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Final nod for pickleball at MBL Park: BOMA

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Citizen attendee applause broke out after Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously on a contract to construct the new pickleball courts at Mayor Bob Leonard Park for a cost under budget during its meeting in Town Hall Thursday, May 8.

"It's been almost three years in the making, but this Board just fixed a problem by voting to move pickleball where it should not bother others," Brass Lantern resident George Ellis said.

"As you all know, the pickleball situation at McFee Park has been well-documented and discussed at both Parks and Athletics Council meetings and Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings," Parks and Recreation manager Ron Oestreich said.

During those meetings, the Board and Council discussed closing the north courts at McFee for pickleball, use of the courts by reservation and the multiple design discussions of a new complex at MBLP.

Regarding the new plans, "the Town of Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen requested pricing for a nine-court pickleball complex to be constructed

at Mayor Bob Leonard Park, where soccer field No. 6 is currently," Oestreich said. "The new pickleball complex would consist of nine courts, LED lighting, interior and exterior fencing, two handicap parking spaces and an exterior shaded seating area. The budget for this project is \$1,450,000."

He added the qualifying bids came in on April 10. Oestreich said the Town received two bids: Base-line Sports Construction, which bid \$856,742 with an alternate of \$36,000 to resurface the tennis courts

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TPO Mobility Plan: Town, Hardin Valley revamps '40 thru '50

STAFF REPORTS
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(Final of two parts featuring 2040 to 2050 improvements)

Farragut and Hardin Valley road improvements are prominent in long-range planning for the next quarter century in Knoxville Regional TPO Mobility Plan 2050, which was adopted by its Executive Board at its meeting Wednesday, April 30.

- 2040: Interstate 40/75 Interchange to and from Campbell Station Road, 5.3 miles, widen from six to eight lanes; \$60,239,768, funded by NHPP.
- 2040: Interstate 40/75 Interchange to and from Campbell Station Road, 0.4 mile; reconstruct existing interchange to a diverging diamond with new alignment to improve capacity, safety and operations. Project includes widening of Campbell Station Road through the interchange from three through lanes to five; \$202,275,925, funded by NHPP.
- 2040: North Campbell Station Road improvements; 3.3 miles; widening and realignment of North Campbell Station Road from 1-40/75 exchange north to Hardin Valley Road; \$41,484,726, funded by L-STBG.
- 2040: Interstate 40/75 Interchange to and from Watt Road, 0.5 mile; reconstruct existing interchange to a Single Point Urban

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Town foursome are FIRST Lego League TN champs

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Four middle school-age homeschooled and hybrid students from Farragut have teamed up as Brick Breakers so they could compete in the FIRST Lego League.

That team, made up of seventh-grader Milo Roberts, 12; sixth-grader Wyatt Walker, 12; and seventh-graders Josiah York, 13, and Patrick Patterson, 13, won the state FIRST Lego League competitions.

"FIRST has a couple of different programs," said Megan Roberts, mother of Milo Roberts and a co-coach. "They do FIRST Robotics Competition at (Aerospace Robotics Competition) high school level. Then the middle school level is FIRST Lego League. "And, they just went all the way up the ranks," she added. "We got a local regional (competition) in December (2024 in Jefferson Middle School in Oak Ridge) and we did well there."

Roberts said the team earned second place regionally, but still was able to compete at the state level.

"That's what motivated them," she said about team members elevating their performance. "They saw exactly where they could improve and they worked really hard to improve."

The team competed in February in the state event at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville and won the championship.

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'Watt' fun they have



'Rodeo' draws 180 kids

(Above) Peter Morrissey, 5, is all smiles while participating in Farragut's annual Bob Watt Fishing Rodeo for area children, which took place in the waters of Fort Loudoun Lake at Anchor Park Saturday morning, May 10. (Left) Max Dresen helps his son, Teddy, 3, prepare to cast his line. Town officials said 180 children ages 18 months through 10-year-olds participated in two sessions. (See more photos and more Rodeo details, including a list of winners, on West Side Faces, page 6B).

Photos by Tammy Cheek

FHS one of nine back-to-back STEM state awardees

• Tennessee Department of Education announced Thursday, May 8, that Farragut High School received the STEM designation — which recognizes excellence in delivering high-quality, integrated education related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

In fact, FHS became a two-time recipient of the STEM designation, joining just eight other schools statewide to accomplish "repeat" success.

Only three other Knox County Schools have ever received this designation.

FHS and the other honorees "serve as models for other schools across the state, as they reflect dedication to creating a comprehensive, student-centered learning environment that emphasizes problem-solving, critical thinking, collaboration and real-world application," a TDE press release stated.

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CIP road projects vote May 15; public asked to respond

This Thursday, May 15, at 6 p.m. in the Farragut Town Hall, the Farragut Planning Commission will meet to vote on the Farragut Town Capital Investment Program for years 2026 to 2031.

This is the first opportunity for Town residents to speak to the issues. Up until now there have only been non-voting workshops where residents were not allowed to participate.

There are \$36,257,000 of road projects that may affect where you live and may not meet your approval.

Letter to the editor

The meeting packet is online: https://www.townoffarragut.org/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_05152025-1583

The summary starts at page 11. Key road projects you should observe and request more information on follow: some of these are poorly worded and not properly descriptive of what they actually do.

Page 35, Sonja Drive Admiral Road Multi-Modal Road Improvements, \$1,375,000 (this has been removed from the town strategic plan and is highly contested by residents).

Page 40, Turkey Creek Road Greenway renamed to Turkey Creek Road Multi-Modal Im-

provements, \$2,500,000 (this is in court and has been removed from the Rown Strategic Plan; it is highly contested).

Page 41, Union Road Multi-Modal Improvements, \$7,900,000 (this is not very clear, but it does have a greenway and what appears to be bicycle lanes).

Page 42, Watt Road Roundabout, \$850,000 (the trucks scales on I-40/75 are being moved; that was a major reason for this project. It is not needed now).

Page 43, Virtue Road Multi-Modal Improvements

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KCSO reports

• At 4:56 p.m., Friday, May 2, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit responded to Ingles, 11847 Kingston Pike, in reference to a male trespassing on the property.

"I spoke with the co-manager of Ingles and complainant, (who) asked that I complete a trespassing report for a homeless male located at the backside of the business who was setting up a 'camp,'" the report stated.

"I located the homeless male and I identified him," the report further stated. "... I advised (him) he is trespassed from Ingles and he cannot return or he will be arrested for trespassing. I observed (suspect) gather his belongings and leave the scene.

• At 12:06 p.m., May 2, a KCSO detective received an APS referral for a victim concerning identity theft.

The referral stated the victim's identity "was used to open some type of account on Dec. 2, 2024 and was closed on Feb. 18, 2025, in which personal information was changed or used during that time frame," the report stated.

KCSO weekly reports are courtesy of Capt. Brad Hall and Amber Pressley — West Precinct (Turkey Creek)



Photo submitted

BrickBreakers members at the 2025 FIRST Lego League World Championship in Houston are, from left, Patrick Patterson, Josiah York, Milo Roberts and Wyatt Walker.

State champs

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giving them a bid to compete at the world competition level, which was April 16 through April 19 in Houston, ranking 70th place.

"It was a lot bigger competition," Roberts said. "The world competition took the top

160 teams worldwide. There're 70 countries that they pulled from. So, just being among the 160 teams worldwide was an incredible honor ... we were thrilled to be a part of it."

As for hybrid schools, Roberts explained those allow students to attend only two or three days a week — and are homeschooled the rest.

2040-2050

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interchange to improve capacity, safety and operations. Project includes widening of Watt Road through the interchange from three lanes to four lanes plus turn lanes between Palestine Lane and Everett Road; \$61,800,000, funded by 10-Year Plan/TMA.

2040: Harvey Road realign-

ment and railroad overpass; 0.2 miles; an overpass connecting Harvey Road, at Sanderling Lane, with McFee Road at Red Poppy Drive; \$19,595,480, funded by L-STBG.

2050: Construct eastbound and westbound auxiliary lanes between interchanges at Campbell Station Road and Lovell Road; 1.4 miles; \$28,232,809, funded by NHPP.



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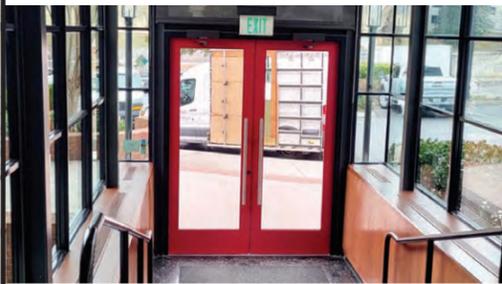
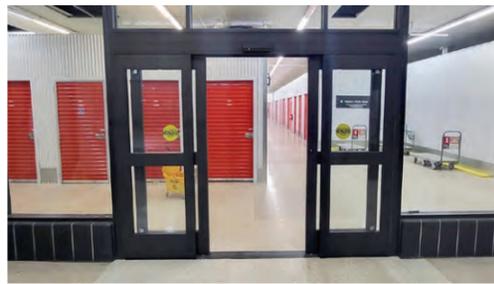
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Here are a few suggestions:

- *Are my goals still realistic?* When you first began working with your financial advisor, you may well have articulated several financial goals. For example, you might have said that you wanted to pay for most of your children's college education, or that you'd like to retire at age 55, or that you hope to travel internationally every year during retirement. In fact, you could have many different goals for which you're saving and investing. When you meet with your financial advisor, you'll certainly want to ask whether you're still on track toward meeting these goals. If you are, you can continue with the financial strategies you've been following; but if you aren't, you may need to adjust them. The same is true if your goals have changed. You and your financial advisor will want to build a strategy to address any new or different goals such as emergency cash needs, having adequate insurance protection or estate planning.
- *Am I taking on too much — or too little — risk?* Put market declines in perspective. The financial markets always fluctuate, and these movements will affect the value of your investment portfolio. Suppose you watch the markets closely every day and track their impact on your investments. You may find yourself fretting over their value and wondering whether you're taking on too much investment risk for your comfort level. Conversely, if during an extended period of market gains your own portfolio appears to be lagging, you might feel that you should be investing more aggressively, which entails greater risk. In any case, it's important to consult with your financial advisor to determine your risk tolerance and use it as a guideline for making investment choices.
- *How will changes in my life affect my investment strategy?* Your life is not static. Over the years, you may experience any number of major events, such as marriage, remarriage, loss of a spouse, birth of children or grandchildren, changing jobs or illness leading to early retirement. When you meet with your financial advisor, you will want to discuss these types of changes, because they can affect your long-term goals and your investment decisions.
- *How are external forces affecting my investment portfolio?* Generally speaking, you will want to create an investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon. And, as mentioned, you may need to adjust your strategy based on changes in your life. But should you also make changes based on outside forces, such as interest rate movements, political events, inflation, new tax legislation or news affecting industries in which you have invested substantially? Try not to make long-term investment decisions based on short-term news. Yet, talk with your financial advisor to make sure your investment portfolio and spending strategy are not out of alignment with relevant external factors.

By making these and other inquiries, you can help yourself stay informed about your overall investment picture and what moves, if any, you should make to keep advancing toward your goals. A financial advisor is there to provide you with valuable guidance — so take full advantage of it.



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Duo opens Silver Creek with heart

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HARDIN VALLEY — The Hardin Valley community has a new opportunity for dental care.

Silver Creek Dental Care features dentists Dr. Timothy J. “TJ” Hinderliter and Dr. Zack R. Martin at 1491 Hardin Valley Road, in front of Food City, that opened in February.

“I joined the team in April,” said Martin, who traveled from Florida to come on board with the team of 11.

“We are actually part of a larger parent organization, so there are multiple practices, but they are all doctor-led, so it is our practice, but we do have a managing partner,” Hinderliter said, adding the managing partner “figured out the location, signage and all the stuff that, as doctors, we don’t have to think about.”

“Our focus is on the patients,” Martin said.

“That’s the point here,” Hinderliter said. “We both have a heart for investing in the neighboring community.”

As such, they recently were presenters during a Hardin Valley Elementary career fair for students.

Hinderliter and Martin provide the full gamut of services, starting with standard crown, bridge and fillings.

Plus, “we do root canals, extractions, dentures and we’re expanding to implants,” Martin said.

“I think the list of what we don’t do is probably smaller than what we do simply because we’re set up here to try to do everything in house,” Hinderliter said.

They care for everyone: men, women and children.

Hinderliter, who has a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree, is a 2023 graduate of A.T. Still University Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health in Mesa, Arizona, his home state. He did a residency at a Veterans Administration hospital in Arkansas.

Martin is a 2024 graduate of Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine’s School of Dentistry in Bradenton, Florida.

Afterward, “I started working in St. Petersburg for a year,” he added.

“Residency is optional for dental,” Hinderliter added.

About why they went into the dental profession, “the short answer we agreed on is to make people smile,” Hinderliter said. “The longer answer, for me, is building patient relationships, getting to know my patients.

“It plays into our mission to be able to do as much as we can for as many as we can,” he added.

“Things get expensive really quickly when you start referring to specialists,” Martin said.

The office is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday; from 7 to 6 p.m., Tuesday; from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday; from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday; from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday. To book an appointment, call 865-312-7820 or visit silvercreekdentalcare.com



Tammy Cheek

Knox Audiology owner/doctor of audiology Kalyn Bradford (with scissors) was joined by her parents, Kay Bradford (front row, fourth from left) and Mark Bradford (fourth from right), along with Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members and other supporters in cutting the ribbon on her business, 10922 Spring Bluff Way in Knoxville, Thursday, April 24.

‘A step of faith’

Bradford ventures out on her own to open Knox Audiology in Hardin Valley

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HARDIN VALLEY — Knox Audiology has opened its doors to help people hear.

Owner/doctor of audiology Kalyn Bradford celebrated the opening of her practice, 10922 Spring Bluff Way in Knoxville, with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting at the office Thursday, April 24.

“We’re so glad you’re here,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. “We’re excited to open with this new member, this new business.

“Welcome and thank you for coming,” Bradford said. “Knox Audiology is, first, a mission. This is my goal: to show people how they can be cared for and who God is to me and how I can love them.

“I take care of adults, especially senior adults, who have a hearing loss and just need help in communicating with their families again, being plugged into their world so they don’t have to miss out on anything,” she added. “Our goal is just to connect people to other people.”

Bradford has been in Knoxville practicing audiology for 13 years. She was at a large ENT practice “and part of a wonderful group,” she said.

“But I felt like God was calling me to step out and take a step of faith to do this on my own,” she added.

“I went from leading people to just leading myself and hopefully navigating as well, but mainly it’s been a step of faith.”

In turn, “I can see He has provisioned everything that we have,” Bradford said. “Everything has been smooth.”

In looking for a location, “I noticed in Hardin Valley there were a lot of primary cares, physical therapies, eye centers — but there were no audiology services,” she said.

“I feel like this is my ministry, my way to use the gifts that God has given me, which is a love for science and a love for healthcare to help people where they need it,” she added. “I believe we were designed to be people in community; and when you have a hearing loss, it’s isolating. You become more of a loner, even if that’s not what you wish ... I don’t want that.”

So, Bradford provides diagnostics to “help figure out what’s going on — what the actual root issue is,” she said.

Then, treatment-wise, “we mainly do hearing aids here, but also cochlear implants (electronic devices surgically implanted to restore hearing) for patients when hearing aids are not enough anymore and they need a surgical intervention,” Bradford said. “I work with the main cochlear implant surgeon in town, and I can do the programming — or what we call mapping — for cochlear implants.”

Knox Audiology is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Wednesday and Friday. It is closed Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 865-357-5600; visit online at knoxaud.com or e-mail to knox.audiology@outlook.com



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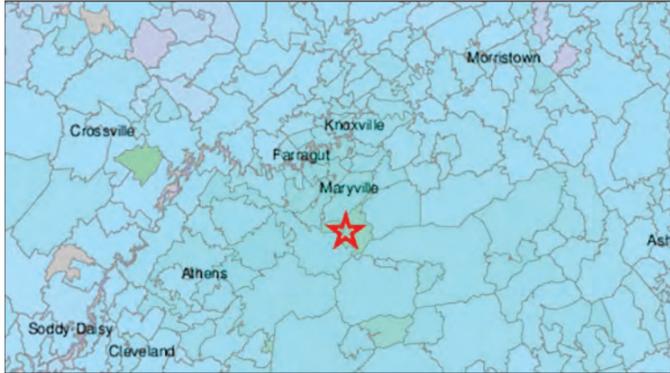
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An earthquake moment to tell?

An earthquake registering 4.1 on the Richter scale — one of the strongest locally in decades despite being officially considered light according to the scale — happened at 9:04 a.m., Saturday, May 10, and was felt throughout the Farragut/Greater Knoxville Metro area. The epicenter was said to be 25.2 miles southeast of Farragut in extreme southeast Blount County near the borders with Monroe County and the North Carolina state line. We at farragutpress are seeking local citizen reaction, such as “what I first thought when the earthquake hit,” along with the reactions of relatives, friends and pets along with any structural observations — items on shelves shaking, for example — in the coming days. Send reactions to editor@farragutpress.com

Pickleball

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at McFee Park, for a total of \$892,742, and GeoSurfaces Inc. for \$1,098,000 with an alternate of \$75,000 to resurface McFee tennis courts.

“With the very favorable bid results, I asked Ross/Fowler, the designer, about the possibility of adding additional courts,” the director added. “He reminded me that any additional land that is disturbed would exceed the 1-acre threshold, requiring stormwater, pollution and prevention plan approval.

“To do that, it would require a new set of updated plans that would likely delay the project

start 60 to 90 days. It would also require a rejection of these bids and a new set of plans and a bid process because of the much larger scope.

Additionally, “it would most certainly exceed the \$1.45 million with a rebid,” Oestreich said. “We are looking to start this project immediately and be complete by October 2025.

“In this volatile construction environment, we are pleased with these strong bids received for this project,” he added. “Baseline has a strong reputation in pickleball court construction throughout the U.S. References were checked and came back strong as expected.”

With Alderman Drew Bur-

nette’s motion to approve the bid, and Alderman Scott Meyer’s second, the Board unanimously approved Baseline Sports Construction’s lower bid, generating the applause from residents.

“Our thanks go to this Board, (Farragut Municipal) Planning (Commission) and Ron Oestreich,” Ellis said.

He also praised former Vice Mayor Louise Povlin.

“Through many conversations, Louise recognized the problem, then cemented the other aldermen’s views to orchestrate the only viable solution: moving the courts,” Ellis said. “The local aldermen’s support in this is very much appreciated.”

Letter

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\$7,480,000 (this is highly contested and appears to require eminent domain land takings on private land).

Page 44, Kingston Pike Pedestrian Underpass at Rick Terry Jewelry to near 35 North, \$765,000 (retrofitting a storm culvert to part culvert part pedestrian tunnel).

Page 46, Evans Road Multi-

Modal Road Improvements, \$1,550,000 (very poorly worded and deceptive caption fails to reveal a pedestrian Greenway; very highly contested).

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Strong state semifinal run, plus lots of returning talent, has Sachs smiling about future of FHS boys LAX; seniors praised

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Despite a 15-9 loss to Nolensville in a TSSAA Division I-AA boys lacrosse state semifinal at FHS Saturday, May 10, Admirals skipper Ben Sachs is optimistic about the future of his program.

Freshman attacker Finn Sachs, the team leader in goals this season, "is No. 2 in the nation" among freshmen in goals scored, said coach Sachs, also his dad. The freshman led the Ads with four goals in the semifinal.

Junior Brock Lockhart, team captain and leader in FHS points, added three goals, while junior attacker/midfielder Brody Gruver and sophomore attacker Alex Babb each added one goal. Gruver led in assists with two, while Babb, junior midfielder Daniel Lanning and sophomore

defender Nicholas Toth tallied one apiece.

As for takeaways, senior defender Joe Horwege and Lockhart led with two each, while senior faceoff specialist Blake Garibay and junior Moses Burnette contributed one apiece. "Garibay won over 500 faceoffs during his career, which is fantastic," said coach Sachs, whose team lost for just the second time Saturday (11-2).

Meanwhile, senior goalkeeper Baker Sandoval "had over 400 saves for his career," coach Sachs said, adding Horwege has been "a stalwart defensive player for us."

Senior defender/midfielder Nicholi Gahagan has provided "an athletic presence" who has been "somebody who's helped keep our team going," the coach said.

Looking to 2026, "We've got a lot of these boys returning next year," coach Sachs said. "I'm really excited about the future of our team."



Alan Sloan
Daniel Lanning, left, Farragut boys lacrosse junior midfielder, is closely guarded by a Nolensville player during TSSAA state semifinal Division I-AA play Saturday, May 10, at FHS.

Defense, pitching

keeps Lady Ads atop 4-4A; region is next

STAFF REPORTS
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MARYVILLE — Rolling along in District 4-4A this season to the tune of a perfect 13-0 mark, the last three of those during district tourney play at William Blount High School, Nick Green's Farragut Lady Admirals brought home the tourney trophy once again.

With strong defense and the continued dominance of sophomore ace pitcher Hallie Grace Johnson, the Lady Ads (28-10-1) whipped Maryville



5-1 in the championship game Thursday evening, May 8, at WBHS.

"Hallie Grace has been so dominant at the end of the season right here," coach Green said of Johnson, who has allowed just one run in her last

four starts. "She had a great night at the plate, too, with a two-run double" among her three RBI versus Maryville.

"We played outstanding defense again," the Farragut head coach added. "And we came through with some big

hits in this game."

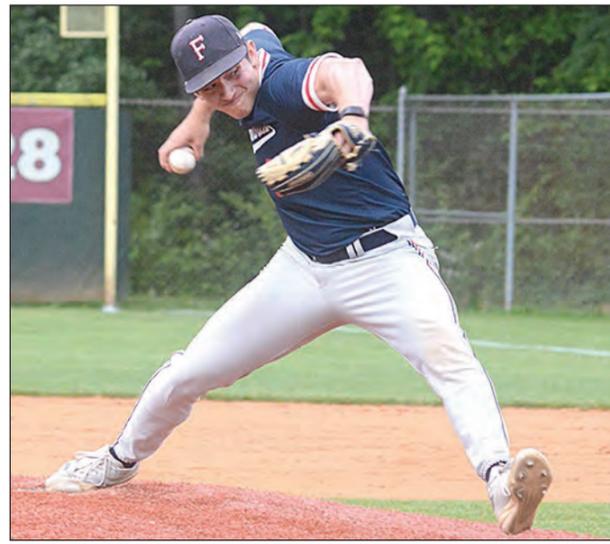
Johnson's defense "is so key to me; I love each and every one of them," the sophomore ace said. "They all bring something different to the plate."

Moreover, "I know that if I mess up a little bit — if I leave

a ball over the middle of the plate — they're always going to be behind me," she added.

Overall, "I'm really proud of everybody; we've come a long way," said Ava Barnes, senior first baseman/DH and the team's No. 2 pitcher.

Surviving region has baseball Ads in Sectionals at Dobyns-Bennett



Alan Sloan

Senior Cole Draper, Farragut staff ace pitcher, fires plateward versus Maryville in a Region 2-4A elimination game in Oak Ridge Saturday evening, May 10. FHS won 6-1.

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OAK RIDGE — Losing a pair of late leads thanks to big sixth innings from Maryville in the District 4-4A tourney title round, then against the top-seeded District 3-4A champ and host Oak Ridge Wildcats in Region 2-4A, Farragut baseball needed a big effort Saturday, May 10.

Two big efforts, in fact, to reach Sectional play this week. They got it.

Knocking off Powell 8-2 in the first of two season-elimination games for the loser, the Ads (27-10) avenged two district tourney losses to MHS (21-17) to end their season with a 6-1 win that evening.

As a result, Garrett Copeland's team finished second in region, traveling to Region 1-4A champ Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett for a best-of-three Sectional series starting today (Wednesday, May 14).

"These guys continue to show up and give it all they've got whenever we line it up," Copeland said after eliminating the Red Rebels. "They're going to complete to the end and fight to the end, and that's what I'm most proud of."

Starting his staff ace pitcher, senior Cole Draper,

in the Powell game, Copeland said Draper, who entered the sixth inning looking to protect the Ads' 6-1 lead, had 50 pitches left before quitting time.

He used 33, allowing no runs, two hits and one hit batter with three strikeouts in two innings. "He's efficient, so that helps," Copeland said of Draper.

Starter Connell Driver, a senior, went four innings, allowing no runs, four hits and two walks with five strikeouts. "He did a good job twice today," his coach said, while also pitching in the Powell game. Senior Benny Miller came on in the fifth inning and allowed one earned run and two hits.

Offensively, "We were streaky a little bit today," but in the middle innings against Maryville, after Copeland said he "challenged them," the result was "they stepped up to the challenge."

Braxton Tye's two RBI single and Travis Brummitt Jr.'s RBI double highlighted a four-run FHS fifth inning. Pinch-runner Landon Searles scored.

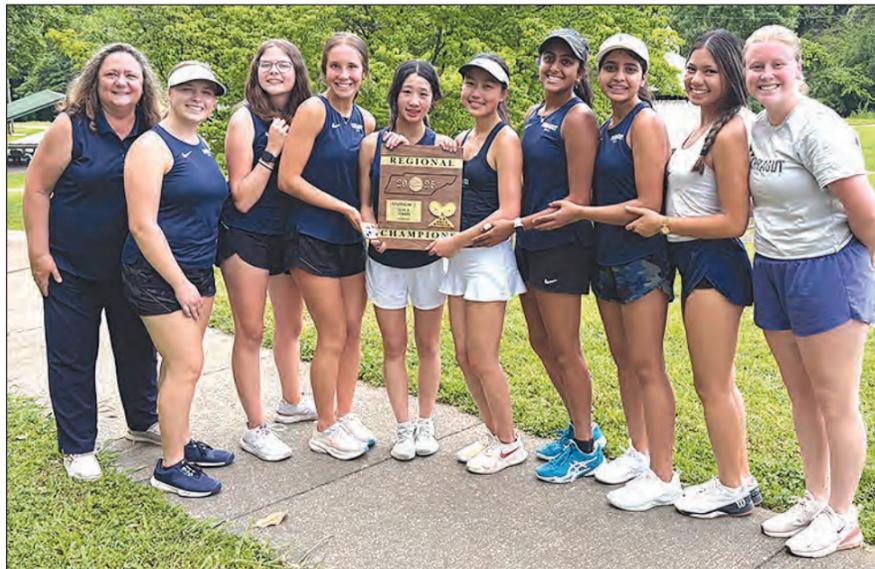
Aidan Flagg's sixth-inning home run ended the scoring, while his sac fly provided the first run.

Neyland Williams singled twice and scored a run, while Zain Kureshi-Smith doubled and scored a run. Owen Stelzer singled. Braden Humphrey singled and scored. Tye also scored a run.

A Region 2-2A title for Farragut girls tennis

With a 4-2 win against District 3-AA tennis champ Knox West at Tyson Park Thursday, May 8, Joan Swanson's Farragut Lady Ads roll into the Sectional round just one match victory away from the state tourney next week. From left are Swanson, Alexandra Vallova, Anna Guiseppe, Riley Turner, Olivia Wu, Ella Ye, Isha Patel, Anika Patel, Rachel Le and assistant coach Tatum Perry.

Photo courtesy of Jack Tate



18 events to be represented by FHS track & field at state

Farragut High Schools boys and girls track and field athletes representing 18 events and more than 20 athletes qualified for state during the Sectional 1-2A meet at Johnson City Science Hill High School Saturday, May 10. The top four each qualified for state.

Champions were Pole vault, Katie Edmunds, senior, 10-foot-0; 800-meter run, Evan Beeler, senior, 1:53.37; 1600 run, Beeler, 4:14.08; 4 X 400 boys relay, 3:21.24; high jump, Chase McAvoy, 6-foot-2; and shot put, Bryce Thompson, senior, 59-feet-9.75.

Runner-ups were, decathlon, McAvoy; 3200 run, Tanner Coggin, senior; discus, Thompson; 400 dash, Ava Barczak, junior; 3200 run, Kenzie Lefler, senior; 300 hurdles, Ryleigh Howe, junior; shot put, Annie Steele, junior.

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Lu #1 among Farragut High School Class of 2025; Zhang is salutatorian

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Farragut High School recently named its valedictorian and salutatorian, Sophi Lu and Eric Zhang, respectively.

Both said they were surprised they were selected.

"I didn't expect it," said Lu, daughter of Qi Qi and Wei Lu. "I'm really honored to represent Farragut High School as valedictorian."

"It did feel really great, though," said Zhang, son of Xiang Zhang and Juan Bai. "I've put a lot of effort into studying for my classes, and I can't deny that it was a good feeling to see my efforts pay off."

"Overall, my time at FHS was great," he added. "I loved a lot about this school, but the definite standouts were the club opportunities."

"I participated in a lot of clubs, and I found it was a great way to meet new friends who were passionate about the same stuff that I liked."

Detailing Lu's, Zhang's paths

"Spending time with my teachers and friends fostered the most growth whilst I was at Farragut," Lu said. "I had a really great time."

While at FHS, Lu was a United States Senate Youth Tennessee representative, a Girls State Nationalist chair and a Los Altos Institution speaker.

She also received the NASA Earth Systems Award, U.S. Air Force Award and state and regional awards at Science Olympiad Tennessee.

Additionally, Lu was on FHS swim team, for which she was captain her junior year; Tennessee Aquatics; Atlanta Festival Academy; Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra; Junior State of America; Civic Leaders of America; Mu Alpha Theta; Science Club; Southern Appalachian Science & Engineering Fair; Science

Olympiad; and French Club Honors Society.

Lu plans to attend Harvard University and pursue a career as a lawyer.

For her underclassmen, she advised, "Life is too important to take seriously. So have some fun. She also served on the Senior Board, National Honors Society, American Legion's Auxiliary Volunteer Girls State and Women's Leadership Advisory.

Zhang said awards he received were from clubs in which he was a member.

"I participated in several STEM clubs, but I was most involved with Science Club, Mu Alpha Theta and HOSA," he said. "I also did some volunteering with Key Club and the National Junior Honor Society."

"My favorite (recognitions) are probably placing as a finalist at the International HOSA Leadership Conference and winning first place at the Regional Science Olympiad," Zhang added.

After graduation, he plans to attend Washington University in St. Louis.

"I want to major in mechanical engineering or aerospace engineering, though I'm also really interested in computer science," the salutatorian said. "I think it would be super cool to work on designing spacecraft, like rockets or satellites."

However, "I'd be satisfied with working any aerospace engineering job, though," Zhang said. "I just think the entire field is fascinating."

Zhang also advised, "Don't forget to have fun. "I know it's a really generic piece of advice, but it's something I can't emphasize enough," he added. "Go to dances, sports games and anything that just lets you get out there and talk to your classmates."

"I spent a lot of my freshman year just keeping to myself — but my life immediately got 10 times better the first time I went to a football game. It might not be for everyone, but you'll never know if it's for you until you just try it once."



Lu



Zhang

'In shock' Hubbs is tops among BHS seniors; Page is salutatorian

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Kendall Hubbs recently received personal news that, to her, was surprising yet wonderful: she was named Bearden High School valedictorian.

"I was honestly in shock," Hubbs said. "I couldn't believe it; my jaw hit the floor."

Likewise, Grace Page was surprised she was chosen BHS salutatorian.

"I was not expecting rankings to be released that day, and I also did not expect to be ranked so high," she recalled.

"While I was very shocked, I also felt very honored by this achievement."

Detailing Hubbs' paths

As a freshman, "I remember walking into Bearden and feeling so small, so nervous," said Hubbs, daughter of Joe and Shasta Hubbs. "I remember thinking to myself that four years is 'such a long time to be in high school' that I had all the time in the world."

"Now looking back, I realize just how fast it all went by," the valedictorian added. "How I can now say it? I am a confident young woman who has a powerful voice and knows that I can change the world."

At BHS, Hubbs earned the Bearden's Best Award '2; was president of the Senior Committee, secretary of Latin Club, co-founder and president of Mock Trial her sophomore year, member of Member of Key Club, National Honor Society and Model United Nations and played varsity softball for four years.

The valedictorian plans to attend University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and major in public policy. Hubbs plans to "go to T-14 Law School and be a corporate attorney."

As she leaves Bearden High, Hubbs advises underclassmen: "standardized tests don't define you as a student. It can't measure heart. What does perseverance."

Never losing your edge, "even when the world is trying to tell you how great you are," the valedictorian added.

Page's detailed path

Page received the 2024 Service to Humanity Award granted by



Hubbs



Page

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Rosenblad, Schwartz are 1, 2 as Webb School val-sal seniors

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Expressing his joy about earning valedictorian honors at Webb School of Knoxville, senior Grayson Rosenblad immediately cited two reasons.

"I felt rewarded for my hard work, but mostly I was excited to be granted the opportunity to address my class at graduation," said Rosenblad, who is joined at the top by Ryan Schwartz, Webb salutatorian.

"Webb School has introduced me to the most wonderful community of peers and teachers, who all have helped me grow in a way that I cannot possibly articulate accurately," he added.

The son of Minna and Peter Rosen-

blad, "I have worked through so many challenges as a Webb student, whether academic, social, athletic, etc., and that was truly only made possible with the support I found in this community, this family," the valedictorian said.

"I am incredibly honored and grateful to be named salutatorian," said Schwartz, daughter of Anne and Dan Schwartz. "While I am proud of the effort I have put in, I am especially thankful for the support from my teachers, family and class-



Rosenblad

mates who've helped me grow over the years.

"My experience at Webb has shaped me into the person I am today," she added. "Webb has taught me the importance of hard work, resilience and meaningful connection."

"The culture at Webb consistently challenges students to give 100 percent, not only academically but in all their endeavors."

Rosenblad's detailed path

The accomplishments of Rosenblad, whose grade-point average was above 5.0, could literally fill a book: he received the Rensselaer Medal for excellence in mathematics and science; Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award; Webb's John W. Green Award for Schol-

arship, for which he is a three-time recipient; Webb's William R. Webb III Citizenship Award; President's Volunteer Service Award; Webb's George Turley Award for excellence in mathematics — and he earned a perfect ACT score.

He is a National Merit finalist and National Merit Scholar for UT Battelle; is a member of National Honor Society; National English Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta Honor



Schwartz

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Event beneficiary is General Federation of Women's Clubs' Suburbia Woman's Club, Sponsorship are \$10,000 (Presenting sponsor); \$5,000 (Gold sponsor); \$3,000 (Silver sponsor); \$1,500 (Area sponsor); and \$1,000 (Supporting sponsor). Visit lenoircity-artsandcrafts.com/sponsors-lenoir-city-festival/ for more information.

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Registration is \$60 and includes up to two events. To sign up, visit Second Harvest's Volley for Hope page: SecondHarvestETN.org/volley-for-hope sign-ups also can be done at pickleballtournaments.com

Registration ends after Sunday, May 25.

Women/girls doubles is June 6, with mixed doubles June 7 and men/boys doubles June 8. All ages are welcomed, with bracket set-ups dependent on age-group sign-ups.

Competition the final two days may begin as early as 8 a.m. "Specific start times for each event will be posted and e-mailed to players approximately one week prior to the event," a SHFBET press release stated.

As registration proceeds, tournament management reserves the option to combine brackets as needed if brackets do not fill. Brackets will be combined by age if possible to avoid combining skills.

Skills levels include 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0, 4.5-plus; skill levels will be divided by age after registration is completed.

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• **Two workshops, one on Social Security and one on Medicare**, will be presented by Adam W. Sursa, MBA, a registered Social Security and Medicare analyst with Tri Star Insurance Management Group,

The Social Security educational workshop, "My Social Security Options," starts at 2 p.m., Thursday, May 15, and begins at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 29, at TSIMG, 102 Chaho Road in Knoxville.

Key questions addressed will be: when should I claim my Social Security? What benefits am I eligible to receive? What rules apply to my unique situation?

The Medicare workshops, "My Medicare Options," start at 10 a.m., Tuesday, May 20, and at noon, Wednesday, May 28, at TSIMG.

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Tickets, costing between \$13 and \$16 for each performance, are available on the KCT website at <https://knoxvillechildrenstheatre.com/tc-events/12-dancing-princesses/>

• **Farragut Cheerleading will host a Junior Cheer Camp for rising kindergarten through fifth-graders** in Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium at Farragut High School from 9:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Wednesday, June 9-11. "All participants will learn cheers, chants, stunts and

Distemper 'highly contagious,' but Oak Ridge outbreak under control

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A: Yes, unfortunately the animal shelter in Oak Ridge recently diagnosed four stray dogs with the distemper virus. The shelter was closed for one week but is now open.

The canine distemper virus is highly contagious. It is spread easily through coughing, sneezing and shared water bowls. At shelters, many puppies and adult dogs enter with unknown medical histories and are often housed in close quarters.

Many shelters vaccinate for distemper on intake, but it is not always known which dogs have been exposed



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Shaffer, Phillips are new RCF members



Tammy Cheek

New Rotary Club of Farragut members Karen Shaffer, far left, and Brandon Phillips, second from right, were inducted into the club during its meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, April 9. Alongside Shaffer is her sponsor, Candace Viox, president-elect; and beside Phillips is his sponsor, RCF president Scott Bertini.

Roseblad-Schwartz

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Society for excellence in mathematics; CuLaude Society; and he is founder and co-president of HOSA among many other accomplishments.

He attended a Webb MD medical mission trip twice; assisting his teacher, Laura Kile, in coordinating this year's trip to Mingo County in West Virginia. "I am nearing completion of a phlebotomy certification curriculum to hopefully work as a phlebotomist to get clinical experience for medical school while I am an undergrad," Rosenblad said.

Schwartz's detailed path

Schwartz is a member of National Hispanic Honor Society; National Art Honor Society; National Honor Society; President's Volunteer Service Award; Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society for Outstanding Scholarship in Mathematics; Cum Laude Society; and National Merit Commended Scholar.

She has received Webb School's John W. Green Award for Scholarship and Webb School's George Turley Award for excellence in mathematics.

Additionally, Schwartz was Current Events Club co-founder and president; Dossett House Junior prefect; Webb

Math Lab peer tutor and a member of Youth Leadership Knoxville; ALA Volunteer Girls State; Model United Nations Youth in Government; and Camp Webb summer camp counselor-in-training.

Schwartz plans to attend University of Virginia to study political science.

"My career plans are undecided, but right now I am considering pursuing a career in law or politics," she said

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the Optimist Club of Knoxville for doing more than 200 hours of community service, and is an AP Scholar with Honors and AP Scholar with Distinction.

She received the St. Michaels Book Award for Academic Excellence; High Point University Book Award; VolMUN IX Best Delegate of The Wild Bunch: Law, VolMUN X Best Delegate of the 1917 Russian Provisional Government Committee; and the Who's Who Award Class of 2025, which was selected by her peers and teachers.

Additionally, she served as vice president for Bearden Model United Nations; president/founder of Crochet/Craft Club; board member of Bearden Key Club; member of National Honor Society; member of National Art Honor Society; and played on the BHS tennis team.

After graduation, the salutatorian plans to attend University of Chicago to study chemistry and pursue a minor or double major in political science.

"I have always loved law and plan to pursue a career in constitutional law," Page said.

Overall, "I have loved my time at Bearden," reflected

Page, daughter of Lisa and David Page. "Everyone here is so kind and supportive.

"Before Bearden, I went to a small middle school and was unsure about what a large public high school would be like," she added. "However, I quickly learned how wonderful and inclusive Bearden is, as all of my peers and teachers are some of the most welcoming people I have met.

"While I have loved the past four years with my friends and outstanding teachers, I have also thoroughly enjoyed the academic side, as all students are encouraged to challenge themselves intellectually. The community Bearden has fostered is one where all students are able to collaborate on intellectual endeavors and do so fully committed."

As for advice, "One thing I would encourage underclassmen to do is to always push themselves and put forth their best effort," Page said. "As my mother has always told me, 'If there is a will, there is a way.' I would encourage underclassmen to always reach for their goals because even the seemingly unattainable can be achieved.

"I hope that my time at Bearden High School might encourage other students to continue to pursue their goals," the salutatorian added.




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Right: Spar family, from left, Roman, 10; Saylor, 5; Grady, 8; and mom, Jennifer.

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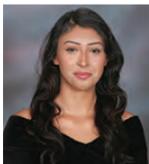
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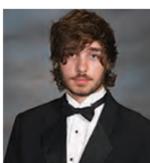
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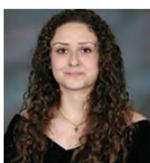
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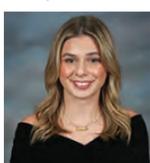
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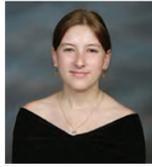
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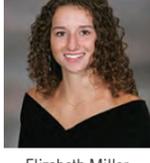
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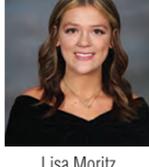
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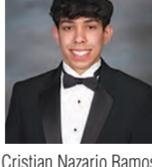
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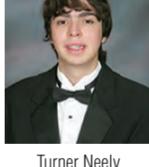
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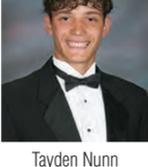
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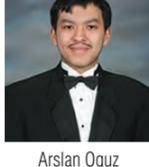
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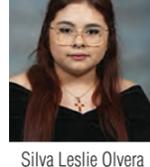
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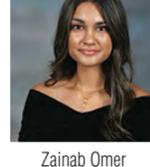
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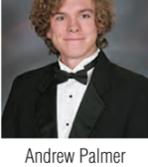
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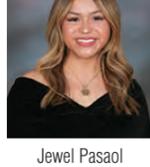
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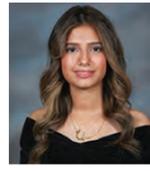
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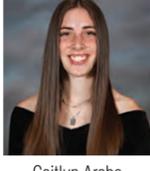
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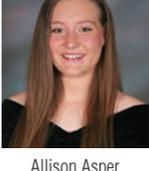
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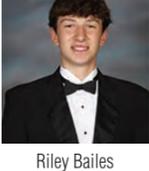
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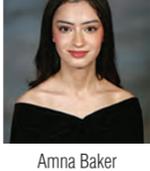
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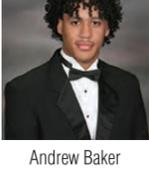
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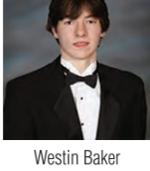
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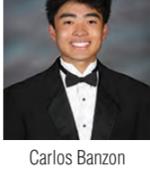
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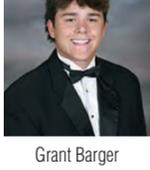
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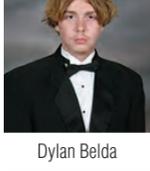
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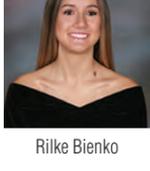
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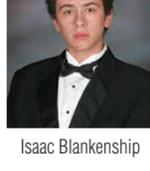
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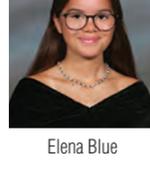
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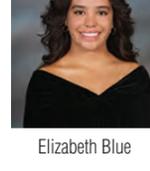
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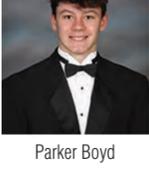
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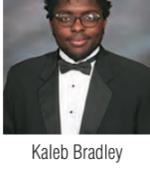
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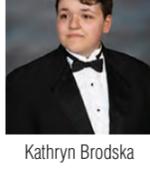
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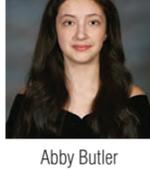
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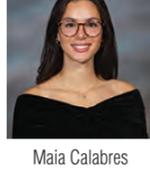
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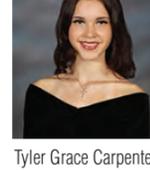
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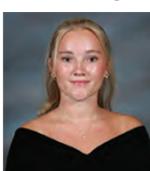
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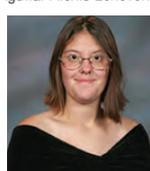
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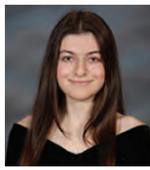
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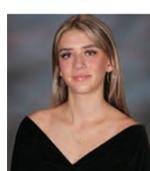
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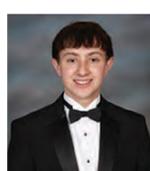
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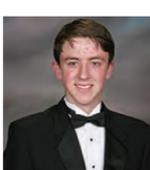
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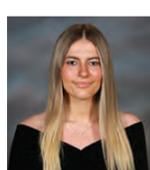
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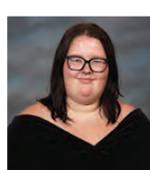
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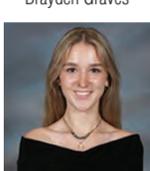
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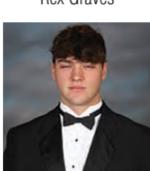
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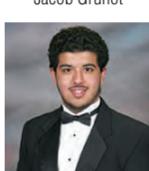
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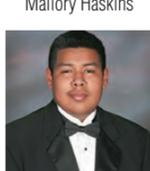
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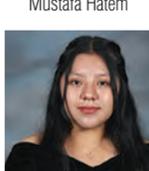
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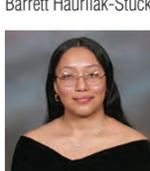
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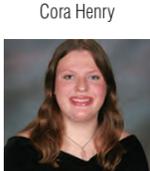
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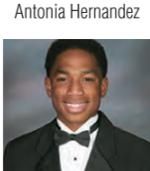
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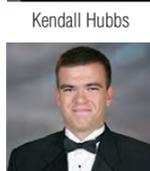
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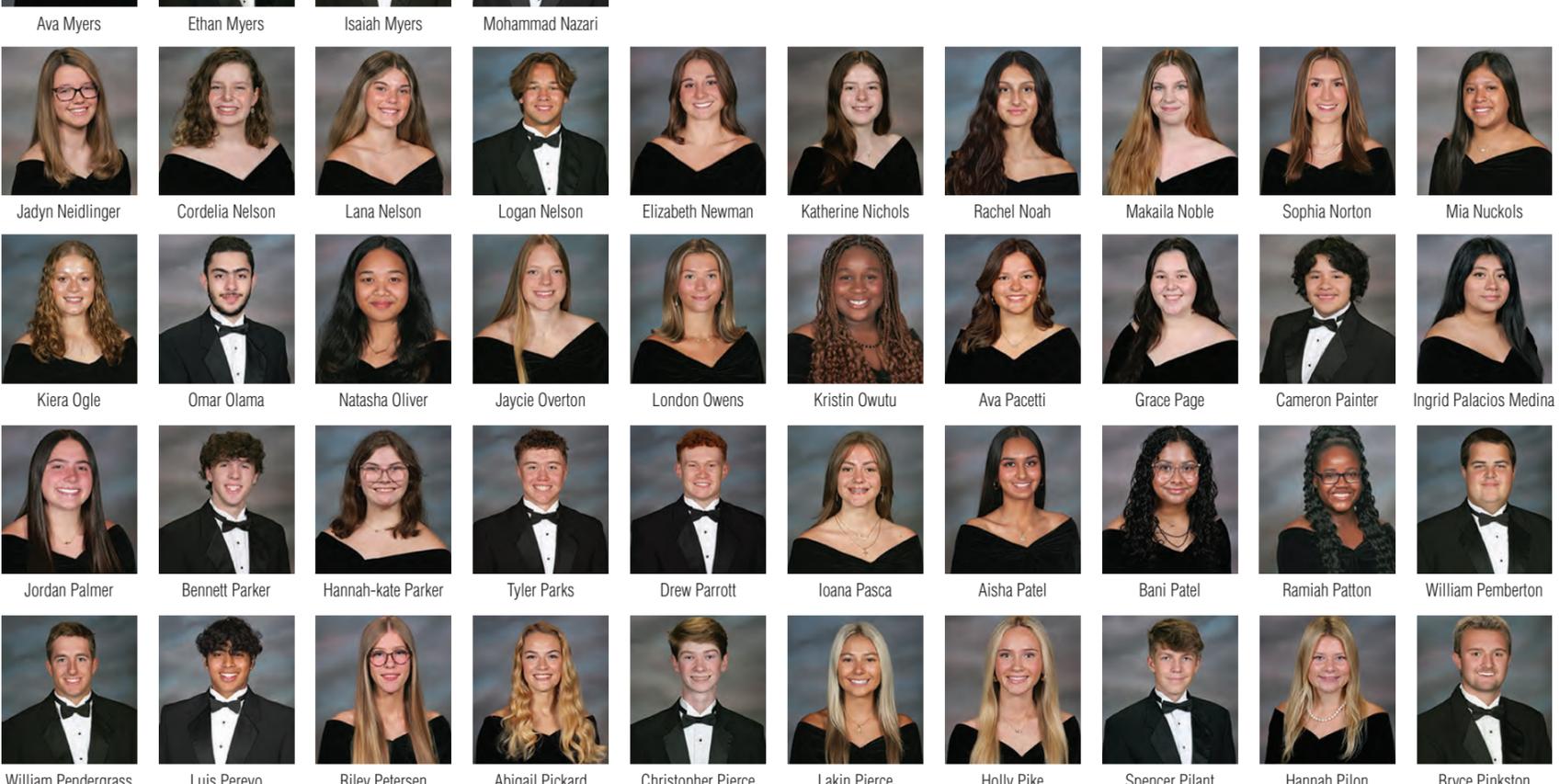
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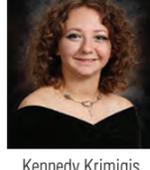
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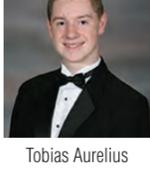
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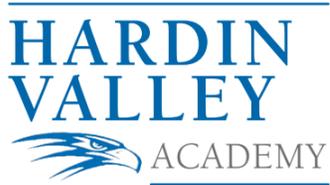
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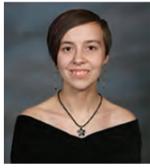
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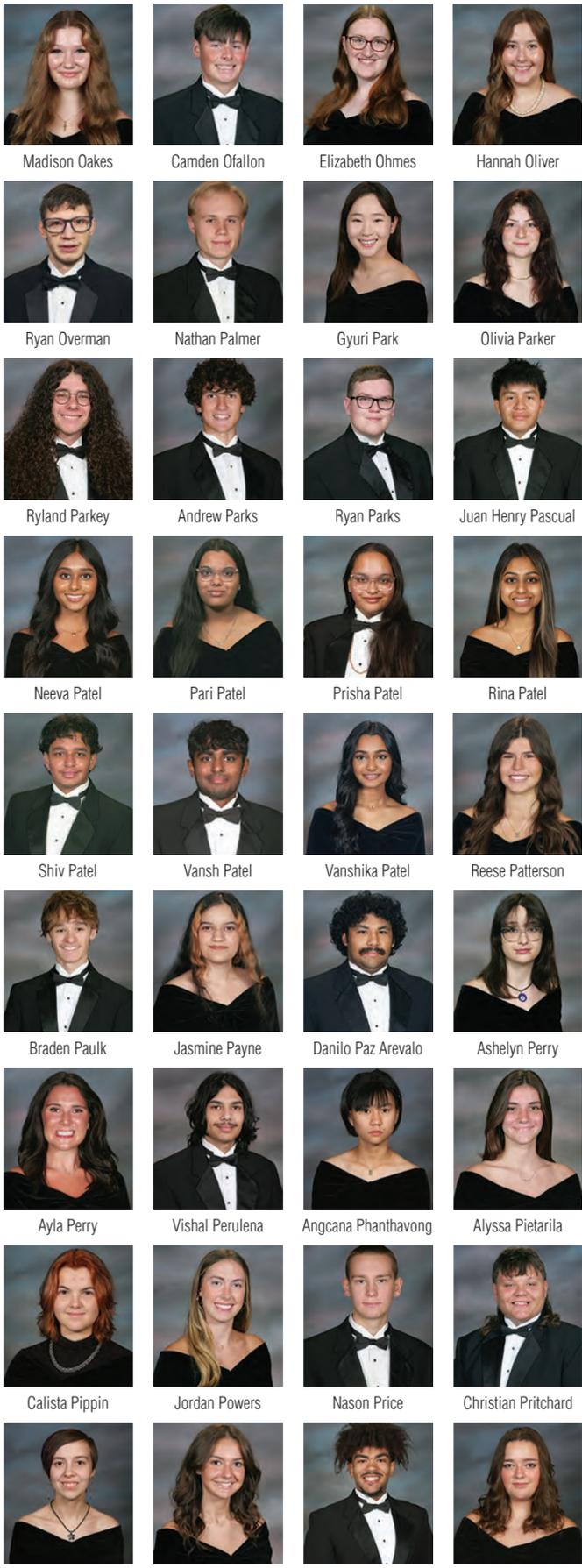
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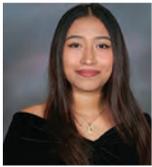
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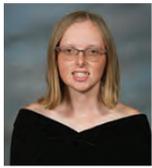
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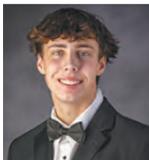
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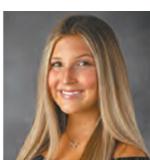
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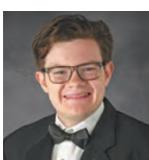
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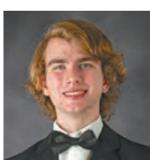
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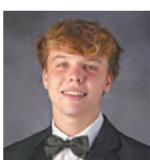
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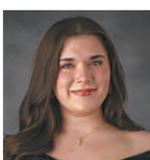
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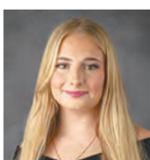
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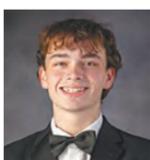
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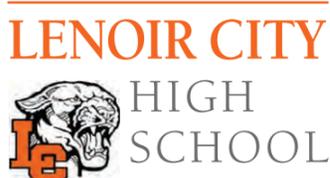
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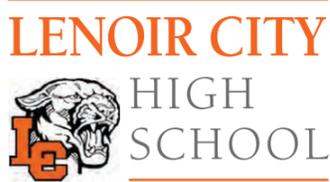
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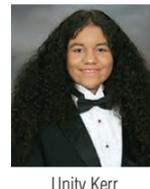
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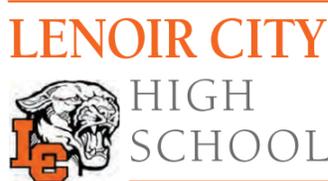
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SPEAKER SERIES IN HER ARENA:

WHERE WOMEN LEAD, THE GAME FOLLOWS.

PANELISTS:

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The Rise of Women's Sports

Takes Center Stage at Upcoming Speaker Series

It's no secret that Knoxville is home to a powerhouse SEC football team, Elite Eight NCAA basketball, championship baseball and hockey, and now the brand-new Smokies stadium in the heart of downtown. But beyond the headlines, women's sports are also expanding rapidly—both as a growing industry and as an exciting opportunity for aspiring athletes in our region.

The Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce invites local business owners, residents, and community leaders to explore this growth by attending its next Speaker Series: "In HER Arena: Where Women Lead, the Game Follows." Taking place Tuesday, June

18, this inspiring forum will spotlight the rise of women's sports in East Tennessee—highlighting how far the field has come, where it's headed, and how businesses and individuals can support the next generation of athletes and leaders.

The event will be held at Jewelry Television, with doors opening at 7:15 a.m. for breakfast and networking. The program begins at 8:00 a.m. and will feature a panel discussion emceed by Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame inductee and former middle-distance runner Missy Kane.

Panelists include Joan Cronan, University of Tennessee Women's Athletics Director Emeritus and

the first female athletic director in UT history; WVLT's Brittany Tarwater, a seven-time All-American swimmer for the Lady Vols and 2007 SEC Champion; and a representative from One Knox Soccer, which launched its pre-professional women's league earlier this year at the new stadium.

Sponsorships, tables, and individual tickets are available in limited quantities. Each sponsorship includes a built-in donation that will go toward a cause chosen by the panelists—allowing sponsors to support both the event and a meaningful community initiative.

To register, go to farragutchamber.com > Events.

Young Professionals on the Move: Speed Networking Returns in August

The West Young Professionals, a division of the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, will host its next networking event on Tuesday, August 6, at Southeast Bank in Farragut. The event, titled Speed Networking, offers a fresh take on traditional business networking by providing a fast-paced, engaging format designed to help attendees make new connections quickly and effectively.

Open to both young professionals and the "young at heart", the morning event invites participants to enjoy a series of structured, timed conversations designed to maximize interaction and broaden professional circles.

Whether reconnecting with familiar faces or meeting new ones for the first time, attendees will have the chance to build relationships that could grow into lasting friendships or valuable business partnerships.

The event is free to attend and will run from 7:45 a.m. to

9:00 a.m. at Southeast Bank, 12700 Kingston Pike in Farragut. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided, making it a casual and welcoming environment for conversation.

To register, go to farragutchamber.com > Events.

Unifying Professionals:

The 7-Chamber Networking Event You Can't Miss

On Tuesday, June 24, seven local chambers of commerce will come together for one of the year's most anticipated business events: the Tennessee Valley Regional Networking, sponsored by regional sponsor Slamdot. Hosted at The Venue at Lenoir City from 4:30 to 7:30 PM, this year's event is led by the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce.

This dynamic collaboration includes Anderson County, Blount Partnership, Farragut West Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Oak Ridge, and Roane Chambers. The event offers a unique

opportunity for professionals across East Tennessee to forge new connections, explore partnerships, and enjoy a lively atmosphere designed for both business and fun.

Guests will enjoy appetizers from Classy Caterer, a cash bar, door prizes, and a 360° photo booth courtesy of Turning Knox Rental. Retro attire is welcome but not required—just bring your best networking energy.

There is no charge to attend.

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Enterprise Club

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

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Oysk3 Architects – April 10, 2025

Did you know?

Did you know that in less than four weeks, the summer season will be upon us?

As summer approaches, small businesses in our region are gearing up for one of the busiest — and most profitable — times of the year. Whether it's managing a surge of tourists, extended store hours, or launching summer promotions, having the right team in place is critical for success. Hiring seasonal help and interns isn't just about filling gaps — it's an opportunity to bring fresh energy, new ideas, and future talent into your business. So, how can small businesses effectively recruit, train, and retain seasonal staff to make the most of the summer months?

Plan Ahead and Know Your Staffing Needs

Start today by analyzing last year's sales and operational data to estimate your staffing needs. Once you identify gaps, create detailed job descriptions to attract the right candidates. Be clear about whether you need flexible multi-taskers or individuals with specialized skills.

Recruitment Strategies for Seasonal Staff and Interns

Where can employers find potential summer help? We have numerous schools and universities in our region with students who may be seeking internships or summer employment. Partner with college career centers and post on local job boards. And don't forget about students returning home who attend schools outside of our region— they're often eager for summer opportunities.

Interviewing and Selection Tips

Clarifying work hours, weekend and holiday shifts up front is extremely important. Setting clear expectations early helps avoid confusion later. Also, consider hiring individuals who align with your business values, even if they are only with you temporarily — today's seasonal hire could become tomorrow's permanent team member.

Onboarding Best Practices

A short but impactful orientation introducing your company culture, mission, and team will help newcomers feel immediately welcomed. Be clear about what success looks like, explain company policies, and outline how performance will be measured. Consider pairing new hires with a mentor or buddy to help them adjust more quickly.

Keeping Seasonal Staff Engaged and Motivated

Include seasonal employees in team events, meetings, and day-to-day communications. A sense of belonging fosters loyalty, even among short-term staff. If you have an outstanding seasonal employee, discuss future opportunities with them — you may find your next full-time hire already familiar with your business.

Offboarding and Retention Strategies After Summer Ends

Just as you planned before the season started, take time afterward to evaluate what worked — and what didn't. If you want to rehire exceptional seasonal employees in the future, keep them connected through alumni notifications, seasonal newsletters, or a talent pool email list. Always ask for feedback to continually refine your onboarding and staffing strategies year over year.

Investing time into properly onboarding seasonal hires leads to better service, smoother operations, and potential long-term employees. View seasonal hiring not just as a short-term necessity but as a key growth opportunity. If you need assistance developing a plan to hire temporary help this season, reach out to us at the TSBD (865) 246-2663. We are here to help you prepare for a season of success!



(L-R): Founding members Steve Young and Jim Odle join Cara Knapp—the “K” in oysk3—and President Sherry Hoop for a team photo while hosting a Chamber networking event. The “3” in oysk3 reflects their core values: Consistent, Reliable, Responsive—principles that guide their thoughtful, full-scope architectural work.



(L-R): Dr. Joe Hutchison, Lecturer in Biochemistry, Cellular and Molecular Biology at the University of Tennessee and Real Estate Professional, connects with Jon Kinslow-Cruz, Vice President of Business Banking at First Citizens Bank, during the event.



Ribbon Cuttings

Fox Muscle & Joint – April 2, 2025



Owner Bobby Fox and his partner, Fiona Fox—owner of Saucy Foxy—share the scissors in celebration of 5 years of helping people stay healthy and pain-free through a combination of recovery protocols.

City Wide Facility Solutions 5 Year Anniversary – April 8, 2025



Husband-and-wife team Ron and Janet Redfern prepare the scissors to celebrate 5 years in business—a milestone that reflects their mission to create a ripple effect by positively impacting the people and communities they serve.

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Ribbon Cuttings

Home-based Businesses Ribbon Cutting – April 15, 2025



BeLocal North Knoxville

Tiffany Davis, owner of *BeLocal*, celebrates the publication's Knoxville launch with her mom and local supporters—a leap of faith that now connects others to the best of the community.



Revive Collective

Samantha Green, owner of *Revive Collective*, celebrates with her husband Sam, family, and community—marking the launch of a serene salon space where luxury, self-care, and top-tier expertise meet in West Knoxville.

Christian Brothers Automotive Karns – April 17, 2025



Owner Cory Beilharz—former Chamber Board Member and longtime supporter—cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Christian Brothers Automotive Karns, surrounded by Chamber representatives and community members celebrating this new milestone in a journey built on faith, service, and trusted repairs.

Knox Audiology – April 24, 2025



Dr. Kalyn Bradford celebrates the opening of her new practice with family, friends, and community members, offering expert care in diagnostics, hearing aid programming, and troubleshooting.

Anchor 934 Apartment Homes – April 29, 2025



Joe Fielden Jr., President of Biddle Farms Residential, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of Anchor 934 Apartment Homes, joined by community leaders and partners. Located at 200 Brooklawn Street in the Biddle Farms Farragut Town Center, this state-of-the-art community offers modern living with convenience, comfort, and style.

Member Briefs

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

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

Roane State Community College's 7th Annual Golf Tournament is set for August 18, 2025. Hosted by the Roane State Foundation, the event supports student programs. For details, contact Dina Jackson at (865) 882-4507.

Wanda Malhotra invites businesses to explore **Crunchy Mama Box** or **CMB Certification**, which recognizes brands for meeting global standards in sustainability, ethical sourcing, and social impact. Certified brands gain trust, visibility, and credibility. For more details, visit crunchymamabox.com.

Waltz of the Faeries, a magical masquerade at **Ancient Lore Village**, invites guests to an evening of fantasy, live music, fine dining, and immersive quests on Saturday, May 17. Attendees are encouraged to dress in mystical attire and enjoy a night of enchantment. VIP and general admission available. Visit ancientloreillage.com/waltz-of-the-faeries for more information.

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Regional Networking

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and registration is now open through the Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce at www.oakridgechamber.org/events. Sponsorship opportunities are also available; contact the Oak Ridge Chamber for more details.

Welcome New Members!

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

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

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Thank You for Renewing Your Membership!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of April 2025. We can count them as Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. We also hope that area residents recognize a business's commitment to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.

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



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Calendar of Events: May/June 2025

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

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

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May 15th • 3:30p
Ribbon Cutting with
Fix Head Spa
450 N. Cedar Bluff Rd., 37923

May 28th • 11a
Ribbon Cutting with
SWTHZ
118 Biddle Farms Blvd., 37934

June 10th • 4p
Ribbon Cutting with
Vital Hydration
10932 Murdock Dr.,
Ste 102B, 37932

June 19th • 4p
Networking with
Volunteer Princes Cruise
956 Volunteer Landing Ln., 37915

May 20th • 4p
Ribbon Cutting with
Dullahan's Irish Pub
12744 Kingston Pike, Suite 104, 37934

May 29th • 8a
Networking with
Salon Biyoshi
10412 Kingston Pike, Unit 102, 37922

June 12th • 8a
Networking with
Volunteer Ministry Center
511 N. Broadway, 37917

June 24th • 4p
Regional TN Valley
7-Chamber Networking
7690 Creekwood Park Blvd.
Lenoir City 37721

May 22nd • 8a
Networking with
AMR Rural-Metro Fire
EMS Week
239 Jamestowne Blvd., 37934

June 3rd • 11a
Ribbon Cutting with
Flying Biscuit
11683 Parkside Dr.,
Farragut 37934

June 17th • 11a
Ribbon Cutting with
Tri Star Senior Advisors
102 Chaho Rd., 37934

June 26th • 4:30p
Networking with
Graphic Creations
213 East 4th Ave., 37917