federal Bank off Parkside Drive, to amend the buffer strip width from 50 feet to 35 feet, 1.57 Acres, Zoned 0-1-3 (Turkey Creek Land Partners, LLC, Applicant)
- 9. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a plat involving the re-subdivision of Lots 1 and 2, Parcels 3.22 and 3.24, Tax Map 143, into three lots, 27.35 Acres, Zoned

PCD (Biddle Farms Residential, LLC, Applicant)

- 10. Discussion on a request to amend the text of the Farragut Zoning Ordinance to permit a second dwelling unit on an existing lot of record that is greater than 1.5 acres in the Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District (Tyler Butler, Applicant)
- 11. Discussion on a request to rezone the property at 12715 Union Road from Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1) and General Single-Family Residential (R-2) to Agricultural (A), 8.64 Acres (Wil Glafenhein, Applicant)
- 12. Discussion and public hearing on amendments to the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update involving the following locations: 1) Updating the land purchased by Knox County Schools off Boring Road to reflect a Civic/Institutional land use designation, 2) Updating the land purchased by the Town of Farragut off Mc-Fee Road to reflect a Parks and Recreation land use designation. 3) Updating the areas that are currently shown as Medium Density Residential and Low Density Residential south and east of the Ford property and the Park Place Subdivision to reflect a Very Low Density Residential land use designation, and 4) Updating the areas that are currently shown as Medium Density Residential along a portion of Concord Road to reflect a Low Density Residential land use designation in the northern portion and a Civic/ Institutional land use designation for the Pleasant Forest Cemetery and the area abutting the cemetery to the north (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
- 13. Approval of utilities
- 14. Citizen forum

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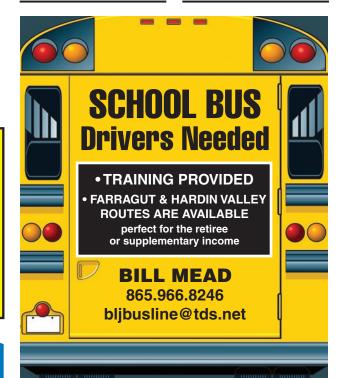
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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut, at its meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2024, adopted the following ordinances on second and final reading:

- I. Ordinance 24-06, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 109-Signs, to provide for canopy signs and projecting signs in portions of the Town (JA Fielden, Ap-
- II. Ordinance 24-08, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for Parcels 070 and 072, Tax Map 142, between the Waverly Court Subdivision and Baldwin Park Subdivision, 341 Boring Road, from R-1 and R-2 to R-3, 12 Acres (Homestead Land Holdings, Applicant)
- III. Ordinance 24-12, Ordinance to amend the General Fund & Capital Investment Program budget FY23-24, passed by Ordinance 23-07

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The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut will hold a public hearing on July 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM, at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd, to hear citizen's comments on the following ordinances:

I. Ordinance 24-11, an ordinance on first reading to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 22 - Article 5. Driveways and Other Access Ways, Section 22-147., Traffic Impact Study Requirements, to Provide for Additional Considerations for Pedestrians and Bicyclists

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN **AGENDA I JULY 11, 2024 BMA MEETING 6:00 PM**

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda **III. Approval of Minutes**

A. June 27, 2024 IV. Mayor's Report

- A. Parks & Recreation
- **Month Proclamation B. Public Relations Day Proclamation**
- C. Parks and Athletics Council update
- D. Arts & Beautification Committee update
- E. Visual Resources Review
- **Board** update F. Museum Committee update
- V. Resolutions & Ordinances
- A. Ordinances 1. Second Reading
- a) Ordinance 24-09, Ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 103, Aquatic Buffers and

Chapter 111, Stormwater Management Control by deleting chapters in their entirety and substituting new language for Chapter 111, Stormwater Management Control

2. First Reading

a) Ordinance 24-11, an ordinance on first reading to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 22 – Article 5. Driveways and Other Access Ways, Section 22-147., Traffic Impact Study Requirements, to Provide for Additional Considerations for Pedestrians and **Bicyclists**

VI. Business Items

A. Approval of Contract #2024-17 for Synthetic Ice Rink Rental and Services

VII. Citizens Forum VIII. Town Administrator's Report

IX. Town Attorney's Report

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