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Virtue Road set to open Nov. 15?

STAFF REPORTS

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The end may be in sight for completion of Phase One of Virtue Road improvements, according to Town Public Relations and Marketing coordinator Wendy Smith.

"So far everything is on track to open on Nov. 15," she said Monday, Nov. 8. "But, you know how construction projects are."

She said "a punchlist walk-down" was scheduled to be conducted by Assistant Town engineer Brannon Tupper, "and the final resurfacing is supposed to happen Wednesday (Nov. 10).

"If those things happen without a hitch, we can be pretty sure about the Nov. 15 opening," Smith added.

Begun more than a year ago, The first phase of the project extends from Kingston Pike to the roundabout into Brookmere subdivision. The road has been closed to through traffic since since January of this year while it has been extended to 11 feet in each direction, and a new bridge has been installed over Little Turkey Creek.

The second phase will extend from the roundabout to Vista Brook Lane, and begin immediately after the first

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Photo submission courtesy of Jack Tate, FHS sports information

THREE STRAIGHT

at state: Pom, Jazz No. 1 for FHS dance

For the third straight year of TSSAA Cheer & Dance competitions, Farragut High School's dance team has earned two state championship honors, Small Varsity Jazz and Small Varsity Pom. The most recent, by the 2021-22 FHS team, came in Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro Saturday, Nov. 6. "I'm very proud of the girls ... winning the double title was just affirming all their hard work," head coach Presley Packer said. Seniors holding the two state title trophies are, from left, Jaelyn Spears, Ella Kate Puterbaugh (captain) and Kelsee Hartman. Middle row, from left, are coach Packer, Whitney Gohn, Molly Stokes, Maddy Burns, Madelyn Snow and Gigi Noble. Back row, from left, are Makenna McDonald, Carson Kraemer, Addison Fink, Saige Derr, Sophia Von Wedel and Mary Elizabeth Noble.

State law challenged by FHS teen golfer

STAFF REPORTS

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A lawsuit was filed Thursday, Nov. 4, on behalf of a 14-year-old freshman transgender student at Farragut High School, challenging a 2021 state law requiring youth sports participants to play on teams of their assigned sex at birth.

The lawsuit was filed by the American Civil Liberties Union, the ACLU of Tennessee and Lambda Legal according to an ACLU press release.

The freshman "is an avid golfer who has been looking forward to trying out for the boys' golf team at Farragut," the release stated. "That aspiration was derailed when the Tennessee legislature passed and Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee signed into law SB 228, which bans transgender middle and high school students from participating on interscholastic sports teams that match their gender."

"I was really looking forward to trying out for the boys' golf team, and if I made it, training and competing with and learning from other boys and improving my game," the teen said in the release. "Then, to have the legislature pass a law that singled out me and kids like me to keep us from being part of a team, that crushed me. It hurt very much. I just want to play like any other kid."

"It made me, and still makes me, so angry," the teen's mother added. "A mother wants to see their kid happy, thriving, enjoying being a kid. High

See **TEEN LAWSUIT** on Page 3A

All the details for Town of Farragut's holiday calendar

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With all the spookiness of Halloween put away, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Farragut, as Town employees have been busy putting up the Town's hallmark lighted trees.

Their handiwork is visible at Town Hall, in Mayor Ralph McGill Park and in Founder's Park at Campbell Station, where annual Light the Park officially kicks off the season at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22.

According to Town Public Relations and Marketing coordinator Wendy Smith, 25,000 lights will be added this year alone, primarily on what will be new this year, a 50-foot tree at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the corner of Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike.

Additional displays at the Plaza will include a lighted archway and several new lighted candy canes,

Smith added, marking a grand total of 100,000 lights adorning Farragut along Campbell Station Road for the holidays.

Countdown to Light the Park

Music begins for Countdown to Light the Park at 5 p.m. for the kick-off, which is co-sponsored by Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance. Families are encouraged to arrive early if they hope to see Town Mayor Ron Williams and Santa Claus "flip the switch" at 6:30 p.m., officially lighting not only Founder's Park, but all the Town's holiday lights, from the Interstate 40 commuter lot along Campbell Station Road down to Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza.

Parking at Founders Park is extremely limited, but parking is offered at Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., "which is an easy walk to the park," said Parks & Rec director Sue Stuhl in a press release.

Light the Park

Light the Park will run from dusk to 10 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 2. Activities will include carolers, vendors and/or food trucks "on most nights," Smith said. A schedule of events can be viewed at farragutparksandrec.org/lightthepark.

"In addition to the new lights, we are trying to offer something special at Founders Park every night (except Thanksgiving) through Dec. 23," she continued. "We are currently recruiting vendors to give things away each evening, plus we'll have carolers and food trucks on most nights."

"As people sign up, we put them on a calendar at farragutparksandrec.org/lightthepark."

Those wishing to sign up to sing, sell or pass out goodies may also contact Special Event and Program

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business

"I enjoy parties, I enjoy kids and I love Disney. ... When she came up with the idea, I just knew the princess theme would be perfect. ... Anything we have needed to have done, they have been doing it,"

- **Jerresha Johnson, partner in a new business targeting those, of a particular gender, who want to have a good time. (Read story beginning on Page 5A)**

community

"We, as a club, love doing anything that is one, hands on, but two, really goes to helping people in the community. This is something that's very direct and helps children. This is just our way of doing a small part ...,"

- **Scott Bertini, project chair for a local club trying to help children by building them something they, and all of us, need. (Read story beginning on page 5B)**

sports

"Our boys fought hard and didn't quit, but tonight was not our night. ... the ball bounced their way. We have much respect for our opponent tonight and we congratulate them,"

- **Jason Martin, a coach whose teams, in the last couple of years, have been at or near the top of their league. (See photo and information on page 4B)**



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Software developer is latest to enjoy spoils as a Town Sampler champion

Katie Gonzales, owner/baker of VG Bakery (11552 Kingston Pike), welcomes Adam Bengston, October Town Sampler winner. A long-time Farragut resident, Bengston works as a software developer in Oak Ridge. His prize package, a \$275 value, featured \$25 gift cards from VG's along with Saffire Vapor, Buttermilk Sky Pie Shop and Red Robin, and \$25 gift certificates from Bahia Tans (with \$50 of body products), Rick Terry Jewelry & Design, Sports Clips, The Cutting Crew and The Farragut Table. November's contest (\$225 value) is under way, with The Farragut Table again offering a \$25 gift certificate along with Tennessee Cutlery and Pep Boys Auto. \$25 gift cards are offered from Big Kahuna Wings, International Flair Jewelers, The Town Framery, Kroger, Jet's Pizza and Kohls. To enter, visit <https://wfiv.com/contests/16/shop-farragut-november-2021>

KCSO reports

• At 1:11 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 4, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office to file a report of theft at a Federal Boulevard address. She advised seeing an unknown suspect in a light blue car pull up to her mailbox and steal mail, which included checks to Verizon, around 3 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14. She notified her bank and Verizon immediately.

On Saturday, Oct. 30, she looked at her bank account and saw the stolen check had been whited out and made out to an individual for \$2,250.13, and another check to another individual for \$1,500. First Horizon closed her account and started a fraud investigation, requesting she file a police report.

• At 2:47 p.m., Friday, Nov. 5, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a vehicular burglary from an Allen Kirby Road address. Complainant advised an unknown suspect entered his two unlocked vehicles and stole a Gucci backpack with an estimated listed value of \$1,000, a Gucci wallet valued at \$500 and a handgun valued at \$500.

Complainant said he has video footage of the act, but was unable to identify the suspect. Complainant advised he received a text notification at 6:30 a.m. from American Express informing him of fraudulent activity on his account from Walmart along Clinton Highway.

There was one completed transaction for \$398 and a declined transaction attempt of \$500. Complainant was able to provide a serial number for the firearm.

• On Wednesday, Nov. 3, a KCSO unit responded to Walgreens, 10701 Kingston Pike, to retrieve a counterfeit bill. The manager said a male came in and purchased a bottle of lidocaine using a counterfeit bill. The cashier completed the \$8 purchase, giving the suspect \$92 in change.

Manager said he has incident on videotape and has burned the footage onto a DVD for evidence. Fake bill was placed in a KCSO property locker.

correction

• In our sports story about Bearden High School's girls soccer state championship (beginning on page 1B, Nov. 4 issue), we incorrectly ID'd one of the goal scorers. Nyla Blue actually scored the second BHS goal on a header.

We regret the error.



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Teen lawsuit

From page 1A

school sports are an important part of that. I know how much (he) was looking forward to playing on the boys' golf team. It's heartbreaking to see him miss out on this high school experience, and it is painful for a parent to see their child subjected to discrimination because of who they are.

"I'm proud (he) is taking this step, and his father and I are with him all the way."

SB 228 is one of many anti-LGBTQ bills pushed in state legislatures across the country in 2021, according to the press release.

"During legislative debate, it was not endorsed by any mainstream sporting or health organizations," the release continued. "In fact, health care organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics have opposed such legislation, and the NCAA has reaffirmed its support for transgender participation in its athletics."

"Prior to the passage of SB 228, the Tennessee Middle School Athletic Association and the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association had regulations governing the participation of transgender students in school sports and had reported no issues with their inclusive policies."

"There is endless research demonstrating the short-term and long-term benefits that flow from participating in team sports for kids growing up," said Sasha Buchert, senior attorney with Lambda Legal. "For trans kids, who often experience alienation and

stigmatization, participating on teams with their peers is especially important. (He) just wants to play golf with other boys, to be part of the team, and to improve his game. Like all kids, he just wants to play."

"This is the ACLU's fifth challenge to an anti-trans law that has passed this year," said Leslie Cooper, deputy director of the ACLU's LGBTQ & HIV Project. "We will continue to fight these relentless attacks on trans youth. There is no reason, apart from the legislature's desire to express its disapproval of transgender people, to keep (him) from playing on the boys' golf team."

"When Tennessee lawmakers passed this discriminatory law, they could not identify a single instance of a Tennessee student facing any harm from a transgender athlete playing sports. However, the emotional cost of this law to transgender student athletes is tremendous," said Hedy Weinberg, ACLU of Tennessee executive director. "We stand with trans students across the state. ..."

For more information, visit www.aclu-tn.org/.

License suspension appealed, Beer Board reduces to \$2,500

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A Farragut business owner successfully appealed a 21-day beer license suspension before the Town's Beer Board Thursday, Oct. 28, and was instead assessed a \$2,500 fine.

Aziz Kherani, who owns SmartServ, 800 N. Campbell Station Road, attended the meeting and was represented by his brother, attorney Ameesh Kherani, as he asked the Beer Board to vacate its Oct. 14 decision to suspend SmartServ's beer license as punishment for a second charge of underage beer sales within a three-year period.

The business was not represented at the Oct. 14 hearing, but Aziz Kherani reported an attorney (not his brother) had been retained to attend that meeting, and accidentally wrote down the incorrect date.

"The applicant is relying on the rules of civil procedure, based on rules of civil neglect," explained Town attorney Tom Hale. "Technically, those rules don't apply to this body, but court systems do take (those instances) into account from

time to time, when there is excusable failure of someone to appear for a hearing.

"Believe it or not, it happens fairly frequently," Hale added. "Attorneys get busy and get things to confused, or clients don't get attorneys and they get confused. Then courts will ask, at a later time, if there is excusable neglect and often can set aside the decision made, and sort of do a 'do-over.'"

"It is essentially what Mr. Kherani is asking for."

Hale also said the attorney in question called him and left a voice mail Oct. 15 explaining what had happened.

Ameesh Kerani confirmed the docketing error on the part of his brother's previous attorney, and also acknowledged the business did sell beer to a minor.

"The employee who sold to a minor was booked, appeared in court, was put on proba-

tion, but it's my understanding no permanent charges were filed," he said. "My client suspended the employee for 30 days and placed processes in action," including "requiring Tennessee alcohol server knowledge completion," which was completed by the employee in question.

"Two other attempted (underage) sales were not successful, so the processes" worked, the attorney added.

"My concern, would be your concern about selling alcohol to minors (and) my client is here, and is expressing remorse, for having sold alcohol to a minor.

"We are asking for a civil penalty in lieu of suspension."

Aziz Kherani addressed the Board and explained SmartServ's day-to-day operations are carried out by the busi-

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"I'm proud (he) is taking this step, and his father and I are with him all the way,"

- Mother of FHS teen battling a state law

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letter to the editor

Citizen input needed to plan Town growth

With the dust from the COVID pandemic beginning to settle and the ability to find a new normal for public workshops, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan steering committee and Town staff have resumed the outreach to Farragut residents to review and update the future land use map in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

The Kingston Pike subarea, which includes the Boring Road corridor, is the next area on the future land use map to be reviewed. All Farragut residents are welcome to attend and provide their input.

The residents of Baldwin Park, Waverly Court, Fox Den, Village Green, Country Manor and Country Way are most directly impacted by potential development in the area being reviewed. Residents of these neighborhoods are highly encouraged to attend and provide their input.

The focus of the workshop is the undeveloped property in this area and what the community believes would be the best land use. The public workshop will be held on Monday, Nov. 15, at Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive in the Community Room. If you enter from the front doors, the Community Room is on your right through the double doors (the room where voting happens).

This workshop is offered in a drop-in format: show up anytime between 4 and 8 p.m. If you are interested in gaining a better understand-

ing of the workshop itself, please go to my blog at www.farragutfyi.com and view the blog post entitled "Amending the Plan - Kingston Pike Subarea including the Boring Road Corridor."

We, as a community, can adopt a general or comprehensive plan for the physical development of our Town and we can amend that plan. We can regulate land development through our Municipal Code of Ordinances, subdivision regulations, etc.

However, we cannot violate a property owner's constitutionally protected private property rights. Property owners have the right to develop their property as it is currently zoned and the right to exercise their property rights at their discretion. We cannot leave a property owner without an economically viable use of his property.

Working within these constraints, we can shape the future growth of our Town. For instance, many residents who live along the Boring Road corridor value the ability to walk in that area; therefore, any future development in that area should include safe and attractive pedestrian walkways.

In short, we can't prevent growth, but we do have the ability to plan for growth and shape it. I hope that Farragut residents who could be directly impacted by potential future development in this area attend the workshop.

~ Vice Mayor Louise Povlin

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• **I believe Presstalk should be neutral politically.** I just received my copy (of the Nov. 4 issue), and there was a comment about how wonderful (a U.S. Senator from Tennessee) is. Personally, I don't share this opinion. Your paper should be neutral: it should be neither Democratic nor Republican.

• **Cheers and a heartfelt thanks to (Tennessee U.S. Rep., 5th District) and (Tennessee U.S. Rep., 9th District)** for honoring the citizens of Tennessee with their historic vote to pass the bipartisan infrastructure bill. This is a game-changing investment in Tennessee and our country and a victory for all Americans.

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- Profanity will be edited out;
- Comments will remain anonymous;
- Names of individuals or businesses may not be published (including public figures) depending on the issue.

Holiday calendar

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coordinator Brittany Spencer at 865-218-3376 or at bspencer@townoffarragut.org.

Restrooms at Founders Park and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza will stay open until 10 p.m. nightly, except for Christmas Day (closed all day).

Letters to Santa

The fun tradition of Letters to Santa continues this year, and children may drop their letters off in Founder's Park beginning Monday, Nov. 22.

The last day to send them is Dec. 20, and letter-writers are urged to include a return address so Santa can write back.

Celebrate the Season

Cancelled last year due to COVID-19, Celebrate the Season is described by Town staff as "a great way to get in the holiday spirit," and takes place from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2, in Farragut Community Center.

Children can have photos taken with Santa and participate in cookie decorating and

face painting among activities. A holiday movie also is part of this free evening of fun.

Holiday painting classes

Take part in several holiday-inspired, step-by-step painting classes offered at Farragut Community Center.

Classes include a "Thankful" painting class Saturday, Nov. 20, picturing a white pumpkin with fall background, a "Snow Much Fun" snowman painting Saturday, Dec. 4, and a "Red Truck Christmas Tree" Saturday, Dec. 18, depicting an antique red truck carrying a fir tree.

All classes cost \$35 and all materials are provided by the instructor, including the 16-inch-by-20-inch canvas.

Register for classes at townoffarragut.org/register, in person at Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) or by calling 865-218-3376.

'Twas the Night with No Parents

'Twas the Night with No Parents, a new event offered at Farragut Community Center from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec.

17, will provide pizza, games, crafts and a movie for kindergarten through fifth grade students.

Cost is \$10 per child. Pre-registration is required at townoffarragut.org/register.

Organizers are promoting the event as an opportunity for parents to do some last-minute shopping, wrapping or relaxing before Christmas week.

New Year's at Noon

New Year's at Noon is an early commemoration of the end of the old year, and commencement of a new one will take place in Farragut Community Center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 31.

The new event is designed for the whole family, and offers "snacks, crafts, refreshments, games and a noon New Year's countdown at a perfect time for everyone to celebrate," according to a press release.

All participants need to be individually registered to ensure all materials can be prepared. Cost is \$2 per child ages 16 and younger, and free of charge for adults.

Appeal

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ness' general manager, Peter Patel, and neither was able to attend the Oct. 14 hearing themselves.

"We are not contesting laws were broken, but we made every attempt in our power to make sure that is not repeated," the business owner said. "We have operated stores in Farragut since 1998 and had only two violations since that time."

"I understand scheduling issues," Beer Board member and Town Alderman Scott Meyer said.

Satisfied with the discussion, the Beer Board unanimously rescinded SmartServ's 21-day license suspension and assessed a \$2,500 fine instead, which in the Beer Board's by-laws is listed as a potential consequence for second offenses.

SmartServ was one of three businesses brought before the Town Beer Board Oct. 14 and charged with underage beer sales by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

The two others occurred at Hampton Inn and Fairfield Inn, and both representatives pled guilty to the charges and were each assessed a \$500 fine by the Board.

Virtue Road

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phase is open. This phase tentatively is scheduled to be com-

pleted in March 2022.

In addition, a new 8-foot multi-use greenway is under way as part of the overall project.

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Two-fold service at Amazing Graze



Tammy Cheek

Halley Zupka, left, The Tippy Daisy bartender and Amazing Graze store manager, joins owner and step-mom Susan Ehler in welcoming visitors to their grand opening of Amazing Graze, 9236 Kingston Pike in Cedar Springs shopping center, Saturday, Nov. 6.

TAMMY CHEEK

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Susan Ehler, owner of Amazing Graze, a charcuterie business at 9236 Kingston Pike in Cedar Springs shopping center, welcomed the community to the grand opening of her shop on Saturday, Nov. 6.

"We've just been in this store for about a month now," Ehler said.

Visitors had a chance to try samples from a charcuterie cone, as well as mini liquor cakes and chocolate-covered strawberries, add their name to a drawing and quench their thirst with spiced cider or peppermint hot chocolate from a nearby mobile bar, The Tippy Daisy, a sideline business umbrellaed under Amazing Graze.

Ehler has joined her husband, Matt Ehler, and step-daughter, Halley Zupka, the store's manager and The Tippy Daisy bartender, in the ventures.

At Amazing Graze, customers can order or purchase on site an array of cured meats, cheeses and accessory items such as fruits, olives and nuts. They also deliver the ordered items.

"We offer little snack-size boxes, which are super popular for parties, and we sell a lot to doctor's offices and events like that," Ehler said. "We have them for two persons all the way up to about 60 people.

"For parties bigger than that, we do on-site built grazing tables," she said. "We've done up to 200 guests."

Some cured meats include salami, pepperoni, prosciutto, soppressata and coppa, among others.

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Michelle Hollenhead

Tiaras to Go owners Tiara Evans, left, and her cousin, Jerresha Johnson, are making little girls' dreams come true with their new mobile princess-themed service.

Tiaras to Go to pamper little girls

Mobile business offers unforgettable experience

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD

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Even though it conjures regal images of queens and princesses, Tiara Evans has always hated her name.

Not so much these days, however, as she and her cousin, Jerresha Johnson, recently began a mobile business, Tiaras to Go, playing on the name she hasn't always thought of so fondly.

Targeting young ladies ages 4 to 10, the business offers an unforgettable afternoon of pampering and princessing anywhere the women can safely set up their shiny silver trailer.

Inside is a veritable wonderland for little girls wanting their very own special treatments, from fairy lights adorning pink gauzy wall coverings, an interior chandelier and two

full-sized hairstyling chairs complete with gold-guided mirrors, to a luxurious oversized sumptuous pink couch and a mounted big screen television where movies, music or karaoke can be cued up on command.

Depending on the package, young ladies may enjoy spa treatments such as masking and manicures, temporary hair coloring and light make-up — but every princess enjoys popcorn, a Shirley Temple drink, a tiara and digital invitations.

Evans, who lives in Choto with her husband, two sons and a daughter, had the idea for a mobile birthday party even before COVID-19.

"I'm so busy with my three kids, I thought, 'I wish someone would come to me and have my daughter's party at my house.'

"Boys have gaming trucks, but someone should do something for little girls."

During COVID, she put the thought on the back burner, then her daughter's birthday "came around again, and I thought, 'Darn it.' Her plans then began in earnest.

Evans immediately enlisted Johnson's partnership.

"I enjoy parties, I enjoy kids and I love Disney," Johnson said. "When she came up with the idea, I just knew the princess theme would be perfect."

"She is a great partner," Evans said. "When I think of something, I run it by her, and she is always honest with me."

Evans didn't automatically intend for her own seemingly obvious name to be part of the business title, but when she polled friends and fam-

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Looking to 'connect with people,' Kim joins FWKCC as new intern

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed a new intern, Emma Kim, into its fold.

"The Chamber is thrilled to be able to once again continue our partnership with Farragut High School in the spirit of workforce development by having their senior students serve as interns with us," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. "Emma was clearly excited about the opportunity to work with us from the first time we spoke with her, and we're hopeful that this role will give her a preview into the working world within the community and business.

"She's already gotten to attend several of our events/programs, meet the mayor and is getting to know our

members, and we're proud of the progress she has made thus far," Blaylock added.

"It's been really great," said Kim, an FHS senior. "I've met a lot of wonderful people and they've all been really welcoming to me."

She said she heard about the internship from Allison Maldonado, FHS world languages teacher and sponsor of the Baking Club.

"It was one day after a (club) meeting," recalled Kim, daughter of Soyoung Lee. "We were talking about my schedule ... and that's when she mentioned that she knew of an internship that I could take at the Chamber.



Blaylock

This is Kim's first experience in a job setting.

"(Maldonado) told me it was a good way to get some experience in talking with people, connecting with people and that's what I, kind of, want to go into," the senior said.

Kim is considering a career in social work but hasn't made a firm decision. However, she would like to attend a college in California. At FHS, she is focusing on humanities and English.

Kim said her mother also is excited about her interning at the Chamber.

"When I told her about this (internship), she was, like, 'Oh, you should definitely do it. You should go in and talk to (Blaylock) as soon as you can,'" Kim re-

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Tiaras to Go

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ily members about possible names, “Tiara” was off-mentioned and suggested.

The venture has been a true family affair, as both women have had the full support of their husbands, Jason Evans and Gerald Johnson, who did most of the construction.

Evans’ daughter, Addalyn, helped with many of the decorating ideas, while her sons, Jeremiah and Zerryn, offered assistance, too.

“Addalyn never wants to get out of the trailer when we park it at home,” Evans said with a laugh.

Evans and Johnson, who have nicknamed themselves “Fairy Glam-Mothers,” worked for several months perfecting their make-up techniques and party planning options, and are still working on various treatments for tweens and older girls.

Tiaras to Go currently offers four party packages: Princess, Duchess, Queen and Empress, and parties may last from 90

minutes to two hours. Package pricing begins at \$240.

The women, already working other jobs — Evans in mobile crisis and Johnson in provider relations for BlueCross/BlueShield of Tennessee — are very passionate about their sideline business; and in addition to advertising through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram are planning to branch out by possibly adding more employees in the future, and target the grown-ups.

“If adults want a girls night out, to sing karaoke or to sip cocktails, we want to offer that,” Evans said. “We have just been getting the concept out there first, to test the waters.”

They recently were at the Women Today Expo and have set up at Angela Floyd’s Music and Dance studio and at the Davis Family YMCA, in addition to furnishing private parties. “It just makes my heart sing to do what we are doing.”

For more information, call 865-630-2784, visit tiarastogo.org or visit Tiaras to Go on Instagram and Facebook.



Tammy Cheek

Farragut High School senior Emma Kim is learning new skills as Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s new intern. She will continue with those duties until May 2022.

New intern

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called. At the Chamber, she is learning how to work with the database, a lot of organizing tasks and data management.

“I’ve been practicing picking up phone calls, which I’m getting better at, but not quite there yet,” Kim confided.

Still, she sees the experience as helpful.

“I think it’s kind of pushed

me out of my comfort zone in terms of talking to new people, especially adults, in a professional setting,” she said. “It’s also helping me with time management, which I’ve kind of struggled with a little bit.”

business briefs

• Cindy Mahew, licensed Realtor, has joined Slyman Real Estate in Knoxville. She became the 28th independent agent to join the brokerage,

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Amazing Graze

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"We have all the cheeses," she said. "The most popular are the brie, blueberry vanilla goat cheese ... bella vitino, cheddar, manchego, gouda (and) specialty cheeses," Ehler said.

"There's always going to be fresh, seasonal fruits and vegetables (in the boxes) and nuts," she added.

"We do a house-made feta dip, dried fruits, like apricots, olives, cornichons, crackers, jams, honeys and chocolate.

"We try to get local honeycomb, and we work with local people to offer locally made jams, which we get from Jamin' Jams (in Maryville), Lulu's Liquor Cakes and Towns Toffee," Ehler said.

She gets most of her orders online at amazinggrazetn.com, but "we are starting to offer grab-and-go (boxes) every day, which are super popular for lunch," she said.

"We have a lunch-sized (box), and we'll be stocking our cooler with boxes for two people

and four people," Ehler added.

Along with the charcuterie shop, customers can rent The Tippy Daisy bar, which operates out of a converted horse trailer, for events.

They will supply most of the ingredients — minus the alcohol — such as fruit and other additives and equipment.

Amazing Graze is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday.

It is closed Sunday and Monday.

For more information, or to place an order, call 865-296-9604, visit amazinggrazetn.com or its Facebook page.

More background

Amazing Graze originally opened at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, in March 2020, which ultimately changed her business plan, Ehler said.

"My husband and I were just going to do a little side business of all-inclusive micro weddings, and we were going to use the renovated trailer to transport everything," she added. "The grazing table and charcuterie were going to just

be part of our all-inclusive package."

However, when COVID shut down the economy, she recalled, "people were buying everything pick up and to-go so I basically told him, 'What if I just see if anyone would like to buy a little charcuterie box.'"

"I made a post online, and it just sort of blew up from there," Ehler added.

"The first weekend we sold three (boxes). By Mother's Day, I think we sold 60, and by July the business had gotten so big that I had to quit my full-time job (doing accounts receivable for Concrete Cutting Systems), which I had for 25 years, to do this full time.

"Since we decided the mobile bar and micro-wedding thing wasn't going to work — we still had that cute little trailer — we decided we should just make an addition to the grazing board business and make a mobile bar, because they pair well together for weddings and (other events)," she said.

"Everyone looks for a caterer and a bartender," Zupka said.

King University networks



Tammy Cheek

King University territory managers Anthony Lanagan, left, and Jerry Sullivan, right, welcomed Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members, such as Ken Finster, insurance specialist with Cyan Insurance Solutions, to a FWKCC networking hosted by King University's Hardin Valley Campus, 10950 Spring Bluff Way, on Thursday, Oct. 28.

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which currently is celebrating its semicentennial.

• **Wokie Massaquoi-Wicks has joined the team at Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville.** Massaquoi-Wicks

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Led by third-place finisher Kaden Keller (15:33.34) and three other Hardin Valley Academy senior runners in the top 20, Bryan Brown's cross country Hawks returned to Sanders Ferry Park in Hendersonville and became back-to-back Class AAA boys state champions Thursday afternoon, Nov. 4. This marked the 10th overall state crown for a Brown-coached HVA team in cross country, outdoor track and field or indoor track and field. Adding a 14th-place finish by Nathan Hillis (16:04.37) and 15th from Isaac Legault (16:04.82) to earn All-state honors, plus Asa Mazow's 18th-place finish (16:17.64), and the Hawks outdistanced meet runner-up Siegel 71-99. "We had a good day. I was very pleased with how we went out and did what was expected of us with a big target on our back," Brown said. "It wasn't as easy as it may have seemed." His Lady Hawks were fifth in state, led by region champ Maddie Archdale's 10th-place All-state finish (19:00.60).



Photo submitted

Top 2 again for Lady Ads

Another season, another finish near the top for Chelsea Osborne's Farragut Lady Admirals cross country team. "Finishing second for the second year in a row is a great finish to the season," Osborne said about the program's runner-up finish in the TSSAA Class AAA meet in Hendersonville Thursday, Nov. 4. "This group of seniors has had runner-up finishes and a third-place in their four years. That's pretty phenomenal." Individually, senior Grace Lathrop finished fourth (18:34.60) and accomplished even more. "Grace had an outstanding day; finishing fourth and setting a school record is pretty big," Osborne said. "She loves to race and is fearless, which is a great combination." Senior Camryn Johnson was 19th (19:17.40). Farragut's boys finished fourth for the second year in a row. "We return most of the top seven, so it'll be exciting to see how next year goes," Osborne said. Led by junior Trevor Coggin's seventh-place finish (15:49.23), "Trevor really went for it today," Osborne said. "He put himself right in the mix from the beginning and I'm really proud of how he ran."

Found a way: 57-56

Overcoming a 3-TD deficit, late fumble, Ads show guts in thrilling road playoff 2-OT win at Sci Hill

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JOHNSON CITY — Perhaps a rugged 2021 regular season schedule toughened up Farragut, and all the disappointment of losing five close games served as lessons learned, after an amazing display of overcoming obstacles resulted in a wild come-from-behind overtime playoff victory — doing so on the road.

However, the only first-half scoring the Ads could muster at Science Hill came on a 5-yard Elijah Gibbs TD run, set up by John Duncan's interception and 45-yard return early in the first quarter.

With the Hilltoppers' high-powered offense blending pass and run quite effectively — and Admirals turnovers, a dropped TD pass and key penalties preventing a balanced scoreboard — SHHS led 28-7 at halftime on Steve Spurrier Field in this opening round Class 6A playoff game Friday night, Nov. 5.

But an improved Farragut running attack in the second half, the FHS defense forcing a fumble killing a promising Science Hill drive (recovered by Duncan) followed by Jack Alley's exciting 59-yard interception TD return were key in tying the game 28-28 in the third quarter.

Saying his "tight-end days" kicked in "as soon as I got it," Alley, a sophomore, raced down the left sideline, then cutting diagonally to the middle of the field, dodging and breaking tackles the whole way.

Toughness again was needed late in what turned out to be an thrilling 57-56 win by the Admirals, the No. 4 seed from Region 2-6A, against No. 1 seed Science Hill from Region 1-6A.

"We just went out there and executed in the second half," said senior quarterback Dawson Moore, whose key third-down runs were numerous in the second half, rushing 23 times for 81 yards and three TDs. Included was a 3-yarder to give the Ads its only lead before the end, 35-28, with 7:21 left in the fourth frame.

"Dawson, he played so hard tonight," Admirals skipper Eddie Courtney said.

With Farragut just 5 yards from a 42-35 lead with less than two minutes to play, a fumble was returned 90 yards to the FHS 5. Three plays later, the Hilltoppers took a 42-35 lead with just 54 seconds left.



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Zach Keasling, FHS receiver, finds good yardage after a catch versus Science Hill.

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As for the Bulldogs trying to spoil all the fun, they almost did — but the Admirals prevailed on the game's final play 17-14 to earn a Class 6A playoff berth. (*See our Nov. 4 issue beginning on page 1B*)



Sarah Pastor and parents, Sylvia and Salvador Pastor



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Shutout is CAK's playoff start; Catholic out, 28-24

STAFF REPORTS

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KNOXVILLE — Pitching a shutout while getting a defensive touchdown to begin its Division II-AA playoff chase, No. 2 East seed Christian Academy beat No. 5 Middle seed Franklin Road Academy 21-0 at CAK Friday night, Nov. 5.

Improving its record to 8-2, the Warriors travel to Christ Presbyterian Academy for a second-round playoff game beginning at 8 p.m. EST., Friday, Nov. 12. FRA's season ends with a 4-7 record.

Luke Myers, senior linebacker, led the Warriors in solo tackles with six and total stops with 16, including two sacks. He also forced a fumble that teammate Jaqueze Turman recovered and carried for a touchdown.

Eli Etherton (10 total tackles) grabbed an interception.

CAK quarterback Thomas Simpson fired an 11-yard touchdown pass to Grant Sterchi, one of Simpson's eight completions for 76 yards. Chi McNeil-Harrison had five catches for 49 yards.

One of running back Jay Duncan's five carries went for a touchdown. JD Dunn Jr. led in rushing with 77 yards.

Christian Brothers 28 Catholic 24

Leading 17-7 early in the fourth quarter, Knoxville Catholic gave up 21 points in the game's final 12 minutes to Christian Brothers of Memphis, as the Purple Wave edged the Irish 28-24 in KCHS's Blaine Stadium Friday night, Nov. 5.

This loss, in the opening round of the Division II-AAA playoffs, ends the season for Catholic, the No. 4 East seed, with a 5-5 record. Christian Brothers, the No. 5 West seed, improved to 7-4.

The Irish led 10-0 at halftime behind a 33-yard field goal from Brock Taylor and a Keondre Jarmon 6-yard TD run. Tommy Winton hauled in a 41-yard scoring pass from quarterback Jayden Neal. Jarmon added a 1-yard TD run in the fourth quarter.



Photos by Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

(Above) Noah Gunter turns a catch into FHS's game-winning 2-point conversion against Science Hill. (Below) Linebacker Jack Alley's 59-yard interception return TD for the Ads.

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But led by the passing of Moore, Farragut needed just 49 seconds to go 62 yards for the tie. Moore hit Zach Keasling on an 7-yard TD pass with only 5 seconds to play, tying the game with Reese Keeney's extra point 42-42.

He also found Landis Davila for catches of 13 and 15 on the last-second drive, along with Keasling for 17 and Noah Gunter for 15 yards.

Trace Corum, who hauled in a 37-yard TD pass, ended with nine catches for 119 yards.

With the team's trading touchdowns fairly easily in OT, the Ads pulled to within 56-55 on Moore's 3-yard TD run in the second overtime.

Courtney called for a 2-point try to either win or lose. "We felt Dawson had been running the ball read hard, and that the pass would be open — and it was," Courtney said.

The senior's play-action fake and roll to the right ended with a pass in the flat to Gunter, a sophomore tight end, who made a nice fingertip catch of a low throw before crashing over a defender just outside the SHHS 1 for the winning score. "I felt it, I knew it. We fought so hard coming back, I just knew we were going to win," Gunter said.

Improving its record to 5-6, the Admirals play at No. 2 seed Bradley Central (9-2) in round two at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12. SHHS's season ends at 7-4.

About his team's running attack picking up after halftime, "It started with the offensive line because we really got on them at halftime. ... They came out and knocked 'em off the ball," Courtney said, individually praising the second half and overtime performances of Corey Walker (also a defensive lineman) Logan Roark, Aiden Smith, Dennis Longmire and Nathan Harville, with help from Roger McNeer.

"A shout-out to our O-line, they did a great job blocking up front," said senior running back Schumann Xie, who scored on a 27-yard run.

Defensively, junior linebacker Jay Smiley led Farragut in total tackles with 11 (five solo),



while Brice Fontenot had two minus-yardage stops among his four solo tackles.

Unified FYF 11-U 2nd



While handing out award ribbons to each of his Farragut Youth Football 11-Under team members (final 11-3 record) after a second-place Knox Metro Youth League finish Thursday night, Nov. 4, head coach Jason Martin thanked each player for his accomplishments and hard work in helping the team complete another successful season (Martin and most of these players were 10-Under league champs in 2020). Despite a 79-yard touchdown run by Bless O'Leary and a 2-point conversion kick by Anderson Glover (holder William Benson and long snapper Brendan "Boots" Kutz), Farragut lost 14-8 versus Catholic in the championship game at John Tarleton Park. "Our boys fought hard and didn't quit, but tonight was not our night. We didn't execute the way we have all season and we beat ourselves tonight," Martin said. "We were in good position to win until Catholic recovered their onside kick, and the ball bounced their way. We have much respect for our opponent tonight and we congratulate them on the win."

(Left) Martin asked his team to leave the field after the game alongside a teammate to reflect unity. Doing just that are Nathan Jacobs, left, and Maddux Martin.

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Bill Thompson, front row far right, president of Sleep In Heavenly Peace's Knoxville chapter, met with Rotary Club of Farragut members and volunteers including, front row, Brady Elton with dad Brian Elton (back row), Wayne Davis, Jim O'Brien, Candace Viox and president David Bluford. Back row, from left are, Elton, Alex Barnwell, Jerry Dietz, Scott Bertini and Greg Tilley.

'Heavenly' beds produced by 30 from RCF

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About 30 Rotary Club of Farragut members and volunteers and 10 Hardin Valley Academy Interact members braved cold temperatures at Fox Den Country Club Saturday morning, Nov. 6, to build beds for Sleep In Heavenly Peace's Knoxville chapter, which provides beds for Knox County children in need.

They were joined by SIHP volunteers to build headboards, footboards and rails for 24 beds for children who otherwise would be sleeping on mats and floors. RCF's team cut and sanded boards, put together the end boards then stained all the parts, which will be stored until they are ready for assembly and delivery.

"We, as a club, love doing anything that is one, hands on, but two, really goes to helping people in the community," said Scott Bertini, RCF's Service Projects chairman. "This is something that's very direct and helps children."

"There are a lot of kids who don't have beds in this community," he added. "This is just our way of doing a small part to help some of those kids out."

"They make all this possible," SIHP chapter president Bill Thompson said about RCF's efforts on Saturday, as well as other

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'Pull' to older folks: Pass heads CADES

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An internship connection brought a new executive director to the Concord Adult Day Enrichment Services program at Concord United Methodist Church.

Sarah Pass, who interned twice with the program, recently assumed the role from former executive director Celia Gruzalski, who left to serve as executive director of Our Place in Tellico Village.

"My goal as the new executive director is to continue serving the participants, the families and the community at the same high-quality caliber," Pass said. "I am filled with enthusiasm at the opportunity to serve here at CADES again. This program, the participants and the families are very special to me."

For Gruzalski, who has worked with the program nearly a decade and was only its second executive director, the move is bittersweet.

"It has been an honor to work with the families at CADES as they face their journey through dementia," she said. "There is nothing more rewarding than seeing our participants happy, safe and loved, and being able to offer support and resources

to their caregivers, who are true heroes.

"Leaving CADES is made easier in knowing how wonderful and capable Sarah Pass is, and I am so excited to be building a new program, Our Place in Tellico Village, and expand the reach of support to families in East Tennessee."

Pass' two CADES internships were during her coursework at the University of Tennessee while she was pursuing her master's degree in social work, which she obtained earlier this year.

Pass has long felt the pull toward working with older adults. She received her Certified Nursing Assistant certification while in high school, and while studying for her bachelor's degree in psychology at Maryville College, began working for Shannondale of Maryville.

"There, I developed a passion for working with and serving the older adult population," she said. "Then, in the first year of my master's program, I choose to intern at CADES. I loved the program and its mission and decided to continue my internship there during my second year."

"I longed to stay with CADES after my internship concluded; however, I accepted a social



Michelle Hollenhead

Former executive director Celia Gruzalski, left, recently left Concord Adult Enrichment Day Services, and former intern Sarah Pass, right, is the program's new lead.

work/ admissions position at NHC Farragut."

All the while, Pass said, her "heart continued to be drawn back to CADES," landing her there permanently with Gruzalski's impending departure.

"Celia has been a great mentor and support over the

years, and I cannot thank her enough," she added.

Pass and her husband, Michael, live in Maryville with their two dogs, Benji and Layla, "that we love dearly," she said, and are "overjoyed" to be expecting their first child, a boy, in March.

Todd was 'amazing young man'

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Farragut lost a true friend Friday, Nov. 5, when Todd Klepper, 41, died following an unexpected illness.

An avid volunteer, a Farragut Museum docent and Town Museum Committee vice chairman, Todd was admitted to Turkey Creek Medical Center Oct. 25 after suffering a stroke, and was transferred to University of Tennessee Medical Center, where emergency exploratory surgery revealed stage four cancer in Mr. Klepper's stomach and liver.



Todd Klepper

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• **Marking the 80th anniversary of Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941**, which brought the United States into World War II, Frank Galbreith's annual "A Day of Infamy" address, which outlines details surrounding the tragedy, returns to Farragut.

Free of charge and open to the public, "A Day of Infamy" begins at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6, in Farragut Town Hall Boardroom, 11408 Municipal Center Drive.

The scheduled 2020 presentation of the popular "A Day of Infamy" by Galbreith, a retired Farragut Middle School history teacher, was cancelled due to the pandemic.

• **InterFaith Health Clinic continues hosting its Second Annual Thanksgiving Pie Drop fundraising event** through Thursday, Nov. 18. Pies can be purchased online at interfaithhealthclinic.org/pie-drop or call 865-243-3018. This event benefits InterFaith

Health Clinic's services in the greater Knoxville area, providing health care to our working and uninsured neighbors. Proceeds from this event will serve thousands of East Tennesseans this year who need these life-changing services.

Each gourmet Buttermilk Sky pie purchased for \$100 underwrites the cost of two patient visits for uninsured workers in Knox County. InterFaith also is offering the opportunity to send a 4-inch mini pie to a senior citizen at a local assisted living facility for just \$25. Pies will be delivered on Monday, Nov. 22, just in time for Thanksgiving.

• **Concord Community Craft Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, at Concord United Methodist Church**, 11020 Roane Drive in Farragut behind Sam & Andy's. Sponsored by the Concord United Methodist Women, the fair will host local Artists and crafters. There will be more than 70 booths with

unique one of a kind handmade items displayed beautifully throughout the church's east wing.

• **The heartwarming "A Christmas Carol" returns live to the Clarence Brown MainStage** Wednesday, Nov. 24, through Saturday, Dec. 18.

Tickets are \$10 for children ages 5 to 12, which can only be purchased by calling the Box Office at 865-974-5161. Preview is Nov. 24. Students see the previews for free and the rest of the performances for \$5, excluding Opening Night (Nov. 26). Masks also are required. A complete listing of our safety protocols is available here: <https://clarencebrowntheatre.com/faq/> For more information or tickets,

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Enlarged spleens are scary, especially for older dogs

Q: My sweet Airedale, Dexter, had an ultrasound to check for bladder stones. During the ultrasound, the vet also found a "mildly enlarged spleen." Dexter is scheduled for a recheck ultrasound and consultation next week. Meanwhile, I'm really scared. What does this mean for him? **T.R., Farragut**

A: I understand your feelings — enlarged spleens can be scary. Not only is the size of the spleen important, but also its appearance on ultrasound. In middle-aged and older dogs, we do have a concern about the possibility of splenic tumors. Unfortunately, the majority of splenic tumors are cancerous, with hemangiosarcoma being most common. Splenic tumors can be primary, meaning that is where the cancer started. They can also be secondary, meaning they have metastasized (spread) from another tumor somewhere else in the body.

On the bright side, it is estimated that somewhere between 20 and 40 percent of splenic tumors are benign (non-cancerous), the most common being hemangioma. I have had two such cases in the last six months, so don't give up hope.

Your veterinarian will be able to guide you at your appointment next week. He/she will likely also recommend blood tests, as the spleen stores not only red blood cells, but platelets, too. If your veterinarian finds a tumor in the spleen, he/she will talk to you about surgery. Benign or malignant, splenic tumors will continue to grow, creating more problems. Best of luck to both you and Dexter.

If you have questions about your pet, you may e-mail Dr. Myers at lenoircityac@gmail.com



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groups that build bed parts. "It's the life-blood of our organization."

"Without them, we probably wouldn't be able to do this."

SIHP is a national non-profit organization of volunteers who build and assemble bunk beds for children between the ages of 3 and 17.

"These beds we're going to build today are going to stay in Knox County," Thompson said. "We work a lot with (Department of Children Services) and (Court Appointed Special Advocates)."

"I've even done some work with Knox County detectives in situations they've run across," he added.

"Basically (the children) just need a bed. If they don't have a bed of their own, we want to provide it for them."

Having seen children's poverty up-close, "You would be surprised (the homes in which those children come)," Thompson said. "We've been in all types of situations, where families have run into some tough times. They may be getting back together, as a family, due to some type of addiction or something like that."

"We've had grandparents who get the grandkids, trying to just keep the family together ... just about anything like

that is what we work with," he added.

In opening the project's activities, Thompson said, "Hopefully most of us slept in a nice warm bed last night, but you're going to make it possible for kids that don't have anything — I mean, anything — to have a nice, warm, comfortable bed."

"We probably have 40-something waiting (for beds) right now," he added. "We do have some beds for them already. Your portion's going to help us get over the top of that."

During RCF's weekly meeting Nov. 3, the Rev. David Bluford, president, reminded members Thompson spoke to the club about SIHP.

"We followed up with that in order to work with them," Bluford said.

"Scott Bertini, our chair of Service Projects, did a great job of pulling this project together and making it happen," RCF public relations chairman Tom King, past president, stated in his Nov. 7 newsletter.

"This is awesome. This is great," RCF member Alex Barnwell said. "I love helping these folks, and we've got good people like this (referring to an SIHP volunteer) helping us."

"I think it's a lot of fun," RCF member John Hoffman said. "It's a good project that's going to help people and that's what we're all about."



Tammy Cheek

Diane O'Brien, Rotary Club of Farragut family volunteer, cuts boards during RCF's project for Sleep In Heavenly Peace at Fox Den Country Club's north parking lot Saturday morning, Nov. 6.

"It's absolutely amazing" HVA Interact member Quinne Johnson, a sophomore, said. "The ability to help people who have nothing and to just give them something that they can live with and have a better life is just, honestly, amazing."

"It's really a good opportunity to help, said BreeAnna Leach, an HVA sophomore. "I feel like I'm a part of helping

kids get beds. I'm so happy to be here."

While SIHP members arrived at 8:30 a.m. to set up machinery and tools, Rotarians arrived at 9:30 a.m. and built about 30 beds before they finished around lunchtime.

Before the work began, Bluford presented Thompson with a \$4,500 from the club to build more beds.

Westgate celebrates 15 years

STAFF REPORTS

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Westgate Christian Fellowship had its 15th Birthday/ Anniversary Sunday, Oct. 31, with those attending enjoying a wonderful Service followed by a BBQ & Burger meal afterwards.

Westgate is a relatively new church in Knox County, once holding services along Sunny Lane, at the old Magnuson Hotel, at West Hills Elementary School and in a facility along Lovell Road — but now in a permanent location: 416 N. Campbell Station Road in Farragut.

Pastor Mark Steinbach, lead pastor at Westgate, stated: "God has blessed us with so many wonderful people over

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Todd
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“He passed peacefully with his mother, Pat Bridges; sister, Brandi Klepper Gibson; friend Annie Judkins, and myself by his side,” said Ed McGimsey, his partner of more than 16 years.

“Todd was an amazing young man who impacted the lives of many, and he was a true blessing to me and our fur babies — and to lose him at only 41 years old was unthinkable,” he added.

“He was a dear, dear friend, who was like family to me,” said Judkins, who served on the Museum Committee with Mr. Klepper and was a fellow classmate in the 2019 Intro to Farragut course.

“He was very giving — he was just a massive giver to others,” she added. “He actually took care of me seven weeks ago when I had foot surgery.”

Mr. Klepper, a native of Rogersville, had lived in Farragut with McGimsey since early in the couple’s relationship. They also shared a business

together, TEK Enterprises.

In addition to his work with the museum committee, where Todd was vice chairman, “he was commended by (historian) Malcolm Shell (who trained him) that he was the most knowledgeable docent, and went the extra mile to know specific details and give museum tours,” McGimsey said.

Mr. Klepper also was preparing to run for the Town South Ward Alderman seat being vacated next year by Ron Pinchok, who is term limited.

“He had already been doing a lot of research, and had he been successful would have been right up there with the Mayor (Ron Williams) and (Vice Mayor) Louise Povlin on being invested in the Town government,” McGimsey said. “If he was really interested in something, he went at it 110 percent. He didn’t do anything halfway.”

According to Wendy Smith, Town Public Relations and Marketing coordinator, Mr. Klepper had logged 365 hours of volunteering with Far-

ragut’s Unsung Navy, putting him in the Commander status of the seven designations.

“We have lost a great friend of Farragut,” Williams said. “He was a staunch supporter of our Town and he attended every meeting and event he could.

“He was everybody’s friend,” the Mayor added.

Mr. Klepper was a 2019 graduate of Carson-Newman University, where he received his master’s degree in business. He had worked in retail and health care services before going back to school.

Todd also was an animal advocate, and survivors asked that memorial donations be sent to the Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee or Hawkins County Animal Shelter.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Nov. 9, in Christian Sells Funeral Home in Rogersville.

“Todd will live on in our hearts and in spirit and I am so thankful for the 16-and-a-half years that I was blessed to have him in my life,” McGimsey said.

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Scott’s parents request that friends who have not been fully vaccinated to please wear a mask.

Westgate

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the last 15 years, people who have been very supportive, loving and caring about one another and our community.

“Our greatest desire is to provide ministry that is simple (love God, love others), relevant (ministry that matters), and real (real lives encountering and experiencing a real God), and we look forward to seeing what God has in store for the next chapter of our

journey together,” he added.

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AGENDA November 11, 2021
AMERICA RESCUE PLAN ACT WORKSHOP 5:00 PM • BMA MEETING 6:00 PM

<p>I. Roll Call</p> <p>II. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>III. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>A. October 28, 2021</p> <p>IV. Mayor’s Report</p> <p>V. Ordinance</p> <p>A. First Reading</p> <p>1. Ordinance 21-17, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A – Zoning, Chapter 3., Section I. – Agricultural district (A.), to provide for a second dwelling unit on a lot of record and update other provisions (Keri Archer, Applicant)</p> <p>2. Ordinance 21-21, Ordinance to amend the Capital Investment Program Budget and add ARPA Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 budget, passed by Ordinance 21-13</p> <p>VI. Business Items</p> <p>A. Approval of the Veteran Salute 5K/10K road</p>	<p>race, November 13, 2021</p> <p>B. Approval of the Hot to Trot 5K/10K & Fun Run, November 25, 2021</p> <p>C. Approval of Proposal from Ross/Fowler, PC for Design & Construction Services for McFee Park Phase 4, Permeable Paver Parking and Stormwater Improvements</p> <p>D. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Cannon & Cannon, Inc. for Engineering Services for Campbell Station Road Improvements at Approach to Interstate 40/75</p> <p>E. Approval of contract with Madden Media for targeted marketing/advertising and website maintenance and a next-step expansion of marketing for Visit Farragut</p> <p>VII. Town Administrator’s Report</p> <p>VIII. Town Attorney’s Report</p> <p>IX. Citizens Forum</p>
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The meeting will be held at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive

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AGENDA November 18, 2021
Farragut Town Hall - Board Room • 7:00 p.m.

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

<p>1. Approval of agenda</p> <p>2. Approval of minutes – October 21, 2021</p> <p>3. Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for the Brookmere Subdivision, Phase 4, 18.8 Acres, 11 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSR (Lynch Surveys, LLC, Applicant)</p> <p>4. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for outdoor seating associated with the Farragut Gateway Restaurant at 103 S. Campbell Station Road, Zoned C-1 (Jacob Ogle, Applicant)</p> <p>5. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for improvements mostly on the property at 13127 Kingston Pike in association with the Ag-Pro (formerly Farragut Lawn and Tractor) at 13131 Kingston Pike, Zoned C-1 (Stewart Ritchie, Applicant)</p> <p>6. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for an expansion to the dining room area at the Big Kahuna Wings, 12828 Kingston Pike, 1.38 Acres, Zoned C-1 (R2R Studio, LLC., Applicant)</p> <p>7. Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A – Zoning, Chapter 4., Section XIII. – Outdoor site lighting, to allow for ballfield lighting that is custom</p>	<p>designed not to affect neighboring properties (Jeff Jordan, Applicant)</p> <p>8. Discussion and public hearing on a request to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A – Zoning, Chapter 3, Section XXIV., B., 7., e., to provide for sign related amendments associated with regional recreational and entertainment facilities and clarification related to the master sign for a unified development, as provided for in the Outlet Drive Regional Entertainment and Employment District (ARCO Murray Construction, Applicant)</p> <p>9. Discussion and public hearing on updates to the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A – Zoning, Chapter 4., Section XIII. – Outdoor site lighting (Town of Farragut, Applicant)</p> <p>10. Discussion and public hearing on a resolution to adopt site related requirements that must be satisfactorily completed prior to a final plat being considered for approval by the Planning Commission (Town of Farragut, Applicant)</p> <p>11. Approval of utilities</p> <p>12. Citizen forum</p>
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Alan Sloan

Lane Thomas' BHS baseball No. 9 retired

Bearden High School baseball retired the No. 9 in honor of Lane Thomas, second from left, a two-time All-state outfielder for the Bulldogs (Class of 2014) who ended the 2021 Major League Baseball season as the Washington Nationals starting center fielder. Also part of the ceremony, held following a BHS fundraising golf tournament at The Club at Gettysvue Monday afternoon, Nov. 8, were, from left, new Bulldogs baseball head coach Dave Prichard and former Bearden head coaches Jack Tate and John Rice.

Mr. Football semifinalist: Catholic's Turbyville among state's final 5



Josh Turbyville, Knoxville Catholic senior punter, was named one of five Tennessee Mr. Football Semifinalists among punters and kickers of all schools, public and private, Thursday, Nov. 4. In 10 games this season, Turbyville averaged 40.5 yards per punt, with a long of 78. In his final game as an Irish player, the senior averaged 42.5 yards per punt during Catholic's eventual 28-24 first-round playoff loss in Blaine Stadium versus Christian Brothers Friday night, Nov. 5. Three finalist will be named Tuesday, Nov. 23.

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at Concord United Methodist Church, Farragut Presbyterian Church, First Farragut United Methodist Church and Christ Covenant Church was back in full swing this year, with children and adults alike getting into the Halloween spirit.

1. Ava Salzeh-Stein was a convincing Cruella at FPC. **2.** Sohini and Ujesh Patel with their daughter, Reya, and son, Om at FPC. **3.** Delmas Franklin and “Batman” at CUMC. **4.** Sota Fujiki at FFUMC. **5.** The Smits family as “Peanuts” at CCC. **6.** Brothers Jonathan, Matthew and Simon Blome show off their home-made armor at CUMC. **7.** Brothers Walker, left, and Jude Gallimore at CUMC. **8.** Super Mario was represented by dad Andy Morgan, and children Bentley, left, and Hadley at FFUMC. Not pictured is mom, “Princess Peach.” **9.** Gage Hoch was a Minecraft creature at CUMC. **10.** Terry Olberding embodied the Cat in the Hat at FPC.



St. John Neumann Catholic Church & School Trunk or Treat

St. John Neumann Catholic Church and School parents and children loaded up their vehicles with candy and Halloween décor to hand out goodies to children attending SJN’s Trunk or Treat in its parking lot at 625 St. John Way, Farragut, on Saturday, Oct. 30. Despite the rain, hundreds of goblins, Curious Georges, cowgirls and pirates turned out to get treats. Mary Marlowe, SJN director of admissions, said the event was open to all families of the church and school.

1. Becky and Joe Jasper with daughter, Olive, 4 **2.** Mary Marlowe with Wilson **3.** From left, Joseph, Jeremiah and RuthAnne Toliver
4. Bryan and Katie Schreiber with Keaton, 4 and Kaiden, 9 months **5.** Julia Lawrence, 6, left, and Andrea Ramos, 7
6. Emmy Thompson, 10; Katie Thompson, 8; and Ava Holland, 8 **7.** Kaiden Schreiber, 9 months **8.** Janene Stout with daughter Adyson Stout, 9

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'I carry that scar to this day'

Patton's right-hand man honored; Solway Vet Memorial Dedication

By Alan Sloan

Military value kept one World War II combat veteran from enjoying what would have been a warm welcome home after being wounded.

However, the appreciation shown for a Vietnam combat veteran's military value, upon coming home following his first tour of duty, was anything but warm.

Cecil Haun and Patton

So valued as a scout for famed Gen. George Patton, U.S. Army Master Sgt. Cecil Henry Haun, now 103 years young, wasn't allowed to be sent back to the United States for treatment and recovery from combat head injuries.

"He got hurt three different times," said his son, Ronald Haun, a former U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class. "One of the times they had just shot the pack off his back with a 50-caliber machine gun. He dove under a tank, and about the time he dove under the tank, it fired.

"He woke up in a Stuttgart (Germany) hospital with blood coming out of his ears," the son added. "... It busted both of his eardrums — but Patton still wouldn't let him come home.

"He was like, 'not that one, I need him too bad,'" Ronald recalled his father quoting the famed general.

Such were the stories Mr. Haun has told, as father and son were alongside

Cecil's wife of 74 years, Mary Martha Haun, 93, as the couple received a standing ovation during Solway Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony.

Held among scores of distinguished and decorated Knox area veterans, Gold Star mothers (lost sons in combat) and about a dozen local political dignitaries, the ceremony for this new Memorial near the Knox-Anderson County line along Pellissippi Parkway came on a cool Thursday morning, Sept. 30.

"He was rough as a cob. He was something else," said Mr. Haun, who served more than two years in the European theater, in describing Patton after the ceremony.

Donald said his father "was less than 30 yards behind" the famed four-star general when Patton "was blown out of his Jeep. He said his driver had run over a land mine."

Polis and Vietnam

The Rev. Dr. Pat Polis, a former U.S. Army captain who served three tours of duty in Vietnam, told the gathering a combat story while serving as ceremony emcee.

Flying in to serve his first tour in Vietnam in 1968, Polis said, "When I landed I was processed in and went to a base camp, waiting for a helicopter to pick me up and take me to my unit.

"I was there only two hours when I was hit with mortars," he added. "I had no weapon and I was still in khakis ... and I crawled under a bench and thought I was going to die. I was 21 years old.

"I carry that scar until this day."

Returning home after his first tour of duty, "When I got off the airplane I got spit on," said Polis, also president of Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078, Vietnam Veterans of America. "I was called 'baby killer' and 'murderer' and other words I can't even repeat."

Fighting back tears at this point, Polis said in reference to the new Memorial, "I hope you understand and hope you know how much this means to all of us. We didn't do it for nothing.

"We have the greatest country on earth despite all the problems and difficulties," he



"This (Memorial) means a lot to me. We've got freedom, freedom, freedom."

~ U.S. Army Master Sgt. Cecil Haun

added. "This is proof of that. "We are the Land of the Free because of the Brave, and that's what this Memorial shouts loud and clear.

"I want to thank everyone who has given so much to make this happen today."

During his opening remarks, Polis said, "It is our sincere hope that those who traverse Oak Ridge Highway from Knoxville to Oak Ridge, that stretch of highway known as 'Veterans Memorial Mile,' will see the Memorial, and it will evoke memories of those who served. And we hope many of them will stop and reflect on what these service members did to preserve our freedom."

Ben Atchley Home Vets

Also recognized were eight military veterans on hand from Ben Atchley State Veterans Home in Karns. Among them was Durward B. Swanson, "one of the last surviving service members that was at Pearl Harbor," Polis said.

Laying of Wreaths

Laying of Wreaths featured veterans representing each U.S. military branch: Retired Sgt. Gary Henderson, Army; Retired Sgt. Maj. Tom Humphries, Marines; Petty Officer 3rd Class Mike Rutherford, Navy; Retired Maj. Gen. Robert Perat, age 95, Air Force; and Journalist 3rd Class Mike Steely, Coast Guard.

During his address to the gathering, Humphries, Knox County Veterans Services officer, praised those veterans "who served before me."

"... I sincerely believe without your dedication to the country, I would never have gotten the opportunity to serve," he added.

Gold Star Mothers Sherrie McGhee of Farragut (son, Cpl. Ryan C. McGhee, died in Iraq May 13, 2009), and Lynn Forehand (son, Staff Sgt. Ryan Haupt, died in Iraq Sept. 17, 2006), with husband, Jay Forehand, joined the Wreath Laying ceremony.

Also recognized were Gold Star Mothers Karen Ray and Patricia Lawrence.

Other recognitions

McGhee also was presented a special Gold Star flag honoring her late son by Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Jim Mungenast.

TVA Retirees Association "led this ... as one of our voluntary projects," said Jo Anne Lavender, TVARA Knoxville Chapter president, about building the Memorial.

Among the many people, businesses and organizations she thanked for their construction contributions, Solway Baptist Church, which sits adjacent to SVM, "dedicated and donated this land for the Memorial and is going to keep it up over the years," she added. "Pastor Logan (Parton of SBC), we thank you and your congregation for the extreme contribution that they made."

Karns High School Air Force Junior ROTC, under the direction of Retired Air Force Lt. Col. Chuck O'Donnell, assisted during the ceremony.

Chuck Sayne presented Playing of Taps; Kelly Shiye played a Bagpipe Tribute titled "Amazing Grace."

Final thought

"This (Memorial) means a lot to me. We've got freedom, freedom, freedom," Mr Haun said.



Patton near Brolo, Sicily, in 1943. [Wikipedia](#)

Left: As the senior honoree among distinguished and decorated veterans at Solway Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony, former U.S. Army Master Sgt. Cecil Henry Haun (seated), age 103, recognizes the standing ovation from ceremony attendees he and wife, Mary Martha Haun, 93 (to Mr. Haun's left), received Thursday morning, Sept. 30.



Photos by Alan Sloan

Top/Above photos: Veterans from the Ben Atchley State Veterans Home in Karns were recognized for their service and sacrifice during Solway Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony Thursday, Sept. 30.



Gold Star Mother Sherrie McGhee of Farragut was presented a special Gold Star flag honoring her late military son — Cpl. Ryan C. McGhee, who died in Iraq May 13, 2009 — by Retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Jim Mungenast, right. Also part of this ceremony was the Rev. Dr. Pat Polis, a former U.S. Army captain who served three tours of duty in Vietnam. Polis, event emcee, also serves as president of Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078, Vietnam Veterans of America.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

A huge 'Thank you for your service' message from Hayes

By Alan Sloan

Having recognized the service of law enforcement with the use of billboard space he purchased in the Knox County area around September 2020 — known as “Dear Officer Billboards” to answer critics “giving police a hard time” — prominent Farragut business owner David Hayes made the next logical step in honoring those willing to lay down their lives in the heat of battle.

He placed a “DEAR VETERAN, Thank you for your service” message, which prominently features a U.S. Flag in the middle, on a billboard along Kingston Pike near Paterson’s Home Appliances and Grassy Valley Baptist Church.

Grateful for being “very, very blessed” as owner of David’s Abbey Carpet & Floors for almost a half century (10853 Kingston Pike in Farragut and also in Pigeon Forge), Hayes added, “My goal with the veterans is to let them know how much I appreciate their service, because I could not be doing what I do if it wasn’t for folks like them.

“I think it’s something people take lightly a lot of times, when our people have spent their lives — spending years — in the service. They just need to be thanked. Without them, what else could we do? Would we have the freedoms we’ve got?”

Recognizing “Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, I thought,



“when would be a better time to put a veterans’ billboard up?” Hayes said. “So I put a veterans’ billboard up. It went up about the third weekend in October.

“It’ll be up the whole month of November,” he added, noting his plan to make this an annual display in roughly the same time frame.

Concerning positive feedback on the veterans billboard, “I’ve had some from

the people at church (he’s a member of Grassy Valley Baptist),” Hayes said.

Vet billboard motivation

Motivated to honor veterans this way based on the positive feedback of the law enforcement support billboards, “I had some help with the first four or five, people contributed, and I just took it from there and kept going,” he said. Rotating the use of 18 to 20

billboards in the Knox metro area in 30-day intervals “during the last year” until mid-October, “the most I had up at one time is five,” Hayes said. “I put them in Jefferson City, I put them in Pigeon Forge, New Market ... we put one on the Interstate where everyone could see it. ... In Lenoir City, and several in Knoxville.”

Hayes said the law enforcement billboards should reappear next spring.

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Twice as Nice Holiday Open House

The Chamber is thrilled to usher in the return of their traditional Holiday Open House and plans to make it twice as nice by providing members and their guests with TWO options for attendance on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at the Chamber offices. Attendees can register for and attend one or both gatherings on the same day: a Breakfast option from 8:00-10:30am or an After Hours option from 4:00-6:30pm. Positive feedback about the flexibility that the 2020 "Drop In" Open House provided was the inspiration for making changes to the event.

Members are invited to bring colleagues, spouses or significant others, or guests who are visitors to the chamber to enjoy refreshments at either time, as well as the holiday-decked tent sponsored by Event Rentals by Rothchild. The chamber office will also be fully decorated and guests can both network and celebrate the season together.

The highlight of the event will be the final delivery of gifts for the chamber's adopted families for their annual "Giving Tree" project. This year, families of children ranging from 2-17 years old have been ad-

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YPs Welcome New Faces

West Under 40, the chamber's growing young professionals initiative that strives to help YPs #bemorethanabusinesscard, officially welcomed three new faces to its leadership committee.

Devin Sellmer is Sales Manager under the McKibbin Hospitality group, and has been a member of past chambers in both Tennessee and Missouri. In Missouri, she was on the committee to start a 40 under 40 within that chamber. Sellmer says, "It was exciting to take past experiences from a very successful chamber and start something brand new with fresh ideas. I hope to do the exact same thing here in Farragut. I am brand new to the area and hope I can bring a fresh perspective to this committee."



Sellmer

Jessi Sturdivant is a Signature Sales Executive for AT&T seeking ways to meet like-minded individuals in the community while driving impact within that community through economic growth. She emphasizes, "We are better together!" and plans to bring an expansive knowledge of project management and event planning to the team. She hopes to help West Under 40 with outreach



Sturdivant

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Businesses 'Treat' Tots

Despite the appropriately spooky but soggy weather on Oct. 29th, attendees of the Town of Farragut's popular Freaky Friday Fright Nite were treated to some incredible goodies thanks to 25 member businesses enthusiastically assembling a total 2,500 bags of candy and coupons for products/services!

The treat trail stayed packed the entire evening as chamber staff and volunteers pro-

moted their "Trick or Treat on Commerce Street" booth. Volunteers were Jessi Sturdivant-AT&T, Stephanie Erb-ChildHelp, and Farragut High School students Emma Kim (the chamber's Fall intern!), Keara Tibbs, Omayah El-Salim, and Kayti Gleckler.

Thanks again to the following businesses who participated: Angie Cody EXP Realty, AT&T, Big O Tires, Blaze Pizza, Blue Ridge Yoga, Dr. Joe Chiro,

Huntington Learning Center, Inspirations Dance & Gymnastics Studio, Knoxville Real Estate Professionals, KUB, Liberty Mutual Insurance, Master Services, NerdsToGo West Knoxville, OsteoStrong, Pizza

Kitchen Knoxville, Rocky Top K9, Sitel Group, Smith Handyman Service, State Farm Josh Ellis Agency, Tate Insurance Group, TNBank, The Trusty Notary, and Young Williams Animal Center.

A BIG 'THANK YOU' TO:



Enterprise Club

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

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<p>ANCHOR</p>	<p>PROPELLER</p>	<p>ANCHOR</p>	<p>PROPELLER</p>

Networkings

3to99 - October 14, 2021



Susan Moser- GAMA Network Solutions, Colby McLemore- Colby's Photos & Videos, Daniel Maw- FASTSIGNS, Chuck Chalker- State Farm Insurance Josh Ellis Agency, Dylan Whitman- Morgan Stanley, Daniel Monday- Slamdot, and John Randazzo- Fish Window enjoy coffee and conversation on this foggy morning!



Dale Trezise- TnBank, Jessica Almeida- 3to99, Kevin Kraegenbrink- 3to99, Town of Farragut Assistant Town Administrator Trevor Hobbs, with son Jack, share a laugh during the morning networking.

Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair - Farragut - October 21, 2021



Joining Networking host, Jimmy Matlock, right, is John Volpe- Remote Area Medical (RAM), and Tyler Radford- United Community Bank.



Steve Lipsey- Lipsey, Morrison, Waller, & Lipsey and Mick Reed- Random Acts of Flowers get acquainted.

King University - October 28, 2021



Chris Kauffman- King University, Kristi Reynolds- King University, and Julie Blaylock- Farragut West Knox Chamber get caught up during the evening event.



Ken Finster- Cyan Insurance Solutions, Terry Payne- King University and John Volpe- Remote Area Medical (RAM) discuss their respective industries.

New Member Orientation

On October 12, 2021, approximately 50 attendees, almost ¾ of them brand new chamber members, networked and enjoyed lunch by Craven Wings at Choto while meeting Chamber resource partners and learning about new and existing benefits included in their chamber memberships. Door prizes kept the 60-minute program as fun as it was fast-paced, including free advertising from the farragutpress.



JOBS

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- Talent & Recruitment Coordinator



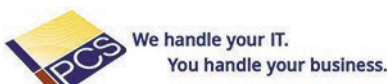
- Kitchen / Cooking Staff
- Customer Service roles



- Data & Process Analyst
- Electrical Engineer – Grid Mod
- Engineer



- P/T Front Desk
- P/T Waiter/Server



- Project Coordinator
- Technical Projects Coordinator



- Cybersecurity Specialist

For details on these and other job opportunities added weekly, visit <http://members.farragutchamber.com/JOBS/>

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into local schools or colleges to work on building up the next guard of Chamber members.

Mikenna Varvel is a Marketing and Outreach Coordinator for PCS Knoxville, an MSP and Technology company local to Knoxville. She finds passion in helping others, volunteering, creative writing, meeting with new people, and developing marketing strategies for her company. She has been involved with numerous nonprofit initiatives over the past six years, including organizations that fight against sex trafficking, feeding the homeless, and more. She has begun writing her first book she hopes to publish one day, is involved with multiple Chambers of Commerce, and now serves with local Nonprofits in hopes of saturating the community with benevolence.



Varvel

Ribbon Cuttings

Pure Barre Farragut - October 5, 2021



5th from left, Lauren Luftman, and 6th from left, Mackenzie Hammett- franchise owners, wait for the countdown! Trevor Hobbs- *Town of Farragut* (left of We're Open sign) along with community and Chamber members gather to help celebrate the opening!

Nerds ToGo West Knoxville - October 12, 2021



Owners Susan Dally, 5th from left, Don Dally with scissors, and Ken Wilmoth, 7th from left offer expert computer services and IT solutions you can count on, Nerd Up with their team. *Town of Farragut* Assistant Administrator Trevor Hobbs and *Town of Farragut* Vice Mayor Louise Povlin are just behind Susan Dally and Don Dally, respectively. Joining Nerds dressed in orange shirts are various members of the community and Chamber Ambassadors and Chamber members.

Blinds & More of East TN - October 19, 2021



Proprietors John "Robbie" Kidd- center, and Jamie Kidd- with scissors, bring friendly service, honesty & value to every interaction- they offer free in-home or virtual consultations for your window covering needs! Trevor Hobbs- *Town of Farragut* joins the couple along with Chamber Ambassadors and Chamber members as they celebrate their home-based business.

SBDC is a one-stop shop for business help

There are 980 Small Business Development Centers in the United States. (Administration, 2019) Your Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a one-stop-shop for counseling, mentoring and training to help you start your business, at any stage of your business' life cycle. Services are at no cost to you, and training workshops are taught by content experts and SBDC business counselors are highly skilled and educated individuals who want to help you and your business succeed. You can register for free services at your local SBDC by visiting www.tsdbc.org

Do you have a business plan? Learning how to create an efficient business plan can seem like a never-ending job, but that is what your SBDC can help you with. There are a few different styles of business plans to choose from, Lean Business plans focus on summarizing only the most important key elements while Traditional Business plans require more detail, structure and can be dozens of pages long. Depending on your business, you and your counselor can pick a format that works for you. You can check out samples of both business plans on the U.S. Small Business Administration website (search "Write Your Business Plan" at SBA.gov).

Your team here at the Knoxville SBDC offer monthly classes that are free to attend and accessible online and in person. You can visit our website to check out our classes: <https://www.tsdbc.org/search-for-training/> (choose LIVE training).

Our mission is to provide you with high-quality consulting and training solutions to start, grow, and sustain your business.

November Classes You Can Register For:

Local SEO:

Optimize Your Online Presence

November 10th @ 10:30a

Join us online

In this class, you will learn:

- What Local SEO is
- How to Win in Local SEO
- What Google Cares About when it comes to Local SEO
- Which Profiles Are Worth Setting Up
- and much more!

The goal of Local SEO is to increase local visibility and traffic to your business.

Presented by: *Victory Harbin, Founder/ CEO of The Social Brand*

Business Start-Up Basics

November 16th @ 10:00a

Join us online

Our Knoxville SBDC Business Specialist will discuss different forms of business organization, tax requirements, business licenses, and financing options.

This class is for anyone who has questions about starting their own business.

How to do Business with the Government 101, Part 1

November 16th @ 10:00a

Join us Online

The introductory course outlines everything you

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Member Briefs

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

Go to www.farragutchamber.com to see these and other member items!

- Starting in November, **Heritage Investors** will have a Christmas tree set up in their lobby that will feature ornaments with different items of need from the Compassion Closet. The team at Heritage will personally deliver each of the donated items to Compassion Closet and will continue collecting items for this ministry through December 6th, 2021. Drop your donations at 10641 Deerbrook Dr. Suite 100 Knoxville, TN 37922. Items Needed: any size diapers/pull-ups/wipes; canned infant formula; kids under wear- any size; kids socks- any size; kids pajamas- any size; \$25 gift cards for teen clothes; Bibles; convertible car seats; infant swings; crib/toddler beds; twin mattresses; double strollers; bunk beds/mattresses. For more information, contact April Damron at (865) 690-1155.

- Matthew Bryan, Principal of **Bryan Insurance Group**, is pleased to announce a new partnership agency called Tri-Star Senior Advisors, Inc. to assist seniors with important decisions on Medicare plans and enrollment. Medicare's annual open enrollment period is October 15 – December 7, and every county in Tennessee has at least one new plan. The focus of Tri-Star Senior Advisors is to help seniors figure out the confusing myriad of options and which choices are the best for them, including prescription drug plans, supplement plans, dental and vision care, life insurance, fixed annuities, and long-term care. There is no additional cost to seniors for this professional assistance, and for more information, please call (865) 263.1054. Appointments may be scheduled in person or virtually if preferred.

- Knoxville area Real Men Wear Pink help raise \$152,147 thanks to Scott Brockman-**His Security & Technology**, Brian Baily- **First Horizon Bank**, Donnie Bentley- **Bentley Home Inspection**, Chuck Chalker- **Josh Ellis Agency State Farm**, and Taylor Martin- **Junior Achievement of East Tennessee**. Congratulations guys!

- In partnership with the **Knoxville Small Business Development Center** and the **Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce**, the **Town of Farragut** is hosting a free, one-hour course covering the basics of starting a business. It will cover different forms of business organization, tax requirements, business licenses, and financing options. The next class is scheduled for Dec. 1. Register online at townof-farragut.org/farragutbusinessclass.

- Be prepared for the inevitable! **ActFast CPR** started more than 25 years ago as ActFast, Inc., and it has always been a woman owned small business. Owned by Jennifer Ullian, a Registered Nurse with a Master's Degree in Nursing Administration with more than 20 years of cardiac nursing experience, ActFast CPR provides quality training that equips trainees with life sustaining skills. They offer both non-health-care workers and community members courses

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Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in the month of October!

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



Owners **Devin Taylor** and **Ben Johnson** assembled a team of skilled professionals who take great pride in their work- their team will arrive on time, keep you informed, deliver what they promise and guarantee their work, they'll get to know what's important to you so they can customize the way they work with your daily routine. For more information, call **Crystal Wicker** at (865) 470-0001.



Experience one of the most inviting West Knoxville hotels- the Courtyard by Marriott Knoxville West/Bearden. You will be greeted by some of the friendliest, most accommodating staff in the South! This hotel is just minutes from Downtown Knoxville and the University of Tennessee. Settle into one of our spacious guest-rooms outfitted with modern décor, plush bedding, HDTVs, mini-fridges and free Wi-Fi. **Megan Hodges** will be happy to answer any of your questions, give her a call at (865) 297-1102.



Their fitness studio has room for large groups or private training. This is the place for you if you are looking to try something new, lose weight, gain muscle/flexibility, decrease stress, or just need a healthy getaway! They offer a full body workout that focuses on strength and flexibility in Aerial Yoga, Aerial Silks, Lyra, Pole and Trapeze! Aerial arts works with gravity to realign the body, mind, and spirit. Inversion through aerial practice is proven to aid in digestion, improve circulation, help detox, combat stress, and leave you feeling wonderful. Call **Stefanie Howard** at (865) 392-1145 to find out more.



Goodways & Company brings all perspectives of philanthropy together and creates integrated solutions for each client that is specific and actionable from day one. Their team will meet your organization where you are- whether it's at the beginning of your journey or after you have been here for some time. They can assist a broad range of nonprofits from startups to turnaround and even growth strategies. Their scope of services includes Strategic Planning, Brandraising and Communications, Donor Cultivation and Fundraising, Annual Giving and Events, Board Development and Engagement, and Facilitations and Retreats- to find out more, contact **Kari Yatkowski** at (602) 538-5381.



Losing weight is as simple as managing calories, fat, and portion size. Prepackaged meals and recipes do all three, plus emphasize healthy eating, an active lifestyle and behavior modification. You'll gain support and motivation, and learn how much you should be eating, what a balanced meal looks like and how to use that knowledge to achieve weight maintenance. By following the plan, you're expected to drop up to 2 pounds a week. Center Director **Michelle Payton** is available at (865) 531-3353.



Everyone deserves a decent and affordable place to call home. Through your support, families in our community and around the world partner with Habitat for Humanity to build strength, stability, and independence they need for a better future- homeownership allows families to save more, invest in education, live in healthier environments, and have more financial stability. **Lacey Mellott** can be reached at (865) 357-2055.



They love helping business by simplifying their technology. Reliability you can trust- they only fix or upgrade what is necessary and never oversell or over charge for services or hardware. Businesses of all sizes know managing an in-house IT team can be an increasingly demanding task. Rather than spend countless hours and dollars trying to align vision and goals, modern businesses are turning to providers like Shafer to provide turnkey solutions. Give **Tyler Mottern** a call at (865) 235-1705.

Welcome Back Renewing Members!

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

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:



Thank you for your Admiral Enterprise Membership!



Thank you for your Anchor Enterprise Membership!

- A&A Investigations and Consulting Group
- Aventine Northshore
- Bank of England Mortgage
- Big Kahuna Wings
- Blair Griffin - Farm Bureau Insurance
- Blaze Pizza - Turkey Creek
- Bryan Insurance Group, Inc. - Farragut Of-ice
- Children's West Surgery Center
- Chris O'Rourke, DDS
- Cruise Planners - Melodie Williams
- D & K Management, Inc.
- El Mezcal Mexican Restaurant
- Faith Promise Church Farragut Campus
- Farragut Business Alliance
- Farragut High School
- Home Marketing Group, LLC
- Horne Properties
- Jet's Pizza of Farragut
- Karen Greene with United Real Estate Solutions

- Kat's Lash Lounge & Wax Studio, LLC
- Knoxville Academy of Music
- Land Development Solutions
- Liberty Mutual Insurance
- Linda's Hallmark
- Main Event Knoxville
- MediSpa At Choto
- ORNL Federal Credit Union - Farragut
- Outlier's Advantage: ACT Prep Academy
- oysk3 architects
- Rocky Top K9, LLC
- Rose Mortuary/Mann Heritage Chapel
- Senior Financial Group
- The Christman Company
- The Trusty Notary
- TN Insurance Professionals
- Tradebank of Knoxville, Inc.
- Webb School of Knoxville

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need to know about government contracting, and how to be successful in today's procurement marketplace.

Social Media 2022

November 17th @ 12p
Join us Online
Discover the latest trends, tips, and recommendations for 2022. Stay ahead of others with this jam-packed webinar for business-

es and professionals managing social media.

Presented: **Valentina Escobar-Gonzalez**, Founder of *Beyond Engagement*

How to do Business with the Government 101, Part 2

November 18th @ 10:00a
Join us Online
The introductory course outlines everything you need to know about government contracting, and how to be successful in today's procurement marketplace.

Business Start-Up Class

December 1st @ 10a
Join us at The Farragut Community Center
Our Knoxville SBDC Business Specialist will discuss different forms of business organization, tax requirements, business licenses, and financing options. This class is for anyone who has questions about starting their own business.

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in CPR, AED and First Aid Training that either result in certification upon completion, or are for education purposes only. For more info, call (865) 671-0657 or visit <http://actfast-cpr.com>.

Looking for a fun way to burn off the holiday calories in a safe and accepting environment? **Pure Barre Farragut** is the place for you. Their FREE Foundations Intro Class is the perfect introduction for beginners to Pure Barre and their barre technique. Sign up now for their next free Foundations Intro Class with

your local studio! Please contact **Lauren Luftman** at (865) 212-0025 for more details or visit <http://www.purebarre.com>.

Making memories is easy, but capturing their essence, and the feeling of the moment on camera often is NOT! **Oksana Moses Photography** provides special portrait sessions that are unique to you! "My mission is to create not just beautiful images for my clients but also unforgettable memories which they will pass on to generations." She specializes in senior photography, child photography, and business portraits. Please contact **Oksana Moses** at oksanamoses@yahoo.com for more information.

Open House

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businesses will be featured as 2021 "Great Givers" throughout the holiday season.

Businesses and attendees can also participate in the Giving Tree project by bringing individual new unwrapped toys for ChildHelp's toy closet that must be stocked year round. Children entering the center

for the first time receive a new toy which helps ease the fear and uncertainty they may initially experience.

To register for the Open Houses, visit farragutchamber.com > Events and select the Dec. 7th Holiday Open House links. For more info on adopting a ChildHelp family, contact us at (865) 675-7057 or email info@farragutchamber.com.

Calendar of Events: November/December 2021

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

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

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

November 10 8:00 - 9:00 AM	WEST Wednesday The Empty Cup, Center 9111, Executive Park Drive, 37923	December 2 8:00 - 9:00 AM	Networking - HomeTrust Bank in Farragut 11916 Kingston Pike, 37934
November 10 3:30 PM	Ribbon Cutting - Burns & Mailing, Inc. 40th Anniversary 6131 Industrial Heights Drive, 37909	December 3 3:00 PM	Ribbon Cutting - The Villages of Farragut 230 Village Commons Blvd., 37934
November 11 5:00 - 6:00 PM	Networking - Turkey Creek Medical Center 10820 Parkside Drive, 37934	December 7 8:00 - 10:30 AM	Chamber Holiday Open House Breakfast Chamber Office. 11826 Kingston Pike, 37934
November 17 11:00 AM	Ribbon Cutting - Insurance Office of America Chamber Lobby, 11826 Kingston Pike, 37934	December 7 4:00 - 6:30 PM	Chamber Holiday Open House Cocktail Hour Chamber Office. 11826 Kingston Pike, 37934
November 18 5:00 - 6:00 PM	Networking - Premier Eyecare 11111 Kingston Pike, 37934	December 8 11:00 AM	Ribbon Cutting - FASTSIGNS 30th Anniversary 8333 Gleason Drive, 37919
November 25-26	Chamber Closed- Thanksgiving Holiday	December 14 3:30 PM	Ribbon Cutting - Craven Wings at Choto 12350 S. Northshore Drive, 37934

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