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(Above) Topgolf staff, local elected officials and members of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce and Knoxville Chamber of Commerce pose during ribbon cutting ceremonies at the newly-opened entertainment venue along Outlet Drive Friday morning, Aug. 12. (Left) Jackson Tyler of Mortgage Investors Group played a few rounds during Topgolf’s grand opening.



‘Top of the Golf’ to ‘yah

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Topgolf, the long-awaited centerpiece for Farragut’s specially-created Entertainment District along Outlet Drive, is officially open for business.

The global entertainment venue had a “soft” opening beginning Monday, Aug. 8, culminating in a grand opening and ribbon cutting Friday morning, Aug. 12, in Farragut Crossing.

“We had a chance to work out a few

kinks,” Topgolf Knoxville’s director of operations Mark Grenier said of the days leading up to Friday’s event, which brought together Town, county and state elected officials along with representatives from both the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce and the Knoxville Chamber hosting simultaneous ribbon cuttings.

“We are so excited to see Topgolf opening, offering a place to play golf rain or shine,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said.

“Lets try to set a record,” Grenier said as the group exited the lobby, making way to the exterior of the \$20 million building.

An attempt definitely was made as dozens crowded together for the ribbon cuttings — including many Topgolf staff members, which altogether number more than 400.

Friday’s ribbon cutting and celebration was the culmination of “many people working together to make it happen,”

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With Town Center finish ‘targeted’ October 2024, ‘PCD’ townhomes get unanimous BOMA approval

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While Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms has a “targeted overall completion date (of) roughly October 2024” according to Mark Shipley, Community Development director, the green light was given to build townhomes as part of the development.

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen were unanimous in amending the master plan of the Planned Commercial Development District zoning to include townhomes during its meeting Thursday, July 28.

The updated plan shows 47 two- and



Shipley

so it’s kind of situated just to the east and southeast of the multi-family portion of

three-story Federal-style townhomes in the southeast corner of the development.

“Each lot would have 25 feet of (street) frontage,” project developer Budd Cullom said. “We managed to figure that out.”

“The floodplain would be to the east of the townhomes ... at Campbell Station Road,

this project,” Shipley said.

“Having the townhomes, you tend to get more people that could be in a convenient walking distance to help support the town center itself and to kind of give it more energy in that area,” he added.

The townhomes also would feature different kinds of brick to avoid monotony in the buildings.

Alderman Scott Meyer said he appreci-



Cullom

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Fall Fest ahead?

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Having lost what had become an annual event in mid-July — as the two-day MusicFest in West End Center was cancelled due to stormy weather — Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance is heading into autumn with plans for a fall festival in October.

Successful with fall festivals

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business

Capabilities of a hospital quite unique in East Tennessee, which caters to a special clientele, was the focus of a quarterly gathering featuring many of the area’s top business leaders.

(Read story and see photo beginning on page 5A)

community

Going back to the Class of 1945, and looking ahead to the Class of 2026, four generations of one local family — 29 members in all — have graduated from, or are currently attending, a local high school.

(Read story and see photo on page 3B)

sports

One local high school program raided the talent pool from a neighborhood rival, choosing a 31-year-old first-time head coach to lead its boys varsity basketball program.

(Read story and see photos beginning on page 1B)



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Public forum to be held at Town election certification

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Knox County Election Commission will certify results from the Farragut Election Thursday Aug. 18, which begins at 8 a.m. with a Public Forum — all voters are welcome to attend — before the election is certified.

The certification will be held in West Knox Election Commission office, 109 Lovell Heights Road.

If no problems are found, newly elected Town officials — the re-election of Mayor Ron Williams and Ward I (North) Alderman Scott Meyer; and new Alderman-elect David White — will take the oath-of-office to begin the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting around 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 25.

KCSOreports

This week’s KCSO Reports includes a roughly \$120,000 scam

• At 10:05 a.m., Friday, Aug. 12, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office responded to a Windward Drive address on report of fraud involving six figures in cash. Victim/complainant said she was scammed out of about \$120,000.

Victim said she received a notification from PayPal stating her account had been frozen due to fraudulent activity. Victim said she “called PayPal and spoke to someone who identified himself as the security officer of PayPal,” the report stated.

“This unknown suspect told the victim that she needed to send him approximately \$90,000 via Bitcoin and Venmo for him to be able to reverse the fraudulent charges on her PayPal account. The suspect then connected the victim to an individual who identified himself as the security officer for First Horizon Bank.

The suspect told the victim that she needed to wire transfer \$69,999 to a bank in Cambodia before he could reverse the transactions on her bank account.”

The victim initiated both transactions. (Editor’s Note):

In a related matter to the above KCSO Report, Knox County Government is warning the public of a new phone scam.

A number of people received phone calls on (Aug. 10) from scammers who claim to work for the county’s Benefit’s Department and would like to meet in person with them or have someone come to their home to talk more about the matter,” a report from Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ Office stated.

“So far, the scammers have targeted the elderly and people who do not work for county government. The county’s Benefit’s Department would not ask someone to meet at their home,” the report further stated.

“If residents receive such a call, the county requests that the person hang up and call either the Knoxville Police Department at 865-215-4010 or the Knox County Sheriff’s Office at 865-215-2443.”

• At 5 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 14, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a burglary to her vehicle, a 2020 Chevrolet Traverse, in the parking lot of McFee Park, 917 McFee Road.

She advised an unknown suspect shattered her passenger-side rear window and took her purse from inside the vehicle. She advised the doors to the vehicle had been locked. Total value of loss was listed at \$1,015, including \$600 for the damaged window.

• At 4:08 p.m., Friday, Aug. 12, a complainant called the KCSO Teleserve Unit to report contractor fraud at a Mountain Breeze Lane address.

He advised in May 2022 he hired the suspect and her company to fix the ceiling in his home. He advised on May 16 the listed suspect had contacted him and stated the job would cost more than they had originally priced, and the complainant said he did not want to continue with the listed suspect doing the work.

He advised the listed suspect wouldn’t return his \$800 deposit and therefore he sent the company a certified letter to return his money. He said he still has yet to hear back from the listed suspect on the matter and advised he spoke to a KCSO detective, who advised him to file the report for contractor fraud due to the complainant believing the listed suspect and business did not have license to be doing the work they agreed to do.

• At 7:41 p.m., Monday, Aug. 8, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft of her wallet at Kroger, 189 Brooklawn St. She advised she

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corrections

• Beth Ann Carter with Michael Brady Inc., former Farragut West Knox Chamber Board of Directors chair (2018-2020), was incorrectly identified in a 35th Anniversary FWKCC group photo on page 5A of our Wednesday, Aug. 10, Business section.

• In the front page story “Rotarians, friends rescue Ukrainian refugee” in our Aug. 10 issue, 2007-08 Rotary Youth Exchange student Yuliia “Julie” Tryukhan’s friend Oleksandr “Alex” Surkov did not escort Tryukhan’s mother to her home in Crimea, as was stated in the story. We regret the errors.



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Townhomes

From page 1A

ated the Federal style of the buildings that complement the Campbell Station Inn’s style. The area also features open space.

Traffic concerns

Regarding Alderman Drew Burnette’s question about traffic impact, Cullom said his engineers did an update to their traffic study that showed the impact was “nominal.”

“The traffic engineer actually said the net peak hours were three extra trips,” he added. “We felt like ... from a traffic standpoint, it was much less of a burden than any commercial (business) would be.”

While Burnette still was concerned about the impact on traffic, he conceded, “Reading the (traffic) data here makes me feel better ... but (traffic is) heavily on my mind.”

“I actually support it 100 percent because of the lesser impact on traffic,” Meyer said about the added townhomes.

Next phase

With the first phase of the project completed — ALDI being open for business, completion of part of the parking lot and access available from Brooklawn Street to Kingston Pike — the next phase will include some of the multi-family dwellings and retail buildings along Main Street. Shipley said the third phase would incorporate the townhomes component, the remainder of the multi-family and remainder of the retail buildings.

Pinchok praised

“As everyone knows I’ve been an advocate for these (townhomes) from the beginning, so I appreciate adding these,” Alderman Ron Pinchok said.

“Well, I am excited as Ron is,” said Meyer, who thanked Pinchok for his part in bringing the townhomes to the project.

“It’s another feather in your cap,” Meyer added. “It’s part of the legacy that you’re leaving for us” as his second and final term in office ends Thursday, Aug. 25 (term limited).

When the property associated with the Town Center at Biddle Farms was rezoned to a PCD, a couple of areas were designated as future development. “When we first came through we were struggling with exactly what to put there,” Cullom said. “My default mode was commercial, and Alderman Pinchok came to me with that idea ... it really took off, and we’re really excited about this part of it.”

FMPC amends plan

During the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission’s meeting Thursday, July 21, FMPC voted 6-1 to recommend approving the amendment that updated the Cullom’s Town Center master concept plan.

As Commissioner Michael Bellamy cast the lone vote against, Commissioners Scott Russ, Jon Greene, chairman Rita Holladay, Mayor Ron Williams, vice chairman Ed St. Clair and Vice Mayor Louise Povlin all voted in favor of the amendment. Noah Myers and Shannon Preston were absent.

In recommending approval, FMPC required the following:

- Include a title sheet with the plan;
- Staff would note that this is a concept plan only and more detailed preliminary plat sheets would be needed when the townhome portion of the project is initiated.
- Cullom must contact staff for clarification updates.



Pinchok

Topgolf opens

From page 1A

Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said.

“It has been a six-year journey for us, for those of us who have worked behind the scenes to get Topgolf here,” he added.

“This has been a long journey, and this is certainly a big day for Farragut and Knox County,” Grenier said.

“To say we are excited to have you here is an understatement,” said Jane Jolley, a representative from Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ office.

The open-air, 72-bay, two-level building is the third Topgolf in Tennessee and the 79th worldwide. It is described architecturally by Topgolf officials as “the first of its kind in the state,” featuring all-weather outdoor hitting bays (hosting up to six players in each bay), a full-service restaurant, private event space, an elaborate bar/television viewing area “and year-round family-friendly programming for all ages.”

Unique to Topgolf, according to one of its press releases, is “signature Toptracer technology,” described as “the most trusted ball-tracing technology in the golf industry, powering the experience at the venue and enabling players to enjoy favorite games like Angry Birds and Jewel Jam.”

Players may use their own clubs or rent from Topgolf. Oak Ridge resident Darren Osborne said he had visited Topgolf locations in Las Vegas and Atlanta before checking out the Farragut site. “What I like about it is that it offers golf for everyone,” he said.

“It’s just a good time, a good place to hang out and a great atmosphere,” Osborne added. Hours are from 10 a.m. to midnight, Sunday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 1 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays. Cost varies, depending on the day and time, but guests pay per hour. During the week, it is \$27 an hour from opening to noon; \$37 an hour from noon to 5 p.m.; and \$47 an hour from 5 p.m. to close. Cost is half price on Tuesdays and increases \$3 per hour on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

All Topgolf players are required to purchase a \$5 lifetime membership.

KCSO Reports

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had last seen her wallet while entering the store around 2:30 p.m. that day and discovered it was gone around 4 p.m. when she was at the register.

She advised the wallet had been inside her purse, which had been in her buggy while in the store. She said there already had been a fraudulent charge at Walmart on one of the credit cards for \$800, but added she has notified the card companies and her bank.

Aside from the \$800 charge, total value of loss was listed at \$155, including \$100 in currency.

• At 6:25 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 7, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a lost license plate from an Allen Kirby Road address.

He advised he had last seen the license plate attached to his 2007 Porsche Boxster at 12:30 p.m. that same day, and discovered it was gone at 6 p.m. He advised he had been driving quite a bit and is uncertain as to when and where it was lost.

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What kind of Town Fall Festival would you like?



File photo

With Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance officials considering a 2022 Fall Festival, what would you like to see as the event’s major theme? Keep it family oriented, as with this photo from Oct. 27, 2019, when siblings Grant and Serena Hatten enjoyed a sack race during a Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church Fall Festival, which also included bluegrass and gospel music, hayrides, apple bobbing and other outdoor games? Or make it more food and beverage-oriented (see story beginning on page 1A)? Or have another theme? What do you think? Call Presstalk at 865-671-8255 or e-mail your comments to editor@farragutpress.com

Fall Fest

From page 1A

in recent years, which have drawn “over 6,000 people” according to Alliance executive director Stephen Krempasky, “We have not done a fundraiser since pre-COVID, so we’re looking at trying to get some revenue — and how to do that,” he added. “What’s different and what makes sense for us to be involved in” should be the focus.

As for specifics, “The idea is to do some sort of food or beverage highlight. But how that’s done, we don’t know yet,” Krempasky said. “Candace (Viox, Alliance chair) mentioned something where we develop a fall festival that would feature, maybe, brewery or distillery samples, and people would get a wrist band that allows them, for one flat fee ... to sample everything they like.

“And you would have food trucks and other entities that want to showcase, where they can sell or do a \$5 admission and we do a kickback to them,” he added.

Additionally, he said other businesses could showcase their products and services with a small booth fee.

“The idea is to get the liquor all donated, which as a 501(c) 6,

(businesses) can donate to us, and do the idea of a sampling,” Krempasky said.

“In the past, with the Taste of Farragut, one of the reasons we couldn’t do it as a restaurant was we were asked to donate all of our food and our labor and to man the booth to give away all of the product,” Viox said. “We’re trying to figure out a way ... utilize some of our local breweries, local alcohol and turn it more into a brewery-alcohol tasting event.”

As for hatching the fall fest idea, “We had a small meeting, Candace and I since our last board meeting, trying to identify something to do in the fall, before Countdown to Light the Park ...,” Krempasky said.

Venue sites

Alliance members also discussed several possible venues, such as the parking lots of West End Center and Village Green shopping center, or inside of the former Stein Mart store at the shopping center.

“I talked to Tommy Vann (Farragut developer and partner in M&M Development, which owns West End Center), just to try to keep the event within what we consider the Town Center,” Krempasky said.

At West End, “the only time

to do that is during fall break,” the executive director said.

He explained the event must happen there when it does not interfere with parents picking up their children after school at Farragut Intermediate and Farragut Middle schools.

Day of the week

“I thought maybe the Sunday before school starts back,” Krempasky suggested. “Certainly, the parking lot over at Village Green would be available and Stein Mart is a possibility until it gets leased.

“But I’m open for all ideas until we pull the trigger,” he added.

Krempasky suggested holding the event on a Sunday because of University of Tennessee Football being so popular on Saturdays. “And Sundays are actually very good for turnout,” he added.

However, Michelle Austin, an Alliance member, asked, “Do you think people would be comfortable with having a festival with beer on a Sunday?”

“We’ve got a lot of people moving here from California,” Krempasky observed.

“I understand, but I’m saying we’re still in the South,” Austin said.

Viox said some people are angry they cannot buy alcohol on Sunday.

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- keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum
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- Profanity will be edited out
- Comments will remain anonymous

poemtotheeditor
Relief from grief

After my husband of 42 years was diagnosed
And died suddenly of pancreatic cancer,
It was suggested that I attend grief classes.
My response was absolutely not.
I don't need that and that will not help
Me get over losing the love of my life,
My college sweetheart!
As time passed and my desire to live
Lessened, I was lost in the wilderness,
Like the children of Israel.
A good friend suggested I attend her
Church, Farragut Presbyterian.
I was reluctant but decided to go.
I first attended a social
Function where I met several lovely
Couples and they witnessed my deep
Sadness. Later I attended a service.

The Pastor, Matt Nieman, has a caring poetic style
That is very honest and natural. He too,
Like many, has experienced a personal loss
And struggles with resilience and looks
To God for answers.
Pastor Nieman started grief classes
And even though I was against it before,
I went to a class.
It really helped to talk about my grief and listen
To others.
Discussing grief is something
That has helped me in so many ways.

I finally started feeling better and less sorry
For myself.
Pastor Nieman and I have the same philosophy
In life, give back, help others and realize
Every person is a temporary gift, not ours for the keeping.
FPC has a community of givers and survivors.
It's an everyday thing for them to give back
And I joined in this community
Of faith.
Pastor Nieman conducts a grief class
Twice a month and his lessons
Always touch a spot in my heart
He discusses other types of grief besides
The death of a loved one,
Other types can be just as traumatic
And difficult to accept.
The church has opened doors in my life.
Accepting grief and moving forward
Will always be
My Goal.
FPC is more than good enough for me.

By Gayle Williams

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‘Focus on kids’

FWKCC Breakfast Series spotlights ET Children’s Hospital

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The unique qualities of East Tennessee Children’s Hospital were shared with Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members, government officials and other Knox County business representatives.

The occasion was a FWKCC Breakfast Speaker Series event in Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Tuesday, Aug. 2.

“We’re the only hospital that focuses on kids,” said featured speaker Matt C. Schaefer, ETCH president/CEO.

“As of 2021, the United States was home to over 6,000 hospitals,” said Julie Blaylock, FWKCC CEO/president, while introducing Schaefer.

However, ETCH was among “only 2 percent of those facilities operating as larger acute-care children’s hospitals that were providing specialized programs,” she added.

“That obligates that very small number of hospitals to provide targeted care for nearly 80 million of the country’s children, which is over 20 percent of our entire population.”

“In a lot of ways, we’re a mission that hopes to never exist,” Schaefer said. “We



Tammy Cheek

Matt C. Schaefer, East Tennessee Children’s Hospital president/CEO, spoke about the hospital’s benefits to the community during Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s Breakfast Speaker Series in Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Tuesday, Aug. 2.

would love for no one to ever need our services. We’d love for healthy kids to be healthy and never require a children’s hospital, but we know that’s not the world we live in.

“We’ve served 160,000 patients just from Knox County,” he added. “One hundred and

sixty times, someone walked through and saw a pediatrician ... a specialist ... the ER.

“It doesn’t matter whether it’s 2 o’clock in the afternoon on a Tuesday or 2 a.m. on New Year’s Eve, mom and dad are

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Michelle Hollenhead

Linda Underwood, owner of Linda’s Hallmark in Village Green shopping center, showcases a sampling of the store’s fall décor ahead of celebrating her 38th year in business Aug. 25, with many specials and promotions, a portion of which will benefit Alzheimer’s Tennessee.

Linda’s Hallmark 38th proceeds to benefit Alzheimer’s TN

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Linda Underwood of Linda’s Hallmark has been a business owner for almost four decades.

But some of her most important work has been accomplished during the last several years with an organization that impacted her personally.

Now an active board member with Alzheimer’s Tennessee, she became affiliated with the organization after the diagnosis of her late husband, Al.

“We had suspected Alzhem-

er’s, but the day they confirmed it in 2015, our first stop was at the Alzheimer’s Tennessee office,” Underwood recalled. “They were helpful to both of us, from the very beginning, and that began my volunteering with the organization.”

Although Al passed away four-and-a-half years ago, she remains devoted to Alzheimer’s Tennessee, not only as a board member but also as a sponsor and team captain for the annual Knoxville Walk to Make Alzheimer’s a Memory.

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Mercedes-Benz networking



Tammy Cheek

Terry Rutherford of Regions Bank, past Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce chairman, and Andrea Warnick of First Bank mingle during an FWKCC networking hosted by Mercedes-Benz of Knoxville, 10131 Parkside Drive, Thursday, July 21.

Hallmark

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“As much as they’ve helped us, I can say they are even more helpful now, and are a very helpful resource for families and their caregivers,” she added.

Underwood also is committed financially and will be making a donation to Alzheimer’s Tennessee based on proceeds from her 38th Anniversary celebration Thursday, Aug. 25, as well as offering space to volunteers from the organization inside her Village Green shopping center store that day.

“Linda gives back to the community and our organization in so many ways,” said Mary Lynne Payne, Business Development & Public Relations specialist for Alzheimer’s Tennessee. “She has asked Alzheimer’s Tennessee to take part in this event as well, so we will be there to help families caring for a loved ones, sign up for a Silver Alert Kit and provide the Polaroid.

“The Silver Alert Awareness Program helps prepare care-

givers in advance of a possible wandering situation. The kit is meant to guide them through obtaining vital information required by TBI in the case of a lost adult situation,” she added. “Linda has a gracious heart and I am delighted to be a part of her business celebration and this opportunity to help others.”

Additionally, the day will be filled with numerous promotions, specials and door prizes.

“It is a chance to say ‘Thank you’ to our customers for supporting us all these years,” Underwood said.

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“We have never had him here before and are very excited about it,” she said. “Reservations for appointments are required.”

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Underwood said one unannounced promotion will be revealed at 7 a.m., Monday, Aug. 25, on the business’ Facebook page.

ETCH

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Schaefer said the hospital grew a lot in the 1970s and 1980s, when it started to have more and more pediatric specialists, and expanded outside the hospital — adding 25 lo-

cations of care across the region.

“I’m a big advocate of Children’s Hospital,” attendee Stephanie Mader said. “It’s an organization of people who really care.”

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business briefs

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The Peace Corps suspended global operations and evacuated nearly 7,000 volunteers from more than 60 countries. Eilerman is a graduate of University of Day-



Eilerman

ton with a bachelor's degree in sociology and minors in social work and Spanish. She will serve as a volunteer in the Dominican Republic in the youth in development sector.

• **PYA, a national accounting and management consulting firm, recently was ranked a 2022 Top 100 Firm** by Inside Public Accounting. This is the seventh year in a row PYA earned the recognition, which

showcases the firm's continued dedication to clients and staff. It is one of two accounting firms headquartered in East Tennessee to make the list and the only ranked firm headquartered in the Knoxville metro area.

• **The graduate supply chain programs in UT Knoxville's, Haslam College of Business rank first among programs** in North America, according to a report from Gartner Inc.

• **Sarah Bowman recently was promoted to consulting principal in PYA's Compliance Advisory Services team, while Jean Bartman was hired as a principal on the firm's Tax Services team.** Bowman has 15 years of experience in health-care and operational process redesign experience, Bartman has more than three decades of experience leading professional teams and helping clients.



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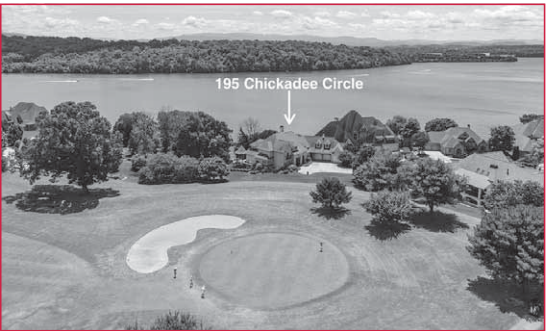
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J.P. Burris, left, new FHS boys varsity basketball head coach, chats with senior post Dallas Carbaugh, the only returning starter, after Burris met his new team Thursday, Aug. 11.

From rival HVA, Burris, 31, ready to lead Ads boys hoops

ALAN SLOAN
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Going only 6 miles to find their new varsity boys basketball head coach, Farragut High School brass chose a young man with no head coaching experience.

However, FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett and athletic director Donald Dodgen spoke glowingly of J.P. Burris, 31 — having lured away their new Admirals skipper from rival Hardin Valley Academy.

“When we found out coach (Jon) Higgins was resigning, I started reaching out to people I knew in the basketball community,” Bartlett said to the basketball players, who gathered in the school’s library to hear and meet their new coach Thursday afternoon, Aug. 11. “I got names from different people. Coach (Dodgen) did the same, different people.

“And one of the consistent names from everybody sending names was J.P. Burris,” he added. “One thing they said was, ‘He fits your culture, he fits Farragut, he fits what you believe. ...’

“He stands for what I believe in, OK, so he’s a coach from my heart. He knows basketball and he knows it well. And he knows young men.”

Under Burris, “He’ll demand you be the hardest-working basketball team on the court, no matter who we play,” Bartlett said. “When the ball’s loose, we’ll be down first to get it.”

“He’s going to fit it very well at the school, both as a teacher (physical education) and a coach,” Dodgen said after the meeting. “... Our program’s going in the right direction, and he’s going to keep it in the right direction.”

Burris addresses his new team

“First and foremost, I want you to know

See BURRIS on Page 2B

Rebuilding year for Madden’s Farragut volleyball team?

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

It looks to be a rebuilding year for Farragut High School’s volleyball team because of heavy losses from last year.

However, third-year head coach Jo Madden is expecting big things from her girls.

“I’m very excited about the new season,” Madden said. “We have a lot of young girls who are eager and ready to learn. I’m excited to see what my senior McKenzie Turner’s gonna do. We’re

expecting a lot of power from her this season.”

Turner, a 6-foot senior captain who plays outside or middle hitter, will anchor the Lady Admirals’ offense. Trying to set her up for a kill will dominate their offensive set.

“This season is going to be a great one,” Turner said. “Our team has already grown so much since preseason workouts, and I’m excited to see where our progress takes us. I’m ready to get out there ...”

“She can hit anywhere in the front

row,” Madden said. “She’s our big person that’s gonna have kills. She’s a powerhouse.”

Most Turner kills likely will come from passes made by sophomore setter Tori McNair, who was named Freshman of the Year last season in District 4-AAA.

“She’s a phenomenal setter,” Mad-



Madden

den said of McNair. “She ran our 5-1 last year. She’s coming back this year to run our 5-1. She’s one of the best setters around here.”

The term “5-1” references having only one setter on the floor at a time among the six total players. Some rotations have two setters.

Turner will have help down low from senior Madie Neeley, a middle hitter. Sophomore Elsa Morrison, a transfer from Indiana, will complete Farragut’s

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Getting ready for 2022 season

(Far right) Hank DeVault (4), Farragut senior receiver, gets congratulated for his 24-yard TD catch from senior quarterback Luke Johnson versus Karns by sophomore receiver Landon Collins (24) and junior tight-end Noah Gunter (27) during 32nd Annual KOC Kickoff Classic Friday, Aug. 12, at Hardin Valley Academy. (Middle right) Brady Miner, HVA junior defensive back, intercepts versus Knoxville West. (Right) Charlie Robinson, Webb quarterback, tossed a 34-yard TD to freshman receiver Shavar Young versus Austin-East.

(Below) Bearden freshman running back Jayzon Thompson (23) scored on a 32-yard pass from back-up quarterback Graham Moffett against Powell. BHS senior running back Presean Brown had a 3-yard TD run. (Week 1 regular season games listed on page 7B)



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Burris

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that I'm very excited to be here," Burris told the players. "Farragut High School and Farragut basketball is a destination, it's not a stop. I understand how fortunate I am to be here with you guys."

With this transition coming during the first week of school, "It's going to be a learning experience for you guys, and it's going to be a bit of a learning experience for me," said the new skipper, a former HVA boys hoops assistant coach the past two seasons who coached five seasons as an assistant varsity coach at District 4-AAA rival Heritage.

"... We want to build off the success you guys had last year (26-9 record as 4-AAA regular season and tournament champions)," Burris added, though the Admirals return just one starter off that team, senior post Dallas Carbaugh.

Saying he wasn't going to discuss "offensive and defensive stuff" during this introductory meeting with his new team, "The most important thing for me and the staff that I bring here ... is getting to know you, so we can start building those relationships," he said.

Eventually shaking hands with each player, Burris said he wanted "to have a team meeting with you" sometime in mid-August.

A Dawg, Red Rebel, Scot

A former Bearden Bulldog shooting guard under then head coach Mark Blevins, Bur-



J. P. Burris

ris transferred to Maryville and became an All-District shooting guard for the Red Rebels his senior year during the 2009-2010 season.

At Bearden, "We went to the state tournament my junior year," he said. "My senior year I ended up playing at Maryville High School, and we had a good year."

"I ended up getting to play college basketball at Maryville College (a Division III NCAA school)," Burris added about the Scots' program, where he later served as an assistant coach for one season. "Being there, I got to play and learn from one the best, coach Randy Lambert."

Assistant coaches, family

Burris' new assistant coaches will include Marcus Huie, a former FHS standout athlete and coach at HVA, and Adam Jenkins, also a former Hawks coach.

Burris and wife, Torie Burris, have two children: Briar, 4, and Judah, 1.

FHS volleyball

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troika of hitters. "We're expecting her to come in and bring a lot of power also," Madden said of Morrison.

The Lady Admirals' libero will be junior returning starter Avery Mandl. The libero is a defensive specialist, often being the first to receive a hitter's attack. Digs and dives are this player's specialty.

"She does a great job of communicating from the back row," Madden said of Mandl. "You have to know where your

players are on the court, and she does a good job of that."

Rounding out the starters for Farragut will be defensive specialist Addison Owen.

"She's quick, and she reads, and she's very coachable," Madden said about the freshman.

The Lady Admirals skipper has 14 girls on her team. Those most likely to see action who aren't starters are freshman defensive specialist Teagan Williams and sophomore outside hitter Loryn Neely, sister of Madie.

"Our first line is defense this

year, making sure our passers can get the ball to the setter," Madden said. "This year more so because we're a younger team, and in the past we've had strong defensive players."

"This year in practice we've focused on getting stronger defensively," she added.

Last year, the Lady Admirals finished 18-10 (3-3 in district) and lost to Hardin Valley Academy in the district tournament.

"We have great talent," assistant coach Jessica Amori said. "They're very coachable and hard-working."

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Asian Festival, Film Fest are set Aug. 27-28

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Asian Culture Center of Tennessee is hosting two events at the end of the month to celebrate its culture.

Knox Asian Film Festival begins at 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at Central Cinema, 1205 N. Central St. A pass for all five films is \$35, or \$10 for each screening per person.

Ninth Knox Asian Festival, free of charge, is from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 28, at World's Fair Park.

Those wishing to may register online at <https://www.knoxasianfestival.com> for the chance to win one free ramen bowl from the Ramen Bones food truck, which is a Festival sponsor but will not be serving this year. Thirty registered participants will be selected at random for the free dish after the event, and will be notified via e-mail.

Film Festival

Specific films planned include the documentary "Far East Deep South," which focuses on the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act and its profound impact on generations. It is described by ACCTN executive di-

rector and Farragut resident Kumi Alderman as "an eye-opening film."

The Taiwan documentary "Pakadavai" about Taiwan tribes features "Rashomon," which was the first Japanese film to receive a significant international reception; "Memories of Murder," a 2003 South Korean crime thriller co-written and directed by Bong Joon-ho; and "The Kingdom of Dreams and Madness," a documentary of Studio Ghibli.

For more Film Festival information, visit <http://>

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Four KCHS generations recognized

Matriarch, age 96, helps celebrate school's 90th anniversary with great-grandson as a freshman

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Michelle Hollenhead

Knoxville Catholic High School kicked off its 90th anniversary last week by highlighting a family that now has its fourth generation attending the school.

KCHS Class of 1945 graduate Helen Marie Mabry Connor, now 96, along with her son, Mike Connor (Class of 1969) and granddaughter, Mandy Connor Welch (Class of 1998) were on campus Tuesday, Aug. 9, to welcome great-grandson, Connor Welch (Class of 2026), who was beginning his freshman year.

Connor not only is the first of the family's fourth generation to attend KCHS, but he also is the 29th family member to do so, said his aunt, Christy Connor Watkins (Class of 1989 and Helen's youngest child), who, along with her son, KCHS senior Patton Watkins, also was on hand to mark the occasion.

The group gathered at the West Knox County school's Fox Lonas campus in St. Gregory the Great Auditorium lobby — named Mike '69 & Carroll '72 Connor Lobby in honor of the family — for photos and to reminisce.

Helen, all smiles and still spry, noted she "attended the 'old school'" along Magnolia Avenue, as did her late husband, Joe Connor.

"It's where we met," she added.

Marking four generations who have attended Knoxville Catholic High School, who gathered at KCHS Tuesday, Aug. 9, were Helen Marie Mabry Connor, third from left, Class of 1945; and from left, her grandson, Patton Watkins, a KCHS senior; her daughter, Christy Connor Watkins, Class of 1989; her son, Mike Connor, Class of 1969; granddaughter, Mandy Connor Welch, Class of 1998; and great-grandson, Connor Welch, a KCHS freshman.

"I had a wonderful experience at this school, just as my mom had a wonderful experience at this school," said Christy, who was the last of the family's second generation to graduate.

"KCHS has meant the absolute world to me," she added. "Being the youngest of six, some of my first memories in life are of my older siblings at KCHS, football games, homecomings and graduations.

"The desire to join in the tradition of going to KCHS like my parents, siblings and cousins was strong. KCHS has always been much more than just my high school — it has been my faith, family and because my own three children attended, my future."

Summing up 80-plus years of family's ties to the school, "It's an absolute honor to be part of my mother's legacy at KCHS. I must say, however, my children sharing in that legacy is even better," Christy said.

School history, goals, notable graduates

Knoxville Catholic graduated its first class of 11 students in 1933. The school graduated 143 in 2022.

"Catholic High rests securely on the foundation of those who have gone before," said Pam Rhoades, KCHS director of marketing and communications.

"The school now boasts over 7,000 alumni who live and work across the globe," she added.

Notable grads include Pulitzer Prize-winning author Cormac McCarthy (Class of 1950) and NFL players Harrison Smith (2009) and Amari Rodgers (2017).

Dating back to its beginning in 1932, "KCHS lives its mission of teaching the gospel, igniting a love for learning and nurturing individual growth in mind, body and spirit, as students are prepared to be disciples of Christ who influence a constantly changing world," Rhoades said.

It's all about 'Avian,' a re-uniting, for BHS Marching Band's 2022 program

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It's all about "Avian" concerning Bearden High School Marching Band's program for the fall 2022 performance and competition season.

"Avian is anything that relates to birds; the show this year is about birds," assistant band director James Wilson said, as 150 performers — led by Wilson

and long-time director Megan Christian — wrapped up two weeks of hard work during band camp with their annual "End of Band Camp Celebration" Saturday, July 30.

It was culminated by performing Avian for parents and other band enthusiasts at Bill Young Field.

"They've done five 12-hour days this week," Christian said July 30 while praising their hard work. "The week

before that they did 9-to-5 days.

"They've accomplished so much in what they've been able to learn and work together to create," she added.

Avian, drum majors, schedule

As for Avian, "We start with introducing different birds, then a storm comes in and kind of blows them all away," Wilson said about the program.

"And then they spend the last half of the show trying to find one another

and come back together as a flock," he added. "And then, at the end, they celebrate being back together and having found their family again."

Head drum major, senior Jackson Schriver, "is a very good leader," Christian said. "And we also have (drum majors) Bryan Utomo (senior) and Mustafa Arkawazi (junior)."

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Asian Fest

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Knox Asian Festival

The Asian Cultural Parade kicks off festivities at 10 a.m. at the water fountain on the Park lawn, concluding at 10:30 a.m. at the Amphitheater stage.

Managing one of the stages will be Farragut High School students Ivy Zhang and Alan Tan, co-presidents of the school's Asian Club. "They did fundraising by selling bubble tea to donate (to the) Asian Festival," Alderman said.

"We also showcase various martial arts demonstrations, Thailand Traditional Dancers from Washington D.C., K-Pop and J-Pop performances, Kimono Show, a bonsai exhibition, a cosplay contest, Japanese tea ceremony, and Japanese drummers Taiko Drum group from Disney World and Korean Fan Dancers from Georgia," she added.

"(And) You can learn Japanese summer dance."

She said 1,250 seats will be available under the Amphitheater tent for the big stage performances.

Avian

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As for competitions and performances in addition to Friday evenings (along with one Saturday and one Thursday evening) during football season, "We're super-excited to be traveling this year," Christian said.

"We'll be traveling to three different competitions — one of which is local and two are further away," she added.

Following a competition at Karns High School, "we're going to be going to Kentucky to play at Corbin High School," Christian said.

"And then we're going to be traveling to The Contest of Champions this year" at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

In short, "The kids are great," Christian said. "The kids really believe in building a team, and if they don't make each other better, who will?"

"You gotta build a team."

The BHS band gets its first chance to perform in uniform, as the Bulldogs football team hosts Knoxville West starting at 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20.



Alan Sloan

Class of 2023 senior members of Bearden High School Marching Band.

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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA • August 18, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

Farragut Town Hall - Board Room

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

1. Approval of agenda

2. Approval of minutes - July 21, 2022

3. Discussion and public hearing on approval of preliminary plans for the Little Turkey Creek Greenway Extension from the Brookmere Subdivision to the Sheffield Subdivision (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

4. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a final plat for the former Huntley Property off Union Road, Parcels 036, 03602, 03603, 03404, Tax Map 142, 25.74 Acres, 6 Lots, Zoned R-1 and R-2 (Ryan Lynch, Applicant)

5. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a preliminary plat for the Westerly Subdivision, Parcels 8.01, 9, and 10.02, Tax Map 152, 8.74 Acres, 12 Lots, Zoned R-1 and R-2 (BHN-P, Applicant)

6. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for the Concord Road Substation, a portion of Parcel 03701, Tax Map 153, 3.66 Acres, 1053 Concord Road, Zoned A (LCUB, Applicant)

7. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for the Grove at Boyd Station Amenities Package, Parcel 050, Tax Map 162, 3.94 Acres, Zoned R-1/OSMR (Homestead Land Holdings, LLC., Applicant)

8. Discussion on a request to amend the Town's Outdoor Site Lighting provisions to provide for outdoor ballfield and court lighting only where it currently exists at Bob Leonard Park, McFee Park, and the Knox County School property (Farragut Neighborhood Preservation Partnership, Applicant)

9. Discussion on Future Land Use Map amendment considerations associated with the Kingston Pike/Smith Road/Boring Road Study Area

10. Approval of utilities

11. Citizen forum

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FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD

AGENDA • Tuesday, August 23, 2022 • 7:00 p.m.

Farragut Town Hall - Board Room

1. Approval of minutes for the July 26, 2022, meeting.

2. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Ageless Medical Spa, located at 11673 Parkside Drive.

3. Review of a primary ground mounted sign (monument type) for Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors, located at 13044 Kingston Pike.

4. Review of a ground mounted entry sign for Farragut Golf and Games, located at 164 West End Avenue.

5. Review of a ground mounted main/primary sign for Farragut Golf and Games, located at 164 West End Avenue.

6. Review of an athletic field scoreboard and associated landscape screening for First Baptist Concord Church, located at 11704 Kingston Pike.

7. Staff report - wall signs approved in the past month.

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Ads host Beech, Hawks at Karns, Dawgs home vs. West in Week 1

STAFF REPORTS

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The opening week of the Farragut-area high school football season finds Eddie Courtney's FHS Admirals hosting Hendersonville Beech, a perennially strong Class 5A program.

With Courtney's boys looking to avenge a loss at Beech last season, opening kickoff is 7 p.m., Friday, Aug. 19.

Hardin Valley Academy and new head coach Jeff Miner travel to rival Karns to open 2022. Opening kickoff is 7 p.m., Friday.

As head coach Dave Meske begins his 38th and final season as Webb School of Knoxville's highly successful head coach, the Spartans look to avenge a loss at Carter last season, hosting the Hornets. Opening kickoff is 7 p.m., Friday.

Bearden's opener, and head coach Josh Jones' first game leading the Bulldogs, is a Saturday evening showcase, hosting rival Knoxville West at BHS's Bill Young Field Aug. 20. Opening kickoff is 7 p.m.

Knoxville Catholic will be a heavy favorite against a small Division I school, hosting Chuckey-Doak. Opening kickoff is 7:30 p.m., Friday.

Christian Academy of Knoxville hits the road but stays close to home Friday evening, as Travis Mozingo's Warriors travel to Seymour to face The Kings Academy. Opening kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Final tune-up for Lady Ads, Knox Catholic

Farragut girls soccer defeated Knoxville Catholic 2-0 in a preseason tune-up match for both teams at the Farragut Intermediate School Field Thursday evening, Aug. 11. **(Above left)** Lady Admirals Lexi Shimeall (3) is in a race for the ball with a KCHS player. **(Above right)** Farragut's Reagan Miller (6) battles a Lady Irish player for ball possession. The Lady Ads opened regular season play Tuesday, Aug. 16 (after deadline), at Jefferson County.

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MARCHING ADMIRALS

Farragut High School’s Marching Admirals spent two hot weeks in July preparing for the upcoming band season. The 146-member group, led by four drum majors, director Kenneth Carrico and new assistant band director Rodney Brown, practiced their program, “Diamonds in the Sky.”

The first part of that program will be performed during halftime of the varsity football season-opening game at FHS’s Bill Clabo Field Friday evening, Aug. 19, as the Admirals host Hendersonville Beech. Opening kickoff is 7 p.m.

The entire program will be presented Friday, Sept. 23, when South-Doyle visits FHS. The group also performed during the Lawn Chair Concert Series Saturday, Aug. 13, in Founder’s Park at Campbell Station.

All photos by Michelle Hollenhead



Among those decked out on “Cowboy Day” Thursday, July 28, were, from left, Andrew Hall, Sofia Plowchan, Grace Doyle and William Bergeson.



Lilly Fountain wore her Yoda Christmas hat on “Christmas in July Day” Thursday, July 21.



Flautist Adriana Silvestri practices without her instrument on “Christmas in July Day” Thursday, July 21.



Gaeden Edgar, a member of the band’s flag corps, runs through the program.



Ella Pinchok is one of four drum majors this year. The others are Samantha Garner, Jack Osorio and Madden Moshier.



Luke Weidemeyer listens to directions.



Jillian Hartzog on percussion.



Drum major Samantha Garner leads “Christmas in July” Day Thursday, July 21.

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Furrow to be Featured Auctioneer

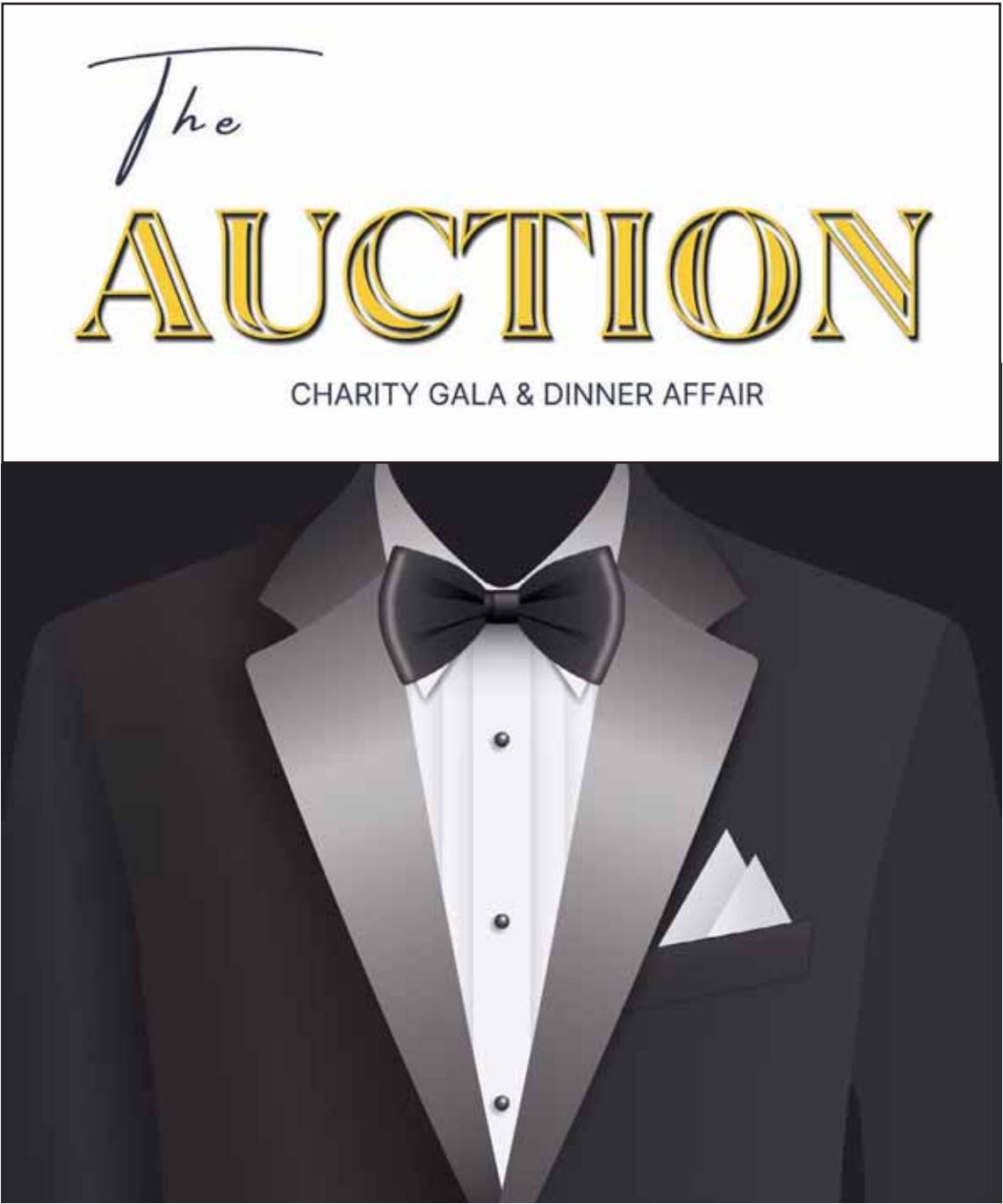
Among all the other fun details being confirmed for the chamber's beloved signature fundraiser, "The Auction: Charity Gala & Dinner Affair," presented by TDS Telecom, the Chamber is excited that none other than Sam Furrow of 46 year old Furrow Auction Co. of Knoxville will start the bidding to close out the evening with a live auction of up to 10 items. A staple in the auctioneer industry and in Knox County, Furrow Auction Co. provides approximately 100 auctions for charitable causes annually and the Chamber is honored for Furrow to officiate.

The longest standing fundraiser and event since 1987, The Auction allows the chamber to continue to grow and expand its programs and services to members at no added cost to them, continually increasing the value of membership for small and local businesses. A portion of both item AND ticket sales will also benefit member non-profit Remote Area Medical (RAM), with the funds to go entirely to the January 2023 clinic taking place in Knoxville.

The sumptuous menu will include hand-passed canapes such as oyster shooters, mini crab cakes, and the full menu will offer Lemon Peppered Chicken, Pork Tenderloin with Blackberry wine Reduction, carved Prime Rib Au Jus, a Mashtini Bar and much more.

Guests are encouraged to dress their best and black tie is optional for this affair. Tickets are available for individuals for a flat \$75, however MEMBERS can take advantage of a dis-

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Young Professionals Summer Social

Join for Knoxville's first annual Young Professionals Social Networking

**Yard Games
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Aug 18 2022 6-8pm

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Young Professionals Summer Social

The chamber's young professionals, West Under 40, are excited to partner up for a regional YP networking alongside Young Professionals of Loudon County, Young Professionals of Knoxville and Blount County Young Professionals.

This summer social event will take place at the Blount Partnership, and there is no charge to register or attend. All guests will receive one drink ticket; additional can be purchased on site. Attendees are encouraged to bring a guest!

Registrations are being accepted at tinyurl.com/3td2vefa, or RSVP to Jonathan Desai at 865-309-1292.

August's Member of the Month



Congratulations to Adrian Hall of Movement Mortgage on being nominated and selected as the Member of the Month for August! A Knoxville native, Adrian has 10 years of experience in the finance industry and leads the Adrian Hall Team at Movement Mortgage. Through his work and community involvement, it is evident that Adrian is passionate about educating and investing in people and his community. While he stays busy helping his clients with their mortgage needs, he also spends his time teaching others about financial literacy and prioritizes people over profits. Adrian helped pioneer the Farragut West Knox Chamber's Young Professionals group, West Under 40, and just stepped down after 4 years of serving as their board chair. Congratulations, Adrian, and thank you for all you do for not only the Chamber but also our community!

Enterprise Club

These Chamber members generously contribute to the Chamber and the Continuing Education Grant Program above and beyond their annual dues.

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Networkings

Mercedes-Benz of Knoxville - July 21, 2022



Aaron Crecy, *Junk Galaxy*, Jennifer Wilson, *bioPURE*, and Dr. Al Hazari, *PostalAnnex*, exchange greetings and conversation before announcements at the networking.



Anthony Scott, *Commercial Van Manager at Mercedes-Benz*, shares the story of Mercedes-Benz of Knoxville, and how sprinter vans are on the rise at the evening networking.

Tennessee State Bank at the Tennessee Pearl - July 28, 2022



(L-R): Dwinita Loveday, Barbara Parton, and Robin Kurtz, all *Tennessee State Bank* staff, smile for the camera at the networking.



Christine Dean, *AA-Air Company*, Brenda Herron, *Copper Cellar Family of Restaurants*, Amy Shewmake, *Simply Magical Vacations* by Amy, Terry Smiley, *FirstBank – Farragut*, and Chuck Chalker, *FASTSIGNS*, smile for a quick photo before the networking kicks off.

Breakfast Speaker Series



Guests listen intently to speaker Matt Schaefer tell his story of how he found his way to East Tennessee Children's Hospital.



Above: After a fantastic presentation and Q&A session, Ambassador Daniel Monday-Slamdot, speaker Matt Schaefer-East Tennessee Children's Hospital, chamber Board Chair Christine Dean-AA-Air Company, and chamber board director Cory Beilharz-Christian Brothers Automotive gather for a quick group photo.
Above right: Representatives from Knox County, The Knox Fox Real Estate and Town of Farragut network after the breakfast. Pictured L to R are Chris Thomas-Knox County Forensics, Eric Whitener-The Knox Fox Real Estate Group, and Trevor Hobbs-Town of Farragut.



Right: During the Q&A portion of the event, multiple guests take turns to stand not to ask questions but to tearfully thank Schaefer and the hospital for the loving care provided to the children in their families.



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August/September 2022 Classes: Registration & Class Info:
How to Create a Marketing Plan
Thursday, August 18 at 10:00
in-person
<https://clients.tsdbc.org/workshop.aspx?ekey=21420080>
A marketing plan is the compass of your business's marketing efforts. Without one you risk getting lost in the forest of boosting Facebook posts, or stranded on the mountain of inefficient Yelp ads.
At the end of the hour with speaker Jeremy LaDuke, founder of Epic Nine Marketing Outfitters, you will have a marketing plan that will help you:
• Reach Your Best Customers
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• Measure Results

How to do Business with the Government 101, Part 1
Monday, September 12 ONLINE
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Ribbon Cuttings

Engel & Völkers - July 15, 2022



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Summer Moon Coffee - July 19, 2022



Welcome to West Knoxville, **Summer Moon Coffee!** Eric and Heidi Davis, owners, opened the coffee shop on the corner of Campbell Station by way of Austin, TX. This coffee spot is in the heart of Farragut and is guaranteed to leave you wanting more! Summer Moon roasts every batch of coffee beans in hand-built brick roasters, over seasoned Texas oak. If you haven't been, make plans to do so and try some of their delicious "moon milk", which is their homemade coffee creamer. We are so glad you are here, Summer Moon. Congratulations!

**Farragut West Knox Chamber
35th Anniversary - July 27, 2022**



The **Farragut West Knox Chamber** celebrates 35 years with a Ribbon Cutting Celebration! Members Mucho Gusto Food Truck fed the guests chicken and beef Empanada, sweet plantains, with fresh salsa and chips from her native Venezuela while Kona-Ice of West Knoxville kept everyone cool and refreshed with their icy treats! Special Guests included Michael Rothman, the first board chair, former board chairs Michael Holtz, Thierry Sommer, Marianne Morse, Derwin Hagood, Tim Williams, Beth Ann Carter, Terry Rutherford, and current chair Christine Dean. With charter members, elected officials, and longtime friends surrounding us, it is a celebration we will not soon forget!

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Auction

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Member Briefs

Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job? Go to www.farragutchamber.com to see these and other member items!

The **Kitchen LinK** is hosting Food Truck Freedom at McGill Plaza on Saturday, August 20th from 4-9pm. There will be food trucks, field day games, and lots more! If you are interested in being a vendor, you can email joinkitchenlink@gmail.com for more information.

Join **Computer Systems Plus** as they launch their new monthly event called Brew Connect. For the next four months, on the third Thursday of each month, they will be meeting at different breweries to connect with their clients and inform them of new opportunities, give tips and tricks, news, or educational material. Join them for their first one on August 18th from 4:30pm-6:00pm. The location will be announced on their social media.

Want to share your non-profit's upcoming events and info? Contact Darrell Bryan at **WFIV Radio, 105.3 FM!** The station's schedule features a new morning show from 6:00-9:00am, Monday through Friday, that will include information about local events and opportunities to engage with the community. WFIV is also expanding its musical repertoire to include all the best hits from the 60s, 70s, and 80s for "Good times. Great music!" Email darrell@wfiv.com with your information to be broadcasted OR to be a future in-studio guest.

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Fox Den Country Club has a new general manager. Welcome, Mike Davis! Effective September 1, Davis will be stepping into the role. With him, he brings 26 years of Country Club General Manager experience, mainly in the southeast US. He currently resides in Roswell, Georgia, and looks forward to being centrally located to his family in both the Tri-Cities and Nashville.



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Thank you for your Captain Enterprise Membership!



Thank you for your Captain Enterprise Membership!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber welcomes back these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of this past July. We are privileged to count them as Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. It is also our hope that area residents recognize the commitment a business makes to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with their patronage.

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Calendar of Events: August-September 2022

Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>. Call 675-7057 or email Suzanne@farragutchamber.com for a link to create your account! Visitors/Guests can register by clicking the links on the Chamber Calendar (www.farragutchamber.com > “Events”) and registering under “Not a Member?”.

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Thursday, August 18, 2022

8-9a
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Tennessee Strategies
Farragut Town Hall Rotunda
11408 Municipal Center Dr.
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Thursday, August 18, 2022

6-8p
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Wednesday, August 24, 2022

11a-Noon
Ribbon Cutting
Skintology Centre for Anti-Aging
New Ownership and Name Change
412 Ebenezer Rd.
Knoxville 37923

Thursday, August 25, 2022

8-9a
Networking
Dr. Joe Chiro
312 S. Peters Rd.
Knoxville 37923

Thursday, September 8, 2022

8-9a
Networking
Tennessee Valley Pool and Spas
10806 Kingston Pike
Knoxville 37934

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

3:30-4:30p
Ribbon Cutting
Premier Eyecare 20th Anniversary
11111 Kingston Pike
Farragut 37934