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New Boring Road subdivision mulled by FMPC, Shipley

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A preliminary plat for a small subdivision considered for 341 Boring Road, forecasted near the new Farragut elementary school to be built, received feedback from Farragut Community Development staff and Farragut Municipal Planning Commission members during a Town Staff/Planner meeting Tuesday, March 4.

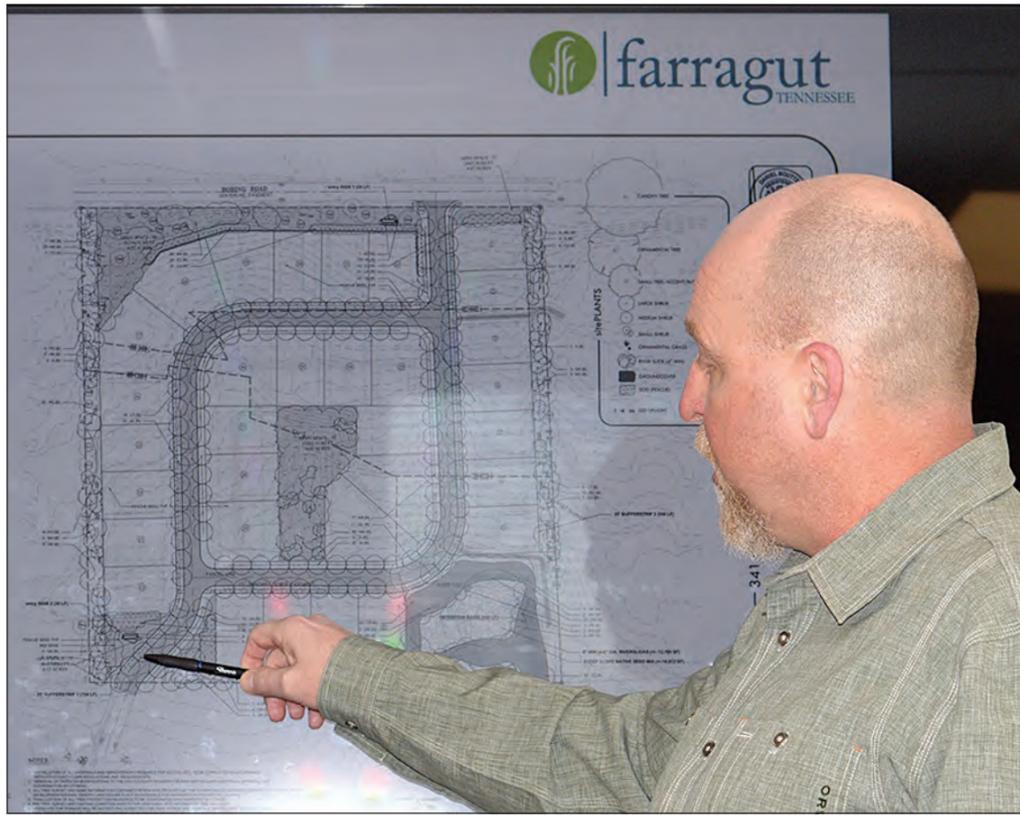
Plans for the subdivision, located in an R-3 zoning district, include 32 house lots on 12.76 acres with a common area for its residents.

"This is the property between Waverly Court and Baldwin Park off of Boring Road," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said. "It was rezoned about a year ago to R-3. It was R-1 and R-2.

"We're trying to make sure that it's low-maintenance open space," said developer Russ Rackley, president of and civil engineer with Rackley Engineering and Consulting. "I know the residents at Baldwin Park commented on how well they did over there.

"Every year, it costs more and more money on maintenance, so we really want reforestation and make it where it's kind of

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Tammy Cheek

Russ Rackley, president of and civil engineer with Rackley Engineering and Consulting, shows features of a subdivision being proposed for Boring Road during a Farragut Municipal Planning Commission Staff/Developer meeting Tuesday, March 4.

Strong debate on use of variance before being granted by FMPC

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Following a lengthy discussion, Farragut Municipal Planning Commission voted 7-1 during an FMPC meeting Thursday, Feb. 20, to allow property owner Oleg Zayets a variance so he could build a driveway on his property at 1114 N. Campbell Station Road.

With Vice Mayor Scott Meyer, also an FMPC member, voting against the variance because Zayets had an access, the other Planning Commissioners voted in favor because they deemed Zayets incurred a hardship after he bought the property from Houston Homes to build a duplex for himself and his parents.

"I do believe that there is a hardship here," Planning Commissioner Noah Myers said. "I think the hardship is that the utilities have been relocated since Knox County required the shared access (with two other homeowners), and I think by pushing the utilities further to the outside of the right-of-way (onto Zayets's property), that creates the hardship, so we're not setting a precedent that would allow a variance for the applicant to be able to locate his driveway in, quite frankly, a better location, meaning it would line up with Fretz Road."

Initially, Planning Commissioner Louise Povlin moved to deny the request but retracted the motion after hearing from

Zayets.

The variance involved the property owner's access request for a lot, which is within the unincorporated part of Knox County along North Campbell Station Road to the north of the intersection with Fretz Road.

With hopes of moving from apartment living to a home for himself, his wife and parents, "when we looked at that property, it was a great property," he said. "It already had driveway access to it ... but the plat map showed we had to share

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Meyer

Return for biz: ex-Town resident seeks to bring Bruster's Real Ice Cream

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A former Farragut resident is looking at opening a Bruster's Real Ice Cream shop in Farragut.

Robert Allen of Knoxville, franchise owner, submitted a site plan at Farragut Municipal Planning Commission's Staff/Planner meeting in Farragut Community Center Tuesday, March 4, for the ice cream shop to be located on 1.57 acres off Parkside Drive.

While still in the planning stages, Allen said, as of now, he does not have a projected construction or opening date.

"We're waiting for this process to go through, contract bids to go out," he said. "There's a lot to be done before we nail down a specific date that we want to try to meet."

Still, "I raised my children in Farragut (and) I'm looking forward to coming back here," Allen said.

Regarding the Parkside Drive location, "I just kept looking for

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'Frequent, consistent, grave' conduct takes Reed from SJNCCS: DOK

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KNOXVILLE - Father Joseph Reed, a priest at St. John Neumann Catholic Church and School who had been suspended by The Diocese of Knoxville since mid-December due to allegations about his conduct, apparently has been removed from serving SJNCCS permanently. DOK's



Diocese of KNOXVILLE

Diocesan Review Board determined that following an independent investigation into his conduct, "found credible evidence to support the complaints noting evidence of

'frequent boundary violations with both minors and adults' and that these violations were 'frequent and consistent, grave and unbecoming of the Holy Priesthood.'"

This according to a report made available to farragutpress by The Diocese's Office of Communications:

"They recommend strong oversight in the future and an assignment with a seasoned pastor to provide vigilance and mentoring," the report added.

"An independent investigator conducted a thorough review of the allegations after civil authorities found no evi-

dence of a crime.

"The investigator questioned individuals involved in the complaints, received questions submitted to Father Reed and compiled a report for the Diocesan Review Board."

While "civil authorities found no evidence of a crime, the Safe Environment Policies and Procedures Code of Pas-

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home smoke alarm check

• With Daylight Savings Time beginning Sunday, March 9, the American Red Cross encourages everyone to test their smoke alarms.

Since the beginning of the year, local Red Cross volunteers responded to help 1,430 people in Tennessee affected by 421 home fires, which account for most of the about 65,000 disasters that the Red Cross responds to annually across the country. Some tips:

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including inside and outside bedrooms and sleeping areas; Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years or older; practice your 2-minute home fire escape plan; make sure everyone in your household can get out in less than two minutes; include at least two ways to get out of every room and select a meeting spot at a safe distance away from your home.

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Welcoming New Beginnings One Miracle at a Time



The Childbirth Center at Parkwest



A multi-SAMPLER champ



Linda Pearce, center, takes home another prize package from the Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance Town SAMPLER contest. This multi-time winner and Farragut resident “is delighted to show off her bag of goodies next to her daughter, Kylie, left, and Shrimp Dock employee, Deanna Langley,” a Shop Farragut press release stated. She won \$35 gift cards from The Shrimp Dock, plus \$25 gift cards from Clean Eat, Ricki’s Pet Depot, West Bicycles, Poppet’s Play Place & Free Visit, Katy’s Hallmark Shop, Hurricane Cyles and Farragut Golf and Games — “plus other great Farragut schwag.” The March contest is well under way. Visit the Shop Farragut website <https://www.shopfarragut.com/programs-events/> and click on the Town SAMPLER logo.

Photo courtesy of Stephen Krempasky
Shop Farragut/Farragut Business
Alliance executive director

KCSO reports

• At 8:38 a.m., Friday, March 7, Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputies were dispatched to 13044 Kingston Pike, Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors, in reference to a possible intoxicated driver.

“Deputies arrived on scene and observed a white male (suspect/arrestee), attempting to get in to the driver’s seat of a black Nissan Titan that was running,” the report stated. “Deputies made contact with (suspect/arrestee, who) had difficulty maintaining balance, (had) slurred speech and an odor of alcoholic beverage. ... (He) was read his Miranda rights and he agreed to speak to deputies.”

Suspect/arrestee said he drank “approximately five to seven beers,” but later said he “had about a pint of vodka,” the report also stated. “He also said he had just arrived at the business and was the sole occupant of the vehicle.” Suspect/arrestee “refused to comply with Standardized Field Sobriety Test and was read the implied consent (and) refused to voluntarily give a blood sample for chemical testing. Deputies obtained a search warrant for (his) blood. Arrestee was transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility where a blood draw was completed.”

• At 2:13 p.m., Sunday, March 9, deputies responded to a Parkside Drive address, Marshalls, regarding a possible overdose. Upon arrival, deputies made contact with the victim, “who was unconscious at the time but was able to be (awakened),” the report stated.

Victim said “he was just sleeping in the bathroom at the Marshalls,” the report further stated, also noting the victim “seemed confused.” AMR responded and transported him to Tennova Turkey Creek West Medical Center for further evaluation and treatment.

Towncalendar

• 35 North Farragut Bar & Grill, 11321 Kingston Pike at the intersection with North Campbell Station Road, is host site for Farragut Spring Festival, which begins at noon, Saturday, March 15, until midnight, Sunday, March 16.

The festival, free of charge and open to the public, “is a two-day celebration of live music, great food and community fun,” a Town press release stated. “Enjoy performances from 10 to 12 incredible bands across multiple stages, showcasing a variety of genres, including rock, country, indie and blues.”

Also touted was “delicious food and drinks from local vendors,” the release stated, and an “arts and crafts market featuring unique hand-made goods.”

In addition, there will be “lawn games and outdoor activities,” the release stated.

“Whether you’re a music lover, a foodie or looking for a family friendly event, the Farragut Spring Festival has something for everyone.”

• Farragut Lions Club Car Cruise-In will run from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 5, at Dickey’s Barbecue Pit, 11483 Parkside Drive in Farragut.

“Bring your classic cars, vintage rides — or just your love for all things automotive,” a joint Town/FLC press release stated.

“This is a fun-filled event for car enthusiasts and families alike.”

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• *How much should you withdraw from your retirement accounts?*

By the time you retire, you may have contributed for decades to an IRA and a 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan. But once you retire, you’ll probably need to draw on these accounts to help pay your living expenses. Consequently, both of you will need to be sure that you don’t withdraw so much each year that you risk running out of money later in your retirement. One common guideline is to aim for an annual withdrawal rate of 4%, but everyone’s situation is different based on age, pre-retirement income, lifestyle, health, travel plans and other factors. (Once you turn 73, or 75 if you were born in 1960 or later, you will have to take certain amounts, based on your age and account balance, from your traditional IRA and traditional 401(k) each year.)

• *When should you take Social Security?* The answer to this question depends on many factors, such as your age and other sources of income. You can take Social Security as early as age 62, but your monthly payments will typically be bigger if you wait until your full retirement age, which will be age 67 if you were born in 1960 or later. And if you can afford to wait even longer, your payments will “max out” when you reach age 70. Your decision on when to take Social Security can affect your spouse — and vice versa. If the lower-earning spouse claims Social Security before their full retirement age — again, age 67 — their own retirement benefit and any potential spousal benefit will be reduced. (Spousal benefits are given to the lower-earning spouse if their full retirement benefit is less than half the other spouse’s full retirement benefit.)

• *Should you downsize?* If you live in a big home and your children are grown, you may find it economical to downsize. Of course, this is also an emotional decision, but you may find that you can save money by moving into a smaller home.

• *Where should you live?* Some states are far more expensive to live in than others. You’ll want to weigh your decision carefully, considering the cost of housing, food, income and real estate taxes, transportation and health care in whatever state you choose.

• *Have you finished your estate plans?* If not, now is the time. You’ll want to work with your legal professional to create whatever documents are needed — a will, living trust, power of attorney — to help ensure your assets go where you want them to go, and that your financial and health care choices will be protected if you become physically or mentally incapacitated.

Of course, many of these same issues will apply if you are single, divorced or widowed. But if you are married, you and your spouse will want to discuss all your choices and then decide which steps to take. Once you’ve got your plans in place, you may well find that you can fully enjoy your retirement years.

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Irish pub partners smiling, as Dullahan's soon to open

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With St. Patrick's Day just around the corner, business partners Ben Harmon and William "Will" Camp are preparing to open their new venture, Dullahan's Irish Pub at 12744 Kingston Pike, the former Mind Yer P's and Q's location, in Renaissance | Farragut, this month.

While still getting things in order, they are hoping for a Friday, March 14, opening.

"We still haven't gotten our sign yet and there's a lot of cleaning to do, but we will have an official grand opening once we have all that," Camp said.

They also are waiting to send in their application for their liquor license.

"The way Tennessee does it you have to have everything, every permit, every license you need for your business before you can send in the application," he said. "What we're going to do ... we're going to have beer only (at first)."

Then, as soon as they get

their liquor license, "then we'll have our grand opening," Camp added. "We're going to take our time, get organized, clean, get our sign ... everything good to go and then boom, get our liquor license and everything will be all set."

That grand opening may take up to four weeks.

"We're going to update everyone on the social media," he said. That includes Next Door, Facebook and more.

Once open, they plan on having an event calendar on their website.

"The community can actually look forward to having access to a consistent trivia night, a happy hour, a great food menu with traditional and Irish-inspired dishes and live music," Camp said.

"We've been getting a lot of community inquiries," he added. "One thing we want everyone to know (is) there's going to be a lot of engagement, a lot of events: holidays and special events."

"We want to be a big part of that," Harmon said. "We'll be a

source of many activities and events."

Those events also will include a St. Patrick's Day celebration and Oktoberfest.

Longtime friends, "we met in the restaurant industry over a decade ago," Camp said about he and Harmon. "We've been close friends ever since."

"We stayed in touch over the years," Harmon added. "We've always had a passion for this industry."

Then, thoughts of opening a business together became more serious last year.

"One thing led to another, and we decided to pull the trigger," Camp said. "I came across a listing (to sell Mind Yer P's and Q's). It started with an e-mail and went from there."

Opening an Irish pub was a natural choice for both since Harmon is Irish and Camp is Scotch-Irish.

In coming up with a name, "we went through a list of names," Camp said. "(Harmon) was doing some Irish research into history and folk-



Tammy Cheek

William "Will" Camp, left, and Ben Harmon are hoping to open Dullahan's Irish Pub at 12744 Kingston Pike, the former Mind Yer P's and Q's location in Renaissance | Farragut, this month, featuring Irish-inspired fare to complement their alcohol choices.

lore and came across Dullahan, one of the very, very old Irish mythological names.

"It just kind of did it," he added. "That was the one."

Once operation, they will be open from 3 p.m. to midnight,

Monday through Friday, and from noon to midnight, Saturday and Sunday.

"We've heard there's a nice little farmers market here, so we want to have sandwiches," Camp said.

Always 'a mind for helping people,' Hunsaker opens RFM

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A knack for helping others has led Tyler Hunsaker, a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce member, to branch out in his own venture, Revolution Financial Management, which he launched Jan. 13.

"I've always had a mind for helping people, and I've been a business person and restaurateur for the last 20 plus years," Hunsaker said. "I just saw that people were needing someone to stand on their behalf, and I feel that financial literacy is that thing."

So he evolved from his role as regional manager of event and field marketing with TDS Telecommunications to owning his own business.

"I decided it was more of something I had a passion for — to help other people learn and be more educated," Hunsaker said.

"So, instead of building a corporation's dream, I wanted

to build my own dream."

With the business, "we take a look at six areas of foundational wealth," he said. "You wouldn't build a home without a blueprint, so that's what we do with our financial needs analysis."

"We take a look at asset accumulation, debt solutions, proper protection, estate planning and wills and then we also do long-term and short-term savings," Hunsaker added. "We teach people where to place their money to get the best returns for themselves."

"Everything we do is absolutely for free," as the new businessman explained he receives money from companies that provide products.

"If we were to find something that makes sense for the individual," it would be "the big companies pay me," he added. "We are under the third largest broker dealer in Canada and the United States, so we're allowed to offer many more products than most, it's more like we're marketing and we're not selling."

"Instead of me telling you there's one product that will fit you, I get to take your dreams and needs to the open market and let businesses fight for your business."

Although Hunsaker said he could provide solutions for a wealthy 1 percent, "My main focus is middle class and underrepresented or unserved communities," he added.

Hunsaker's business hours are from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and closed Sunday.

For more information about RFM, call 1-503-709-2371 or e-mail to freedom@tylerhunsaker.com



Hunsaker

PSCC ribbon cutting



Tammy Cheek

Pellissippi State Community College's team, from left, Aneisa Rolan, executive director of PSCC Foundation; Deanna French, career development coordinator; John Gilbert, work based learning manager; and Rebecca McDonough, director of career development, were among the PSCC personnel welcoming Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members to a FWKCC networking hosted by the college Thursday, Feb. 27.

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We are thrilled to introduce Amanda, the newest member of The Designery of Knoxville! With a strong foundation in interior design, Amanda is a proud graduate of ETSU's Interior Design Program. After earning her degree, she spent 12 years honing her craft in Nashville, gaining invaluable expertise in custom window treatments, closet organization, custom furniture, space planning, flooring, home renovations, and windows and doors.

Amanda's journey has now brought her back to her roots in Knoxville, where she has found her true professional home with The Designery. Her focus is on creating beautifully designed kitchens, bathrooms, and closets that enhance both the style and functionality of every space she works on.

Outside of her career, Amanda enjoys life in Strawberry Plains with her husband, Corey, and their lovable chocolate lab, Whiskey. Her well-rounded experience and passion for design make her an exciting addition to our team. Ready to transform your space? Schedule a showroom appointment with Amanda today and let her bring your dream designs to life!

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Road width part of March 13 workshop; fight South Ward roads increase to 11'

This Thursday, March 13, there is a workshop before the 6 p.m. Mayor and Aldermen meeting at the Farragut Community Center. The workshop starts at 5:15 p.m. and is not recorded, so you have to attend in person. The workshop is for the Equipment Fund, Capital Investment Program and other funds.

Of particular interest is a new direction of the width of roads in Farragut pertaining to speeding and traffic safety. In the Citizen Forum in the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission Feb. 20 (meeting), the vice chair of the Planning Commission, Louise Povlin, stated that for safety at the new elementary school on Boring Road, traffic lanes should not be more than 10-foot wide to prevent speeding and enhance safety: https://www.youtube.com/live/1E9b_uPaUtA?si=syzKpmxhzVVjcUQt&t=7307

In the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that will be discussed this Thursday, three roads in the South Ward of Farragut currently have 10-foot lanes. But these three roads, Turkey Creek Road, Virtue Road and Evans Roads, are all in the CIP to be widened to 11 feet.

The people of these three roads have been to multiple Farragut Planning Commission and Mayor and Aldermen meeting pleading to not have their roads widened because speeding is so bad now. And they do not want it to get worse.

The widening of these three roads should be removed from the CIP. In the last Mayor and Aldermen meeting, the Turkey Creek Greenway and Sonja Drive road projects were removed from the Town's Strategic Plan.

The residents of the South Ward want the same safety rights as the residents of the North Ward, where the new school will be built. Residents of the South Ward are encouraged to attend the workshop this Thursday and to contact the Mayor and Aldermen to discuss the matter.

Mike Mitchell, Farragut

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- We were surprised and shocked that Farragut turned down Fifth/Third Bank to go in front of the Village Green shopping center. The old White Store family has owned that shopping center for 60 years; has been a very good corporate citizen of Farragut; very cooperative with Farragut.

How in the world (did the) Farragut (Municipal) Planning Commission and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen turn down the Fifth/Third Bank, (seeking to be) beside the other banks there? It's hard to understand.

I see where Fifth/Third went to the City of Knoxville, on the City of Knoxville side of Turkey Creek. They're opening a branch there where the old Chick-fil-A was. Farragut lost Fifth/Third Bank. Very surprising.

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New subdivision

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self-contained," he added.

"It's a pretty small subdivision," Shipley observed.

"And, you've got a couple smaller open spaces that will be kind of heavily landscaped areas as you are entering and exiting the development from Village Commons (Boulevard)," he added.

There also is a stormwater detention area in the southeast corner of the property.

"They are tying into the two walking trails stubbed into the property from the east," Shipley said. "There will be a sidewalk constructed along the west side of (an internal street) and along the east side of the external street, tying into the walking trails.

"Most of the land, about two-

thirds of it, is kind of cleared for the most part," he added. "The wooded land is the top third of the development.

"They are incorporating a retaining wall along Boring Road to try to save some of those trees along Boring Road, which is a good thing."

As for access, "It's got two access points here at (Boring Road) on the north and (to the south) is an access that's stubbed into the property from Village Commons (which is at (Villages of Farragut), the senior living community," Shipley said. "To the west is Waverly Court and Baldwin Park.

The Town staff's comments include:

- No trees in the buffer can be removed unless the trees are invasive or exotic, such as Bradford pear, privet, bush honeysuckle, mimosa, prin-

cess tree, ailanthus or others.

- A centralized mail delivery location is required.

- Developer needs to illustrate grade change between subdivisions — no contour lines were labeled on the plan.

- Silt and tree fence locations will be required in locations in the buffer strip to ensure trees are protected.

- A streetscape plan may need some adjustments.

Also, "one of the comments they had to provide for was meeting the required open space," Shipley said. "So, they've got open space areas that would be exclusive of buffer and detention here in the middle. That's going to be like a passive recreation space, kind of like Baldwin Park has.

"There's not going to be a clubhouse or a swimming pool or anything like that," he said.

Father Reed

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toral Conduct holds priests to a standard that exceeds civil law. This code provides guidance in setting strong boundaries for pastoral ministers to safeguard the well-being of everyone."

The Most Rev. Mark Beckman, Bishop of Knoxville who led the investigation, "is in consultation with the Priest Personnel Board to recommend a future assignment for Reed after discerning the results of (the) independent in-

vestigation and the recommendation of the Diocesan Review Board.

"... The investigation began in mid-December when two individuals brought concerns to the Bishop regarding behavior that made them uncomfortable," the release stated.

"Given their ages and that the behaviors described may have occurred when they were minors, concerns were raised about violations of not only our Diocesan Safe Environment Policy, but also civil laws protecting minors," the DOK release also stated.

Background information

"All DOK clergy, staff, employees and volunteers are required to complete Safe Environment training before they may begin participating with ministries, groups and diocesan organizations," the release stated.

History

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Variance debate

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the driveway with the neighbor.

“I went and talked to the neighbor. He said they knew that when we bought the house, (but the sellers) never disclosed that to us,” the applicant said. “When I talked to the neighbors about joining our driveways, they denied it. They said, ‘We don’t want to lose direct access to North Campbell Station Road.’ They feared it’s going to devalue their houses to some extent ... they are very stubborn people to talk to.”

Another issue came about when utilities were relocated into his property, in preparation for Knox County’s plans to widen the road and build a turn lane, “making it nearly impossible to connect with the platted joint driveway to the east,” Zayets said.

Although the property is in the county, “it was only discovered recently, through some research associated with the Town’s incorporation and subsequent annexations, that the Town’s boundary extends throughout the width of the entire North Campbell Station Road right-of-way,” Community Development director Mark Shipley said. “This means that access to the Town’s right-of-way must be approved through the Town.”

He explained the access is for a duplex to be built on the vacant lot across from Fretz Road.

“Since North Campbell Station Road is an arterial street, a new access must be at least 400 feet from the nearest existing access,” Shipley said. “The applicant’s proposed access, which is shown on the plan ... is only 50 feet from the nearest existing access to the east.”

“Prior to the Town’s involvement with access permits on this section of North Campbell Station Road, accesses were approved through Knox Coun-

ty,” he added. “A final plat was recorded through Knox County in 2017 that provided for three house lots that were described as the Campbell Park, Unit 2 Subdivision.

“This plat ... provided for two access points along North Campbell Station Road. There is also a plat note which states that ‘only two access points to Campbell Station Road is permitted by this plat. Lots 10 and 11 will share a common driveway access.’ Lot 11 is the lot owned by the applicant.”

Additionally, “Knox County is planning to add a south-bound turn lane along this section of North Campbell Station Road, and that project is set to begin in the next few months,” Shipley said. “As a result, utilities have been relocated to account for the turn lane.

“This relocation included an electric pole and guy wire that has been moved further away from North Campbell Station Road (and closer to the proposed duplex),” he added. “The applicant has stated that this creates difficulties in tying a cross access to the existing access on Lot 10.”

However, he said Zayets still can “get around it” to use the access.

Still, “it’s a messy situation that we’re kind of coming in at the 11th hour to deal with,” Shipley added. “I feel for the applicant.

“Unfortunately, the two existing accesses along this section of North Campbell Station Road pre-date the Town’s involvement in reviewing accesses. As a result, two existing house lots have separate access onto North Campbell Station Road and do not meet the Town’s distance between driveways requirements.”

To add a third access through this section “would only aggravate an already non-compliant situation,” Shipley warned. “It would also be in violation of the existing recorded plat.

“The staff does not support this,” he concluded.



Plan submitted

A proposed site plan for Bruster’s Real Ice Cream depicts an all-brick building, which will be located off Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek.

Bruster’s

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a place that would facilitate all of our needs and be able to support the community,” he said. “There’s not a lot of property in Farragut anymore, so it took some time and effort; but working with everybody, it all came into place.”

Bruster’s Ice Cream is “known as a hand-dipped ice cream,” Allen said. “We make it fresh in the stores every day. Bruster’s owns its own dairy in Titusville, Pennsylvania, and we get our dairy products from them, and each and every store makes its own ice cream.”

Located to the north of Home Federal Bank, “it’s a

pretty small building,” Town Community Development director Mark Shipley observed. “They have a couple other ones in Knox County.”

Allen is planning for a large, outdoor patio area at the Parkside Drive store, “which is a good thing,” Shipley said.

“All of our locations have patios and outdoor seating,” Allen said. “We don’t have any indoor seating at any of our locations. It’s designed to come up for ice cream and enjoy the community.”

“And then you’ve got the drive-thru, which is basically coming in from the main access. It has a shared access easement,” Shipley said.

“Regular parking is on the

north side of the site,” he added. “Not really a lot of (staff) comments on the site plan. They did a good job. Of course, this is all kind of pre-graded for the most part.

“The building’s pretty much all brick. It’s a good-looking building.”

The only comment Shipley and staff had on the building “is that the colors are in our color palate,” he said. “We have a pretty broad color palette for accent colors. That’s part of the architectural design standards.

“Just bring a colors and a materials board to the (next) Planning Commission meeting, which will be Thursday, March 20,” Shipley added.

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Project Linus Celebration Sewing Event

Around 75 sewers gathered for East Tennessee Chapter of Project Linus Celebration Sewing Event in Concord United Methodist Church, 11020 Roane Drive, Saturday, March 8, to make blankets for children in traumatic situations.

While some sat by their sewing machine to make quilts, others learned new techniques from chapter members, such as Quilting As You Go, making Bead Bags of Courage, Binding Blankets or using scraps of material to make colorful "Scrappy Quilts."

"Nationally, we've just gone over distributing 10 million blankets to children across the United States," said Deb Miller, Project Linus coordinator for the East Tennessee Chapter. "Locally, one of the big things that we celebrated (Saturday) is that we have distributed 50,000 blankets to children in East Tennessee."
(See related story in Community beginning on page 3B)

Photos by Tammy Cheek



Lisa Palesch-Hawk making Bead Bags of Courage



Karen Feltner shows a "Scrappy Quilt"



Sheri Ratliff tying a quilt



Linda Weir tying a quilt



Deb Miller cutting a piece of material for a quilt



Krista Spurlock sewing blankets



Sheila Baker demonstrating Quilting As You Go



Judy Zager cutting fleece blankets



Judy Corn laying out a blanket to be cut



Mikki Owen, left, and Sandy Rees preparing a quilt for Free Motion Quilting

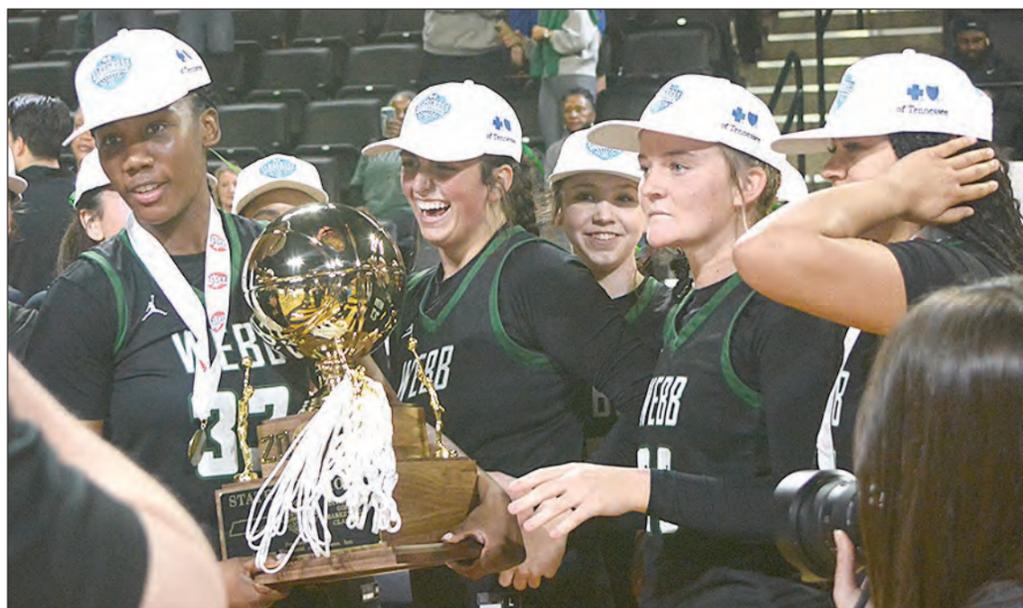
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Both Webb School Knoxville teams live up to TSWA No. 1 season ranking, capture TSSAA Division II-AA girls, boys state championships



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(Top) Webb School of Knoxville girls and boys basketball Division II-AA state champions came together for a group photo after Greg Hernandez's girls beat CPA 61-47 and Ricky Norris' boys pulled away in the final five minutes to bounce Briarcrest 54-45 Saturday, March 8, in Tennessee Tech's Hooper Eblen Center in Cookeville. (Girls above) Lady Spartans celebrating with their gold ball trophy in front, from left, are Kyndall Mays, Harper Ladd, Avery Green and Meeyah Green. (Left) Point guard Jaylen Pompey, the only senior on either Webb team, happily holds the boys gold ball. (Above) Spartans juniors Cam Swearengen (3) and Shavar Young (33) react to Briarcrest post Fred Smith Jr.

Green with envy: girls with 0 seniors, Hernandez, grab 7th crown

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COOKEVILLE — The big girls made noise, but Christ Presbyterian Academy's other players — its guards and wings — were dominated by Webb School of Knoxville on both ends of the court in the girls Division II-AA State Tournament title game.

The Lady Spartans overall talent shined bright, with three girls in doubles figures scoring, helping the Lady Spartans cruise late to the program's seventh state crown.

This huge accomplishment was pulled off by a team coming back next year with the same talent — no seniors, only three juniors and two freshmen as Webb's leading and third-leading scorers in this title game.

Despite the talents of Christian Presbyterian power forward Jane Ellis (game co-high 20 points) and post Jayda Robinson (16 points), Greg Hernandez's West Knoxville girls pulled away late to win 61-47 Saturday afternoon, March 8, in Tennessee Tech's Hooper Eblen Center. The other CPA players combined to score just seven points.

"Obviously we're all excited," said Meeyah Green, a

Cam & Owen finish, late defense give Norris, program 2nd title

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COOKEVILLE — The Cam & Owen Show for making late-game three-point jumpers under enormous pressure — and the team's late-game shutdown defense — resulted in gold ball joy for Webb School of Knoxville boys.

Even more impressive, perhaps, when considering a couple of factors that could have led to late-game panic for Ricky Norris' West Knoxville boys in this TSSAA Division II-AA State Tournament title game versus Briarcrest of Memphis Saturday night, March 8. All's well that ends well, as Webb earned a 54-45 state title win.

About the dynamics of this team — and

saying goodbye to the team's only senior, Spartans "quarterback" Jayden Pompey, star point guard — Norris said, "unless you're part of a team and put the time in, you just don't get it; it's a different relationship that you have with players and teammates."

"You just go through so much together," he added. "To be standing and win that last one is just a special feeling."

However, despite Webb leads of nine in the second quarter, 27-18, and four after three periods, 36-32, it was gone early in the fourth quarter — and Briarcrest's Mr. Basketball State Finalist big man, 6-foot-8 Fred Smith Jr., seemed poised to lead his Memphis Saints to the crown.

Smith's driving lay-up with 5:54 to play

tied this low-scoring game at 38-38.

But that would end Smith's threatening influence on this game, as the Knoxville green left the Memphis green in its wake in Tennessee Tech's Hooper Eblen Center.

"I think part of that comes for us just being in that position so many times," said Pompey, who, while only scoring four points, dished out eight assists and grabbed a team-high five rebounds.

With the Spartans' defense sealing off Smith and shutting down the Saints — no points allowed for 5:16 — a pair of three-point field goals from junior wing Cam Swearengen, both after forcing turnovers, plus a driving field goal and free throw

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Farragut, HVA images, highlights as Spring sports season under way

Pitching key as Ads start 5-1, beat Lebanon

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

It was a masterful pitching duo for Farragut High School's baseball team Monday night, March 10, at FHS's John Heatherly Field.

After a shaky first inning against visiting Lebanon, starting pitcher Brody Roberts was perfect for the next three. Reliever Joey Ray came on in the fifth inning, then gave up a run in the seventh — but only due to errors.

The result was a 5-2 win for the Admirals that improved their record to 5-1.

"I think they did a great job," Ads skipper Garrett Copeland said of his hurlers. "Brody started nicely and did a good job and Joey just competes in the strike zone. That's what we expect out of them."

Roberts gave up one run on two hits in four innings. He walked two and struck out three. Ray pitched the final three innings, striking out



FHS boys soccer photos courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com



(Top) A leaping save by goalkeeper Parker Fuller and the efforts of many including Lincoln Unger (3, above) helped Farragut blank Oak Ridge 5-0 at home Thursday, March 6.



All HVA photos courtesy of Tony Cox

(Above right) Pitcher Elsie Hatcher helped her HVA softball team beat Oak Ridge 5-1 Friday, March 7.

Brycen Fuqua (above left) and Maddox Farrow (25, left) contributed to the lacrosse Hawks' 9-5 win versus Soddy-Daisy Saturday, March 8.

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Linus Project 'celebration' at CUMC March 8

Children dealing with trauma benefit from monthly blanket-producing event; volunteers sought

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Children around East Tennessee and beyond will be comforted by blankets made by members of East Tennessee Chapter of the Linus Project.

Up to 70 East Tennessee Project Linus members gathered in Concord United Methodist Church, which graciously partnered with the chapter, for a Celebration Sewing Event Saturday, March 8.

"We would only do this (event) every three or four years, but we have a sewing day almost every month," said Deb Miller, Project Linus coordinator for the East Tennessee Chapter. "We move them around the area" in churches and stores.

"We provide blankets to children in traumatic situations," she added.

Those situations can be everything from an emergency room hospital stay to homelessness and children removed from homes because of domestic violence, child abuse, being impacted by the recent flooding and fires.

The chapter serves the Greater East Tennessee area, including Knox County and immediate surrounding counties, such as Monroe, Roane, Cumberland, Morgan and Scott. It also works with Mission of Hope, Knoxville Area Rescue Mission and many more organizations.

"We work a lot with the Child Advocacy Centers, which serves kids who have been abused and sexually abused," Miller said. "We provide to area hospitals, like East Tennessee Children's Hospital, University of Tennessee Medical Center or Methodist Medical in Oak Ridge.

"The organizations we give the blankets to, they're the ones that actually distribute to the children," she added. "We've got volunteers all over East Tennessee who make handmade blankets. That might be quilts; it might be a crocheted or a knitted blanket; it might be a fleece blanket.

"I've got groups of Girl Scouts and Sunday School groups with members 5, 6, 7 years old who help make blankets," Miller said.

"And, I've got some women well into their 90s, including my mother, whose still making blankets for us," she added.

Anyone wanting to get involved in Project Linus can contact Miller at Deb@ProjectLinusEastTN.org or visit 865-719-2862.

The East Tennessee Chapter was established in April 2003, but the national organization was started in 1995.

"Nationally, we've just gone over distributing 10 million blankets to children across the United States," Miller said. "Locally, one of the big things that we're celebrating is that we have distributed 50,000 blankets to children in East Tennessee.

"What really impacted my dedication to Project Linus was one time, when we were in our

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Kelly Sparks ties a quit, an old-fashioned way of quilting, during East Tennessee Chapter of Project Linus Celebration Sewing Event in Concord United Methodist Church, 11020 Roane Drive, Saturday, March 8.

(Also see West Side Faces, page 6A)



Tammy Cheek



Photos courtesy of Chris Cannon/STAR Communications manager

Hoping to reduce a problematic over-abundance of rodents around Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding, 11800 Highway 11E between Farragut and Lenoir City, Owl Ridge Raptor Center released two red-tailed hawks — a natural predator to rodents (**one above in a nearby tree after its release**) — on top of a small hill on STAR grounds early Friday afternoon, Feb. 28, after the birds spent time in rehabilitation at the Center. (**Right**) Lisa Thomison, ORRC co-founder, gives the other red hawk its freedom. The Center also rehabs falcons, owls, ospreys, eagles and vultures. "This is a great partnership between two non-profits," said Lynn Petr, STAR founder and former executive director. "To not only be able to help these birds with a second lease on life — which Lisa has already started — it is great for them to come here and help us with our rodent control in a healthful way. We don't use poisons or anything like that, so in a natural environment these hawks will help STAR."

Rodent hunters, 2 red-tailed hawks, freed at STAR after rehab; 'will help STAR' without poison: Petr



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“By partnering with Concerts For Our Own, we’re not just hosting concerts — we’re creating opportunities to give back and strengthen the city we love,” Brooke Miller of Yee-Haw Brewing Company said. “Live music and great beer bring people together, and when that energy is used for a bigger purpose, the impact is even greater.”

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door, with a three-show series pass \$75.

Other concert dates are May 8, The Highwaymen Show – American Outlaw Tribute, and Sept. 25 – Exodus – A Tribute to Bob Marley.

• **Knoxville Bar Association and Legal Aid of East Tennessee are offering local veterans an in-person, free Legal Advice Clinic** from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 9, in Knox County Public Defender’s Community Law Office, 1101 Liberty St. in Knoxville.

In 2025, the clinics are held every other month: April 9, June 11, Aug. 13, Oct. 8 and Dec. 10.

Veterans who are not able to attend the clinic in person are encouraged to continue

to use the telephone clinic option. Pre-registration is required for telephone clinic. Veterans are asked to call Legal Aid of East Tennessee at 865-637-0484 to pre-register.

This is a general advice clinic with a wide variety of legal issues, including family law, landlord/tenant, bankruptcy, criminal defense, consumer protection, contract disputes, child support, and personal injury, among other issues.

This is an advice-only clinic. Clients can expect legal advice, but no wills are drafted nor legal work performed.

• **As the world explores the dimensions of peace in turbulent times, First Presbyterian Church of Knoxville is hosting Dr. Amy-Jill Levine**, a renowned Jewish New Testament scholar, to speak from 7 to 9 p.m., Saturday, April 5, in First Presbyterian Church sanctuary, 620 State St. in downtown Knoxville. A reception follows in Fellowship Hall.

Levine, the Rabbi Stanley M. Kessler Distinguished Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Hartford International University for Religion and Peace in Hartford, Connecticut, also is University Professor Emerita of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. “She combines historical insight, humor and a commitment to interfaith dialogue throughout her career to help Christians and Jews better understand their shared texts and traditions,” a FPCK press release stated.

Her lecture, titled “Jesus and Judaism: The Connection Matters,” will explore how understanding Jesus within his Jewish context brings new

meaning to His piety, politics and parables. Dr. Levine will guide attendees in considering how different interpretations of Scripture can foster greater understanding, respect and peace across faith traditions.

“At a time when our world is in desperate need of reconciliation and mutual understanding, we are excited to welcome Dr. Levine to help us explore how a deeper knowledge of Scripture can create new pathways toward peace,” said the Rev. Mark Curtis, senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church. “Her scholarship invites us to see the deep connections between Judaism and Christianity and to cultivate a spirit of respect and dialogue.”

The lecture is free and open to the public. A reception with light refreshments will follow the presentation.

Tickets are free but attendees must register in advance at firstpres.rsvp. The event will be held at First Presbyterian Church, located at 620 State St., Knoxville. Free parking is available onsite or at the State Street Garage.

For more information, con-

tact First Presbyterian Church at (865) 546-2531 or visit www.fpcknox.org.

• **In roughly three weeks’ time, Professional Bull Riders’ Pendleton Whisky Velocity Tour will return to Knoxville** for the seventh time in history Saturday, March 15. The upcoming event in Food City Center/Thompson-Boling Arena will mark the 23rd stop of the 30-event regular season for the PBR’s expansion series.

Eventgoers will watch riders vie for crucial points in the race to be crowned the 2025 PBR Velocity Tour Champion.

• **Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee’s annual “Pack the Bag” campaign** raised enough funds to provide more than 136,000 bags of kid-friendly foods to children across the region in nearly 300 public schools and programs. Through Food for Kids, more than 15,000 students across the food bank’s 18-county service area receive a weekly bag filled with nutritious food to help them through the weekend. For more information, visit www.secondharvestETN.org.

Ask Vet is coming next week

Dr. Stephanie Myers, veterinarian at Lenoir City Animal Clinic whose monthly, and popular, Ask the Vet column runs the second issue of each month, requested her March column be moved — this one time — to the third week, March 19.

Middlebrook speaks at CUMC tonight

• **Due to inclement weather, Concord United Methodist Church, 11020 Roane Drive in Farragut, rescheduled its visit** from the Rev. Harold Middlebrook in recognition of Black History Month.

Middlebrook will share his first-hand experiences as a pastor and leader during the Civil Rights Movement beginning at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 12.

A former pastor in Atlanta, Memphis and Knoxville, Middlebrook played an active role in Civil Rights organizations and was a close friend of Civil Rights legend, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Baseball

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one while giving up an unearned run on one hit.

“Hard to find it sometimes,” Roberts said about the first inning. “When you settle down you trust your defense. I started trusting my fastball. ...”

The LHS first-inning run came on a walk and a pair of singles. But Roberts struck out the next two, ending the inning.

It took Farragut all of two batters to tie the game in the first. Shortstop Braden Humphrey led off with a double and scored on third baseman Owen Stelzer’s double. Stelzer went to third on a grounder, then scored on first baseman Travis Brummitt’s sac fly.

FHS added a run in the second when designated hitter Cole Creasman led off with a walk, went to second on a balk, then scored on a pair of grounders.

Brummitt turned a double play to end a Blue Devils threat in the sixth inning.

Farragut added two insurance runs in the bottom of the frame. Brummitt led off by lacing a double to right-center. Pinch runner Eli Tittle went to third on a passed ball, then scored on center-fielder Zane Kureshi-Smith’s single.

Kureshi-Smith then stole second and scored on a pair of wild pitches.

Spartans champs

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by junior guard Alex Leeth put Webb back in control, 47-38, after Swaengen’s last “three” with 2:42 left. He ended with 11 points while Leeth scored 10.

Swaengen’s first three, according to Norris, “kind of opened the flood gates a little bit as far as our confidence shooting the ball.”

Then came junior wing Owen Lentz to apply the dagger. His pair of “don’t shoot, good shot” three pointers from the left corner iced the state crown, the latter putting Sparty up 53-38 with just 1:17 to go.

About that last three-pointer in the 16-0 run, “I heard coach Norris say ‘don’t shoot it,’” Lentz said with a laugh, as his 14 points and four three-point field goals led his team.

Webb ended with a huge 19-2 edge in points off turnovers.

Huston Torres, praised by

Norris, came off the bench and scored nine points. Wilson Luton added four points and Shavar Young two for Webb.

Smith ended with a game-high 17 points for the Saints.

Saying Briarcrest shot “70 percent from the field in the first half” despite trailing, Norris added, “I thought our defense settled in — I thought that was the difference in the third quarter” and beyond.

“We kind of had a hard time scoring in the third, but we ... kept playing defense and our offense finally caught up.”

This was the second state title for Norris and the Webb boys program (also 2019).

Top-ranked for much of the 2024-25 season (TSWA poll), Webb finished with a 34-2 record. Briarcrest ended 26-5.

Though Norris said about his team, “they’re talented as all get-out,” he added the hard work and close relationships “are what make them special.”

Webb girls No. 1

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state Miss Basketball Finalist junior wing who scored 19, 13 in the first half, leading Webb to a 27-21 advantage at the break after building as much as a 10-point first-half lead. “Last year we got (the) silver (ball),” losing to rival Knoxville Catholic in the state title game.

The keys this time “were how much work we put into this season and how much we play together and trust each other,” she added.

Zahnayah Rockett, Webb freshman point guard, scored a game-co-high 20. Freshman forward Kyndall Mays added

12 for Webb while pulling down a team-leading seven rebounds. “We put in so much work and I think that we really deserved it,” Mays said.

“To be able to do what we’ve done in the last two years, it just goes to show the culture and the sense of winning and expectations that Shelley (Collier, former head coach) set ...,” said Hernandez, in only his second year as head coach, leading his team — No. 1 ranked most of the 2024-25 season by Tennessee Sports Writers Association — to a 29-3 final record. CPA ended at 23-7.

Other Webb scorers were Harper Ladd with five, Ivy Napier three and Lorelei Lee two.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut, at its meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2025, adopted the following ordinances on second and final reading:

- Ordinance 25-03**, ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund, Capital Investment Program & ADA Capital Projects Funds
- Ordinance 25-04**, ordinance amending Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 2 – Administration, Article 6 – Finance, Section 2-299 to replace in the existing section in its entirety with a new ordinance

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut will hold a public hearing on March 27, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd, to hear citizen’s comments on the following ordinances:

- Approval of Ordinance 25-02 on first reading. An ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A., Zoning, Chapter 3., Section XII., General Commercial District (C-1), Subsection B., 12, c., 3., to change the setbacks, under certain conditions, for outdoor fences associated with commercial kennels
- Approval of Ordinance 25-03 on first reading. An ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A., Zoning, Chapter 3., Section XXVI., Planned Commercial Development District (PCD), Subsection C. Minimum Standards., 1. Land Uses., to add a new section f. to provide for a drive-through under certain conditions

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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA
Farragut Community Center • 239 Jamestowne Blvd
March 20, 2025
Farragut Community Center – Assembly Room 6:00 p.m.

- Approval of agenda
- Approval of minutes for the February 20, 2025 meeting
- Discussion and public hearing on approval of a sanitary sewer line upgrade within an existing sanitary sewer easement between 12744-12900 Kingston Pike (east and west side of S. Hobbs Road) (FUD, Applicant)
- Discussion and public hearing on approval of a roughly 720-foot extension of a two-inch MDPE gas main line along a portion of Red Mill Lane to service the property at 630 Red Mill Lane (KUB, Applicant)
- Discussion and public hearing on approval of a preliminary plat and a variance from the distance between driveways requirement in the Driveways and Other Access Ways Ordinance and a reduction in the centerline radius and design speed requirements in the Subdivision Regulations associated with the 341 Boring Road Subdivision, Parcels 070 and 072, Tax Map 142 (between Waverly Court and Baldwin Park), 32 house lots, 12.76 Acres, Zoned R-3 (Rackley Engineering, Applicant)
- Discussion and public hearing on approval of a site plan for a Bruster’s Real Ice Cream,

Parcel 191.10, Tax Map 130 (south of Home Federal Bank off Parkside Drive), 1.57 Acres, Zoned C-1 (Knoxville Bruster’s Inc., Applicant)

- Discussion and public hearing on approval of a revised Concept Master Plan as required for modifications to the commercial portion of the Kingston Pike Village Planned Commercial Development, 13106-13140 Kingston Pike, 18.5 Acres, Zoned PCD (Kingston Pike Properties 2, LLC., Applicant)
- Discussion and public hearing on requested modifications to the building exterior associated with the Campbell Station Retail Building, Parcel 119.02, Tax Map 130 (behind the Casey’s off N. Campbell Station Road), Zoned C-2 (Hutchins Associates PC, Applicant)
- Discussion and public hearing on a request from the Planning Commission for Knox County Schools to consider a reduction in street lane width (from 12 foot lanes to 11 foot lanes) along the section of Boring Road that is being improved by Knox County in response to the Farragut Area Elementary School
- Approval of utilities
- Citizen forum

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

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AGENDA
Farragut Community Center • 239 Jamestowne Blvd • March 13, 2025
BMA WORKSHOP - Equipment Fund, Capital Investment Program, and other funds Workshop - 5:15 PM
BMA MEETING - 6:00 PM

- Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes
- February 27, 2025
- Mayor’s Report
- Arbor Day Proclamation
- Ordinances & Resolutions
- Ordinances
- Second Reading
- Approval of Ordinance 24-19, an Ordinance to Amend the text of the Farragut Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance 86-16, as amended, pursuant to authority granted by Section 13-4-201, Tennessee Code Annotated, by amending the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A., Zoning, Chapter 3., Section III., Rural Single-Family Residential District (R-1), Subsection B., Permitted Uses And Structures, to provide for a Second Detached Single-Family Dwelling Unit under certain conditions
- First Reading
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- Resolutions
- Approval of Resolution R-2025-06, a resolution in general support of the recommendations provided for in Chapter 4 of the Mixed-Use Town Center Vision Plan
- Business Items
- Approval of the 2025 Forget Me Not Race
- Approval of Change Order with Henricksen Furniture, Omnia Contract #091423-OFS for Town Hall furniture
- Approval of Change Order with Everon for Town Hall security
- Citizens Forum
- Town Administrator’s Report
- Town Attorney’s Report

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Project Linus

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group meeting with (member) LeighAnna (Colgrove) at our Project Linus meeting at (CUMC), the women had just come back from Thanksgiving vacation and (Colgrove) said she met a young man who had who had a Project Linus tattoo," said Sheri Ratliff, her voice breaking with emotion. "When he was a little boy, he received a blanket.

"That was an extremely impacting moment for me, like 'oh my gosh, if he was that moved by his blanket, think of what these blankets do for kids all over the nation,'" she added.

Along with making blankets on Saturday, Miller said there were demonstrations on different techniques and mem-

bers who crocheted blankets. "Each blanket gets a Project Linus label," Miller said. "They'll be putting blankets on in the fellowship hall."

The organization also supports military personnel.

"Their kids get patriotic blankets," Miller said.

Additionally, "if daddy is serving away overseas and mamma goes to the hospital to have a baby, they get a patri-

otic blanket for the baby, but then they get a small pocket blanket to send to daddy to carry while he's serving overseas," she said.

Another Project Linus product is Bead Bags of Courage, which Lisa Palesch-Hawk makes.

"East Tennessee Children's Hospital uses those," Miller said. "When a baby is born in the (Neonatal Intensive Care

Unit) and they are real tiny, they put one of these bags next to their NICU unit, and as they achieve goals — gain so much weight or they can eat on their own — they get beads to put in the bag and collect.

"When they take the bags home with them, the parents can string the beads up in the nursery to show all the different accomplishments," she added.

"Locally, one of the big things that we're celebrating is that we have distributed 50,000 blankets to children in East Tennessee,"

- Deb Miller
Project Linus coordinator for East Tennessee Chapter

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MEMBER NON-PROFIT SHOWCASE



Farragut Community Center
239 Jamestowne Blvd, Farragut, TN 37934
Thursday, March 27, 2025 | 8:00AM - 9:00AM

Non-Profit Showcase to spotlight area organizations and opportunities

Working with respected non-profits has been shown to have multiple benefits for businesses and individuals alike. For individuals, it can provide a sense of purpose, allowing them to develop new skills and valuable experience, contribute positively to their community, network with like-minded people, and enjoy personal fulfillment from the tangible impact of their service.

For businesses, supporting community work that lines up with corporate and personal beliefs, non-profit partnerships can increase brand awareness and raise reputation, help build trust with current and future consumers, better engage AND even recruit staff through volunteer opportunities and purposefully putting your money where it has a specific impact.

Whether you're a business or individual looking to get more involved in

our community, the chamber invites you to attend our annual Non-Profit Networking Showcase on Thursday, March 27, from 8:00 to 9:00am at the Farragut Community Center. There is no cost to attend this event that will bring together up to 18 member non-profits from all sectors of community service and support. Enjoy coffee, light refreshments, and networking while having a chance to connect with and learn about the following organizations:

- Emory Valley Center
- Smoky Mountain Service Dogs
- Knoxville Habitat for Humanity
- CADES
- Women's Basketball Hall of Fame

See NON-PROFIT SHOWCASE on Page 3

New Member Lift Off is April 1st!



New Member Lift-Off, the chamber's biannual orientation session is back on April 1! This program is perfect for new members looking to get plugged in, existing business members with newer staff representatives, and for businesses who are considering membership and want to learn

all the chamber has to offer. Starting at 11:30am on April 1 at the Farragut Community Center, the program offers networking, lunch (courtesy of catering partner, Jim N' Nick's Community BBQ), and an info-packed 60 minutes presented

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Attendees can SAVE with Expo Pre-Registration

Attendees of the upcoming April 23, 2025 Business Expo can save by pre-registering NOW through April 22! Chamber members and their staff

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Networkings

Farragut High School Education Foundation February 13, 2025

Did you know?

Welcome to March! If you recently have come out of winter hibernation, spring is quickly approaching and with it, new business opportunities. Spring represents a time for nature to reawaken. It is also a chance to celebrate successes from those New Year's resolutions and possibly refresh areas in your business plan from Q1 that need a little watering.

How can small businesses capitalize on seasonal trends? One way is to think about seasonal trends for March. Planning promotions early to align with customer interests can help your business springboard into a successful Q2.

For your sports fans, March Madness is one way to cultivate fan engagement for the NCAA Tournament. Opportunities can range from hosting a "Bracket Challenge" with discounts or giveaways for winners, to offering game-day specials for restaurants, bars, and retail stores. Social media contests can be created where customers guess game outcomes for prizes, special promotional material or bragging rights.

St. Patrick's Day is also another popular upcoming event for businesses. Festivities, themed promotions, and community events can center around "Lucky Discounts," offering randomized discounts at checkout. A store refresh with green-themed or Irish-inspired product bundles can bring in new faces.

For nature-loving clients, the "Start of Spring" brings warmer weather, outdoor activities, and seasonal shopping. This is also a time for renewal and cleansing, so "Spring Cleaning" sales offering clearance on old inventory can drive new customers in. Wellness-focused marketing geared toward fitness, outdoor gear, health-related products can lead to a little extra foot traffic.

Leveraging social media & engagement can still be productive for businesses that are more service-oriented or internet-based. Running polls and quizzes related to March Madness or spring activities can generate engagement. Encourage user-generated content with photo contests using themed hashtags. Another potential opportunity is to live-stream informational sessions about seasonal trends and business updates.

For businesses wanting more visibility, community and local partnerships can be beneficial for all involved. Several ideas include sponsoring a local spring sports team or community event, collaborating with complementary businesses for joint promotions, or host networking or pop-up events celebrating spring and small business growth.

Spring presents a golden opportunity for small businesses to tap into seasonal excitement and engage customers in fresh, creative ways. As this new season begins, take advantage of the energy and enthusiasm March brings and watch your business thrive!



(L-R) Wendy Stiles, Ashley Alexander, and Ashley Swor, stand alongside Foundation President Toni Scott as they discuss upcoming initiatives to support student success.



(L-R) Coty Watkins, West Young Professionals Connector, Brian Sams of Y-12 Federal Credit Union Farragut, Douglas Mapp of LearningRx, Joshua Jones of 3 to 99, and Taylor Thigpen of Aflac take a moment to connect and exchange ideas at the networking event.

Pellissippi State Community College February 27, 2025



(L-R) Aneisa Rolan, Executive Director of the Pellissippi Foundation, Deanna French, Coordinator of Career Development, Jonathan E. Gilbert, Work-Based Learning Manager, and Rebecca McDonough, Director of Career Development, come together to highlight Pellissippi State's workforce initiatives and career-building programs.



(L-R) Scott Douglas and Jesse Chapman of Tennessee Sports Medicine Group connect with fellow professionals while attending the networking event.

West YPs March Madness & April Activities



The chamber's West Young Professionals are giving into March Madness with a fast-approaching March Madness Trivia Networking night this Wednesday, March 12th starting at 6pm at 35 North! Attendees need not be sports experts to play but you are encouraged to wear your favorite sports team jersey or shirt.

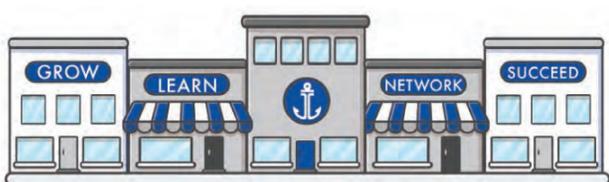
April will see the return of their newest program series, "Lunch with a Leader," on Wednesday, April 9. "Lunch with a Leader" aims to offer a

small group of area young professionals the chance to sit down with area CEOs, business owners, or elected officials, enjoy lunch provided by a sponsor, hear the leader's story and ask questions. There is no cost to attend but seats are limited to just 20 attendees. April 9 will feature lunch at The Casual Pint Beerstro at Northshore sponsored by TDS Telecom, and a sitdown with Lindsey Davis, CFE (Certified Franchise Executive), and VP of Logistics & Supply Chain Management of The Ca-

sual Pint Beerstro franchise. Founded by her dad and uncle, the first Casual Pint opened in Knoxville in 2011 in the infancy of the craft beer scene. Lindsey and her brother Josh now run the corporate headquarters with Casual Pint Beerstros opening across the U.S.

The West YPs will also spearhead a Stream Cleanup of Farragut's Little Turkey Creek on April 17.

Visit the chamber's calendar to register for any of these events.



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Ribbon Cuttings

Paymore West Knoxville

February 11, 2025



Jack Patel and Dignesh Patel, partners in the Paymore franchise, prepare to cut the ribbon and celebrate their grand opening in West Knoxville, where they help customers unlock the true worth of their tech treasures with top payouts for devices.

Atlantic Rehabilitation Center

February 14, 2025



Joe Caroccio and his wife, Karol Caroccio, celebrate the opening of their new clinic off Kingston Pike alongside their children and members of the community. The clinic offers a wide range of scientifically-backed treatments for pain relief, injury recovery, and performance enhancement.

SBDC (Small Business Development Center)

February 25, 2025



Gregg Bostick, Director of the Tennessee Small Business Development Center, celebrates the opening of their new location off Sherill Boulevard alongside colleagues, town and city officials, and members of the business community. The center provides free expert guidance, resources, and support to help small businesses start, grow, and thrive.

Sherwin-Williams

February 26, 2025



Manager Noah Corbett stands ready with the scissors alongside his colleagues, District Manager Ossie Apategui, and members of the community to celebrate their store at 909 Osprey Point Lane. The store offers high-quality paint, supplies, and stains to bring creative visions to life.

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!

First Horizon Bank has established a \$25,000 scholarship endowment with **Roane State Foundation** to support students in nursing and health sciences. This investment helps traditional and adult learners complete their degrees, strengthening East Tennessee's health-care workforce. Learn more at roanestate.edu/foundation.

True Metal Supply is excited to announce that they have expanded with the opening of their new manufacturing facility & showroom in Asheville, NC! They are bringing same-day service on 20+ colors of metal roofing, siding and custom trim to Western North Carolina. Stop by their new Asheville facility at 111 Edgewood Rd S, Asheville, NC 28803, or give them a call at (828) 800-TRUE!

Design Decor Knoxville is your top destination for luxury Easter decor! From decorative eggs to charming bunnies and lush spring wreaths, they have everything to style the season. Visit them at 6217 Baum Dr., Knoxville, or shop online for the best Easter collection in town!

Need to share your message, but hate being on camera? **Sherwood Media** provides executive-level communication coaching and story-driven video production for businesses and nonprofits. They will give you an empowering, conversational experience on camera, drawing out your passion to create a video that truly represents your mission and vision. Visit www.sherwood.media

Pellissippi State's Career Development office connects students with local employers for job shadowing, internships, and employment opportunities. Through career fairs, mentoring events, and job postings on Handshake, they bridge the gap between education and the workforce. Employers can also collaborate with faculty or support students through Career Closet donations. Learn more: pstcc.edu/career-development.

Net3 IT recently partnered with CedarBrook Outreach for a February Serve Day, focusing on reorganizing the food pantry and deep cleaning training sites. Their team worked diligently to ensure a well-organized pantry and spotless facilities for the community. Check out Net3 IT at www.net3it.com.

New Member

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by chamber staff, Ambassadors, Board, and other partners.

No cost to attend but space is limited! Visit farragutchamber.com > Events > April 1 event link.

Non-Profit Showcase

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- Roane State Community College Foundation
- The Dream Connection
- Volunteer Ministry Center
- Emerald Youth Foundation
- Bridge Refugee Services
- Shangri-la Therapeutic Academy of Riding
- The Connection Center at Cokesbury
- Humane Society Tennessee
- American Museum of Science & Energy
- Alzheimer's Association TN
- Harbours Gate

Attendees can register at farragutchamber.com > Events > March 27 event link.

Expo

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of the public can pre-purchase 2 tickets for just \$5 ahead of the event. Entry will be \$5/person at the door of the event, regardless of membership status. Credit/debit card only. No cash.

Limited booths remain and are now open for reservation by both member and non-member businesses! Standard booths are \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members. Member businesses also have the option to be included in the swag bags for attendees; those with a booth can add this option on for just \$50 or pay \$100 to have their items inserted in the bags without having an Expo booth. Up to 300 items (coupons, flyers or promotional products) must be delivered to the chamber by April 1.

Register to attend or reserve one of the last booths at the 2025 Business Expo (April 23 at Rothchild Event Center, 1:00pm to 6:00pm) by visiting farragutchamber.com > Events > EXPO.

Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in February!

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

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Harbours Gate is a Louisville, TN-based outreach dedicated to restoring hope, healing, and purpose in distressed communities. By building trust and providing resources, they empower individuals, children, and families, helping youth pursue dreams and adults overcome challenges for lasting transformation. Visit <http://www.harboursgate.org> or call (865) 679-8610.



Peace of Mind at Home is a non-profit organization created to help bring peace and comfort to cancer patients in the Greater Knoxville area. They can bring relief to caregivers and patients affected by cancer treatment and help them to focus on healing by removing the burden of overwhelming tasks at home. Visit info@athomepom.org or call (865) 210-0828.



Welcome to Greystone Vista Apartment Homes, where luxury meets breathtaking views of Hardin Valley and distant mountains. Their one, two, and three-bedroom apartments feature high-end finishes like granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, 9-foot ceilings, custom cabinetry, and more. Visit <http://www.greyston-evista.com> or call (865) 690-7762.



Thank You for Renewing Your Membership!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of February 2025. We can 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. We also hope that area residents recognize a business's commitment to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.

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



Knox County Mayor's Office

Thank you for your Admiral Elite Enterprise Membership!



His Security & Technology LLC

Thank you for your Anchor Enterprise Membership!

- CADES
- AA-Air Company
- A-List Video Solutions
- Bridge Refugee Services
- Captive Resources
- Chick-fil-A
- Chuck Carringer Executive Coaching LLC
- Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors, Inc.
- Eden Family Chiropractic
- Euphoric Cheese Shop
- Family Meal
- First Citizens Bank - Campbell Station

- Fitness Together - Farragut
- Fox 43 - Jessica Jefferson
- Fox Den Country Club
- Gillenwater Flooring
- Gravity Networks, LLC
- Kara Hudgens Photography Co.
- Knoxville Aging In Place, Inc.
- Knoxvilleareas.com
- Mclain's Painting
- Miser Wealth Partners, LLC
- New Hope Healthcare Institute, LLC
- Peach Cobbler Factory

- PIRTEK Knoxville
- Promo Depo
- Seeds of Change, LLC
- Skintentional Beauty Spa
- Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, Inc.
- Stonebridge Advisors
- The Insurance Group
- The Web Mavericks
- Thrive Physical Therapy - Hardin Valley
- Tropical Smoothie Cafe
- Turning Knox Rental

Calendar of Events: March 2025

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.tsfdc.org/request-advising/ to pre-schedule.

March 12th • 6p
West Young Professionals Networking
"March Madness Trivia"
35 North Bar & Grill,
11321 Kingston Pike, Farragut 37934

March 20th • Noon
Happy Health & Wellness
Welcome to Our Community
Ribbon Cutting
9125 Cross Park Dr., Ste 150, Knoxville 37923

March 27th • 8a
Non-profit Member
Networking Showcase
Farragut Community Center,
239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut 37934

March 18th • 11a
Old National Bank
Welcome to our Community
Ribbon Cutting
10820 Kingston Pike, Ste 12, Knoxville 37934

March 25th • 4p
Net3 Information Technology
New Location Ribbon Cutting
2575 Willow Point Way,
Ste 109, Knoxville 37931

April 2nd • 11a
Fox Muscle & Joint 5th
Anniversary Ribbon Cutting,
9051 Executive Park Dr.
Ste 600, Knoxville 37923

Would your business love to host one of our popular weekly networkings? Members can do just that! Call us at (865) 675-7057 to learn more or to book for this year!