

Seeking definitions on home businesses comes before FMPC

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What constitutes a home business, and what is allowed to happen, left Farragut Municipal Planning Commissioners talking but taking no action during its meeting Thursday, April 17.

“There’s a lot to unpack here,” Commissioner Noah Myers said.

While applauding the staff’s and working committees’ efforts on the proposed ordinance, Commissioner Jon Greene observed, “My issues are people trying to comply with it and the Town trying to enforce it. ... it gets pretty complicated.”

The Town staff initiated a discussion on home occupations during an Oct. 17, 2024, Planning Commission meeting in response to growing permitting issues and citizen complaints regarding the operation and conduct of home businesses — what FMPC members referred to as “home occupations” — in residential neighborhoods, according to assistant Community Development director Bart Hose.

“While the Town’s zoning ordinance does address ‘customary home occupations (attached)’, the permitting issues and citizen complaints raised questions regarding the application of the current regulations to the range of possible home occupations and the Town’s intent and preferences for regulating such uses,” Hose said.

In addition, he said the Town also was in the process of re-vamping and publicizing its Business Privilege License process, “which was likely to increase the number of applications for home occupation permits.”

During the October 2024 meeting, the Planning Commission asked staff to develop potential zoning amendments to better address the issue, which included the use of a five-member citizen working group to provide input on the issue and potential amendments.

Hose presented their findings and recommendations on Thursday, one idea of which included “allowing low-impact, predominantly office activity-based home occupations, as ‘by right’ uses that would not require a formal permit and broadening the list of business uses that can be considered as home occupations,” Hose said.

Several Commissioners said they would be in favor of the “as by right” conditions.

“A working draft of a zoning amendment has been developed to reflect these goals,” Hose said. “At this point, the Town staff thought it would be appropriate to update the Planning Commission on the project and ask for its input on both the overall approach and several issues that need to be resolved before a final draft is presented for consideration.

“The principal zoning issue with home occupations involves mitigating and balancing potential impacts on the residential character of a neighborhood,” he added.

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corrections

• Inspiration Home has designs ready for you at its new showroom, 10670 Parkside Drive, in the shopping center behind Wasabi Steak House off Lovell Road.

The business’ name was identified incorrectly in a story that ran on Page 3A, the Business page, in our Wednesday, April 23, issue. We regret the error.

• The District 4-4A high school baseball No. 1 tourney seed was misidentified in a page 2B Sports section story/headline in our April 23 issue. The Farragut Admirals actually earned the top seed (story begins on page 1B in this issue). We regret the error.



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KCSOreports

• At 8:29 p.m., Tuesday, April 22, Knox County Sheriff’s Office units were responding to 1116 Harvey Road (Rocky Top Market) in reference to two people passed out in a Honda Accord.

Prior to officers arrival, E-911 dispatch notified officers that when AMR medical services arrived on scene, the vehicle drove off. One officer located the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop along Rockwell Farm Lane.

While the officer was speaking with the occupants of the vehicle, arrestee/driver and arrestee/passenger, the other officer “deployed K9 Manny for a free air sniff around the listed vehicle and K9 Manny alerted,” the report stated.

“A search of the vehicle revealed .25 grams of cocaine in a brown bag under the passenger seat and 3.0 grams of marijuana in the glove

compartment,” the report further stated. “The search also revealed a large quantity of aluminum foil with burnt cocaine residue, a marijuana pipe and cut straws with cocaine residue.

After both subjects were read the Miranda Warning they agreed to further speak with officers. One suspect admitted the cocaine and the cocaine paraphernalia was hers, and male suspect admitted the marijuana was his. Both subjects also advised officers they were recently arrested in Loudon County for the same thing.

Both subjects were taken into custody and transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility.

• At 12:39 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, a complainant came to the KCSO Public Re-

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Currently, the funding Shop Farragut receives from the Board annually is \$55,000, Shop Farragut president Candace Viox reported.

She said of that, \$35,000 goes toward supporting infrastructure, executive director Steve Krempasky’s work with businesses, the sign program, marketing partnership with farragutpress, website management, the Shop Farragut campaign with \$2,500 gift cards purchased and the Farragut Business Directory.

Viox said \$10,000 of the \$55,000 goes toward sponsoring Dog Daze, while another \$10,000 goes toward sponsoring Harvest Fest.

“We appreciate the Town so much,” she added. “Your support of our businesses cannot be denied.”

Viox asked the Board to return to the \$70,000 annual amount the elected officials previously funded between 2016 and 2023 so it could provide more and keep up with rising costs, explaining the cost of paying for infrastructure has “dramatically increased.”

“Restrooms, feature stage and tents have increased by 100 percent,” she added in asking for the addition \$10,000, which would be \$65,000.

The additional \$5,000 would fund the Health & Wellness Expo, which has been taking place since 2019.

“The number of health and

wellness businesses in our Town has increased,” Viox said. “We would appreciate the Town’s sponsorship of this event. We would appreciate using our Farragut Community Center to continue being the location for this event during the winter.”

On the same vein, she asked the Board to consider allowing Shop Farragut to bring back Taste of Farragut.

“The Taste of Turkey Creek completed its final event in 2024,” Viox said. “The Town of Farragut used to host a similar event called the Taste of Farragut, compete with local restaurants competing for the best food trophy.

“Its last year was 2019,” she added. “We have a bold idea and would like you to consider reconstituting The Taste of Farragut.

“We will coordinate the event, solicit the business participation, negotiate the location and procure an alcohol sponsor and food sponsor to donate so our restaurants can afford the participation. We will rename it Shop Farragut Food & Wine Festival.”

As for a date, “We can host this event in early May 2026,” Viox said.

To hold the event, she asked for a \$15,000 grant from the Town, which is in addition to the \$70,000 request.

While SF/FBA is led by Krempasky, the SF/FBA board, established in 2010, consists of 11 volunteers who are members of the Town’s business community.

Ribbon cutting

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and the cameras that record our livestream are top of the line.”


“What you can’t see is the new configuration of the staff office space upstairs,” he added. “Visitors now have one point of entry where they can ask questions or meet with staff.

Looking back, “What was designed 34 years ago was built for what was needed at the moment,” Williams said. “What you see today will carry us well into the future as our Town builds out. Our goal is efficiency for the community as well as Town staff.

“Today, I’d like to thank Cope Architecture and Wright Contracting for their fine work, and project manager Bud McKelvey, who oversaw this monumental project,” the mayor added. “Next would be the input from our staff members, who put in many hours of work to make this dream a reality.

“I will also have to mention our Town administrator David Smoak, as well as our past and present Board of Mayor and Aldermen for staying the course with the ongoing vision started 45 years ago.”

In closing, “I think we all can be very proud of the results that you see around you,” Williams said.



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lettertotheeditor Reader calls for support of Credit for Caring Act

Caring for a loved one with dementia can be emotionally and financially challenging.

In 2024, over 369,000 Alzheimer’s caregivers in Tennessee provided 499 million hours of unpaid care, worth nearly \$7.8 billion.

As someone who cared for my mother with Alzheimer’s living in Farragut, I understand the significant impact of this disease. Her annual costs, including memory care and other related expenses, exceeded \$100,000. Many caregivers have an income of \$50,000 or less and often do not qualify for financial assistance.

High care costs force many to stop working to provide full-time care, worsening their financial strain. The stress from these circumstances can destroy a family.

The bipartisan Credit for Caring Act offers some relief for caregiving expenses like home

care aides, adult day services, home modifications, respite care and other supports. This bill proposes a new, non-refundable federal tax credit of up to \$5,000 for eligible family caregivers, which can help families dealing with dementia.

As the owner of Dementia Care Solutions of East Tennessee, I frequently speak with families that would greatly benefit from this bill. Please help support dementia caregivers by encouraging (U.S. Rep.) Tim Burchett (R-2nd District) to back the Credit for Caring Act.

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KCSO Reports

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cords window to report a fraud/false pretense from Truist Bank, 11441 Kingston Pike. Complainant said her customer “mailed the business a check to pay for services in November 2024,” the report stated. “The check was to be mailed to (a company’s) Crossville branch and ended up at the (company’s) Knoxville branch. The suspect, owner of

the Knoxville branch, cashed the check ... on Nov. 25, 2024.” Complainant said the company’s vice president “was in contact with the suspect and he agreed to return the money,” the report further stated. “As of April 23, the money has not been returned. The complainant (said) there have been multiple similar incidents with the suspect, where he returned the money. “Complainant said the suspect sold the Knoxville branch in February 2025. The com-

plainant advised she has not attempted contact and left that responsibility to the vice president of that company.” • At 2:44 a.m., Thursday, April 24, three officers were attempting to effect the arrest of a subject when he resisted officers. Suspect “attempted to get back in his car,” the report stated. “He was removed from the vehicle and, while on the ground, refused to roll over or put his hands behind his back.”

After multiple instructions to do so, suspect “was warned he would be tased if he did not comply,” the report further stated. “Not complying, (officer) delivered a drive-stun to (suspect’s) lower right side of his torso. After this, suspect said, “Alright, I’ll give you my arms” He was placed in wrist restraints and arrested. • At 9:30 a.m., April 24, a complainant called KCSO West Precinct to report vandalism at McFee Park, 917 McFee Road.

Complaint said the McFee Park locked gate entrance was damaged at some point during the night. Because the video system was not operational, complainant is unsure, but believes the vandalism was committed by a driver’s vehicle. Complainant said the following was damaged: electronic steel gate caved inward; the internal action arm brackets; magnet system; and metal posts. At this report’s release, there were no known suspect(s).

State champs

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and experimental design,” Krause added. “In grades 6-12, Science Olympiad functions much like a football or soccer team, requiring preparation, commitment, coaching and practice throughout the year,” the Science Olympiad website stated. “Each school-based team is allowed to bring 15 students

who cross-train for a variety of events in their skill set; but some school clubs have more than 75 members, allowing for an apprentice and mentoring system.” More information about Science Olympiad can be found at: <https://www.soinc.org/info/about-science-olympiad> To help fund the national trip, the group held a fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, April 29, at Blaze Pizza along

North Peters Road in Cedar Bluff. Another fundraiser is scheduled for dinnertime Tuesday,

May 6, at Culver’s along Kingston Pike in Cedar Bluff, where the team will greet guests and serve meals from 5:30 to 7:30

p.m. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support the team’s trip to nationals.

Home biz

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“At what point do the activities and likely impacts associated with a home occupation go beyond what should be reasonably expected and ac-

cepted in a residential neighborhood?” Draft regulations “would allow for a range of business activities as home occupations, provided various standards and conditions are met,” Hose said.

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Rather explained a fiduciary works exclusively for the benefit of his or her client.

“Everything we do has to be in their best interest,” he said.

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~ Lytle Rather, co-founder, Rather & Kittrell

“And, you are legally bound,” Kittrell added.

Reflecting, “we have seen is a real growth in the RIA space,” where “the consumer is looking for a fiduciary,” Rather said. “That has fueled the growth.”

“People are looking for a team approach,” Kittrell said.

Additionally, they have had to help their clients weather such unsettling storms as Sept. 11, 2001, the housing market crash of 2008-2009 and COVID-19.

During those times, Kittrell said people were wondering “what’s going to happen to the world, to the country.”

“People were very scared and uncertain,” he added. “People were looking for advice. That’s when we earn our keep, is we’re showing up for our clients when there’s that uncertainty and that fear. Moments like that are when we really solidify relationships.”

The firm’s office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday. For more about Rather & Kittrell, visit rkcapital.com or call 865-218-8400.

Rather and Kittrell started the business in early May 2000 “as a very naïve 29-year-old



Photo submitted

In the past 25 years, Rather & Kittrell Private Wealth & Retirement Plan Advisory co-founders and principals, Lytle Rather, left, and Chris Kittrell, have weathered and grown from world events and changes in the financial industry to continue to help clients at the Farragut firm.

and slightly less naïve 36-year-old,” Kittrell recalled. “We started right as the dot.com bust was beginning.

“The next year was Sept. 11, (2001), so we had a few events as we started that were quite interesting,” he added.

Kittrell grew up in the small town of Oakdale in Morgan County, while Rather grew up in Farragut. While Kittrell moved away to work in the investment banking field, Rather said he “went to Farragut High School, went to UT, started in

the business of January 1988, became a (Certified Financial Planner) in 1990” and was working for a local firm.”

When Kittrell returned to the area in 1995, he joined the firm in which Rather was working. “We hit it off,” Rather said. “We seemed to have similar values. I think that carried over when we started (the joint business).”

“We just wanted to help people make good decisions with their money and be good stewards of their resources,” the

partner added about intent.

The seed to start a business together was sown when “we just sort of recognized that we just wanted to do wealth management and retirement plans, 401Ks,” Kittrell said. “We just decided that we thought we could do it and stay focused on that and do it well, and we wanted to do it together.”

“We were fortunate enough to have opportunities to help people, develop relationships,

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Tammy Cheek

Erika Toms, co-owner of Peach Cobbler Factory, learns about Nerds to Go from owner Don Dally during Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s Business EXPO in Rothchild Catering & Conference Center Wednesday, April 23.

FWKCC Business EXPO a success

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About 500 turned out to find out more about local businesses during Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce’s Business EXPO, which occurred in Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike, Wednesday, March 23.

“Great day at the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce Business Expo 2025,” a Josh Hemphill State Farm-Powell representative said. “We enjoyed talking to each and every person who visited our booth and had a great time letting everyone know how Josh Hemphill State Farm can help them.”

“I had a great time at the Business Expo yesterday,” said Dr. Joel Ash with Ash Chiropractic in Farragut. “Thank you to the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce for putting on a great event.”

“We had an amazing time at the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce Business EXPO 2025 yesterday,” stated an e-mail from Junk Galaxy. “Thank you to all the Chamber staff and volunteers who made it happen.”

“As far as myself, my team and volunteers who worked the event, as well as remarks from our board and participating boothholders, it went very well,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. “We had 81

booths register and still had a waiting list of businesses hoping to get in last minute.

“We estimate that attendance was on par with last year, averaging 500 or so, but we did notice an increase in attendees who were not Chamber members based on who was in the room, as well as businesses and individuals we had not seen in quite a long time,” she added. “Multiple vendors whom we checked on throughout the event shared that they felt their booth traffic was increased from last year, which we’re very happy about.”

Additionally, Blaylock said,

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Keys of Hope Luncheon

The YWCA Knoxville & the Tennessee Valley’s 15th Annual *Keys of Hope Luncheon* was held at the Knoxville Convention Center on Thursday, April 24. The event celebrated the organization’s daily efforts to eliminate racism, empower women, and promote peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

During the luncheon, updates were shared regarding the renovations of the YWCA’s historic 100-year-old downtown building.

Natalie Stair, Interim Chief Executive Officer, shared her thoughts, emphasizing the importance of the YWCA’s mission and the bright future ahead.

“The renovation of our historic downtown headquarters into the YWCA Nancy J. Land Center marks a pivotal moment for our organization and the Knoxville community. By expanding the Jenny Boyd Keys of Hope Women’s Program, we are not only preserving a cherished landmark but also amplifying our capacity to serve women in need. This transformation will provide safe, supportive housing and essential services to more women, empowering them to rebuild their lives and contribute meaningfully to our community. We are deeply grateful to our donors and partners for making this vision a reality.”

Renovations are expected to be completed by October 2025, expanding the program to accommodate 20 additional women.

For more information about YWCA Knoxville & the Tennessee Valley, please visit ywcaknox.com.



businessbriefs

• Cindy Bradley recently earned the Good Neighbor Award from Tennessee REALTORS, which recognizes Realtors who go above and beyond to make a meaningful difference in the community.

Bradley, a member of East Tennessee Realtors and managing broker at Signature Homes, also is founder of Sacred Ground Hospice House. She opened the

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Rather & Kittrell

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and, as we had more opportunities to help, we then made the decision to start hiring instead of just keeping it the two of us,” Rather said.

Their first addition was Jeff Hall, a key contributor as captain and kicker on University of Tennessee’s 1998 National Championship football team, who was the firm’s first hire 23 years ago.

Hall’s career in finance started in 1999 not long after his college life and kicking skills were in the rear-view mirror.

“Jeff’s now an equity partner in the firm; but when we hired Jeff, it was like we were hiring him to allow us to help more people,” Kittrell said. “What was really neat is as we hired him and then hired others, we realized, ‘Ok, not only were we able to leverage that and help more people, but we’re helping more people who are working with us ... and also the families who are represented.’

“It started with a heart to help clients, and it’s not just

helping the clients, it’s helping folks who are coming alongside us as well,” he added.

Additionally, the firm owns Tennessee Pension Administrators, which is under the umbrella of RK Holdings.

Rather and Kittrell provides two pieces of service: wealth management and retirement plans.

Regarding wealth management, R&K serves individuals and families who are going through some sort of financial transition: retirement, sold a business, going through a divorce, become a widow or widower and are looking for help.

“At its most simple form, (it’s) to help them make smart decisions with their money,” Kittrell said.

The other part of the business is “we manage right at 150 corporate retirement plans in East Tennessee,” he added about the firm’s growth.

“We helping companies ... manage retirement plans at the corporate level; but also what’s excited us from the beginning is our team has the privilege of meeting with the participants and helping those folks answer real questions.”



Photo submitted

Jeff Hall, right, a key contributor as captain and kicker on University of Tennessee’s 1998 National Championship Football team, was Rather & Kittrell Private Wealth & Retirement Plan Advisory’s first hire 23 years ago — and now is an equity partner in the firm. He joins Rather & Kittrell co-founders and principals Chris Kittrell, left, and Lytle Rather.

Expo

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“We noted that starting the event one hour earlier, closer to lunch, seemed to generate an early arrival of more attendees and that kept energy going throughout the event.

”Several attendees I spoke

to stayed for upward of two to three hours,” she added.

“Multiple people commented that the event was ‘fun.’ ‘well-attended,’ and many also commented on being able to reconnect with contacts they had not seen in a very long time, as well as the diversity of businesses who participated.”

Briefs

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hospice in 2020 after identifying a need for residential hospice care in Knox County.

Bradley also was a recipient of the 2024 Good Neighbor Award from East Tennessee Realtors.

• **Knoxville Chamber recently announced RegScale is the recipient of the Pin-**

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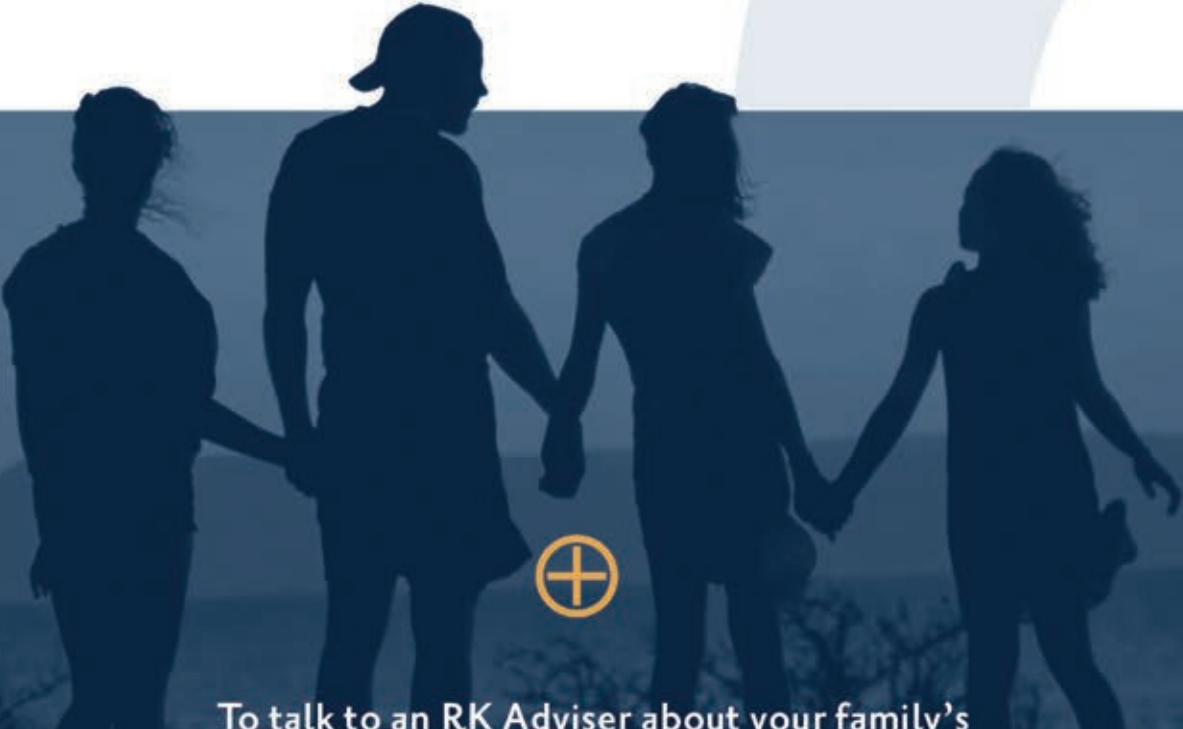
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Faith Promise Church Easter Egg Hunt

Faith Promise Church, 144 West End Ave., celebrated an early Easter on Saturday, April 19, with a service for congregation members who could not attend its Sunday service, plus an Easter egg hunt in a field near Farragut Middle and Farragut Intermediate schools.

Children from toddlers to school-aged youngsters lined up to grab Easter eggs and win prizes.

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Right: Chelsea Phillips, 1, left, and Parker Phillips, 6



1. Holston Hendershot, 6
2. June Stallings-Holder, 3
3. Maddie McDowell, 3
4. Oaklyn Sams
5. Caspian Morris, 3
6. Phillip Looney with daughter, Magnolia, 2
7. Amani Smith, 19 months
8. Emma Phillips, 1

Soccer Ads push Dawgs to OT, pks

BILL HOWARD

Correspondent

It was a soccer match between rivals that not even two 10-minute sudden-death overtimes and a five-round penalty kick shootout could decide.

In the sixth shootout round of sudden-death, Bearden's Ahmed Dkhiri talied to put his team up 5-4 in successful conversions.

Farragut then had its chance to tie it, but BHS goalkeeper Logan Nelson blocked away Nathan Henderson's pk shot, ending the match with the SoccerDawgs on top.

The score after regulation was tied 1-1, which was followed by two scoreless 10-minute sudden-death overtimes before the shootout.

BHS head coach Ryan Radcliffe was happy to walk off with the scoreboard

advantage, but didn't think his squad played its best.

"A little bit frustrating," he said. "When you score a goal in the first three minutes and then take your foot off the gas; I wasn't very pleased the way we came out in the second half.

"Proud of the effort, but thought we had one too many mental lapses," Radcliffe added.

Despite the final score, TSSAA rules call for a match that ends tied after regulation to be recorded as a tie. Bearden's record after Saturday's District 4-3A match was 13-1-1, 5-0-1 District. Farragut's record became 8-3-3, 2-1-2 in District.

"This is the rivalry game you want," Admirals head coach Bradley Culbreth said. "We came, they came. We made a couple adjustments. There's all kinds of moving pieces to what we do.

"Hats off to them," he added.

It appeared the Bulldogs might run away with the match early, jumping to a 1-0 lead just a bit more than three minutes into the first half. At the 36:44 mark, Preston Ford took a pass from Aidan Ainsworth and scored. Bearden's 1-0 lead held through halftime.

Farragut tied it with 34:04 left in regulation because of a handball penalty called against Bearden.

Franklin Von Hagen converted, tying the score.

With 5:35 left in regulation, Bearden had a potential game-winning kick hit the crossbar.

The match was physical, with bodies regularly hitting the turf — some staying down for several minutes. "That's Bearden/Farragut, that's how it's supposed to be," Radcliffe said.

For the match, the Bulldogs had 11



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Farragut's Matthew Briggs (25) battles a Bearden player for ball possession.

shots on goal versus eight for the Ads.

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10-0

Hallie Grace perfect, Lady Ads near perfect in romp, claim Dist. 4-4A title

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When Farragut High School softball is powering on all cylinders, watch out.

A near perfect performance by the Lady Admirals as a whole was, in fact, a perfect game performance by Hallie Grace Johnson, FHS staff ace pitcher as a sophomore.

Johnson, improving her overall record to 16-5 (1.678 earned run average) sat down all 15 batters from a talented William Blount line-up in a District 4-4A showdown of the district's top two teams at Farragut's Bellamy Field Monday evening, April 28.

With solid production by almost every Lady Ads batter — including the bottom of the order — Nick Green's girls blanked the Lady Gavs 10-0 in five innings to win the district crown with a perfect 10-0 mark, improving to 24-9-1 overall. William Blount, the No. 2 seed and host of the district tournament, which begins today (Wednesday, April 30), fell to 8-2, 16-11.

"Lots of thing were working well; my curveball was working well," said Johnson, who struck out three while benefitting from her defense, which included a nice leaping grab in short right-center field from second baseman Taylor Albright in the second inning.

"It was amazing to have that defense behind me," the sophomore added.

"She was doing a good job of spotting her ball," coach Green said of Johnson. "They had a lot of weak contact."

Logan Jameson, freshman leadoff hitter and starting center fielder, connected for three singles and scored two runs. Though walked twice intentionally, star shortstop and



Tennessee Lady Vols signee Elsa Morrison — team leader in all key batting statistics — smoked a double and a single

with one RBI.

Albright, just a sophomore and the No. 9 hitter, connected for a two-RBi double down the

Farragut softball set itself up in great shape last week in the District 4-4A race, which ended with a perfect 10-0 regular season record after crushing No. 2 district tourney seed William Blount 10-0 at FHS's Bellamy Field Monday evening, April 28. The Lady Admirals stayed unbeaten in 4-4A after blanking Heritage 5-0 at home Tuesday evening, April 22. **(Top)** Lady Admiral senior Amelia Dorset used a backdoor slide to make it into second base safely against the Lady Mountaineers. **(Above)** Reacting to an infield grounder was Alexa Shrader, Farragut junior third baseman, against Heritage. **(Left)** Rylee Raby, FHS sophomore catcher/designated hitter, made contact for a first-inning hit versus the Lady Mountaineers.

Photos by Alan Sloan

left field line while also adding an RBI single. "Albright had

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No. 1 seed for baseball Ads; win tiebreaker in district

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Farragut needed only to beat a William Blount team it run-ruled at WBHS earlier this season while holding the Gavs to 10 runs or less.

Accomplishing this would allow the Ads to win a District 4-4A tiebreaker versus Bearden and earn the No. 1 tournament seed and home field advantage.

Overcoming a shaky start, allowing four first-inning runs despite having ace pitcher Cole Draper on the mound, Farragut recovered well and earned a share of the regular season 4-4A crown and No. 1 seed with a 9-4 victory at The Ballpark at Farragut Wednesday, April 23.

"We did a good job kind of composing ourselves, settling in and getting back on track," said Admirals skipper Garrett Copeland, whose team ended regular season district play at 8-2, 22-7 overall. William Blount dropped to 2-8, 19-16.

Draper, whose record improved to 4-0, overcame an infield error, two hit batters and a pair of well-stroked RBI singles driving in three of the Gavs' four first-inning runs.

After that, the senior ace allowed just two other baserunners in the final six innings — one walk and one single — while striking out seven.

"I thought he did a good job settling in and being efficient from the second inning on," Copeland said about Draper. "He got weak contact (in the first inning) and we didn't make two plays that should have been made."

Singles by Neyland Williams and Jake Harris came before an RBI single by Braxton Tye gave FHS its first run in the bottom of the first. After a Travis Brummitt Jr. RBI fielder's choice, senior catcher/DH Jackson Zeller smacked a two-run homer to left field, tying

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Thirteen locals named TSWA All-State in girls basketball, boys hoops, wrestling

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Thirteen Farragut area athletes in Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association winter sports recently were named All-State by Tennessee Sports Writers Association.

Basketball girls

All-State Basketball honorees included several Farragut area players.

Girls honorees included junior wing K.J. McNealy of Farragut and junior point guard Natalya Hodge of Bearden.

Also earning All-State were two members of the TSSAA Division II-AA state champ Webb School of Knoxville Lady Spartans: junior wing Meeyah Green and freshman post Kyndall Mays, along with two-time state champ Amaya Redd of Knoxville Catholic, a senior guard.

A pair from Christian Academy of

Knoxville round out the All-State local girls: junior Cole Thompson and sophomore Maddie Braden.

Basketball boys

Boys honorees feature two members of Webb School's boys Division II-AA state champion team: juniors Owen Lentz, a wing, and Cam Swearengen, a forward.

Also named were Knoxville Catholic junior Cade Murphy, Bearden junior

point guard Justin Nordin and CAK senior wing Caden Owens.

Wrestling

Bearden junior Deameion Leavell, a third-place finisher in the TSSAA Division I-AA wrestling state meet in February (165-pound class) who was a regional and sectional champion, was the lone Farragut area wrestling honoree named TSWA All-State.

Stellar

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a really good night,” Green said. “Callie (Brown) had good at-bats. Up and down the order we had some really good at-bats.”

Eleena Ralston, sophomore left fielder, added an RBI single before ending the game in the bottom of the fifth with another RBI single.

Johnson helped her own cause as a pitcher by lacing a double and two singles, contributing one RBI.

Ava Barnes added an RBI single. Brown and Alexa Shrader, a junior, each contributed a single. Dajah Means, Camryn Shrader, Alyssa Rohn and Effy Armstrong each scored runs as courtesy runners.

“They came out hitting the ball; they hit it well — and their pitcher, she locked us down and did a fantastic job,” WBHS head coach Nick Roddy said.

Tiebreaker

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the game 4-4 after one inning.

A second-inning single by Harris scored Braden Humphrey, who connected for a one-out single. Tye then laced an RBI double.

Brummitt walked before Zeller’s two-RBI single put the Admirals up 8-4. A balk added what would turn out to be the game’s final run.

Humphrey, Williams and Harris added singles after the second inning.



Soccer pks

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“You hate to lose, but I’m a

hundred percent happy with what we did tonight,” Culbreth said about putting a scare into the defending state champs.



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(Above left) Gavin Samples of Farragut (dark uniform) goes up high with a Bearden Bulldog to carry out a header pass during this District 4-3A showdown at FHS’ home field, the Farragut Intermediate School field, Saturday, April 26. (Above) Bearden’s Timothy Styles and Admiral Lincoln Unger (3) battle for the ball.



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Aytug

Aytug, Rector are CCS val, sal

Valedictorian and salutarian at Concord Christian School High School, Class of 2025, have been announced. Valedictorian is Ada Aytug. “Ada has a 4.63 grade-point average and a 34 ACT superscore,” a CCS press release stated. “She plans to attend the University of Tennessee Knoxville in the fall (and) major in neuroscience.” Salutarian is Christopher Rector. “Christopher has a 4.53 GPA and a 32 ACT superscore,” the release further stated. “He plans to attend the University of Evansville in the

fall. Christopher plans to major in political science. “Both of these students have worked very hard and deserve this moment. Congratulations. We are so proud of their accomplishments; and they help represent an outstanding 2025 Senior class! Please be in prayer for all our seniors as they finish the school year and prepare for the next chapter in the journey God has planned for them.” Honors bestowed are “based on the cumulative-weighted grade-point average to the nearest hundredth of a point.”



Rector

‘Older’ Rocky Top #1s in state chess

FIS, FPS, Northshore teams finish strong

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Farragut schools’ chess teams dominated in the older classifications during 2025 Harry D. Sabine State Chess Team Tournament at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville Saturday, March 29. Fei Tian, president of Rocky Top Chess Club, announced the Farragut teams’ success while noting the tournament drew the strongest scholastic chess teams statewide. “Representing Farragut schools, students from Rocky Top Chess Club delivered an outstanding performance, taking first place in both the high school and middle school sections,” Tian said. The Farragut High School team, led by National Master James Nguyen, captured the top spot in the high school section with other team mem-



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Farragut High School’s Rocky Top Chess Club team took home the first-place trophy in 2025 Harry D. Sabine State Chess Team Tournament at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville Saturday, March 29. From left are Jared Li, Maggie Zhong, James Nguyen, Stephen Xiao and Bochen Jiang, with coaches Fei Tian and Fangxing Li.

bers Stephen Xiao, Bochen Jiang, Maggie Zhong and Jared Li — all former students of the Rocky Top Chess Club — who “demonstrated elite-level strategy and coordination,” Tian added. “Notably, three of the team members now serve as junior instructors at the club, giving back to the next generation of chess players,” he added. In the Middle School section, Farragut Middle School’s team “continued its strong tradition by securing first place as well,” Tian said. The winning team featured John Nguyen, Yi Sun, Jiashen J.

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(Above) Farragut Middle School Rocky Top Chess Club team earned the first-place trophy in 2025 Harry D. Sabine State Chess Team Tournament at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville Saturday, March 29. From left are TCA president Christina Mullinax, team members Jiashen J. Jiang, Jason Zhang, Yi Sun, John Nguyen, Brian Liu and Jason Hu, and coaches Kai Sun and Qiang Zhang. (Left) Farragut Primary School’s Rocky Top Chess Club team finished third in the K-3 section of the Sabine State Chess Team tourney March 29. From left are Steven Hu, Michael Gui, Jason Xu, Chloe Dong and Kayden Song.

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Young Professionals Lunch with the mayors

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Economic expansions was among the highlighted issues three mayors in Loudon County shared as part of a Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Lunch with the Mayors in Southern Bell Event Center Tuesday, March 25.

Loudon County Mayor Rol-len "Buddy" Bradshaw, Lenoir City Mayor Tony Aikens and City of Loudon Mayor Jeff Harris fielded questions during the panel discussion.

"We've got a couple industries looking at Lenoir City that I think people will be glad," Aikens said. "And, of course, it will come with a tax incentive."

"One of them is a business that has looked at Lenoir City many years ago," he said. "It's a big box store, and so that would come with a tax break; and it's up to Lenoir City government (to provide the tax incentive)."

Before litigation Lenoir City and Loudon County are involved in, the tax incentive 50-

50, Aikens said, explaining a business would pay 50 percent to the county and 50 percent to the city.

"But, we didn't do that at Aubrey's (restaurant) because we felt like we were under the gun and we've got limited resources," he said. "When we raise property taxes in Lenoir City, a penny brings in about \$45,000 (to) \$50,000, \$60,000. I think Loudon County gets \$108,000."

Being limited, "we have to look at the other expenses when we start giving tax breaks," Aikens added. "But, I feel like the town needs to grow or it will die ... I hope I will look back and say, 'We've done the right thing then.'"

"My goal is the same," Harris said about Loudon's development. "I think we will see that common theme: It's for growth. And, Loudon is a little bit different in that we have a lot more industry than we do (other developments)."

Still, "There is certainly a need for housing, which we had expanded that quite a bit," he said. "And with Tennessee National and some of those subdivisions and develop-



Tammy Cheek

Lenoir City Mayor Tony Aikens, left, City of Loudon Mayor Jeff Harris, center, and Loudon County Mayor Rollen "Buddy" Bradshaw fielded questions about their jurisdictions during a Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Young Professionals Lunch with the Mayors in Southern Bell Event Center Tuesday, March 25.

ments that's come in, there's still some more on the horizon."

Harris said the waterfront is a big development that "we're just having trouble getting moving forward with a lot of obstacles there."

"It's still a goal, still a plan to move forward with it," he said. "We're in some sort of negotiation stuff now with the current developer."

Reflecting, "I think growth and just providing the services to your citizens that you want to" are his goals," Harris added.

About recruiting businesses into Loudon, "it's all competi-

tive," he said. "You have to compete with other states, other counties to try to get these organizations to come to you."

For Bradshaw, the emphasis is on being a day trip and tourism destination.

"I think that's what we should be," he said. The county mayor also praised the relationship the county has with the cities of Loudon and Lenoir City.

"I can lean on them, and they know they can lean on me," Bradshaw said.

Looking at businesses in the county, "Viskase has been a steward, an outstanding company for Loudon," he said.

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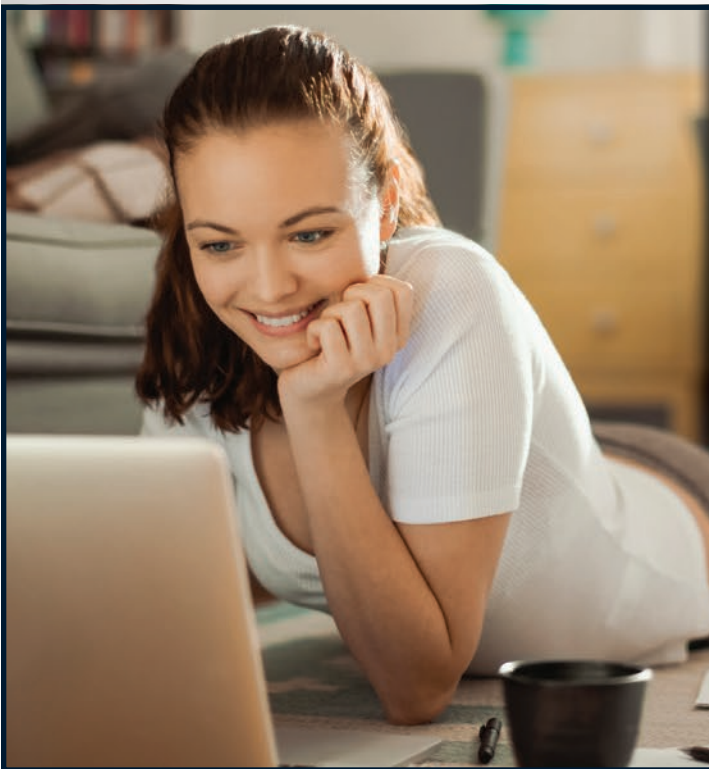
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• Tennessee Department

of Veterans Services’ upcoming Veteran Ready Business Recognition Summit is from 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesday, May 8, at Redemption Church, 3550 Pleasant Ridge Road in Knoxville.

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McCarter’s Quilt of Valor



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Carlos Reyes, right, Quilts of Valor volunteer, recently presented Concord Place resident Dwight McCarter, 79, with a handmaid quilt in recognition for his outstanding military service. McCarter, an Army veteran who served with the medical corps and drove a tank from 1962 to 1965, also is a retired National Park ranger. He was presented the patriotic covering by the local chapter of National Quilts of Valor Foundation.

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Farragut Intermediate School's Rocky Top Chess Club team placed fifth in the 2025 Harry D. Sabine State Chess Team Tournament at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville Saturday, March 29. From left are Ryan Chen, Joyce Hu, Lynzel Song and Elsa He. Not pictured is Lucas Xiao.

Top state chess

From page 3B

Jiang, Jason Zhang, Jason Hu and Brian Liu, "whose collective skill and focus led them to

the top of a highly competitive field," he added.

Tian said Farragut's younger students also made their mark when Farragut Primary School finished third in the K-3

section. Team members were Chloe Dong, Jason Xu, Michael Gui, Kayden Song and Steven Hu.

Farragut Intermediate School placed fifth in the K-5

section. Team members featured Elsa He, Ryan Chen, Lucas Xiao, Joyce Hu and Lynzel Song.

Northshore Elementary School's chess team, a newly

formed group, placed 11th overall.

That team consisted of Lucas Li, Anvith Srichinta, Zane Tenry and Loudon Doss. Lucas Li and Zane Tenry.

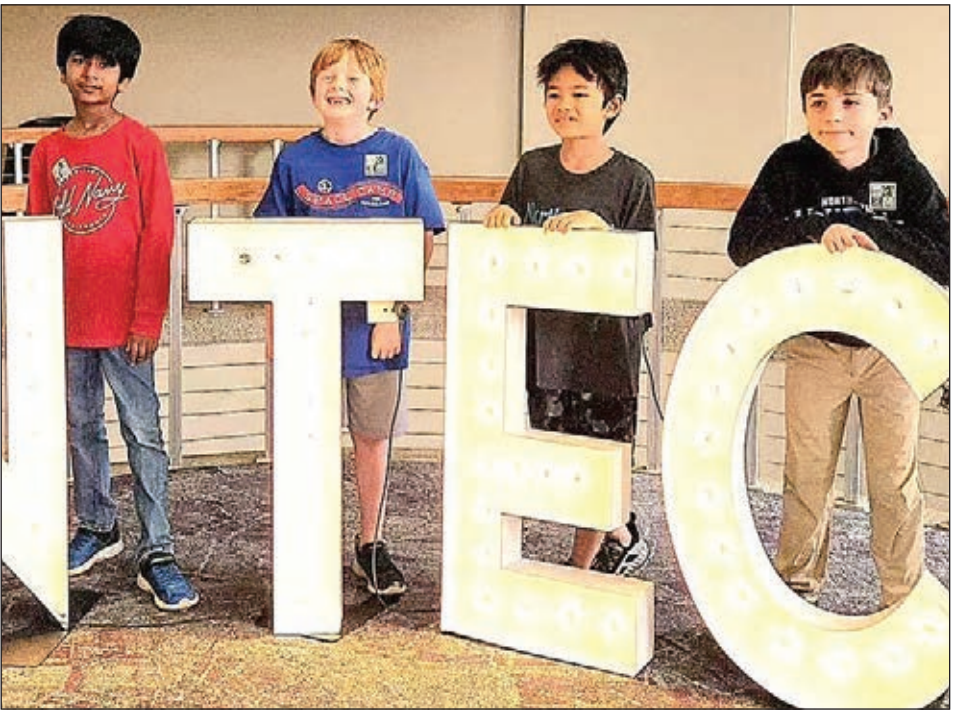


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Northshore Elementary Knights Chess Team members claimed 11th overall in the 2025 Harry D. Sabine State Chess Team Tournament, which took place at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville Saturday, March 29. Team members, from left, are Anvith Srichinta, Loudon Doss, Lucas Li and Zane Tenry.

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FHS World Cultures Day highlights many nations



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From Korean culture to life in Ecuador, numerous worldwide cultures were featured in Farragut High Commons earlier this spring during annual FHS World Cultures Day. **(Far left)** Allison Maldonado, FHS faculty advisor for National Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society, at the Ecuadorian table with students Jay

Stone, left, and Cayden Crouchet. **(Second, left)** Ethiopia was represented, from left, by students Selam Mengesha and Kalkidan Amede and Kalkidan’s mom, Amsale Amede. **(Third, left)** Representing Spain were Willy Brumel Domingo and Neus Domingo Marimon. **(Far right)** Poland was represented by Ania Ferrari.

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