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Lane of respect

A Town of Farragut Proclamation stating that beginning Wednesday, July 10, the drive connecting Farragut High School and North Campbell Station Road would be named Eddie Courtney Lane was presented to Courtney, right, a highly successful retired football head coach/teacher also known for his character, by Mayor Ron Williams during the July 10 ceremony at the Town's Outdoor Classroom. (See story and additional photos beginning

Alan Sloan

Confusion over traffic amendment has citizens upset with 4-0 BOMA vote

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Confusion over an ordinance change left some residents asking Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen to postpone action during its meeting Thursday, July 11.

However, the Board voted unanimously (4-0, Alderman Scott Meyer absent) to approve an ordinance amendment requiring, when a traffic impact study is needed, to "provide additional considerations for pedestrians and bicyclists."

"At the Board of Mayor and Aldermen Strategic Planning Retreat earlier this year, one of the top priorities under the "Advancing a High-Quality and Well-Maintained Community" critical success factor in the Town's strategic plan was to amend the traffic impact study requirements in the "Driveways and Other Access Ways Ordinance" to include pedestrian safety," Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

"The main objective was to ensure that, where traffic impact studies are required, consideration is given to pedestrians and bicyclists," he added. "This would include evaluating existing facilities and addressing any impacts that may result from the action — rezoning, site development, subdivision development, etc.— that required the traffic impact study."

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin pointed

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'EZ does it,' 8-4, to build in Concord

Compromise to 4 pumps, check for unmarked graves; Zoning Appeals is last hurdle

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KNOXVILLE — "EZ does it," by a vote of 8-4 (two absent, one recusing), as Knoxville/Knox County Planning Commission voted to accept EZ Stop's plans for a roughly 7,000-square foot convenience store-restaurant along Concord Road adjacent to 2nd Drive and bordering the Concord Historic District — subject to 14 provisions being met, which include a few changes, during the Thursday afternoon, July 11 meeting

Roughly 20 citizens were on hand in the City/ County Building's Main Assembly Room downtown expressing opposition to EZ Stop's plans cheering whenever a commissioner or an official spoke critically of the plans — with at least one resident occasionally holding up an anti-EZ Stop plans sign.

However, "Approval of the requested fuel station, restaurant and drive-through facility uses, subject to all conditions listed in the Staff Report to ensure the proposed use, is consistent with development standards for uses permitted on review," a KCC Planning press release stated.

The modified changes for the roughly 4.7-acre property, which is zoned Commercial Neighborhood, had three revisions among its 15 conditions: "Condition No. 6 shall be removed (which stated: "The exit onto Second Drive shall be restricted to right turns only using a curbed island"); condition No. 10 stated the requirements "shall be modified to reflect the drive-through facility shall be closed between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. (it was 6 a.m.); this does not otherwise apply to the proposed restaurant's operating hours.'

An additional condition (No. 15) "shall be added to require a preliminary archaeological survey, which could include ground-penetrating radar, review of relevant archives, and other physical investigation prior to disturbance" to check for unmarked graves, given this location borders a graveyard to its east.

The next, and perhaps final step toward break-

See 'EZ DOES IT' on Page 7A

Synthetic 'ice rink' surface rental coming to McGill Plaza

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Since Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen discussed the feasibility of adding an ice rink as one of the Town's amenities during its retreat in February, that idea is gaining some weight.

The Board, at its meeting Thursday, July 11, voted 3-1 to approve a contract bid to install a synthetic ice rink rental and services at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza, 11409 Kingston Pik, from Nov. 22 through Jan. 4, 2025. Cost is \$54,999.

"Staff and Board have received requests and feedback from the community to provide an ice rink for recreational use during the holiday season,"

Parks and Recreation director Ron Oestreich said. When Town staff reached out to Cool Sports, he said they learned "rinks with real ice required compressors and a resurfacing machine, which drives up the cost."

So, "after much research, it was determined that a synthetic ice surface rental would be the most beneficial for the Town regarding upkeep, operations and overall cost," Oestreich said.

"The contract includes installation and breakdown of the 33-foot-by-53foot surface, rental skate and an operational manager to oversee the rink," he

According to the contract, the rink will be located in the west parking lot adjacent to Village Green shopping cen-

After receiving two bids — Chill Entertainment Inc. for \$59,999 and Rinks-R-Us LLC for \$54,999, recommended – and the Board approved — accepting Rinks-R-US LLC's

lower bid. Those in favor, against rink

However, there was pushback. "To me, this is outrageous," resident Steve Williams said. "We're going to spend money on an ice rink that's fake ice."

Alderman David White agreed it would bring "more activity to the neighborhood," but asked about liability and necessity issues: "We need to spend our money on things that help the citizens, not for people to play, recreate, maybe get hurt. ... I'm not for it at all.' On the other hand, "I think this (syn-

thetic ice rink) will be a wonderful asset, in addition to our Light the Park that we do, which also costs quite a bit of money," Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said. "It will bring more activity to the area ... I'm fine with it."

"Believe it or not, we have a lot of people in our Town that want this to happen," Mayor Ron Williams said. "... We're spending money for our people."



1971) who went on to All-SEC punting success as a Tennessee Vol before being the Minnesota Vikings punter in Super Bowl XI, became a popular fixture at FHS as an in-school suspension supervisor/substitute teacher for more than 30 years. He died last week.

"Not only was he one of the best athletes ever to be at Farragut High School, but just had a great sense of humor and nature about himself," said his long-time colleague, Eddie Courtney, a recently retired FHS teacher/football coach. "Everybody enjoyed being around Neil. It was just so sad to see how in the last few months he went down health-wise. ... He didn't deserve that."



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June Sampler champ 'ecstatic'



Photo courtesy of Stephen Krempasky/SF/FBA executive director

Desiree Keener, left, a long-time Farragut resident who works as a software developer, "is ecstatic to be the June winner of Shop Farragut's monthly Town Sampler Contest," said Stephen Krempasky, SF/Farragut Business Alliance executive director. She is pictured at River Dog Bakery with store employee Sam Hull. Her June winnings, more than \$245 in value, are: \$25 gift cards from River Dog, Cracker Barrell, Zaxby's - Turkey Creek, Great Clips, Reckless Hippie, Sir Goony's Family Fun Center, Katy's Hallmark Store and Whit's Frozen Custard; \$20 gift card from Elliott's Boots-Shoes-Sandals and a \$25 gift certificate from Embroidery Boutique plus other Farragut schwag. To enter July contest, https://wfiv.com/contests/52/shop-farragut-july-2024

KCSOreports

• At 10 a.m., Saturday, July 6, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit came upon a 2022 blue Dodge Charger bearing a Florida tag "at the boat ramp located at 10915 Concord Park Drive," a KCSO report stated. "Just previous, 911 received a call from the complainant ... stating two people, a male and a female, were fighting in the vehicle."

The suspects, female driver and male passenger "were separated," the report further stated. The female said "her mother had recently passed away and she was borrowing the vehicle from a friend to drive to her mother's

funeral. (She) denied any domestic assault had occurred between the two. The male, her fiancé, confirmed they had not been physical.

Consent was given to a vehicular search, finding "drug paraphernalia, including numerous baggies, snort spoon and 13 cut straws"

A records check revealed the female "to have an active Capias warrant out of Claiborne County for 'theft of merchandise, possession schedule IV' and 'driving while licence suspended," while 2.26 grams of a crystal-like substance" was found on her person.

She and her fiancé were taken into custody.

Farragut's 2nd Annual Party in Park July 26: 'entertainment, games, musical element'

STAFF REPORTS

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Town of Farragut Parks & Recreation Department and Visit Farragut are teaming up to present 2nd Annual Party in the Park, which will take place from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, July 26, at Founders Park at Campbell Station, 405 N. Campbell Station Road.

"I'm really excited," Town Recreation Event manager Rachel Malone said.

"Last year is the first year it has happened," she added about Party in the Park. "This is a free family-friendly event.

"We came up with it to celebrate National Parks & Rec Month in July. It's part of our Summer Concert Series, so there's a musical element to it, but there'll be a DJ instead of live music."

The party includes "food trucks, entertainment, games and activities for kids of all ages — and kids at heart," Malone said. "No registration is required" to attend.

At the same time, Malone said the DJ will be playing music, as well as facilitating some of the activities.

"We'll have yard games, like

we did for the Bluegrass Summer Solstice," Malone said. "We'll have a couple of craft options for the kids and also food trucks."

In the event of inclement weather, check Farragut Parks & Rec social media for updates. For more information, contact Malone at rmalone@ townoffarragut.org.





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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

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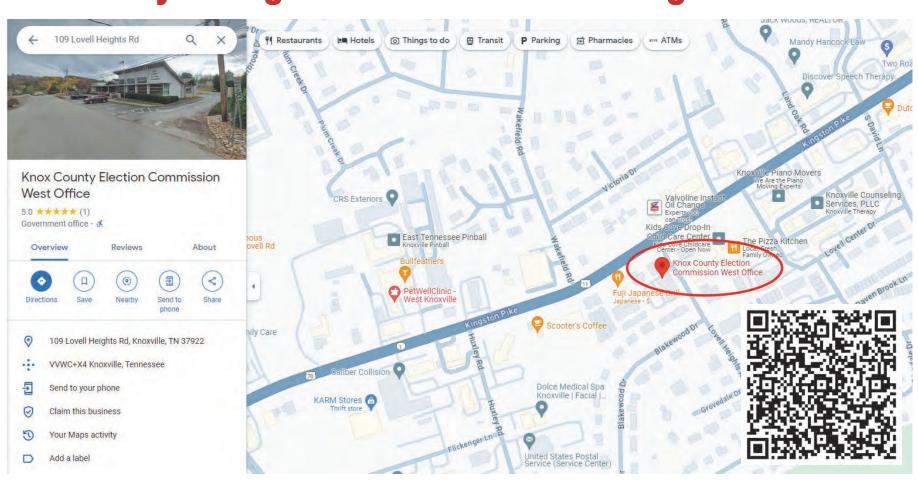


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Presley presses forward with planning goal as new FMPC youth representative

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Farragut High School rising senior Anna Presley will sit alongside Farragut Municipal Planning Commission members when they meet Thursday, July 18.

The Commission appointed her as its youth representative during its June 20 meeting.

"I feel very honored," said Presley, daughter of Travis and Laura Presley. "I'm super-excited to be able to see what it's like and see if that's what I want to do for the rest of my life."

She is looking to pursue a career in sustainable design or urban planning.

"I've wanted to be an urban planner since middle school," Presley said. "I love design; I love planning things, and I really love the outdoors. I'm in a lot of agriculture classes at Farragut High School."

In her application for youth representative, she stated: "In urban planning, there is no way to design the future without sustainability. I want to incorporate my eye for design and planning with sustainable and renewable materials.

"I have always loved learning about the environment and learning how I can make my community a better place," Presley further stated. "...I hope to work with others in designing a better place for our future generations."

As a result, Presley thought serving on FMPC "would be a

great opportunity to see how (planning) works and see if it's something I really want to pursue as a career.

"I just think combining (love of design, organization, people,

being outdoors and sustainability) would be a really good step for me," she added.

Presley said she loves working with people and loves Farragut.



Photo submitted

Farragut High School rising senior Anna Presley will sit alongside Farragut Municipal Planning Commissioners as its new youth representative when they meet Thursday, July 18. "I feel very honored," said Presley, daughter of Travis and Laura Presley.

"Being part of my community is really amazing to me," she said. Regarding her opportunity to serve on FMPC, Presley said her

parents love it.

"My mom is super-excited for me, and my dad thinks it's really

cool," she said. "He used to work at the Town of Farragut, so he's really excited."

Presley hopes to learn "how everything works, learn how to

work better with people and just what to expect if I pursue this kind of career and how the Town of Farragut works so hard

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Confusion

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out that federal mandates require the Town to include such considerations in its ordinances for pedestrians and cyclists.

The action, on first reading, followed residents' objections to the change (Municipal Code, Chapter 22-Article 5, regarding driveways and other access ways).

"I'm really not surprised of the language," resident Greg Wiberley countered. "It's a thinly disguised attempt to take land where you all didn't succeed back in 2022 by way of easement.

"When you say you make

these ordinances in the benefit of the Town of Farragut, I haven't felt the love over the years," he added.

Wiberley referred to 2022, when he received a notice "you want(ed) to take an easement on my property, knowing the greenway is only specified for subdivisions.

"There's contiguous subdivisions between (my) farm and the park," he added. "You all didn't bother to put a greenway through those; no, you want to come through my property—private, residential, single-family agriculture property. It seemed to me there was no authority there."

Regarding the traffic study

ordinance amendment, "I don't see that it's a reasonable thing," Wiberley said. "I think this ordinance needs revision considering the action people on Turkey Creek are taking. I think you ought to table it, revisit it, look at the language."

"I'm kind of hearing a theme," resident Steve Williams said. "The theme is the people who have been here, the citizens, we don't feel any love from you guys.

"We think we're being abused," he added. "... the whole thing of this sidewalk, you're getting most of your money from (Tennessee Department of Transportation) coming in grants. Hey, I think

you guys are smart (but) ... you're getting ready to find out a lot of grant money, you're violating the state law by getting these grants.

"That's going to end. You're going to have to stick with the law and do what's right."

Mike Mitchell also asked for a postponement on the ordinance change. "Now is not the time to vote on this," he said. "I think it's premature."

At that point, Alderman David White declared, "I'm thoroughly confused," asking for specifics on the ordinance.

Povlin clarified: "This is about traffic study; it's not about taking land, it's not about building something. It's about doing a traffic study and directing the whole transportation network."

Shipley explained the Town requires a traffic study when a development, whether residential or commercial, would affect travel and traffic on a road. The amendment would require a traffic study not only looking at vehicles traveling, but also pedestrians and cyclists.

"It's not promoting developing property or doing any trail," Shipley added.

Mayor Ron Williams said the study would require counting not just the vehicles traveling a road, but also the pedestrians walking and cyclists traveling on that road.





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Praise is poured out for Vice Mayor Povlin

Thank you for your service Vice Mayor!

As election time comes near, it is the best time to reeducate ourselves on what it takes to serve on the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

These are unpaid positions that require a lot of work to do correctly – not just attending Board meetings but reading; researching; going to classes for municipal elected officials; representing the Town in the larger political realm at county, state and federal levels; attending Town social functions and ribbon cuttings; serving as the Board representative on Town committees; responding to constituent and business owners' concerns and questions; and so much more.

their egos.

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These positions come with no paycheck, no mileage reimbursements, no dedicated donation account (as is the custom in other elected bodies) and has less power than one would assume (because you are one vote of five and must convince at least two other board members that your position is the best course of action and do it in a public setTown have no control; be publicly harassed for speaking your mind and voting in a way that a person or group is unhappy about; be personally attacked; and sometimes have flat-out lies told about you. It's often a wonder to me that anyone ever files to run for these positions.

See LETTER, POVLIN on Page 6A

presstalk

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• In response to (the July 3) Letter to the Editor, I want to address the comments that there are no more apartments planned for the Town of Farragut, and that Town plans and ordinances have been amended that further protect the Town from multifamily developments in the Town Center District.

The Town Center District Zoning Ordinance, paragraph C.11, allows for "Residential/provided located in the upper stories." In the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Table 3.1, the TCD Zoning District is the closest aligned district to the Mixed-Use Town Center Area with a residential density range of 8-to-15 units per

The C-1 Zoning Ordinance, paragraph F.2.m, allows for the

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Have You Heard? Oh - and yes, you will receive lots of phone calls, emails and texts from very unhappy people, often about items over which you or the **Eminent domain potential challenged** The article entitled "Neal, 3 Regarding this latter legishouseholds take Town (Farralation, there is clarity regardgut) to court" as it appeared in ing intent to protect personal your paper, farragutpress, of properties from taking by July 10, 2024, is of noteworthy overzealous municipalities. interest to all residents of Far-Indeed, it appears that in Farragut's case, shifty people As you interestingly point are shifting the language as a out, the taking of one's propmatter of subverting the clear erty for any purpose can be reintent of the law, an intent Visit Us At markably stressful and finanof this statute replacement to protect persons' property lackJules.com cially painful for all parties. It appears from this article from exactly this behavior. that the Town patriarchs and As a matter of purpose re-FOLLOW US garding the taking of such matriarch have overstepped @JackJulesKnox property, in the instance of @JackandJulesConsignment I have had a chance to reprohibition of such taking by Shop July 26th, 12 - 4 the city of Farragut, who is view the evolution of eminent SALE HOURS: Thursday and Friday: 10 am to 8 pm domain extending from the hurt? Who suffers? Whose life and a portion of the proceeds Saturday: 10 am to 4 pm - 1/2 Price Event 2013 review by the Intergovefforts will be displaced? Who will benefit: will go to bed hungry? Who ernmental Committee on Emi-**SALE LOCATION:** The Knoxville EXPO Center nent Domain (state of Tenneswill go to bed worse in the ab-Off 640, I-75, and Merchants Drive; 5441 Clinton Hwy., Knoxville see) to and including the April sence of the new pathway?

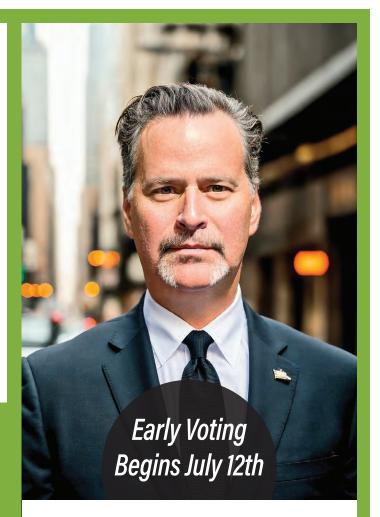
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Letter, Povlin

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What is the upside?

I believe that for (Vice Mayor) Louise Povlin, the upside is the dedication to help further a community that 44 years ago decided it was going to chart its own course.

And she has done an amazing job in the past eight years as alderman/vice mayor and the years before that serving on Town committees. Regardless of whether you agree with the way she has voted at times, you cannot ignore the countless hours and undying energy that she has poured into her work for the Town.

She has been (and I'm guessing will continue to be) one of the Town's greatest cheerleaders. And she has held her head high as she has received more than her fair share of criticism and personal attacks.

Before my retirement last year as an employee of the Town of Farragut, I was fortunate to work with dozens of elected Town of Farragut officials for 32 years.

I can tell you that I have been extremely impressed with the vast majority of them – giving their time and energy, many while still working and having a family life.

I haven't always agreed with their decisions, but with a few notable exceptions I have always respected and appreciated their willingness to serve their community.

and McFee Road, I support the Turkey Creek Greenway extension. Like many others, we are isolated between two very short gaps in the greenway, including the dangerous curve near the bridge at the west end of Turkey Creek Road.

We would love to be able to walk or ride safely to get to the parks that our tax dollars support (Anchor, The Cove, McFee) and other amenities.

Despite being so close, we can't reach any of them without walking in the road, which will become even more dangerous with new development. Economic studies show that the presence of a greenway increases property values.

Nevertheless, a handful of property owners are litigating the extension along Turkey

And Louise Povlin is at the top of this list. So please join me in thanking her for her service, her commitment and the sacrifice of her personal life for the greater good. Not many of us are willing to do that.

One last request for the upcoming Farragut election. When you cast your vote, make sure that you are voting for someone who is willing to put in the time and do all the work to educate themselves and not just show up for meetings ill prepared and ignorant.

This type of behavior makes the Town look bad to others and is not helpful to you and vour fellow residents.

Thank you, Louise Povlin!

Sue Stuhl, Farragut

Presley

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with everything they do, all the decisions they make and how they come to conclusions about that."

Besides serving the Town, Presley has served as FHS's Student Government Association Junior Class president, a member of Future Farmers of America and is a youth group leader in her church.

"Out of the 510 students in the Class of 2025, Anna Presley is one of the kindest students I have had the privilege of working with," stated the rising senior's sponsor. Rachel Bast, AP coordinator and Class of 2025 counselor, in a letter to FMPC.

"Since her freshman year, she has had clear passions and ambitions and has taken the steps she needed to take to reach her goals," Bast further stated about Presley.

"Anna is mature beyond her years and has grown into a strong, independent young woman who advocates for herself and is capable of handling challenges."

Specifically, "Anna can be described as a passionate, determined and disciplined student," Bast stated. "With a 4.22 GPA. Anna is in the top 30 percent of an extremely competitive (rising senior) class. She has taken 10 Honors classes, five Advanced Placement classes and multiple dual enrollment college courses."

Presstalk

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same type of vertical mixeduse development that could allow apartments on the upper

The density of those apartments would be a question to be determined. Furthermore, in the proposed Town Center Vision Plan, there are portions of the Ford property that call for vertical mixed use (i.e., residential above com-

Regardless of the assurances, it seems the Vision Plan Steering Committee has left the door open to additional apartments on the Ford property through their inclusion of vertical mixed-use in the commercial areas.

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EARLY VOTING: JULY 12 - 27 Change in West Early Voting Location: 109 Lovell Heights Road

'EZ does it'

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ing ground, is if the EZ opponents and their legal team appeal this Planning Commission decision and "file an appeal to the Knox County Board of Zoning Appeals within 30 days of the date of the Planning Commission meeting," the KKCP release stated. "The developer may apply for permits with the County 30 days after the date of the date of the Planning Commission meeting (if) no appeal has been filed. If an appeal is filed, no permits will be issued until after the BZA has made a decision."

The other conditions placed upon EZ Stop by KKC Planning staff also included No. 2: "There shall be no more than four gas pumps (dispensers) with no more than two points of sale per gas pump," which was reduced from the original plan to have seven pumps and 14 points of sale.

Among the comments and recommendations from Mike Roberts, KKC Planning principal planner representing staff and its recommendations, was that EZ Stop's staff-recommended reduction from seven to four pumps was done to reflect more of a "neighborhood" convenience store.

Other conditions included:

3) Before grading permits are issued, a revised landscape plan must be submitted to and approved by Planning staff and tree protection fencing must be installed as proposed on the landscape plan. The revised landscape plan must include the following:

(a) Additional evergreen trees along the eastern portion of the 2nd Drive frontage to screen the business and site lighting from the residential uses on the south side of 2nd Drive.

(b) The healthy, mature trees to be retained along the east property line must be located and labeled on the landscape plan, including their size ... and species.

(c) A landscape architect

must provide written documentation explaining how the existing trees and new vegetation meet the intent of the CN zone's landscape screening requirement.

5) The widening of 2nd Drive east of the driveway shall be tapered to the existing condition as close to the proposed driveway as possible, with review and approval by Knox County Engineering and Public Works during permitting.

8) Installing a sidewalk on 2nd Drive and the on-site side-

walks to the business entrances from the 2nd Drive and Concord Road sidewalks.

9) All site lighting that is pole- or building-mounted shall have a maximum height of 15 feet from the finished grade, excluding the lighting installed on the underside of the gas pump canopy. All light fixtures shall be full cut-off and installed with the light source perpendicular to the support structure or otherwise parallel to the ground if mounted to underside of a roof or canopy.

11) The drive-through outdoor speaker(s) shall meet the following operational standards to include: (a) Specified to have a sound output of 75 (seventy-five) decibels.

While the property's Neighborhood Commercial zoning required a maximum of 5,000 square feet for any business, EZ Stop attorney Ben Mullins said the firewall separating the convenience store and restaurant made them separate businesses, and therefore within the 5,000 limit.

Letter-court

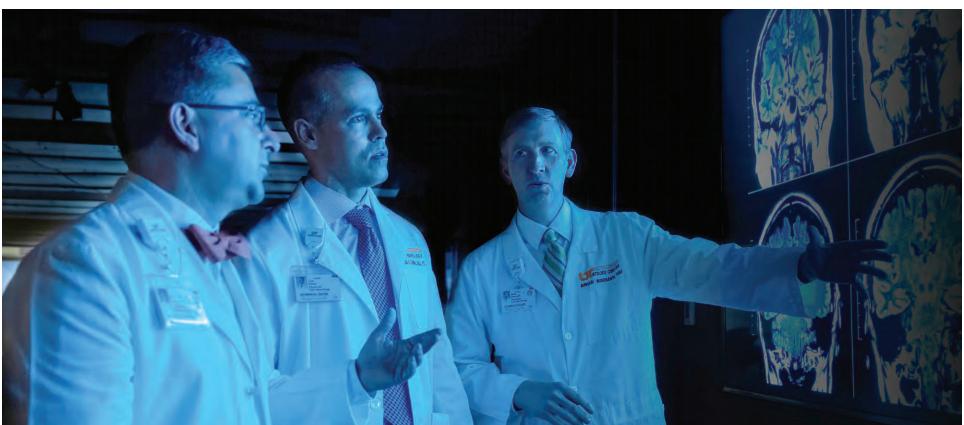
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Absolutely no one! Any notion to the contrary can only be construed as ego sophistry and arrogance.

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Super Chix aims for fall opening

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As Biddle Farms Town Center builds out, Super Chix Chicken & Custard owners are looking forward to an early fall opening.

"We started the interior build-out already," said Hemanshu Patel, one of Super Chix's franchise managing partners. "It's going well, but we're probably still (looking at) early fall. I'm hoping (for) a late September into early October opening.

"Biddle Farms Town Center is exactly what Farragut needs as a community," Patel added. "I think it's going to be really nice, very pedestrianfriendly and (a place) for people to hang out, including high school kids, all the families who live in there ... and all the people who are passing along Kingston Pike going further

"For a town like Farragut to have something like this, it's special because it's a growing community and I don't think it's stopping anytime soon."

Super Chix, a franchise headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah, has only one other Tennessee location: Clinton



Super Chix Chicken & Custard franchise owners are hoping for a September or early October opening of its Farragut location in Biddle Farms Town Center.

Highway, which opened three years ago. He said there are four locations in Alabama, a couple in North Carolina, "some" in South Carolina and in Georgia (Atlanta).

"It's a small brand" he noted. adding the managing partners for the Farragut franchise have lived in Knoxville

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businessbriefs

Knoxville professionphotographer Colby McLemore, owner of Colby's Photos & Videos in Knoxville, recently was re-elected to the Professional Photographers of

America Council for fourth three-year term.

PPA is the largest and longest-standing photography trade organization in the world.



PPA council members are professional photographers who volunteer to guide and act as the voice for their state's PPA members. Duties include discussing and voting on changes to the bylaws and the association's leadership (via the election of the nominating committee and the board of directors). McLemore also is active in both the state's and region's trade organizations, serving as secretary for Tennessee Professional Photographers Association and chair for Professional Photographers of East Tennessee. He has earned an industry master's degree, a craftsman's degree, five specialty certifications and a drone pilot license.

Knoxville Family Justice Center has announced the recent appointment of Michelle Clayton as its new executive **director**. Clayton brings more than 14 years of leadership ex-

perience in educational settings and nonprofit organizations, extensive strategic partnerships and nonprofit leadership exper-

Most recently serving as vice

president of development and strategic partnerships at Knoxville Area Urban League, Clayton demonstrated exceptional leadership



in expanding revenue streams, fostering high-level partnerships and implementing strategic initiatives.

Before her role at KAUL, Clayton held several leadership positions within Knox County Schools, including assistant principal roles at Knoxville West, Knoxville Central and Austin-East high schools.

In 2019, she was appointed executive principal at Richard Yoakley Alternative School, where she spearheaded staff development and utilized data-driven strategies to enhance educational outcomes.

Her career also includes serving as correctional principal at Mountain View Youth Development Center, focusing on curriculum development for incarcerated youth and leading the education program at Florence Crittenton Agency for youth battling substance addictions.

Dove brings her experience to Bloom Beauty Salon

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Kelsey Dove brings her 20 years of haircare experience to her new salon, Bloom Beauty Salon, in Studios West, 10843 Kingston Pike Suite 14, that opened Tuesday, July 2.

"I love it," she said about opening at Studios West. "I enjoy peing around people and doing what I love."

While she provides haircuts, Dove's specialties are hair extensions, for which she has been certified for 18 years.

"I am well-versed in several methods of extensions, which is my passion," she said.

Dove also specializes in smoothing and color, using All Nutrient coloring products.

"I'm really into the all-natural hair color," she said. "(All Nutrient) is the best."

Dove added that product is "one of the longest-lasting color lines, which is a natural organic color line that repairs the hair with certified organic natural butters, essential oils and extracts."

"I do the Bra-Additionally, zilian blow-out," she said. "It's a smoothing treatment."

Regarding cuts, "I've kept up and done extra training for that," Dove added, noting she does cuts for all types of hair, "even curly."

Before opening Dove's salon, this mother of four took some time off from her business to

have a baby three years ago and another two years ago.

Raising four children while deciding to return to the salon business. Dove said she was ready to get back to work.

She previously had Salon West off Middlebrook Pike, then moved to Elite Suites before her hiatus.

"I was excited to open my own suite again," the new owner said. "It was a lot to get

started." Dove said she knew a woman who had a salon at Studios

West and loved it. Her business is by appointment only. To book appointments, text Dove at

account, Bloom Beauty.



After taking time to raise her four children, Kelsey Dove has opened a new salon, Bloom Beauty Salon, in Studios West, 10843 Kingston Pike Suite 14, where she specializes in hair

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made to order, and the quality of it is equal or better to any nice restaurant in town.

"You can get any sandwich on the menu; you can get it breaded or you can get it grilled," he added.

The menu's variety of salads include Asian Sesame, house, Nashville hot, Southwest, buffalo ranch and crispy avocado.

As for his potatoes, "We know the farmer in Idaho," Patel said. "We get the potatoes from a specific supplier ... we cut all the potatoes in house and cook or fry them fresh."

For the youngsters, Super Chix carries "kid's meals.

Rural Metro hosts networking



Rural Metro hosted a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking at Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestown Blvd., in late Spring. Welcoming fellow Chamber members were Rural Metro's team, from left, April Caywood; EMS Chief Jerry Harnish; Mike Cohen, owner of Cohen Communications Group; Shane Tullock with Dolly, therapy dog; Mike Arms with Tennessee Strategies senior partner; and Jeff Edwards.

Tammy Cheek



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Eddie Courtney Lane 'Proclaimed' at FHS

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The two lanes of traffic coming to and going from Farragut High School to North Campbell Station Road go by the FHS football fieldhouse and the program's practice fields.

Most appropriate, perhaps, since those two lanes are now known as Eddie Courtney Lane, as decreed by Town of Farragut leaders during a ceremony at the school's Outdoor Classroom (on the corner of the newly named Lane and North Campbell Station) Wednesday morning, July 10.

Town of Farragut Proclamation was read by Mayor Ron Williams on behalf of the entire Board of Mayor and Aldermen, honoring the recently retired FHS Admirals football head coach of 28 years who coached at the school 45 years total, building respect across the state for his winning success and his reputation for integrity on and off the field.

"Whereas Farragut High School football coach Eddie Courtney dedicated his professional life to encouraging and motivating young athletes for 45 seasons; and whereas coach Courtney led the Farragut



On hand to celebrate the naming of Eddie Courtney Lane, the entrance/exit of Farragut High School and North Campbell Station Road, featured the man himself, coach Courtney (fourth from left), who retired after last season with 204 wins in 28 seasons that included the 2016 Class 5A state title, along with Hall of Fame and Coach of the Year honors, plus a handful of region and district championships with deep playoff runs. (Beside coach is his wife. Anita Courtney, with his son, new FHS football head coach Geoff Courtney, holding the sign, left). Administrators are Dr. John Bartlett (far left), school principal, and Donald Dodgen (far right), FHS athletic director.

N Campbell Station B Eddie Courtney Lr

Photos by Alan Sloan

Admirals to victory 204 times since being named head coach in 1996; and whereas Coach Courtney led the Farragut Admirals to its first-ever state championship in 2016, compiling a 14-1 record and defeating Independence High School in

the Blue Cross Bowl.

"And whereas coach Courtney was named Prep Xtra Coach of the Year in 2016; whereas coach Courtney received a Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame and Summit Ignite Greatness Award in 2017; and whereas coach Courtney was inducted into the 2021 Class of Tennessee Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

"And whereas coach Courtney coached over 200 college signees: 47 All-state players, six Mr. Football Finalists and six NFL players; and whereas coach Courtney encouraged all players to excel in academics, be polite, show respect to everyone; and whereas the

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Farragut, HVA and Knoxville Catholic photos courtesy of Ken Leinart

KFOA '24 Media Day

Knoxville Football Officials Association's 2024 Media Day at Three Ridge Golf Course Friday morning, July 11, included six Farragut-area teams with coach and player reps. (Above left) HVA seniors Nathan Holbrook, left, and Michael Stewart. (Above right) Seniors Robbie Jacobs, left, and Bryce Thompson of FHS. (Left) Knoxville Catholic junior offensive linemen Jacob Rice, left, and JR Fowler. (Right) Bearden players, from left, Ethan Couvertiere, Kai Ironside and Drew Parrott interviewed by farragutpress correspondent Ken Lay.





Ex-KCHS star Thornton now at Tennessee

KNOXVILLE more transfer Maeve Thornton, the top-ranked female high School tennis player in Tennessee her senior season at Knoxville Catholic in 2023 – and ranked No. 22 nationally — became the newest member of the University of Tennessee women's tennis program, head coach Alison Ojeda announced recently.

Having three years of collegiate eligibility remaining, "Thornton joins the Lady Vols after a one-year stint at Furman where she ... served as the No. 2 player in the Paladins' lineup in 2024," a UT press release stated. "In doubles, she posted 11 wins while competing with multiple partners, extensively playing alongside Grace Thomas. The duo went



undefeated together, amassing a 9-0 record primarily playing

at No. 3. ... "The Tennessee Player of the Year in 2019, Thornton was Southern's singles champ for 12s, 14s, 16s and 18s, and won the doubles championship for 18s," the release further stated. "She was also a Gold Ball winner at indoor nationals for doubles at the age of 14. ..."

All-American, All-State Farragut baseball, track-field athletes told

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Eli Evans, star third baseman/first baseman on the TSSAA Division I-4A threepeat state champion Farragut Admirals baseball team in 2022, 2023 and the recently completed 2024 season, has been chosen as a Second Team All-American by MaxPreps.

Evans is a rising freshman student/athlete at East Tennessee State University.

TSWA All-State baseball

Five members of the FHS Admirals baseball team have been selected All-State by Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

Honorees are Class of 2024 seniors Evans; Jake Merrick, second baseman (University of Alabama, Birmingham signee); Landis Davila, right fielder (Mississippi State University signees); Lukas Buckner, shortstop (Mississippi State signee) and Class of 2025 pitcher Cole Draper.

TSWA All-State track-field

Led by TSSAA Division I-AAA state cham-

pions Bryce Thompson (shot put, 61-feet-05.75) and Braden Ebbert (3200-meter run, 9:11.04), Farragut High School Track and Field team placed four athletes on the Tennessee Sports Writers Association All-State Team.

Also included were Katie Edmunds (second statewide in pole vault) and Evan Beeler (a close second statewide in 800 run).

Thompson also was named All-state in discus (second statewide).



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Courtney's Lane

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legacy of coach Courtney will continue at Farragut High School for years to come because of his positive influence of players and other coaches. ...," the honor was bestowed.

State Rep. Jason Zachary (R-District 14) said the Tennessee General Assembly Resolution honoring Courtney "was voted on unanimously by the House of Representatives."

The resolution recognitions also included that he "coached in 61 percent of all football games in Farragut High School history ... stating his 204 career victories "ranks him in the 96th percentile in terms of total wins by any coach in the state in the history of the state of Tennessee."

Other honors recognized in this resolution included that "Farragut Mayor Ron Williams declared Friday, Jan. 28, as Eddie Courtney Day in honor of his 28 years as head coach...."

Drew Burnette, a standout player under Courtney who went on to be a kicker at Carson-Newman University, said he "had the distinct honor and privilege to play for coach Courtney about (25) years ago.

"... And so there's been a lot of history that I've been able to experience with coach Courtney," he added.

Also praising the late Ken Sparks (his coach at C-N who was head coach from 1977 thru 1979 at FHS), "Farragut High School has birthed two of the most tremendous coaches in the entire world: not in the county, not in the state, but anywhere on the face of the planet. I had the distinct privilege to play for both of these coaches ...," Burnette said.

"What it is, is these coaches—coach Courtney and coach Sparks—cared more about the players off the field than they did on the field (successwise)," he added. "... The number of conversations I've had with coach Courtney of 'how's

your family? How's your faith? How you doing off the field?'

"Those are the things that translate into lifelong success in a job, being a husband, raising a family. ... It's why I placed him in that tier with Ken Sparks of this world, for his integrity and the way he cares about kids."

As for being surprised, "Wow, I thought I was coming down here to see Bud (McKelvey, Town Public Works director) about something," Courtney said. "I had no idea."

This honor "means the world to me because Farragut allowed me to be a part of this community, the school and Knox County Schools," he added. "Whenever I've asked the Town for something, you've always stepped up to help me. I appreciate all that."

Referring to the 2024 FHS football players lined up behind the ceremony podium, "It's about these guys ... I've had a chance to be a part of their life; been blessed to do that," the honoree said. "... All you folks have been my friends, supporters and all that. I appreciate you so much. ... This is special because it's people that you're around all the time. ... I'm very blessed.

"I'm a two-time cancer survivor, still going," he added. "God's still got a reason

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Turning to his family, which includes new Admirals football skipper Geoff Courtney, Eddie's son, "Thank you, Anita, for all those years, for allowing me to do something that I really wanted to do," the honoree said to his devoted wife during his address. "I spent a lot of time away from her and my daughter, Megan.

"... I look around and see more and more people," Courtney added. "All the coaches over here, and staff. I know you're going to keep this thing going, doing it the right way.

"... Thank you very much, everybody, I appreciate it so much."

"I've talked to men all over this state and all over the country that when you talk about Eddie Courtney, they talk about the impact that he's made in our lives and even beyond just the area," Dr John Bartlett, FHS principal, said.

"He is a legend; he's more than just a coach, he's a great gentleman," said Donald Dodgen, the school's athletic director. "He represents our school and our community so very well. We're so proud of him."

Susan Horn, Knox County Board of Education District 5 rep, said about Courtney, "The impact that he's had on young men in the Farragut community over the years is immeasurable."

Lion of a catch, 7-on-7



Alan Sio

This catch for a touchdown by Kohbe Ward, a Concord Christian School rising freshman receiver, might have been the best during the two-day Knox Classic 2024 7-on-7 Tournament at Powell High School Thursday and Friday, July 11-12, in a contest against Gibbs. The CCS Lions are taking a major step this season in the process toward reviving their status as a TSSAA varsity football program — with five varsity opponents —under new head coach Steve Matthews. Other local participants were Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Bearden, Knoxville Catholic and Webb School.



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One final 'chalk & shades' look at Town's Independence Day Parade

Among an estimated 6,000 attendees during annual Town of Farragut Independence Day Parade Thursday, July 4, were several chalk artists, along with lots of folks choosing cool eye protection on what turned out to be a hot and sunny morning on and near Kingston Pike, the parade's normal route, which began at Lendon Welch Way and headed west to just beyond Boring Road in the Ingles shopping center.

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Emmaline Wendell, 11





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Gracie Galloway, 4, and Benjamin Galloway, 6



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Local DAR promotion

Tennessee's DAR chapters, 94, including local Bonny Kate, tout 'Patriots to Pioneers, the First Tennessee Volunteers' recent book

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As the nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States of America, Tennessee Society Daughters of the American Revolution recently encouraged celebrations in towns, cities and counties throughout the state.

A notable effort undertaken by the 94 Tennessee DAR chapters is their recently published book, "Patriots to Pioneers, the First Tennessee Volunteers," which is a collection of stories of patriots who served in the Revolutionary War to gain U.S. independence and then became the founders and settlers of Tennessee, according to a press release.

Regent Christine Gordon, alongside several members of the Bonny Kate Chapter, NSDAR of Knoxville, presented seven copies of this book Friday, May 31m to Knox County Public Library, which was represented by Melissa Kelley, assistant director for Knox County Public Library's Collections & Access Service, and Jamie Osborn, library reference service manager, in preparation and celebration of Tennessee Statehood Day Saturday, June 1. These copies were placed in Lawson McGhee, Carter, Bearden, Fountain City, South Knoxville, Karns and Farragut branches.

"The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, helped to fund this gift through America 250! Celebration Grants," the release stated. "The 600-page volume features 372 documented and sourced Tennessee patriot stories, 300 additional proven Tennessee patriot names, beautiful full-color illustrations by renowned historical artist David Wright and others, as well as an introduction and overview of the history of Tennessee's role in the American Revolution and its founding.

"The Tennessee Society is excited to make these stories of the



Patriots and Pioneers of Tennessee available to teachers, librarians and students of American history in locations throughout Tennessee," the release further stated.

As the Bonny Kate Chapter regent, Gordon also is a member of Knox County Council of Regents, comprised of five regent women, one for each Knox County chapter (Andrew Bogle, Bonny Kate, Cavett Station, Emory Road and Samuel Frazier).

KCCOR also donated a copy of "Patriots to Pioneers" to a library official representing McClung Library Collection, which was presented to library manager Eric Dawson Thursday, May 30.

From left, Bonny Kate leaders Hannah Jones, second vice regent; Lyssa McKenry, treasurer; and Christine Gordon, regent, present "Patriots to Pioneers, the First Tennessee Volunteers," to Melissa Kelley, a Knox County Public Library assistant director, second from right; and Jamie Osborn, a library service manager.

50th Anniv Reunion:

FHS '74



the cameraperson's attention.

Farragut High School Class of 1974 enjoyed its 50th Anniversary Reunion at Fox Den Country Club Saturday evening, July 6. There were 84 attending "for a fun night of catching up and reminiscing with old friends," a class press release stated.

"The room was decorated in

Farragut style and displayed memorabilia from 1974, including actual prom dresses and bell-bottom jeans, band instruments, batons, lots of dance pictures and programs from events, old copies of The Crow's Nest and don't forget



(Left) FHS Class of 1974 50th FHS Class of 1974 alumni get Anniversary Reunion Committee women, from left: Becky Blankenship Durrance, Kim Huntley Knott, Joy Georges McCabe, Tricia Lotts Michaels, Suzanne Simpson Robbins and Dale Piper. Men, from left, are Don Amburn, Glen Harness, Leon Willis and Chip Grahm.



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With a 100% pro-life voting record and a history of voting to reduce taxes, Senator Massey has dedicated her life to serving our community. A lifelong businesswoman and more than 20-year director of Sertoma Center serving adults with disabilities, she understands the importance of upholding Tennessee's conservative values.

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· Knoxville Opera announces what it labels a "sensational 2024-25 season lineup, combining classic operatic masterpieces with modern, innovative performances."

The main stage season will set sail Oct. 25 and Oct. 27 with Gilbert and Sullivan's comic gem "The Pirates of Penzance" in historic Tennessee Theatre, Gay Street downtown. "Under the energetic stage direction of Dean Anthony and the musical mastery of conductor Joseph Mechavich, audiences can expect a swashbuckling ride filled with humor, romance and lyrical brilliance that the whole family will love."

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Next spring, May 14 and May 16-18, experience Byron Au Yong and Aaron Jafferis' contemporary "comic-rap-scrapmetal-opera, 'Stuck Elevator'. This unique and impactful theatrical experience, co-produced with Knoxville's River and Rail Theatre Company, will be directed by Keturah Stickann and conducted by the exceptional Judith Yan."

Visit www.knoxvilleopera. org/for tickets or 865-524-0795.

· MEDIC Regional Blood Center and Dollywood celebrate blood donors who make a successful blood donation from Wednesday, July 17, through Friday, July 19.

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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., Sundays 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., 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.



Incoming Rotary Club of Farragut president Scott Bertini, left, received the gavel from Rotary District 6780's new Governor, Rob Dansereau, following an officer installation ceremony Wednes-

Bertini leads new RCF officers for 2024-25 year

TAMMY CHEEK

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Optimism and excitement marked the induction of Rotary Club of Farragut's new president, Scott Bertini, as he and other officers were inducted in Farragut Community Center Wednesday, June 26.

His theme for the club this year is "Proud to be a Rotarian."

... I stand before you today, feeling incredibly honored and humbled to be elected President of Rotary Club of Farragut for the upcoming year," Bertini said, looking forward to RCF success in 2024-25 "with the help and support of the incoming board members, as well as with the expectations I have of leaning on those who have served our club well for so many years."

Rotary Club District 6780's new District Governor, Rob Dansereau, inducted Bertini and his fellow officers: Brian Walker, Vice President; Greg Tilley, Secretary; Steve Krempasky, Treasurer; and Howard Fass, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Dansereau also inducted committee leaders: Jennifer Walker, Public Image Chair, and P.J. Dieffenbach, Co-Chair; Bill Rice, Foundation Chair; Alex Barnwell, Family of Rotary chair; and Jerry Schwallier, Co-Chair; Larry Sheumaker, Membership Chairman, and Denise Bash, Co-Chair; Patrick Finn, Service Projects Chair and Cindy Kraus, Co-Chair; Tom Woodberry, Youth Services Chair, and Sara Branson, Co-Chair; Becky Duncan, Rotary International Chair, and Judith Bradbury, Co-Chair; Stephanie Markowitz, Vocational Service Chair; and Richard Bettis, Co-Chair; John Hoffman, DEI; Craig Donnachie, Fundraising Chair; and Emily Justice, Co-Chair.

"I will do my best to meet the challenge," Bertini said. "Our club has been built on strong leadership foundation, and I am fortunate to have a membership that is fully committed to Rotary's ideal of 'Service above Self.'

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Michael Joseph Gouge was born Sept. 17, 1951, at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, California.

He moved several times in his childhood before moving to Jacksonville, Florida, where he attended middle through high school. His early school years were a struggle, until the light went on in sixth grade. By his senior year in high school, he was president of the Physics Club.

He received an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics, third academically in a class of 889. A Trident and Burke Scholar, Mike taught an undergrad physics class at the Academy in the fall semester following his graduation in June.

Mike was commissioned an Ensign in the U.S. Navy upon graduation and spent the next five years (1973-1978) in active duty. He was stationed in Charleston, South Carolina, serving as an engineering officer on the U.S. George Bancroft, a nuclear submarine, seeing duty from various ports.

In November 1975, Mike married his wife, Anita, and they enjoyed their first years of married life in Charleston.

Mike then began his civilian career in Atlanta, Georgia, where he worked as a senior reactor inspector for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commis-

While in Atlanta, he began his graduate studies in physics at Georgia State University. Then, in 1980, he pursued an opportunity to move more toward research in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Mike continued his graduate studies by pursuing his doctorate in plasma physics at the University of Tennessee, graduating in 1984.

From 1980 to 1986, he was Program Manager and Project Physicist for the U.S. Department of Energy. Mike thoroughly immersed himself in research and was known for his commitment to it. From 1986 into 2011, he was Senior Research scientist and leader of the Applied Superconductivity Group at ORNL.

Afterward, Mike re-entered the U.S. Navv in Reserve Officer status, in which he served proudly until his retirement, as a captain.

in 2004. Mike discerned a

new call in his life for service in the Catholic Church. He had become active in the Knights of Columbus



Michael Gouge

in 1984 at Sacred Heart, serving in various roles over his

In 1989, he founded a conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. He was known for his passionate love and care of the poor, those in need and his unfailing support of the dignity of human life in all stages.

He began studies for the permanent diaconate in 2003 and was ordained a deacon of the Catholic Church in 2007. In 2007, he also began a St. Vincent de Paul conference at St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

Ultimately, Mike served as the first spiritual advisor of this charitable organization for the diocese of Knoxville. With his unabated love

obituary

of learning, he then pursued and received his master's degree in theology from the University of Dallas in 2014. The title of his thesis was "Time, the Second Law of Thermodynamics, and Paul's Letter to the Romans.'

Mike was a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, American Physical Society and the Cryogenics Society of America. His awards included the Best Student in physics and electrical engineering in the Class of 1973, U.S. Naval Academy; from the U.S. Department of Energy, "Engineer of the Year" award in 2000 from ORNL for the superconducting cable program, and "ORNL Science and Technology Group" award in 2006.

He also received the Navy Meritorious Service and Navy Commendation medals for command of two naval reserve units.

Mike was a man of many interests because he never stopped being in wonder of all of creation. His tenacity for truth and learning were exhibited in questions that were incisive.

He was a man of details and enjoyed keeping maintenance of home and yard. Anything nautical provided great interest, as well as leisure, for Mike. Any trip that was in the vicinity of a maritime museum would weave in a stop to linger at the exhibits.

One of his greatest pleasures was sailing, from his years as a midshipman, to later years with his own sailboats.

His attentiveness to details and task management were balanced by a corny sense of humor, and strong appreciation of family and a humility that grew in him over the years. Mike deeply loved his wife, Anita, and their four children. Favorite family times were enjoyed with road trips around the country, visiting many a state park or national park.

Also important were the simple times at home with family and friends. He loved to recite poetry! Mike could not carry a tune, but cheered others with his delight in singing!

His work as a physicist had brought much travel, in the U.S. and abroad. He and Anita were able to attend the beatification of Saints Louis and Zelie Martin in France.

He devoured books and learning all his life, even in his last months, when so many abilities had been lost.

Mike never lost his trademark trait of being fully engaged, curious and thinking one step ahead. His last new book was a newly published one of science and faith.

Even in his decline through years of suffering with Parkinson's and Lewy Body diseases, he held on to his dignity and vocation of being husband, father, grandfather and brother, with remarkable rootedness in faith and deepening love with humble perseverance.

He was greatly blessed in his very difficult last two years with the amazing outpouring of visitors who stopped by, and no matter how he felt, giving ever more blessings.

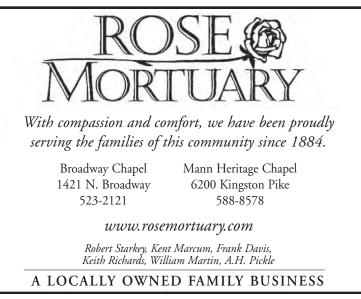
Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd W. Gouge (from Erwin) and Violet C.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 48 years, Anita, and their four children: Kevin Gouge, Lenore (John) Pacitti, Daniel (Christina) Gouge and Tim (Chelsea) Gouge. He also is survived by his grandchildren: Dominic, Rosemary and Cecilia Gouge; Claire, Nicholas and Lucy Pacitti; and his siblings and spouses: Susan (Bill) Carter, Sandy White, Sharon Gouge and David (Lynn) Gouge.

Special thanks go to Northshore Heights Senior Living and their staff; Cornerstone Caregiving with their help in his final weeks; and loving family and friends, so attentive in visiting and prayerful support; among them, those who were so generous in frequently bringing the Eucharist.

Father John Dowling - main celebrant, with Father John concelebrating; other priests and deacons.

In lieu of flowers, charitable donations may be made to: St. Vincent de Paul Society, Franciscan University of Steubenville, St. John Neumann Catholic Church Faith Formation or Building Fund or another charity in the Diocese of Knoxville.







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Farragut Lions '24-25 officers



Alan Sloa

Farragut Lions Club installed its officers for the 2024-25 Lions Year during its bi-monthly meeting Tuesday evening, June 26, in Mimi's Cafe along Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek — doing so near the end of a busy agenda. From left are Dave Crawford, Past District Governor; Kathleen Holmes, Tail Twister; Tyler Hunsaker, President; Miles Gardner, 1st Vice President; Tom Nitz, Lion Tamer,; and Jerry Griffin, Immediate Past President. Not present were Michael Raby, 2nd Vice President; Ann Raby Sanders, Secretary; and Ashley Lynch, Membership Chair. This Club also is gearing up early for its annual FLC Car Show, which is set for Saturday, Sept. 28 (more details to follow).

New RCF officers

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"I truly do love the Rotary Club of Farragut, its members and what we stand for," the new RCF president added.

As part of the end-of-theyear meeting, past president David Bluford highlighted the club's 2023-2024 accomplishments under the leadership of past president Valerie Privett and president-elect Teri Jo Fox: fundraising events, such as Singo, a Topgolf tournament, and School of Rock concert; community events, such as Walk for Water and Ringing of the Bells; service projects at Wesley House, Ridgedale Alternative School and Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

Looking forward, Bertini said he is "extremely excited and optimistic about all the great things our club will accomplish this year.

"We just want to move forward and focus on a lot of the positive reasons that we're here," he added.

The new president also has a goal of building the club with new members; have interesting, fun and uplifting programs; and make lasting impressions on youth.

Bertini, who joined the club in 2020, was Vice President for the 2023-24 year and Service Projects Chair prior to that.

"I love our service projects that we do throughout our community. I love that our club feels like a family and that we're all here to support our community and one another," he said, adding he joined RCF because "I wanted the opportunity to be part of something that was bigger than myself."

Bertini, a commercial storage consultant and account manager for East Tennessee with Patterson Pope, and wife, Sarah Bertini, are the parents of twins Noah and Anniston, 8, who attend Northshore Elementary School.



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Susan B. Fleenor, a most beloved wife, mother, sister and dedicated follower of Jesus, passed away on July 9, 2024, at the age of 68. After a fearless year-long journey with metastatic breast cancer, she was called home to heaven with her family by her side.

Susan was born on Nov. 4, 1955, in Sheffield, Alabama. Susan's life is celebrated for her unwavering faith, commitment to her family and service to others.

Susan graduated from Rockwood High School and went on to earn her degree from the University of Tennessee. However, she remained a loyal University of Alabama fan for her

gut, Tennessee, where she became a cherished member of her church and community.

A devoted mother, Susan poured her love and energy

into raising her two children, Mark and Rebecca, and into the lives of her friends and those around her. Her life was a testament to God through her service to others and her love for Jesus. She loved God's word and used her gift of teaching to touch many lives.

Susan B. Fleenor



a third-grade teacher at Ridgeview Elementary School. Susan used her profound

knowledge and love of Scripture, touching the lives of many women and children as both a leader in Bible study fellowship and then as the Pre-School director at Christ Covenant Church.

In recent years, Susan and Mike made precious memories traveling the world, through mission trips with their church, the Jesus Film Project and other mission organizations. Their travels to help

spread the Gospel message took them to China, India, Afghanistan, Greece, Romania, Honduras, Costa Rica, Mexico, Peru, Spain and Israel.

She leaves behind her loving husband, Mike Fleenor, her son, Mark Fleenor (Ruthann), her daughter, Rebecca Russell (Austin), her brother, Jimmy Batchelor (Gay Dawn); and nieces Allison Boster (Garrett) and Casey Miles (Christopher). Susan is preceded in death by her mother, Faye Batchelor, and father, Tommy Batchelor.

Her family and friends celebrate the gift that she was to those who knew her, and look forward to seeing her again next to her Lord and Savior.

A celebration of Susan's life

will be held at Christ Covenant Church in Farragut beginning at noon, Saturday, July 20. Visitation with the family will be from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested for some of Susan's favorite ministries Christ Covenant Church, 12915 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, 37934, Christian Embassy (888-278-7233) and Jesus Film Proj-(https://www.jesusfilm. org/give/ways-to-give/memorials-living-tributes/memorial-form/).

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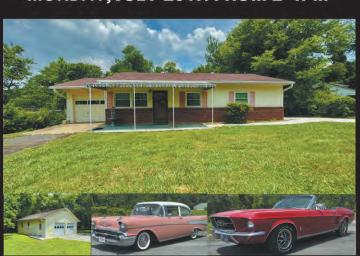


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Stormwater Management Control by deleting chapters in

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- 2. Ordinance 24-14, an Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund budget, passed by Ordinance 24-07

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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

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

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)

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

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

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

State General

Supreme Court - At Large Dwight Tarwater Vote for One (1) Shall Dwight Tarwater be

retained in office as a Judge of

the 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 of Criminal Appeals,

Western District, or be replaced? ☐ Retain

☐ Replace

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Auction Kicks Off ahead of October

Back in it's 37th year, on Thursday, October 3, the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce invites you to participate in its largest annual signature event The Auction: Charity Gala & Dinner Affair. As a 501(c)(06) not-for-profit organization that relies heavily on member investments, the auction is the highlight of the year representing participation of 300+ local businesses.

The auction committee, headed up by chair, Stacy Madar - Pinnacle Financial Partners, and vice-chair, Ange Quist - AdMedia Solutions, already started has contacting businesses throughout the chamber to participate through sponsorship, item donation, and ticket purchases. This year, the committee is excited to again donate 20% of item sales AND 20% of net operating proceeds to member nonprofit, Smoky Mountain Service Dogs (SMSD), whose mission is to facilitate a better life for veterans through canine companionship and service. SMSD trains mobility assistance service dogs for qualifying veterans where canine assistance is appropriate, like balance assistance, picking up dropped items, etc. Each dog is given to the approved veteran at NO COST, with a puppy receiving upwards of \$25,000 in care and training prior to placement. A portion of proceeds also supports

A portion of proceeds also supports our ongoing Grants Programs, providing reimbursement grants of up to \$500 for Chamber members, and The Auction allows us to expand our services to local and small businesses without added cost to them.

How can you help? Sponsor: Sponsorships are available

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Game Changers

The Economic Impact of Sports Complexes



The upcoming morning Speaker Series on Wednesday, August 28, promises to be an informative and enlightening event for local business leaders and community members alike. "Game Changers: The Economic Impact of Sports Complexes" will delve into the transformative effects of sports venues on local economies, particularly Knox County as a whole and the western region of the county encompassing the Town of Farragut.

Scheduled at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the Speaker Series boasts a lineup of industry experts from across Tennessee. Speakers include representatives from Flatrock Motorsports, Boyd Sports, and The Maddox Companies.

Tim Chandler, VP of Marketing, Flatrock Motorsports, will give insights about the up and coming private motor club and world-class Formula 1 racetrack venue com-

ing to Rockwood, TN (just west of nearby Roane County) and how the high-octane world of motorsports will have economic ripple effects on our area.

Doug Kirchofer, CEO, Boyd Sports, will talk about the much-anticipated Tennessee Smokies Baseball stadium, which is making a grand return to downtown Knoxville in 2025, will share their expertise on the revitalization and community impact of sports facilities such as the stadium.

Steve Maddox, President, & Dalton Maddox, VP, The Maddox Companies will showcase their 260+ acre project, Prosperity Crossing, a sprawling mixed-use sports development set to include sports complexes, a hotel/event center, retail spaces, and office facilities. Their presentation will highlight the synergy between sports infrastructure and economic prosperity.

With a maximum capacity of 150 attendees, this highly anticipated event is already over two-thirds sold out. The Chamber encourages interested individuals to secure their spots soon to avoid missing out on this unique opportunity. Reservations are \$40 for members, \$50 for non-members and a handful of table sponsorships remain for \$500 (members only). Tickets/Tables can be reserved at www.farragutchamber.com > Events > Chamber Calendar. A full breakfast is

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2024 Speaker Series:

East Tennessee's Child Care Crisis – June 5, 2024. Sponsored by Knox County, Town of Farragut, East TN Health Plan, Kids Cove Drop-In Child Care, Stockton Mortgage, Woolf McClane.



(L-R) Panelists Bart McFadden - Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley, Becky Massey - State Senator, Moderator, Brittany Tarwater WVLT Channel 8 News, and panelist Matt Ryerson - United Way of Greater Knoxville smile for a group photo after addressing key issues regarding the current childcare challenges in the East Tennessee area.



Over 70 attendees listen to panelists speak about major childcare challenges in our area, what segments of the community are most affected, and what solutions are being discussed at the local, state, and federal levels.

Enterprise Club

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As we recently celebrated our independence as a nation, how often do we consider those who have sacrificed so we can enjoy the liberties we are afforded? Without the service of the men and women in the armed forces, we would be a very different country. How do we repay the debt owed to our active duty and veteran communities?

The Tennessee Small Business Development Center, Pellissippi State Community College and the Institute for Veteran and Military Families at Syracuse University, are offering the STRIVE (Startup Training Resources to Inspire Veteran Entrepreneurship). This is a no cost opportunity to all honorably discharged Veterans, spouses, active duty service members (with less than one year before discharge), and current or former members of the National Guard

The STRIVE Program is designed to:

- Help identify, overcome and mitigate challenges to pave the way for veteran business ownership success.
- · Empower veterans, military members, and their families to live the American dream.
- Open the door to economic opportunity for veterans, National Guard members, and reservists by developing their competencies in creating and sustaining an entrepreneurial venture.

The eight-course program is a mixture of in-class instruction and homework assignments. Participants will attend weekly evening meetings in person at the PSCC Blount County campus from 6:00-9:00 p.m. beginning September 19th, with a graduation celebration on

What will participants learn from STRIVE?

- This program is designed to help Veterans through all stages of their business plan. Whether they have an idea, a business in the early stages, or an established business looking to grow, everyone will benefit from this training course.
- Throughout the course, participants will develop their entrepreneurial knowledge and interact with subject matter experts to identify, overcome, and mitigate trouble spots, leading to increased confidence and potential for
- The program's purpose is to take an early-stage business or business plan through a structured and practical process. It is not designed to teach participants in-depth theories like those taught in an undergraduate or graduate level entrepreneurship program.

Seats are limited and applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is recommended that you apply as soon as possible. All applicants must fill out an online application. In addition, each applicant must have a business idea or have an existing business to participate in the program.

For more information, contact Gregg Bostick at (865) 246-2663 or email gbostick@tsbdc.org. Interested individuals can also apply directly at https://ivmf. syracuse.edu/programs/entrepreneurship/ideation/strive/?q=/strive-signup/&

We look forward to serving those who have so faithfully served us!

Networkings

TN Valley Regional 7-Chamber Networking – June 11, 2024



Regional Sponsor Slamdot smiles for a photo at the Regional Networking event, bringing in over 500 guests from the region!



(L-R) Dean Deatherage Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley, Matthew Coleman Centriworks, and Stephen Wolfe Rural 1st pause for a quick photo while networking with the other 500+ attendees.

American Museum of Science and Energy – June 13, 2024



(L-R) Matt Mullins Marketing & Communications Director, Cindy Lemons Chief of Staff, Jennifer Lee Director of Development, and Tony Schnadelbach Director of Programs grab a group photo before their afternoon networking kicks off.



(L-R) AMSE's Matt Mullins shows Haley Hoskins TNBank an *electrifying* good time with the Van de Graaff generator!

Volunteer Ministry Center – June 20, 2024



(L-R) Mallory Davis, Lisa McKay, and Andrea Dalton pause for a team photo.



(L-R) Michelle Armstrong On Q Financial, Paul Armstrong On Q Financial, and Joe Hutchison JustHomesGroup -Knoxville Realtors enjoy building connections during the

Lunch N' Learn Series:

Connect | Engage | Impact – Removing Networking Boundaries



(L-R) Panelists Julie Blaylock FWKCC, Philip Giguere Captive Resources/Chair of West Young Professionals, Zan J. Schriver III Volunteer Ministry Center, and Raeus Cannon Referral Excellence Organization (REO) gather for a photo after giving attendees professional tips on removing networking boundaries.



Up to 40 attendees from all different backgrounds gather to learn how to more effectively network with an esteemed group of panelists.



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Ribbon Cuttings

The DW Designs - June 4, 2024



Owner/Designer Dan Wilson readies the ribbon cutting scissors next to his family, friends, and members of the community who are celebrating 10 years of the business and a new Turkey Creek location!

Southeast Restoration - June 12, 2024



Joined by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, his team, and members of the community, Scott Kerley **General Manager** wields the scissors to the cut the ribbon on the new expansion of Southeast Restoration.

Sparrow Wine Bar – June 26, 2024



Co-owners Amy Burritt and Cheri Intveld lead the group in celebrating Sparrow Wine Bar's 1st-year anniversary with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Member Briefs

Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job?

Go to www.farragutchamber.com

to see these and other member items!

The **Volunteer Ministry Center** urgently needs men's jeans sizes 32-36. They have larger sizes but lack smaller ones, turning away those in need. Drop off donations, new or used, Monday-Thursday (8am-5pm) and Friday (8am-3pm) at 511 N Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917.

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River Dog Bakery – **Farragut** offers buy one get one 50% off "Fido Freeze" dog ice cream all summer. Current flavors: cookies & cream, peanut butter banana bacon, mixed berry, and pineapple, with more coming. Stop by at 11422-A Kingston Pike, Farragut 37934.

Young-Williams Animal Center relies on committed, caring volunteers every day! Volunteers can participate in a variety of activities at either shelter location (3201 Division Street or 6400 Kingston Pike), as well as throughout the year at special events and even in their own home. Find out more at www.young-williams. org/volunteer.

West Knox Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine is proud to announce the launch of a groundbreaking new service, the Soliman Auricular Allergy Treatment (SAAT), designed to address various allergies with precision and effectiveness. This new offering is now available and detailed on their website. www.westknoxacupuncture.com/saat-soliman-auricular-allergy-treatment

Trinity Baking Co. is hosting a UT-themed sugar cookie decorating class on August 17 from 11:00am – 12:30pm. This class is for beginners or people who are just curious about what cookie decorating is all about! This class is good for ages 10 and up. Register today at https://www.trinitybakingco.com.

Game Changers

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included, provided by Classy Caterer. Doors are set to open at 7:15am, with the program from 8:00am to 9:00am.

The Speaker Series is made possible by the generous support of its Presenting Sponsor, i4C Technology Group / i4C Telecom. The chamber also appreciates municipal partners, Knox County and Town of Farragut.

Auction

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in limited quantities at 3 levels. Contact our office at 865-675-7057 or email us at julie@farragutchamber.com to discuss the benefits of sponsorship.

Contribute: Donate an item valued at \$50 or above for the auction. Silent auction items that sell well include Dinners, Gift/Wine Baskets, Gift Cards, etc. Donor businesses are all high-

lighted on bid sheets and in tabletop signage (name & color logo) alongside their item. Live auction items are limited to 8 total and include trips, all inclusive sport/experience ticket packages, etc. Auction attendance averages 325 with a sellout of 375. Item donations are tax-deductible. The chamber is thrilled to have volunteer, John Goddard, to facilitate what will cap the evening off with a fun-filled live auction.

Attend: Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 3 at 6 p.m. at The Venue at Lenoir City.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.farragutchamber.com for \$85 each, \$750 for a Member Table of 10, or \$850 for a Non-Member Table of 10.

You can also call to reserve seats at 865-675-7057. Bring friends, clients and associates for a black-tie encouraged evening.

Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in June!

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

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The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of June 2024. We can count them as Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. We also hope that area residents recognize a business's commitment to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.

A special thank you goes to these renewing members who are continuing their support of our chamber and the businesses it serves through their above-and-beyond Enterprise Membership:









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Calendar of Events: July 2024

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Tuesdays at the Chamber: FREE Business Mentoring for ANY business with SCORE Greater Knoxville. MUST Email Clifton.Caudill@SCOREvolunteer.org to pre-schedule.

Wednesdays at the Chamber: FREE Business ADVISING for ANY business @ Chamber with SBDC. Visit www.tsbdc.org/request-advising/ to pre-schedule.

July 17th, 5:30p

Young Professionals Regional Mixer Blount Partnership 201 S. Washington St., Maryville 37804 July 18th, 8a

Networking: Citizens Bank Kingston Pike 10245 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37922

July 25th, 8a Networking:

South College Goody's Lane Campus 400 Goody's Lane, Knoxville 37922