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Outlet Drive's 240 + 80

Prelim plat for townhomes, apartments affect Town streets: FMPC

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A preliminary plat for a new residential development, with 240 apartment units and 80 townhomes, at 11471 Outlet Drive was presented to Town planners for consideration during a Farragut Municipal Planning Commission Staff/Planner meeting in Town Hall Tuesday, June 3.

"The development's not really in the Town, but in the traffic impact study associated with it, there are some recommendations that would affect some of the Town's streets," Community Development director Mark Shipley said. "So, the Planning Commission is required to review and approve the items that are going to be performed on our streets."



Shipley

Located adjacent to Tapestry at Turkey Creek Apartments near Smith Road, "The development is called Venture at Laster Farms," Shipley said. "It's kind of a mix (of apartments and townhomes)."

Presented by Canon & Canon, an engineering firm, the complex is Millstone Construction and Development's first development in Tennessee.

He said the property was rezoned a few

months ago to provide for the development. He noted the preliminary plat includes a turn lane for the property and improvements at Snyder Road/North Campbell Station Road intersection in association with the proposed development.

"One of the things that we, the Town, are requiring — and (Knox County Engineering and Public Works chief engineer) Jim Snowden said they would make sure they would enforce this — is (the county) can issue up to 100 building permits before these improvements have to be completely finished," Shipley said. "We didn't want it to get too far along. We wanted there to be some teeth in it to make sure that these improvements get accomplished before it's too far down the road."

He said the property's access is completely in the county, a little more than 200 feet from the access to Tapestry at Turkey Creek, which fronts Outlet Drive.

"The reason they aren't putting the access further east is there's actually, I think, a sinkhole in the area," Shipley said.

"Yes, and there's a culvert under Outlet Drive," said Jason Hunt, Canon & Canon civil site technical lead engineer. "It's a non-buildable lot."

The location for the proposed development's access "is not ideal," Shipley said. "Honestly, I wish the county had required these two (Tapestry and Venture) to connect, but they

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Rendering submitted

Millstone Construction and Development is planning to submit a preliminary plat for Venture at Laster Farms, a 320-unit mixed multi-family residential development along Outlet Drive, to Farragut Municipal Planning Commission at its Thursday, June 19, meeting (6 p.m.) in Town Hall.

Swift-Kelce in Concord for cousin Corum, bride



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Globally loved singer, future NFL Hall of Famer attend wedding of FHS grads at RiverView Family Farm June 6

One of the most popular singers in the world and her National Football League future Hall of Fame boyfriend were featured guests at a wedding in Concord (RiverView Family Farm) Friday, June 6. Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce attended the wedding of a cousin to the Kansas City Chiefs superstar tight end, Tanner Corum, a 2019 Farragut High School graduate (**top photo** in middle playing to the camera alongside his bride, fellow FHS 2019 grad Samantha Peck). Corum himself knows about winning big just like Kelce (three Super Bowl rings) as a part of the FHS Admirals' 2016 TSSAA Class 5A state champion football team. They had a

final wedding day photo surrounded by family and close friends, while Swift and Kelce (**above photo**) also got a little silly.

Multi-task broadcast duo calls match recent FHS baseball state crown runs

WFIV 105.3's Gerhardt, Skinner have a special love of gloves, bats, homers, great pitching

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senior. His team finished as Class AAA state runner-up.

For the unmistakable "Voice of Farragut High School athletics" dating back more than 20 years, Erik Gerhardt's love of FHS baseball and softball is perhaps deepened even further by his near miss of winning a state championship.

That came in 1988 as a starting right fielder, Gerhardt's last rodeo as an Admirals Class AAA state runner-up. The ever-popular Ralph Skinner, meanwhile, is the one constant public presence with Ads baseball during the program's 13 state-championship

run dating back to 2003. Its 23-year "Voice" in public address home games and 17 years of play-by-play calls on WUCP-FM, Skinner's love

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Right photo by Alan Sloan/above photo submitted



(Near left) Erik Gerhardt, left, and Ralph Skinner have become the "Voices of Farragut baseball," with Gerhardt also the "Voice" of FHS softball, football and basketball. (Far left) The two in action on WFIV-FM 105.3 during the 2022 TSSAA baseball state tourney at Oakland High School in Murfreesboro.

Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade, Party in the Park rarin' to go

Annual Town of Farragut Independence Day Parade begins at 9:30 a.m., Friday, July 4.

Parade begins with more than 90 entries that travel from Farragut High School junior lot, proceeding down Lendon Welch Way onto Kingston Pike, then turning right to go west.

The Parade's Kingston Pike trek continues to Boring Road, just east of Farragut Towne Square Shopping Center (former Ingles store site). Groups or businesses interested in registering to participate in the parade can register for the parade at townoffarragut.org

Party in the Park, in McFee Park, is from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, July 25.

"Party at the splash pad with Farragut Parks & Rec.," a Town press release stated. "Activities, music and food trucks make the perfect way to (celebrate) summer."





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Long-time Town resident is May Sampler champion



Photo courtesy of Stephen Krempasky/Shop Farragut-FBA executive director Long-time Farragut resident Traci Kapple, left, is delighted to spend a few minutes away from her duties at Farragut Edward Jones Financial office to grab her Shop Farragut Town Sampler bag of goodies at Clean Juice. As May contest winner, she met Melissa Chavez, center, certified juicerista, and Kylie Morgan, shift leader, at their Turkey Creek store, to collect her prize package. Those goodies were provided in the form of \$25 gift cards from Clean Juice, 54th Nail Lounge, Apotheca, Sir Goony's Family Fun Center, Potrillos Tacueria & Neveria, French Market Creperie, Parlor Donuts and SweatHouz - plus merchandise from Farragut Museum and MEDIC Blood Center. To enter the June contest, visit the link: https://wfiv.com/contests/66/shop-farragut-june-2025

towncalendar

• Visit Farragut presents Bluegrass Summer Solstice Concert, which will welcome summer with music, food and fun from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, June 20, at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza (101 N. Campbell Station Road), "This free, family-friendly celebration of the longest day of the year features live bluegrass music, yard games and local food trucks," a Town press release stated. "Enjoy toe-tapping melodies from Big Creek Bluegrass and Tim Decker & Tennessee River.³



KCSOreports

• At 9:46 a.m., Monday, June 9, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office West Precinct to report a motor vehicle theft from U-Haul of Farragut, 10833 Kingston Pike. Complainant advised the listed vehicle was rented to the suspect on Wednesday, June 4, with the promise of returning it on Thursday, June 5. Complainant sent out a certified demand letter on Friday, June 6.

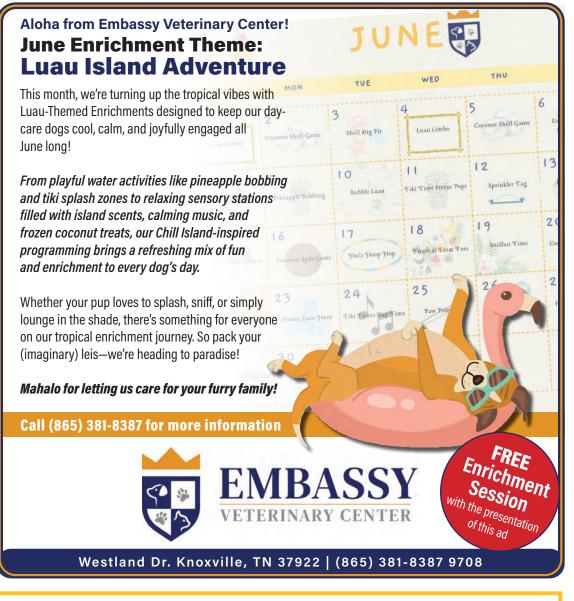
Complainant has not spoken with the suspect since June 4 and does not know where the listed vehicle is located. Complainant (said a) Parkside Drive (address) in Farragut is the address the suspect provided on the documents used to rent the listed vehicle.

• At 12:15 p.m., Sunday, June 8, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft at a Lanesborough Way apartment.

Victim advised "she received a phone call from the listed suspect stating she was there to drop off the complainant's Walmart delivery," the report stated. "She (said) she went outside to get her package and discovered the listed suspect was nowhere to be found and did not drop off the package. Complainant advised she contacted Walmart and they advised it showed delivered on their end, and (advised filing) a police report to start an official complaint."

• At 5:43 p.m., Friday, June 6, a KCSO unit was dispatched to a Kingston Pike address in reference to a burglary of a business. Officer made contact with the owner, who "advised me he had security video of a woman entering the back door of the business and

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• Pay yourself first. If you wait until you have some extra money "lying around" before you invest for retirement, you may never get around to doing it. Instead, pay yourself first. This actually is not that hard to do, especially if you have a 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan, because your contributions are taken directly from your paycheck, before you even have the chance to spend the money. You can set up a similar arrangement with an IRA by having automatic contributions taken directly from your checking or savings account.

• Invest appropriately. Your investment decisions should be guided by your retirement goals, along with how long you have before you need the money and how comfortable you are with different levels of investment risk. If you deviate from these guideposts — for instance, by taking on either too much or too

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little risk — you may end up making decisions that aren't right for you and that may set you back as you pursue your financial independence.

• Avoid financial "potholes." The road to financial liberty will always be marked with potholes you should avoid. One such pothole is *debt* — the higher your debt burden, the less you can invest for your retirement. It's not always easy to lower your debt load, but do the best you can to live within your means. A second pothole comes in the form of large, unexpected short-term costs, such as a major home or auto repair or a medical bill not fully covered by insurance. To avoid dipping into your long-term investments to pay for these short-term costs, try to build an emergency fund containing three to six months' worth of living expenses, with the money kept in a liquid, low-risk account.

· Give yourself some wiggle room. If you decide that to achieve financial independence, you *must* retire at 62 or you must buy a vacation home by the beach, you may feel disappointed if you fall short of these goals. But if you're prepared to accept some flexibility in your plans — perhaps you can work until 65 or just rent a vacation home for the summer — you may be able to earn a different, but still acceptable, financial freedom. And by working a couple of extra years or paying less for your vacation home expenses, you may also improve your overall financial picture.

Putting these and other moves to work can help you keep moving toward your important goals. When you eventually reach your own "Financial Independence Day," it may not warrant a fireworks display — but it should certainly add some sparkle to your life.

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walking through the store at approximately (12:38 p.m.) on June 6," the report stated.

"I viewed the videos and (owner) submitted them to Axon Evidence to secure the video evidence. (Owner said) there was nothing missing from his business and that everything appeared to be normal," the report further stated. "I did not observe any pry marks on the back door where the suspect entered into the business."

KCSO Reports are made available weekly courtesy of Capt. Brad Hall and Amber Pressley of KCSO West Precinct along Parkside Drive.

letterstotheeditor

Where eminent domain shouldn't apply for Town: high costs, legal action threats

I recently read the farragutpress article, "New Option for Virtue ..." (Tammy Cheek, 29 May 2025). It precipitated a flashback from "Mr. Roberts" when Ensign Pulver discovers the death of Mr. Roberts; he bursts in on the ship's captain (via James Cagney; captain Morton) and retorts – I paraphrase here for the sake of subject matter – "What's all this crud about a boardwalk?"

A year ago, I had a letter published in farragutpress providing a convincing argument against the rationale for taking any property for such a pathway.

Indeed, just what is the obsession with this remarkably flawed effort? Then, I had a chance to review the evolution of eminent domain extending from the 2013 review by the Intergovernmental Committee on Eminent Domain (state) to, and

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Russell praised on KCS \$ limit view

I am writing to praise and support my District 5 Knox County Commissioner, Angela Russell. She publicly asked some important and reasonable questions about the recently approved county budget.

The farragutpress reported June 4, "On one of her two major Knox County Government spending reduction recommendations concerning its fiscal year 2026 budget, Knox County Commissioner Angela Russell said she wanted a roughly \$10 million cut from the roughly \$700 million already in the proposed budget for Knox County Schools pending final KCC approval."

This should be noted: this is not a cut to the Knox County Schools budget, merely a reduction in the Knox County School Board's large voluntary increase in excess of the state required "Maintenance of Effort (MOE)." The School Board requested an additional \$25 million this year, which was \$10 million more than the state-required MOE.

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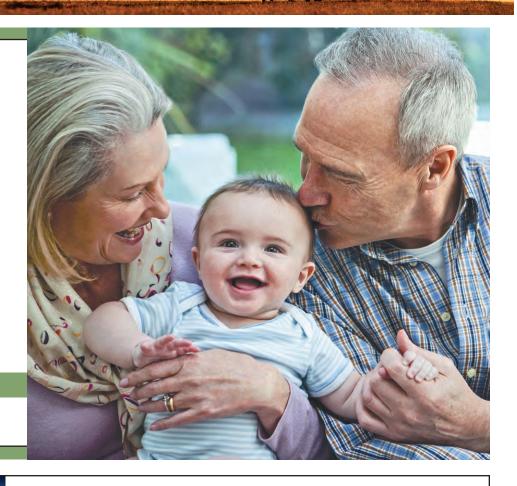
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Russell praised

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More and more citizens are becoming aware of a looming financial crisis for Knox County. The conservative approach to our financial situation is to cut spending wherever possible as demonstrated by Angela Russell's simple commonsense question: why has the school budget ballooned by 35 percent since 2021 while enrollment has declined?

In fact, according to Betsy Henderson, chair of the Knox County School Board (6th District, which includes Hardin Valley) speaking June 8 on "Tennessee this Week" on WATE-TV, since COVID Knox County Schools has lost 3,000 students. That is a lot of students. I am glad at least one County Commissioner is paying attention.

I wish Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs and Knox County Commissioner Terry Hill would take the suggested \$10 million saved and use it to create a middle turn lane on Northshore Drive from Concord Road to Choto Road. Unfortunately, the Mayor and the Commissioner approved adding 2 feet of pavement on each lane and an unneeded pedestrian greenway in front of Jefferson Park against the wishes of residents there.

That extra pavement won't help at all when car wrecks paralyze Northshore Drive. A middle turn lane would.

To paraphrase an old joke, \$10 million here and \$10 million there, and before you know it, it adds up to real money.

For two decades Knox County roads have been neglected. Our county does not have the extra money to voluntarily exceed the school MOE; we have to fix the roads now. This \$10 million has more important uses.

The budget process currently impacts \$1.1 billion of our tax dollars, and based on this recent kerfuffle, I have very little confidence that these millions are being allocated wisely and with the best interest of the voters.

Neither the Mayor nor Commissioner Hill are statelicensed accountants, while Angela Russell is. I am proud to have a voice of wisdom in the fiscal wilderness of Knox County.

Lawrence Segrest, Farragut

Outlet growth

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didn't." The Town, however, is requiring the developers to include a traffic impact study recommending the proposed improvements and a completion letter of credit for the proposed work within the Town.

The proposed preliminary plat is expected to be an item on the Thursday, June 19. FMPC meeting, which starts at 6 p.m. in Town Hall Board Room.

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including, the April 24, 2024, Tennessee legislature replacement of TCA 29-17-102. Regarding this latter legislation, there is clarity regarding the intent to protect personal properties from taking by overzealous municipalities.

Now comes a "solution" based on the fact that the city has been noticed that if it were to proceed, serious legal actions by influential persons or committees would be activated, certainly based on the very notes I espoused in July 2024.

To add insult to injury, we simply move across the street to take the property of others; problem solved, as they have

fewer resources to indict this effort.

Lastly, but not least, "we" want a wooden walkway for which we will spend over \$2 million (~\$800,000 for project development and 1,650 foot long x 6.5 foot wide x 117/square feet equals ~\$1,255,000 for materials; these costs/ square feet are easily obtained from numerous contractors).

These are not the only costs. Additional environmental issues - e.g., soils issues and local wet environments — will drive not only these costs higher, but will commit the city to long-term maintenance costs of a wooden structure (estimated from other cities' costs to be \$47,000-\$114,000/year).

of Town fathers' fiscal egos.

To paraphrase my words in my original letter of July 2024, as a matter of purpose any instance of no pathway or no such taking by the city of Farragut, who is hurt? Who suffers? Whose life efforts will be displaced? Who will go to bed hungry? Who will go to bed worse in the absence of a new partial pathway?

Absolutely no one! If the Town patriarchs and prior matriarch are genuinely caring extensions of the people they represent, surely the occasional expenditure of city finances for some projects requires a "No," not "No Confidence" from the citizenry.

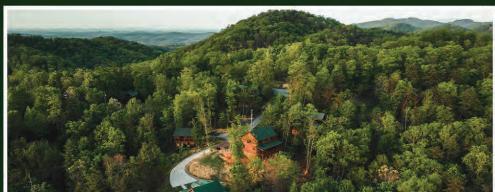
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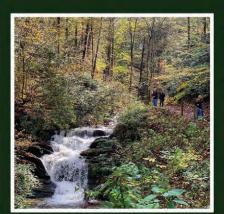
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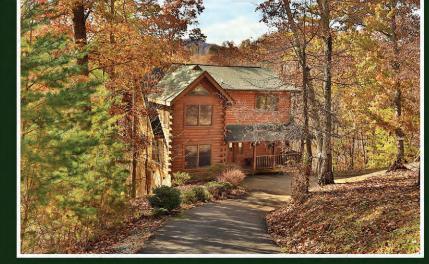
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Refreshing new Chamber member

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Vital Hydration, a business that refreshes its clients, has joined Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce right after launching a special "fat reduction" special sauna.

As one of its newest members, Vital Hydration celebrated with a ribbon cutting Tuesday afternoon, June 10.

"I had been to a couple networking events that they had put on," said Corina West, RN/CEO, of Vital Hydration, which is located at 0932 Murdock Road in West Knoxville. "John (Volpe, FWKCC executive board member) ... talked to me about (the Chamber) and I definitely want to be part of this community."

West said VH is a wellness center with a key update.

"I have an infrared and red light sauna," she said. "It's basically a two-in-one unit, and our newest device is called T-Shape 2 that helps with fat reduction and cellulite.

"We just launched (T-Shape 2) last month," she added. "We're very excited about it."

West opened the business in December 2023, fully mobile with IVs and injections, then opened her brick-and-mortar location (at 10932 Murdock Road) in December 2024.

"When I started my business, it was heavily focused on IV hydration and therapy, just plain fluids or we mix different — I like to call them — cocktails of vitamins and minerals, targeting different symptoms for people," she said. "We also do vitamin injections; we help people with weight loss; we do testosterone replacement therapy.

"We're nurses here," added West, a former emergency room nurse. "We're licensed to be able to start IVs on people. We do just normal saline like the fluids you would get traditionally at a hospital and then we infuse the vitamins and minerals.

"We do all kind of mixes. We can target energy; we can target immunity. Those are the biggest ones most people ask about."

The mixes can also target mood, athletic performance, metabolism and sleep. "Women really love our PMS drip," West said. "It helps with relaxing our system. I've had a couple of women who are in menopause and they like to get that drip as well."

Injections also are available for those who do not have an hour for an IV. "A lot of the times, people just needed vital fluids," she observed. "Maybe they had the flu or they were out in the sun too long ... but our ER wait times would be crazy long, and these people would be sitting in the ER, being exposed to so many different germs and all kinds of things just for a bag of fluids.

"When I was working in



the ER, my thought was 'how could our community alleviate our wait times in our ER and how could we take better care of our community,'" West added. While walk-ins are welcome, booking appointments is preferred. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; from 11 a .m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday; and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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businessbriefs

• In a move to support housing security and community wellbeing, **Home Federal Bank** recently announces a \$200,000 donation to local nonprofit organizations that provide safe,

affordable h o u s i n g solutions throughout the East



vid Reynolds said. "Affordable housing is foundational to financial well-being, public health and vibrant communities. We're honored to support the dedicated non-profits in our region who are making a lasting difference every day."

• Wellpoint Tennessee recently hosted "Laundry Day" to support whole health

SweatHouz opens in Town Center



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to housing stability, homelessness prevention and neighborhood revitalization.

"At Home Federal, we believe that everyone deserves a safe and stable place to call home," **Home Federal Bank CEO Da**- in Knoxville, as families took part in the community-centered event, transforming laundromats into centers of wellness and support by combining free laundry services with access to health resources.

• East Tennessee Children's Hospital recently was recognized for patient safety and excellence in sedation when it was named the February Solutions for Patient Safety Hospital of the Month.

It was chosen from among 140 hospitals.

SweatHouz Farragut (aka SWTHZ) celebrated its opening with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting at its location, 118 Biddle Farms Blvd. in Town Center, Wednesday, May 28. On hand for the event were staff members Cierra Sachse (front row, third from left), Daniel Knipp (second row, with beard), co-manager Brielle Ruhland (fourth from left), Matt Trowbridge (with scissors, franchise owner), co-manager Megan MacDonald (sixth from left), Jackie Frankenstein (sixth from right) and Joel Chiapetta (fifth from left); Farragut Mayor Ron Williams (second row, fourth from right), Alderman Drew Burnett (front row, third from right), and a host of Chamber members and other supporters.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Second Harvest Food Bank

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee held their 3rd annual Volley For Hope Pickleball Charity Tournament June 6-8. The event was held at The Pavilion of Pickleball with 198 players from 8 different states participating. In all, 362,700 meals were funded.

If you would like to learn more about this event, others like it and more about Second Harvest of East Tennessee please visit secondharvestetn.org







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Multi-task duo

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for baseball dates back to his childhood growing up in northeast Alabama.

These two finally teamed up on a regular basis in 2022 when Gerhardt invited Skinner to become part of a new WFIV-FM 105.3 baseball team, primarily as a color analyst — WUCP was no longer broadcasting FHS baseball — to follow the Ads during big regular season games, plus the entire way in post-season.

Perhaps only a coincidence, but the Baseball Ads have won the last four TSSAA Division I-Class 4A state crowns beginning in 2022 as broadcasted by these two multi-tasking voices and stat keepers.

"So the first game that I did with Ralph was in 2019," Gerhardt said, as the resources of WFIV were needed. "Ralph knew that a lot of people weren't going to be able to go to Bristol, where Farragut would play Tennessee High in the Sectional, and would have a great interest in being able to listen in; and yet WUCP wasn't going to be able to carry it.

"And so he called and wanted to know if there was any way that WFIV could get it on," he added. "And we scrambled and got a few advertisers and put together some ads for them and all the things you need to have in order for it to sound like a real broadcast and went and did it." That took "about two or three days."

Gerhardt acknowledged "there was an identity with that station (WUCP) and Farragut baseball.

"But it just got to where this gentleman who ran the station (the late Dave Garner, who Skinner praised for his dedication to FHS baseball broadcasts), his wife had health issues, and so he wasn't able to be at the station to make (FHS baseball) available for those broadcasts," he added. "And so that's when that allowed us to come in. And so I definitely wanted to include Ralph so that it would be more of the same to what people were accustomed to hearing on Farragut baseball."

Being at close range, "I love seeing is how much appreciation the players have for Ralph. ... I enjoy seeing that interaction when the opportunity presents itself because that's a pretty big age gap there," Gerhardt said. "Ralph still relates to those kids really well, and they really seem to appreciate his dedication to them and to the program. ...

"To think about all the games that Ralph been present for. ... The dedication to it is definitely admirable and inspiring," he added. "He's just a true gentleman."

After all, the FHS pressbox bears Skinner's name.

About working with Gerhardt, Skinner said, "I'm just grateful for the opportunity. Eric is the ultimate pro. He is prepared. You should see, like in our pressbox, all the sheets he's got up on the windows and on the table."

About his start in radio – adding that to home-game PA duties while keeping a scorebook and entertaining friends between half-innings - Skinner referenced that Mr. Garner and Mike Gibbons, also from Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church, "made a presentation to the Town (of Farragut) leadership about their little low-power radio station that would be broadcasting from the church" back in 2004. "And they wanted to support local things in Farragut."

On hand for Town leaders to honor the 2004 state champ Ads baseball team, and hearing the WUCP pitch, "I went, 'We can do baseball on WUCP and it won't cost us anything," Skinner recalled. "Well, I made contact with Mike Gibbons and Dave Garner, and sure enough the next year, in 2005, we began broadcasting Farragut baseball on WUCP."





(Near left) Erik Gerhardt's other duties beyond WFIV-FM include being emcee of annual FHS Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony. (Far left) Ralph Skinner always dresses for the occasion during FHS Baseball's annual Throwback Night. Photos submitted



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WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

I was quite impressed with the level of friendly professionalism of the Wise Senior Living inaugural event, and very glad that I brought guests. The choice of educational partners and the excellent presentation by knowledgeable speakers exceeded my expectations and caused me to look very forward to the next event! (Sherry S.)



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All-American HM ex-Ad, 2-time state golf champ, begins U.S. Open Thurs.



Lance Simpson on a huge 'stage'





Lance Simpson, a two-time individual state champion golfer at Farragut High School who recently earned Honorable Mention All-American honors as a Tennessee Volunteers redshirt junior golfer during the 2025 UT season, also earned his way into the field of one of the PGA's "four majors," the U.S. Open, which begins Thursday, June 12, at Oakmont Country Club in Oakmont, Pennsylvania. Simpson qualified for the U.S. Open after firing an 8-under-par 134 (69-65) for 36 holes at Bent Tree Country Club in Dallas ending Monday, May 19. Simpson led his Vols to a third-place regional finish during the recent NCAA Men's Golf Championships — finishing sixth individually — as UT qualified for the NCAA Tournament finals. As an Admirals senior at FHS in the fall of 2020, SImpson's second individual state championship also led Farragut to the Division i-Large team state crown.

Photos courtesy of UT Sports Information

Final FHS signees ceremony has 8

Farragut High School's final college/university student/athlete signing ceremony for the Class of 2025 took place in the school's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium earlier this spring. From left are Rachel Le, (tennis, Lincoln Memorial University); Tori McNair (volleyball, Shorter University); Ava Barnes (softball, Pellissippi State Community College); Katie Edmunds (track & field, Carson-Newman University); Dylan Rohn (wrestling, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy); Noah Eaker (track & field, Milligan University); Owen Stelzer (baseball, College of the Holy Cross); and Sadie LaFrance (dance, East Tennessee State University).



Promoting Admirals football with courtesies at Farragut Primary



Members of the Farragut Admirals varsity football team volunteered to open car doors for the arriving kindergartenthrough-second-graders at Farragut Primary School Wednesday, May 6. They handed out fliers to the children and their parents inviting them to attend the program's annual Blue-Grey game Thursday, May 8, which ended up being greatly shortened due to stormy weather. From left are Ian McLay, Bailey Pyle, Abram Shelton, Noah Haag, Max Garfield, Ernie Rodriguez, Aaron Heatherly, Brenton Haag and Ryan McCue.

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BHS, CAK: **TN** Theater Marquee winners

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Christian Academy of Knoxville and Bearden High School students brought home wins from 2nd Annual Marquee Awards in Tennessee Theater, downtown Knoxville, Sunday, May 25.

Hosted by Broadway star and Knoxville Central High School alum Bailey McCall, Tennessee Theatre celebrated high school musical theater in the region during the event.

Eli Solomon of Bearden High School won the Lead Actor Award as Bert in "Mary Poppins" and Annika Kall-strom of South-Doyle High School won the Lead Actress Award as Reno Sweeney in "Anything Goes."

The lead actress and lead actor winners earned a trip to New York City for the Jimmy Awards in June.

Among group performances, Christian Academy of Knoxville's Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella," the Broadway version, earned the Outstanding Choreography Execution Award.

"Tennessee Theatre's membership in The Broadway League, the national trade association for the Broadway industry, allows the two winners to attend The Jimmy Awards, which is a national celebration of outstanding student achievement in high school musical theatre," a Tennessee Theater press release stated. "Those 2025 awards will be held Monday, June 23 at Broadway's Minskoff Theatre.'

"We are so excited to send Eli and Annika to New York to represent the Tennessee Theatre in the Jimmy Awards," stated Mary Adkins, director of education and outreach for the Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation. "The Marquee Awards enables the Tennessee Theatre to elevate cultural arts in our area and region, and we know that they will have the experience of a lifetime and be wonderful representatives of East Tennessee high school musical theater at



Tammy Cheek

Winners of Farragut Youth Spring Art Show, which took place in Farragut Community Center Thursday, May 29, are, in no particular order: Garrett Melton, Landon Downey, Henry Frazier, Eli Hurtado, Macie Martin, Evan Jenson, Isaac Jenson, Jolene Melton, Lily Knox, Ellie Martin, Gabe Ma, Mateo Celis, Ellie Kinzler, Violet Knox, Jonah Frazier, Charlotte Melton, Malachi Hurtado, Truly Downey, Daphne Frazier, Lily Knox and Daisy Knox.

Farragut Youth Spring Art Show Seven 1st-place awardees, 21 in top three in seven categories

TAMMY CHEEK

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Twenty-one youngsters came out as winners after taking recent art classes at Farragut Community Center.

They showed their new talents in a Youth Spring Art Show in FCC Thursday, May 29.

The winners are:

• Best In Show: first place, Garrett Melton; second place, Landon Downey; and third place, Henry Frazier. • Best use of color: first place, Eli Hurtado; second place, Macie Martin;

and third place, Evan Jenson.

• Best use of materials: first place, Isaac Jenson; second, Jolene Melton; and third,

• Best 3D Design: first, Daphne Frazier; second, Lily Knox; and third, Daisy Knox.

"This show was comprised of work students made here at the Community Center," said Peyton Pettyjohn, who operates the Town's art program. "We have twice weekly art classes for kids 5 through 12. It is the same project for both classes, and the projects change every week.'

The Art Adventurers class is from 2 to 3:30 p.m., Tuesdays, and After School Art from 3:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays.

"We will be offering just the Tuesday class in the months of June and July," Pettyjohn added.

Each week, "the students are exposed to new and differing materials and skills," she said. "Sometimes the main learning objective is just to problem solve with new materials, while other times we learn something like warm versus cool colors or do work inspired by famous artists. "This (May 29) show had work completed from January to May," Pettyjohn added. "Each student was able to submit up to five pieces made in class for judging. They were also allowed to bring up to five

pieces from home to display by their name and other work. These were not judged.

"We had roughly 21 students submit art and participate in this show. I average about 20 for each class in a week. It is a drop-in program. That means you do not have to pre-register and can come to any class anytime. On Tuesdays we have all homeschool kids. On Wednesdays we have about half homeschool half in person kids.'

This program "continues to grow and evolve all the time," PettyJohn said. "It has been so much fun and such an honor for me to be able to put together classes like this and then be able to have a night twice a year - we do a show in December, too — where kids get to come in and see there work hung up and show it off to

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Lily Knox.

• Best overall composition: first, Ellie Martin; second, Gabe Ma; and third, Mateo Celis.

• Best technique: first, Ellie Kinzler; second, Violet Knox; and third, Jonah Frazier.

• Best 2D Design: first, Charlotte Melton; second, Malachi Hurtado; and third, Truly Downey.

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their families.

"The staff at the Community Center are so supportive and wonderful when it comes to these things as well," she added. "They allow full creative freedom and offer help and support in anyway possible. I have loved my time working with them and am thrilled that I get to continue to do so."

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• Farragut High School's Class of 1985 will hold its 40th Reunion in Avalon Country Club from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2. Spouses are welcome; cost is \$65 per person/\$120 per couple.

"Casual dress — school colors would be great," a Class of 1985 representative's press release stated.

"No band — but good Ole' '80s music will be played. Hors d'oeuvres, tea and water included; cash bar available."

About 200 stunning quilts will be on display on Friday, June 20, and Saturday, June 21, in Knoxville Expo Center, 5441 Clinton Highway (at Merchant Drive). It will take place more than 44 years after the Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee held its first quilt show, and the tradition continues this year.

The show will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridav and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Admission is \$10 daily; a two-day pass is \$15; and free for children under age 12. The Expo Center has free parking and is accessible to the disabled.

Show attendees are encouraged to bring a quilt – whether historic or contemporary – to the show and record a brief story during a free video recording session, which will be archived in the Quilt Alliance "Go Tell It!" project.

Other special attractions include a scavenger hunt for the young ones and great shopping opportunities, with lots of vendors and a boutique of unique items hand-crafted by guide members. Cindy Stuart will offer quilt appraisals by appointment. Contact her at 865-386-0940 to schedule an appraisal.

For more information about the show and the guild, visit www.smokymtnquilters.com, e-mail info@smokymtnquilters.com or visit them on Facebook and Instagram: Smoky Mountain Quilters of Tennessee.

 Tennessee Artist's Association will hold its regular monthly meeting beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, in Westminster Presbyterian Church, 6500 Northshore Drive. This meeting is free and open to anyone interested in the arts in East Tennessee. Refreshments will be served.

June's program will feature Hannah Hancock from Jerry's Artarama. Hancock's program will focus on frames and framing. Hannah will discuss such techniques as how to install art in floater frames and plein air frames, how to approach framing your art and some of the different options available. Visit www.jerrysartarama.

com for more information. More on the Tennessee Artist's Association can be found on the web at https://tnartists.

org, on Instagram at @tn_artists, and on Facebook at TNArtistsAssociation.

• MEDIC Regional Blood Center is offering a beach towel and Soaky Mountain Waterpark ticket through Friday, June 13 (or while supplies last). All donors receive a beach towel and a Texas Roadhouse coupon June 13 and Saturday, June 14 - MED-IC is celebrating World Blood Donor Day, and donors receive a drink cooler.

Appointments can be made online at www.medicblood. org, via the MEDIC app, or by calling 865-524-3074. Walk-ins are welcome.

 Registration is now open for The Salvation Army's free summer camp pro-

See PLANNER on Page 4B

Explaining the canine parvo virus, including 'great results' treatment

Q: My brother's puppy had parvo and was treated with some new parvo treatment, and she is doing great. I've never had a puppy with parvo, but I know it's serious. Can you tell me more? P.W., Farragut

A: Yes, there is a new treatment available for the canine parvo virus. The initial research showed great results, so it is now available with USDA conditional approval, with full approval expected soon. It is a one-time intravenous injection, based on the weight of the pet.

Parvo is a very contagious virus that can cause life-threatening gastroenteritis, often with severe vomiting, diarrhea and secondary dehydration. Large quantities of viral particles are present in the intestine and are shed in the stool, creating additional concern for other pets in the home. This new treatment binds to the virus inside the pet, blocking it from continuing to damage the intestines.

Previous treatment included supportive care with extended hospital stays. All medications and fluids were given through an IV catheter, as these pets generally cannot hold down oral medications, food or water. This may still be needed in conjunction with the new treatment, but survival rates are higher; hospital stays are greatly shortened.

Parvo is one of the viruses that are included in the puppy immunization series, but they are still at risk until the series is completed. Unvaccinated adult dogs are also at risk. I'm glad to hear your brother's puppy is doing great.



Dr. Stephanie Myers

If you have questions about your pet, please e-mail Dr. Myers at lenoircityac@gmail.com

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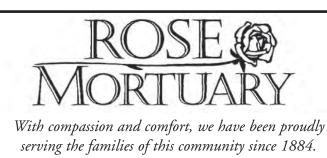


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From page 3B

grams at Camp Paradise Valley in Burkesville, Kentucky. Children and teenagers 7 to 17 who reside in the Greater Knoxville area are eligible to attend a six-day overnight summer camp experience completely free of charge, including transportation, meals, lodging and activities: Elementary Camp (ages 7–12) Monday through Saturday, June 16-21; Teen Camp (ages 13-17) July 7–12; Music Camp (ages 7–17) July 14-19; Music Conservatory (ages 12-17) June 16-July 12, which is a long-format camp focused on musical skill development, ideal for beginners or experienced young musicians.

For additional information, including parents or guardians interested in enrolling their children, contact The Salvation Army of Knoxville by completing the online interest form found at https:// southernusa.salvationarmy. org/Knoxville/summer-campparents. Parents also can call 865-525-9401 or visit the office at 409 N. Broadway in Knoxville. tunity for children from East Tennessee to experience the joy of summer camp, many for the first time," said Maj. Cameron Henderson, who leads the local Salvation Army with his spouse, Maj. Paula Henderson. "Camp Paradise Valley gives kids a chance to step away from their everyday surroundings and just enjoy being kids while also learning valuable life lessons in leadership, faith and friendship."

"This is a wonderful oppor-

For more information about camp or other youth programs offered by The Salvation Army, call 865-525-9401, visit http:// salvationarmyknoxville.org/ or follow The Salvation Army of Knoxville on Facebook and Instagram.

• Ladies who are new to the area or who just want to make friends, Knoxville Newcomers Club welcomes you for lunch and a program beginning at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday June 18, in Bearden Banquet Hall, 5806 Kingston Pike. Speaker will be a representative from Second Harvest Food Bank. Make reservations at 865-254-5889 no later than Friday, June 13.

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The Town of Farragut, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget in accordance with the requirements of T.C.A. § 6-56-206. There will be a public hearing and meeting concerning the budget at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, on June 12 and June 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM. All citizens are welcome to attend and to participate.

The draft budget and all supporting data is available at www.townoffarragut.org/Draftbudget for public inspection. 865-966-7057

GENERAL FUND	Actual FY 2024	Estimated Actual FY2025	Budget FY 2026	ARPA FUND	Actual FY 2024	Estimated Actual FY2025	Budget FY 2026
Revenues				Revenues			
Local Taxes	\$10,406,132	\$10,748,826	\$10,763,802	Interest	\$347,701	\$100,000	\$30,000
State Sales Tax	\$2,884,673	\$2,913,000	\$2,910,000	TDEC Non-Competative Grant-Desing Servi	ces 290,645	473,800	-
Wholesale Beer, Liquor & Mixed Drink Tax	\$1,676,346	\$1,705,800	\$1,650,800	TDEC Non-Competative Grant-Construction		957,121	
Intergovernmental	\$769,308	\$761,687	\$758,445	ARP Competative Grant-Parking Facility		2,017,591	
Building Permits & Licenses	835,811	585,815	569,550	Transfers In - from other funds	-	410,907	-
Recreation Fees	526,916	450,600	480,000	Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$638,346	\$3,959,419	\$30,000
Traffic Enforcement Program & Fines	123,051	21,000	48,000	Appropriations			
Rent	137,886	118,407	135,207	Town Hall Building Improvements	\$1,583,960	\$2,668,232	-
Miscellaneous	1,379,988	1,080,980	502,000	Stormwater Parking Facilities	\$3,616	\$2,500,000	
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$18,740,111	\$18,386,115	\$17,817,804	Broadband Infrastructure	\$160,170	\$572,310	\$1,213,764
Appropriations				Stormwater Master Plan	\$549,199	\$206,849	
Expenditures				Stormwater Improvements	-	\$1,708,131	
Legislative	\$33,923	\$38,390	\$134,210	Total Appropriations	\$2,296,945	\$7,655,522	\$1,213,764
Town Court	88,427	65,970	60,944	Change in Fund Balance	(1,658,599)	(3,696,103)	(1,183,764)

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Administration	974,452	916,908	686,258
Finance	89,438	506,883	552,700
Information Technology	587,673	779,854	806,812
Human Resources	216,494	283,587	483,897
Communications	204,364	222,637	246,275
Engineering	937,169	989,658	1,071,239
Community Development	1,334,657	1,414,823	1,539,506
General Government	385,889	439,900	543,570
Public Works	2,433,566	1,758,738	2,314,507
Non-Departmental	634,063	640,000	697,200
Community Center	440,661	625,490	680,869
Parks Department	903,522	2,096,342	2,161,279
Economic Development	119,510	113,000	103,500
Other Financing Uses			
Transfers Out - to other funds	8,365,000	7,425,000	6,375,000
Total Appropriations	\$17,748,808	\$18,317,180	\$18,457,766
Change in Fund Balance	991,303	68,935	(639,962)
(Revenues - Appropriations)			
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	31,130,472	32,121,775	32,190,710
Ending Fund Balance June 30	31,130,472	32,121,775	32,190,710
Ending Fund Balance	181.0%	175.7%	170.9%
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as a % of Total Appropriations

6,642,843	4,984,244	1,288,141
\$4,984,244	\$1,288,141	\$104,377
217.0%	16.8%	8.6%

Actual FY 2024	Estimated Actual FY2025	Budget FY 2026
\$500,000	\$555,000	\$557,000
8,000	50,000	15,000
-	1,850	4,000
117,536	47,500	85,000
\$625,536	\$654,350	\$661,000
\$503,961	\$516,864	\$1,052,671
68,011	51,211	77,888
\$571,972	\$568,075	\$1,130,559
53,564	86,275	(469,559)
909,622	963,186	1,049,461
\$963,186	\$1,049,461	\$579,902
168.4%	184.7%	51.3%
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ADA CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Actual FY 2024	Estimated Actu FY2025	al Budget FY 2026
Revenues			
Interest	\$27,211	\$28,000	\$1,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$27,211	\$28,000	\$1,000
Appropriations			
ADA Improvements	\$0	\$150,000	\$O
Total Appropriations	\$0	\$150,000	\$0
Change in Fund Balance	27,211	(122,000)	1,000
(Revenues - Appropriations)			
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	384,266	411,477	289,477
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$411,477	\$289,477	\$290,477
Ending Fund Balance	4114769900.0%	193.0%	2904769800.0%
as a % of Total Appropriations			

Sullivan named CAK's new elementary assistant principal

STAFF REPORTS

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The Christian Academy of Knoxville announces the appointment of Brandon Sullivan as its new Elementary assistant principal.

"Mr. Sullivan brings more than a decade of experience in elementary education, along with a strong background in academic

leadership," a CAK press release stated. "Before joining CAK's faculty two years ago, he served as an academic dean, where he played a key role in guiding instructional strategy, professional development and curriculum decisions."



Sullivan

Sullivan holds a degree from Liberty University and is an active member of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, where he serves as an elder and is part of the children's ministry leadership team.

"Mr. Sullivan's heart for students and commitment to academic excellence have already

made a strong impact in our classrooms," said Kim Giles, elementary principal.

Head of School Rich Fulford added, "... His instructional expertise will serve our teachers well in professional growth, while his warm, approachable and encouraging personality will provide an outstanding example of Christ-like behavior for our students."

"... Teaching in Christian education has been one of the greatest passions of my life, and I'm so thankful for the opportunity to continue serving our students, families and staff in this new capacity," Sullivan said.

EQUIPMENT FUND	Actual FY 2024	Estimated Actual FY2025	Budget FY 2026
Revenues			
Interest	\$58,427	\$45,000	\$20,000
Sale of Equipment	23,957	18,850	-
Transfers In - from other funds	215,000	725,000	225,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$297,384	\$788,850	\$245,000
Appropriations			
Major Equipment	\$312,334	\$375,000	\$585,000
Total Appropriations	\$312,334	\$375,000	\$585,000
Change in Fund Balance	(14,950)	413,850	(340,000)
(Revenues - Appropriations)			
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	1,004,483	989,533	1,403,383
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$989,533	\$1,403,383	\$1,063,383
Ending Fund Balance	316.8%	374.2%	181.8%
as a % of Total Appropriations			

Pending Capital Projects	Pending Capital Projects - Total Expense	Pending Capital Projects Expense Financed by Estimated Revenues and/or Reserves	Pending Capital Projects Expense Financed by Debt Proceeds
Land Acquisition	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	-
Public Works Facility Improvements	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	-
Anchor Green Restroom	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	-
Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)	\$160,000.00	\$160,000.00	-
Town Facilities Security Plan	\$295,000.00	\$295,000.00	-
Sand Volleyball Complex Reconstruction	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	-
McFee Tennis Court Resurfacing	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	-
McFee Road Property	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	-
Stormwater Improvements	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00	-
Adaptive Traffic Signal Upgrades	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00	-
Illuminated Street Signs	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	-
Boyd Station Road Multi-Modal Improvements	\$1,667,000.00	\$1,667,000.00	-
Campbell Station Road/ Jamestowne Blvd. Intersection Improvements	\$700,000.00	\$700,000.00	_
Concord Road/Loop Road Intersection Improvements	\$650,000.00	\$650,000.00	-
Everett Road Greenway Connection	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	-
Red Mill Trailhead	\$170,000.00	\$170,000.00	-
Sonja Drive/Admiral Road Multi-Modal Improvements	\$1,375,000.00	\$1,375,000.00	-
Boring Road/Smith Road Intersection Improvements	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	-
Boring Road Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	-
Sugarwood Drive Access to Kingston Pike	\$600,000.00	\$600,000.00	-
Turkey Creek Road Multi-Modal Improvements	\$500,000.00	\$500,000.00	-
Union Road Multi-Modal Improvements	\$7,900,000.00	\$7,900,000.00	-
Watt Road Roundabout	\$850,000.00	\$850,000.00	-



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INSURANCE FUND	Actual FY 2024	Estimated Actual FY2025	Budget FY 2026
Revenues			
Interest	\$26,927	\$20,400	\$10,000
Transfers In - from other funds	-	50,000	-
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$26,927	\$70,400	\$10,000
Appropriations			
Retirement Benefit	\$11,139	\$30,000	\$30,000
OPEB Health Cost	126,521	52,000	52,000
Total Appropriations	\$137,660	\$82,000	\$82,000
Change in Fund Balance	(110,733)	(11,600)	(72,000)
(Revenues - Appropriations)			
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	497,598	386,865	375,265
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$386,865	\$375,265	\$303,265
Ending Fund Balance	281.0%	457.6%	369.8%
as a % of Total Appropriations			

Proposed Future Capital Projects	Proposed Future Capital Projects - Total Expense	Proposed Future Capital Projects Expense Financed by Estimated Revenues and/ or Reserves	Proposed Future Capital Projects Expense Financed by Debt Proceeds
Land Acquisition	\$1,500,000.00	\$1,500,000.00	-
Anchor Park Fence	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00	-
Anchor Park Playground	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	-
MBLP Trail Lighting Update	\$125,000.00	\$125,000.00	-
MBLP Field 3 Turf Replacement	\$725,000.00	\$725,000.00	-
McFee Road Property	\$2,600,000.00	\$2,600,000.00	-
McFee Park Splash Pad Elements	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	-
Stormwater Improvements	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	-
Adaptive Traffic Signal Upgrades	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	-
Illuminated Street Signs	\$150,000.00	\$150,000.00	-
Campbell Station Road/ Eddie Courtney Way Intersection Improvements	\$750,000.00	\$750,000.00	_
Everett Road Greenway Connection	\$80,000.00	\$80,000.00	-
Boring Road/Smith Road Intersection Improvements	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	-
Boring Road Closure	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	-
Sugarwood Drive Access to Kingston Pike	\$1,400,000.00	\$1,400,000.00	-
Turkey Creek Road Multi-Modal Improvements	\$2,000,000.00	\$2,000,000.00	-
Virtue Road-Phase II Multi-Modal Improvements (Brookmere to Boyd Station)	\$7,480,000.00	\$7,480,000.00	_
KP Pedestrian Underpass at N. Fork Turkey Creek	\$765,000.00	\$765,000.00	-
Municipal Center Drive Extension to Kingston Pike	\$3,800,000.00	\$3,800,000.00	-
Evans Road Multi-Modal Improvements	\$1,550,000.00	\$1,550,000.00	-

Marquee

From page 2B

the national level."

Awards were given in 11 total categories, and finalists from various categories joined together on stage to perform during the ceremony.

The 2025 event featured 21 schools in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina. In addition to BHS and CAK locally were Clayton-Bradley Academy, Concord Christian School in Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Knoxville Catholic High School and Webb School of Knoxville.

"The Marquee Awards are dedicated to supporting the talents, education and opportunities of students to build a strong and inclusive theater community," press release stated.

"We were thrilled to host another incredible Marquee Awards," Historic Tennessee Theatre Foundation executive director Becky Hancock stated in the release. "This will continue to give our community the chance to recognize the talented young students ... as well as promote theater arts education in schools."

The Marquee Awards is sup-

ported by the Tennessee Arts Commission, Arts & Culture Alliance, Knox County, Nancy Sharp Voith and Kenneth Stark Family, Savannah College of Art and Design and Clarence Brown Theatre at University of Tennessee.

"After launching the Marquee Awards last year, we have more than doubled the number of participating schools," Hancock stated. "We encourage all high school theater students and teachers in East Tennessee and the region to join in on the fun as we continue to grow this exciting and impactful program."



Eli Solomon of Bearden High School holds the award he earned as Outstanding Lead Actor Award for his role as Bert in "Mary Poppins" at the regional 2nd Annual Marquee Awards in Tennessee Theater, downtown Knoxville, Sunday, May 25.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut will hold a public hearing on June 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, to hear citizen's comments on the following ordinance:

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its meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2025, adopted the following ordinances on second and final reading:

1. 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

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Approval of Ordinance 25-05, an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 6, Finance, of the Farragut Municipal Code to add section 2-300, Competitive Sealed Proposals

B. Approval of Ordinance 25-10, an ordinance on First Reading, adopting the annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026

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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA Farragut Town Hall Board Room • Thursday, June 19, 2025 • 6:00 p.m.

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

1. Approval of agenda

2. Approval of minutes for the May 15, 2025 meeting

3. Appointment of Youth Representative for next fiscal year

4. Appointment of Tree Board member 5. Discussion and public hearing on approval of roughly 1,900 linear feet of .5 inch fiber cable in a new two-inch conduit within the right of way beginning at the northeast intersection of Kingston Pike and N. Campbell Station Road and extending along the east side of N. Campbell Station Road for 708 feet and then boring under N. Campbell Station Road to the west side of N. Campbell Station Road and then extending 177 feet to the south side of Jamestowne Boulevard and then along the south side of Jamestowne Boulevard for 915 feet to service the property at 11507 Kingston Pike (Comcast, Applicant)

6. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a new traffic signal at the northern intersection of Concord Road (State Route 332) and Loop Road (Town of Farragut, Applicant) 7. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a preliminary plat for improvements to Outlet Drive to include a turn lane for the property at 11471 Outlet Drive and for improvements at the Snyder Road/N. Campbell Station Road intersection in association with the Venture at Laster Farms development in Knox County at 11471 Outlet Drive (Cannon & Cannon, Inc., Applicant)

8. Discussion on updates to the Driveways and Other Access Ways Ordinance concerning how accesses are approved and opportunities to streamline the approval process where possible (Town of Farragut, Applicant) 9. Approval of utilities 10. Citizen forum

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AGENDA

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June 12, 2025

Board Workshop Volunteer Committees 5:30 PM

BMA Meeting 6:00 PM

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance II. Approval of Agenda **III.** Approval of Minutes A. May 22, 2025 IV. Mayor's Report V. Ordinances & Resolutions A. Ordinances 1. First Reading a. Approval of Ordinance 25-05, an ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article 6, Finance, of the Farragut Municipal Code to add section 2-300, Competitive Sealed Proposals b. Approval of Ordinance 25-10, an ordinance on First Reading, adopting the annual budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 2. Second Reading

a. Approval of Ordinance 25-08, ordinance on Second Reading and Public Hearing, amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 General Fund, Capital Investment Program & Tourism Funds

B. Resolutions 1. Approval of the Fiscal Year 2026 Fee Schedule VI. Business Items A. Approval of ADA Trail Improvements at Mayor Bob Leonard Park B. Approval to reject the bid for Contract #2025-14 McFee Park Prefabricated Restroom C. Approval of Change Order 5 (Final Quantities Closeout) and Liquidated Damages, Contract 2022-07, Farragut Advanced Traffic Management System Phase 1 **D.** Approval of the re-appointment of Joe LaCroix to the Visual Resources Review Board E. Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Volunteer **Committee Appointments** F. Approval of the Village Green Swim Team Triathlon VII. Citizens Forum VIII. Town Administrator's Report IX. Town Attorney's Report

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Boren Scholarship honors at UA; grads at Lee University, Berry College all told

• Bennett Ogle, a senior from Farragut, was selected for a Boren Scholarship for the study of languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests and underrepresented in study abroad at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa.

The scholarship provides Ogle the opportunity to study Azerbaijani in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Ogle is double majoring in economics and mathematics and is part of the Accelerated Master's Program to earn a master's degree in quantitative economics. He also is pursuing a museum studies graduate certificate. Bennett

is part of the UA Honors College's University Honors Program, Blackburn Institute and inaugural class of Shelby Scholars.

A few of Ogle's achievements include being named a White House Historical Association Next-Gen Leader and receiving a Certification of Appreciation from Ambassador John Carwile of the U.S. Embassy in Latvia in 2022.

Bennett hopes to be a political officer within the foreign service, specializing in areas with significant minority-majority interactions.

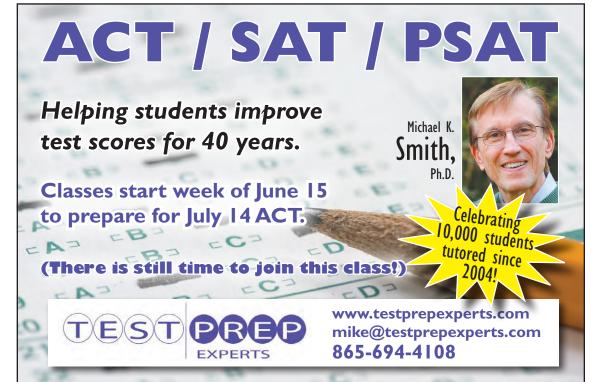
· Loralai Grace Stevenson of Farragut graduated Summa Cum Laude with a

Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Lee University (Cleveland/Bradley County) during the 193rd commencement exercises Saturday, May 10. Stevenson was among more than 485 students who received

undergraduate and graduate diplomas.

• Berry College, with about 2,200 students in Mpunt Berry, Georgia, welcomed its newest class of graduates following Spring Semester, which

included Corina Coulter of Farragut, earning a Bachelor of Science with Honors degree in psychology, and Lily Moon of Farragut, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science.





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From left, Chloe Cavalaris, 10; Isabella Skinner, 10; Mia Betz, 11; and Maggie Chuako, 11

Jacob Moriarti, 10

FIS Fifth Grade Evening

To celebrate "graduating" from Farragut Intermediate School, scores of FIS fifth-graders enjoyed FIS 5th Grade Evening on the school's field, which it shares with FHS soccer, Friday evening, May 16. A variety of sports games featuring basketball shooting, soccer goal kicking to beat the goalkeeper; football toss and giant beachball volleyball also included Hula hoops and a bounce house — plus a special "soaking." A Rural Metro Fire truck came by and, from the FIS drive on the hill above, shot water down on a majority of fifth-graders welcoming a good soaking on a warm evening. Also popular included a giant "selfie" machine.

Photos by Alan Sloan



Wyatt Cagle, 11

Julia Horne, 11

Elizabeth Adams, 10







Eli Haag, 11

Caroline Wilson, 11

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lambers, **One Powerful** Night of Networking

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Professionals across the Tennessee Valley region are invited to make new connections and strengthen existing ones at the Tennessee Valley Regional Networking, a collaborative event uniting seven local chambers of commerce in one location.

This free event brings together members of the Anderson County, Blount Partnership, Farragut West Knox, Loudon, Monroe, Oak Ridge, and Roane chambers—creating a powerful platform for networking across industries and communities.

The Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce is proudly serving as this year's lead chamber, organizing the multi-chamber event and coordinating all sponsorships. Their leadership has helped bring together this diverse group of chambers for what is sure to be a high-energy, high-impact evening of conversation, collaboration, and community building.

Set at The Venue at Lenoir City, located at 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd., the event will take place Tuesday, June 24 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. and is free to attend.

Attendees will enjoy complimentary appetizers, a bar, exciting door prizes, and a fun photo booth courtesy of Turning Knox Rentals. More than just a social gathering, the Regional Networking event fosters valuable business relationships and gives professionals an opportunity to exchange ideas in a relaxed, welcoming environment.

Whether you're a seasoned networker or new to the region, this collaborative evening offers a chance to expand your reach and discover new possibilities.

For more information or to RSVP, please visit farragutchamber.com > events. For sponsorship opportunities, contact julie@ farragutchamber.com.



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Claim Your Seat in HER Arena

Tickets and sponsorships are moving quickly for the Farragut West Knox Chamber's upcoming Speaker Series, "In HER Arena: Where Women Lead, the Game Follows," taking place Tuesday, June 18, at Jewelry Television.

The forum will explore the expanding world of women's sports in East Tennessee and the role local businesses and leaders can play in supporting this growth. The morning's program will be emceed by Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame inductee and former Lady Vol Missy Kane, and will feature a panel including Joan Cronan, WVLT's Brittany Tarwater, Drew McKenna from One Knox Soccer, and recently graduated Lady Vol Tess Darby!

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"Popsicles & Pups" will take place Wednesday, July 16, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at The Cove Pavilion at Concord Park (11808 S. Northshore Drive). Attend-

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Did you know that two major regulatory changes will take effect in July 2025 that could impact Tennessee small businesses? Both are designed to strengthen consumer rights and increase business transparency—getting ahead of them now can help you avoid compliance issues and build stronger customer trust.

Tennessee Information Protection Act (TIPA) will take effect July 1. TIPA is Tennessee's first comprehensive data privacy law, giving residents new rights over their personal information. It primarily applies to businesses with over \$25 million in revenue, those processing large volumes of consumer data, or earning revenue from data sales. While many small businesses may not fall directly under its scope, TIPA is still highly relevant in several ways.

Vendor exposure: You may be asked to sign data processing agreements if working with larger companies.

Consumer trust: Voluntarily adopting good data practices can enhance your reputation.

Future readiness: Privacy laws are expanding—early adoption helps future-proof your business.

There are several action steps you can take as a small business. Know what personal data you collect and why. Update your privacy policy, even if it is not required. Offer clear opt-out options for marketing. And train your staff to manage data requests. TIPA violations are enforceable by the Tennessee Attorney General, with penalties up to \$7,500 per violation.

FTC "Click to Cancel" Rule enforcement will begin July 14. This new rule affects businesses offering subscription services, including digital platforms, memberships, and auto-renewing products. It requires that cancellation must be as easy as signing up.

What is required is a simple, accessible cancellation process with ideally one-click online.

Clear disclosures of recurring charges and Prompt acknowledgments of cancellation requests must be made. Noncompliance can lead to FTC enforcement and reputational damage from poor user experiences.

Together, these rules reflect a larger shift toward prioritizing consumer autonomy and data privacy. Even if you're not legally required to comply in full, aligning with the spirit of these changes shows your business is customer-focused and future-ready.

Need help navigating the updates? Contact us at your local **TSBDC** for support in navigating these updates.

Networkings

King University and East Tennessee Children's Hospital – May 8, 2025



King University's team, partnering with *East TN Children's Hospital* for Nurses Week, paused for a photo at the Chamber networking event—showcasing their commitment to preparing leaders through rigorous, faith-based nursing programs from BSN to DNP.



(L–R): Doug Buchanan and Justin Sullivan of *Fifth Third Bank*, proud Chamber Enterprise members, connect and collaborate at the recent networking event.

AMR in celebration of National EMS Week – May 22, 2025



Marcie Eldridge of *Lenoir City Utilities Board*, Jimmy Matlock of *Matlock Tire*, Saraih Keel of *Lenoir City Utilities Board*, and *Knox County Board of Education* Chair Betsy Henderson pause for a group photo during the Chamber networking hosted by AMR in celebration of National EMS Week.



(L–R): Dr. Joel Ash of *Ash Chiropractic & Wellness* and Christian Drury of *State Farm Insurance – Mike Massaglia* catch up during Chamber networking.

Show Some Local Love for A Favorite Dog Park



Farrah Hyder on site at Tommy Schumpert Park

In other dog-friendly news, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs is encouraging residents to cast their vote for Tommy Schumpert Park in USA Today's 10 Best Dog Parks contest.

Voting is open through June 23, and you can vote once daily—bonus points if you vote from multiple devices. Help one of Knox County's most beloved canine spaces fetch national recognition!

Cast your vote here: 10best.usatoday.com/awards/best-dog-park/



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ees can expect a relaxed, pet-friendly atmosphere where professionals can network while enjoying frozen treats and furry companionship. Whether you bring your own pup or just want to share the shade with four-legged friends, all are welcome at no cost to attend. For more details and registration information, go to farragutchamber. com > Events. Speaker Series From page 1

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Special thanks to Covenant Health Parkwest, our Sapphire Sponsor, Slamdot, our Emerald Sponsor, and Fitness Together, our Pearl Sponsor, for helping make this event a reality.

Visit farragutchamber.com and click Events to register.

Ribbon Cuttings

Ash Chiropractic & Wellness – May 7, 2025



Dr. Joel Ash cuts the ribbon on *Ash Chiropractic & Wellness*, welcoming the community to experience his holistic approach to pain relief and wellness—already praised in 15+ five-star reviews since opening last year.

Rate, Inc. – May 14, 2025



Branch Manager Adrian Hall cuts the ribbon at *Rate, Inc.'s* new Northshore location, joined by his team, husband, mother, and other family and friends. Known for low rates, innovation, and a people-first approach, Rate has become one of the country's most trusted lenders.

Fix Head Spa & Beyond – May 15, 2025



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!

Storm season is here! **Central City Heating and Air Conditioning** urges homeowners to protect their HVAC systems with surge protectors. Now through August 1, get \$70 off when you buy two. Don't let lightning fry your system—stay safe, cool, and protected with help from the experts at Central City. Call (865) 234-1454 for details.

Kick off summer with confidence! **Kick & Fit Club's** Youth Kickboxing Camp (ages 8–14) runs select weeks in June & July at Turkey Creek. No experience needed—just energy and enthusiasm! \$250/week. Call (865) 441-0293 or visit kickandfitclub.com to register.

A legacy unveiled. On June 14, the **Women's Basketball Hall of Fame** will officially debut the Pat Summitt Exhibit during its Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony. This powerful tribute honors one of the sport's most iconic figures. Don't miss the chance to witness history. Learn more at www.wbhof.com.

Volunteer Ministry Center invites you to *Wine and Shine:* Don Sproles Memorial Evening on July 18. Guests will enjoy food, drinks, live music, and exciting auctions—all for a great cause. Tickets, tables, and sponsorships are going fast. Visit vmcinc.org/wine-shine to reserve your spot today!

Tailgate the right way this season! **Turning Knox Rental** in Knoxville offers stylish, stress-free setups for University of Tennessee game days. Dates are already filling up fast. Don't wait—secure your spot now and enjoy a Vol-worthy experience! Call (865) 659-6860 for more information.

Owner Michelle Blakely, joined by her husband, colleagues, and loved ones, prepares to cut the ribbon on *Fix Head Spa and Beyond*—a sanctuary for self-care and luxurious sensory experiences.

Dullahan's Irish Pub – May 20, 2025



Co-owners William Camp and Benjamin Harmon cut the ribbon at *Dullahan's Irish Pub*, joined by family, friends, loyal patrons, and community members at Farragut's only Irish pub—serving up pints, Irish fare, live music, and lasting memories.





FARRAGUT WESTKNOX CHAMBER of COMMERCE Planning a summer vacation with older loved ones? **CarePatrol of East Tennessee** shares tips for creating enjoyable, accessible travel experiences in their latest *My Care Advisors* podcast episode. Learn how to choose the right destination, navigate challenges, and make meaningful memories. Listen now for helpful insights on family travel planning.

The Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley invites you to its 140th Anniversary Fundraising Gala: A Night at the Speakeasy on Friday, October 24, 2025, at Bridgewater Place. Sponsors are needed to support this milestone celebration of compassion and impact. Contact kandreasen@humanesocietytennessee.org to get involved.

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Welcome New Members!

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

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 May. We can count them as Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. We also hope that area residents recognize a business's commitment to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.

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



Knox County Mayor's Office Thank you for your Admiral *Elite Enterprise Membership!*



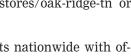


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Calendar of Events: June/July 2025

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

Tuesdays at the Chamber: FREE Business Mentoring for ANY business with SCORE Greater Knoxville. MUST Email Clifton.Caudill@SCOREvolunteer.org to pre-schedule. Wednesdays at the Chamber: FREE Business ADVISING for ANY business at the Chamber with SBDC. Visit www.tsbdc.org/request-advising/ to pre-schedule.

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

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

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

June 24th • 4:30p Regional TN Valley 7- Chamber Networking 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd. Lenoir City 37721

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

July 10th • 8a Networking with Kick and Fit Club 10905 Parkside Dr. Knoxville 37934

July 15th • 4p Ribbon Cutting with Alden North Knoxville 5570 Swallowtail Ln. Knoxville 37924

July 17th • 4:30p Networking with Knoxville Element West 400 N. Peters Rd., Knoxville 37922

July 24th • 8a Networking with Craft Axe Throwing West Knoxville 320 N. Peters Rd., Knoxville 37922

July 29th • 4p Ribbon Cutting with Painter1 New Location 5227 N. Middlebrook Pike Knoxville 37921

July 31st • 8a Networking with LCUB and Tour of Data Center 7698 Creekwood Park Blvd. Lenoir City 37771