

## \$120,000 divided by 4



Tammy Cheek

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen presented the Town’s four public schools a combined \$120,000 — \$27,000 to each plus \$12,000 to Farragut High School Education Foundation, during a brief ceremony early in BOMA’s Thursday, Sept. 14, meeting in Town Hall boardroom. Joined by the Town’s Education Relations Committee youth representatives, on hand for the presentation were, front row from left, youth representatives Abby Doyle and Sophie Lu, Farragut Primary School principal Lynn White, FHS Education Foundation president Mary Cook and youth representatives, Vaishnavi Tathineni, Michelle Lin and Lauren King. Back row, from left, are youth reps William Cabaniss, Davis Baxter, Alderman Drew Burnette, FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett, Susan Horn, 5th District Knox County Board of Education representative, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Farragut Intermediate School principal Suzanne Parham, Farragut Middle School principal Gregory Adams and Mayor Ron Williams.

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## Sept. 25 meeting: will reflect citizen interest in McFee \$5.5 million cost?

Although Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen have scheduled a public meeting to address concerns about the proposed \$5.5 million purchase of 55 acres of property along McFee Road beginning at 6 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, in Farragut Community Center, four residents raised questions and voiced their objections to the purchase — and the conduct of the Board — during BOMA’s meeting Thursday, Sept. 14.

During Citizen Forum time at the end of the meeting, citizen Patrick Lee asked Mayor Ron Williams, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin and Aldermen David White and Drew Burnette several questions. Among them:

- “Are you aware there is a nearly 2-acre active sinkhole on the McFee land purchase site?”
- “How does this impact the access easement for the road?”
- “What was the reason for refusing to vote to Alderman (David) White’s request to delay the vote to allow for a workshop to ask the residents if they want this purchase over other needs?”

“Will you commit to significant public outreach and allow the citizens to decide if they want to purchase this property,” Lee asked.

“In the budget meeting, I warned you that you were violating the Open Meetings act,” citizen Mike Mitchell said. “On June 22, when you voted

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## Sounding off on ‘pulling out:’ NKCC, Cotton Eyed Joe

Ward explains nightclub’s side concerning Anthony cancelling Sept. 27 show

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Statement from Chuck Ward, owner of Cotton Eyed Joe, concerning the cancellation of Country Music sensation Oliver Anthony’s scheduled performance at the Farragut nightclub Wednesday, Sept. 27:

“On Sept. 6, 2023, Cotton Eyed Joe’s entered into conversation with the intention to create a formal agreement with Brian Prentice, who was identified as Oliver Anthony’s manager, on the terms and conditions specific to a concert and meet-and-greet the artist (Anthony) would furnish on Sept. 27, 2023. “... Prentice verbally stated Anthony requested \$120,000 in compensation, plus two nights hotel accommodations.

“Additionally, Prentice verbally agreed that Anthony would participate in a meet-and-greet prior to the concert. Cotton Eyed Joe suggested a ticket price of \$99 per ticket for the concert and a concert/meet-and-greet combo ticket at a price of \$199 per ticket. Prentice verbally agreed to both the concert ticket and the concert/meet-and-greet combo ticket prices and asked for Cotton Eyed Joe to produce a formal agreement. This formal



Neighbors of Knoxville CC lead kill of Choto affordable housing plan; Zachary quote

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**CONCORD** — Dominion Group’s recent announcement to withdraw its application for the Choto Landing affordable housing project “marks a significant triumph for the residents of Knoxville County, underscoring the power of a united community,” stated a press release from Neighbors of Knoxville Community Coalition, the main coordinated effort to stop the development.

“A coalition of area neighbors appreciates Dominion Group’s commitment to responsible development and respect for the character of the Choto community.”

Dominion Group planned a 56-unit townhome community, which would house residents earning less than \$70,000 per year, at 12320 Northshore Drive, just east of Town of Farragut limits in Knoxville County.

Residents of the area, led by NKCC, held a protest Tuesday, Sept. 5, opposing the development (see specific concerns later in this story).

According to a press release from State Rep. Jason Zachary (R-District 14, which includes Farragut) Tuesday, Sept. 12, “I confirmed that

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### Speas still being paid by Knox County Schools despite no job?

According to published reports, Knox County Schools has stated that Dr. Rob Speas, former Hardin Valley Academy principal who never returned after being placed on administrative leave with pay in late April, is still being paid despite apparently having no KCS job (his HVA salary was stated to be \$125,916.45).

Speas was placed on leave after a janitor allegedly

intentionally left gas valves open in HVA’s chemistry lab overnight in late April, yet the school was open for regular activities the next school day until late morning.

Many parents complained, asking why the school opened for students, faculty and staff with strong gas vapors circulating around HVA.



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# Offer input on Town Center plans via online

As part of an effort to collect public input on how property in Farragut’s Town Center should develop and what new infrastructure is needed, the Town of Farragut invites its citizens to complete a survey.

Share your feedback by visiting the Town’s engagement site, EngageFarragut.org. To participate, scroll down to Featured Projects and choose “Mixed Use Town Center Input.”

First-time users will need to create an account by entering a name and e-mail address. Once you are on the project page, you can read more about the public input process. The survey is at the bottom of the page.

Collected data will be used to update Farragut’s land use map, which guides decisions that influence how property develops.

Tunnell-Spangler & Associates was hired to develop a vision plan for this area and provide other updates to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. TSW also collected input via two public meetings Thursday, Aug. 31, in Farragut Community Center.



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## A ‘Euphoric’ Sampler champ

Lyssa Zimmerman, right, Hardin Valley resident and South College sonography student, was delighted to meet Amy Burritt, Euphoric Cheese Shop and Sparrow Wine Bar co-owner, at her West End Shopping Center location to pick up her August Town Sampler prize winnings. Shop Farragut put together more \$200 in gift cards and gift certificates, \$25 each from Sparrow Wine Bar and these Farragut businesses: gift cards from Katy’s Hallmark Store, Ricki’s Pet Depot, Don Delphi’s Pancake and Restaurant House, Sir Gooney’s Family Fun Center, Healing Hands and O’Reilly Auto Parts; and gift certificates from Status Dough and Prestige Cleaners — plus other Farragut swag. The September contest can be entered at: <https://wfiv.com/contests/42/shop-farragut-september-2023> and features another group of eight Farragut businesses.

# KCSOreports

• At 2:05 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, a complainant sent an e-mail to Knox County Sheriff’s Office Teleserve Unit to report license plates missing from Hertz Vehicles, LLC, 9000 Executive Park Drive. Complainant stated the license plate was lost in the mail and was notified by e-mail at 1:07 p.m., Sept. 14.

Complainant was required to file a report in order to receive a new license plate. Total value of loss was listed at \$65.

• On Tuesday, Sept. 12, a complainant, a Knox County Litter Crew employee contacted a KCSO unit about an illegal dump site located near 10817 Parkgate Drive in Farragut.

Items found were a large box, broken furniture and household trash. Inside the trash documents, the suspect’s name and address were found. These documents consisted of a bill from Precision

Tune Auto Care with the suspect’s name, home address, phone number and e-mail address.

A shipping label with the suspect’s address also was found. “The amount of trash found at the site was well over the 10 pounds needed for an aggravated littering charge,” the report stated. “A records check found that the suspect currently is on parole from Texas for a robbery conviction.”

• At 12:55 p.m., Monday, Sept. 11, a complainant came into the KCSO West Precinct to report theft of a license plate at Weigel’s, 610 N. Campbell Station Road. Complainant advised around noon, Sept. 11, he noticed the plate was not on his 2019 Nissan.

Complainant said the license plate screws also were stolen. At the time of this report, there was no known suspect. Total loss was listed at \$65.

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agreement was sent to Prentice by Cotton Eyed Joe on the same day (Sept. 6, 2023).  
“... Cotton Eyed Joe received a phone call from Prentice on the morning of Sept. 9, 2023, in which he verbalized the signed contract was forthcoming and he requested that Cotton Eyed Joe move forward in announcing the date of the event (concert and meet-and-greet) and the price of admission for both (\$99/ticket, concert; \$199/ticket, concert/meet-and-greet.) “Therefore, in good faith, on Sept. 10, 2023, Cotton Eyed Joe made such an announcement about the event, published the price of the tickets, and tickets went on sale on Sept. 11, 2023.  
“The response was tremendous, temporarily shutting down our ticketing system – with 460 concert tickets and 43 concert/meet-and-greet combo tickets sold. We pride ourselves on providing an intimate event experience – with approximately 2,000 seats available at our venue – and looked forward to hosting the concertgoers.  
“What happened next was very much to the surprise of Cotton Eyed Joe. Unfortunately, instead of Anthony com-

ing back to Cotton Eyed Joe directly for a professional discussion about the agreement ... Anthony decided to express his concerns through his social media platforms.  
“Anthony’s statements were beyond misleading and did not at all appropriately represent the conversations that had occurred throughout the process to create a formal agreement. It wasn’t until after the media frenzy ensued that Cotton Eyed Joe received a phone call from Prentice expressing concern for the prices that had been previously agreed to, verbally. Ultimately, on Sept. 11, 2023, Prentice notified Cotton Eyed Joe of Anthony’s decision to end the discussions and cancel the Sept. 27 event.  
“... We wish Anthony nothing but the best in his professional endeavors. ...”  
In a social media post, Anthony stated: “Ultimately, it’s my fault for not being more directly involved with the venues who have reached out. My plate has been full and I delegated the responsibility to someone else to help me book. I am not pointing fingers at Cotton Eyed Joe, I don’t know where the miscommunication took place.  
“I’m just upset seeing those prices,” he further stated.

Choto plan dead

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Dominion sold their property off Northshore to a private owner and they are no longer pursuing the development at Choto Landing.  
“When the people engage, it changes the trajectory,” Zachary further stated.  
“The group believes that this outcome will not only benefit its residents, but also strengthen the community partnership, paving the way for future endeavors that prioritize Knox County’s well-being and the interests of its residents,” the NKCC release stated. “This collective achievement serves as a testament to the incredible results that can be attained when a community comes together with a shared purpose.  
“Neighbors of Knoxville is a passionate coalition of community members dedicated to preserving the character and safety of our beloved Knoxville neighborhood,” the release further stated.  
“... Since its inception a month ago, Neighbors of Knoxville has brought to light concerns about the inappropriateness of Choto Landing, rallying concerned neighbors who have created websites,

social media communities and petitions with more than 6,000 signatures against this development.  
“At its peak, more than 300 public comments against Choto Landing were been posted and directed at Knoxville-Knox County Planning Commission. ...”  
As for specifics on why NKCC opposed this development, “High density development means lots of hard space with less natural ground to absorb water ...,” the NKCC press release stated; “Overcrowded schools fears ... Traffic fears: “The property is located near a blind hill (along) Northshore (Drive). ... The proposed development is high-density section-8 three- and four-bedroom units, which will include numerous children. The study does not appear to consider

the impact of traffic for those children to be driven to school and for school related activities. ...; **Lack of conformity concerns:** Attached dwellings would not blend well with the rural-residential character of the area. ...; **Lack of fiscal responsibility:** Section 8 housing is not the best use of this property for taxpayers. ...  
“**Harms intended recipients:** As there are limited funds allocated for such government projects, more cost-effective development allows more units to be built for those people in need ...;” and **Harm to Knox income potential:** “We do not promote high-density development. However, if the property is developed into high density, it makes financial sense to develop it into 56 smaller patio homes. ...”



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## Problem with BOMA McFee decisions, Forum actions

In the Sept. 14 Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) meeting, four Farragut residents spoke in Citizen’s Forum and brought forth new information they found from an Open Records request with the Town of Farragut concerning the purchase of 55 acres of land on McFee Road.

On Sept. 1, Mayor Ron Williams signed a \$5.5 million purchase agreement on the land unbeknownst to the public.

The plat map of the 55 acres of land that was included in the June 24 BOMA meeting had been edited to omit a 1.73-acre sinkhole in the middle of the property to deceive the public.

The motion in the June 22 BOMA meeting to approve the letter of intent to purchase the property also had a second part of the motion that was not on the meeting agenda and was not read into the record.

The second part of the motion allowed Mayor Williams to sign a purchase agreement to buy the land without another BOMA meeting approval.

When Citizen’s Forum began, the Mayor and Vice Mayor said they would answer questions after the residents had spoken.

At the end of Citizen’s Forum, Mayor Williams reneged on his promise and told the Aldermen not to answer any questions but to study them and answer them on Sept. 25 in a Town Hall (meeting) at the Farragut Community Center.

This is unacceptable. This is the second time in weeks the Mayor and Vice Mayor have promised to answer questions on the record only to break their promise. The meeting on Sept. 25 is not a Town meeting, it is not video recorded; no minutes will be recorded. The BOMA, with the exception of Alderman David White who did answer questions on Sept. 14, is not accountable in my opinion.

Town administrator David Smoak said it was the responsibility of residents to read the

170-page BOMA agenda packet to find the one paragraph on page 69 that included the second part of the motion they wanted hidden, “and to authorize the Town administrator and Town Attorney to negotiate the terms of the final contract that would be consistent with the Letter of Intent and authorize Mayor Williams to execute the final contract.”

Mr. Smoak denied the charge from one of the residents that this was an Open Meetings violation.

Mr. Smoak also said it was the responsibility of residents to go to the KGIS website to find the actual plat map that shows the massive sinkhole.

I was the last speaker. I had one minute-and-30-seconds of my time left to speak. When the Mayor forbade the Aldermen to answer questions I went to the podium and said, “May I be heard?”

Mayor Williams said, “No sir, you’ve had your time.” I replied, “I want my questions answered on the record.” Mayor Williams threatened to have me removed from the meeting. Do we have civil rights in Farragut?

Is this the kind of government you want? One with no accountability. That tries to trick you. That hides a second part of a motion in a 170-page document and then tells you it is your fault you didn’t read the entire document? A government that places an edited plat map that hides the massive sinkhole from the public?

This is not acceptable to me. I hope it is not acceptable to you.

Mike Mitchell,  
Farragut

*(Editor’s Note: visit Town’s YouTube BOMA video of this meeting to follow each word, if desired, and decide for yourself what happened concerning Citizen Forum)*

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• It is so sad to see the destruction taking place opposite Old Stage Road at Kingston Pike. This development is destroying all kinds of hardwoods and native dogwoods and red-buds — and for what, more apartments and more retail?

We already have a lot of vacant retail space in Town; we already have over 1,000 apartments already in Town. How much more do we need? Why do we keep doing this? Isn’t it about time that we consider enough is enough?

## Tributes to the late Doris Woods Owens

Doris Woods Owens was a member of the Samuel Frazier Chapter, NSDAR since Oct. 11, 1988. Over the years, she served as regent (2001-2004), vice regent (2010-2013) and registrar (1998-2010), as well as numerous other offices and chairmanships.

She was a member of the National Daughters of the American Revolution for over 30 years. Doris served the Farragut-Concord community in many ways over the years, including being involved in the establishment of the Farragut Museum and later becoming the museum’s director. She even has a “Doris Woods Owens Gallery” at the museum.

Doris was a driving force to keep our Chapter alive. She will be deeply missed.

Greta Preston, Samuel Frazier Chapter, NSDAR

Doris was a wonderful woman and an important member of the history of Concord/Farragut. Opening the Farragut Folklife Museum in the old Campbell Station Inn at the corner of Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike was but one of her many accomplishments. She also served as the first director of the Museum. Her two granddaughters, Hannah (Mills) Sims and Hayley Mills, also served as docents at the museum as young girls.

She also co-authored a book with Kate Clabough that was published in 2009, called “Concord-Farragut: Images of America” that is still available on Amazon (<https://a.co/d/c83htPi>).

Her chosen profession was teaching and she loved to regale the family of the many stories and memories of her long teaching career.

Paula Mills

## McFee, Forum

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on this, I warned you that you were violating the Tennessee Open Meetings Act.”

In prior meetings, Town attorney Tom Hale said the Town did not violate the state Open Meetings Act.

Meanwhile, Town administrator David Smoak addressed a couple of the citizen issues at the Sept. 14 meeting.

“We are in the due diligence period right now ... We have surveyors working on the property,” he said. “We have

environmental studies being done on the property. We have not gotten those final reports yet.

“We have until the end of October to really decide whether you want to move forward or not,” Smoak said. “We have several maps that show many different things on there, and yes, there is a depression that’s a little less than 2 acres that’s on the property.”

He pointed out that 2 acres, even if it’s a sinkhole, could be used as a detention pond or for other non-building uses, such as an open space.

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# On the move

## Levenson family starts anew with Realty Execs

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The Levensons, a family of real estate professionals at RE/MAX, moved to a new company, Realty Executives, 124 N. Winston Road, Tuesday, Sept. 12.

“Rich, Patti and I have all moved over,” said their son, Ryan Levenson. “Rich and I are technically ‘principal brokers,’ but we will just be acting as broker/consultants, as is Patti.”

Rich and Patti have been in Real Estate for more than 40 years while Ryan has been in the business for 16 years.

“Rich and Patti started RE/MAX in Knoxville in 1987,” Ryan said. “They were with Powers Real Estate first, then Century 21, then Volunteer Realty before they started the first RE/MAX franchise(s) in Knoxville in 1987.”

“I have been with RE/MAX since 2007, when I started, but grew up with RE/MAX in my blood,” he added.

However, the family moved on.

“The change of companies



Rich Levenson, left, Patti Levenson and their son, Ryan Levenson, have all moved over from RE/MAX to Realty Executives in West Knox County.

stemmed from our sale of RE/MAX, which occurred in October 2020,” Ryan said. “At that time, I owned the company, which I purchased from my dad about seven or eight years prior.”

“Once I sold the company, we remained with RE/MAX for two years to assist in the

transition,” he added.

After that transition period, “we decided to change it up and join REA,” Ryan said. “We needed a change and wanted to associate with one of the best brands in town, Realty Executives.”

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# businessbriefs

• BarberMcMurry Architects has named **Kristin B. Colwell, RID, NCIDQ, WELL AP**, as its new studio manager, and **Drew Newman, AIA, LEED AP**, as its new digital practice manager.

Colwell, who has been with BarberMcMurry for nine years, is an associate, senior interior designer and project manager. She has been integrally involved in studio initiatives related to building information modeling, as well as sustainable design, and she is a tnAchieves mentor.

Newman, an associate, worked for BarberMcMurry from 2015 to 2017 and rejoined the firm in 2022. He has been a core member of BMA initiatives related to BIM project delivery methods and design process. Newman serves on the State BIM Committee and the board of directors of AIA East Tennessee.

Additionally, he is a member of Young Professionals of Knoxville, Society for College and



Colwell



Newman

University Planning and volunteers as a head coach for Farragut Baseball Inc.

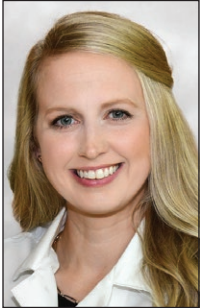
• Rylie McClurg recently was promoted to Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ deputy communications director.

McClurg comes to the mayor’s office from Engineering & Public Works, where she’s been serving as the communications and outreach coordinator.

• Tennova Healthcare • North Knoxville Medical Center recently announced the addition of obstetrician and gynecologist, **Jaime Riley, B.A., D.O.**, to the Women’s Service team and Dr. Lekshmi Seemanthini, interventional cardiologist, MPH, FACC, FSCAI, to the Tennova Heart team.

Riley will practice at the Multispecialty Suite, 7557B Dannaher Drive, Suite 225, Powell.

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Riley



Seemanthini

# RHI of Farragut earns national design award

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A Farragut luxury interior design firm, Rowan Hall Interiors, LLC., serving Farragut, Knox County and surrounding areas, achieved a national honor.

RHI received first runner-up for the Designer of the Year Award from Interior Design Society during the IDS’ annual conference at Times Square Marriot, New York, in August.

“I was so excited and surprised,” said Alfie Rowan, lead designer and founder of RHI. “I’m so honored to even be considered among such talented, nationally-recognized interior designers.”

“It’s kind of nice when a little Knoxville firm

gets announced in the Big Apple,” she added. Also, “It’s nice to be recognized by colleagues across the United States.”

“(Rowan) is based in Farragut and has been turning ordinary houses into extraordinary homes for over 20 years,” said Landry Stidham, marketing manager with RHI. “We are thrilled to be among some of the most talented designers from across the country.”

“The Interior Design Society’s Knoxville chapter (of which Rowan is a member) also won an award for Small Chapter of the Year,” Stidham added. “We are so proud of them and the work they do for interior designers in the Knoxville area.”

See RHI on Page 6A



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Farragut’s Rowan Hall Interiors, LLC, consisting of, from left, Michelle Luna, Karen Brackett, owner Alfie Rowan and Kasia Golec, recently earned a first runner-up national design award.

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Alfie Rowan, founder and designer with Rowan Hall Interiors in Farragut, shows the award her business received for winning first runner-up for Designer of the Year Award from Interior Design Society during last month’s IDS’ conference in New York City.

RHI

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RHI won the award for a living room they created for a client. “This was a special, fun project because our clients we did this room for are long-time clients, who are really fun,” Rowan said. “They’re a busy family who needed performance fabrics. “So, it’s not just a great room that got pictured and looked beautiful,” the designer said. “It really is a great room for our family.” For Rowan, designing homes started as a hobby when her oldest child was born. Twenty-two years later, “we have grown to a team of six,” which includes Kasia Golec, designer; Karen Brackett, project manager; Stidham, social media coordinator; and installation team, Sylvia Rasch and Michell Luna. “That’s what makes us special is I have the best freaking team in the whole world,” Rowan said. “They’re amazing. “There are a lot of interior designers in Knoxville, and one thing that does make us special is our team approach. “We’ve done projects all over the Southeast but mostly in Farragut and Knoxville,” Rowan said. “It’s been a really fun journey, growing a team. Our goal is to be one of the premier design firms in Knox County.” To schedule a visit with Rowan and her team, call 865-585-2945, e-mail [info@rowanhallinteriors.com](mailto:info@rowanhallinteriors.com) or visit RHI’s website at [rowanhallinteriors.com](http://rowanhallinteriors.com)

Realty Execs

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“The main attraction for us was the great name/brand in Knoxville, the quality of the agents at that firm and, for me, my relationship with Justin Bailey, the CEO,” he added. “Justin and I have become friends over our 16-plus-year career in this business, and we currently serve as the president (Ryan) and first vice president (Bailey) of the East Tennessee Realtors — our local Real Estate Association, comprised of over 6300 agents serving 12 counties. “We have worked together most of our career, as friendly competition, and have grown to become great friends. I trust Justin with my life, and clearly, my career.” With the changover to a new company, The Levensons will be bringing their long-estab-

lished book of business with them. “The change breathes new life into our real estate business, energizes us again and excites us to be part of something bigger,” Ryan said. “We enjoyed running RE/MAX for the past 33 years, but it was time for a change. “The change will also bring a lot of opportunity to grow our businesses and better serve our clients,” he added. “The tools and support at Realty Executives, along with the amazing name/brand in Knoxville, will allow us to better serve our clients. The Levensons’ business can be reached from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and by appointment outside those hours, at 865-588-3232. Ryan also can be reached at 865-250-3400 or by e-mail at [ryanlevenson@realtyexecutives.com](mailto:ryanlevenson@realtyexecutives.com) Also reach Patti at 865-310-7448.

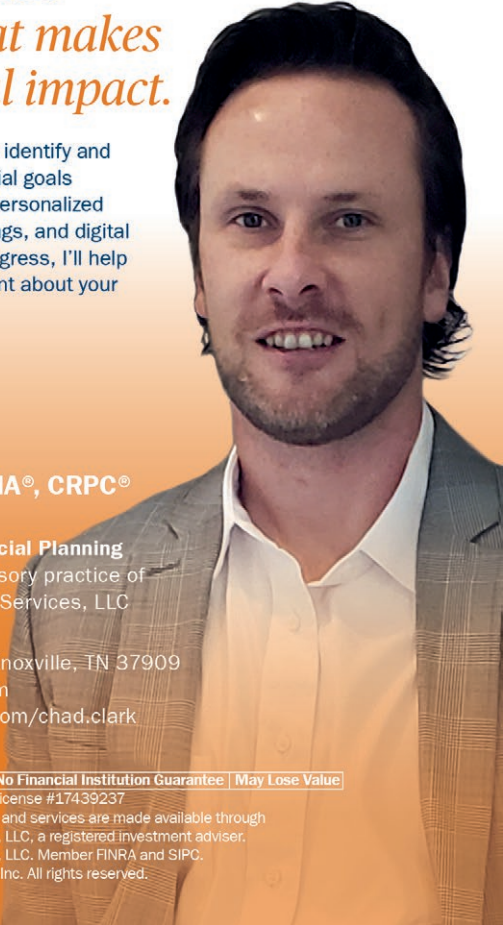


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Classy Caterer celebrates new kitchen



Tammy Cheek

Classy Caterer celebrated its new location, 10621 Kingston Pike, Suite 1, Knoxville, with a Farragut West Knox and Loudon County Chambers of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting Wednesday, Sept. 13. On hand for the event were the Classy Caterer team, from left, Nicole Erickson, Miriam Kloster, Alicia McCoy, Brian Nestfall, Donna Sneed, owner Trisha Kelly (with scissors), Sara Carroll and Cathy Patty, along with a host of members from both FWKCC and LCCC.

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## The Lee Company celebrates opening with FWKCC rib-cut

A crowd turned out for a Farragut West-Knox Chamber-sponsored ribbon cutting for The Lee Company, 12522 Kingston Pike. On hand for the event included, in no special order, Bart Mayfield with The Lee Company, Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Jake Dotson (TLC), Farragut Mayor Ron Williams, Jason Scott (TLC), Matt Atkinson (TLC), Scott Green (TLC), Suzanne Krygier (FWKCC) and Emily Bonomo (TLC). Other TLC staff included Shelley Lambing, Jennifer Hubmann, Gresham Hill, Justin Braden, Kyle Eddy, Jacki Waugh, Erin Maupin, Scott Szymborski, Nathan Morgan, Sam Officer, Charles McGunnigle and Stephen Crawford, along with a host of Chamber members.

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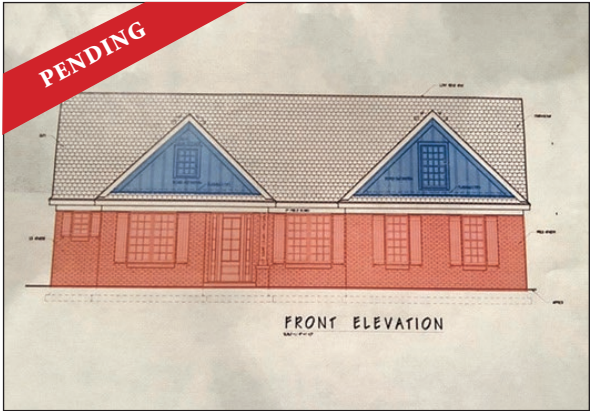


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**Hannah's Grove, 7526 Mistywood Rd** - Very open Brookstone 2 plan. Split bedrooms. Eat in kitchen. All three bedrooms on main with bonus room up. Tile in wet areas. Screened porch. Community pool. **\$574,000 (1239001)**



**3818 Thornapple Drive Knoxville, TN 37938 - AREAS:** Floor 1 2113 sf; Total Heated 2113 sf; Garage 1 567 sf; Garage 2 335 sf; Front Porch 194 sf; Back Porch 232 sf; **FEATURES:** One Level Plan, Three car Garage, Brick and Fiber cement siding, 9' ceilings on Floor 1, 30 Year Roof, 2 Baths, 3 Bedrooms, Large Laundry (Utility), LVP Flooring on Floor 1 except for Bathrooms and Laundry. 10. Ceramic Tile Flooring in all Bathrooms and Laundry. Carpet Flooring in Master Bedroom WIC. Epoxy Flooring in Garage 1 & 2. Tray ceiling in Master Bedroom, Kitchen Tops: Quartz ,Laundry Tops: Quartz, Bath Tops: Cultured Marble, Natural Gas Heat, Natural Gas Tankless Water Heater, Gas or Electric Range, Electric Dryer connection, Crown molding on Floor, except for vaulted ceiling areas and closets, Home Warranty, Covered Porch Front Porch, Screen Back Porch **\$694,700 (1231271)**



**859 Belle Grove Road, TN 37934 Berkeley Park** - Luxury awaiting you at a former Parade of Homes residence in the heart of Farragut. Sellers added an inviting courtyard with a fountain for a welcoming entry. 5 bedrooms 5 full and 2 half baths with hydraulic elevator with access to all three floors, and 3 car garage with an epoxy enamel floor. 10-foot ceilings on the main and first floor with 9-foot ceilings on the top floor. Superb quality with solid core wood doors throughout extensive crown molding and detailed millwork. Originally a builder's personal home with top-of-the-line materials throughout. Surround sound in the interior and exterior. Gorgeous hardwoods. All bedrooms are ensuite. All baths with granite countertops. Palladian shades in the formal dining room with chair rail. Two washer and dryer connections with the lower-level washer and dryer conveying. Main level laundry room with utility sink, and cabinets. Tile on the lower level. 2-story marble entry with dramatic curved staircase. 2-story great room with marble surround fireplace with gas logs. Fabulous kitchen with wolf gas range and convection oven, sub-zero refrigerator, island open to the keeping room with masonry stacked stone fireplace with gas logs leading to a screened porch. Primary suite on main with fabulous primary bath with fountain, dual entry ceramic tile walk-in shower with two shower heads and additional sprays, a separate make-up area with mini-refrigerator and additional sink, and 2 walk-in closets with many built-ins. Dual staircase. Poured walls in basement. Gas hooks up for a grill on the lower deck. Media room with projector and screen conveying. Additional living quarters down with a kitchen/wet bar and 3rd marble surround fireplace with gas logs. The lower level includes a bedroom and full bath, study, and rec room, plus storage and a safe room. Central vacuum. 3 HVAC units. Sellers added a stone pathway and a retaining wall, giving access to a level backyard. Security cameras throughout. Great storage on the upper level and lower level. One of the most charming neighborhoods in the area with a hand-carved fountain at the entry, gas lanterns, and sidewalks. HOA fee includes clubhouse, community pool, and lawn maintenance. Walking trails throughout the neighborhood. Convenient to the library, Turkey Creek, restaurants and shopping, and highly rated Farragut schools. **\$1,485,000 (1239744)**



**212 Rothesay Saint Andrews - Sellers to pay \$10,000 of Buyer's closing costs and/or prepaids for an acceptable offer** - Classic 2 story one owner home. 4 bedroom plus office 2 1/2 bath on a cul de sac. Wonderful floor plan. Formal DR with chair railing. Kitchen open to the newly painted family room with new hardwood flooring and a gas log fireplace. Kitchen with quartz counter tops, kitchen faucet with drink water faucet, tile backsplash, new Bosch dishwasher, smooth top range, microwave, refrigerator, island bar, and eat in bay. Main level office with separate entrance. Generous primary suite with ceiling fan. Primary suite with walk in closet with custom shelving. Second bedroom with custom shelving as well. Plantation shutters in primary suite, dining room, and at the front door. Primary bath with whirlpool tub and walk in shower. New counter tops, sinks, and lights in primary bath. All new flooring on the upper level. Shelving system in the garage. Very private back yard with large deck and gas hook up for a grill. Exterior painted in 2022. Year old washer and dryer convey. Kinetic water system can be assumed by new owner. Security system. ADT security contract can be transferred. Irrigation system. Termite contract with Russell's Pest Control. Next to walking trails and across the street from the Pilot Family YMCA. Convenient to West Town Mall, shopping, restaurants, and Intertate 40. **\$652,500 (1224546)**

**Copperstone - 1410 Turning Leaf Lane** - Primary Suite on the Main Plan, two car court entry garage, brick and fiber cement siding, 9' ceilings on Floor, 9' ceilings on Floor 2, 30 Year Roof, 4 Baths, 3 Bedrooms, Large Laundry (Utility), Hardwood Flooring on Floor 1 except for Bathrooms, Laundry and Garage Entry, Ceramic Tile Flooring in all Bathrooms, Laundry and Garage Entry, Carpet Flooring on Floor 2 and Bonus Room. Epoxy Flooring on Garage Floor, Hardwood Steps, Gas fireplace with stone veneer from floor to ceiling, Built-ins in Great Room, Tray ceiling in Master Bedroom, His/ Hers WIC Master Closets, 11' ceiling in Great Room with coffer ceiling, Kitchen Tops: Quartz, Laundry Tops: Quartz, Master Bath & Bath 2 Tops: Quartz, Bath 3 & 4 Tops: Granite, Natural Gas Heat, Natural Gas Tankless Water Heater, Gas or Electric Range, Electric Dryer connection, Crown molding on Floor 1 except for vaulted ceiling areas and closets, Home Warranty, Covered Porch Front Porch, Screen Back Porch. Amenities include: club house, exercise room, lawn care, sidewalks, swimming pool. **\$943,500 (1219625)**



**810 Creswell Court 37919** - Understated elegance. Stately classic 2 story home nestled on a cul de sac in the heart of Bearden. Majority of fabulous upgrades added in 2018. Close in west near Lakeshore Park. 5 bedrooms 4 1/2 baths. Custom Alderwood kitchen cabinets with backsplash added 2018, sub zero refrigerator, Wolf and Bosch appliances, 2019 microwave and dishwasher, second oven in walk in pantry. Primary suite on main. 2018 primary bath with double vanities, free standing natural stone soaking tub, and huge walk in shower. Primary closet with wood built-ins and washer/dryer connections. Living room/library with cherry wall paneling and built in bookshelves around fireplace with gas logs. Large formal dining room. Coffered ceiling in family room including a masonry fireplace with gas logs. All closets with extensive custom built-ins. Hardwood steps and wrought iron balusters. Gorgeous hardwood floors. Pella Architectural series windows in 2018. 50 year roof in 2011. HVAC units are 1 year old and 6 years old. Large private back yard with covered patio added in 2018 with Belgard and custom stonework. Abundance of professional landscaping. Aluminum fencing in back yard. Rear garage with circular drive. Water softener and filtration system. Gutters with gutter guards 2022. Sentricon termite contract. Please see all Seller upgrades in the disclosures. **\$1,474,000 (1232254)**



**Hannah's Grove, 7530 Mistywood Road** - Custom home. Spacious Brookstone 7 plan with 3 bedrooms on the main plus bonus up and 3 full baths. Epoxy floor coating in 2 car garage. Stone fireplace with gas logs. Granite counter tops throughout. Screened porch, Sodded yard with irrigation. Club house and community pool. \$500 a year mandatory homeowner's fee. **\$694,500 (1235892)**



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# Irish firepower sends Briarcrest back home a 49-24 loser

STAFF REPORTS

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**KNOXVILLE** — Knoxville Catholic and Memphis Briarcrest Christian had not played in 20 years before Friday night, Sept. 15, and it might take 20 more years for Briarcrest to want to play them again.

Meeting in a non-region game, Catholic (4-1) beat Briarcrest easily, 49-24, led by senior running back Braylon Harmon's three touchdowns — all on plays of at least 60 yards — and junior quarterback Jayden Neal, who threw four touchdown passes.

Neal threw for 280 first-half yards, and Harmon had 140 all-purpose yards by halftime.

The lone bright spot for Briarcrest was the running of JoJo Saleem, who ran for 140 yards, including a nifty 60-yard scoring run in the first quarter.

The Irish pass rush pressured Briarcrest quarterback Cade Carlson into having to get



Harmon

rid of the ball with short pass attempts.

Both teams combined for four touchdowns in the first quarter. Neal's pass to Tyree King, who is being courted by several Division I-A colleges, for a 64-yard touchdown only 1:17 into the game, began the scoring. Briarcrest answered four minutes later on Saleem's TD run, but the remainder of the quarter belonged to Catholic.

Harmon took the ensuing kickoff 91 yards to the end zone, making the score 14-7. Neal hooked up with Harmon on a 59-yard scoring pass play, increasing the lead to 21-7 after one quarter.

Briarcrest moved the ball to the

Catholic 15 but fumbled, and KCHS recovered. Catholic's offense marched down the field on three passes to King, a 25-yard toss to Harmon and an 11-yard pass to sophomore Casen Jenkins, moving the ball to Briarcrest 9. Neal then found senior running back Quincy Pannell wide open in the end zone to make the score 28-7 at the seven-minute mark of the second quarter.

After the visitors missed a field goal, Catholic marched 80 yards for another touchdown. Neal ran for 13 yards and Harmon caught a 15-yard pass before

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# Impressive streaks keep growing, Lady SoccerDawgs blank FHS

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The streaks extended to 56 matches unbeaten with a 51-match winning streak for the defending national champion/two-time defending Class AAA state champion Bearden Lady SoccerDawgs after a visit to rival Farragut Thursday evening, Sept. 14.

Jumping ahead quickly and building a 4-0 halftime lead, Bearden cruised past the Lady Admirals 5-0, ending this week with a perfect 7-0-0 record. Farragut stood at 5-3-1, 0-1-1 in District 4-AAA at week's end.

Three goals and one assist from star senior forward Alivia Stott, a University of Tennessee commitment, led the way for BHS. Jayle Blue added one goal and two assists, while Nyla Blue scored on an assist from Tyler Roth. Breanna Mendoza also had an assist.

"I always joke, when I talk to Ryan (Radcliffe, Bearden head coach), about, like, 'what drills do you do when it comes to finishing (turning shots into goals), because they finish better

Battling for ball possession on this play are Breanna Mendoza (10) of Bearden and Lylah Mitchell of Farragut during this Lady Bulldogs-Lady Admirals District 4-AAA battle at the Farragut Intermediate School field Thursday evening, Sept. 14. BHS started quickly, built a 4-0 halftime lead and went on to claim a 5-0 victory, extending its three-season streaks to 56 straight unbeaten matches while winning its 51st straight dating back to the 2021 season while improving to 7-0-0 in 2023.

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# Osborne, Kosa are new FHS track-field coaches



Photos submitted courtesy of Jack Tate/FHS sports information

While Farragut High School has two new track & field head coaches for the 2024 season, Chelsea Osborne, new girls skipper (**above left**), is hardly new to the FHS running sports scene. Among her many coaching feats at Farragut, Osborne helped lead the Admirals cross country boys to the 2022 Division I-AAA state crown. She is joined by Ty Kosa, new Admirals boys skipper.

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**BHS-Hawks**  
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the Bulldogs went 85 yards to score in only four plays. Parrott’s 65-yard keeper up the middle, then down the right sideline landed BHS at the HVA 2. Thompson scored two plays later making 14-9 on the second of junior kicker Daniel Kinney’s five conversion kicks. While Holbrook had punts of 63, 57 and 43 yards, he pinned Bearden at its own 5. But Thompson ripped off a 34-yard run, followed by a 23-yard Parrott pass to senior

Braden Perkins before the junior quarterback scored on a 32-yard run making it 21-9 with 3:42 left in the first half. Though the Bulldogs missed a short field goal to end the first half, the visitors wasted no time scoring in the third quarter. Kai Young, Bearden senior defensive back, literally stripped a Hawks running back of the ball in a scrum and ran 10 yards for Bearden’s fifth touchdown, building the lead to 28-9 less than one minute into the quarter. “I did steal the ball,” Young said. “He was running the ball

and my teammate, Ethan Hill, had ahold of him, and the ball was just out there, so I decided to grab it.” Another Parrott to Tummins pass, covering 24 yards, came just before Thompson’s 32-yard scoring run making it 35-9 with 9:35 left in the third. On the next Bulldogs possession, junior running back Torian Riggins’ 26-yard run for six points upped the lead to 41-9. Big second-half defensive plays included a minus-9-yard quarterback sack by senior Ayden Ambrose.



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**(Above left)** Bearden senior lineman Joe Scott (72) and Hardin Valley Academy senior lineman Ayden Turner try to recover a fumble. **(Above)** Not only deflecting this pass from Bearden junior quarterback Drew Parrott, HVA’s Brady Miner, senior defensive back, caught his deflection in the BHS end zone, giving the Hawks its only touchdown of the night in a 41-9 loss to Bulldogs Friday evening, Sept. 15, at HVA.

**Girls soccer**  
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than any team in the state in the box,” FHS head coach Jessie Burkhart said. ‘... It’s one thing to know it and another thing to defend it.’ However, while saying Bearden “has a great front line,” Burkhart added, “I don’t think they played us off the field. We were obviously on our heels in the 18-yard defensive box). ... You can’t go to sleep in the box on them, they’re that deadly.” Despite all the success his Lady SoccerDawgs continue to enjoy, “It’s hard for us; it’s hard being the defending champions because every game that you come into you’re playing against a team that’s supposed to be the underdogs,” Radcliffe

aaid about his team. Bearden opponents “can be more relaxed and play a little bit freer in that situation, and we have to be on our game every time,” the BHS head coach added. However, “We talk a lot about how starting early can help the rest of your game,” Radcliffe said. “In all Farragut-Bearden games, when you score early you kind of settle in to what you want to do and play a little bit more relaxed with a little less pressure. “That’s what I told the girls at halftime: I said, ‘Jayla’s goal (early in the first half) really broke the seal and kind of opened things up for us,’” the coach added. Bearden ended with a 23-6 edge in total shots, plus an 11-2 edge in shots-on-goal.

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Battles at the net such as this one during the Farragut at Hardin Valley Academy volleyball showdown Thursday evening, Sept. 14, typified a back-and-forth five-set match, eventually won by the Lady Hawks.

FHS-HVA volleyball

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aces, and 14 digs. Bailey Byrd had five blocks and Annah

Cate Hyatt 23 assists. The District 4-AAA win improved the Lady Hawks’ record to 5-1 in district, 19-5 overall. Two weekend out-of-

town match scores were unreported.

Farragut fell to 8-10 overall, 3-3 in district entering this week.

Irish impress

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King caught his second touchdown of the game on a 5-yard pass from Neal. After a Briarcrest field goal, the half ended 35-10. Harmon returned a punt 80 yards for his third touchdown

in two-and-a-half quarters. A 78-yard pass from Neal to Casen Jenkins with 33 seconds remaining in the third quarter made it 49-17. After a 40-yard kickoff return by Saleem, the quarter ended at 49-17. Gavin Menard added seven extra points for the Irish. “Braylon is an extremely tal-

ented player. He works hard on and off the field,” Irish co-head coach Steve Matthews said. “Every time he touches the ball he gives us a chance to score. He was great tonight.” “Yes, a fun night,” Harmon said. “I give all my thanks to God, who gives me the power to run.”

Youth football

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found receiver Carter Maltais open inside the Alcoa 5 for a 30-yard scoring pass on fourth down. The Mini Ads’ lead was now 26-0 win just nine seconds left in the third frame. That same combo, Harrison to Carter, connected on another 30-yard scoring pass with just 54 seconds left in the game. Defensively for Farragut, Reid Gabel, Jacob Beilstein, Ilar Valedon, Jacob Alley, Colt Newby, Ben Stiles, Porter Smith and Brayden each had at least one minus-yardage tackle for a super-dominant Blue and Gray defense.

6th-Graders

Justin Johnson’s 6th-Grade Farragut troops also stayed unbeaten at 4-0 after a successful trip to Gibbs High School Saturday morning, Sept. 16, shutting out West 20-0. Case Culbreth did most of the offensive damage early on the ground while scoring on two short TD runs. Teammate Elias Huskey broke free on a couple of end-around plays. Going through the air for a big scoring play in the final seconds of the first half, quarterback Rocco Childers fired an 18-yard TD pass to Brayden Peterson with just eight seconds left before halftime. A big play on Farragut’s second scoring drive came when Ty Wilson not only avoided disaster by recovering a fumble, but gained 16 yards on the play. Add a Jack Ferrie 2-point kick, with Rocco holding and Zachary Campbell snapping, plus some stingy Baby Ads defense, and the Blue and Gray lead was 20-0 at halftime. An interception by Drake Lewis ended the first half, and Farragut kept West from ever seriously threatening to score in the second half. Defensively, Elias, Casen, Drake and Lincoln Lockhart each had big minus-yardage

tackles — Drake’s coming on a fourth-down stop with 3:42 left in the game. That doesn’t include a sack by Baylon Houston and Ian Brown. “It was a great team win today,” coach Johnson said. “We played great in all three phases of the game: we won on special teams, offense and defense today.” 5th-Graders It was back to Alcoa High School, this time for Joe Galar-di’s Farragut 5th-Graders versus Bearden early Saturday afternoon, Sept. 16. It was another blowout win for the Blue and Gray, 24-0, keeping these Tiny Ads unbeaten at 4-0 and atop the YAC standings. Running back Da’Vaughn Jackson ripped off carries of 18 and 22 yards, setting up quarterback Max Glover’s 24-yard scoring run with 5:07 left in the first quarter. On the next Farragut possession, Max got loose on a 12-yard run before using his arm to hit receiver Andrew Floyd inside the Bearden 5 for a 31-yard scoring pass. It was 12-0 with 2:50 still remaining in the first frame. An interception by Robbie Sills and 9-yard return set up the Blue and Gray at the Bearden 32. Skylar Yeager’s 14-yard end-around scoring run early in the second quarter upped the lead to 18-0. Max added runs of 30 and 12 yards late in the first half. On fourth down midway into the third quarter, a Max pass deep saw receiver Bo Gary go up over a defender and snag the pigskin for a first down at the Bearden 35. Max’s 15-yard run, plus a penalty, set up Da’Vaughn’s 19-yard scoring run with 2:55 left in the third. Defensively, Da’Vaughn, Bo, Solomon Hughes, Davidson Miller and John Long each had at least one minus-yard stop. “When we play a team and we start subbing a lot of folks, you don’t see a big drop-off,” coach Galardi said.



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Wallace commits to Cleveland St.

Ryan Wallace, Farragut High School senior southpaw pitcher, recently committed to extend his baseball career at the next level as a student-athlete at Cleveland State Community College in Bradley County.

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Lawnchair Series

Scores of families representing hundreds of adults, teens and children were on hand to enjoy Town of Farragut’s annual Lawnchair Series — featuring lots of music and refreshments — in Founders Park at Campbell Station Saturday evening, Aug. 19.



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Blake and Mimi Rust and their children, Benson, 7 (white hat), Britton, 5 (in back), Bodie, 3, and Nellie, 14 months



Alexis Barbaree, left, with her daughters, Arya, 5, and Alina, 8 months; and Kayla Chinn with her children, Norah, 4, and Adley, 7 months

Dale and Anna Needham



Jodi Brown and her dog, Navy Blue, 8 weeks



Dreama and Geoff Glibbery and their twin daughters, Sheridan (left) and Amley, 5, and Charlotte, 1



Jim and Jennifer Dudley with their German shepherd-black lab mix pet George, 2



Kathleen Holmes and her dog, Pippin, 9



Sisters Madelyn Shipley, 5 (left) and Melanie Shipley, 7, with 8-week-old Irish doddles



Jim and Vanessa Lovelace with their daughter, Taylor Harris, and her daughter, Bertie, 3



Robert and Amy Harrison and their daughters, Sophie, 6, left, and Chloe, 9



Sadia Jallow and her daughter, Binta





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With Farragut talent, Go! dance ‘20th’ kicks off with reGENERATION



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Natalie Nettles, FHS sophomore, readies for Go!’s reGeneration.

Building girls’ love of hockey as children

Cool Sports’ 10-U Girls SM Wilde team beginning to grow with encouragement

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The relatively new girls youth hockey program in Farragut and Knox County, through Cool Sports Home of the Icearium, is beginning to get traction on the ice.

With most of the elementary school-aged girls from 7 to 10 forming the 10-U Smoky Mountain Lady Wilde, “This is technically our second year in existence,” starting in the summer of 2022 “with 11, 12 girls,” said Jeff Monckton, girls program coordinator, who works alongside coach Samantha Haase.

One year later, “We’ve absolutely exploded,” he said. “So we are now up to about 21 girls now.”

Although they had “barely just had enough for a team” last season, “we ended up taking them all to Nashville for a tournament, and it just really exploded from there,” Monckton said.

Playing in Nashville in January as the Junior Ice Bars, the team had to scramble for a similar look without official uniforms. That has changed.

“Now we have our own uniform; we just ordered them,” Monckton said. “We got help with sponsors ... got team T-shirts. So we’re excited.”

“To our knowledge and understanding, this is the first all-girls team program in (metro) Knoxville for ice hockey,” he added. “I have a daughter that plays. And so I took the initiative to start it

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KNOXVILLE — GO! Contemporary Dance Works will celebrate its 20th anniversary by opening its 2023-24 season with reGENERATION, an outdoor performance at Tennessee Amphitheater, in World Fair area, beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 29.

reGENERATION brings together interdisciplinary choreographic works by some of the most experimental dance-makers in Knoxville. Premiering is Xocoyotzin, “by award winning international choreographer danah bella, the founding chair of Dance Department at the Peabody Conservatory at Johns Hopkins University who has presented choreographic works at the Cool New York Festival, the United States Asian American Festival and the Bates Dance Festival, as well as in Mexico and Italy,” A Go! press release stated.

“The evening’s versatile repertoire will bring Knoxville (metro’s) artistic community together,” “the release further stated. ““Voicing,’ co-choreographed by director Lisa Hall McKee and Jill Frère, will interweave live musicians and dancers on the stage.

McKee describes Voicing as a true collaborative effort between musicians, dancers and choreographers. “The all female string quartet Inner Voices joins us on the Tennessee Amphitheater stage this year,” she said. “I saw these ladies performing the piece, Strum, and I was fascinated with their connection to their instruments, the score and to each other. I immediately wanted to work with them.”

Additional new works will include NAD 213, an experimental ballet that explores ADHD and how those with the “disorder” have creative insights and Rhythm of Regeneration, a celebratory and bold blend of African and modern dance.

“Takia Faniyi, a local African dancer, worked with the cast on African dance movement vo-

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(Above) Enjoying the moment, despite sitting in the box during a recent Wilde practice, are Ellesie Steinbarger, left, and Brailyn Ayers, both 9 years old.

(Left) Reagan Haase, 9, waiting her turn to hit the ice during a recent practice.

(Below left) Robyn Ayres, 8, getting lots of ice time during a recent practice.

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• **Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its monthly meeting** beginning at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 5, in Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd. in Farragut. Social time and book exchange begins at 10:30 a.m.. Published authors are invited to attend.

AGT is now accepting applications for associate membership from authors who have written a book but are not yet published. Serious authors only. In the event of inclement weather, check the AGT Website for updates and information: [authorsguildoftn.org](http://authorsguildoftn.org).

• **Knox County Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond has launched a new website with features aimed to assist individuals** coming to court and designed with a user-friendly experience: <https://criminalcourt.knox-county.org>.

In addition to the interactive map, features on the website include finding future court dates; searching the daily docket; downloading information for the official apps of the Criminal Court Clerk, plus ad-

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## Planner Reminders

• **St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 110 Sugarwood Drive in Farragut, announces its September Gift of the Month** is for Newborns in Need, which is housed in Farragut.

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The Gift of the Month assists local social service organizations and gives everyone the opportunity to help.

• **The "Seldom Scene" will perform in Knoxville's historic Bijou Theater, 803 S. Gay St. in downtown Knoxville, with showtime starting at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 24.**

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which range from \$35 to \$55 each, can be purchased online at [knoxbijou.org](http://knoxbijou.org).

Event is part of the Penny-4Arts initiative, where every child in Knox and surrounding counties gets an opportunity to attend arts and culture events/activities at the maximum cost of one penny (or free) when accompanied by a paying adult.

• **Back by popular demand, Agatha Christie's masterpiece, "Murder on the Orient Express"** will open Clarence Brown Theatre's 2023/2024 Season through Sunday, Sept. 24.

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• **BlueCross BlueShield of Tennessee is partnering with Cokesbury Church North Campus, 9919 Kingston Pike, for a drive-thru flu shot clinic Saturday, Sept. 30.**

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• **The Farragut and West Knox County community is invited to attend 10th Annual West Knox Preschool & Activities Fair** organized by the Knoxville-Northshore chapter of MOMS Club.

The Fair is free and will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday Sept. 30, in St. John Neumann Catholic School gym (625 St. John Ct., Farragut). Come and meet representatives from more than 20 preschools and activity programs.



Tammy Cheek

Eight Farragut High School students receiving national awards from the College Board are: bottom row, Barbara Kapusta, left, and Sara Camacho; second row, Laura Cunningham, left, and Emma Cunningham; third row, Victoria "Tori" McNair, left, and Margaret "Maggie" Raines; and top row, John Tiernan, left, and David Broda.

## Eight Farragut High students earn College Board awards

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Eight Farragut High School students have earned national recognition from College

Board, a not-for-profit organization.

The students and their awards are: Barbara Kapusta,

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# Rotary hears all about airport’s 134th Air Refueling Wing

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The 134th Air Refueling Wing of Tennessee Air National Guard at McGhee-Tyson Airport keeps the Air Force, Navy Marine Corps and allied national aircraft fueled and in the skies.

Lt. Col. Travers Hurst, the wing executive officer of the 134th Wing, shared the unit’s purpose to Rotary Club of Farragut members during their meeting in Farragut Community Center Wednesday, Sept. 13.

The unit uses its 10 KC-135 Stratotankers to do their job, and has been providing aerial refueling for the U.S. Air Force for more than 50 years.

Hurst said those planes were built between 1957 and 1962.

“Anybody drive their classic car today?” he asked, then added, “We drive (the

planes) all the time. If you got on them, you would be amazed at how well they look and how good they perform.

“Obviously, they are continuously maintained,” Hurst added. “Our maintenance does an outstanding job.”

But its current tanker variation is KC-135, which it got in the 1970s.

They work out of a new \$31 million hanger, completed 18 months ago.

“It only took us 25 years to get it through Congress,” he added.

“The Army Guard is in every county in the state, but we are only in four main areas: Memphis in the West, where there are huge cargo planes and train personnel; Chattanooga, its engineering and installation squadron; Nashville’s headquarters station, which does cyber missions and remotely flown drones; and the McGhee-Tyson Airport,” Hurst said. “We have 363 acres (at McGhee-Tyson). We are the sec-

ond largest Guard base around.

“We’re on lease from the MKA, from the airport,” he added. “We have a lease through 2060. We’re getting ready to extend that through 2110.”

While the Guard’s federal mission is to fly and fight overseas, Hurst said it also has a state mission, which Gov. Bill Lee discovered during the COVID pandemic and other events.

During 1957, the Guard took over from active duty, flying fighters “mainly to protect Oak Ridge,” Hurst said. “Then, around 1964, we got in the air refueling business.

“Paul Harvey’s joke, when he (gave) his brief, is we have been passing gas since 1964, he added,” eliciting laughter.

Hurst said 35 percent of the Guard’s troops come out of Knox County, 25 percent out of Blount County and also have airmen from 16 other states.



Lt. Col. Travers Hurst

## FHS honorees

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David Broda, John Tiernan and Sara Camacho, National Hispanic Recognition Award; Emma Cunningham, Laura Cunningham and Victoria “Tori” McNair, National African American Recognition Award; and Margaret “Maggie” Raines, National Indigenous Award.

An e-mail sent by the College Board to Elizabeth Duncan, FHS parent and community involvement coordinator/college and career mentor, stated: “Your students earned this academic honor because of their GPA of 3.5 or higher and outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, PSAT 10 and/or AP exams.

“They can now list this honor on applications to stand out to colleges.”

## reGENERATION

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cabulary that we incorporated into GO!’s signature style. The piece is extremely visual, athletic and energizing,” McKee said

With a roster of 50 pre-professional and professional dancers — including Natalie Nettles, a Farragut High School sophomore, and Lily Beth Shugart of Farragut — GO! and reGENERATION celebrates new with the old. This performance will bring back to the stage favorites such as Convergent Boundaries by Denise Njuguna and Revenge of the Wallflower by Jackie Kinsman.

“We are still dreaming big and growing,” said McKee, a 1982 FHS graduate. “As artistic director, my primary focus is to keep us moving forward

and not become stagnant. We bring in new artists and we create new work while keeping true to our history. This performance is evidence of that.”

reGENERATION will include a pre-show event with live music by Mal Nombre and free refreshments at 7 p.m. for ticketholders. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$17 at the door and can be purchased at gocontemporarydance.com or at Studio Arts for Dancers by calling 865-539-2475. All seating is general admission.

Looking back, “We started small with one annual show, and now we’ve gotten to the point that we have up to 50 dancers and a company at the same time,” McKee said. “We have a professional group of dancers who performs with us. We bring in international and national choreographers to work with us.”

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### FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

**Farragut Town Hall Board Room • Tuesday, September 26, 2023 • 7:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of minutes for the August 22, 2023, meeting.

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

3. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Mind & Body Wellness, located at 10904 Kingston Pike.

4. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for StatCare, located at 10904 Kingston Pike.

5. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Los Potrillos, located at 11151 Kingston Pike.

6. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Las Michoacanas, located at 11145 Kingston Pike.

7. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Smoke Shop, located at 12556 Kingston Pike.

8. Review of an interior accessory (directory) sign for Parkside Plaza 1, Located at 11400 Parkside Drive.


9. Review of a second interior accessory (directory) sign for Parkside Plaza 1, Located at 11400 Parkside Drive.

10. Review of an exterior ATM drive-up facility and signage for Chase Bank, located at 11242 Kingston Pike.

11. Review of a landscape plan for Phase 1 of the Grigsby Park development, located off Grigsby Chapel Road.

12. Staff Report – Adopt a Stream Clean-Up.

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### FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA

**September 21, 2023 • Farragut Town Hall - Board Room • 7:00 p.m.**

For questions, please e-mail Mark Shipley at [mshipley@townoffarragut.org](mailto:mshipley@townoffarragut.org) or Bart Hose at [bhose@townoffarragut.org](mailto:bhose@townoffarragut.org).

1. Approval of agenda

2. Approval of minutes – August 17, 2023

3. Discussion and public hearing on a recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concerning a traffic calming application on Sonja Drive in the Farragut View Subdivision

4. Discussion and public hearing on a recommendation to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen concerning a traffic calming application on Admiral Road in the Farragut View Subdivision.

5. Discussion and public hearing on exterior renovations associated with the conversion of the Country Inn and Suites to a La Quinta Inn at 805 N. Campbell Station Road, Zoned C-2 (Oysk3 Architects, Applicant)

6. Request for approval of a variance from the distance between driveways requirement in the Driveways and Other Access

Ways Ordinance associated with the removal of the existing access to McFee Road that services 1006, 1008, and 1010 McFee Road and the addition of a new access to service the same three lots roughly 163 feet north of the access to be removed. The proposed access would be 153 feet south of Scarlet Sage Drive in the Meadows on McFee Subdivision resulting in a variance request of 247 feet (Kevin Robson, Applicant)

7. Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Zoning Ordinance to address buffer strip requirements where an adjacent property is shown as non-residential on the Future Land Use Map (Schaad Companies, Applicant)

8. Approval of utilities

9. Citizen forum

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Girls hockey

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since we didn't have one."

Before 2022, "they would always have to play co-ed," Monckton said. "So I always thought as soon as they would get older, they would have to leave. They have to go to Nashville, North Carolina, Cincinnati, anywhere other than Knoxville to continue playing.

"And so the mission behind the whole thing just manifested into, 'let's build a program so our girls can stay home once they get to that age of 14, 15 and up,'" he added.

"My kids started last year, and Jeff came to me and said,

'Hey, does your daughter, Regan, want to play with all girls?'" Haase said. "'Yes, absolutely.' That's when I joined here in November and started coaching with him."

As for limited opportunities for teenage girls, "I didn't realize this changed from when I was a girl up north, but girls could not play under USA Hockey rules in the U-18 League," she said. "So even if they wanted to keep going, they're not allowed to for safety reasons per the rules. So that's why we wanted to provide an option earlier."

Moreover, most parents of female high school girls "are going to say no" to co-ed hock-

ey, Haase said about the fears.

"And I've heard from some from parents as well that, yeah, 'my daughter prefers this because they're too intimidated by the boys,'" Monckton said. "And this gives them an extra boost of confidence to continue playing the game."

"Full checking is like shoving into the boards. It's allowed in boys, not allowed in girls."

"So that's where we're losing most of our female hockey players to other regions around us, such as Nashville and Cincinnati and others," Haase said. "And so, like I said, the purpose of the program is to bridge that gap."

"We've gotten tons of posi-

tive feedback from our parents and everybody's excited," she added. "We have a ton of momentum going right now for us. And so, yeah, everybody's very excited that there is a girls team and a girls' option for our female players."

Moreover, with Haase as coach, "I think I have the girls' trust in the locker room as a female coach," she said. "And they love being together. Some of them play in a coed league, too. They go out once a week, both of our daughters do."

"But they get excited for the all girls because they get time in the locker room to bond," Haase added. "They're not as scared. They can easily get

along, communicate similar skill levels. ... The girls have told friends and they all go to different schools. And that's how we have become larger."

On Saturday, Sept. 23, "We're going to be hosting a friendly play date or scrimmage date," Monckton said. "And then the big one coming up, the Southern Girls Hockey League Showcase Tournament, is coming to Knoxville, and that is an all-girls tournament" Nov. 18-19 in the Icearium.

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Troutt accounts for 8 TDs; private schools roll

While Webb rolled to its fifth straight blowout win and Knoxville Catholic scored 49 points and doubled up a Memphis school made famous in the movie industry (“The Blind Side”), Christian Academy of Knoxville’s senior quarterback had a game worthy of nationwide attention.

In leading CAK to a wild 65-51 shoot-out win at Lakeway Christian Academy, Aiden Troutt accounted for 50 of those points: he completed 25 of 30 passes for 361 yards and five touchdowns, had six carries for 21 yards and two rushing TDs, one reception for 16 yards and a receiving score (398 total yards) plus a 2-point conversion run (see other Warriors key stats later in this story).

On the public school side of things, Bearden overcame a pair of early mistakes and rolled past region rival Hardin Valley Academy. (Read KCHS and BHS-HVA stories, along with Bulldogs-Hawks photos, in this week’s Sports section).

When the dust settled on Week 5 of the PureMagic How the West Was Won Scoreboard Contest, Webb’s 33-0 home shutout victory versus Chattanooga Christian keeps the Spartans on top as

the only unbeaten team left. The Irish, meanwhile, are alone in second place at 4-1 following a 49-24 win in Catholic’s Blaine Stadium versus Division II-AAA opponent Briarcrest.

Though Hardin Valley’s record has gone south the past two weeks, the Hawks remain — by 2 points — ahead of Warriors while each team sports a 3-2 record.

Bearden’s second straight impressive victory pulls the Bulldogs out of the Scoreboard cellar and even, record-wise, at 2-2.

**Webb 33 Chatt Christian 0**

Three touchdown passes and one rushing TD (52 yards) from Spartans senior quarterback Jack Wagner led the way offensively, as Webb improved to 3-0 in Division II-AA East Region play. Sophomore running back Baxter Johnson scored on a 36-yard catch and 65-



Wagner

yard run while senior tight end Blake Carter (45 yards) and senior receiver Markeis Barrett (7 yards) accounted for the other touchdown receptions.

Defensively for the Spartans, senior linebacker Cooper Cameron had nine total tackles while defensive back Harvey Niendorff, a senior, picked off two Chargers passes and Barrett one.

**CCS fell to 3-2, 2-1.**

**CAK 65 Lakeway Christian 51**

Junior wide receiver Will Kelley had nine receptions for 197 yards and one touchdown as CAK improved to 2-1 in Division II-AA East Region play. LCA fell to 2-2 overall, 1-1 in region

Defensively, junior linebacker Maddox Mazingo led with 13 total tackles, including a tackle-for-loss, while senior defensive back Shepard Gaston ended with five total stops (including two sacks) along with three quarterback hurries.

As for special teams, Gaston was seven-of-seven on extra point conversions.

**Week 6**

The Scoreboard cellar teams, BHS and Farragut, have their annual rivalry showcased as this week’s Thursday night TV game Sept. 21. In this Region

2-6A battle, the Bulldogs (1-0 in 2-6A) host the archival Admirals (0-1 in 2-6A) at Bill Young Field.

(All opening kickoffs are 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted)


With FHS holding a roughly 2-to-1 edge in series history triumphs, Farragut has won 22 of the last 25 meetings since field namesake Bill Young finished his Bearden head-coaching career (1988 through 2001) with three straight victories against the Admirals (1999 through 2001).

In his 28th season leading Farragut, head coach Eddie Courtney holds a 24-7 all-time record versus the Bulldogs.

Friday night’s local lights will shine brightest at CAK in another battle of arch-rivals, as Webb puts its unbeaten record on the line in this Division II-AA East Region showdown Sept. 22.

It will be Homecoming Night at HVA, as the Hawks welcome perennial Class 6A power Maryville (3-2) in another Region 2-6A battle Friday.

Knoxville Catholic has Week 6 off before traveling to Nashville to face Montgomery Bell Academy in the first Irish Division II-AAA East Region game Friday, Sept. 29.



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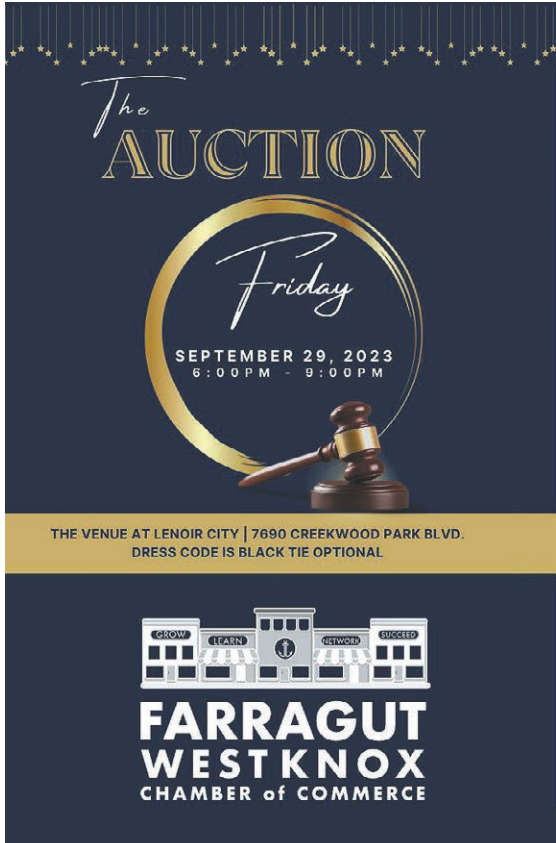
## Auction hopes to help raise the roof

Ticket sales officially closed on Monday, September 18 for the chamber's upcoming September 29th annual fundraiser, "The Auction: Charity Gala & Dinner," so anyone still hoping to attend will need to contact the chamber directly to ask about cancellations or opening.

The chamber now hopes to raise the roof on item sales in its silent and live auction in order to help raise an actual roof for Habitat for Humanity Knoxville.

Targeting a 20% donation of item sales and 20% donation of net operating proceeds—plus a 100% donation from the final live auction item—the proceeds will go to finish a house build for local small business owners Jose and Jessica and their four children. Despite being the definition of hard workers, changes to the Knoxville area's housing affordability have kept a safe home of their own just out of reach. Habitat for Humanity staff say that this will be Jessica's first REAL home due to a childhood spent in foster care and that she "feels like she has won the lottery."

The live item that will cap



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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. The auction helps support the chamber's Continued Development Grant program reimbursing member businesses up to \$500 for education and training expenses.

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Knox County, and Town of Farragut; Community Sponsors 3to99, AAA Samar I. Insurance, Cyan Insurance Solutions, Home Marketing Group, and Printing Image; Media Sponsors B97.5/ Midwest Communications and farragutpress, Bling Sponsor Rick Terry Jewelry, Chair Sponsor The Perfect Chair, and Décor Sponsor ERA Events.

## YPs welcome new faces, intro at next event

West Young Professionals (a division of the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce) will host a casual networking gathering at Xul Beer Company in Hardin Valley on Wednesday, September 27. The first 30 attendees will receive a drink ticket and all are welcome to come meet three new faces to the West Young Professionals committee. Already this trio of young professionals has jumped right in, helping the committee plan their programs through year end.

April Cooper MBA is a marketing specialist for



Cooper

WealthSource. She ensures communication is timely and relevant through email, social media, web-sites, and more. She works with WealthSource advisory teams to enhance the ways they connect with clients and prospects. April moved to Knoxville in 2016 where she earned her bachelor's degree from the home of the Vols, The University of Tennessee Knoxville. She earned her master's degree in business administration, concentrated in Project Management from King University.

Alexandria (Lexi) Anderson



Anderson

is an intern architect at MBI Companies. She loves writing and architecture and is an admitted "menace" at putt-putt. Born in Knoxville and raised in Minnesota, she returned to Knoxville having always found the city to be home. Lexi looks forward to the opportunity to engage with the community and be a resource for emerging professionals through West YPs.

Luke Hornsby is a licensed insurance agent at Beacon Insurance with a focus on



Hornsby

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## Who's Who

Who's Who articles are an exclusive benefit of Enterprise Club and certain chamber program sponsor benefits. Contact the chamber to learn more!

### Cyan Insurance Solutions

"I wanted to get into a service-oriented career back in 1999, so I bought out a local insurance agent and started helping people figure out their health insurance", says Cyan Insurance Solutions owner April Finster. "Before long, I was heavily into Medicare plans for clients 65 years and older."

People who age into Medicare need the assistance of a well-trained agent to navigate the system. "I often hear clients say that they're competent individuals, but they just can't figure out Medicare. I tell them that it's not them, it's the system."

Medicare is a very popular system, covering 65 million individuals. April is required to pass many hours of continuing education each year to stay abreast of Medicare changes. A good Medicare agent will take a client's preferred doctors, facilities, prescriptions, and pharmacies into account to optimize benefits vs. cost. This service is free to clients.

In 2010 April's husband Ken, previously a tech entrepreneur, joined the agency. In addition to Medicare, Ken became the agency's specialist on Life Insurance and Long

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## Enterprise Club

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

### ADMIRAL ELITE



### ADMIRAL



### COMMANDER



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### ANCHOR







## Did you know?

### *Issues affecting small business taxes*

By your Knoxville Small Business Development Center

At the end of the last legislative session Public Chapter 377, better known as the Tennessee Works Tax Act was passed and signed into law by Governor Lee. The TWTA provides many beneficial tax cuts including a 3-month grocery tax holiday, paid family leave tax credits, and tax relief for small business owners. These changes will save small business owners \$150 Million in taxes.

The change that will assist small businesses to grow and sustain in the communities they serve affects business tax registrations. Prior to this legislation businesses with revenue over \$10,000.00 were required to obtain a business license and pay state business taxes. The threshold to move from a minimal activity business license (\$3,000-\$10,000 in revenue) has now been raised to \$100,000.00, and the first \$500,000.00 of business property is exempt from the franchise tax minimum measure.

The TN Department of Revenue has a webpage dedicated to the TWTA: <https://www.tn.gov/revenue/tennessee-works.html>

The Tennessee Small Business Development Center offers our services to our clients at no cost. If you are interested in meeting with a Small Business Specialist, visit [www.tsdbc.org](http://www.tsdbc.org) to request consultation or scan our QR Code below:



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business-to-business products, umbrella, homeowners, property and casualty insurance. He is also likely one of the tallest insurance agents you'll meet! A proud alumni of Lindenwood-Belleville University, Luke learned multitasking at its finest while playing basketball, pursuing a degree, and holding down various jobs all at once. Those skills come in handy nowadays at work and at play whether it's advising on insurance or keeping up with his wife and active four-year old son, William.

Register for the YP event at [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com).

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Term Care (LTC) plans. "I believe the country has a significant financial challenge as people live longer", he says. "The risk of significant LTC expenses due to a chronic illness is very real." To address this Ken is certified and holds the CLTC designation. "A misconception out there is that Medicare pays for LTC. If Medicare pays at all, it is limited in time, and detailed requirements must be met," he warns.

As an independent agency, Cyan can offer dozens of plans, and can find the optimal plan based on each client's unique needs. "We're blessed to have such a rewarding career helping people", says April. Cyan's office is at 11826 Kingston Pike in Farragut, and the phone is (865)622-2265.

# Networkings

## Element Knoxville West

August 10, 2023



(L-R) Ange Schroeder, John Volpe, *Remote Area Medical*, and Kelly Bergerson, *State Farm Josh Ellis Agency* have a great time connecting at the evening networking event.



Kim Fry, *Hilton Knoxville Airport* and Wendy Ropalo, *Element Knoxville West* enjoy refreshments while networking.

## The Village at Westland Cove

August 31, 2023



Matthew Ishmael, *Assistant Community Manager*, Candice Huffstetler, *Leasing Professional*, and Chelsea Valenzuela *Community Manager* talk about the Lakefront apartment community while hosting the morning networking.



Business Professionals make connections and enjoy refreshments.

# Business EXPO



Presenting Sponsor TDS Telecom members smile for a group photo at the EXPO.



Members from the farragutpress gather for a group photo with other EXPO attendees.



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# Ribbon Cuttings

## Sparrow Wine Bar

August 8, 2023



Co-owners Amy Burritt and Cheri Intveld gather with friends, family, and Chamber members/board/ambassadors for an exciting ribbon cutting ceremony.

## River Dog Bakery Farragut

August 15, 2023

Husband and wife/co-owners Chris and Sonja Hawk ready the scissors to cut the ribbon for the new River Dog Bakery Farragut location.



## MEDIC 65th Anniversary and Donor Center Expansion

August 23, 2023



MEDIC CEO Jim Decker is ready to cut the ribbon alongside *Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, MEDIC Board Chair Jack Bryan, Town of Farragut Mayor Ron Williams, friends, colleagues, and Chamber members/ambassadors.*

## Lee Company

August 29, 2023

Service Manager of Lee Company Farragut Matt Atkinson is holding the scissors in anticipation of cutting the ribbon along with Mayor Jacobs, Mayor Williams, colleagues, friends, family, and Chamber members/ambassadors.



# Member Briefs

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

Go to **[www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com)** to see these and other member items!

Buff City Soap is excited to announce their 3-year anniversary sale October 20th-22nd! Their handmade, plant-based products are perfect for the whole family. They'll be having giveaways every hour and vendors the whole weekend. Stop by **Buff City Soap Turkey Creek** and discover what makes them special!

In honor of their 4th anniversary, **Christian Brothers Automotive** on Kingston Pike is offering a free courtesy inspection. Schedule online at [scheduler.cbac.com/](http://scheduler.cbac.com/) Knoxville to take advantage of this offer!

Whether it be Air Conditioning, Heating, Plumbing, or Electrical, **Lee Company** has all you need for your home or facility since 1944. They are here for you 24/7. Experience the Lee Company difference today and visit them online at [leecompany.com](http://leecompany.com).

On Thursday, September 27th, 2023, **Remote Area Medical** will hold its final vet clinic. General time slots on this day will fall between 6am and 5pm. However, specifics will be communicated once the location has been set. Please call (865)-579-1530 for more information.

**Car Nation LLC** is a pre-owned dealer that provides customers with complete automotive experience at competitive prices. They broke the ground on building a full-service garage for Farragut costumers at 10507 Kingston Pike. They are passionate about quality cars and intent on sharing that passion with you. Visit them today!

**Viamedia** is a multi-faceted marketing company based in Lexington, Kentucky. They can place advertising anywhere reaching Cable TV Subscribers, streaming services and any other digital tactic, targeting your customers on screens of all sizes. Contact Tom Sharp at [viamediatv.com](mailto:viamediatv.com) for more information.

**StatusGlo Cleaning** trains their employees with the Perfect Maintenance Cleaning Technique, which allows them to provide a high quality and efficient service to clients. They are currently offering 40% of their services to teachers and first responders ending September 20th. Give them a call at (865)-247-3804 today!

**The Trusty Notary** has expanded its services to include wedding officiating. Happy Unions (weddings by The Trusty Notary) has packages starting at \$75. Get married to who you want, where you want and how you want. For more information check out the website [www.thetrustynotary.com/happy-unions](http://www.thetrustynotary.com/happy-unions).

**Angela Floyd Schools** is so excited to have expanded their Performing Arts Program for ages 3-5 at their West Location. They now offer an extended Monday through Friday option. Their curriculum covers ballet, tap, acro, hip hop, music, and academics to prepare students for kindergarten. Visit <https://www.angelaflloyd-schools.com/secure-your-spot-now/> for more information.

# Welcome New Members!

**The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in August!**

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

Bartlett Tree Experts was founded in 1907 and is the world's leading scientific tree and shrub care company with offices around the United States. They can help with almost any tree, shrub, or insect management issue. Please <https://www.bartlett.com/locations/knoxville-tn.cfm> or call (865) 685-9220 for more information.



Bootlegger Runs (BR) is a free app download for customers who need an errand run but have no one to run it for them. Once the app is open, customers who need an errand run for them tap the "Post A Run" button in the lower-left corner of the app to post the details they need to know to run their errand correctly; all while using the latest technology to keep their customers as safe as possible. Visit <https://www.bootleggerruns.com/> for more information.



Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley enable all young people, especially those who need them most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Every child who walks through their doors will be prepared to graduate with a



plan for post-secondary education, live a healthy lifestyle, and become a contributing member of our community. (865) 232-1200 or <https://bgctnv.org/>.

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The Farragut Lions Club is a volunteer service club composed of men and women of all ages working together to improve our world. All money raised by the Lions from the public is used for community service projects. The Farragut Lions Club is a participating member of Knox County Lions Charities. Visit <http://farragut.lnlions.org/>



The buying or selling of a business should never be compared to the purchasing

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## New Members

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or selling of a home. You deserve experienced, licensed professionals who specialize in business sales – you need First Choice Business Brokers. They are large enough to offer the Buyer the greatest selection of businesses available, yet small enough to give the Seller individual attention. (865) 255-4731 or <https://easttn.fcbb.com/>.

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LifeWave is a breakthrough health technology company dedicated to honoring the light of life and harnessing the body’s natural energy to reverse aging and maximize human potential. Their health solutions are backed by science, including clinical studies, patents, and real-life results. Visit <https://lifewave.com/> or call (865) 674-0507.

Homemade sweets made by Mom’s Truffles, Agnes Predny. Hand-crafted combinations are available in white, milk, or dark chocolate coatings, diabetic-friendly varieties upon request. Popular flavors include Coconut (or Coconut Rum), Almond (with or without Amaretto), Black Cherry, Gingerbread, Lemon Blueberry, Orange Vodka, and others! Call (865) 804-6358 or [momstruffles@gmail.com](mailto:momstruffles@gmail.com) for information, pricing, and to schedule an order. All orders require a minimum 48-hour notice. Large orders require at least one week’s notice depending on volume.

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# Thank You for Renewing Your Membership!

*The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of August 2023. 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 its patronage.*

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



**Knox County Mayor’s Office**  
*Thank you for your  
Admiral Elite Enterprise Membership!*



**First Utility District of Knox County**  
*Thank you for your  
Commander Enterprise Membership!*



**Fairfield Inn & Suites –  
Knoxville West**  
*Thank you for your  
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**Junk Bee Gone, LLC**  
*Thank you for your  
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Signature Storage at Choto, LLC  
State Farm Insurance - Mike Massaglia  
Tennessee Artists Association  
Three Roots Capital  
Y-12 Federal Credit Union - Cedar Bluff  
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# Calendar of Events: October 2023

*Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>. Call 675-7057 or email [Suzanne@farragutchamber.com](mailto: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](http://www.farragutchamber.com) > “Events”) and registering under “Not a member?”.*

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

**Thursday, September 21**  
**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
*Ribbon Cutting -  
Central City Heating & Air 50th Anniversary*  
121 Oak Drive, Kingston 37763

**Thursday, September 27**  
**4:00 PM - 6:00 PM**  
*West Young Professionals Networking  
Zul Beer Company*  
10677 Hardin Valley Rd.  
Knoxville, 37932

**Friday, September 29**  
**6:00 PM - 9:00 PM**  
*THE AUCTION Charity Gala & Dinner Affair 2023*  
*The Venue at Lenoir City*  
7690 Creekwood Park Blvd.  
Lenoir City, TN 37772

**Wednesday, October 4**  
**4:00 PM -5:00 PM**  
*Ribbon Cutting - Kids Cove Childcare Drop In*  
10420 Kingston Pike, Suite I  
Knoxville 37922

**Friday, October 6 • 8:00 AM -9:00 AM**  
*Monthly Minis: New Member Orientation*  
*FWKCC Office*  
11826 Kingston Pike, Suite 110, Knoxville, TN 37934

**Tuesday, October 10 • 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
*Ribbon Cutting - Printing Image*  
6700 Baum Drive, Suite 10, Knoxville 37919

**Thursday, October 12 • 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM**  
*Networking - True Metal Supply*  
1745 Louisville Dr., Knoxville 37921