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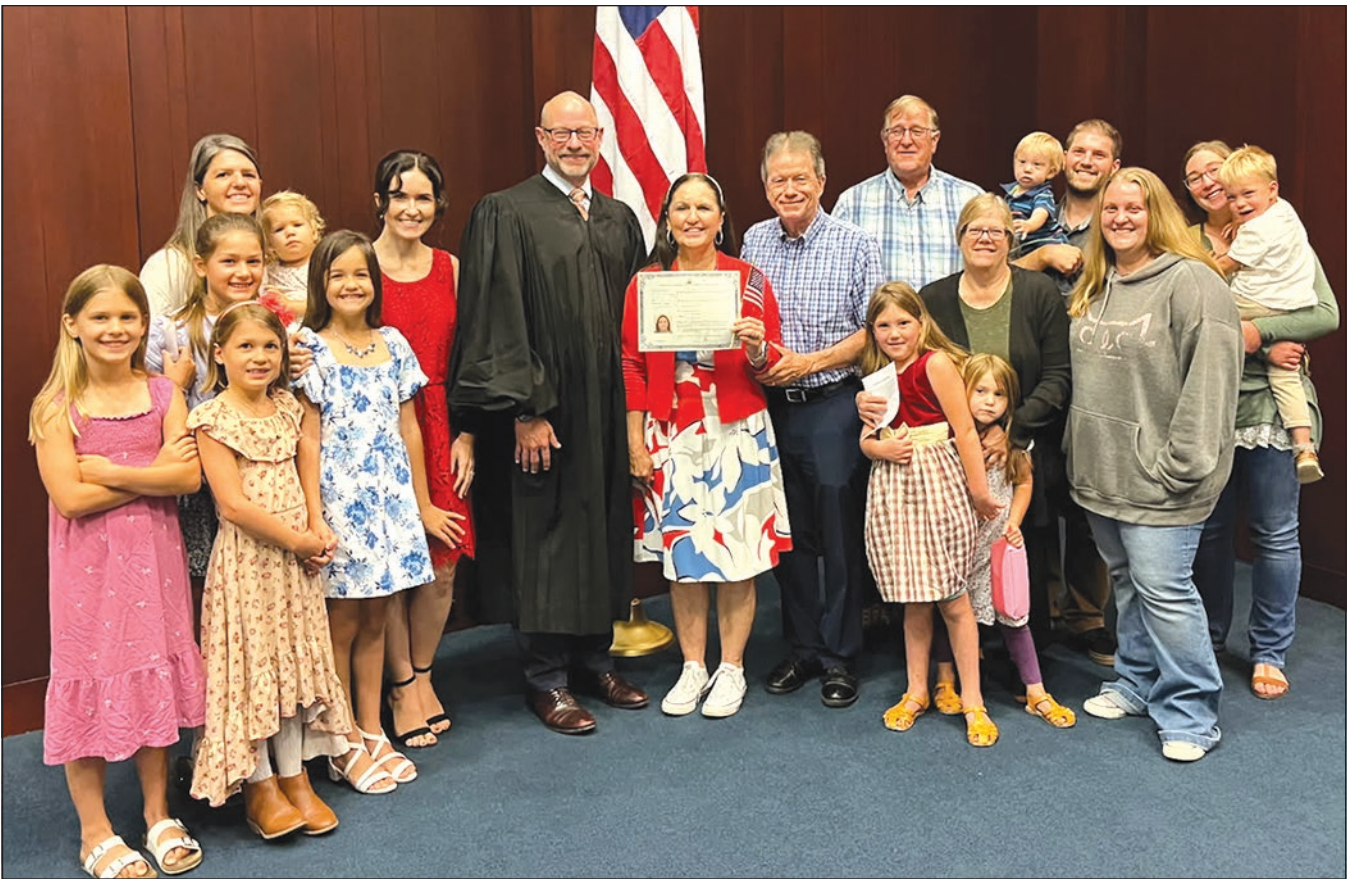


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Proud new U.S. citizen from Farragut

At the Naturalization Proceeding (U.S. citizenship oath ceremony) in U.S. District Courtroom 420/Eastern District of Tennessee in Greeneville (Greene County) Tuesday, June 17, 15-year Farragut resident Melanie Lisa McAllister Thompson (holding certificate) became a U.S. citizen after having her Green Card for almost 40 years. She was joined by her husband of almost 40 years, Steven Thompson (to her left in blue shirt); her daughter, Hilary Thompson (red dress) and Hilary's daughter, Avalee, 8 (white/blue dress); along with presiding U.S. District Court Judge Clifton L. Corker. Thompson also was supported at the oath ceremony by several fellow members of her place of worship in Maryville, Grace Community Church. (Read her story in detail — about her passion to become a U.S. citizen and much more — along with more photos beginning in Community section, page 4B). Thompson also will appear in the Town's 37th Annual Independence Day Parade Friday, July 4, wearing a special patriotic suit (Parade details below).

Biz liaison proposed by ex-Vice Mayor at BOMA meeting

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Povlin

As Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen prepared to adopt its 2025-26 budget at its Thursday June 12 meeting, former Vice Mayor Louise Povlin asked for a staff change in responsibilities to create a liaison with the Town's businesses to as they begin operation.

"The perception that Farragut is difficult to work with through the build-out process persists to this day," she said. "Dealing with local government is not something small business have experience with. ... We need to seek a solution that will help small businesses get off on the right foot. ... Small businesses need some handholding during their build-out process ... a person they can trust through this process."

"I don't understand what she was asking for except more involvement from the Town in the development of local business," Alderman David White said. "I've personally have been responsible for over a million square feet of retail space all around the country — in seven states — I've never had anybody from the city come hold my hand and help me design the interior space other than issue a permit and make sure we did everything right."

"I don't think the (Town) ought to be more involved in helping

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Heavy on UT Lady Vols theme at FWK Chamber Breakfast Speaker Series

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University of Tennessee Lady Vols Athletics have paved the way for women in athletics in East Tennessee.

"When you think about the journey women athletics has made in Knoxville, Tennessee, it's incredible," said Joan Cronan, UT Women's Athletics director emeritus, at Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast Speaker Series: "In HER Arena, Where Women Lead the Game Follows" in Jewelry Television studio, 9600 Parkside Drive, Wednesday, June 18.

Emceed by 1984 Olympian middle distance runner and Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame inductee Missy Kane, the discussions featured a panel consisting of Cronan, who also served as the first female athletics director for the entire department at UT when she served as interim vice chancellor and athletics director in 2011; Brittany Tarwater, an All-American swimmer and SEC champion while a student at UT; Drew McKenna, managing partner/founder



Tammy Cheek

Emcee Missy Kane, left, presents Jill Green with a pair of earrings she won during a drawing following the program at Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast Speaker Series: "In HER Arena, Where Women Lead the Game Follows" in Jewelry Television studio, 9600 Parkside Drive, Wednesday, June 18. Pictured above are event panelists Brittany Tarwater, left, All-American swimmer and SEC champ while a student at UT; and Tess Darby, a standout Lady Vols basketball guard/forward who recently graduated.

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Engineering Dept. public meeting

• **Town of Farragut Engineering Department will hold a public meeting on the design of Phase 2 of Virtue Road improvements** beginning at 6 p.m., Wednesday, July 9, in Farragut Community Center.

"This phase will improve Virtue Road from Vista Brook Lane to 2,200 feet south of Broadway Drive," a Town press release stated. "Improvements include

two 11-foot lanes with curb and gutter and a multi-use greenway/boardwalk. Phase 1 of the project was completed in April 2022.

"The format for the meeting will be small groups at tables with copies of the design plan; engineers will be available to answer questions," the release further stated.

Independence Day Parade is set

• **Town of Farragut's 37th Annual Independence Day Parade**, starting at 9:30 a.m., Friday, July 4, will follow the same route as past years along Kingston Pike. The 92-entry Parade "lines up at Farragut High School and proceeds down Lendon Welch Way to Kingston Pike," a Town press release stated. "It continues west to Boring Road."



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Intro to Farragut classes start Aug. 27; deadline is July 31

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The window to submit an application for inclusion into 2025 Introduction to Farragut program is open through Thursday, July 31.

“Introduction to Farragut is a unique way to connect with the Town,” a Town press release stated. “The program provides information on Farragut’s history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteer opportunities, and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Town. Residency is not required.”

The program begins with a reception and program kickoff in Farragut Town Hall (11408 Municipal Center Drive) starting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27. Classes will be held in Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 15 and Oct. 29 — starting at 6 p.m. and lasting about 2.5 hours.

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Liaison idea

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a business owner develop his business except for permits and see he does everything right,” he added.

However, Alderman Drew Burnette agreed with Povlin.

“In terms of community development, Louise couldn’t have hit the nail more on the head,” he said. “It’s a trump card I’ve tried to play for many, many years.

“You live in this community, you know we’re tagged with being hard to work with,” Burnette added. “It’s hard for staff, sometimes, to understand and take that in, I get it. ... But that is so very real. If you don’t think it’s real, you haven’t heard from business owners. You go to ribbon cuttings. They’ve all got stories.

“But, having somebody on staff, whether it’s a new staff member or an existing staff member that has room on their plate for this, it would serve our community so well it’s not even funny.”

Moreover, “We’re not helping businesses build business — nobody’s ever saying that,” Burnette said. “We’re trying to take obstacles out of the way that would allow them to open up in a smoother way, in a quicker way, and not drain all their funds and cause an absolute nightmare for them ... I hope somebody can step in and fill that role ...”

“I tend to agree with Louise,” Vice Mayor Scott Meyer said about idea of having a liaison between the Town and businesses. “I think we should take it to heart.

“With our small businesses, we have to do better in reaching out to them, get through the codes and requirements,” he added

Mayor Ron Williams said he also has talked to business owners at ribbon cuttings.

“At one time there would be a laundry list, but that has decreased tremendously,” he

said. After talking with the new Dunkin Donuts owner, “he said he couldn’t ask for any better help than what they got ... so that’s improving.”

Still, “to have somebody who would — even if it’s part time — work with a new business, like what our previous assistant to the Town administrator did, it’s a help. It really is,” Williams said.

“Most of the time when you’re building a Walmart, Publix or something like that, like what (White) did, you don’t need somebody to come and hold your hand,” he added. “But what Mrs. Povlin’s talking about is the small business, and a small business is a lot different than a Publix, Kroger or something to that effect. You (developer has) a lot of staff who work.

“With a small business, the build-out time is a killer because they have to get on this as quickly as they can because every day they are not open ... they are burning money. Sometimes it’s a difference of whether you are open a year or close because you run out of funds.”

However, the Board took no action on Povlin’s request at the meeting.

According to the budget documents, Smoak said while the budget is broken down into many funds, one of its main funds is the General Fund, which is the Town’s operating fund for day-to-day operations. Its next largest fund is the Capital Investment Fund, which includes projects.

The General Fund shows revenues projected at \$17,817,804, a slight decrease from FY 2025, “mostly due to conservative budget estimates and interest earnings,” he said.

Meanwhile, General Fund expenditures are projected at \$12,082,765.

At the same time, CIP projects funds total \$17.3 million for 2026 while projects’ expenditures also are projected at \$17.3 million.

KCSOreports

• At 12:26 p.m., Friday, June 20, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office detective “received an APS referral from a victim; the referral states the victim had a fraudulent/forged check written on her account at Y-12 Federal Credit Union,” the report stated.

At the time of this report “it is unknown if the forged check went through or was returned,” the report further stated.

• At 9:41 a.m., Thursday, June 19, a KCSO officer was flagged down by (victim), who said “she had received a phone call from an unknown number stating that she had been subpoenaed and had active warrants through the Knox County Sheriff’s Office,” the report stated. “The victim then stated that she withdrew \$5,000 from her Region’s bank account and exchanged the U.S. currency for Bitcoin at a local store.

“The victim then transferred the Bitcoin to the unknown suspect,” the report further stated. “The victim (said) she spoke to several different individuals, including (one) claiming to be a case manager for the Knox County Sheriff’s

Office, a individual ... claiming to be a U.S. Marshal agent and a individual ... claiming to be a captain with the Knox County Sheriff’s Office. The victim was given a case report number.”

• At 6:01 p.m., June 19, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report theft of motor vehicle parts from an Outlet Drive business. Complainant said the specified items were stolen by a known suspect. “Complainant reported he was contacted via Instagram by a friend of a friend ..., who informed him that (suspect) had stolen the center caps from his truck and (another suspect) currently has them on his vehicle,” the report stated. “The complainant advised that he does not personally know either suspect but recognized his hubcaps in a photo posted on (a suspect’s) social media.”

• At 10:55 a.m., Tuesday, June 17, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a motor vehicle theft of a rental from U-Haul of Farragut, 10833 Kingston Pike. “Complainant stated he noticed the ... vehicle had

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towncalendar

• Farragut Museum has produced a Kids Activity Book designed for elementary-aged children to teach them about the Town’s community and government. Activities, such as connect the dots, word searches, crossword puzzles and find-and-circle, are included in the book. Pages on history are dedicated to the importance of Admiral Farragut, the story of the Campbell Station Inn and items in the Museum. The book also details local special events, Farragut parks and public safety.

Kids Activity Book “is a way to make history fun and engaging and to educate on the role of local government,” a Town press release stated.

“All kids touring the Museum will receive a book. They also can be picked up at Farragut Community Center and at special events.

“Summer is a great time to bring your kids to the Farragut Museum,” said Kristi Vining, Town of Farragut Historic Resources coordinator. “Children can learn about local history at the Museum, the Admiral Farragut Memorial Plaza, Farragut’s birthplace marker and the Civil War Trail marker — all on the grounds at Town Hall.

“There is also a fun playground at Town Hall,” she added. “During the school year, we always welcome field trips.”



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Tri Star celebrates new corporate office

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Adam Sursa and Ryan Hall, co-owners/partners of both Tri Star Senior Advisors and Tri Star Insurance Management Group, have opened a new corporate office for their businesses at 102 Chaho Road in Farragut.

They celebrated with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting Tuesday, June 17.

"We've had Tri Star Senior Advisors as members for a while, but we're celebrating them today because they are in a new location, which is next to us," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said.

"For us to open this office is really a blessing," Hall said. "We didn't know how we would do it, but we knew we would."

Previously, they were based in Maryville but had satellite offices in Cleveland, Rockwood and Elizabethton. While they still maintain an office in Maryville, their corporate office is in Farragut.

"This is home now," Hall said.

"We serve seniors every day (at TSSA)," Sursa said. "That's kind of what we're here to do. They get their insurance one way for 40 years, and then they turn 65 and automatically everything changes, and it can be confusing."

"We lock arms with them and go down the yellow brick road together," he added. "We try to learn about them ... but, really, how they use their insurance and plan on using it."

The next step? "We find the best fit for them, but that's just the beginning of the relation-



Tammy Cheek

Adam Sursa (left with scissors) and Ryan Hall (with scissors), co-owners/partners of both Tri Star Senior Advisors and Tri Star Insurance Management Group, joined family members, staff, Farragut Mayor Ron Williams (far right) and Farragut West Knox Chamber members for a FWKCC-sponsored ribbon cutting at their new office, 102 Chaho Road in Farragut, Tuesday, June 17.

ship," Sursa said. "We try to maintain contact with them. We're always there."

"We constantly preach that we're only a phone call away," he added. "Just call, text, e-mail if you need anything."

He described Medicare as the hammer — the tool they use — to serve people.

"I've got Matthew 20:28 (tattooed) on his arm," Sursa said. That verse reads: "Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

"So every day I wake up, I

know I'm going to serve people," he added. "I'm going to live the rest of my life, outside of the corporate world, serving people."

Sursa and Hall started the company Sept. 11, 2021.

"This is our fifth office," said Sursa, who lives in Farragut. Hall, meanwhile, lives in Gatlinburg.

In 2013, Hall, who previously was at Humana, hired Sursa there.

"That's when I got into the industry," Sursa said. "I've been in insurance since 1999,

but I've been in Medicare since 2013."

However, they decided to leave "corporate America" and start their own businesses.

While Sursa works with the clients, Hall is the numbers guy.

"We both serve our folks the same way with our own flavors," Hall said. "This (insurance industry) is all I know."

"I had a chance to go into other fields, and I chose to be here because I recognize when you have more laws in Medicare ... someone has to enjoy

figuring it out," he added.

"I love that ability, and I love that opportunity. What we get to do allows us to take care of our families and our clients, who very quickly become our families."

The Farragut office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and after hours by appointment.

For more information about their services, call 865-263-1054, e-mail wecare@tristaradvisors.com or visit their website at tristaradvisors.com

Sitka Gear opening attracts hundreds

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Hundreds of Sitka Gear fans stood in line Saturday, June 21, for the 10 a.m. grand opening of the new outdoor gear store at 11337 Parkside Drive.

Thomas Brown, the first person in that line, was at the store for 18 hours.

"I want to get some new waders," he said. "It's not the only place (to buy waders), but (Sitka's) got some of the best quality."

Likewise, Sitka's staff was amped up for the event.

"We're very, very excited," said Sarah Tava, Sitka's retail channel leader. "It was an intentional place that we wanted to be, partly due to the community here; also the love for different pursuits in nature."

"Knoxville makes all the sense in the world for us," she added. "We did a real estate tour and kind of looked all over Knoxville."

However, "we really loved the synergy that we get with other companies, like Carhart," Tava said. "They specialize in work wear, and while we do, too, we're not afraid to be in partnership with like-minded companies."

"It just felt like this was a really great center to welcome the brand with plenty of parking for our pick-up trucks and our guys who come in and, at the same time, find space for the woman consumer who loves to hunt and be outside in nature, too," she added.

The Sitka Gear company was founded in Bozeman, Montana, in 2005 by Jonathan Hart and Jason Hairston.

Sitka Gear provides apparel and gear for different pursuits

that fall within the hunting industry.

"So whether it's white tail (deer) or waterfowl, we have everything to keep that consumer covered for all of the elements," Tava said. "There's not bad gear, just bad weather, and we like to make sure they need to stay dry and warm, especially since Sitka is owned by Gore, and Goretex is one of our main components (of its outerwear)."

"Gore is a huge company that specializes in everything from the medical industry to fabric," she added. "In this case, all of our rain gear is made of Goretex, and Goretex is going to keep you dry."

For the hunter, "our goal is to outfit them from head to toe, and we just released footwear," Tava said. "So we have everything from everyday sandals to a waterproof boot that will keep your feet dry while keeping them ventilated and breathable."

"It's the most lightweight boot on the market," she added.

Customers will find a selection of everyday gear, plus gear for different kinds of hunting trips: waterproof jackets and trousers, backpacks, duffle bags and suitcases.

"We even keep our own line of wool socks," Tava added. "Additionally, we partner with great third-party companies, as well, so we offer brands like Turtlebox — they are radio speakers — and Yeti, which are coffee cups."

The store's hours are from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sundays.

To order Sitka Gear, visit online at sitkagear.com.

Ash Chiropractic ribbon cutting



Ash Chiropractic & Wellness owner Dr. Joel Ash (with scissors) is joined by his mother, Laura Ash (third from left), cousin, Alex Buie (third from right in hoodie) and Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members as Ash cuts the ribbon on his practice at 12752 Kingston Pike, Suite 103 in Renaissance I Farragut, at a FWKCC-sponsored event Wednesday, May 7.

Tammy Cheek

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Farragut High School Dance Team

The Farragut High School Dance Team recently attended UDA Camp at the Park Vista in Gatlinburg, showcasing their talent and dedication. The team earned a Superior Trophy, which qualifies them to compete at UDA Nationals in Orlando, as well as Team Drill Down and Spirit Awards. Senior members Cassidy Stickley, Mary Aspin Scott, and Natalie Mahoney were honored with All American Awards for their outstanding performances. Junior Sydney Derr received a scholarship to the Varsity College Combine. Camp was a rewarding experience, setting the stage for a strong and exciting season ahead. Go Admirals!



DISCOVER LOUDON COUNTY



Loudon County Chamber has a new home

Loudon County Chamber of Commerce this week is opening a new location at 119 W. Broadway in Lenoir City. Chamber president Rodney Grugin said the opening date is Friday, June 27, when it will have an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and ribbon cutting at noon. “We’ll have a good time that Friday, just enjoy and celebrate this new facility for the Chamber, a new chapter in the Chamber history,” he added. “Everybody’s invited.” While the Chamber still will maintain an office in the City of Loudon, “we decided we needed to have a presence in both cities,” Grugin said. However, the Chamber moved out of its office at 410 Wharf Street in Loudon, where they’ve been renting for six years, last September, “so we’ve been kind of homeless since last September,” he said. Temporarily, “we were able to have an office in City Hall in Lenoir City and some staff working from home,” Grugin added. The Lenoir City office came about after an opportunity arose where the building at 119 W. Broadway became available. “We took the opportunity to purchase it and did the remodel on it,” he said. “We were lucky enough to get an economic de-

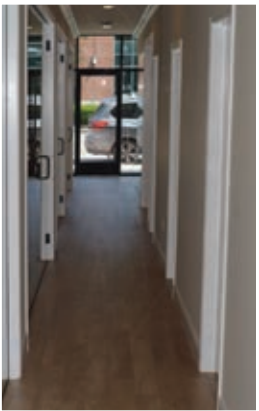
velopment grant from the state of Tennessee for the remodel, so that helped us do the cost of the remodel. We’re very thankful for that. “Without that (grant), it would have been very difficult for us to do what we’ve done,” Grugin added. “Our local (Economic Development Agency) office, Mr. Jack Qualls (president of Loudon County EDA office) was able to secure that grant for us. “It really wasn’t a plan to move from Loudon to here, but this is what became available,” he said. “It seemed like the best option, at the time, for us. “I’m excited,” Grugin said. “The Loudon County Chamber has never owned a building. We’ve never had a home that was actually ours. “This one (in Lenoir City) will actually be our building,” he added. “This is, by far, the nicest facility that we’ve had. “As you can see, we redid the whole thing,” Grugin said. “As you can see, everything is new in here, everything is modern.” He observed the Lenoir City location is a smaller space — 2,000 square feet, half the size of the former Loudon office — “but it’s manageable for us. It works for

us right now.” Going forward, “one of the big things is we’ll be able to do incubator space for small businesses, for our members,” Grugin added. He explained for new businesses starting out that need a workspace or work share space, the Chamber will have two offices dedicated to that. “Any new businesses, we’ll help them get growing, plug them into the Chamber community, into the Loudon County community and hopefully get them on the right foot and offer them the resources they have as a Chamber to get their businesses going,” said Grugin, adding the Chamber will be rotating locations for board meetings. “That gives us an opportunity to get out to our member businesses, visit with them and let the Chamber board see what those member businesses are actually doing what they have to offer the community, so it works out good,” he said.

~Tammy Cheek



Grugin



Left: LCCC’s new office space is nearing completion just in time for the grand opening

Lenoir City Arts & Crafts Festival

For 61 years, GFWC Suburbia Woman’s Club Lenoir City has treated Loudon County residents and visitors to arts, crafts and foods in Lenoir City Park. This year, the club presented its 62nd Annual Lenoir City Arts and Crafts Festival in Lenoir City Park, Saturday and Sunday, June 7-8, with about 225 vendors and about 5,000 visitors total. “We’re thankful that the weather cooperated,” club president Tina Courtney said about the threats of storms. Despite some sprinkle of rain, which cleared up before noon, visitors turned up Saturday morning, ready to check out the booths that offered handmade crafts, décor, jewelry, wood-made items

and more. “People have enjoyed the festival and look forward to this event that is always the first weekend in June,” Courtney said. “We like this festival because the ladies do a good job vetting the crafters,” said Jean Kranzle, vendor and co-owner of Blessing Way Pottery of Newport. “They take good care of us and they really make ups feel cared for and important. That makes us want to come back.” “Me and my mom love this craft fair,” said Rachel Caldwell of Cleveland, Tennessee. “We come every year.” “This is our first time,” said Knoxville resident Summer Roderick, who brought her daughters, Audrey and Bailey. “They wanted to come more than I did. They love arts and crafts fairs.” She added when she saw



From left: Rachel Caldwell from Cleveland, TN. Vendors Sheri Porterfield and Will Slaninka. Blessing Way Pottery vendors Jean Kranzle and Gary Butler.



Sheraphy was one of the vendors, “We got super excited ... we bought (merchandise) from them before. We knew e had to come.” “This is our fifth year here,” said Sheri Porterfield, co-owner with will Slaninka. “It’s a local show for us.” While enjoying browsing through and purchasing unique handmade items from the juried event, she said attendees helped GFWC Suburbia Woman’s Club Lenoir City raise funds for local charities and needs in the community. Among those, funds supported scholarships, Shangra-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding, Riverside Coffee, local schools and much more, said Courtney, who added the festival “is our only fundraising event.”

“GFWC Suburbia Women’s Club is an organization of 20 women dedicated to community service,” the club’s website stated. “It is affiliated with the General Federation of Women’s Clubs, headquartered in Washington, D.C., and the Tennessee Federation of Women’s Clubs. “These service-oriented national and state organizations were in the 19th century and have been responsible for the formation of over 75 percent of the nation’s libraries, the enactment of child labor laws and the formation of the Department of Education,” the website further stated. “On a local level, GFWC Suburbia Woman’s Club members work together to support the local community in a similar way. “Suburbia has been spon-

soring the Lenoir City Arts and Crafts Festival since its inception in 1962,” it stated. “The event is the principal source of income for many of its community and charitable projects. “Over the past decades, festival proceeds totaling more than \$500,000 have been returned to the community in support of children and families, education, literacy, the arts, the elderly, the disabled and public affairs.” For more information, write to GFWC Suburbia Woman’s Club, P.O. Box 183, Lenoir City, TN 37771, or e-mail to jcus@live.com

~Tammy Cheek

LCCC Business After Hours



Loudon County Chamber of Commerce president Rodney Grugin, left, chats with Jimmy Matlock, owner of Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair during LCCC Business After Hours in Avalon Country Club, 700 Turnberry Circle, Lenoir City, Tuesday, May 13. (Continued pg 5A)

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Health Market Ribbon Cutting

Sara Aguilar (with scissors) of Health Markets recently cut the ribbon as she joins Loudon County Chamber of Commerce during a LCCC-sponsored event at Lenoir City Parklet, 101 E. Depot St., Lenoir City, Wednesday, May 14.



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Loudon County Chamber of Commerce celebrated new members

Loudon County Chamber of Commerce celebrated new members, such as The Honey Do Service Inc., 9355 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, represented by owner, John Radu (with scissors) and his wife Heather Radu (to his left), with a ribbon-cutting at Lenoir City Parklet, 101 E. Depot St., Lenoir City, Wednesday, May 21. Chamber members and other new members and supporters joined him for the event.

Tammy Cheek

Upcoming EVENTS

Tuesday, July 8

5:00 pm
Business after Hours and
5th Annual
Non-Profit Spotlight
The Venue at Lenoir City

Tuesday, July 22

8:00 am
Chamber Coffee &
Commerce Coffee Culture
404 Wharf St., Loudon

Thursday, July 31

11:30 am
Chamber Speaker Series
With Randy Boyd
The Venue at Lenoir City

Thursday, September 18

Chamber Golf Tournament
Avalon Country Club,
Lenoir City

LCCC Business After Hours



Left: Jason Faddis, left, owner of Granite Business Solutions, LLC., talked to Joy Miller and her husband, Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller, at Loudon County Chamber of Commerce’s Business After Hours in Avalon Country Club.
Right: John Haney, left, senior advisor with NAI KOella/RM Moore in Knoxville, mingles with George Bove, MBI Companies Inc., business consultant, during Loudon County Chamber of Commerce’s Business After Hours in Avalon Country Club, 700 Turnberry Circle, Lenoir City, Tuesday, May 13.

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Lady Vols

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of One Knoxville Sporting Club, which has a new pre-professional women’s s soccer league, at Covenant Health Park in Knoxville; and Tess Darby, a standout Lady Vols basketball guard/forward who recently graduated.

Cronan recalled being asking her why the Lady Vols have been so successful.

“First of all, we had Pat Summit and we all realize what she did for all of us,” the director emeritus said. “Second, we had a university that said ‘yes’ to women.

“I can’t tell you how far ahead we were, but our university said it was important,” Cronan added. “So, to look at the journey, it’s been very delightful because of people like Missy and Tess and Brittany, who are out there making a difference.”

Of McKenna, Cronan said, “the leadership that he has brought to Knoxville to professional sports and what it is has been awesome.”

She described Tarwater and Darby as “part of my children, too ... I could probably pick out ladies who went through our program who did it the right way and continue to do the right thing. I’m really proud.”

McKenna said being in the first year of women’s soccer is exciting.

“Why add women’s soccer? ... I think Knoxville’s a top five market in the country as far

as women’s sports, and that’s wholly due to people like Joan, Brittany and Tess, their contributions to UT sports.

“What UT athletics has done for women in sports is unmatched in my opinion,” McKenna added. “(Knoxville’s) also a great soccer town.”

A l o n g with local high schools having “great” programs, “we have about 500 girls playing youth soccer,” he said.

Tarwater, who currently is an anchor with WVLT-TV in Knoxville, said female athletes have become spoiled because of Cronan’s efforts to build that visibility.

“I was in school in 2008 when the Lady Vols won their eighth national title,” she said.

Darby said she has a unique perspective as a former Lady Vol, as her basketball team reached the NCAA tourney “Sweet 16” in 2025. “I was part of putting women’s sports back on the map,” she said.

“Just being around people within the university who invest in women’s sports, starting with Miss Joan and all the women, it’s given me an experience I will always be grateful for,” Darby added.

Still, even at UT, “women feel like we have to prove ourselves,” she said.



Cronan

New signal

From page 1A

cord Road so Concord Hills residents can get onto Concord Road much easier.

“It’s the same (problem) at Thornton Heights,” he added.

The action is a follow-up of concerns introduced by former Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, who sits on the Planning Commission, since February.

While not present, she previously told fellow Commissioners and Board of Mayor and Aldermen members that residents were having trouble getting out of Loop Road onto Concord Road because of the traffic.

KCSO Reports

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been stolen off the lot on June 1 at approximately (1 p.m.),” the report stated. “Complainant added the keys were either in the vehicle, in the drop box or located up front and left unattended because they do not have them.

“Complainant advised they waited to report it due to thinking it was a possible system error or maybe it was rented and hadn’t been returned yet,” the report further stated. “Complainant was advised vehicle would not be entered into NCIC as stolen until advised by the assigned detective.”

Total value of loss was listed as \$15,000.

Commissioner Jeff Devlin asked if the light will be far enough away that it wouldn’t affect the roundabout. Smith answered it should not effect the roundabout.

Other business

On another matter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a preliminary plat to make improvements to Outlet Drive. This action comes in light of a proposed multi-family residential development, Venture at Laster Farms, 11471 Outlet Drive, that would have 240 apartments and 80 townhomes.

The improvements include a turn lane at 11471 Outlet Drive and improvements to Snyder

Road/North Campbell Station Road intersection, which were included as recommendations in a traffic impact study, Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

In other business, FMPC unanimously voted to:

- Appoint Farragut High School rising junior Albert Liu as a youth representative on Commission.
- Postpone action to appoint a Planning Commission member to the Town’s Tree Board until all Commission members were present, as several Commissioners were absent. The new Tree Board representative would replace Scott Russ, who resigned.

Intro

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“Participants will have a chance to go on an optional tour of Farragut with Town administrator David Smoak Friday morning, Oct. 3,” the release further stated. “A graduation dinner will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.).

“Program requirements include attendance at the Aug. 27 reception and campaign kickoff, at least four of the five classes, one Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting (meetings held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month), one Municipal Planning Commission meeting

(meetings held on the third Thursday of each month) and participation in a class project by completing volunteer hours at Farragut Primary School.”

More information about the volunteer projects will be presented at the Aug. 27 kickoff.

Space is limited. Accepted applicants will be notified within seven to 10 days of the application deadline, which is 4 p.m., Friday, July 31.

Applicants may apply online or download the application at townoffarragut.org/introto-farragut. Downloaded applications should be completed and returned to Town Hall or e-mailed to Allison Scott at ascott@townoffarragut.org.

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FHS, Bearden, KCHS flavor to U.S. Youth Southern Prez Cup #1

A local girls youth soccer club team, USA North 2008G Premier team, “just pulled off something incredible,” one team spokesperson said. “They won the US Youth Soccer Southern President’s Cup in Plano Texas, last week, going undefeated and giving up just two goals in five games. It was the first regional appearance in club history, and now they’re headed to Nationals next month in Tampa.” Players from Farragut and Bearden High School, plus Knoxville Catholic High, are part of the team also including players elsewhere in Knox County plus Anderson and Blount counties. Local players are, front row left to right (first player) Reagan Walden of BHS. In back are Brooklyn Major (BHS, second from left); goalkeeper Ellen Eakins (BHS, fourth from left); Carina Plawchan (FHS, fifth from left); and Ryan Vincill (FHS, sixth from left). (Not pictured is MJ Books of KCHS).

Photo submitted



After 16 years, King is KAWGA king again, edges Miller in 1-hole playoff; 7 flights at FDCC course



All KAWGA photos by Alan Sloan



(Above) Jillian King, center, holds the 2025 Knox Area Women’s Golf Association trophy as Championship Flight winner — her third career KAWGA title (last one in 2009) — earned at Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, June 11, as awarded by tourney chair Carol Hornstra, left, and KAWGA president Linda Hopkins. King edged 2023 KAWGA champ Sue Miller (left photo, right) 1-up needing 19 holes in match play June 11. Lynna Rader (left photo, left) was Consolation champ.



Flight 1 champion Kimberly Moore, right, defeated runner-up Sherrie McCarty 1 up. Not pictured is Consolation winner Dawn Bray.



Flight 2 winner Catherine Manning (not pictured) won against runner-up Colleen Jensen, left, 2 & 1. Essie McGhee was Consolation champion.



Flight 3 champion Kelly Cox, center, defeated runner-up Linda Hopkins, right, 4 & 3. Donna Farinella was Consolation winner.



Flight 4 champion Adair Allen, center, defeated runner-up Nancy Johnson, left, 3 & 1. Manuela Davis was Consolation winner.



Flight 5 winner Melissa Richards, center, won against runner-up Annette Stevens, left, 1 up (20 holes). Judy Strandquist was Consolation champion.



Flight 6 champion Betty MacDonald, center, defeated runner-up Kathy Metcalf, right, 2 & 1. Sue Biliskov was Consolation winner.



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Left: Sports and Splash students cooling off after playing outside.

Below: Melanie defies gravity in the pool on her noodle throne!

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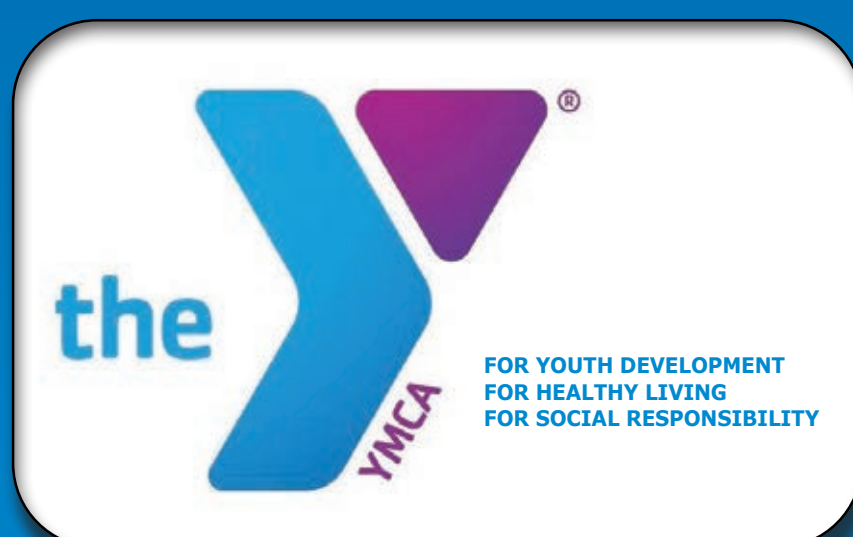
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Farragut’s newest U.S. citizen is all Red, White, Blue

Brought to tears by National Anthem, Thompson a proud Indy Parade entry

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Melanie Lisa Thompson’s deep love of “America,” pulsating through her veins for more than 40 years, finally led this native of Canada to take the final step: U.S. citizenship.

“I mean, my husband (Steven Thompson) will say, ‘Honey, I think you’re the only one that I know who cries (upon hearing) the Star-Spangled Banner, and you’re Canadian,’” Thompson said a few days after officially becoming a U.S. citizen.

“And I said, ‘I know, I always cry at that song,’” she added. “But I love America; I’ve always loved it.”


Nothing taken for granted in regard to the Red, White and Blue from this native of Kingston, Ontario, “two hours east of Toronto.”

Thompson has expressed deep appreciation for her warm receptions in the United States dating back more than 40 years, which is why she’s especially thrilled to become a U.S. citizen roughly 15 years after moving to Farragut.

About living in Farragut, “one of the things is: it just has this home feeling, you know?” Thompson said. “I love the greenways and parks in Farragut, too.”

At the Naturalization Proceeding (U.S. citizenship/oath ceremony) in U.S. District Courtroom 420/Eastern District of Tennessee in Greeneville Tuesday, June 17, “I was so emotional — I cried,” said Thompson, with Steven (her husband of almost 40 years); her daughter, Hilary Thompson, and one grandchild, Avalee, 8, (Hilary’s daughter) on hand.

This came almost 40 years after Thompson secured her Green Card in October 1985.



“My children are Americans and my grandchildren are Americans, and my wonderful husband’s an American, so I need to be an American,” Thompson recalled telling herself just prior to seeking citizenship.

Giving a short address after taking the oath, “I could hardly get out the words that I wanted to get out about how much I love

TORNADOES WOMEN’S SOCCER




BREVARD COLLEGE

(Left) An elated Melanie Lisa Thompson waves a small U.S. flag soon after officially becoming a U.S. citizen following a Naturalization Proceeding in U.S. District Courtroom 420/Eastern District of Tennessee in Greeneville Tuesday, June 17. (Above) Thompson, pictured on a program, was a star striker on the Brevard College (North Carolina) Women’s Soccer team in the late 1980s.

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Three bands, ceremony, highlight 25th Rockin’ the Docks July 4



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STAFF REPORTS
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LENOIR CITY — Featuring three bands, a fireworks show, a Patriotic Ceremony and lots of great food and fun in-between, 25th Annual Rockin’ the Docks happens in Lenoir City Park from 1 p.m. to the end of the fireworks show (which starts at 10 p.m.) on Independence Day, Friday, July 4.

“It’s at our cove area there along the water just beside the Fort Loudoun Dam,” said Zack Cusick, Lenoir City Parks & Recreation director who is heading up the event. “People who normally come should expect great food, great music and an awesome fireworks show.”

Though the event is free of charge, “If you come by car, we do ask for a donation at parking,” Cusick said. “It’s any donation — just to help offset the cost.

“Our food vendors will be ready to serve at 1 o’clock, and then our first band will go at 5 p.m. (Mike Snodgrass and the Whisker Funk); second band at 6:30 (p.m., RMS Band). We’ll have the Patriotic Ceremony about 8 o’clock, and then our third band starts at 8:30 (p.m., WIMZ Garage Band), finishing up about 10 (p.m.),” he added. “That’s when we’ll shoot off the fireworks. Bands will perform just down right by the water in our open grass field area.”

As for band genres, “The first one is more of your classic boating music,” Cusick said about Snodgrass and

“We always do a special celebration about 8 o’clock to make sure that we’re recognizing our military and our veterans and everything that they’ve done for our country to make sure that we’re still the best country,”

- **Zack Cusick**
Lenoir City Parks-Rec director about Rockin’ the Docks

company. “RMS is a little bit of the classic rock, and then the garage band, they play just a little bit of everything.”

About the Patriotic Ceremony, “We always do a special celebration about 8 o’clock to make sure that we’re recognizing our military and our veterans and everything that they’ve done for our country to make sure that we’re still the best country,” he said. “We’ll have our Lenoir City Legion Post 70.”

As for refreshments, “Food vendors will be along our shelter and tree line,” Cusick said. “They’re at our city

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This CAC transportation program also will "provide training and gas," the release further stated.

Volunteers will be asked "to provide support and assistance to (the person) at their destinations," which could include anything from "medical appointments to the grocery store or the beauty shop."

As for flexibility, "Volunteers can choose what day and how often they would like to volunteer," the release stated. "We provide a calendar for you to choose your rides."

For more information, or to sign up, call 865-673-5001.

• **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."

• **Farragut High School dance team** will host a Junior Admiral Dance Camp — ages rising kindergarten through rising fifth-graders

— from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Wednesday, July 21-23, in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gym.

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• **Salsarita's is holding a 'Give \$15, Get \$15' campaign through Sunday, July 27**, benefitting East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

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For more info, contact Natalia Havasy at 865-216-6907 or e-mail NLHavasy@etch.com

Webb Team A claims PBS Scholars Bowl championship

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Families again will get to watch their Knox-area students compete in the latest Scholars Bowl when PBS-TV airs an encore performance of the competition this summer.

While the airing started Monday, June 9, with L&N STEM vs. West Ridge A Team, the championship round showdown, when Webb School of Knoxville's Team A won against Jefferson County High School, will air Aug. 28.

"I'm thrilled and really, really proud," said the team's coach and Latin teacher Jenny Fields. "They worked really hard."

"This particular team really wanted it; they put the work in, and it paid off," she added. "But it's also sometimes really a matter of luck ... we've had some good teams in the past — it's a single elimination tournament — and so if you lose a match, that's the end of your season."

"So, I'm really, really pleased for them to win — and humbled. We've had teams in the past we thought could take it all the way and then something goes wrong. They have an off day or another team just brings a little bit more to the table."

In short, "Anything can happen," Field said.

In the championship round, "it did come down to the one final question," the Webb coach said. "That's how close of a margin it was."

"The other team, Jefferson County, had an excellent team, really strong players, and they played a good game," Fields added. "We were ahead by one question, really."

"It could very easily have gone the other way, but they kids just dug in and fought for every point, which is what you have to do."

She said the school's B team also "did very, very well," labeling them "fierce competitors."

Scholars Bowl "is designed that any school that has two or more teams in the tournament, that eventually those two teams (from the same school) have to play each other before it goes into the Smart 16 round," Fields said. "It's impossible for a school to

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New U.S. citizen

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America,” she said. “At the ceremony, there were 24 countries represented. I was the longest in the United States that had not become a U.S. citizen.”

Thompson also was supported at the oath ceremony by several fellow members of her church in Maryville, Grace Community Church.

About waiting until 2025 to seek U.S. citizenship, “Well, now that both my parents (George and Barbara McAllister) have passed away in Canada, I guess I didn’t want to get it while they were living in case of bills or property or anything like that,” Thompson said.

“But it’s always been pressing on my heart,” she added. “... And then knowing that it’s going to be (our) 40th wedding anniversary — and I’ve been here 40 years — I just said, ‘This is the year.’”

United States start

Melanie Lisa McAllister fell in love with this country in her youth, first arriving in Palm Springs, California, in July of 1984 — age 19 — as part of a Canadian Christian Drama Ministry called Covenant Players.

“I had never been on an airplane in my life; and I flew from Canada to Palm Springs, California. ... That’s where the drama group did its training,” Thompson said.

“As a child, I had always heard my friends say, ‘We’re going to the States; we’re going to Florida,’” she recalled. “And in my childhood, I had never gone to the States. ... I had never traveled outside of Canada. ... I was so excited because I had never been to the United States of America.”


Traveling with the Players “was just an adventure,” Thompson said. “... I sold my car that I had, and the money that I had left over from my car after selling it was almost the exact amount money for a one-way ticket to Palm Springs.”

About her first impressions of U.S. citizens, “I thought they were very welcoming and

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friendly,” Thompson said.

Such “warmth” took on a double meaning upon first arriving in Palm Springs.

“When I got off the plane in Palm Springs, I had never felt that kind of heat before being from Canada,” Thompson said. “And this is crazy, but at first I thought I was just standing too close to the plane (engine) when I first got off. ... And my friend said, ‘No, this is dry heat. This is what Palm Springs feels like.’”

However, “It was just a neat feeling. ... I was glad it was warm,” Thompson said. “Even ‘til this day I love the heat.”

Family doubts, love drama

“Some of my relatives, my aunt and uncles, were like, ‘Why do you want to go there? Don’t leave home,’” Thompson recalled. “But I just really felt like that’s what I was being led (by God) to do. I felt like the Lord was leading me to be in the drama. I always liked acting. I acted in high school and I always like doing plays — and I’m pretty outgoing.”

Starting her family

Lisa and Steven — with four children and four grandchil-

dren — met during the drama tour in 1984.

He “came over for dinner” at the home of a host family church to Lisa and other Covenant Players while in Borger, Texas, one of four states in which the Players toured (also Oklahoma, North Carolina

and South Carolina), she said.

“The minute he saw me, it was like, ‘She’s going to be my wife one day.’ That’s what he felt,” Thompson said. “And I was like, ‘He’s just a really nice guy.’ So we wrote letters to each other. We didn’t even date. We wrote letters because I was on tour and he was an engineer and worked for Phillips 66 Petroleum in Borger Texas. ... I ended up touring in North Carolina. ...

“And so he ended up flying to North Carolina and proposing to me, March 29, (1985) at 10:47 p.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church in Hickory, North Carolina,” she added.

Soccer star in college

In the late 1980s, “I went to Brevard College in North Carolina on a soccer scholarship; and I was nominated All-American when I played,” Thompson said about being “the third leading scorer in the nation” as a striker one season. “I had played soccer in Canada since I was probably 3 years old.”

Family to Farragut

In the physical fitness profession as a former Nautilus instructor before “home-schooling my children,” Lisa joined Steven, a chemical engineer, in coming to Farragut from Cincinnati in 2010 — also having lived in Greenville, South Carolina, and Jackson,

Tennessee. He came here to work for Process Engineering Associates, LLC in Oak Ridge as a process engineer.

About the children’s education, however, “Farragut High School was a really good high school, and I ended up putting three children (there),” Thompson said about Hilary (2012 grad), Paul (2014 grad) and Philip Thompson (2018 grad). “The oldest, she was in college (Dani Thompson).”

Parade participant

“When milestones happen in my life, I like to do something memorable, and I was thinking, ‘Now that I am a U.S. American citizen, what can I do?’ Maybe I can sign up for the Parade,” Thompson said about being a participant in 37th Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade Friday, July 4, along Kingston Pike. “It’s my very first July 4th as an American citizen.

“So that means everything because all the past July 4ths that I’ve celebrated with my family, they were all Americans and I wasn’t, even though I didn’t let that stop my enthusiasm,” she added.

She bought “a Statue of Liberty costume. ... I’ve had a friend altering it for me,” Thompson said. “I’m going to wear a Statue of Liberty costume ... and just walk and hold my torch high and wave.”



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• The University of Alabama’s Spring 2025 Commencement ceremonies in Coleman Coliseum included Farragut grads **Graham Baakko** (Bachelor of Arts in communication & information sciences); **William Breedlove** (Juris Doctor); **Aidan Cantu** (Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering and Master of Science in electrical engineering); **Emily Ogle** (Bachelor of Science in education); **Samuel Sompayrac** (Bachelor of Science in commerce & business administration); and **Jeremy Van Riper** (Bachelor of Science in commerce & business administration).

• President’s List honorees at the University of Alabama from Farragut with an academic record of 4.0 (all A’s) during Spring Semester are **Blakely Beron**, **Graham Baakko**, **Lainey Baakko**, **Selene Tan** and **Sophie Dotson**. Named to the Dean’s List (minimum 3.5 grade-point average) were **Macy Wright** and **Mason Benedetti**.

• **Kathrine Klenske** of Farragut, majoring in digital animation, has been named to Kennesaw State University’s Spring 2025 President’s List. To qualify, students must achieve a grade-point average of 4.0 while completing a minimum of nine credit hours.

• Middle Tennessee State University students from Farragut who earned Dean’s List honors for Spring Semester 2025 are **Brandon Grandchamp**, **Jordan Hong**, **Kathryn O’Brien**, **Sofia Ohrt** and **Owen Queener**. To qualify, an undergraduate must maintain a current semester grade-point average of 3.5 or above and earn at least 12 semester hours.



Photo submitted

Webb School of Knoxville’s Scholars Bowl coach Jenny Fields, far left, is joined by her 2024-25 PBS Scholars Bowl champions, Team A, soon after they wrapped up the crown by defeating Jef-

ferson County in the final round. From left are Stephen Koella, Jackson White, Penny Willoughby (captain holding the championship trophy), Sam Kowalski, Ridge Long and James Overall.

Scholars Bowl #1

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have two teams in the championship.

“That game the A and B team played was very close, too,” she added.

As for history, “I think (Webb has) had a team since the ‘80s,” Fields said. “I’ve been the coach since 2017.

This season, “Our (A) team has six kids, but only four can play at a time — four starters and two alternates,” the coach said.

With Webb having A (varsity) and B (junior varsity) teams, she had 12 students who participated.

“It’s up to the coach if we want to make any substitutes (with the alternates during the game),” Fields said. “I usually try to put the alternates in just so everybody can play.

“I think it’s good for everybody to be on TV at least once,” she added.

However, “it’s nerve-wracking,” Fields said. “It’s very

different when we’re practicing in the classroom with the buzzers and things, and then when you get with the lights and the cameras and all the

sound guys in there, it’s a lot more stressful to the kids than they show on TV.”

Still, “they do a good job with it,” she added.

FHS, HVA tie for fifth
Elsewhere in Scholars Bowl, Farragut High School’s team tied for fifth place with Hardin Valley Academy’s Team A.

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FARRAGUT BEER BOARD AGENDA

Farragut Town Hall • 11408 Municipal Center Drive
Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 5:50 PM

I) Approval of Minutes	Occasion Beer Permit for DOG DAZE IX
A) Minutes of April 24, 2025	B) Approval of the Farragut Business Alliance Special Occasion Beer Permit for HARVESTFEST 25
II) Beer Permit	
A) Approval of the Farragut Business Alliance Special	

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Farragut Town Hall • 11408 Municipal Center Drive • Thursday, June 26, 2025
Farragut Beer Board 5:50 PM • BMA MEETING 6:00 PM

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance II. Approval of Agenda III. Approval of Minutes A. June 12, 2025 IV. Mayor’s Report V. Ordinances & Resolutions A. Ordinances 1. Second Reading a. Approval of Ordinance 25-05 on second reading, 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 on second reading, an ordinance adopting the annual budget for the Town of Farragut for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. B. Resolutions 1. Approval of Resolution R-2025-08, Town of Farragut Fund Balance Policy	2. Approval of Resolution R-2025-12, Utilizing Competitive Sealed Proposals for Enterprise Resources Planning System VI. Business Items A. Approval of Contract 2026-01, On-Call Road Maintenance B. Approval of Contract 2026-04, On-Call Traffic Signal Maintenance C. Approval of Contract 2026-05, Resurfacing of Various Streets D. Approval of Change Order 3, Contract 2024-09, Stormwater Infrastructure Repairs E. Approval of Amendment 5 to the Professional Services Agreement between the Town and Kimley Horn Associates, Inc. for Additional Design Services for Union Road Improvements VII. Citizens Forum VIII. Town Administrator’s Report A. Report for FY2025 transfer request IX. Town Attorney’s Report
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Henry Knox Chapter, United Daughters of 1812, meet at Fox Den in full force



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General Henry Knox Chapter 304, United Daughters of 1812, held its May meeting (May 22) in Fox Den Country Club. Attendees, front row from left, are recording secretary Janet Cantrell, first vice president Eve Thomas, registrar Ann Blomquist, chaplain Elizabeth Finchum, Chapter president Eve Holder, junior member Lukas Holder, Tennessee State Society president Wanda Taylor, corresponding secretary Renee Hamilton and treasurer Debra Wilson. Back row, from left, are Mary Frierson, Linette Brown, Marilyn Childress, curator Suzann Emery, Evelyn Miller, Iris Davenport, parliamentarian Gail Brosk, Pat Chambers, Cheryl Varro, junior member Rachel Varro, Martha Kroll and guest Carolyn Mitchell.

Rockin’ the Docks

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park, so they’ll be able to enjoy the food and stuff in the shade.” Drinks include “any Coke products — but no alcohol is permitted. And no tobacco products.” Attendees “can bring lawn chairs, blankets, a tent — any-

thing to help them enjoy the time while they’re listening to the music,” Cusick said. “And they shouldn’t have to worry about bringing their own cooler since we’ll have food vendors and drink vendors there as well.” Addressing security, “We’ll have plenty of officers and emergency responders there

to help with any issues,” the director said. “But if people do get out of hand or have alcohol, then they’ll be removed.” In case of bad weather, “We’ve had a couple (of years) where if the bad weather shows up late, we might have to move the fireworks up from that 10 (p.m.) position,” Cusick said. “That way, we’d

have enough time to shoot the fireworks, then get everybody back to their car safely and get them out of there.” “Normally, we don’t want to say (the event will happen) rain or shine, but it’s pretty close to rain or shine,” he added. Making it all possible, “We’ve got our great spon-

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