

CCS seeking expansion into Loudon County

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Concord Christian School has confirmed seeking property in Loudon County to expand its school and athletic programs, a CCS press release stated Tuesday afternoon, July 30.

“Concord Christian School is currently evaluating a piece of property in Loudon County that would afford the school an excellent opportunity to further advance their ability to provide students with additional academic and athletic opportunities,” the re-

lease stated. “... Many of CCS’s current families are from Loudon County, and the presence of a premier educational institution at the new location is anticipated to attract additional families to the area, contributing to local business and community growth.

“With the increased growth CCS continues to experience, this initiative permits us to expand educational opportunities and provide Christ-centered education beyond West Knoxville to the surrounding areas,” said Donald Snider, CCS Head of School.

“We are excited about the positive impact this expansion will have on our students, staff and the broad-

er community,” said Scott Crawford, executive Pastor of Administration at First Baptist Concord, parent church of CCS. “Our goal is to create an environment where every student reaches their full potential and impacts the world for Christ in best ways.”

School officials are looking at 52 acres along Highway 70 east of Lenoir City and “adjacent to Stone Crossing and Avalon subdivisions in the 5th District,” which is owned by “the Smith family” who are FBC members, said Van Shaver, 5th District Loudon

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Pedestrian-cyclists votes, despite property rights talk, unanimous by Town Board

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With Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen intending to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety, with a property rights issue presented by a citizen challenging the method of that improvement in one case, this highlighted Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen’s agenda last week.

A pair of unanimous 5-0 votes by the Board on two road-related safety matters resulted during this Thursday, July 25, meeting in Farragut Community Center.

First 5-0 vote

Second reading of an ordinance to amend Farragut Municipal Code, to provide additional considerations for district and bicyclists, was the first to pass 5-0.

Greg Wiberly, a Farragut resident living along Evans Road, expressed concern that property rights voices were not being considered in this matter. Towns, such as Farragut, use eminent domain to obtain residents’ front-yard property for such pedestrian and cyclist considerations without getting enough input from private property owners, he said.



Hale

“The one glaring omission (in this ordinance) is the private property owners who are now being affected by property takeovers that are currently being instigated by the Town,” Wiberly said. “So if one of the purposes of the traffic impact study is to identify and propose modifications to existing infrastructure, specifically by adding sidewalks or greenways or bike paths that might involve the acquisition of private property, I think it imperative that the study include those impacts so that the Town can make a more complete and justifiable decision.

“As a by-product of this would be that of a more neutral party, a so-called qualified engineer, (who) would be making assessments independent of the Town,” he added, “and consequently with less of an agenda than the Town is now perceived to have. Also, private property owners would have a better opportunity to understand the implications that the modifications might have on them personally.”

Tom Hale, Town attorney, responded. “... This ordinance is designed to have an expert tell us the impact of a particular project on traffic and on pedestrians and people that use the ways of travel,” he said. “... I don’t know that a traffic engineer would ever feel qualified to talk about the overall impacts of a project on private property.

“Every project that we do has an impact on private property, has impact on the whole Town,” Hale added. “That’s part of what this Board’s duty is, is to consider all those things. ...”

“Some this is the first step in recognizing that we need to be planning for all — if we have all these sidewalks, we need to be planning for our pedestrians,” Mayor Ron Williams said about his approval of the ordinance. “We need to be planning for the bicyclists out there.

“I sit on (Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Orga-

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Town Decision 2024, final local look — Election Day polls: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Aug. 1

- Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Ward 1 (non-partisan): Alex J. Cain vs Jeffrey Devlin;
- Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Ward 2 (non-partisan): Randal Roberts vs Drew Burnette;
- Knox County Commission, District 5: S. Arthur Moore (Democrat) vs Angela Russell (Republican);
- Knox County Commission, District 6: Daniel Greene (Democrat) vs Terry Hill (Republican);

- Knox Board of Education District 5: Terrye Whitaker (Democrat) versus Lauren Morgan (Republican);
- State House of Representatives, District 14: Amanda Collins (Democrat) versus Jason Zachary (Republican);
- State House, District 89: Cary Hammond (Democrat) versus Justin Lafferty (Republican).



Brandon L. Jones

Sidewalk Sale smiles, Party in Park perks



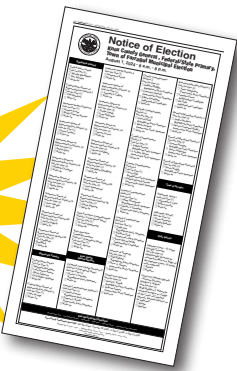
(Above) Candice Smith and her daughter, Lydia, enjoy a nice afternoon of shopping at Homespun in the Village Green shopping center during inaugural The Great Farragut Sidewalk Sale Saturday, July 27. The Sale was a three-day event, mirroring Tax-Free Weekend, from Friday, July 26, through Sunday, July 28. (Left) Stephanie Binswanger and her son, Caleb, enjoy a live performance during Farragut’s 2nd Annual Party in the Park in Founders Park at Campbell Station Friday evening, July 26.

(Right) Showing uncanny flexibility, Colin Oberg, 8, wins the limbo contest during Farragut’s 2nd Annual Party in the Park Friday evening, July 26, in Founders Park at Campbell Station along North Campbell Station Road.

Party in Park photos by Brandon L. Jones



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Intro to Farragut sign-ups, schedule are set for 2024

Town of Farragut currently is accepting applications for this year’s Introduction to Farragut Program. The program will kick off with a reception starting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 28. Classes will be held at 6 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 4 (history), Sept. 18 (government relations), Oct. 2 (public safety), Oct. 16 (economic development) and Oct. 30 (education). Classes will last about 2.5 hours, depending on class participation and questions for the speakers. Graduation will be held starting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13. All classes and the graduation dinner will be held in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Class details found below.

The program is open to anyone who is interested; Farragut residency is not required. Each participant must attend the Aug. 28 reception, at least four of the five classes, participate in a volunteer project by completing volunteer hours at Farragut Middle School (more details provided at the Aug. 28 reception), attend at least one Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting and attend at least one Municipal Planning Commission meeting.

Deadline to apply is 4 p.m., Friday, Aug. 9. Anyone interested in participating in the program can apply online at www.townof-farragut.org/introtofarragut.

“If you know of anyone who may be interested in the program, please feel free to let them know about the class dates, deadline to apply, requirements, etc., or you can give me their information and I would be happy to reach out to them,” stated Jenn Hatmaker, executive assistant/risk manager with Town of Farragut.

Call her at 865-966-7057 or e-mail JHATMAKER@townoffarragut.org

- Reception & Campaign Kickoff Aug. 28**
Meet and Mingle (6 to 6:30 p.m.)
Introductions (6:30 to 7 p.m.)
Overview of the Program (7 to 7:30 p.m.)
- History of Farragut Area**
From 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 4
 - Early settlers, Battle of Campbell Station, Founding of the Town of Farragut to present day
 - History of the Farragut/Concord area
 - Battle of Campbell Station
 - Founding of the Town of Farragut
- Government Relations**
From 6 to 8:30 p.m., Sept. 18
 - Town services versus other services
 - Review of each Town Department
 - Financial Overview
 - Town Volunteer Opportunities
- Public Safety**
From 6 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 2
 - Knox County Sheriff’s Office
 - Rural Metro Fire Department
- Optional Town Tour with Town Administrator**
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4
 - First Utility District Water Plant
 - Rural Metro Fire Department
 - Town of Farragut Public Works Building
- Economic Development**
From 6 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 16
 - Knoxville Chamber
 - Farragut/ West Knox Chamber of Commerce
 - Farragut Business Alliance
 - Visit Farragut
- Education**
From 6 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 30
 - Knox County Board of Education Representative
 - Knox County Schools Representatives
 - Farragut Education Relations Committee Representative
- Graduation**
Starting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 13.

KCSOreports

Through no fault of any Knox County Sheriff’s Office personnel, KCSO Reports were obtained after deadline Tuesday afternoon, July 30. Read KCSO Reports in our Wednesday, Aug. 7, issue.

towncalendar

• **Local nonprofit League of Angels is partnering with the Town of Farragut to demonstrate how baseball can be enjoyed by people of all abilities.**

The League of Angels Festival runs from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 24, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park, 301 Watt Road. The event will feature an exhibition game, along with food trucks, vendors and music. The community is invited to celebrate and support baseball for those with disabilities.

The goal of the festival is to showcase the work of the nonprofit. The organization was founded in 2023 by Tanner Kim, a 2021 Farragut

High School graduate, who currently attends UT. The former University of Kentucky baseball player felt called to create the nonprofit to help young people with disabilities experience the joy of the game.

For more information, or if an athlete is interested in participating in League of Angels events, visit theleagueofangels.org.

• **Farragut Parks & Recreation’s new art classes, designed for youth and families alike,** begin with Family Art Night, from 6 to 8 p.m. each Thursday, Aug. 8, Sept. 19, Oct. 17

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Moving?

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County Commissioner.

“They are talking to the family,” he added. “They are trying to find a place to do sports fields since (Town of Farragut) doesn’t allow overhead lighting” on the field of its current location in Farragut along Kingston Pike.

Shaver said the CCS plan he is aware of only includes the high school and “would be over the next 10 years.

“The church would first build sports fields: football, baseball, etc., in the first five years, and the high school would come in the second five years,” he said.

However, the proposed athletic field site already has been met with opposition from neighboring residents. “They don’t care for the noise, sporting events and lights,” Shaver said. “It will have to come to (Loudon) County Commission for approval.”

Withholding his own opinion on the sale “until all the information is available,” Shaver said, “It’s up to the citizens to decide what they want.”

While conceding he “is not an appraiser,” Shaver said, “It’s a prime piece” of property.

“It’s not unknown for property in that area to run \$20,000 an acre, sometimes much

more,” he added.

Highway 70 only has two lanes with no turn lanes, so Shaver anticipates a turn lane would be required.

“If (County Commission) approves the rezoning, (Tennessee Department of Transportation) would require a turn lane,” he said.

Meanwhile, Shaver said many other Loudon County Commissioners are in the dark on the purchase. “It’s so early and preliminary,” he added.

The commissioner said this is the second time the church/school has looked at property around Highway 70, adding a different parcel was looked at by CCS officials in 2013.



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letterstotheeditor

Pedestrian interconnectivity vs. yards

On May 16 in the Farragut Planning Commission meeting, Vice Mayor (Louise) Povlin made a statement that should concern many Farragut residents. While speaking about the federal SAFE program, a pedestrian safety program, the vice mayor said the Town receives federal road construction grants that have “strings attached.” To get the grant money, the Town must adhere to certain federal requirements.

One of those requirements is pedestrian interconnectivity. For people that live in neighborhoods like Fox Run, Saddle Ridge, Brixworth and Concord Hills, this could mean an intrusive property rights taking of a resident’s front yards for sidewalks, greenways or walking trails.

These neighborhoods have newer sections that have sidewalks and older sections that do not. All have wide streets and the older sections do not need sidewalks. There is no need to tear up people’s front yards to install sidewalks in the older sections of the neighborhood just to meet federal grant requirements. This serves no purpose for the homeowners.

For homeowners, this means a loss of land, the removal of mature trees and shrubs, moving irrigation lines and the destruction of brick mailboxes. Farragut is not an urban city and should not be applying for federal road grants for urban cities. This transforms rural and suburban neighborhoods into something residents do not want.

Just last week in the farragutpress, William Hodge of Stonecrest on Sonja Drive wrote a Letter to the Editor explaining this exact problem. Mr. Hodge wrote, “I am a resident of Farragut that lives on Sonja Drive. The Town of Farragut wants to utilize eminent domain to seize property for a greenway along our street from Admiral to Oran. This project will destroy the character of our neighborhood.”

I also live in a neighborhood that faces this unwanted threat of eminent domain. I do not want the destruction of my front yard to satisfy some federal road grant that is for urban cities and not towns like Farragut. I moved to Farragut to get away from the city life. I do not want a sidewalk in my front yard against my will after 32 years of living here.

Mike Mitchell, Farragut

Letter to Editor rules

• All Letters to the Editor from any citizen must have a minimum four-week period between publication — not to exceed 600 words — and must not have inaccurate information, such as wrong statistics, from which to form an opinion. We also reserve the right to reject publication based on factors to include, but not be limited to, threats, name-calling and foul language.

Traffic response to Letters: Vice Mayor

This is in response to two Letters to the Editor in last week’s farragutpress regarding traffic in the heart of our Town and sidewalks on Sonja Drive.

Regarding traffic in the heart of our Town, the Automated Traffic Management System is currently being installed and is not operational yet. It’s unfortunate that the writer felt the need to mislead this community in this regard.

If “solving” the traffic problem by widening all the intersections and roads in the heart of our Town simply turns our community into a wide spot in the road with zero community character ...what have we gained? The destruction of our Town just to send more traffic through it?

The Town was founded to protect and enhance its residential character. We shouldn’t be so willing to surrender that just so folks from outside our Town and the Interstate overflow can use our Town as a cut-through. In light of the principles of induced demand, the congestion we are experiencing now will return but our community character will have been irrevocably sacrificed.

More importantly, pedestrian safety will be negatively impacted. Farragut has been striving to build a connected pedestrian network of sidewalks and trails for more than 30 years. It seems that some have decided that this endeavor is no longer a worthy one and are actively working to undermine it. Nevertheless, state and federal mandates have made it clear that we cannot ignore pedestrian safety in our transportation project planning.

There are solutions to our traffic problems. Building a more resilient transportation network would better serve our community’s needs. TDOT intends to build a fourth lane on I-40/75 between Lovell Road and the split. Knox County is conducting a mobility study for Choto which includes some ideas for addressing efficiency on Northshore Drive. TDOT has some solutions for Northshore east of the Concord Road roundabout to address safety and efficiency along that corridor. The build out of our street network in the heart of our Town is not yet complete. The Ford and Biddle properties will eventually develop and a connected network of roads are planned for that area as well.

These projects will help distribute traffic over a broader network of roads instead of through the heart of our Town. We should not be so quick to destroy our community character when there are projects on the horizon, which will better address our traffic concerns.

Regarding Sonja Drive sidewalk proposal, which has not come before the Planning Commission yet, according to Knox County Schools, Sonja Drive from Campbell Station Road through the Farragut View neighborhood to Wardley Road in Stonecrest is in the Farragut High School parental responsibility zone (PRZ).

Currently there is a sidewalk on Sonja Drive in Farragut View from Campbell Station Road to Admiral Road. This portion of Sonja Drive is in the Farra-

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nization) Board, and some of the discussions have been recently along the lines of what you’re talking about because what has happened in the past is our roads have been designed to carry volume with no regard to pedestrians or bicyclists,” Williams added. “That is changing. You’re seeing the state of Tennessee and others that are starting to look at the safety of our pedestrians and our bicyclists, and they are talking about it more and more every (TPO) meeting we have.”

Crossing improvements
BOMA also approved, by a 5-0 vote, to hire construction crews for Anchor Park pedestrian crossing improvements on and along Turkey Creek Road.

Improvements would include enhanced signage and markings, addition of flashing warning beacons and relocation of one of the crossing locations. Proposed improvements are shown to increase pedestrian safety by alerting oncoming motorists when a pedestrian enters the crosswalk, the presentation stated.

Contract completion date is on or before March 1, 2025. Progression Electric LLC was the only bidder (\$262,093.95).

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said a resident living along Turkey Creek Road “sent me an e-mail a couple years ago. She was at a party with her friends and they were talking about how it’s not safe to walk across Turkey Creek. She said, ‘what can we do about that?’

Meeting with them to “walk the property (so) you can tell me what you’re seeing ... this is what came out of that,” Povlin added. “... People drive way too fast on (the road). So this is an opportunity falling in line with what we just did with traffic and traffic impact study, making this safer. ...

“By moving it further east, we can connect it into an existing sidewalk and make that safer.”

Calendar

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and Nov. 21. Cost is \$8 per person. “Families and individual adults are invited to get crafty at this monthly art night,” a Town press release stated. Registration at townoffarragut.org/register is required and will close the Friday prior to each class.

• **Afterschool Art runs from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesdays, Aug. 13, and Tuesday, Nov. 26.** Cost is \$4 per child

(ages 6 through 12). No experience is required. “This class allows students of all ages, skill levels and interests to explore art in a fun and ever-evolving environment,” a Town press release stated.

No registration is required. To see all upcoming classes and events, visit farragutpark-sandrec.org/programsandevents. For more information, contact Recreation and Event manager Rachel Malone at rmalone@townoffarragut.org or call 865-218-3375.

Response Letter

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gut Middle and Farragut High School PRZ.

The portion of Sonja Drive in Farragut View east of Admiral Road does not include a sidewalk. Installing a sidewalk along this portion of Sonja Drive is in keeping with the established character of the neighborhood and would provide a safe place for kids to walk to school.

A road widening project

has been suggested with this sidewalk project. It should be removed as it is over-designed and not in keeping with the neighborhood.

However, adding a sidewalk to this portion of Sonja Drive is in keeping with the existing character of the neighborhood and in keeping with the long-term goal of the Farragut community to connect it with sidewalks and trails.

Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin

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Tag-team networking



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Hardin Valley’s King University and East Tennessee Children’s Hospital co-hosted Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s networking in Farragut Community Center Thursday, July 11. **(Above)** ETCH’s Adam Cook, vice president of institutional advancement, and Kolby Williams, major gifts officer, mingled with FWKCC members. **(Below)** King representatives, from left, Jon Harr, vice president for enrollment; Ashley Hartless, assistant vice president for enrolment; Matt Roberts, KU provost; and Morgan Cowell, enrollment counselor, networked with Emily McCaul, far right, with the office of U.S. Sen. Bill Haggerty (R-Tennessee).



businessbriefs

• **John Ley recently joined SmartBank as senior vice president and relationship manager** in the Knoxville market.

Ley will be based out of the Bearden office, bringing nearly three decades of banking expertise to the bank’s established and high-performing teams. He began



Ley

his banking career in 1997 after graduating from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. Throughout his career, Ley has held various leadership positions, gaining extensive experience in commercial banking and real estate.

• **Weichert, Realtors® - Advantage Plus in Knoxville has announced the recent addition of Elisa Saddoris** to its team of agents.

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Jazmon Roberts has opened her own business, Revive Wellness, to provide massage therapy at 12748 Kingston Pike, Suite 16, of Renaissance | Farragut’s Complete Salon Suites.

Tammy Cheek

Jazmon Roberts opens Revive Wellness, with expansion to a nearby suite soon

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Jazmon Roberts has reverted back to a childhood desire and has opened her own massage business, Revive Wellness.

“It has been truly wonderful,” she said. “It’s been a really great experience. You know, all of my clients really love the location. They love seeing me happy again.”

Roberts provides massage therapy — Swedish, deep tissue, stretching, myofascial and pregnancy massages — at her studio, 12748 Kingston Pike, Suite 16, of Renaissance | Farragut’s Complete Salon Suites.

Roberts opened the salon on June 4; however, she will be moving to a larger suite (Suite 3) in Complete Suites the first or second week of September.

“The (Complete Salon Suites) owner is amazing here,” said Roberts, who explained when she moved in, she realized a larger space than anticipated would be needed and relayed that to the suites owner.

“She’s really good about offering current tenants new spaces that are coming available before she offers them to people just coming in for the first time, which I absolutely love,” Roberts added about the Complete Suites owner.

Before going into the massage business, she worked in restaurants — but wanted a change and went to massage school.

“It was something I had always wanted to do,” Roberts said. “It started with my grandmother and my mom coming home from work so tired.”

They would ask her to rub their feet and shoulders.

Roberts remembered when she was in elementary school and, for a King and Queen Coronation fundraiser, she sold massages to teachers instead of selling candy.

“One of my teachers told me, ‘When you grow up, you could be a massage therapist.’ I thought ‘Oh, my gosh, that’s a thing?’”

“It was something that just stuck with me,” Roberts added.

She has been in the massage therapy business for six years before opening her own salon.

Before opening Revive Wellness, she held a management position at Longevity in Bearden.

“I felt like (the management role) isolated me from a lot of my co-workers,” Roberts said.

So, she decided to venture out on her own.

“I took a little bit of time to sit down and access my finances, things like that to see if this was something that was feasible,” she said. “And, I made it happen.”

“I’m very happy; I’m thriving.”

Looking for a location to start her business, Roberts said she researched the area and thought the Complete Suites location was the best fit. Additionally, she observed the suites did not have a massage therapist on hand.

“It’s worked out really great,” she said. “Most of the people here are amazing. Some of them have been promoting me even before I came in.”

Roberts is at the salon from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday; from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday and Saturday. She is closed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. She takes customers by appointment only.

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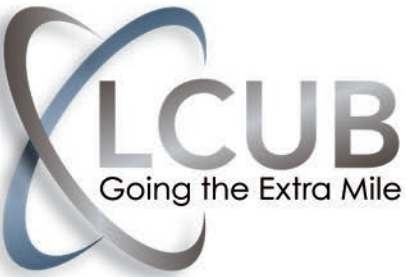
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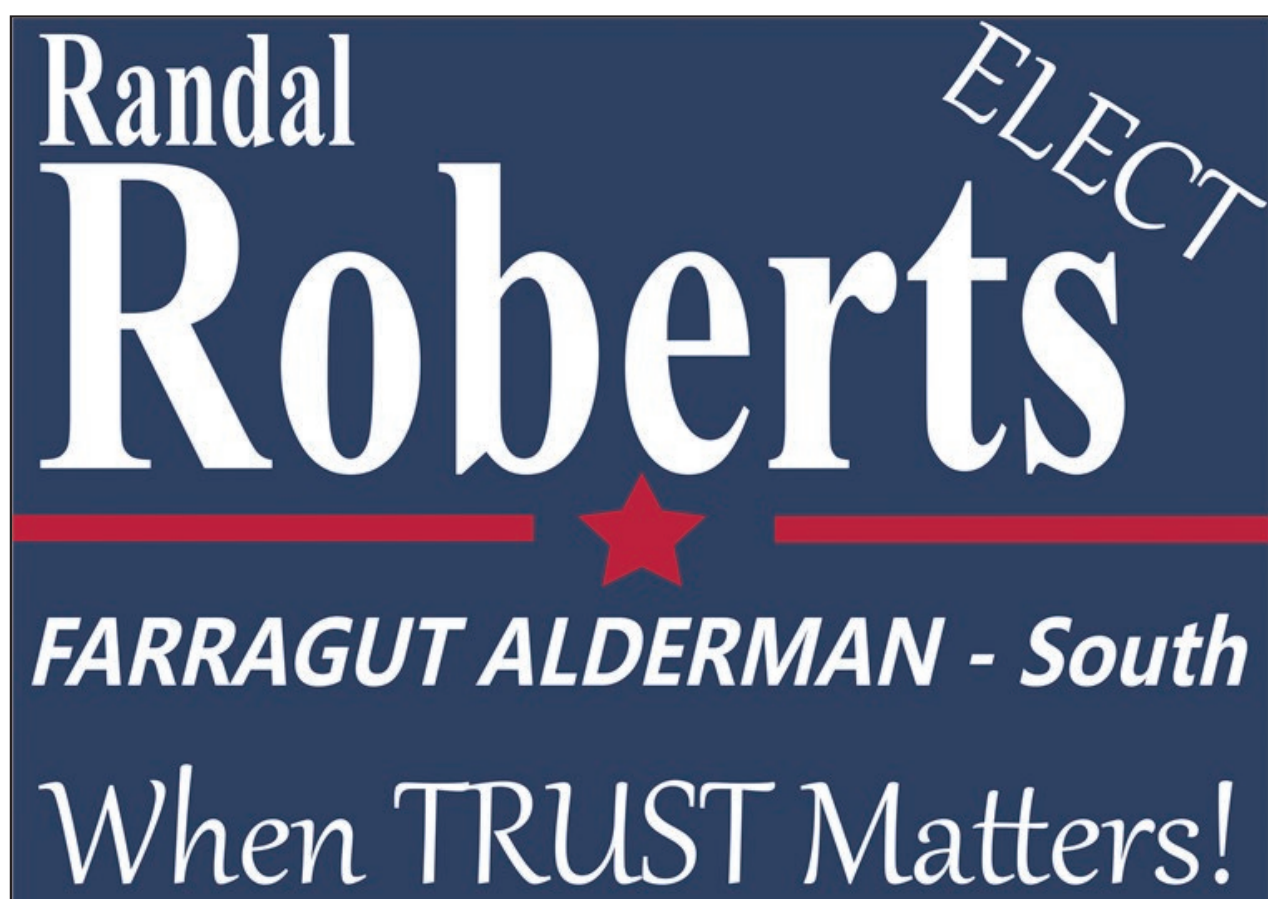


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On May 16th in the Farragut Planning Commission meeting Vice Mayor Povlin made a statement that should concern many Farragut residents. While speaking about the federal SAFE program, a pedestrian safety program, the Vice mayor said the town receives federal road construction grants that have, “strings attached”. To get the federal grant money the town must adhere to certain federal requirements.

One of those requirements is pedestrian interconnectivity. For people that live in neighborhoods like Fox Run, Saddle Ridge, Brixworth, Concord Hills, Stonecrest, Thornton Heights, and many other Farragut neighborhoods this means they are at risk. This could mean an intrusive property rights taking by eminent domain of a resident’s front yard for greenways, walking trails, or sidewalks against their will.

For homeowners this means a loss of land, the removal of mature trees and shrubs, moving irrigation lines, and the destruction of brick mailboxes. Farragut is not an urban city and should not be applying for federal road grants for urban cities. This transforms rural and suburban neighborhoods into something residents do not want.

Just last week in the farragutpress, William Hodge of Stonecrest on Sonja Drive wrote a letter to the editor explaining this exact problem. Mr. Hodge wrote, “I am a resident of Farragut that lives on Sonja Drive. The Town of Farragut wants to utilize eminent domain to seize property for a greenway along our street from Admiral to Oran. This project will destroy the character of our neighborhood.”

I believe Farragut residents should have more say about their property than the federal government. I will not use eminent domain in violation of state law to take residents front yards for greenways against their will. I will defend property rights for all people of Farragut.

I would appreciate your vote during this election.

Scalable Map of Farragut Greenways, walking trails, and sidewalks
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Friendly revenge: Haywood new FDCC Ladies Club champ



A championship worthy of “drinking from the cup.” While three-time defending Fox Den Country Club Ladies champ Lynna Rader finally relinquished her hold on the FDCC course, new champ Stephanie Haywood avenged a match-play showdown loss to Rader in 2023 with a dominant 6-and-5 victory, ending on No. 13 hole, to cap three days of Ladies Club Championship play on four levels early Thursday



afternoon, July 25. Upon receiving her championship cup from FDCC head professional Danny Ackerman (above left, on the right side with Haywood and FDCC assistant head professional Andrew Thimjon), Haywood made good on her statement just seconds before that she would, indeed, drink from her cup (above) after filling it with a beverage alongside Rader, smiling as a good sport.

18-Hole Ladies Club First Flight, Second Flight, 9-Hole Ladies Club No. 1’s also recognized



18-Hole photos by Alan Sloan/9-Hole photo courtesy of Danny Ackerman



(Far left) 18-Hole First Flight champ Kathy Jackson with FDCC head professional Danny Ackerman. (Left) Second Flight champion Jane Martin with Ackerman. (Above) 9-Hole Net Division champ Audrey Hodge, left, and Gross Division No. 1 Susan Laine.

Five local youth lacrosse stars on high-finish Tennessee team
From CCS, SJNCS, Northshore, Webb



Photo submitted

Five Farragut and area boys youth lacrosse players, selected as part of an All-State Tennessee 2031/2032 team, finished fifth out of an 11-team field at the recent Indiana Grand Prix Tournament in Westfield, Indiana. Local players were Emory Smith, attacker/midfielder from Concord Christian School; Brennan Farr, midfielder from St. John Neumann Catholic School; Greyson Padgett, attacker from Northshore Elementary; Robbie Sills, attacker/midfielder also from NES; and Holston Milligan, attacker/miidfielder from Webb School.



Wittschen, Farragut 5k runner, No. 1 in Asheville

Madeline Wittschen of Farragut, 22, was Female Overall champion during 2024 Asheville Independence Day 5k Thursday, July 4, among a field of 185. Wittschen, a cross country/track student-athlete at University of North Carolina-Asheville, won with a time of 18.47.7 on a road course.

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‘HiScore,’ more presented to FHS Marching Admirals’ parents, others



Alan Sloan

What began Monday, July 15, became the polished version of Farragut High School Marching Admirals’ 2024 program, “HiScore,” as a Parent Preview Performance, culminating almost two weeks of hard work, on Bill Clabo Field at FHS Friday evening, July 26, came in front of scores of parents and others invested in the program under the direction of Kenneth Carrico III. HiScore and other numbers added up to a roughly 40-minute show. The Marching Admirals’ performances will be highlighted during a handful of area and regional competitions — plus all FHS Admirals varsity home games, including Homecoming and Senior Night.

Family to family: back-to-school ready



BRANDON L. JONES
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When you’re looking for one thing, sometimes you happen upon another thing entirely. Such was the case this past Saturday, July 27, when Faith Promise Church’s Farragut campus was witnessed lending a helping hand to families in the area by way of free school supplies for the upcoming year. It is a place where the bags of supplies came with a blessing. The supplies are prayed over on the blacktop out in the church’s parking lot at 144 West End Ave. Anybody with a child knows the one thing needed more than school supplies is a prayer. On this day, they got both.

See FAITH PROMISE on Page 6B

Photos by Brandon L. Jones
(Right) Chase Depew, pastor of Faith Promise Church, 144 West End Ave. in Farragut, with his son, Asher, prays over Sori Vega, who had stopped by to get a bag of school supplies Saturday, July 27. (Above) Rachel Kerley hands bags of school supplies to a family with the help of her daughters, Raegan, 6, left, and Ali, 8.

School supply central at Faith Promise, filling a big need July 27



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Sat Aug 10, 2024 Onsite Registration/ Practice9:00 am Big Air WAVE # 1 10:00 am Big Air WAVE # 2 12:00 pm Big Air WAVE # 32:30 pm Speed Retrieve Competition4:30 pm	<i>The final rounds of competition and award presentations will take place late Sunday afternoon.</i>

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Melvin Jones Award, FLC Lions of Year



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Farragut Lions Club recognized two of its members, who are husband-and-wife, with special honors during its Tuesday, July 23, meeting in Mimi’s Cafe along Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek. Julie Hart was presented Lions International’s highest recognition, the Melvin Jones Award. Fellow FLC members alongside Hart on hand to lead the celebration were, from left, Jim Hart (Julia’s husband), David Crawford (presenter) and Tyler Hunsaker (FLC president). Julia also earned, along with Jim, recognition as FLC Lions of the Year for 2023-24.

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• **Ladies who are new to the area, or just want to make new friends, come and join Newcomers Club** for lunch and a program Wednesday, Aug. 21, in Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike.

Speaker will be a Knox County Sheriff Office Senior Citizens Awareness Network official. Make reservations by Wednesday, Aug. 14, by calling 865-205-4154.

• **Fans of Halloween & Horror celebrate their favorite time of year at CreepyCon Halloween & Horror Convention** coming up Friday, Aug. 2, through Sunday, Aug. 4, in Knoxville Convention Center.

CreepyCon offers a full weekend of Halloween and horror-themed fun, including live entertainment, themed performances, special guests, competitions, interactive experiences, a film festival, art displays, photo opportunities, workshops, demonstrations, panels, a haunted attraction, escape rooms, more than 200 vendors and more. Almost everything at CreepyCon is included in the ticket price.

The 2024 convention welcomes actors and actresses from the Terrifier movies including David Howard Thornton, Daniel Roebuck, Samantha Scaffidi, Johnath Davis, Michael Leavy and Michelle Santiago. Additional guests include Robert Mukes, Rolin Jewett, Danny Hitt, Marian Sing, Rick Prince, Mr. Unhappy, Corissa Grant, Austin Aguilera, Bradley Fowler, Steven Della Salla and Marcus Slabine.

Advance daily wristbands are \$35 per day or \$55 for three days. Kids ages from 3 through 12 are \$10. Parking is available for free in many lots around the Knoxville Convention Center. Admission details are online at www.creepycon.com.

• **American Red Cross asks donors “to be a powerful force for good this summer by giving blood or platelets** now and in the weeks to come,” an ARC press release stated. “You can be the difference between someone’s storm and their sunshine. Donors are critically needed right now after a sharp decrease in donations since late spring.

All blood types are needed, especially donors giving type O blood and those giving platelets. Help keep lifesaving blood products stocked on hos-

pital shelves and book a time to give blood or platelets by visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

• **Sixth Annual Great Smoky Mountains Hot Air Balloon Festival returns to Townsend** from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17, at Townsend Visitor Center, 7930 E Lamar Alexander Parkway.

“The festival will feature a stunning balloon glow, where professional balloonists will illuminate the evening sky against the backdrop of a breathtaking Smoky Mountain sunset,” a Townsend Cades Cove Gateway Alliance press release stated.

In addition to the balloon glow, the festival offers a variety of family-friendly activities, including arts and crafts demonstrations and a food truck court. For adults, there

will be a beer tent to enjoy a cold beverage while taking in the beauty of the festival.

For those seeking an elevated experience, the VIP Lift Off! package is the perfect choice. This exclusive offering includes access to a premium tented area with close balloon viewing, a catered meal from The Abbey, signature cocktails by Company Distilling, a commemorative swag bag and live music.

VIP ticket holders also will enjoy a tethered balloon ride and complimentary parking. Parking is available by prepaid reservation for \$20, which includes two admission tickets.

General admission tickets are \$7 in advance or \$10 at the gate. Children 12 and under are free. VIP tickets, which include parking, are available for \$200.

See PLANNER on Page 6B

CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT



Drew Burnette

Drew Burnette was born and raised in the Town of Farragut and lives here with his wife Brooke raising their 5 kids. He currently has 4 kids in the Farragut school system and cares for the community deeply. Drew Burnette is an active member in the community serving as an Alderman for the Town of Farragut, he also serves on the Farragut Parks and Rec Board, and he is an active member at First Baptist Concord where he helps lead a Sunday School Class. Drew is committed to keeping Farragut a great place to live, raise a family, and run a business.

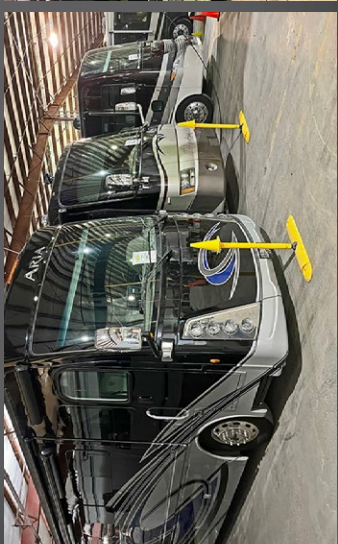
Drew is committed to advocating for Controlled Development, focusing on Infrastructure and safety, and promoting our Parks and Greenways.

We know where Drew stands on the issues because he answers our questions directly, and has presented his detailed plans to the community. Drew is a proven leader who is accountable, and transparent, and will continue to lead in a way that will make you proud! Drew Burnette has served our community well and has done an incredible job protecting our towns character and history.

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Shrader, FHS Class of 2024, earns scholarship; honors told

• **Roane State Foundation** recently awarded 75 scholarships worth more than \$67,000 to high school seniors from nearly 30 schools within the Roane State Community College service area.

Delaney Shrader, graduate of Farragut High School (Class of 2024), recently was awarded the Raider Fund Scholarship. The Foundation’s Merit Awards are presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, leadership and/or athletics and who have at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

• **Adam Cieslik of Farragut** earned **Dean’s List** honors at The University of Tampa for Spring 2024 semester. Cieslik was a senior majoring in marine science-biology. Students must maintain a grade-point average of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the Dean’s List.

• **Miami University (Ohio)** awarded degrees to students during its spring commencement of 2024, which included **Ethan Davila and Julia Kilbey** of Farragut.

Faith Promise

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Members of Faith Promise volunteered their morning serving as helping hands of the Lord. And since God’s work is often dealt best by the hands of children and often, too, more well received, little Raegan Kerley, 6, and her sister, Ali, 8, among other members’ kids, were on hand to help deliver.

“And seeing the next generation serve as well,” said Pastor Chase Depew, “... they’re making a difference maybe with some of these kids they’re going to be in class with, so it helps us see the world a little differently.”

Every year, said Brad Hair, who works in Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ office and was there to help, the county gives out around 2,500 bags of supplies. “Last year,” he said, “they ran out in 90 minutes.”

This year, though, he said, “The faith community stepped up and decided they wanted to be a part of it,” with 13 churches in nine districts participating in the “School Supply Slam” event, a back-to-school program that is part of the county’s “School Mania” initiative that kicked off Friday, July 26, in the parking lot of the Jacob Building at Chilhowee Park.

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 3, its “Shoes for Schools” program will be held inside the Jacob Building.

“We get an opportunity just to love people in our community,” said Depew after praying over a mother who’d just received supplies for her children.

“It’s an honor be able to do it,” he added, “and we just realize life’s not about us, it’s about other people.”

Sori Vega, the mother who’d just gotten her children’s bags

“I’m very grateful for it, and the service was great here. You just pull up, they amazingly pray for you and they’ll send you on your way,”

-Sori Vega,
FPC supplies recipient

and a blessing, said, “This was awesome. This is amazing for me and the kids because we always need some school supplies.

“I’m very grateful for it,” she added, “and the service was great. You just pull up, they amazingly pray for you and they’ll send you on your way.”

• **Steve Thomas was born June 14, 1982, in Knoxville, Tennessee,** and passed away Thursday July 11, 2024. He and wife, Melissa, were married Sept. 18, 2018, in a Florida beach wedding.

They are the parents of 4-year-old Connor and 2-month-old Kennedy. He was so proud to be their dad, and he spent every minute he could with them. He played cars, hide and seek and policeman with Connor any time Connor wanted to play. Steve built Connor a massive swing set where he and Connor would have “boy time” when Steve came home from work.

He was absolutely in love with his children and ecstatic when Melissa gave birth to his daughter, Kennedy.

Steve was of the Baptist faith and led an outstanding Christian life every day.

Steve and Melissa had their dream house built just a few years ago, and they were truly grateful for their wonderful home. Together they accomplished a masterpiece and shared it with family and friends.

Steve graduated from Bearden High School in 2000 and was accepted into Tennessee Tech University on an academic scholarship. Obtaining a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 2004, he

obituary

began his career in information technology. He loved his work at Children’s Hospital, helping others with his computer skills solving problems.

He was a Big Orange fan and attended as many football and baseball games as he could. If he could not attend and the game was on television, he was watching it.

Steve was the son of Wen and Denise Thomas and brother to Shawn Thomas and Jennifer Spar. He was loved immensely by his family and he is missed.

Family and friends met at Edgewood Cemetery at 10 a.m., Tuesday, July 16, for gravesite services conducted by the Rev. Mark Moreland.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to East Tennessee Children’s Hospital Development Department in honor of Steve Thomas.

Planner

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Tethered balloon rides are \$25. Note that festival grounds feature moderately strenuous walking and rough terrain, which may be challenging to maneuver. Pets are welcome but must be leashed.

• **Tennessee Valley Machine Knitters Club will hold a workshop** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 6, in Alcoa First United Methodist Church. They will knit possum items for the Possum Chase. For more information, contact Marie Hickson at 865-457-0960.

• **Smoky Mountain Blues Society will present live music with its monthly Blues Cruises.** This month’s performance features Bywater Call on the Tennessee Riverboat from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 4. Tickets available through tnriverboat.com or by calling 865-525-7827. Tickets are \$20 for members in advance and \$25 non-members.

CANDIDATE SPOTLIGHT


Jeffrey Devlin Candidate for Farragut Alderman, Ward One

As a Farragut High School graduate in 1988, and a West Knoxville resident ever since, I have seen this town transform into the thriving community we enjoy today. Because of this, I felt the call to service; leading to me serving on many committees and commissions that have worked closely with the Board of Mayor and Alderman over the past eight years. As you go to the polls tomorrow, I urge you to think about the consequences of inexperienced leadership. Impulsive decisions to alter traffic only to minimize commutes are not only impractical but present a clear and present danger for pedestrians and many other members of our community. Nearly 45 years ago the town was created with three core principles: walkability, comradery, and responsible development. It has always been important to never let these values become imbalanced or allow one to dominate the other two. I believe the inclusive and vibrant town center shows we are on the right track, one that was set in motion by the founders all those years ago. If you agree with me and wish to continue moving Farragut in this direction, I humbly ask for your vote.



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

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Inside a Villages activities room were eight craft and jewelry booths — one of which found Cheryl Bjorklund selling her hand-made crafts “to fund mission trips,” having just returned from Honduras.

Residents and others who are crafts customers and car enthusiasts enjoyed browsing, purchasing and admiring all that was on display for two hours.

Photos by Alan Sloan



Doug Housley with his 1954 MGTF, which has won more than one “Best in Show” award



Clyde Furr, left, owner of this 1963 Studebaker, with Jim Fox, left, and his grandson, Garrett Lee, middle, observing



Cheryl Bjorklund, right, tends to customers Barbara Rigby and her son, David Rigby.



Customer Elisabeth Holtkamp, left, alongside booth owners Christy Moore, center, and her daughter, Autumn Moore



George Cagle, right, owner of this 1972 Triumph TR-6, alongside Jim Watson (yellow shirt)



Joanna Link alongside this 1964 Triumph TR-4 convertible



Customer Jo Bartkoski, left, and Kay Steppen, owner of this jewelry booth



Joshua Duke, right, owner of this 1988 Austin Mini, alongside George Mason (red shirt) and Jim Payne



Sharon Gilliam, left, and Mary Myhre admire this 1980 MGB LE convertible owned by Jim Fox (not pictured)