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~ Lt. Col. (Ret) Allen West,

Retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel and former Member of the U.S. House of Representatives



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Fox Run, Saddle Ridge alerted; FUD adding huge water tank

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Fox Run and Saddle Ridge subdivisions residents soon can expect some utility construction traffic along Everett Road and Brochardt Boulevard.

First Utility District will be constructing a new 4 million-gallon drinking water tank next to the Everett Road tank, which is situated at 709 Brochardt Blvd.

Seth Fischer, FUD project engineer, presented FUD's plans to Farragut Municipal Planning Commission, which took no action during the Commission's meeting Thursday, May 15.

"The project also includes a new and expanded booster pump station," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

"Both the new tank and the new pump station will be located to the west of the existing tank and on FUD property in unincorporated Knox County," Shipley added. "The project is largely funded through a grant from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and will provide reliable portable water service for current and future growth in western Knox County and Loudon County and will involve a partnership between FUD and Lenoir City Utilities Board. Construction is expected to begin in June or July 2025 and, per the grant, must be complete by September 2026."

While the new tank will not be in Town limits, Shipley said access to the project would be from Brochardt Boulevard, which is in Town limits.

As such, "there will be some impacts to the Fox Run and Saddle Ridge subdivisions," he said about traffic issues. "FUD has already notified and had discussions with the homeowners neighboring the site.

"FUD has also met with the Fox Run Homeowners Association since Brochardt Boulevard will be used

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'Cap'ing it all off at FHS

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Making a final memory, more than 500 Farragut High School graduates crossed the stage on Bill Clabo Field in Eddie Courtney Stadium Sunday evening, May 18, to accept their diplomas.

"This year we have one student who will be attending one of the United States military academies," principal Dr. John Bartlett said of Dylan Alexander Rohn, who has been accepted into the U.S. Merchant Marines Academy. The appointment carries an equivalent of a \$300,000 scholarship over the course of his education. Rohn is one of about 200 appointees selected from a pool of more than 2,000.

Bartlett said the school had nine National Merit finalists,



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Farragut High School's Class of 2025 cap toss officially ended graduation night Sunday, May 18, in FHS's Eddie Courtney Stadium.

Groundbreaking is ground-praising: Town's new elementary school



Alan Sloan

Ground was broken Wednesday, May 14, for the new Farragut Elementary School, which will be built near Boring Road behind Ingles. Its estimated opening is August 2027. On hand with shovels for this ceremony were, from left, Jay Beeler, Realtor with Fine Homes Realty, and Susie Horne, representing property sellers Doug and Brenda Horne (Doug Horne is owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress); Farragut Alderman Drew Burnette; Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs; Farragut Mayor Ron Williams; Dr. Garfield Adams, Knox County Schools assistant superintendent of operations — point person for gathering public/parent feedback about the school; KCS superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk; Lauren Morgan, 5th District Knox County Board of Education rep; Susan Horn, former 5th District School Board rep; John Schoonmaker, former Knox 5th District County Commissioner; and Katherine Bike, 4th District School Board rep.

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A groundbreaking said to be tied to the Horne family legacy happened Wednesday, May 14, when Knox County Schools, Town of Farragut and Knox County government officials broke ground for the new Farragut Elementary School site across from Villages of Farragut and behind Ingles.

"Today is a proud moment, not just for the Town of Farragut, but for all Knox County ...," said Dr. Garfield Adams, Knox County Schools assistant superintendent of operations. "I also want to sincerely thank Doug and Brenda Horne for their generosity and partnership in agreeing to sell the property (41 acres) that will benefit our students for years to come." Costing \$43.7 million, the 139,000-square-foot school is expected to open for the 2027-28 school year.

"The (thank you) that I want to re-iterate is the Horne family," Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said. "This is one of the last pieces of land they had that the School Board purchased.

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• Sidewalks become canvases at Chalk the Plaza, a new Farragut event Saturday, May 31, at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza (101 N. Campbell Station Road).

The artists get to work at 10 a.m., competing in a fun and friendly sidewalk chalk art contest. Whether you're a solo artist or part of a group, everyone is invited to showcase your creativity. Registration at townoffarragut.org/register has been extended through Thursday, May 22; only one member of each group needs to register. From 1 to 6 p.m., visitors can peruse the chalk art and enjoy a mini art market featuring local vendors, delicious eats from food trucks and a lively kids zone.

For more information, contact Tourism manager Hallie Reid at hreid@townoffarragut.org or call 865-966-7057.

• The public is invited to a free workshop offered by Town of Farragut Community Development Department starting at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 29, in Farragut Town Hall (11408 Municipal Center Drive).

This informative session will cover zoning regulations and other land-use provisions directly impacting homeowners. Attendees also will get answers to frequently asked questions about homeowner-specific guidelines. Workshop will include information about Town's Property Maintenance Division: its mission, the code enforcement process and the most common violations. Information about opportunities to support neighbors who are struggling to maintain their properties also will be available.

For more information, contact Community Development director Mark Shipley at mshipley@townoffarragut.org or call 865-966-7057.

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Reaction to the May 10 earthquake

I was in the kitchen when it happened. Being from Memphis, I immediately thought of Hurricane Elvis — the devastating straight winds that blew through the city in 2003.

I ran to the window to "look," which in retrospect was really not the smartest thing to do in that situation, regardless of what kind of natural disaster was occurring.

I quickly realized that we might have been experiencing an earthquake. I ran back to the couch where my chihuahua, Grits, was laying and I held her until it was over.

Janie Peacock, Farragut



• An ad in our Wednesday, May 14 issue, on page 9C of our annual Graduation section, attempted to feature the 2025 Concord Christian School graduates as a group with a photo. However, the 2024 graduates group photo was inadvertently published.

The correct 2025 CCS graduate group photo can be found in this week's issue on page 5A.

We regret the error.



Mansour Hasan, Agent

I get it. Your home and car are more than just things. They're where you make your memories and they deserve the right protection. It's why I'm here. LET'S TALK TODAY.

KCSOreports

• At 11:28 a.m., Saturday, May 17, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit responded to the West Precinct to speak with (an alleged victim) about an incident Wednesday, May 14. Victim said that "over the last 10 years he has been dealing with the Land Management of a (European) government over property that was left to him," the report stated. "(Victim said) he believes they are wanting a bribe to give him the official documents that he needs.

"He was advised to move forward with continual complaints, and since January of 2024 he has sent 38 complaints and requests for the documents that he needs," the report further stated. Victim said that he sent "a more forceful complaint, and at noon there was an aggressive knock on his door, which he did not answer. Then around 4 p.m., there was another aggressive knock that he did also not answer."

On Friday, May 16, "while doing yard work, (victim) noticed that a dead bird had been tied to a tree in the side of his yard, and he believes that this is a threat from the corrupt individuals he has been dealing with in (the country)," the report stated. "(Victim) has copies of e-mails and pictures of the dead bird."

• At 3:31 p.m., Thursday, May 15, officers responded to a North Monticello Drive residence for attempted fraud. "(Victim) was upstairs and visibly upset," the report stated. "She said she received a phone call from a 'No caller ID' claiming to be a deputy from KCSO," the report stated. "She said they told her ... to pay \$9,000 to have warrants taken care of; she did not give out any personal or banking information. ... Victim had no description of suspect. ..."





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But what about those who don't often interact with you, but you still care about?

The Town of Farragut thinks the easiest way to find out how people feel about us is to ask. That's why the Town is currently running the National Community Survey (NCS) to see how we're doing and how we stack up against other local governments around the country. The survey, administered by Polco, includes questions on public safety, local government performance, infrastructure, economic development and overall quality of life.

In addition to the standard NCS questions, the survey solicits input on potential amenities for a future park located at the corner of McFee and Boyd Station roads and feedback on the Town's recreation amenities and facilities.

There are two stages of data collection. The first is a paper survey mailed to representative households in Farragut.

If you've received a paper survey, please return it by mail or complete it online. The open participation stage of the survey begins at the end of May with the distribution of a link to an online survey. Watch for the link on the Town website (townoffarragut.org) and on

the Town's social media channels (Facebook, Instagram and Nextdoor).

By participating in the Town of Farragut survey, residents can directly influence the future of our community. This input will be vital in helping shape decisions that reflect the priorities and needs of the people who call Farragut home. Whether you complete a paper copy or use the link to take the survey online, please participate! We really want to know what you think.

Then, we'll use that knowl-

edge to make Farragut even better. The Town plans to administer the NCS every two years to see where we're making progress and monitor new challenges.

We look forward to sharing the results of the survey with the community. We expect Polco to make a formal report to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in late June or early July, and that report will be shared online.

Farragut's Community Vision is to set the standard for quality of life with a beautiful,

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close-knit, connected, engaged community where individuals, families and businesses thrive. With your input, we can continue to move toward making this vision a reality.

If you have questions about the survey, e-mail Communications manager Wendy Smith at wsmith@townoffarragut. org or call 865-966-7057.





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Holding Little **Bangkok** legacy

New owner retains family operation tradition, Thai cuisine favorites

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Little Bangkok restaurant in Farragut may have a new owner, but its previous owners, Wilson and Peggy Yap, are keeping the ownership in the family by selling the business to distant cousin and friend, Triet-Giang "TK" Nguyen.

"I'm very excited," the new owner said. "I love all the challenges and everything."

Nguyen, who took over the eatery, 603 N. Campbell Station Road, Thursday, May 1, said patrons can expect much to stay the same, including the name.

"Little Bangkok is a piece of history, so I don't plan on changing any of that," he said.

"I know there are a lot of adults here that basically started eating here when they were children," Nguyen added. "Everywhere you go, you walk down the street, and you'll encounter somebody who, kind of, has some affiliation with this establishment or the older (former Chinese restaurant) in Lenoir City."

"Wilson and Miss Peggy have been in the restaurant industry for years. They had another restaurant in Lenoir City for 27 years, (which has closed), and they had this one for 15 years.

"Thankfully, they allowed



Tammy Cheek

Little Bangkok's new owner, Triet-Giang "TK" Nguyen (right), and his sister-in-law, chef Tuyet Pham, are continuing the restaurant's legacy as a Thai restaurant at 603 N. Campbell Station Road, Farragut. The restaurant's current hours are from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, and closed Monday.

44 We plan to build on Mrs. Peggy's and Mr. Wilson's legacy,"

- Triet-Glang "TK" Nguyen new owner of Little Bangkok

now he's more focusing on his garden," Nguyen said.

Nguyen chose to buy Little Bangkok not only for his love of food, but also because "this is a family business, and I, too, am basically going to continue that same model.'

Besides Pham, "I have my

Regarding the menu, Nguyen said, "I have made some alterations ... I will be adding some things.

"I have taken way some things, unfortunately, but we will be adding newer items of the same protein," he added.

In addition, "there will be items we will be taking back but adding as a special item later on," Nguyen said.

"But, right now, we are focusing on cooking and making sure everything tastes as it should," he added.

The restaurant's current hours are from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday through Sunday, and closed Monday.

"Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, we're closed for one hour, from 3 to 4 p.m.," Nguy-



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First in Tennessee: Flying Biscuit Café to open May 25 **STAFF REPORTS**

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The Flying Biscuit Café has announced its newest location, 11683 Parkside Drive in Knoxville, will open this Sunday, May 25. "The Knoxville location marks the brand's 38th location na-

tionwide and its first location in Tennessee," a FBC press release stated.

The newest Flying Biscuit location will be owned and operated by Knoxville resident and entrepreneur Chris Compton, who brings more than 20 years of experience owning and operating multiple startup ventures, according to the press release.

'Having worked with restaurants for many years through his other businesses, Compton saw Flying Biscuit Café as the perfect fit for Knoxville," the release further stated.

"I've always wanted to own a great place where families can eat and enjoy themselves," Compton stated. "We need more breakfast and brunch options in this area, and Flying Biscuit offers both incredible food and a welcoming atmosphere. I'm especially excited to open the first Flying Biscuit Café in the state of Tennessee — and within our community."

"For 30 years and counting, the Flying Biscuit Café has redefined the Southern breakfast scene, where comfort food meets fresh, fun and bold flavors," the press release stated. "By serving up classic all-day brunch seven days a week, Flying Biscuit has built a cult following with its bold twists on Southern classics, double shot Bloody Mary and a menu that embraces every craving, from the decadent stuffed French toast to the healthconscious Piedmont omelet, vegan to gluten-free.

"Flying Biscuit knows great food brings everyone to the table," the release further stated. "To better serve the Knoxville community, Flying Biscuit Café provides a range of catering services with customizable menus to suit any event or gathering.'

There are a variety of grand opening specials the first two weeks of opening, such as The Fabulous 50, when the first 50 guests can receive a gift card; phone eats first promotion, Student Day, and Teacher Appreciation Day.

Operating hours are from 7 to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 7 to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sunday.

The restaurant also offers takeout and delivery. For more information on The Flying Biscuit Café, visit flyingbiscuit.com or follow along on social media @flyingbiscuitknoxville.

businessbriefs

Covenant Health recently announced Paul Smith as the health system's new vice president of behavioral health.

Smith will lead Covenant Health's behavioral health initiatives, including inpatient and outpatient services

Parkwest Medical Center. Previously, he was vice president of behavioral services for HCA Healthcare: Corpus Christ Medical Center in Texas.

• Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville announces the addition of Julia Zhu to its team of agents. She is serving clients in Knoxville and surrounding areas. Zhu is a member of the East Tennessee **REALTORS** Association and an excellent communicator who is fluent in both English and Mandarin. She lives with her family in Farragut and has knowledge



offered through Peninsula, a division of of the region's housing market.

me to continue the legacy, Nguyen said,

Also friends of Nyugen are the Yaps's sons, Brandon and Andy, who remains at the restaurant as head chef and works alongside Nyugen's sister-in-law, Tuyet Pham, in the restaurant's kitchen.

"Mr. Wilson still comes up here to help us, too, but right

niece already starting here, helping out, serving," Nguyen said, adding, "We plan to build up on Mrs. Peggy and Mr. Wilson's legacy."

While the restaurant will remain Thai, "what we will be doing is we're going to be streamlining (focusing on) all the popular items ... the noodles, the fried rice," he said.

en said.

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"We have our system that's going to go live," he said. "We have an app website. Customers soon will be able to order Door Dash and Uber Eats.

"We hope to also do catering," Nguyen added about expanding the business' reach.

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Groundbreaking

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"This will be the Horne family's legacy, right here, in my opinion ...," he added. "We, most definitely, want to thank them for having the vision that they shared with (school superintendent) Dr. (Jon) Ry-

FUD

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for the project's access," Shipley said, adding it "will send notifications throughout the project to customers and/or residents affected. ...?

Concerns were expressed from Fox Run resident Mike Rothman. "Our understanding is there will be 20 to 30 ce-

sewyk and (former 5th District School Board member) Susan Horn and (former Knox County 5th District Commissioner) John Schoonmaker."

"I also want to thank Doug and Brenda Horne for their generosity in making this site possible," said Lauren Morgan, 5th District Board-Ed rep.

> ment trucks a day going up Brochardt Boulevard," he said.

> "FUD has also met with the Fox Run Homeowners Association since Brochardt Boulevard will be used for the project's access," Shipley said, adding it "will send notifications throughout the project to customers and/or residents affected by the project."

"Our concern is, one, how long is this

Representing her parents, "we wanted to show our appreciation to Farragut families," Susie Horne said about the land sale.

"It's amazing to see some of the results we are seeing," Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs said.

> going to be going on, roughly?" Rothman asked.

FHS grads

had 15 students attend Gover-

nors schools during their high

school career, 15 earning the

rank of Eagle Scouts and two

earning the Gold Scout award.

These FHS grads earned

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Another concern is the residents being able to get in and out of their driveways "if you have a parade of 20 or 30 trucks," he said. "Traffic control is an issue."

Rothman had asked if FUD had put any money aside for any construction road damage and was told, "No, that's more than \$30 million in scholarships, Bartlett said, adding, "We're still calculating."

In Hayden Toon's speech, "Food For Thought," he said about his classmates, "We are so lucky this group of people got together. ..."

the responsibility of the Town."

"I want to clarify I did not say if we damage a road that it is the Town's responsibility," Fischer said.

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A spring of reunions, family fun, special sales



Farragut High School Grand Reunion

It was a "Grand photo" for Farragut High School Grand Reunion attendees, as more than 100 gathered at their annual meeting place in recent years, Virtue Church Fellowship Hall, for this "first Saturday in May" ritual: a time to enjoy the company of fellow classmates over doughnuts and coffee while also browsing old FHS memorabilia.

The vast majority of these ex-Admirals, who gathered this year on Saturday, May 3, graduated from FHS while the school's home was located near the intersection of Concord Road and Kingston Pike (through the Class of 1976). A handful attended the old school location but made the transition to the current location (Classes of 1977, 1978 and 1979).

Craft & Tack Sale



From left, STAR volunteer Chandler Blankenship with Danielle Wright and Major Harris of Eden Family Chiropractic of Farragut.

Hundreds flocked to Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding's 31st Annual Craft & Tack Sale in the arena of STAR, 11800 US Highway 11 East between Farragut and Lenoir City earlier this spring. It was a place to find deals on crafts, tack and other items at about 60 booths.

STAR operations support Chandler Blankenship said she estimated anywhere from 200 to 300 attended the event.

People browsed booths laden with everything from saddles, tools, bridles, blankets, new and used tack, leg wraps, chaps, boots and helmets to home décor items, jewelry, handmade wooden pens, crocheted animals, miniature animals and wood-carved coasters.

Vendors providing services, such as Eden Family Chiropractic, also included those selling food, such as Beef and Blossom and Rocky Top Hot Dogs.

FIS Family Night



From left, Saylor Spar, 5, Reed Thurman, 10, Roman Spar, 10, and Grady Spar, 7

Farragut Intermediate School students and their families enjoyed carnival games, booths and a silent auction during FIS Family Night at the school, 208 West End Ave., earlier this spring.

Attendees browsed and bid on silent auction items and bought bake sale goods to raise money for the school. Meanwhile, youngsters played games, bought cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones, enjoyed balloon animals and had their nails done.





Jill Mourning sells cosmetic items



Roy and Susie Hancock with Nails-n-Tails sell jewelry.



Volunteers Kimberee Aten, left, and Traci Price man bake sale.

Sarah Young with daughters Meredith, 8, left, and Caroline, 9



Samantha Hull, left, attendee, and Carolyn Ordal of Crossroads Dressaget Combined Training Society



Lisa Lay of Beef & Blossoms



Candi and son, Ben Crafton, make snow cones.



Elizabeth Adams, 10, left, and friend Lilly McBeel, 11

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Diamond duo delight in Tri-Cities

Baseball Ads to state; series victory at KDB

BILL HOWARD

Correspondent

KINGSPORT -On the road against Dobyns-Bennett High School in a best-of-three Sectional series with a state trip on the line, the Farragut Admirals split the first two games with the Indians. The



Copeland

season came down to a do-or-die game three. FHS prevailed 7-3 Thursday, May 15. The

chance for yet another state title remains alive. In the deciding game — after winning 10-0 Wednesday, May 14, before falling 10-3 despite an Owen Stelzer homer earlier in the day Thursday - Stelzer's three-run homer in the top of the second gave FHS a 3-0 lead. Jackson Zeller made it 4-0 in the third with a run-scoring single.

Pinch-hitter Nash Spurgeon's RBI-single in the fourth increased the lead to 5-0. The Indians (31-10 record) cut it to 5-2 in the fifth, but Braxton Tye's double pushed the lead to 6-2 in the sixth. KDB cut it to 6-3, but Braden Humphrey's RBI completed the scoring in the seventh.

Staff ace Cole Draper started and went four and two-thirds innings for the Ads (28-11), giving up five hits, two earned runs and four walks with three strikeouts. Reliever Benny Miller finished the game.

Game one Wednesday, May 14, saw Farragut dominate 10-0. FHS pitcher Reid Thomason started and went four innings, striking out six and giving up five hits and one walk. Brodie Roberts relieved and gave up two hits, one walk and struck out four in two innings.

The Admirals led 2-0 after one inning before a two-run double by Travis Brummitt Jr. made it 4-0 after three. An RBI single by Jake Harris and Brummitt's second two-run double upped the lead to 7-0 in the fourth. Run-scoring hits by Zeller and Stelzer made it 10-0 in the sixth.

Lessons from 2024 learned: 'intensity' keys Sectional softball win at Science Hill

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JOHNSON CITY-A huge lesson learned from 2024 paved the way for Farragut softball to reach Murfrees-

boro and the Division I-4A State Tournament. "What we didn't want to happen, and what I really stressed at the end of the Halls game," an 8-1 Region 2-4A title-game home loss Thursday, May 15, "don't let the Halls game beat us twice

like it did last year," Lady Ads skipper Nick Green said after his team's resounding 10-3 Sectional win at Region 1-4A champ Science Hill Friday, May 16. "We lost to Halls (in 2024), then we carried that over into the sectional game.

"We needed to focus on Science Hill," he added. "Collectively, it was just our intensity. That was a big deal. We were ready to play right out the gate.'

First-inning singles by Logan Jameson and Rylee Raby came before Elsa Morrison's sac fly. And then, sophomore staff ace and winning pitcher Halley Grace Johnson "hits the first pitch out for two-run homer, and immediately we're up 3-0," Green said. "So that was huge, coming right out of the gate and scoring."

After the Lady Hilltoppers smacked a two run homer in the first, a two-out Jameson RBI double made it 4-2 Farragut in the second inning.

Two Morrison solo home runs, while Johnson worked out of two bases-loaded/none-out jams to allow just one run, kept FHS up 6-3 heading to the seventh.

A Raby solo homer plus an RBI double from Eleena Ralston scored Morrison, who was intentionally walked. "And then Ava Barnes hits a two-run homer to put us up 10-3," Green said.



Parting gifts of thanks for a job well done



Retiring Osborne honored at FHS Track & Field Senior Day

Chelsea Osborne, retiring longtime Farragut High School track & field and cross country head coach, was honored by her current and former athletes, current and former coaches, parents and fans in general during a ceremony on FHS Track & Field Senior Day while the school hosted a meet at Bill Parker Track in Eddie Courtney Stadium Saturday, April 12. Alongside Osborne presenting the inscribed plaque listing her many coaching accomplishments at the school and the framed "Happy Retirement" sign are assistants Garrett Jones, left, who takes over as new Admirals cross country skipper, and Charles Bell, who will become new FHS track and field head coach.

Local athletes in TSSAA state track & field meet this week

While athletes from Knoxville Catholic High School, Webb School of Knoxville, Christian Academy of Knoxville and Concord Christian School participated in the TSSAA Division II state meet Wednesday, May 21, Farragut, HVA and Bearden did the same in Division I-AAA Thursday, May 22. Results next week.

Region soccer champ Hawks joined by Dawgs at state; faced each other in quarters



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HARDIN VALLEY — With all the scoring, once again, coming from senior forward Ben Brophy, Hardin Valley Academy built on its 2-1 Region 2-AAA title victory at Bearden - unlike last season — and earned a Division I-AAA state berth in Murfreesboro this week after edging a tough Sevier County team 2-1 in Sectional

4-2) tied the match in the 29th minute, "The ball got deflected to Cam (Wolfe), and he beautifully flicked it, and I was one-on-one with the keeper," added Brophy, whose 77 career goals are just two short of the school record. "It was another great pass."

About losing to Science Hill at home in last year's Sectional after beating Bearden to win region, Nathan Holbrook, Hawks se nior forward and a team captain, said about 2024, "What we learned was last year, we came out of that Bearden game thinking we won it all. This year, we knew the job



Green

Alan Sloan

Hardin Valley Academy senior Nathan Holbrook (41) and junior Cash White (15) converge on the ball with Sevier County's Kevin Ramirez during this Sectional game at HVA Saturday, May 17.

Huffman representing HVA in state Division I-AA singles

Madison Huffman, Hardin Valley Academy's No. 1 singles tennis standout, improved her record to 23-0 this season in all matches, singles and doubles. In singles, Huffman won the District 4-AA crown 6-0, 6-0, then captured Region 2-AA in singles 6-0, 6-1, earning her a trip to the Division I-AA State Singles competition that began this week in Murfreesboro. If Huffman reached the title match, that would happen Thursday, May 22.



play at HVA Saturday evening, May 17.

With the BHS SoccerDawgs crushing Jefferson County 8-0 at JCHS in the other area Sectional, Bearden (18-2-1) will join the Hawks (16-3-3) at state. In fact, the pair played each other in the quarterfinals Tuesday. May 20 (after deadline) — thanks to a new seeding system that doesn't exclude playing a team from your own district in the opening round.

About his first goal, coming in the eighth-minute, "Frank (Manrod), he just played it perfectly over to Ali (Tarchane on the left side), and he just rocketed it there and it just connected with my foot and just went in the corner" of the net, said Brophy, a Maryville College signee who also scored both goals in the region title win at BHS. "It was just a great team play overall."

About his second goal, coming with just 2:05 left in the first half after the Smoky Bears (13-

'Final Four' at state earned

by CAK softball this week

in TSSAA Division II-A

Brophy

wasn't done. We cared about winning region, but our biggest thing was winning state.

"I think this is the best we've been playing," Holbrook added.

"I think the guys learned from last year, and what we talked about before the game was like, 'We've waited 365 days for this moment, so let's make sure that we don't come out on the wrong end of it," HVA head coach Ray Dover said.

"They do such a good job off the ball, just moving and staying so active," Tim Bohanan, SCHS head coach, said about the Hawks.



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\$41+ mil new BHS record; Haynes among 486 grads

Senior beats brain cancer, which dates back to age 3

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Perhaps Madison Haynes is especially appreciative about being one of Bearden High School's 486 Class of 2025 graduates.

"She was diagnosed with a rare brain cancer at age 3," said her father, Jeff Haynes, after Madison and her BHS classmates completed the school's Commencement Ceremony in BHS's John H. Burnette Stadium — which included a roughly 50 minute rain/ storm delay — Thursday evening, May 15.

"We're just super proud of her," Madison's mother, Pamella Havnes, said. "We didn't know right before her 4th birthday if she was going to be here. We almost lost her multiple times. So it's just wonderful for her to be here.

'She's several years being cancer-free now," the mother added. "Yes, over 14 years.'

"And over 14 years later, she graduates from Bearden High School as an Honor student," Jeff Haynes said. "God is good."

"Locally, she had the surgery with Dr. Harris, the neurosurgeon at (East Tennessee) Children's Hospital; and then she did her proton radiation at MD Anderson (Center) in Houston."

Also on hand from the family was Madison's younger brother, Jameson Haynes, a BHS junior.

Other Class of 2025 highlights

The BHS Class of 2025 "has excelled in many ways," said principal Deborah Sayers in her Commencement address. "One hundred and thirty-four seniors (29 percent of the senior class) earned a 4.0 or better grade-point average. BHS 2025 graduates will be continuing their education at 75 different colleges and universities in 22 different states and two countries outside of the United States — Ireland and Sweden.

'... The Class of 2025 was also rewarded for their academics and achievements," Sayers continued. "Seniors received scholarship offers totaling \$41,753,615. This is a new record for Bearden High School and is over 2.8 million more than last year.

"The class includes one National Merit Semifinalist; one National Merit Finalist; two National Merit Scholarship winners; two National Merit Commended Students; eight National His-



panic Scholars; five African-American Scholar awards, one Ned McWherter Scholar; one Hagan Foundation Scholar; 11 Seal of Biliteracy awardees and one student with a World Language Honors Seal; several Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout Gold awardees; three National Achievers Society Scholars; one student with perfect 36 ACT score; and over 200 earned National Industry certifications.

"The class also includes members of the Nationally Distinguished Unit with Academic Honors for JROTC; 16 All-State musicians, boys basketball regular season district champs; girls basketball TSSAA 'final four' - district regular season and tournament champions - girls lacrosse TSSAA 'final four' and region champs; boys golf TSSAA Region champs and state runner-ups; girls soccer TSSAA state runner-ups along with district regular season, tournament and region champs; football TSSAA

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Photos by Alan Sloan

(Top left) The Haynes family

with BHS graduate Madison,

who is alongside, from left,

brother, Jameson (a BHS ju-

nior), her father, Jeff, and

mother, Pamella. (Top right)

Graduate Chandler Margaret

Yates receives her diploma

from principal Deborah Say-

ers. (Above) Graduate Jaxon

Whitt with his parents, Gabri-

elle Whitt and Shawn Clark.

6 years later: 2nd Mynatt CCS-DAR honor \mathbf{O}

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Alan Sloan

Like big sister, like little brother in the Mynatt family at Concord Christian School. The Daughters of the American Revolution's local Andrew Bogle Chapter honors a CCS senior each school year to be their DAR Good Citizen. The 2024-25 recipient is Bauer Mynatt, as recognized in the CCS/First Baptist Concord Gathering Space Wednesday, May 14. Bauer is presented the award by Nancy Noel, co-chair with Margaret Carr, second from right, on the Bogle Chapter Good Citizen Award committee. Lea Ann Voiles, far right, is the high school's guidance counselor. Bauer's family members, from left, are Megan Mynatt, mother; and sisters, Isabella, a CCS freshman; Saylor, also a senior at the school; and Savannah Mynatt, the 2018-19 DAR Good Citizen honoree.



in the Greater Knoxville area by Greater Knoxville Hospitality Association during a Thursday, May 1, ceremony.

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3rd Annual Volley for Hope for Second Harvest, June 6-8

Southern Pickleball presents 3rd Annual Volley for Hope benefiting Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee at Pavilion of Pickleball, 701 Racquet Club Way in Knoxville, Friday, June 6 through Sunday, June 8.

Registration is \$60 and includes up to two events. To sign up, visit Second Harvest's Volley for Hope page: Second-HarvestETN.org/volley-forhope Signups 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 according

to Jon Rice, SHFBET Engagement and Communications manager.

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.

"It's been a lot of fun entering this pickleball (event) over the past couple of years," Rice said. "There's a lot of passionate pickleball players in Knoxville. It's a fun weekend for them — but also supporting a good cause.

"We really encourage people even if they're a beginning pickleball player — to sign up, come out and support the Food

Bank and have a good time with their friends and family," he added.

Basis rules, perks

As registration proceeds, tournament management reserves the option to combine brackets as needed if certain 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.

A team must play at the skill level of the higher-rated player and the age group of the younger player. Age is calculated as of 12/31/2025.

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• St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 110 Sugarwood Drive in Farragut, announces its May Gift of the Month for Children's Hospital Camp Eagle's Nest.

The following items are needed for the church's monthly Drive By and Drop Off collection, which this month is from 1 to 2 p.m., Sunday, May 25, at the church: crayons, markers, bracelet-making kits (for boys and girls), snacks that must

be individually wrapped, UNO cards and other card games, Fidget toys (such as pop-its, squeeze balls, etc.).

As for the gift beneficiary's background information: "since 1983, this week-long camp is for oncology/hematology patients," a SEEC press release stated. "The counselors are doctors, nurses and other hospital staff who know the

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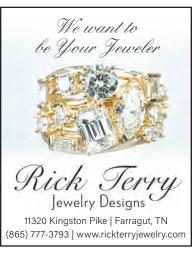
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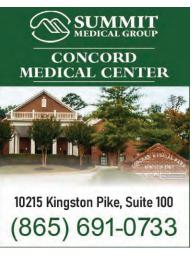
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 Joseph David Chalmers, born Oct. 26, 1938, had a saying that applied far beyond a golf course: "keep it in the fairway!"

Joe, who passed away April 23, 2025, will always be remembered for love of his familv and the game of golf. Joe made Knoxville his home, but he learned to play golf on the other side of the world. His father was a diplomat who traveled the world with his family in tow. Golf set its hooks into him at an early age, and he was powerless to do anything but go along for the ride.

Joe gave Tennessee amateur golf one of its most beloved tournaments, the Four-Ball, and ran it for more than 40



years. He championed the creation of the Senior Four-Ball, served two terms as president of Tennessee Golf Association and was an associate director of Southern Golf Association.

He was a former board member at both Fox Den and Holston Hills country clubs, where he had been a member for more than 40 years and a multiple-time club champ. Now he plays the golden course in Heaven, surrounded by old friends and endless fairways.

Joe was a retired commercial realtor holding a CCIM designation, was a Navy veteran and once named one of Knoxville's Best Dressed Men. His passion for gardening, especially roses and



Mr. Chalmers

orchids, brought him joy. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Rita (Douglas) Chalmers, and was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma (1993); his son, Scott; and his brother, Jimmy. He also is survived by

his daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Robert Torbett; grandchildren, Kristin and Scott Torbett; and six greatgrandchildren; stepchildren, Robbin, Russell and Jason Douglas; and sister-in-law, Becki Chalmers.

He also leaves behind his adopted family: Tom and Laura Martin and his special gifts: Abby Rose (Yates), Caroline (Settje) and Erica (Shreve) Douglas. His strong and guiding hand will always be with us when we face life's decisions.

A special thanks to Dr. John

Showalter, Tara Carroll, Margaret Keele and all the staff at Covenant Therapy and NHC Farragut. Big Joe, we will miss you so much.

A private service for family and close friends begins at 12:30 p.m., Thursday, May 29, at Veterans Cemetery Sevier Highway, Knoxville, TN 37920.

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I. Approval of Ordinance 25-08, ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund, Capital Investment Program & Tourism Funds

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Tuesday, May 27, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Approval of minutes for the April 22, 2025, meeting.
- 2. Staff report wall signs approved in the past month.
- 3. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Knox Massage
- & Wellness, located at 11410 Kingston Pike.
- 4. Review of a landscape plan for the St. John Neumann
- School Addition, located at 625 St. John Court.
- 5. Review of a revised landscape plan for Dogtopia,
- located at 12925 Kingston Pike.

6. Citizen Forum.

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The Knox County Board of Equalization will begin its annual session to examine and equalize the county assessments on June 2nd, 2025. THE BOARD WILL ACCEPT APPEALS FOR TAX YEAR 2025 ONLY UNTIL THE LAST DAY of its 2025 REGULAR SESSION WHICH WILL BE JUNE 30, 2025. The Board will meet each weekday by appointment from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 P.M at the City/County Building, 400 Main Street, 6th Floor Conference Room. Any owner of property who wishes to make a complaint or appeal to the County Board of Equalization must appear before said Board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. To schedule an appointment to appear before the Board, call (865-215-2006) beginning May 27th through June the 27th h between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please note the office will be closed on Monday 26th and Thursday June 19th to observe the Memorial Day and National Independence Holidays. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right of appeal.



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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AGENDA Farragut Town Hall • 11408 Municipal Center Drive • May 22, 2025 **BMA MEETING 6:00 PM**

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance II. Approval of Agenda **III. Approval of Minutes** A. May 8, 2025 IV. Mayor's Report V. Ordinances & Resolutions A. Ordinance 1. Public Notice and Second Reading a) Approval of Ordinance 25-07 amending Farragut Municipal Code Chapter 12 Municipal Court, Section 12-8, Office of municipal court clerk; to replace the existing section in its entirety with a new ordinance; court clerk to be designated by the Town Administrator 2. First Reading a) Approval of Ordinance 25-08, ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General

Fund, Capital Investment Program & Tourism Funds

VI. Business Items

A. Approval of Request for Supplement from LDA Engineering, Inc. for Additional Design Services for Virtue Road/Boyd Station Road Improvements Project. B. Approval of Change Order 5, Contract 2022-07, Farragut Advanced Traffic Manage-

ment System (ATMS) C. Approval of Wright Construction, Town Hall

Contract Change Order #2 D. Approval of Wright Construction, Town Hall

Contract Change Order #3

VII. Citizens Forum

VIII. Town Administrator's Report IX. Town Attorney's Report

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen welcomes and invites Farragut residents to participate in public meetings.

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BHS graduation

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state playoff quarterfinals; and many played in the flag football team's inaugural season. This group also includes TSSAA Game Day and Pom state champions, UDA Pom National Champions and includes numerous All-District, All-Region and All-State student-athletes.

"Finally, the Class of 2025 had 210 Advanced Placement student recognitions, including 88 AP Scholars, 95 AP Scholars with Distinction and 27 AP Scholars with Honors. Forty-eight students are AP Capstone Diploma candidates. This class helped BHS achieve its newest national ranking in US News and World Report's 2025 Best American High Schools.'

Speeches, awards, song

The Ceremony also included speeches from valedictorian Kendall Hubbs and salutatorian Grace Page plus an Alumni of the Year award and the Seniors of Bearden Choir performing "The Road Home." Also speaking were gradu-

ates Ariel Dickman, Senior Committe president, and Kendyl May, Senior Committee Fundraising chair.

Volley

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Tournament players each receive a swag bag full of pickleball goodies. Snacks and beverages are available throughout the tournament.

*The last day to be guaranteed a tournament shirt is Sunday, June 1," the release further stated. "Shirts are unisex and run larger than gender sizes specifically for women."

Planner

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