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## Annual Biz Expo from Farragut West Knox Chamber April 23

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Whether a newcomer to Farragut and Knox County or just want to find out about the area’s businesses, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce is hosting its 3rd Annual 2025 Business Expo. Presented by Slamdot, the Expo will take place

from 1 to 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, in Rotchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike. “We are striving to do it every spring to counter-balance our fall annual auction fundraiser,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. “We did extend the time of the Expo to start an hour earlier ... so more people could stop by and attend and network in conjunction with their lunch hour.”

“This year, we really want members to come and meet everybody, so if Chamber members pre-register to attend, there is no cost,” she added. “But they have to be logged into their member portal to be able to access that.” For non-members, people in the community, pre-

**See BIZ EXPO on Page 3A**

## Cancer Awareness with FHS baseball

### Meredith family spotlighted



**Photos by Alan Sloan**

To properly honor Farragut High School baseball’s annual Cancer Awareness Game late last week, Casey Meredith was asked to throw out the first pitch. Her son, Admirals sophomore Braiden Meredith (**together, left**), caught mom’s strong toss to the plate (**far left**) during a pre-game ceremony before the contest at FHS’s The BallPark at Farragut/John Heatherly Field versus Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett Friday evening, April 4. Jeff Meredith, Casey’s husband and Braiden’s father, lost his courageous battle with cancer only a few weeks ago. (**Above**) Each Admirals coach and player held up a paper sign — while lined up along the first base line during the ceremony — telling of a relative or friend battling cancer who is in their prayers and thoughts. Each FHS coach and player also wore pink socks in honor of the awareness effort.

## New, full intersection coming for Old Stage Road; subdivision

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A new West Mills subdivision and two commercial lots, abutting Fox Den subdivision and next to Dollar General Store along Kingston Pike, has a new entrance proposed. The developers are proposing to locate the access to the subdivision on Kingston Pike, directly across Old Stage Road. They reviewed their plans during a Town Staff/Developer meeting Tuesday, April 1. “The commercial portion of the site will be reviewed separately as part of a site plan review,” Assistant Town Community Development director Bart Hose said. “Only the new street and associated grading and utilities that come through the commercial portion are being reviewed with this preliminary plat.” As part of the staff’s comments, Hose replied, “Please, include all information required for a preliminary plat and combine all required sheets into one set of plans.” He also advised the developers to include the traffic signal (at Old Stage Road and Kingston Pike) as part of the project. Two years ago, Schaad Company, developers of the property at 12413 and 12501 Kingston Pike, proposed its subdivision and commercial structures on the 14.5-acre property, which is west of the Dollar General

Store. At that time, however, their plan called for placing an access road from the proposed subdivision to Champion’s Point in the Fox Den subdivision. After hearing Fox Den residents’ objections to the plan, Farragut Municipal Planning Commissioners advised them to “go back to the drawing board” with its preliminary plat concerning the access. “The property does have two different access options: one was on Champions Point,



Shipley

## Town Hall set to open April 21

### 1 week after Open House; ribbon cutting April 24 plus BOMA return

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Town of Farragut staff will host an open house at the newly-renovated Farragut Town Hall (11408 Municipal Center Drive) from 4 to 6 p.m., Monday, April 14. “The open house will be a unique opportunity for the public to view all of the renovated space, including interior offices,” a Town press release stated. “Staff members will be present to answer questions and help visitors navigate the new floorplan. The Farragut Museum will be open during the event, but installation of artifacts will be incomplete.” Town Hall will open for business beginning Monday, April 21. The Farragut branch of the Knox County Clerk’s and Trustee’s Office will reopen the same day in a new location on the first floor of Town Hall. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen will cut the ribbon on the renovated Town Hall at 5 p.m., Thursday, April 24. The ceremony will precede the first board meeting held at Town Hall since mov-

### Bentley reportedly improving at Vanderbilt

• Bentley White, an 8-year-old boy from Farragut who was critically injured when flying debris hit the family vehicle in Ballard County, Kentucky, during recent severe storms in the southeast last week, is reportedly improving. The child, at last report, remained in critical condition after emergency brain surgery at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville Thursday, April 3.

The Whites reportedly were traveling in Kentucky on their way to Missouri when trying to find shelter from the storms at a church in Ballard County. Instead, their car was crushed by flying debris. Other family members reportedly received only minor injuries. The family also has started a GoFundMe to help with Bentley’s medical expenses.

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# FUD updates to be found along South Hobbs Road, as FMPC gives green light

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Some Farragut homeowners in the areas along the east and west side of South Hobbs Road can expect to see First Utility District trucks and equipment in their neighborhoods in the near future.

Farragut Municipal Planning Commission approved FUD’s sanitary sewer upgrade plans during FMPC’s meeting Thursday, March 20.

The work is being done to existing sanitary sewer easement at the address range in front of Renaissance | Farragut development and extending to just west of South Hobbs Road, according to Farragut Community Development director Mark Shipley.

“This maintenance-related project involves replacing and upgrading an existing section of sanitary sewer line within mostly an existing sanitary sewer easement between 12744 and 12900 Kingston Pike,” Shipley said, adding the upgrades are being done because that area is growing with developments.

He explained the project involves removing and replacing an existing sanitary sewer line because “the existing line is undersized for the additional construction that is occurring in the general area.

“This section of line serves an area that extends to the I-40/75 Interstate at the Watt Road interchange and west to the Garnett Hills subdivision in Loudon County,” Shipley added. “A right-of-way permit has been applied for and the Town’s engineering staff will be working with FUD on coordinating the project.

“The work will require the existing sewer line to be removed, and the new sewer line to be added in the same trench. The sewer line section near South Hobbs Road will be shifted slightly to the north to provide better separation from the bridge and the creek.”

It will need to be contained “in a new sanitary sewer easement,” Shipley said. “The remainder of the work will be within an existing sanitary sewer easement.”

- Various subject-to’s**
- Regardless, the approval is subject to the following:
  - Obtaining a right of way permit from the Town’s Engineering Department.
  - Coordinating erosion and traffic control with the Town’s Engineering Department.
  - Providing a copy of the new easement needed for the South Hobbs Road section.

**KUB gets approval**

In similar action, the Board approved Knoxville Utility Board’s request for KUB to extend 720 feet of a 2-inch gas main line along a portion of Red Mill Lane to serve a property at 630 Red Mill Lane, where a house is being built.

KUB representative Gordon Watson said a new 2-inch medium-density polyethylene gas main will be extended roughly 720

See FUD-SOUTH HOBBS on Page 3A

# KCSOreports

• At 11:27 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, Knox County Sheriff’s Office units responded to Tennova Turkey Creek Medical Center, 10820 Parkside Drive, “in response to a report of a suspicious individual in the parking lot ... described as a white male looking into vehicles and pulling on door handles,” the KCSO report stated.

“Upon arrival, officers met with security personnel, who requested the individual be removed from the property,” the report further stated. “Officers observed the male walking

through the parking lot and made contact with him. When questioned about his presence on the premises, (suspect) was unable to provide a clear reason for being there and (said) he was homeless.”

Suspect was told he was trespassed from the property, unless in need of medical attention, and at first he complied and left.

However, “later that evening, officers observed (suspect) back on the premises.” He was arrested for criminal trespassing and public intoxication.

# presstalk

• I noticed the new Aubrey’s is open in Lenoir City/Tellico (Village). Wouldn’t it be great to have an Aubrey’s in Farragut? We used to have one. I don’t know what happened; whether (Town officials) frustrated the owner of Aubrey’s or what, but it sure would be nice to have Aubrey’s back in Farragut.

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And again, the Fifth/Third bank that got denied to go in front of the Village Green shopping center: it was shocking Fifth/Third bank was turned down. They went to the Knoxville side of Turkey Creek. (Town officials) need to be more receptive to new businesses (attempting) to come into Farragut. We’re losing too many.

# towncalendar

• Forget Me Not Race, a loop from Planet Fitness in Village Green shopping center through Village Green subdivision in Farragut, is an in-person race also with a virtual option.

The goal is to raise awareness and funds to eliminate dementia, a devastating disease. Come and join by racing in memory of legendary UT Lady Vols Basketball head coach Pat Summitt.

Fifteenth Annual Forget Me Not 5k/10k/1-Mile Race will be held starting at 8 a.m., Saturday, April 12: 8 a.m. for 10k; 8:30 a.m. for 5k; 8:30 a.m. for 1-Mile. Registration and entry fee: \$30 for 5k, \$40 for 10k and \$25 for 1-Mile per participant.

Race benefits The Pat Summitt Clinic at The University of Tennessee Medical Center

for Research in Knoxville.

Each participant will receive an official Forget Me Not Race T-shirt. Only registered participants will receive a T-shirt and be qualified for prizes. Additional giveaways and more also are included.

Participants can pick up their packets/shirts from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, April

11, at Little Joe’s Pizza, 13100 Kingston Pike in Farragut.

Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in the 5K and 10K, plus participant awards for 1 Milers.

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“This is open to the public,” Blaylock said. “So, if you’re just a new resident and you want to come and see what businesses are here, you can pre-register two (people) for \$5.”

“On the day of the Expo, at the door, everybody is \$5, member or non-member,” she added. “The first 300 people in the door will get a swag bag full of treats from some of our sponsors. Members can add on the swag bag feature at a fee.”

“Also, business members who are not able to be at the Expo, even if they don’t have a booth, can pay \$100 to get stuff into the swag bag.”

Blaylock said the space at Rothchild’s holds 85 to 90 booths.

“We have some different booth sizes for sponsors,” Blaylock said.

Other sponsors include Junk Galaxy, business sponsor; community sponsors CertaPro Painters, Simply Magical Vacations by Amy, Lending

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The event benefits attendees, first, as a great opportunity to network, but also to “get a real good representation of what businesses and organizations in our area can do,” Blaylock said. “More than just grabbing someone’s business card, you really interact with several officials from a business.”

“Some of them have demonstrations,” she added. “A lot of them will have swag and things like that, so I think it’s a much more interactive and fun way to network and see what the Farragut West Knox business community has to offer.”



Blaylock

“Second, whether or not you are a newer resident to the area, there are new businesses coming here and starting up constantly, whether it’s restaurants, service providers, healthcare, wellness, medical providers, you name it. You never know where that next vendor you’re going to need is going to come from.”

Another positive not to be overlooked: “this is a really great opportunity to meet those people, again, in person,” Blaylock said.

“Start to develop a relationship with them, and you may just find your next favorite vendor or favorite retail shop,” she added.

New entrance  
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which is in Fox Den, and then (the other is) Kingston Pike,” Community Development director Mark Shipley said during a March 16, 2023, FMPC meeting.

“So, when the preliminary plat was up for a vote in the October Planning Commission meeting, it was denied because of the access onto Champions Point ... was deemed it would not be a good connection because it wasn’t designed on the front end for that kind of tie-in.”

Since then, the developers received permission to grade

the property, which was done, and now they presented a preliminary plat that calls for 16 house lots and two commercial lots.

On another matter, Town staff and FMPC member Jon Greene discussed a site plan to change the building modifications for a structure at 11820 Kingston Pike — where Turner Homes plans to move its office — leaving 11542 Kingston Pike. The new Kingston Pike location formerly was a O’Charley’s Restaurant before it became a bank. It has been vacant.

“They are proposing to take out the drive-thru” and enclose that space, Hose said.

FUD-South Hobbs  
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feet on the south side of Red Mill Lane.

“This project will be completed by the KUB crew and use directional boring within the existing public right of way of Red Mill Lane,” Shipley said.

The approval for the extension also came with the following conditions:

- Obtaining a right-of-way permit from the Town’s Engineering Department.
- Coordinating erosion and traffic control with the Town’s Engineering Department.

Town Hall  
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ing to Farragut Community Center in January 2024.

“This was the first renovation since Town Hall was completed in 1991,” the release stated.

“All renovations and new furnishings were paid for with funding received through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. Construction began in January 2024,” it further stated.

(See a Town Hall special section inside this week’s issue of farragutpress)



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Some investors try to take advantage of market ups and downs by attempting to follow the age-old advice to “buy low and sell high” — that is, they seek to buy stocks when they feel prices have bottomed out and they sell stocks when they think the market has reached a high point. In theory, this is a great idea, but in practice, it’s essentially impossible, because no one can really predict market highs and lows.

Rather than trying to anticipate highs and lows, your best strategy for coping with the price fluctuations of the financial markets is to diversify your investment portfolio by owning a mix of stocks, bonds and other types of securities. Different types of financial assets can move in different directions at any given time — so, for example, stocks may be up while bonds are down, or vice versa. If you only owned one of these types of assets, and the market for that asset class was down, your portfolio could take a bigger hit than if you owned a variety of asset types.

And you can further diversify within individual asset categories. Stocks can be domestic or international, large-company or small-company — and these groupings can also move in different directions at the same time, depending on various market forces. As for bonds, they too don’t always move in a uniform direction, or at least with the same intensity — for instance, when interest rates rise, bond prices tend to fall, but longer-term bonds may fall more than shorter-term ones, which are closer to maturity with fewer interest payments remaining. Conversely, when rates are falling, longer-term bonds may be more attractive because they lock in higher yields for a longer time. Consequently, one diversification technique for bonds is to build a “ladder” containing bonds of varying maturities.

Some investments, by their nature, are already somewhat diversified. A mutual fund can contain dozens, or even hundreds, of stocks, or a mixture of stocks and bonds. And different mutual funds may have different investment objectives — some focus more on growth, while others are more income-oriented — so, further diversification can be achieved by owning a mix of funds.

Furthermore, some investors achieve even greater diversification by owning alternative investments, such as real estate, commodities and cryptocurrencies, although these vehicles themselves are often more volatile than those in more traditional investment categories.

While a diversified portfolio is important for every investor, your exact level of diversification — the percentages of your portfolio devoted to stocks, bonds and other securities — will depend on your individual risk tolerance, time horizon and financial goals. You may want to consult with a financial professional about creating the diversified investment mix that’s right for your needs.

Ultimately, while diversification can’t guarantee profits or protect against all losses, it can help you reduce some of the risks associated with investing and better prepare you to deal with the inevitable volatility of the financial markets — two key benefits that can help you over the many years you’ll spend as an investor.

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Bruster’s Real Ice Cream gets FMPC site plan nod

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Plans to construct a Bruster’s Real Ice Cream in Turkey Creek are coming to fruition after Farragut Municipal Planning Commission approved Bruster’s Real Ice Cream site plan for the restaurant to be built at 11692 Parkside Drive during its meeting Thursday, March 20.

Being located south of Home Federal Bank and west of First Watch off Parkside Drive, near Publix, Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said, “This property is actually the last undeveloped tract in the Turkey Creek development.

“It fronts on North Campbell Station Road, but it doesn’t have access on North Campbell Station,” he



added. “It will be accessed through a joint access easement just to the east of Home Federal Bank.

“It’s a pre-padded lot already.” Shipley also said the layout includes a long drive-thru, which provides significant area for vehicle stacking.

“The building is roughly 1,600 square feet with a

2,900-square-foot patio area for outdoor seating,” he said. “It will be a real popular place, particularly in the summer time, I’m sure.

“People can dine in or go to the pick-up window, like they did on Northshore Drive,” Shipley added about Bruster’s. “Or, they can also get (ice cream) through the drive-thru.

“The site plan’s pretty straightforward. They only have a few comments (the applicants need to address) from the staff’s perspective.”

All of those “are reminders of requirements we have, like letter of credit ... things like that,” Shipley said. “This area (previously zoned Office and now zoned General Commercial) was rezoned and replat-

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Dunkin Donuts  
slates opening

West store is 2nd location  
in Town of Farragut

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Dunkin Donuts is expected to open its second store at 13038 Kingston Pike, between Dollar General Store and Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors, at 5 a.m., Tuesday, April 15.

“It’s exciting,” said Jackie Schuetze, district manager. “It’s going to be a really good location.”

“It’s super exciting,” general manager Craig Norris added. “We’re hoping for high volume, and we’re really looking forward to being part of the community.”

“We do our grand opening the day we open,” said Ernest McStraw, director of new store openings for the franchise. “We normally do a ribbon cutting later at 9 a.m., and we’ll be doing 100 Days of Coffee (promotion). For the first

100 guests who come in at 5 a.m., they will receive 100 days of free coffee, but they must be here before 5 a.m. because the line fills up quickly.”

They also will be offering Dunkin swag all day.

“It’s amazing,” McStraw said about opening in a new location. “We love the area.

“We are headquartered in Knoxville,” he added. “Our home office is on Cedar Bluff Road. We also have the Campbell Station (store).”

In choosing a location, “we have a staff of real estate people whose job is to seek out locations,” McStraw said. However, he observed the benefit is traffic.

“We’re going to get traffic from people coming from Lenoir City into Knox County to work,” he added. “We’ll get people coming south ... and being on the intersection of



Tammy Cheek

Craig Norris, left, Dunkin Donuts general manager, Jackie Schuetze, district manager, and Ernest McStraw, director of new store openings, are preparing the new Dunkin Donuts to open at 13038 Kingston Pike as the second store in Farragut.

Kingston Pike and Watt Road, we’ll possibly get some Interstate traffic.

“Our locations are all about traffic.”

Dunkin Donuts has 18 vari-

eties of donuts, such as Boston kreme, caramel frosted and glazed. Still, McStraw observed the leaders in sales are its espresso-based beverages.

“We have hot coffee, iced cof-

fee, espresso-based,” he said, noting the store uses Arabica beans for its coffees.

In addition to its coffee

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businessbriefs

• Brian Yearicks of Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville, recently earned the Commitment to Excellence Endorsement from National Association of Realtors.

The endorsement goes to Realtors who have demonstrated knowledge and competency in 11 core areas of real estate practice: client service, professional reputation, real estate law, Realtor Code of Ethics, equal service to all, advocacy of real property ownership, trust and integrity, use of technology, data privacy areas of practice and financial wellness.

Drawing from the values instilled in him during his tenure in the U.S. Armed Forces, Yearicks cultivated a profound understanding of integrity, compassion and discipline.

This continues to guide him in both his personal and professional life.

• Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus, has announced the addition of Arlyn Cuccia

to its team of agents. Cuccia provides dedicated service to clients in Knoxville and surrounding areas.

Cuccia has called Knoxville home for more than 25 years, and said she is excited to share her knowledge about the neighborhoods, events and lifestyle in the area.

• Dogwood Arts has announced the recent appointment of Eddie Mannis and Cory Dickson as the 2025 Dogwood Arts co-chairs.

Since 1961, two community leaders have served as ambassadors for the organization, representing its mission with distinction and dedication.

This tradition began alongside the inaugural Dogwood Arts Festival, following the planting of the first Dogwood Trail in 1955.

As Dogwood Arts prepares to commemorate “Seven Decades in Bloom” in 2025, they will serve as official ambassadors for Dogwood Arts, advocating for and supporting the year-round calendar of events and programs.



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Bruster’s

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ted a few months ago in anticipation of this development. The buffer strip was 50 feet, originally, and it was reduced to 35 feet.”

“One of the things they’re doing with this project — to meet our low-impact development requirements since it was kind of already pre-graded and stormwater system already pre-planned — they are going to add a lot of trees ... that will help absorb the stormwater,” Shipley added.

“That is actually a low-impact development measure.”

Additionally, plans call for a sidewalk connection up to the sidewalk that stubs in to the access easement from First Watch area.

Commissioner Louise Povlin asked if there was any way stairs could be added to the bank between Bruster’s and North Campbell Station Road, adding she could envision people climbing the hill to get to the restaurant.

However, “the property along Campbell Station Road is a real steep bank, so really putting a sidewalk connection down to the sidewalk on Campbell Station Road was just too much grade to deal with, and really the benefit is minimal,” Shipley said.

When FMPC member Ron Pinchok asked about the restaurant’s front facing Campbell Station Road while the building’s back faces First Watch, Stephanie Genua, project manager for R2R Studio Inc. who represented the franchise owner, replied, “I think the intent was the majority of the view will be from Campbell Station.”

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Dunkin

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and doughnuts, Dunkin carries teas, refreshers, energy drinks, frozen drinks and hot chocolate; sandwiches, snacks, wraps, bagels and muffins.

**History**

Dunkin Donuts opened its first store, initially called Open Kettle, in Quincy, Massachusetts in 1948. It was renamed Dunkin Donuts in 1950, he said.

It now has 9,775 locations in the United States and more than 13,200 worldwide, according to its website.

“(Bluemont Group is) the franchisee of Dunkin Donuts,” McStraw said. “Dave Baumgardner is our CEO of the franchise.”

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FWKCC new members ‘LIFT OFF’



Tammy Cheek

Chris Boitnotte, left, a new Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce member and owner of CML Construction, chats with FWKCC member Ron Redfern, president of City Wide Facility Solutions, during the Chamber’s “New Member LIFT-OFF: Navigating Your Membership Universe” in Farragut Community Center Tuesday, April 1. The LIFT-OFF gave new members an opportunity to mingle with existing members while also learning about what the Chamber can do for them.

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# 35 North Bar & Grill Spring Festival

Weekend rain did not deter patrons of 35 North Bar & Grill from enjoying music performed by Liquid Velvet as part of a spring festival, which took place indoors at the restaurant, 11321 Kingston Pike, Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16. Patrons enjoyed mixing food and drink with the music.

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James “JB” Bayless,  
Liquid Velvet sound engineer



Cory Brown and Katie Clark



Morgan Thomas,  
attendee



Nathan McCroskey,  
Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy



Amanda and Barry Smith



Makenna Whitcomb



Liquid Velvet's  
Greg Mueller



Ronnie and Christina Glenn



Liquid Velvet's Johnny Aita, left,  
and Rus Michael



North bartender Courtney Hidalgo



Edward Wright and Cassandra Nelson



Todd and Lisa Rives



# It's a 'new-old opportunity' for Taylor in return to BHS

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A former Bearden High School star football player (Class of 1994) who was good enough to play college ball at Tennessee Tech (Class of 1998), Brad Taylor comes back home for a fourth time — beginning his second stint as Bulldogs football head coach in 2025.

“This is a new-old opportunity that I’m excited about, and I can’t wait to get started,” said Taylor, offensive coordinator at BHS from 2001 through 2004 who, after one season as an assistant coach at CAK, returned as offensive coordinator in 2006 before taking over as Bulldogs head coach in 2007.

“Obviously, Bearden is home to me as a graduate, and then also as a former coach as well,” Taylor said. “I think Bearden is a great place; it’s a great school with great leadership, and it has a community around it that takes a lot of pride in it, so it’s a special place,” he added.

“Coach Taylor does a tremendous job in leading and developing young men of character as a football

coach,” BHS athletic director Morgan Shinlever said. “... He is a proven winner who places an emphasis on player development both on and off the football field.”

In his first season, Taylor led his 2007 Bulldogs to what is probably the program’s best season in school history — reaching what was then the Division I-5A (biggest level) state semifinals (12-2 record) before losing in controversial fashion to eventual state champ Smyrna. Taylor was head man at BHS through the 2013 season.

“During this time, he was responsible for the most successful run in Bearden High School football, posting a winning percentage of 66 percent with 54 wins and 28 losses,” Shinlever said. “Under coach Taylor’s tutelage, the Bulldogs made six consecutive playoff appearances, (also) advancing to the state quarter-



Taylor

finals in 2010, only to be eliminated by the eventual state champion (Maryville).”

Taylor was named Knoxville Prep Extra Coach of the Year in 2007 (Region 1-5A co-champs) and Region 1-5A Coach of the Year in 2008. He also was Tennessee Titans Coach of the Week in 2012’s week seven.

“During coach Taylor’s storied first run as Bulldogs head coach, BHS had 17 student-athletes sign college football scholarships, 12 All-State players, an ESPN sophomore All-American in 2008 and Bearden’s only Mr. Football winner, which was 2010 (Devrin Young, University of Tennessee signee),” Shinlever said.

After taking one year off from coaching (2014), then serving as an assistant coach at South-Doyle High in 2015, Taylor became head coach at Karns High School in 2016, where he led the Beavers for seven seasons before taking on supervisory and administrative work at KHS the past two school years without coaching.

“I’ve enjoyed my time at Karns; everybody in the Karns community has been really, really good to me,” the new BHS boss said. “And we were able to enjoy a little bit of success at times.”

## Rare soccer setbacks in 2025

After Dawgs roll, Irish, goalkeeper hand Bearden first season loss

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**BEARDEN** — As Knoxville Catholic High School sophomore goalkeeper Xander Levins was preparing to leave for his team’s match Saturday afternoon, April 5, he told his parents not to bother coming.

“I told my parents that they could just go ahead and run errands because I didn’t think I would get into the game,” Levins said. “I didn’t even have my shin guards, so I had to borrow some from one of my defenders.”

But fate dealt the Irish a blow when starting goalkeeper Tate McCarty was injured early in the first half.

New Irish head coach Josh Martin called on Levins — and he answered the bell.

He may have been scared a bit, but it certainly didn’t show as Levins went toe-to-toe with the state’s top-ranked team and the defending Class AAA state champion Bulldogs.



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Matthew Burney, Farragut High School goalkeeper, makes a save then puts the ball in play in a Bearden Invitational game versus Notre Dame Saturday evening, April 5.

## Still a 7-2 start for Farragut soccer despite Notre Dame

**ALAN SLOAN**  
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**BEARDEN** — Perhaps the Farragut boys soccer team that beat Gallatin 8-1 in the Bearden Invitational Friday, April 4, was the real Bradley Culbreth-coached Ads team — not the one that lost 2-1 in the same classic at BHS Saturday, April 5.

With a huge Farragut edge in shots on goal, “We just didn’t finish,” Culbreth said about not scoring off of opportunities.

“One of the players I brought up from JV outplayed and outworked everybody on my varsity,” he added without naming the player. Kyle Youldon scored a short, tying goal for FHS in the 52nd minute off a free kick from Hudson Hale.

Still off to an excellent start at 7-2, “We’re still in a good place even after losing,” Culbreth said, adding the loss “is a good lesson for them as a team. One loss isn’t going to define us. We know what we can be. We’ve just got to go out and finish our chances.”

## Walk-off revenge for Ads vs Hawks in dramatic finish

**BILL HOWARD**  
Correspondent

“Classic” might be overused to describe ballgames, but it’s hard not to apply it to Hardin Valley Academy’s baseball game versus Farragut on FHS’s John Heatherly Field Monday, April 7.

With no outs in the bottom of the eighth, first baseman Travis Brummitt Jr. hit a fly ball to center field. It was deep enough to score pinch runner Eli Tittle from third, giving the Admirals a wild, come-from-behind 10-9 win.

The District 4-4A victory improved FHS’s record to 5-1 in district — avenging a 3-2 loss at HVA early in the season — 15-6 overall. The Hawks fell to the same 15-6 overall record, 4-1 in 4-4A.

Twice FHS trailed by multiple runs, 6-1 after the top of the fourth inning and 8-5 midway through the sixth. Five errors in the game contributed to the deficits.

The Admirals grabbed a 9-8 lead going into the seventh, but Hardin Valley rallied to force extra innings.

“We put ourselves in a bad situation, made a few mistakes,” Admirals skipper Garrett Copeland said. “Early in the game we can’t get down on ourselves. We gotta be able to work at it and chip away. Eventually it turned our way.”

Aaron Simmons, Hawks head coach, said “both sides were competitive. Farragut came ready to swing tonight, so did we. Both sides competed like it was the World Series, and that’s what it’s all about.”

With the score tied 1-1, HVA plated five in the top of the fourth to lead 6-1. Two walks and a wild pitch were partly responsible. But the Admirals cut it to 6-4 in the same frame — thanks to four

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Alan Sloan

Patrick Kovacs, Farragut High School junior pitcher, fires plateward versus Dobyns-Bennett at FHS Friday evening, April 4.

## Diamond Lady Ads take care of Central

**BILL HOWARD**  
Correspondent

At home on Bellamy Field against Knoxville Central High School Friday, April 4, Farragut’s softball team benefited from the axiom that “all runs count, no matter how they’re scored.”

The Lady Admirals jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first inning despite getting only two hits. Errors and shaky pitching by the Lady Bobcats contributed greatly to the five runs, and unfortunately for Central, lasted throughout the game.

The final score of this non-district game was 11-2, which

improved FHS’s record to 19-4.

“Pretty good showing,” Lady Admirals skipper Nick Green said. “Zoe (Cranford, who replaced Central’s starter after only two batters) came in, but I don’t think she was completely warmed up because she strug-

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## Hot streak for HVA softball

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The week of March 31 into the first few days of April brought a huge turnaround for what was a struggling Hardin Valley Academy softball team.

The Lady Hawks won all three games, beginning with a 3-2 victory against Maryville, then a 4-3 triumph against Lenoir

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2nd Annual Shared Visions-Empty Bowls a 4-school success

From FPS up to Farragut High



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Farragut High School senior Nick Snyder (top) took home the Best of Show award for his art entry in the Shared Visions Student Art Exhibition and Empty Bowls event at FHS Thursday, April 3, while senior Molly DeFranco (above) took home first place in the High School Division of the exhibit.

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Farragut’s four schools united to present the 2nd Annual Shared Visions and Empty Bowls in Farragut High School Commons Monday, April 3.

The event served a dual purpose: providing an exhibit for and recognition to art students in kindergarten through 12th grade and to raise money for FISH Hospitality Pantries, 122 W. Scott Ave. in Knoxville, which provides groceries to more than 7,000 families in the Knoxville area each month.

Mary Catherine Adams, visual arts educator for Farragut Primary School, said the event was a huge success.

“We had an incredible evening celebrating our talented students and their amazing artwork,” she said. “The excitement and energy were contagious, and the support from our community was truly heartwarming.

And, “we’re thrilled to share that we raised \$3,557 through the Empty Bowls portion of the event, benefiting FISH Hospitality Pantries of Knoxville,” Adams added. “Thank you to everyone who came out, participated and contributed to this meaningful cause.

“We’re so proud of our students and grateful for the continued support of the Farragut Schools community.”

Students in Farragut Primary, Farragut Intermediate, Farragut Middle and Farragut High schools had their works displayed, with senior Nick Snyder taking home the Best of Show award for his ceramics entry, “Society of Cones.”

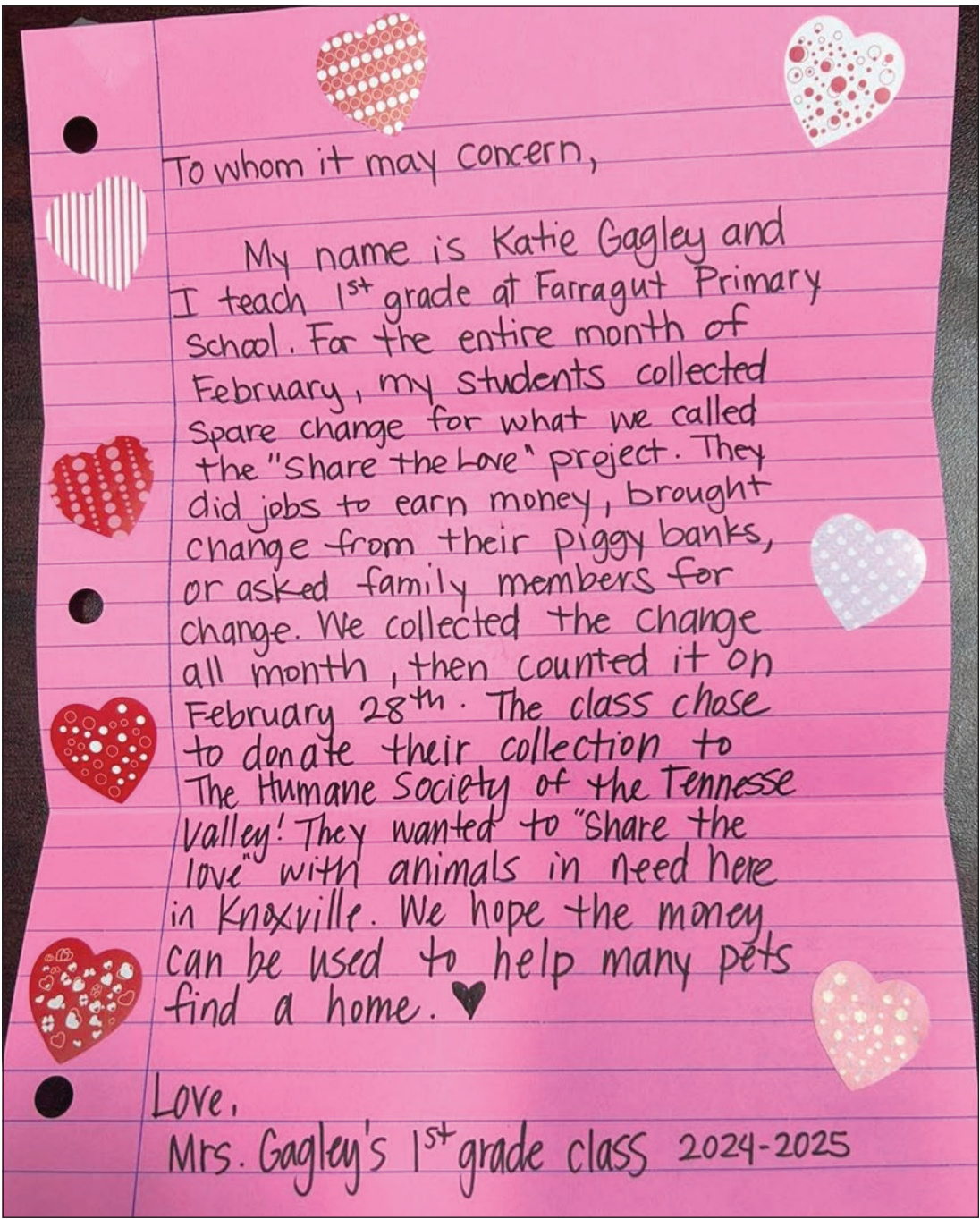
From FPS, winners were: second-grader Landon Ball, first place for his pencil drawing, “King Bird;” first-grader Bridget Leiser, second place for crayon and marker art, “Magic Land;” and second-grader Feiyang Ren, third place for his mixed media entry, “Blooming Tulips.”

Honorable mentions were Wally Carlson, Abigail Faugot, Natalie Ganta, Sansha Iushutina, Emma Mowry and Henry Wang. Their teachers are Adams and Ruth Granoth.

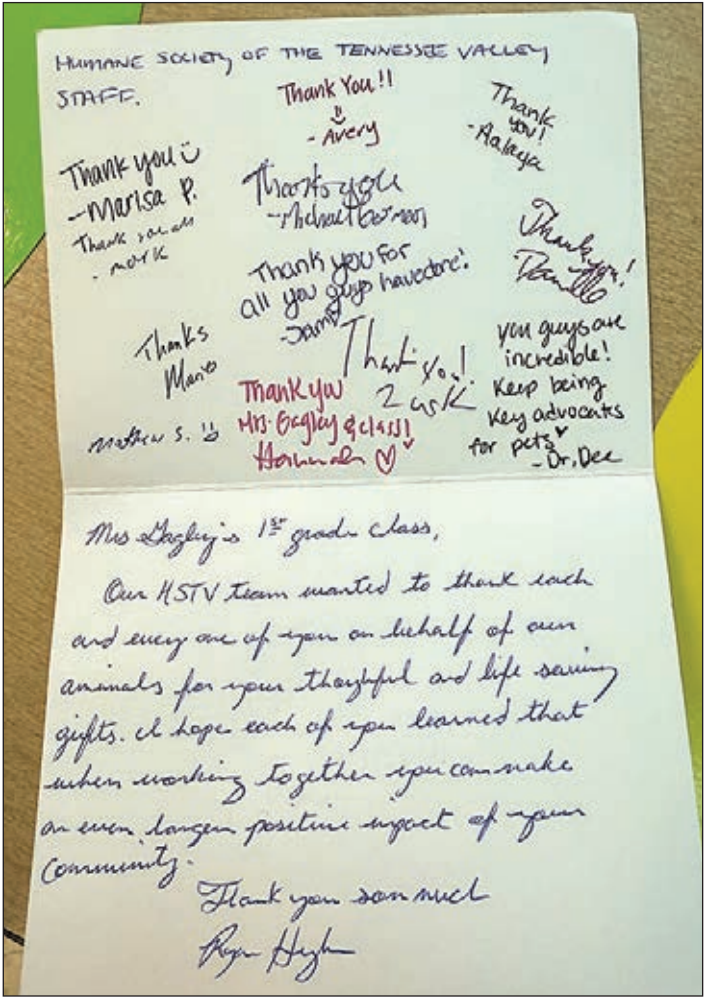
From FIS, winners were: fifth-grader Phoebe Nguyen, first place for her paper sculp-

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To whom it may concern ....



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FPS kids’ change ‘Shares the Love’

A “Share the Love” effort began in Katie Gagley’s Farragut Primary School first-grade class, as students donated “spare change” during the month of February to give to Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley. (Above) Gagley writes to HSTV about their intentions. (Left) A Humane Society response, signed by numerous of HSTV officials, thanking the class for its contribution.

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• **Farragut Lions Club Cruise-In Car Show, in Dickie's Barbecue Pit parking lot** at 11483 Parkside Drive — had to be postponed until 6 p.m., Saturday, April 19 — was previously set for April 5 before weather issues.

Cars and trucks of all styles, makes and models are welcome at the Cruise-In without charge. There also is no charge simply to drop by.

For added entertainment “beginning at dusk,” FLC member Ashley Lynch is providing a roughly 18-by-30-foot screen and a movie, the 1970s classic “American Graffiti,” for all to enjoy.

Cash donations will be used “to go back into the communities of Farragut and West Knoxville,” FLC president Tyler Hunsaker said. “We’re trying to raise funds to do more vision screenings for children, and also bringing forward diabetes awareness to the community.”

Based on his Mayor’s Choice judging selections, Farragut Mayor Ron Williams will award cash prizes to the top three vehicular participants near the end of the show.

Dickie’s will be providing both food and drinks with a visit to their restaurant.

• **Farragut Lions Club wants to spread the word about getting every child screened** who might have a vision problem.

“Vision problems affect one in 20 preschoolers and one in four school-age children,” a Tennessee Lions Club press pamphlet stated. “Untreated eye problems can worsen and lead to other serious problems, as well as affect learning ability, personality and adjustment in school. ... When a child goes blind, it’s often a lifetime sentence.

“Perhaps more unsettling, nearly 50 percent of childhood blindness is avoidable,” the pamphlet further stated.

To get your child screened, call Tennessee Lions headquarters, 615-690-8644.

Farragut Lions also ask that

Farragut and area citizens bring old glasses to the car show Saturday evening, April 19 (see previous planner item in this section for details) or to a bin at Visionworks Doctors of Optometry, 10930 Parkside Drive.

“And Northshore (Jefferson) YMCA has been taking donations for us as well,” FLC president Tyler Hunsaker said. “And we’re going to be putting a (used eye glass) box at Island Fin Poke,” 11615 Parkside Drive in Farragut.

• **Five local Farragut churches are supporting 6th Annual Posies for the Pantry Fundraiser** at Farragut Presbyterian Church, 209 Jamestowne Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, April 12. If you would like to volunteer at the pantry, contact pantry director Reneé Stone at [shephopepantry@gmail.com](mailto:shephopepantry@gmail.com) or call 865-966-9626.

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• **The Rotary Club of Farragut Foundation invites everyone to The Big Game Show** from 6:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, April 17, in Fox Den Country Club, 12284 North

## Bo, only 9 weeks old, might need OCD shoulder surgery

**Q:** My puppy, “Bo,” has been limping for a few weeks — and getting a bit worse each week. I took him to my vet, who thinks he has a shoulder problem called OCD. She wants me to see a specialist, a veterinary orthopedic, and I’m more than a bit anxious. She says Bo might need surgery, but he is only 9 months old. A.C., Farragut

**A:** Osteochondritis dissecans, also known as OCD, is an orthopedic disease of young large breed dogs. You didn’t mention what breed of dog Bo is, but the disease is most common in German Shepherds, Great Danes and Bernese Mountain dogs, although it can occur in any dog. It also seems to affect males more than females.

With OCD, the cartilage fails to attach to the bone during the rapid growth phase. This creates a defect between the cartilage and bone. The cartilage cells can die, and this creates a flap in the joint. The flap can detach but remain in the joint space, creating more pain. The most common place this is seen is the shoulder, but it can occur in other joints as well.

If a patient is not experiencing much pain, surgery may not be necessary. But for many dogs like Bo, it becomes more and more painful with time.

For those dogs, the cartilage defect/flap must be surgically removed, and sometimes the area needs surgical remodeling. Arthroscopic surgery is now the preferred treatment method and is



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# ‘Big Fish: School Edition’

## an HVA musical April 25-27

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Hardin Valley Academy theater and music students are reeling in its spring musical, “Big Fish: School Edition,” by Andrew Lipa with performances starting at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, and at 3 p.m., Sunday, April 27, in the auditorium of the school, 11345 Hardin Valley Road.

The performances are open to the public. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, can be bought on the HVA website: [knoxschools.org/hardinvalley](http://knoxschools.org/hardinvalley)

“Our big hope is to sell out like we did last year,” said John McMeen, musical director, along with John Sides, director. “We sold out ‘Addams Family’ every night, so we’re trying to sell out ‘Big Fish’ every night.”

“This is our fourth musical together and our eighth show (together),” McMeen added about his collaboration with Sides.

The musical is by Andrew Lipa, the same composer as the above-mentioned “Addams Family.”

Yet, “this show couldn’t be anymore different than last year’s musical, so we’re excited about it,” McMeen said.

He added the musical follows the story of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman “who lives a fantastical life,” and his son, Will, who “is skeptical of his father’s exaggerated stories as they grapple with family, truth and reconciliation.

“There are fictional characters, like witches, giants and circus folk,” McMeen said. “And, these are all the stories that Edward tells Will (about what will) happen to him in his life.

“Hence, that’s why Will is very skeptical of his dad’s made-up fantasy stories,” he added. “This is a very vocally challenging show for soloists.”

The cast has 44 students and a stagecraft team and tech production team of 16 total.

Jayden Sheard, a senior, plays Edward Bloom, while Edward’s son, Will, is played by James Parker, a sophomore.

“I feel great about it,” Sheard said. “It’s a really fun show to do. Edward Bloom is fun to act. He’s kind of childish, almost, even as an adult, but then farther into the show, I get to, kind of like, dive down into how he’s affected by his illness (cancer). And like, as a kid and young adult, he’s like immortal — and then as he’s older he realizes he’s not immortal.

“It’s fun to get to act that on stage,” the senior added. For Sheard, he said the biggest challenge is having to be a teen, then age 30 and age 60 — in scene after scene.

Other lead cast members include: senior Madison Lambert, who plays Edward’s wife, Sandra; Avia Hawkins, who plays a witch and “has the best song;” senior Anderson Rast plays Amos, the circus leader; senior Karl Adam Lunsford plays a giant, who will be walking on 2 ½-foot stilts; and junior Jaylor Carey, who portrays Jenny Hill, a lost love of Edward’s and also the dance captain for the musical, which she sees as her main role.

“Traci, our choreographer, teaches the dances on Thursdays and Fridays, and basically I’m in charge of learning them — and if we have time in class, I can watch (the dancers and) review the dances with everybody and critique them,” Carey said.

“I love her,” Lambert said about her character, Sandra. “I love how confident she is. That’s something I love to portray on stage. I think her story’s fun in how she gets to interact with the other characters.”

“There are a lot of fun ensemble numbers in the show ... the town people opening up the show, as well as circus folk, so a lot of kids in the cast get to be part of both the town people ensemble numbers and the circus ensemble numbers,” McMeen said.

Having a tap dance number, “that is the most challenging: for students to learn tap in less than three or four months for a show,” he said.

Sides’ stagecraft class and Steve Krempasky, who provided set design, built the musical’s set. Traci Lively leads choreography.

The musical will have an adult professional live orchestra and UT-Knoxville and HVA students playing in the orchestra pit.



Donald Dodgen was a high-school basketball All-American at Gatlinburg-Pittman, a standout forward at Tennessee Wesleyan University and a highly successful college and high school (including Farragut High School) hoops head coach (655 total wins) before overseeing lots of FHS Admirals sports success as athletic director, his current position. The new TSSAA Hall of Fame inductee is pictured with his children — all three current or former hoops coaches themselves — from left, Whitney Dyer, Michael Dodgen and Brianne McCroskey, after the April 7 ceremony.



Photos submitted

## With family, FHS’s Dodgen now a TSSAA Hall of Famer

New TSSAA Hall of Famer Donald Dodgen, Farragut High athletic director, enjoys these moments with his grandchildren right after being inducted into the Class of 2025 Monday evening, April 7, in the MTSU Ballroom in Murfreesboro. Children, in front, are Charles McCroskey and Ellery Dyer, along with Gracie Dodgen, left, and Addison Dodgen.

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Shared Visions

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ture, “Inarticulation;” third-grader Brooklyn Bigney, second place for her mixed media, “The Pumpkin Makeover;” and fourth-grader Harrison Russell, third place for his ink print, “Abstract.”

Honorable mentions were Gray Anderson, Adelina Cowell, Emy Garrett, Joyce Hu, Senka Le and Phoebe Nguyen. Their teachers are Ebru Sahin Ekici and Christy Davis.

From FMS, winners were seventh-grader Leo Okamoto, first place for his colored pencil and pen sketch, “Devil in a New Dress;” eighth-grader Eddie Luo, second place for his oil pastel, “Cat;” and seventh-grader James Ha, third place for his oil pastel, “The Feast of Bass.”

Honorable mentions were Liv Hofer, Han Kim, Leo Oka-

moto, Nazaket Oguz, Oliver Pruskowski and Clair Sustzer. Their teachers are Haley Hall and Lauren Rutherford.

From FHS, winners were: senior Molly DeFranco, first place for her monotype entry, “The Lion & The Lamb;” junior Jasmine Leuciuc, second place for her colored pencil entry, “The Budgie Branch;” and junior Rayna Niu, third place for a colored pencil entry, “Memory of a Chinese Landscape.”

Honorable mentions included Olivia Conner, Molly DeFranco, Rayna Niu and Landon Taylor. Their teachers are Wendie Love, Angela McCarter and Laney Haskell.

Along with the exhibition, attendees helped raise money for Fish Hospitality Pantry by buying a meal of soup and a ceramic bowl, handmade by art students in all four Farragut schools.

Ask Vet

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Planner

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\$1,500 TVA grant buys 5 KCS microscopes



Alan Sloan

With the support of Bud Ford, second from right, Knoxville Christian School Middle and High School vice principal, and KCS science teacher Lauren Howard, center, the KCS Science Department was selected as a recipient of the TSIN/STEMx STEM Classroom Grant, \$1,500, sponsored by TVA. It allowed the school to buy five advanced microscopes. A grant proposal from Howard was among those chosen from nearly 650 applications across seven states served by TVA. This presentation in the KCS gym happened Friday, March 28. “Previously, our lab was equipped with only two outdated, low-quality microscopes ...,” Howard said. “We have now been able to purchase and integrate six ODM401 Max Digital Microscopes by Opqppq (one bought by KCS).” Included are “7-inch touchscreen cameras capable of transmitting live images and video content wirelessly to classroom computers and SmartBoards. This real-time visualization allows students to observe cellular and microbial structures in greater detail.” On the left are TVA reps Robbie Ansary and Shannon Cook. Rhonda Smithson, far right, represented Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs’ office.

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FHS softball

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gled with her command.”

Lady Bobcats pitching in the first inning included a walk, a hit batsman, a wild pitch and an error. Senior UT signee Elsa Morrison stroked an RBI double.

“We didn’t do a whole lot offensively, even though we put up five runs and put them behind the 8-ball real quick,” Green said.

Central cut it to 5-2 with single runs in the second and third inning. With two outs in the third, Green replaced starter Ava Barnes with Hallie Grace Johnson. Johnson came in with runners on first and third, then loaded the bases with a walk before a strikeout ended the threat.

“It was a good outing for Johnson, not that Barnes pitched badly,” Green said.

“If we make a couple defensive plays in the top of the third,

Barnes probably gets to keep pitching,” the Lady Ads skipper added.

Johnson gave up a single hit over four-and-two-thirds innings. She struck out seven and walked four.



Green

Farragut made it 6-2 in the third, then pulled away with three more in the fourth.

Logan Jameson hit an inside-the-park home run to make it 7-2. Rylee Raby’s triple was then followed by Morrison’s second double to make it 8-2. Johnson’s popup was misplayed, which allowed Morrison to score and push the lead to 9-2.

FHS completed the scoring in the fifth when Amelia Dorset’s bunt scored Callie Brown,

who had singled, and moved to third on Taylor Albright’s double.

Jameson’s double then scored Alright. Twice the Lady Ads had chances to build a 10-run deficit, invoking the run-rule, but couldn’t convert.

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**FARRAGUT BEER BOARD AGENDA**  
Farragut Community Center • 239 Jamestowne Blvd  
April 10, 2025 | 5:55 PM  
  
I. Approval of Minutes  
A. March 27, 2025  
II. Beer Permit  
A. Approval of a Class 1 On-Premise beer permit for Roll Em Up Taquitos, 117 Lovell Road  
  
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I. Ordinance 25-02, 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  
II. Ordinance 25-03, 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 – Assembly Room • Thursday, April 17, 2025 • 6:00 p.m.  
  
For questions, please e-mail Mark Shipley at [mshipley@townoffarragut.org](mailto:mshipley@townoffarragut.org), or Bart Hose at [bhose@townoffarragut.org](mailto:bhose@townoffarragut.org)  
  

1. Approval of agenda

2. Approval of minutes for the March 20, 2025 meeting

3. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a site plan for site and building elevation modifications to the existing development at 11820 Kingston Pike for a new office space for Turner Homes currently located at 11543 Kingston Pike, 2.39 Acres, Zoned C-1 (Turner Homes, Applicant)

4. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a preliminary plat for the West Mills Development, 12413 and 12501 Kingston Pike and Parcel 10.02, Tax Map 152, 16 house lots, 2 commercial lots, 14.5 Acres, Zoned R-1, R-2, and C-1

(Batson, Himes, Norvell & Poe, Applicant)

5. Discussion on amendments to the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Appendix A – Zoning, Chapter 4., Section VI., Customary Home Occupations (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

6. Discussion on an amendment to the Major Road Plan to provide for street cross sections for certain collector and minor arterial streets (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

7. Appointment of Planning Commission representative for the Stormwater Advisory Committee

8. Approval of utilities

9. Citizen forum

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**FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AGENDA**  
Farragut Community Center • 239 Jamestowne Blvd • April 10, 2025  
**WORKSHOP Traffic Calming Program 5:15 PM • BEER BOARD MEETING 5:55 PM • BMA MEETING 6:00 PM**  
  

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. March 27, 2025

IV. Mayor's Report

V. Business Items

A. Approval for a variance from the distance between driveways requirement for collector streets in the Driveways and Other Access Ways Ordinance for the proposed Boring Road access associated with the 341 Boring Road Subdivision (Rackley Engineering, Applicant)

B. Approval of Infrastructure Development Agreement between the Town of Farragut and Homestead Land Holdings, LLC for Improvements to Boyd Station Road

C. Approval of Bids for Contract 2025-14 McFee Park Prefabricated Public Restroom

D. Approval of Supplement Request No. 1 from WSP USA, Inc. for Additional Services Provided for Advanced Traffic Management System Project

VI. Citizens Forum

VII. Town Administrator's Report

VIII. Town Attorney's Report

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## Ads edge HVA

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hits and a sac fly — then made it 6-5 in the fifth.

HVA built the lead to 8-5 in the sixth, and appeared to be in command. Neels Schoonbee walked, stole second, then scored when Cameron Dillon's bunt resulted in an error at first. Mason Shelton's single then scored Dillon.

Back stormed the Admirals in the bottom of the sixth with four runs to lead 9-8. Jake Harris connected for an RBI single, as did Braxton Tye and Jackson Zeller.

But the Hawks tied it at 9 in the seventh when Caleb Van Lant doubled, then scored when an attempt to cut him down at third was thrown into the outfield.

Then came the winning sac fly. "(The win) shows we have some fight in us," said Brummitt, who earned Copeland's praise after producing three

of the five FHS hits in a 4-1 home loss to Dobyys-Bennett Friday, April 4. "Our errors, I don't think their early runs were deserved that much. We out-hit them by nine (16-7). I think we deserved to win by way more."

"We gotta stay in the cen-

ter of the field and stay in the strike zone; (if so) I think we'll have success," Copeland said. "We still didn't play that great, still had five errors. We did a good job of keeping at it. It's always a good win — they're a tough team, tough district opponent."

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BHS-Irish

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KCHS (4-3-1) thanks to a pair of big late saves by the Irish’s sophomore backup netminder. Levins stoned Bearden’s Aidan Ainsworth on a penalty shot with 36.9 seconds remaining in the match. “When that whistle blew, I was quaking,” Levins said.

“My heart was pounding, but I guessed he was going to go left. I knew he was going to go left and he did.” Levins also made one last save before time expired, preserving KCHS’s biggest victory of the season. “This was really big for these kids,” Martin said. “This is the biggest win for us since I’ve been here.”

“An inconsistent performance,” BHS head coach Ryan Radcliffe said. “You have a really big win against a really good, strong Hendersonville team (4-0 the evening before). ... It was very disappointing that we couldn’t string together two good games in a row. “... Hopefully it can be a wake-up call, but we’ll see,” the Dawgs coach added.

Softball surge

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City before crushing Bearden 16-4. Catcher Alex Souders stood out in several ways: .545 batting average (including a grand slam and two doubles) and a .583 on-base percentage with eight RBI and four stolen bases.

Defensively, she threw out three runners attempting to steal. Pitcher Elsie Hatcher’s weekly stats featured a .500 batting average and .500 on-base percentage with four RBI and four runs scored. On the mound, Hatcher picked up two wins with a 2.50 earned-run average.



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## Don't Miss the 2025 Business Expo

Mark your calendars for one of the chamber's most anticipated networking events of the year — the 2025 Business Expo, happening Wednesday, April 23 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Rothchild Event Center.

Whether you're a small business owner, a professional looking to make new connections, or a community member interested in what local businesses have to offer, this expo has something for everyone. With over 80 vendors expected, the event is a prime opportunity to discover new services, meet potential business partners, and support local entrepreneurs — including those just entering the area.

The first 300 attendees through the doors will receive exclusive swag bags packed with goodies and giveaways from participating businesses, so arriving early pays off. Even more fun awaits with a sponsor scavenger hunt that encourages guests to explore the entire event. Complete it successfully and you'll be entered to win one of several prize baskets full of local treats and surprises valued anywhere from \$150 to over \$500!

Admission is just \$5 at the door, or pre-register online by April 22 to save. Chamber members and their employees can attend at no cost with pre-registration through the Online Member Portal. Non-members can also pre-purchase two tickets for just \$5 total in advance. Visit [farragutchamber.com](http://farragutchamber.com) and navigate to Events > EXPO to register.

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Speaker  
Lydia Wimsatt

from their trafficking situation). Last year, 1,152 trafficking victims/cases were reported across the state. If that 1,152 was just 1% that means hundreds of thousands of victims are still out there. ANY business that interacts with the public, goes into residences, or simply has its own employees is likely to

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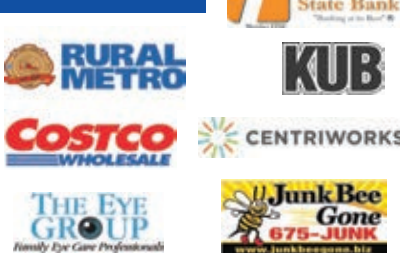
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Did You Know that April is Financial Literacy Month? That makes it the perfect time for business owners to reflect on their financial knowledge and strategies heading into Q2. Financial literacy is a critical skill that allows business owners to make decisions, manage cash flow, and plan for sustainable growth. Whether you are a startup entrepreneur or a seasoned business owner, understanding financials is the difference between success and failure.

Why does financial literacy matter for a business owner? First, cash flow is the lifeblood of any business and managing it, effectively or irresponsibly, can make or break any business at any time. Second, knowing basic financial terms allows business owners to forecast expenses and market trends, manage receivables and payables, and ensure their business remains financially stable.

Do you foresee your business needing access to funding? Whether seeking a loan, attracting investors, or applying for grants that may be available, having a solid grasp of financial concepts improves credibility. Lenders and investors are more likely to support businesses that demonstrate financial responsibility and a clear growth plan.

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If understanding financial terms is not your strength, there are ways to grow your financial literacy. Educate yourself by taking advantage of financial literacy courses, webinars, and books designed for business owners. Leveraging accounting software and financial management tools can walk you step-by-step to track expenses, generate reports, and forecast financial trends. And stay updated. Economic conditions and financial regulations are evolving. Regularly reviewing financial news and trends will help you make proactive business decisions.

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## TBAT

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interact with a potential trafficking victim--they may even be employed by that business without anyone realizing the signs that they are a victim of a trafficking situation.

The chamber **STRONGLY** encourages businesses and their staff to

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# Networkings

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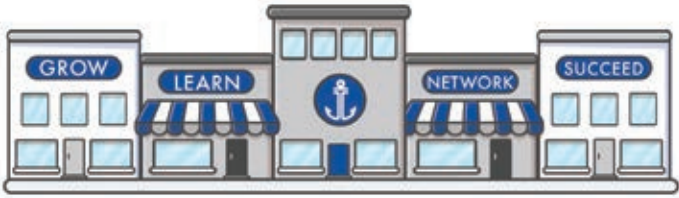


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Shine of Knoxville

Slate, Disharoon, Parrish & Associates  
Smiley Swirl of West Knoxville  
Southeast Construction & Development, LLC  
Southern Tequila & Taco Festival  
TN Pro Home Inspections  
TNBank  
TradeMark Advertising  
Volunteer Ministry Center  
West Town Mall  
Zoom Drain Knoxville

# Calendar of Events: April/May 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](mailto:Suzanne@farragutchamber.com) for a link to create your account! Visitors/Guests can register by clicking the links on the Chamber Calendar ([www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) > “Events”) and registering under “Not a member?”.*

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

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

### April 10th • 4:30p

*Business Networking with oysk3 architects*  
1545 Western Ave., Suite 102  
Knoxville 37921

### April 15th • 3:30p

*Home-based Businesses Ribbon Cutting: BeLocal of Knoxville, and Revive Collective*  
Farragut Community Center  
239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut 37934

### April 17th • 11a

*Ribbon Cutting with Christian Brother Automotive – Karns Location*  
7676 Oak Ridge Hwy., Knoxville 37931

### April 23rd • 10a

*FWKCC Business Expo*  
Rothchild Catering Center  
8807 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37923

### April 24th • Noon

*Ribbon Cutting with Knox Audiology*  
10922 Spring Bluff Way, Knoxville 37932

### April 29th • 4p

*Ribbon Cutting Grand Opening with Anchor 934 Apartment Homes*  
200 Brooklawn St., Farragut 37934

### May 7th • 11a

*Ribbon Cutting with Ash Chiropractic and Wellness*  
12752 Kingston Pike, Farragut 37934

### May 8th • 8a

*Networking with Children's Hospital and King University*  
Farragut Community Center  
239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut 37934

### May 14th • 11a

*Ribbon Cutting with Guaranteed Rate, dba Rate Inc., New Name and New Location*  
813 S. Northshore Dr, Ste 102  
Knoxville 37919