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No-mud paths to Town election victories

Determined to run a clean campaign, Burnette re-elected

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Saying his religious convictions would not allow him to go negative in his bid for non-partisan re-election as a South Ward (II) alderman, Drew Burnette's strategy was good enough for a 14-plus percentage margin of victory.

"I committed early on to the Lord, to myself and to my family that I was going to run a positive campaign, and I wasn't going to get drawn into the negativity and the social media negativity," said Burnette, who defeated Randal Roberts with 57.21 versus 42.79 percent (1,134 versus 848 votes) following Election Day results Thursday, Aug. 1.

"And I stayed true to that all the way through. I ran as positive a campaign as I could," the

Burnette

re-elected alderman added.

This was Burnette's first campaign where he faced opposition. Appointed to fill the final two years of a term in 2018, Burnett ran unopposed in 2020.

"I put out as much information on where I stood and the specifics of my plans to address issues in the Town," Burnette said. "I worked as hard as I could at keeping that message positive, even in the face of negativity."

"I think it rang true to voters," he added.

As for gratefulness, "I want to thank my family for their unwavering support, specifically to my wife, Brook, who's had a lot going on lately," said Burnette, a Surgical Equipment Sales representative for the last 20 years. "She was by my side, knocked on almost every door with me."

"And above it all, even before my family, I want to thank the Lord. I committed to Him that I was going to run a positive campaign and that I would

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Photo submitted

Alexander J. Cain, right, celebrated his Town of Farragut North Ward alderman election victory in Republican Election Day Headquarters, Crowne Plaza Hotel ballroom in downtown Knoxville, with many, including Reagan Bittel, a campaign volunteer who helped knock on doors through the heat of the summer.

Cain is able, 20% win in North Ward, to cap 1st run

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In his first run for public office, a former Farragut High School teacher/football coach-turned local businessman, Alex Cain, said he actually met with his opponent, Jeffrey Devlin, to set some campaign ground rules in the non-partisan race to fill the open North Ward (I) seat on Town of Farragut's Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

"I didn't have to do any negative campaigning against my opponent. He and I, we had a discussion right off the bat and said, 'Look, we're not running against each other, we're running for a position,'" Cain said about he and Devlin.

No negativity was needed by Cain, who enjoyed an impressive winning result at the polls. Cain will be the new face

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Dog Daze 8 almost ready

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Once again, dogs will take to the dock to show their jumping skills during Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance's 8th Annual Dog Daze at Village Green shopping center, 11435-11543 Kingston Pike, just south of Planet Fitness.

"Shop Farragut, with support from the Town of Farragut, has teamed up with Smoky Mountain DockDogs (the local DockDogs club) and Ricki's Pet Depot to once again bring a nationally sanctioned regional canine aquatics competition by DockDogs International to Farragut," an event press release stated.

The three-day, rain-or-shine event, presented by TDS Telecom, runs Friday through Sunday, Aug. 9-11, featuring fun, food, shopping and the DockDogs competition.

TDS and the Town are among 22 sponsors of the event. Others include First Utility District and Ricky's Pet Depot.

"If the weather is nice we

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Kid-O-lympians in Farragut

(Above) The Blue Rings team, from left, of Lana Davis, Rowan Abram, Elizabeth McCarter and Baylor Mason, were one of three teams to tie for the gold medal, along with The Dragons and The Somethings, at Kid-O-lympics in McFee Park Saturday, Aug. 3.

(Left) Daphne Frazier, a member of The Dragons team, tries to get her "egg" to the finish line.

(See related West Side Faces photos on page 6A)

Photos by Tammy Cheek

Town No. 1 statewide in 'Best Suburbs to Buy House'

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Town of Farragut again is recognized as one of the state's top overall communities.

Niche, an online platform for connecting people to their future schools, neighborhoods and workplaces, has ranked Farragut as No. 1 in "Best Suburbs for Buying a House in Tennessee."

The ranking is based on reviews, survey responses and public data sources, including the Department of Education, U.S. Census and FBI.

"Niche ranks thousands of places to live based on key statistics from the U.S. Census and expert insights," the Niche website stated.

Farragut Mayor Ron Williams attributed the Town's standing to "hard work and perseverance with a great administration and staff."

"This ranking is no surprise at all, given Farragut's amenities, like beautiful neighborhoods, recreational

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Knox County elections of note locally

- Farragut residents will have new representatives on Knox County Board of Education and County Commission (5th District), while Hardin Valley has re-elected its County Commissioner in 6th District.
- These races, all won by Republicans, highlight contests specific to the Farragut area following Election Day results, adding up all votes including

- absentee and early voting, as told late Thursday evening, Aug. 1,
- Representing Farragut on Board of Education will be Lauren Morgan, who received 62.75 of the votes versus her Democrat challenger, Terrye Whitaker, garnering 37.25 percent (4,581 votes versus 2,719).
- County Commissioner-elect from 5th District is

- Angela Russell, defeating Democrat S. Arthur Moore with 63.89 percent versus 36.11 (4,660 votes versus 2,634).
- Terry Hill was re-elected as Hardin Valley's commissioner in 6th District, beating Democrat Daniel Edward Greene 58.66 percent versus 41.34 (3,061 votes versus 2,157).



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Farragut’s Devlin is named Rural Metro Fire-Knox chief

Rural Metro Fire-Knox County recently announced Jeffrey Devlin of Farragut has been promoted to the position of Fire Chief.

Devlin has been with Rural Metro Fire since 1990 and has served in every position from firefighter/paramedic to his most recent position of assistant chief of operations, which he had served in for the last five years.

“Rural Metro Fire has an over 45-year history of excellence in serving Knox County,” he said. “My intention is we will be Knox County’s Fire Department for 45 more.

“It is my honor to lead the men and women of our organization as we continue to serve the citizens of Knox County,” Devlin added.

Rural Metro Fire held a Meet-n-Greet with its new fire chief Monday July 29, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

Devlin just finished an unsuccessful bid to be elected a Town alderman representing Ward 1 (North) following Election Day Thursday, Aug. 1 (*see related story starting on page 1A*).

Cain

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on Town of Farragut’s Board of Mayor and Aldermen, having defeated Devlin 60.47 versus 39.53 percent (1,074 votes versus 702) to earn the North Ward seat following all the voting, which culminated on Election Day Thursday, Aug. 1.

“I was very surprised that the size of victory was as large as it was,” said the new alderman-elect, who is waiting for Knox County Election Commission to certify all voting results before he can be sworn-in. Cain said he was told that should happen by Monday, Aug. 19, allowing him to take the oath of office and begin his service during the Thursday, Aug. 22, BOMA meeting.

“I was out at (Farragut) Middle School at the polling place for the North Ward all day long, ... The response from the people coming to vote was very good,” he said. “I felt very confident that it was going to be a strong day, but I never thought I was going to win by 2(0-plus) points.”

Looking back on how things started, “I was the first person to pull a petition with (Knox County) Election Commission back in February and was putting together a good group of people just to advise me,” Cain said. “... There was a good group of friends and acquaintances that were going to advise me. We all thought everything was going to go well.

“Then Adam Atherton announced in the farragutpress



Devlin

that he was going to run as a write-in candidate in the race, so that became a speed bump for us,” he added.

However, Atherton ultimately decided not to run “and supported me,” Cain said. “Then we went through the early part of the summer and things were rolling along real well.

“Then we got into the part of the campaign in June and July. ... A strong ground game and communication game with the voters worked,” he added.

Expressing gratefulness for all of his support, “I had about a dozen people that were out in the different neighborhoods, door knocking and getting campaign material out to mailboxes and front doors,” said Cain, owner/operator of a corporate security consulting and concierge transportation company, Tristar Executive Solutions.

“They were just amazing the whole time. They worked tirelessly,” he added. “It didn’t matter if it was hot, cold, rainy. They were out all the time. And I’ve got to thank my parents (Michael and Martha Cain) for their support.”

In addition to keeping in touch with North Ward voters, “Those people that live in the South Ward that didn’t have a chance to vote for me, I want to put together a couple of meet-and-greets with them so they get a chance to meet me and talk to me like I did out here knocking on doors,” Cain said.

“I knocked on over 500 doors and talked to people here in the North Ward,” he added.

KCSOreports

• At 12:41 p.m., Monday, Aug. 5, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff’s Office Teleserve Unit to report an attempted vehicular burglary at Ingles, 11847 Kingston Pike. Complainant said he last parked his locked vehicle at this location at 11 a.m.

“When he returned to his vehicle at 11:20 a.m., he saw that his vehicle cameras has captured the suspect holding a device attempting to gain access to his vehicle, but to no avail,” the report stated. “Complainant further advised the suspect was traveling in a vehicle, which possibly had an elderly gentleman in the passenger’s seat.”

Complainant said nothing was stolen.

• At 11:41 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 4, officers were dispatched to Cotton Eyed Joe, 11220 Outlet Drive, for a disturbance. Employees said they wanted the suspect trespassed from the property.

Officers verbally trespassed the suspect from the property and advised if he returned he would be arrested.

• At 9:38 a.m., Friday, Aug. 2, officers responded to 133 Lovell Road regarding an injured man in the road. “Officers made contact with victim, “who said he was riding his electric bike south on the sidewalk when a gray Toyota Tacoma hit him, causing him to fall,” the report stated. “There were no witnesses.”

Moreover, one officer reported he “did not ob-

serve any tire marks that were consistent with being hit by a vehicle,” the report stated. “The bike had no observable damage consistent with being hit by a vehicle.”

Victim “had a strong odor of alcohol emanating from his breath and seemed confused when questioned about where the incident occurred in relation to where he was found,” the report further stated.

“Officers did observe tire marks in the road that indicated a vehicle had driven toward the curb,” but the officer added he “could not determine if they were related to this incident.”

Officers spoke with fellow employees at a convenience store where the victim works. The employees said the victim “had been complaining of someone driving a gray Toyota truck who was bothering him, but had never witnessed any threats or assaults,” the report stated.

Victim was transported to Tennova Turkey Creek Medical Center for further treatment.

• At 9:27 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 1, an officer responded to 1134 Scenic Loop Way in regard to property damage, observing “six vehicles with damage,” causing trees to fall, the report stated. “All vehicles were parked in an apartment parking lot. There were no injuries.”

Officer “could not identify the owners of the vehicles, but was able to make contact with the property manager,” the report stated. No dollar damage amount was listed in the report.

towncalendar

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

League of Angels Festival is 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.

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, begins with Family Art Night, from 6 to 8 p.m. each Thursday Sept. 19, Oct. 17 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 beginning.

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.

“Come learn and practice new art techniques that change each week,” the press release stated. “This class allows students of all ages, skill levels and interests to explore art in a fun and ever-evolving environment.” 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.

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The Top 5 Things That Keep Shoulder Pain From Getting Better

Question: Dear Dr. John-Mark, I’ve had shoulder pain that comes and goes for about 8 months now. It usually happens after I slept wrong, and I will wake up in the morning having to move my arm around to make it stop hurting.

Typically, I take some Ibuprofen for a few days and it gradually loosens up, but I haven’t been able to get over this last one. It’s been going on continuously for about 3 weeks now, and it makes it hard for me to wash and dry my hair.

Why won’t this one go away like all of the others have? Should I be worried? I had an MRI a few months ago and it showed some rotator cuff tendinitis, but I’m starting to worry I may have a tear or something more serious. Is there anything you can do for a problem like mine?”



Dr. John-Mark Chesney
Ask The Physical Therapist

Answer: The answer to Angie’s questions are a very common problem that I see in people in their 50’s and 60’s. The pain is nothing to be worried about as far as needing surgery, but pain that won’t go away after a few weeks IS a sign that it’s time to do something about it.

The Top 5 Reasons Shoulder Pain Doesn’t Get Better Are:

1. Poor Posture: This doesn’t mean to just sit up tall, but making sure that your neck, shoulders, arms, and back are in good position for YOUR particular body in ALL of the daily activities that you do.

2. Stress: Stress increases muscle tension, and many people carry it in their neck and shoulders

3. Poor Sleep: Poor positioning of your neck and shoulder while sleeping, not enough sleep, or poor quality of sleep, can all affect shoulder pain and can make you feel stiff in the morning. Let this go on for years, and the problem compounds, much like Angie’s did.

4. Lifting Improperly: Your shoulders are like ball and socket joints, but the “ball” is not perfectly round. This means positioning your shoulder wrong when lifting things (particularly over your head) can pinch the rotator cuff tendons and cause pain.

5. Not Doing Anything About It: If the pain has lasted longer than 2 weeks, chances are it’s not going away on its own. The quicker you can learn the RIGHT things to do to get it

better, the less of a chance of the shoulder pain worsening.

There’s no reason to keep suffering like Angie did, “hoping” that the pain would just go away on its own!

If you’d like to learn what you can do to keep YOUR shoulder pain from getting to the point that Angie’s did, request a seat at our upcoming **Shoulder Pain Workshop**

We offer this workshop 1 X per year and registration is officially open.

This is an In-Person Workshop with seating limited to 20 people (and we are already 40% full). So RSVP now to reserve your spot!

Here are the details of our event:
Date: Tuesday August 20th
Time: 5:30 PM
Venue: Simply Physio 111 Loudoun Rd, Knoxville, TN 37934
Cost: FREE

This workshop is perfect for you if you’re still confused about the cause of your shoulder pain, and aren’t sure if anything can be done to improve your situation. During the workshop, I’ll spend the first 40 minutes answering in much more detail why your shoulder pain hasn’t gotten better and the critical mistakes people make when dealing with a shoulder injury, and the tips and tricks I have learned over the past 17 yrs of treating people with shoulder pain. During the last 20 minutes, I’ll open it up for questions from the attendees. I find that this second portion of the event is often where attendees get the most value, as they can ask questions specific to their situation.

I intentionally keep these workshops small and personal so that we can be sure to answer all of your questions; therefore, space is limited. If you would like to join us, simply call or text the office at (865) 351-0615 or visit <https://visit.simplypt.com/shoulder-workshop> to reserve one of the 15 remaining slots.

I hope to see you there!

John-Mark Chesney is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio in Farragut. If you have a question you’d like him to answer, call Simply Physio at (865) 351-0615 or email him at john-mark@simplypt.co or you can visit www.simplypt.com





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lettertotheeditor

Reader praises Povlin for ‘passion, dedication’

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin is at the end of her second term as Alderman for the North Ward. I want to say “thank you” for her time, hard work and refusing to give up, especially when she was being disparaged by those who felt they had the right to condemn her, both on a professional and personal basis, just because they did not agree with her. “Thank you” seems inadequate for the compassion, support and dedication she has shown during her time as alderman and vice mayor. Many residents, of which I was one, had lost faith in the Town of Farragut due to the actions of a previous administration who ignored our concerns, belittled our feelings and then sat back and forgot about us. Vice Mayor Povlin encouraged us to reach out to her, the mayor and the other members of the Board and Mayor (Ron Williams) and Aldermen. She stressed repeatedly that the Town of-

ficials cared about what our community thinks, and that our opinions and questions are important to Town officials. And guess what, I found out it was true! Over the past few years, both Vice Mayor Povlin and Mayor Williams encouraged me to attend Town meetings. So, I began attending the BOMA and FMPC meetings, and the Staff/Developer meetings. I have learned so much about how our Town is run, the whys and hows — and more. I am so grateful for the day Vice Mayor Louise Povlin showed up on my doorstep with much needed information and a sincere offer of assistance. As much as Vice Mayor Louise Povlin loves our community, I will not be surprised if her retirement is a short one. **Jeanne Brykalski, Farragut**

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opportunities, easy access to shopping and dining and excellent schools,” he added. Farragut received a grade of A+ based on several key factors, including quality of public schools, housing, amenities for families, jobs and a low crime rate. “These things didn’t happen by accident,” Williams said. “They’re the result of forward-thinking leadership since the Town incorporated 44 years ago and our continued commitment to making Farragut the best place to live in Tennessee and beyond.

With an overall grade of A+ for the Town, Niche ranks Farragut as No. 2 in the “Best Places to Buy a House in Tennessee” and No. 3 in Best Places to Live in Tennessee.” It received an A for public schools, housing jobs, A+ for good families; A- for outdoor activities and health and fitness; B for nightlife and cost of living; B- for weather and commute; and C+ for diversity. “Living in Farragut offers residents a rural feel and most residents own their homes,” the Niche website stated. “Many retirees live in Farragut and residents tend to lean conservative. “The public schools in Far-

ragut are highly rated.” Farragut High School, which ranked No. 9 among best public schools in the state; Farragut Middle School ranked an A, while Farragut Intermediate School ranked an A-. According to its Niche website, the Town has a population of 24,795 with a median home value of \$463,300 and median rent of \$1,525 monthly. National median home value is \$281,900; national rent is \$1,268. The Niche website stated 86 percent of Farragut residents own their home, while 14 percent rent their homes. To see the Farragut page, visit: niche.com/places-to-live/farragut-knox-tn/



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• **I was disappointed in the blatant lie that there is never anyone on the tennis courts (at McFee Park).** I regularly try to play tennis at McFee and the courts are always full with tennis players. I would appreciate having at least one tennis court at (Mayor) Bob Leonard (Park). I was also disappointed to hear the statement that there are no homes near Bob Leonard (Park). I live directly across from Bob Leonard, and while we are not as populated as the McFee area, there are people that will be affected and whose voices have not been heard.

• **This last week the “Traffic response ...” Letter to the Editor stated that a July 24 Letter to the Editor misled the community** regarding the status of the new light timing system. In that July 24 letter, the author clearly said that the optimized system is “currently being installed” on two separate occasions. Last week the other writer said, “... the Automated Traffic Management System is currently being installed and is not operational yet.” It seems both authors are saying the same thing; namely, that the system is currently being installed. Why does the second one claim the first is misleading the community?

Presstalk rules: • keep calls to a 90-second maximum (call 865-671-8255 24 hours a day, seven days a week); • keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum (editor@farragutpress.com); • libelous and malicious comments will not be published; profanity will be edited out; • comments remain anonymous; • individual names (including public figures) will not be published.

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could see 8,000 to 9,000 folks over the weekend,” SF/FBA executive director Steve Krempasky said.

“We wouldn’t produce this massive event for as long as we have if it wasn’t a universal hit with the public, the vendors and especially DockDogs,” he added.

Competitors from as near as Knoxville to as far as Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida — and once even Ohio — have taken part in the competition, he added.

“(Farragut Business Alliance) signs a binding contract with DOGZ Events, the parent company of DockDogs, to hold an officially sanctioned regional event,” Krempasky said. “We brought this event to Farragut in the summer of 2017, just weeks after the opening of Ricky’s Pet Depot, located in the Village Green shopping center.

“This annual event started out as a promotion for our local Pet Supply Store,” he added.

Along with the scheduled Dock Dog competition events (see schedule at <https://www.shopfarragut.com/events/dog-daze-viii/>), there will be over five dozen vendors promoting their businesses, selling products and merchandise, plus food trucks and adult beverage area with poolside seating to enjoy the festivities,” Krempasky said. “Additionally there will be children’s activities, games and axe throwing.

“It has something for everyone,” he added. There is no admission fee “so it is very family-friendly for those on a budget.”

While Dog Daze will continue rain or shine, Krempasky said the only stoppage of the

competition is if lightning is spotted.

“Vendors might shut down if any serious wind arises,” he said, but “basically, we are open all weekend.

Pooch Plunge

“On Friday, local residents can register their pets for an opportunity to jump in the pool,” Krempasky said. “Just try DockDogs with the Pooch Plunge from 4 to 7 p.m. Registration starts at 3 p.m.

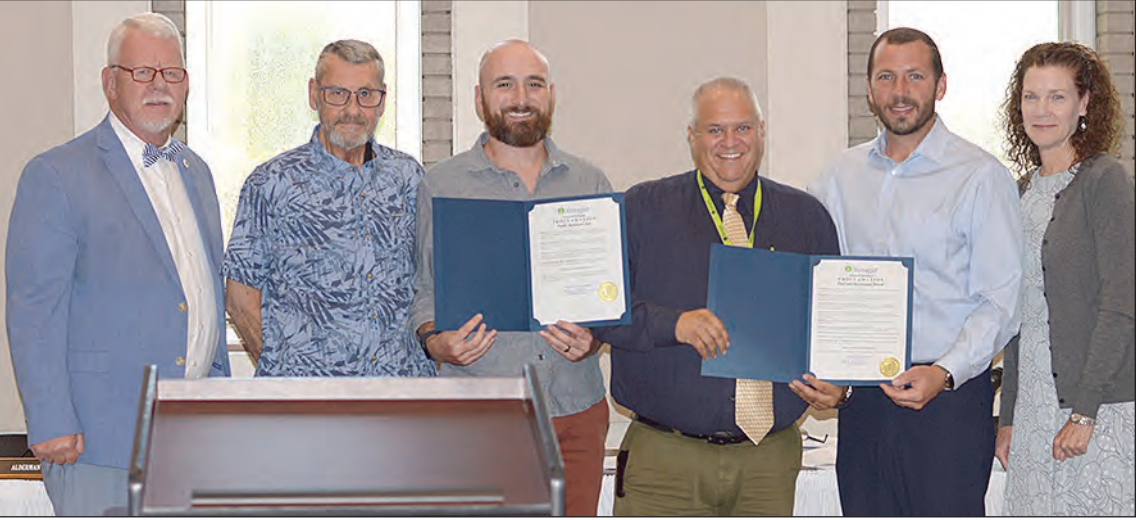
On Saturday and Sunday, “Patrons can actually witness world records being made,” he said. “All competing dogs have a chance to do just that, since this is an official DockDogs event.

Competitions begin Saturday with onsite registration and practice at 9 a.m. Big Air WAVE will take place at 10 a.m., noon and 2:30 p.m. The Speed Retrieve competition will start at 4:30 p.m.

This year, “we changed the schedule so more people will be around for the extreme vertical competition,” he said. “It normally took place late Saturday afternoon, and that is when our crowds tend to thin out.

“This year, it starts our Sunday afternoon schedule, when there is a flood of visitors

Parks & Rec gets ‘month’ proclamation



Tammy Cheek

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen proclaimed July as Parks & Recreation Month in conjunction with National Parks and Recreation Month. On hand for the proclamation presentation were, from left, Mayor Ron Williams, Alderman David White, Public Relations media assistant Martin Grayson, Parks and Recreation director Ron Oestreich, Alderman Drew Burnette and Vice Mayor Louise Povlin.

right after church and hungry for lunch,” Krempasky added.

Sunday, onsite registration and practice begins at 10 a.m., with the Extreme Vertical competition beginning at 11 a.m., followed by the Big Air WAVE No. 4 at 1:30 p.m., Big Air Finals at 3:30 p.m., then Pro, Semi-Pro Contender and Amateur Finals before winners are announced.

While admission is free, there is a charge for owners of competitive dogs who will need to register at <https://dockdogs.com/events/> or maybe on-site for any remaining slots.

“Remember, you have to be with your dog(s) at all times,” Krempasky said. “A Florida trainer has had six animals registered at one time at a past Dog Daze here.

“Out-of-state entries are common at our event since the serious DockDogs competitors must accumulate points to be able to move on and be qualified for the World Championships this fall,” he added.

For more information about the competition and rules, e-mail president@smokymountaindockdogs.com

For more information about the event, call Krempasky at 865-307-2486.



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win with grace or I would lose with grace, no matter how things turned out.

“And I was ready to do it either way. And I’m just thankful and humbled that it was a victory.”

In addition, “I think this victory is a testament of what we can achieve when we come together as a community with a common purpose,” Burnette said.

“As we move forward, I promise and commit to continue listening to residents and to be a community leader that the residents of the Town of Farragut are proud of,” he added. “Together, we can build on our successes, as well as address our challenges and continue creating a brighter future for the community.”

Burnette and Brook have five children.

(See family photo and news item in Sports, page 1B)

The new Board of Mayor and Aldermen is expected to be sworn in and ready for business at BOMA’s Thursday, Aug. 22, meeting — if Knox County Commission has certified all the voting results.



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Farragut company's support builds local business partnerships

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Fresh Impressions has shown its support of other businesses in Farragut and in nearby towns by providing services to keep them going. The company, 916 Blackstone Drive, recently partnered with Exact Tile Co. along Kingston Pike for a tile/grout cleaning and grout coloring project for Kriston and Jason Wilson, owners of Wilson Construction, custom home-builders in Knoxville. "The Wilsons are having a lot of work done in preparation for an upcoming event they're hosting at their resi-

dence on Choto Road," Fresh Impressions owner Ben Stultz said. Additionally, Fresh Impressions recently cleaned and sealed the mats for Balance Paws K9 Training Center along Kingston Pike. "Lincoln and Annette De Souza, the owner and manager of the facility, hosted a national training event at their facility last weekend, and trainers from New York flew down," Stultz said. "They wanted their floors cleaned and sealed for this event. They trusted us to do this cleaning and were thrilled with the results. "These partnerships have allowed us to bring mutual value



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Jon Friday, left, co-owner of Exact Tile, welcomes Ben Stultz, owner of Fresh Impressions, teamed up for a recent tile/grout cleaning and coloring project for Wilson Construction in Knoxville.

to one another's missions as businesses," he added. "So, for example ... Balanced Paws was having a national training event at their facility." Operating since fall 2022 as a small, family-owned-and-op-

erated business, Fresh Impressions "was able to deliver this for them in a unique way that other businesses could not," Stultz said. "They have a specialized flooring (black matting) that not all floor clean-

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54th Nail Lounge, Hurricane Cycles spotlighted



(Above) Hurricane Cycles and TDS Telecom co-hosted a Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance Business Mixer in Hurricane Cycles, 138 West End Ave. in West End Center, Tuesday afternoon, July 16. Among those on hand were, from left, Brian Sams, Y-12 Federal Credit Union; Ken Abbott (back) and Brady Huskey, TDS Telecom; Andrew Ingram, Hurricane Cycles owner; Zack Schroeder, Verizon Business Systems; Steve Krempasky, SF/FBA executive director; Hunter Clark, Hurricane Cycles; and Michelle Austin, JCPenney general manager and SF/FBA board member.



(Above right) Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce helped 54th Nail Lounge celebrate its June 1 opening with a FWKCC-sponsored ribbon cutting at the salon, 11622 Parkside Drive near Publix Wednesday, July 31. On hand to cut the ribbon were business partners Kim Ngo (front row, far left), Jackie Pham (second from left) and David Tran (with scissors), as well as Pham's husband, Lee Khiem Le (in back between Pham and Tran), manager Han Nguyen (second from right), Realtor Mark Shipe (back row, second from left) and Chamber members.

Photos by Tammy Cheek

businessbriefs

Y-12 Credit Union has announced the recent appointment of David Rupert as the new chair of its Board of Directors. With 24 years of volunteer service at the credit union and 13 years on the board — most recently as vice chair — Rupert brings a wealth of experience and commitment to his new role. He succeeds Ron Honeycutt, who has served with distinction for more than 30 years and will continue to contribute as a board member. Rupert, who retired in 2013 after a 35-year career at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, has held various senior management roles, including program director, division director and senior human resources manager.



Rupert

He holds a master's degree in social science from Truman State University in Kirksville, Missouri, and has completed advanced management and leadership programs at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill and University of Tennessee. He also is a certified senior professional in human resources. Y-12 Credit Union CEO Mark Ziegler said he believes this shift will continue to produce a strong and unified organization. "David is an incredible advocate for our credit union," Ziegler said. "His extensive background in management and human resources, combined with his longstanding dedication to Y-12 Credit Union, positions him to lead the organization into its next chapter with vision and expertise." Other current Y-12 Credit Union Board of Directors and their roles are: Lloyd Jollay, vice chairman; David Liles, financial officer; Hurtis Hodges, secretary; Ron Honeycutt, director; Sam Pelchar, director; and Tom Fisher, director.

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Kid-O-lympics

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Twenty-one children showed their athletic prowess when they competed in the Town’s Kid-O-lympics at McFee Park Saturday, Aug. 3 — each seeking a medal for their team. The youngsters broke into five teams and chose the names of their teams — The Charlizards, The Vols, Blue Rings, The Dragons and The Somethings — then made banners before the competitions began. The teams tried to get an “egg” on a spoon to the finish line, then carry a ball between their legs to the finish line. They also played tic-tac-toe with vests, threw Frisbees, filled cups with a sponge, ran a 50-yard dash and did cart-wheels among the various events. At the end of the day it was a three-way tie for the team gold medal: Blue Rings, The Dragons and the Somethings.



From left, Daniel Bai, Austin Luo, Owen Reed and Dustin Luo



Killian Jones, left, and Connor Catapano



From left, Tanner Abram, Connor Catapano, Crew Abram and Jack Reed



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Local LAX duo help US teams

Two dedicated young lacrosse players from Farragut were good enough to be chosen by national teams this summer.

Matt Kitchiner (**right**), a rising eighth-grader at Farragut Middle School, was chosen to join a lacrosse all-star team in California featuring top talent from across the nation, the California Redwoods, and could be seen playing in a championship game on ESPN. With his team finishing second in a high-profile national playoff, Matt, an attackman, provided eight assists during a U-14 Division Tournament in Baltimore — at historic Homewood Field at Johns Hopkins University — last week to aid the Redwoods’ cause. In January, Matt attended a training camp and evaluation in Orlando for the Premier Lacrosse League Juniors against some of the best young talent in the nation, being drafted by the Redwoods. Finn Sachs (**far right**), a rising freshman at FHS who also is an attackman, earned a roster spot among top national talent on the 22-player Denver Outlaws team. Throughout the tournament, Sachs scored five points and added seven assists.

Photos submitted



Kesling, ‘Voice of Vols,’ now a Tennessee Radio Hall of Famer

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Vol Network’s Bob Kesling, “Voice of the Vols” in UT Football and Men’s Basketball with long-standing ties to Farragut, has been inducted into Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame, which is sponsored by Tennessee Association of Broadcasters. Kesling joins an exclusive list of previous honorees with Tennessee Athletics and Vol Radio Network ties.

Beginning with the 1999-2000 season, Kesling has served as “Voice of the Vols” on radio and television. The UT graduate and versatile multimedia host represents Tennessee Athletics in various on- and off-air capacities as director of Broadcasting. He is a four-time recipient of the “Sportscaster of the Year” award representing the state of Tennessee.

With an association to UT dating back 50 years, Kesling is the longest-serving member in the history of the 75-year-old Vol Network.

His play-by-play duties are carried on 60-plus stations that make up the Vol Radio Network – one of the largest networks in collegiate sports.

Kesling also serves as the host for “Vol Calls,” the weekly coaches call-in radio show and the “Big Orange Hotline” during the football season. He also hosts “The Josh Heupel Show” and “The Rick Barnes Show” on the Vol Television Network.

Kesling began his association with the University

of Tennessee as a walk-on fullback on the 1972 freshman football team. His broadcasting career began in 1974 as a film editor for the “Bill Battle Show” on the Vol Television Network while he was a student at the University of Tennessee.

Beginning In 1976, Kesling became the spotter for John Ward on Vol Network radio broadcasts. He sat beside the legendary “Voice of the Vols” for 15 seasons in the Vol Network booth, also handling pre-game, halftime and post-game interviews.

Kesling also has a long history with the Lady Vol basketball team. He served as the radio play-by-play voice from 1978 through 1999, calling legendary head coach Pat Summitt’s first six NCAA National Championships.

WIVK Radio in Knoxville named Kesling its Sports director in 1976. In 1980, Kesling was named Sports director at WBIR-TV, NBC’s affiliate in Knoxville, and was Channel 10’s 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. anchor.

During his time at WBIR-TV, Kesling also worked for Jefferson-Pilot Sports on its SEC Television package. He joined the basketball network, serving as pre-game host and play-by-play announcer in 1989 and joined the football broadcasts as a sideline reporter and play-by-play announcer in 1992. He remained



Kesling

with WBIR and Jefferson-Pilot Sports until he accepted the Vol Network “Voice” positions in 1999.

During his extensive broadcasting career, Kesling has been a longtime member of the SEC Radio Network and also broadcasted various sporting events on CBS/Westwood One Radio, FOX Sports, FOX Sport-South and the SEC Network. He also called Knoxville Cherokees hockey, Knoxville Blue Jays baseball and Nashville Sounds baseball.

Active in the community, Kesling serves on the board of directors for Goodwill, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame and was 2013 United Way Campaign chairperson. He also is a 2015 inductee into Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame and Tennessee Boys and Girls Club Hall of Fame in 2020. A 1977 UT graduate, Kesling and his wife, Tami, have two daughters: Allison and Melissa.

The original Vol Network announcer, Hall of Famer Lindsey Nelson (1948-50), and Mr. Ward (1968-1999) were members of the inaugural Hall of Fame Class in 2012. In 2013, another Vol Network play-by-play “Voice,” George Mooney (1952-1967), was inducted. Others include UT public address announcer Bobby Denton (1967-2013) and Vol Network basketball analyst Lowell Blanchard (1966-68), both enshrined in 2015.

Mike Keith, former Vol Network talk show host and “ex-Voice of the Baseball Vols” who has been “Voice of the Tennessee Titans” since 1997, was inducted in 2020.



Alan Sloan

Burnette signing with C-N a 2nd generation reality

Brooks Burnette, seated in center, former Farragut High School football standout as an H-back/punter/tight-end, followed in his father’s footsteps and signed with Carson-Newman University during a brief ceremony in the program’s conference room Thursday, July 25. Also seated are his parents, Drew and Brooke Burnette. Standing, from left, are Brooks’ siblings: Isaiah, Ruth, Dean Burnette and Moses Burnette. Drew, a star kicker as an Admiral (Class of 1999), transferred to C-N from East Tennessee State after his freshman season. Dean also briefly played with the Eagles (one season, 2014). However, those family ties “were not even a big part of the decision,” Brooks said. “But it’s nice to think about continuing some type of legacy and kind of following in their footsteps while making my own.” His father said, “I’d be proud of him wherever he went. ... And just proud of all the hard work that he’s put in (during) his years in high school and throughout middle school and when he was younger. Proud to see him take that next step.” As for Brooks’ mother, “I’m proud that he gets to do the sport that he loves at the college level while he’s getting educated for his future,” she said.



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Spirit of Valley Marching Band got ‘great start’ to 2024 program

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Hardin Valley Academy’s Spirit of the Valley Marching Band and camp found members learning new moves and a new show. “We are off to a great start so far,” HVA band director Alex Rector said, noting this year’s show — details of which haven’t been disclosed to the public — is expected to debut in an upcoming performance still to be scheduled. The community performance will be held in the HVA stadium. The camp started Monday, July 15, through Friday, July 19, then continued Monday through Friday the next week, then Monday and Tuesday, July 29-30 at the school. Drum majors are Aaron Curlee, Douglas King, Jacey Thomas and Erika Walker. “We are right around 120 members this year and have grown from last year’s program,” the director said. “We will competing locally, as well as traveling to the Bands of America Grand National Championships in Indianapolis, Indiana, and BOA Regional Championships in Chattanooga and Johnson City,” Rector said. “Last year we won our class at the Karns Marching Invitational and were finalists at the BOA Chattanooga Regional. This was our sixth BOA Regional Finals appearance. “Our season ends Nov. 16 at BOA Grand Nationals,” he added.



Macy #1 in USA

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Macy Morgan, an incoming freshman at Farragut High School, heads into her first season with FHS Marching Admirals band as an award winner. A majorette, Morgan competed at Drum Majorettes of America Nationals (12-through-14-year-olds) on the University of South Carolina campus in Aiken, South Carolina, Wednesday through Saturday, July 14-17, where she won the National Beginner/Intermediate Show Twirl title. Last year, Morgan, daughter of Jarett and Janet Morgan, attended Farragut Middle School, where she participated in FHS band. “She has twirled with Tri Star Twirl for the past six years,” her mother said. “They compete as a team and as individuals at various local, regional and national competitions, and her coach is Mindy Thomas, former UT majorette and FHS majorette.” Morgan said she was surprised and really excited that she won. “When I heard my name, I was shocked,” the teen said. “It was my first time competing at nationals. I was thrilled with excitement.” “She spent the majority of her summer working hard and practicing her routines for nationals,” Janet said of her daughter. “She gained a lot of confidence from winning at nationals.”

Photo submitted Macy Morgan, a rising freshman at Farragut High School, stands tall as No. 1 after capturing the National Beginner/Intermediate Show (12-14-year-old) Twirl title.

Special ‘work’ doggie birthday for Paisley

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Paisley had her day as royalty when she celebrated her first birthday with friends and family in the office of Parker Business Consulting, 10265 Kingston Pike, Tuesday, July 30. This 10-pound Pooton (a miniature poodle and Coton Be Tulear mix), owned by Angelina Gonzalez and her 10-year-old daughter, Bella, a rising fifth-grader at Concord Christian School, “is kind of the office dog,” Gonzalez said. “She has come to work with me ever since she has been about 10 weeks old. “She actually came from a fam-

ily breeder in Iowa,” the owner added. “She’s very smart because of the miniature poodle and the Coton Be Tulear. They were actually bred to be lap dogs.” So, July 30, “we decided to do something special for her because she does come to work every day and greets all of our clients,” she said. “We’re an accounting firm, so we often have stressful deadlines and things, and she’ll walk around the office and give everybody some snuggle time, make everybody a little happier ... she is a sweet pup. “Yesterday (July 30), she had a birthday cake from Riverdog Bakery (in Far-



Wearing a silver crown to celebrate a special day, Paisley the little work-force doggie appreciated all the tennis balls she’s now got to play with, which was a present on her first birthday Tuesday, July 30.

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• **First Farragut United Methodist Church will host a free community lawn party** from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 10, at 12733 Kingston Pike, (across from Renaissance Farragut).

Activities include inflatables, face painting, games, a Bake Walk, arts and crafts, ice cream and a scavenger hunt.

For more information call the church office at 865-966-8430.

• **Farragut High School Marching Admirals band boosters will hold a fundraising yard sale inside the FHS Commons**, 11237 Kingston Pike (access from Lendon Welch Way from the Pike or Eddie Courtney Lane from North Campbell Station Road), from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 10.

Items available include furniture, clothes of all sizes for both genders, shoes, outdoor equipment (golf clubs, bicycles, scooters, camp chairs, etc.), household items, kitchen items, holiday items, toys, books, novelty items (stand-up popcorn machine, for example) and higher value items (UGGs and Dooney & Bourke purses).

Payment can be made with cash, credit card or debit card. No checks accepted.

• **Appalachian Ballet Company will hold company auditions Saturday, Aug. 17**, in the company's home studio, Van Metre School of Dance, 215 West Broadway in Maryville.

Dancers will participate in a ballet class with a panel of qualified judges. Note the following times to attend: registration opens 30 minutes prior to audition times; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. - dancers ages 10 and 11 (must be 10 years old by Dec. 31); 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. - dancers ages 12 through 14; 3 to 4:15 p.m. - dancers ages 15 and up. Dancers ages 12 and up should be prepared to dance en pointe. Audition fee is \$20.

Artistic directors Amy Morton Vaughn and Kylie Morton Berry, along with a panel of judges, will be searching for dancers with solid classical training, good musicality, engaging acting skills and a desire to dance.

In September, the company's 53rd season begins with a contemporary show and dinner, "BluejeansXBallet," featuring dances to music from Generation X (1965-1980).

The Nutcracker will be presented in Knoxville and Maryville in early December with The Knoxville Symphony Orchestra providing music for all public shows.

One school matinee will be presented as well.

ABC's spring production of "All About the Animals" will feature excerpts of Swan Lake Act II, Carnival of the Animals, and Peter & the Wolf for one public performance March 29, 2025.

For more information, visit appalachianballet.org or call 865-982-8463.

• **American Red Cross is experiencing an emergency blood shortage** as the nation faces dangerous levels of heat and people head out for final summer travel plans.

Since July 1, the Red Cross national blood supply has fallen by more than 25 percent, "and blood donors of all types, especially those with type O blood, are urged to give as soon as possible to help patients receive lifesaving medical care," an ARC press release stated. "Right now, type O inventory is so low, distributions of this vital blood type are reduced below what hospitals count on."

To make an appointment, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

• **MEDIC and Chattanooga-based Blood Assurance have kicked off their annual blood donor drive competition**, which runs through Sunday, Aug. 11. The center collecting the most red blood cells through the week will be the winner. This competition aligns with the Tennessee Smokies hosting the Chattanooga Lookouts in Smokies Stadium in Kodak.

Donors will receive a ticket to a Tennessee Smokies game, an August tie-dye shirt, a box of Girl Scout cookies and a Texas Roadhouse coupon.

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• **An Art Exhibit at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church, 2931 Kingston Pike, is free and open** to the public. A reception is from 6 to 7:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 9. Artist talks at 6:30 p.m.

The show runs through Oct. 2. Gallery hours are from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sunday.

• **Marble City Opera kicks**

off its 20th season at 5 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 17, with a concert titled Tenors, Tuxedos and Stalactites. The performance will be inside Historic Cherokee Caverns, 8524 Oak Ridge Highway in Knoxville, "where the temperature is always 58 degrees and the acoustics are excellent," an MCO press release stated.

Tickets for the concert are \$25 and are on sale now at MarbleCityOpera.com/tickets.

"Cody Boling, John Overholt, and Chris Plaas will sing a program of opera and musical theater favorites," the release further stated. "The tenors will be accompanied by music director Brandon Confer. Boling recently performed as 'Murray' and Overholt as 'Broom' in Marble City Opera's world premiere of 'The Doctor and the Devils.' Plaas sang the role of 'Tinca' in Marble City Opera's site-specific performances of Il Tabarro."

• **Eleventh Knox Asian Festival will make its return to World's Fair Park Sunday, Sept. 8**, with a special "Friends of the Festival" VIP event occurring the evening before, from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 7.

"The VIP event will be a magical night of performances featuring this year's special guests, the ASHURA ninja corps from the Ninja Museum of Iga-ryu," a KAF press release stated. "As part of the first authentic ninjutsu demonstration in East Tennessee, these real-life ninjas will perform their incredible fighting skills and the ancient arts of one of Japan's oldest ninja traditions."

Also performing at the VIP event are returning fan favorites the Maturiza Taiko Drum Troupe, and dancers from the Natarpana Dance Company.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by visiting <https://www.asianculturetn.org>. Cost of admission includes a festival T-shirt and all-day access to the festival the next day.

The next day also is big.

On Sept. 8, the Festival will run from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. This year, the festival will charge a small fee to help cover costs and ensure the sustainability of the Knox Asian Festival and the Asian Culture Center of Tennessee, which remains a nonprofit organization dedicated to education and outreach.

Admission will be \$3 for visitors 12 years and up and free for children under 12.

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Thirty-five enjoy 1st Farragut High School Choir Camp



Photos by Tammy Cheek

Farragut High School's Inaugural Choir Camp featured 35 campers from first to ninth grades, from Monday through Friday, July 8-12. "It's been really cool to see kids from different schools come together and make friends and beautiful music this week," said Kirstine Buchanan, one of the school's choir directors, along with Mitchell Moore. "Twenty-five (FHS) students and parents helped out." (Above) University of Tennessee student teacher Virginia Henske listens while Northshore Elementary rising fifth-grader Karsten Budiaraja practices the piano. (Below) Farragut Intermediate School rising fourth-grader Shaylee Dwyer, left, and Farragut Middle School rising sixth-grader Blayque Dudley relax during the choir camp in the choir classroom July 12.



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Paisley

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ragut), and we also had Brown Bag Catering,” Gonzalez said. “Then, we also did a tennis ball piñata.”

Did Paisley participate? “She kind of did,” Gonzalez said and laughed. However, she added, “The piñata was a little bit scary for Paisley, but she loves the tennis balls.”

When the balls dropped, “she kind of ran for a minute then came back to look at all the tennis balls,” the owner said of Paisley. “She loves to play ball in the office, so she was happy to have so many balls.”

About having a party, Paisley “liked it,” Gonzalez said. “She got a little piece of chicken and a little piece of steak from the Brown Bag Catering. “She loved that.

“And, she loved her Riverdog Bakery cake,” the owner added. “That was her favorite part.”

Paisley’s 8- to 10-inch cake was made of carob and peanut butter.

“When we opened the box to show it to her, she kept sniffing the box and was trying to get to it,” the owner said. “Then, she gobbled up the little piece we gave her and then she kept smelling the box.

“We had the box on the conference table, so she was even walking on the conference table to get to that box,” Gonzalez added. “She wanted more. I think she preferred that (cake) over the Brown Bag, which was saying a lot because that was chicken and steak.

“Most days, Paisley is pretty calm, doesn’t bark too much, just kind of walks around and gives everybody love. But she knew something was up (last Tuesday) because she was very, very barky and very feisty, so I think she somehow knew the day was focused on her and having the best time.”



Tammy Cheek

Paisley is held by her owner, Angelina Gonzalez, alongside daughter, Bella.

In fact, “She had a lot to say,” Paisley’s owner said. “(The following day), she was very quiet.”

During the party, though, Gonzalez said Paisley behaved very well “because, of course, there was that cake and she knew she had to be a good girl if she wanted more (cake). She let everybody eat their lunch and she was pretty calm during the party because she was anticipating good food and the cake.

“After that, she slept for the rest of the day,” Gonzalez added.

Lila Reyes, one of the firm’s

accountants, organized the party for Paisley.

“She organizes everybody’s birthday party, and she’s also in charge of our (company’s) brand-name switch,” Gonzalez said of Reyes. “We’re going from Parker Business Consulting to Speth and Associates this fall.”

Bob Parker, who recently retired, sold the firm to Kerry Speth.

obituary

Frances Rose Stillman Ryan, age 80, formerly of Farragut, Tennessee, passed away July 8, 2024, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Born in Cahokia, Illinois, Fran never outgrew her farm roots, cherishing her love for gardening, yard work, quilting, sewing and crafting.

Throughout her life, Fran and her husband traveled extensively around the world, both during his career in the Air Force and into their retirement. They eventually settled in Farragut, making East Tennessee their home for more than 30 years.

Fran was an active member of her community. She was a member of the Fox Den Women’s Club, a member and past president of the Tennessee Valley Golden Retriever Rescue and a member of the Veronica Ministry at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. Fran had a deep affection for her golden retrievers and enjoyed daily walks with Max (and all three of them) in Fox Den.



Ms. Ryan

She also took pleasure in driving her bright red Mustang with the top down on beautiful days. She had a great love for the Smoky Mountains and climbed Mt. LeConte several times.

Above all, Fran loved her family and cherished her role as “Meme” to her beloved granddaughters and great-granddaughters.

Fran was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Michael James Ryan; her parents, Clifford Francis Stillman and Marguerite Range Stillman Saunders. She is survived by her son, Blake, and his wife Sally; her daughter, Michelle Ryan Grant, and her husband, Jason; her four granddaughters: Amanda Ryan, Sarah Ryan, Emily Grant and Avery Grant Hisscock; and her two great-granddaughters, Cecilia Hisscock and Lucy Hisscock. She also is survived by her sister, Barbara Helen Bauer, and numerous lifelong friends.

A funeral mass will be celebrated beginning at noon, Thursday, Aug. 8, at St. John Neumann Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

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James “Jim” McIntee, age 92, passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 30, 2024. Born the older of two children, he was a devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 67 years who was his high school sweetheart, Joan M. (Haines) McIntee. Also preceded in death by his parents: James W. McCarthy and Mary O. (Murphy) McCarthy; his stepfather, Daniel J. McIntee; and his brother, Kenneth P. McIntee.

His quick wit and sense of humor made him a prodigious storyteller. Always with a smile and great sense of humor, Jim’s standard answer to “How are you today?” was an exuberant and spirited “Fantastic!!” People naturally gravitated to him for his leadership, positive attitude and generous heart. He often proudly showcased his collection of hats and shirts highlighting various branches of military services and local and national sports teams.

In his free time, he enjoyed numerous hobbies including playing the mandolin, violin, piano, guitar and dulcimer. He painted in the Bob Ross style of oil painting. He had the great opportunity to be taught by Bob Ross’s son, Steve, and subsequently taught his own children and grandchildren to paint.

He also enjoyed taking his children and grandchildren fishing with old cane poles, where it was a requirement to “put your own worm on the hook.” He captained his own sailboat and won the “Mississippi Lock and Dam #14 Challenge” twice, a 20-mile race in Davenport, Iowa. His other hobbies included bowling, cooking and baking, especially “Sticky Buns.” His absolute favorite activity was singing barbershop harmony with both Chord Busters in Davenport, Iowa, and Singing Buckeyes in Columbus, Ohio.

Some favorite family memo-

obituary

ries are: Sparklers, croquette in the yard, enjoying their poolside gazebo, custom-made waffles, all of the mini cereal boxes, Ice Cream Sundays, playing Skittles, Rummy Royal or canasta, going to Dollywood and enjoying a great meal out.

Several favorite photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/VNaCGyCKBZvzRWf9A>

Jim was born in Mishawaka, Indiana, on July 29, 1932. He attended St. Monica Elementary School and St. Joseph Elementary.

He graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1950, where he enjoyed singing in the a cappella choir, later becoming the choir president. Never one to be idle, he also was president of both the school’s Science Club and Math Club. He served on the stage crew, where his love of engineering began and where he created the electrical topography and designs that optimized the lighting in each performance. He served as the school’s only meteorologist, where his researched and conducted manual calculations that resulted in pinpoint precision and weather predictions used for many outdoor school activities and events (pre-computerized and automated weather forecasting that we have today).

Immediately following graduation, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served from 1950 to 1954. He served as a meteorologist and clerk-typ-

ist in Japan during the Korean Conflict. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct, Occupation Medal (Japan) U.N. Service Medal and National Defense Service Medal.

He returned home, married Joan, and attended Purdue University. He was selected for an Aluminum Company of America (ALCOA) cooperative program while simultaneously continuing his studies.

He graduated in 1960 with a Bachelors of Science degree in mechanical engineering. Following graduation, he began his career at ALCOA, spanning over 35 years.

His extensive resumé covered many locations and occupations, including a staff engineer in Davenport, Division engineer (maintenance superintendent) at the New Kensington, Pennsylvania Works, chief mechanical engineer, Davenport Works; ALCOA Research & Development Laboratory consulting engineer, Upper Burrell, Pennsylvania; consulting engineer Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

He concluded his highly accomplished career as interna-



Mr McIntee

tional chief of Molten Metals Furnaces. One of his greatest contributions to the metallurgical industry was his invention of joining aluminum and steel by friction welding without an interface, spinning the metals in different directions. He was awarded U.S. Patent Number: 3,693,238 for the creation of this technical process.

While Jim had a prolific professional career, he always took time to give back to his community and church. He served as a Little League coach in Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania, and Bettendorf, Iowa. He was president of the Camden Downs Homeowners Association, where the mayor awarded him a “Key to the City,” Bettendorf, Iowa.

As a man of great faith, he dedicated countless hours to his various Catholic communities. These included serving as Confraternity Christian Doctrine (CCD) instructor and president at St. Margaret Mary Church (Lower Burrell, Pennsylvania); Pre-school Parents Organization, Purdue University (West Lafayette, Indiana); co-president with his wife, Couples New Timers Club (Lower Burrell); charter president of Bishop’s Pastoral Commission (Westmoreland Diocese, Pennsylvania); president, Westmoreland Deanery (Westmoreland Diocese).

Throughout his life, he continued to enjoy singing in the church choir and serving as a eucharistic minister.

In retirement, he volunteered with many organizations, most notably Habitat for Humanity, where he served more than 20 years. While working as a leader of the core-group, he authored the Habitat for Humanity widely circulated Construction Manual, garnering honors and recognition from President Jimmy Carter and the National Habitat for Humanity organization.

Jim also volunteered as a small boat crew member at Tellico Boaters Assistance Response Team (TBART) on Lake Tellico, Tennessee. Serving as co-chairman with his wife, Jim hosted the Senior Citizen Monthly Potluck Social for seven-and-a-half years for the Town of Vonore, Tennessee. He also served as vice president and secretary/treasurer of the East TN ALCOA Retirees Club in Knoxville, Tennessee. Finally, he designed multiple “Welcome To Vonore” billboards proudly displayed as visitors entered the city limits from various roadways.

Jim is survived by his children, James W McIntee Jr. (Eva) of Akron, Ohio; John D McIntee (Lisa) of Bata-

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RECEPTION FOR VICE-MAYOR LOUISE POVLIN 4:00 PM

WAYFINDING SIGN WORKSHOP 5:00 PM

BMA MEETING 6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. July 25, 2024

IV. Mayor's Report

V. Ordinances & Resolutions

A. Ordinances

1. Public Hearing & Second Reading

a) Ordinance 24-10, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for Parcel

15402, Tax Map 130, west of the Cotton Eyed Joe's, from C-2 to OD-RE/E, 3.1 Acres (Cox Universal Group, Applicant)

b) 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

VI. Citizens Forum

VII. Town Administrator's Report

VIII. Town Attorney's Report



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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA • August 15, 2024

Farragut Community Center – Assembly Room • 7:00 p.m.

For questions, please e-mail Mark Shipley at mshipley@townoffarragut.org, Bart Hose at bhose@townoffarragut.org, or Holley Marlowe at hmarlowe@townoffarragut.org

1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes for the July 18, 2024 meeting
3. Discussion and public hearing on a request to rezone Parcel 191.1, Tax Map 130, south of Home Federal Bank off Parkside Drive, 1.57 Acres, from Office District, Three Stories (O-1-3) to General Commercial (C-1) (Turkey Creek Land Partners, LLC, Applicant)
4. Discussion and public hearing on a request to rezone a portion of the property at 12715 Union Road from General Single-Family Residential (R-2) to Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1), 8.64 Acres (Wil Glafenhein, Applicant)

5. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a site plan for the Campbell Station Retail Building, Parcel 119.02, Tax Map 130, .73 Acres, Zoned C-2 (Hutchins Associates PC, Applicant)
6. Discussion on a request to amend the text of the Farragut Zoning Ordinance to permit a second dwelling unit on an existing lot of record that is greater than 1.5 acres in the Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District (Tyler Butler, Applicant)
7. Approval of utilities
8. Citizen forum

Jim obituary

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via, Ohio; Janet M. (McIntee) Greiber (Tommy) of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; Jeanne A (McIntee) Middleton (Mark, Sr) of Hilliard, Ohio; June E. (McIntee) Ryan (Tim) of Cleveland, Ohio; Julie J (McIntee) Santucci (Jack) of Stuart, Florida.

Jim also is survived by his nine grandchildren, Jennifer Middleton, Jessica Middleton, Mark Middleton Jr (Caroline) Janelle (Middleton) McCoy (Cody), Aisling Ryan, John Santucci III (Emma), Jamie (Santucci) Brown and two others. Jim also is survived by his great-grandchildren, Audrey Middleton, Fox McCoy, Jaxen Tommi Middleton and Wren McCoy. Additionally, he has two foster great-grandchildren who he often provided uplifting and encouraging words.

Jim and his wife moved to Hilliard, Ohio, in 2020 to be closer to family. During these years, he looked forward to the weekly FaceTime/Zoom calls and many local daily visits from family. This was known as the revolving door of love.

He relished learning about the local area through outings, including baseball games and events. We would like to express a grateful appreciation

to all who helped care for him, which allowed him to remain in his home.

These included the local health care community, Hospice home care, Veterans Administration, North Home team, Comfort Keepers and the phenomenal local family support, collectively known as the “Middleton Army.”

Jim was a loving man and bright light to all. He truly was a blessing to his family and all those who knew him. Heaven has gained an extraordinarily kind and funny man.

The family will receive friends for visitation and a Mass Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2024, at Saints Simon and Jude Catholic Church, 9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson, Ohio 43162. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m., with the Mass at 11 a.m.. Military honors will be rendered immediately following the Mass.

Jim will be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery in Mishawaka, Indiana, at noon Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024.

In lieu of flowers please consider donating to: the local Habitat for Humanity <https://knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com/> or Barbershop Harmony Society chapter: Singing Buckeyes Chorus in Columbus Ohio www.SingingBuckeyes.com

DAR honor for Lee at Riverside Coffee Shop



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General William Lenoir Chapter, NSDAR, recently awarded the Mary Smith Lockwood Medal for Education to Angela Lee, owner of Riverside Coffee Shop, 16239 U.S. Highway 11/70 in Dixie Lee Junction just outside of Farragut. “The Founders Medals, established in 1995, recognizes citizens who have given unselfishly to their community, state or nation,” a DAR press release stated. “These medals are administered by the Reporter General’s Office. The deed, service or educational pursuit for which an individual is nominated must go far beyond his or her employment obligations or normal duties.” Liz Logan, left, General William Lenoir Regent, presented the award certificate to Lee, as displayed by her son. Becoming an expert on special-needs education as a parent while familiar with Applied Behavior Analysis, “Lee opened a transitional educational school that incorporates special education and training for the students to become functional employees.”

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