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## Maybe a Parade record, around 25k, include sisters, 45th Cake, 90+ entries

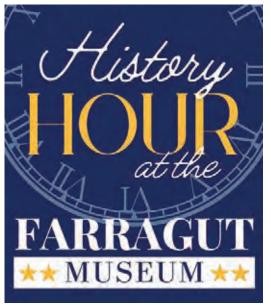


One prominent entry among more than 90 who participated in 37th Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade Friday morning, July 4, said he heard a record crowd of "around 25,000" was estimated to have been lining the north and south sides of Kingston Pike from Lendon Welch Way westward to just past Boring Road. (Above) Sisters Grace Mendieta, 9, left, and Gabriela Mendieta, 7. (Below left) Mackenzie Gaufreaux, 11. (Below right) Farragut Museum's "Birthday Cake" entry to celebrate Town's 45th birthday. (See West Sides Faces, page 6A, and 2A, 3A, 4B)



Photos by Tammy Cheek





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### Monthly history trek series begins July 22

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Farragut Museum will host a monthly speaker series, "History Hour at the Farragut Museum" in Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive.

"The History Hour will be a chance to learn about local, regional or state history," Farragut Historic Resources coordinator Kristi Vining stated in a press release. All History Hours take place from 11 a.m. to noon.

Ben Collins, Farragut High School Tennessee History teacher, will begin the series Tuesday, July 22. He will speak about lesserknown famous Tennesseans.

Wednesday, Aug. 20, Jack Neely from Knoxville History Project will give a presentation about Knoxville's role in securing a national park.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, Wanda Sobieski from Knoxville Women's Suffrage Coalition will talk about the women's right to vote in Tennessee and the new women's suffrage museum being planned for Knoxville.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, Town administrator David Smoak will discuss Town of Farragut operations.

'We hope our guests find History Hour to be engaging and educational," Vining stated.

For more information, call 865-218-3377 or e-mail museum@townoffarragut.org. Follow Farragut Museum on Facebook for all upcoming events.

## Promotions for Pence, Sheffield to begin Town's new fiscal year

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

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With Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen's approval of the Town of Farragut budget for the fiscal year that began July 1, 2025, two Town staff members recently were promoted as part of a new leadership structure for the staff.

Michelle Pence, the Town's previous Human Resources director, was promoted to director of Administrative Services.

"I'm honored to step into the role of director of Administrative Services for the Town of Farragut," Pence said. "Passionate about serving our community, I remain dedicated to providing exceptional service to both our

staff and community with integrity, adaptability and a

friendly approach." Her responsibilities include the following departments: Finance. Human Resources, Information Technology and Customer Service.

Chris Sheffield, the Town's previ-

ous operations manager, was promoted to director of Public Services. His responsibilities are Community Development, Engineering, Parks and Recreation and Public Works.

Pence

"Our Community Development, En-

gineering, Parks and Recreation and Public Works teams are at the heart of what makes Farragut such a beautiful, close-knit place to live," Sheffield said. "I'm truly excited and grateful - for the chance to work alongside and lead such a dedicated

and talented group of people."

"The purpose of the new leadership structure is to streamline departmental reporting," Town administrator David Smoak said. "The director of Administrative Services and the director

Sheffield

of Public Services will report directly to Town administrator.

"Michelle and Chris already (had) important management roles with the Town and are highly effective leaders," Smoak added. "This restructuring will facilitate improved efficiency within the departments, help align our strategic goals with our resources, allow for greater adaptability and provide better focus on our customer service initiatives."

The FY 2026 budget was approved on second reading at the June 26 Board meeting; however, the Board began setting priorities for FY 2026 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026) in January.

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#### **Dixie Lee biz opening projections**

• PureMagic Carwash announces the "soft opening" of its new Dixie Lee Junction location is Friday, July 11.

A grand opening has not been scheduled yet, according to Garrett Nix, manager of the Farragut location at 11133 Kingston Pike.

This location "I would say is probably the most like it is at our Karns location," Nix said.

He thinks the grand opening may be roughly two weeks after the soft opening in late July, but has not received official word.

· Across from the new carwash, on the north side of Kingston Pike in Dixie Lee Junction, work continues on the new Publix store. According to a construction official, Publix "is on track for a late spring or early summer opening in 2026."





### **Welcoming New Beginnings** One Miracle at a Time



The Childbirth Center at Parkwest





## **Uncle Sam, FWKCC**



(Above) Uncle Sam (Bo Connor) used foot power as a participant in 37th Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade Friday morning, July 4. (Below) Using convertible power is a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce entry, which included Julie Blaylock (red hat), FWKCC president/CEO.





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## **KCSO**reports

• At 6 :36 p.m., Sunday, July 6, two Knox County Sheriff's Office units responded to a Corto Lane residence in response to a possible domestic disturbance call.

Complainant/victim said he "is going through a divorce with his wife; however, she still lives in the home," the report stated.

Victim said his father-in-law "has been coming to his home and bothering his property," the report further stated. Victim said "when he questioned him about removing some batteries from his security cameras," his father-in-law "sent him a string of profanity-laced text messages that he found offensive.'

Victim later submitted a screenshot of one of the text messages and a photograph of his father-in-law manipulating a security camera. Victim requested information regarding an order of protection against his in-law and a report to document the incident.

• At 9:39 a.m., Saturday, July 5, officers were dispatched to the area of Pryse Farm Boulevard in reference to a woman trying to enter people's residences. Officers located the woman, "who appeared confused and did not know where she was," the report stated. "She (said) she was trying to get home but could not remember where she lived.

"(She) was also very emotional during the interaction and began to cry randomly several times," the report further stated. "Based on her altered and confused mental state, I transported her to Parkwest Medical Center for a mental -health evaluation."

• At 2:16 p.m., Thursday, July 3, deputies responded to a Campbell Lake Drive hotel room in regard to a domestic disturbance. 'Victim advised that she and her boyfriend got into an argument over messages on each other's

phones," the report stated. "Victim said that when she was in the hallway, (suspect) grabbed the back of her hoodie and pulled back. This caused (victim) to choke, but she did not lose consciousness. (Victim) refused medical attention, and there were no visible injuries.'

Deputies spoke with the suspect, who said he and the victim "had gotten into a verbal altercation over some messages that she had seen on his phone," the report stated. "(He said) that during the argument, (victim) was trying to leave, but she had his only key card for the room. (Suspect) said that he tried to get his key from (victim) by grabbing the key card out of her hand. He further advised that there was no physical contact, and no one was injured.

Deputies then spoke with hotel staff, who said "they were in the hallway outside (the room) and they could hear (victim) screaming for help inside," the report stated. As (victim) leaves the room, (staff witnessed suspect) "using his arm to push (victim) up against the ice machine, preventing her from moving.

"Based on the totality of the investigation, it was determined that (the suspect) was the primary aggressor," the report further stated. He was taken into custody for domestic assault and transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention Facility without incident. Victim was provided with the Family Crimes blue card and was advised of her rights. She was told about GPS tracking, but she did not wish to participate in GPS tracking.

• At 4:42 p.m., Wednesday, July 2, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report wire fraud at an Ashton Court residence.

Complainant said he noticed that money was

#### See KCSO REPORTS on Page 3A

## **Towncalendar**

• Farragut Museum in Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, is seeking volunteers to serve as docents. Docents welcome guests to the museum and provide information about the exhibits. Two-person shifts are available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays.

"Volunteering at the museum is a great way to give back to the community, to better understand Farragut's history and to get to know other like-minded citizens," said Kristi Vining, Historic Resources coordinator for Town of Farragut.

A training manual is provided to all volunteers, and there is no required minimum number of volunteer days. To volunteer or for additional information, e-mail museum@ townoffarragut.org.

Farragut Museum offers a small gift shop, with items available for purchase, including many books on local history such as "Full Speed Ahead." "The Battle of Campbell Station," "Not So Long Ago" and "Footprints of Appalachia." Local author Kristen Combs' book, "100 Things to Do in Knoxville Before Your Die," also is available.

Local vendors from the Renaissance Farmers Market offer local favorites: Mann's Honey, The Santiago Company candles, Sherry's Design woodwork and Pygmy Harbor soap.

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Create detailed short- and long-term goals within your financial strategy. It's important to be specific about the goals you

want to achieve and how much you'll need to achieve them. One way to do this is by making your goals measurable. Assign estimated dates and costs to each goal so you can plan how much to save and how much time you have before you need the money. For example, for your retirement goal, be specific about how many years before you want to retire. And once you do, how you plan to spend your time — perhaps traveling the world, turning your hobby into a business or taking your grandkids on outings. These can have vastly different price tags.

Be willing to compromise. Reaching one, or more, of your goals may mean compromising. If your must-have is building your dream home but it's not looking quite affordable, you may need to make a trade-off — build it a bit smaller, work a year or two longer or trade in some of your wish-list goals so you can stay focused on your must-haves.

Hold yourself accountable to stay on track. Once your strategy is in place, it's not a set-and-forget exercise. Actively tracking your progress and managing your decisions and actions can help you be better positioned to reach your goals. Use time-tested principles for making financial decisions, not predictions. Diversify, own quality investments and keep a realistic perspective, especially for your long-term goals. Maintain your focus and don't let your emotions control your investment decisions. It can be helpful to meet with a financial advisor at least annually to review your full financial strategy, address any changes in your life or your goals, and discuss your progress and new ideas.

As you achieve certain milestones, celebrate them. You may even want to refresh your outlook with new goals. Take pride in your ability to strategize and accomplish a personal financial goal for yourself by following the path you envisioned and created.

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#### **KCSO Reports**

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taken out of his account and used to pay a T-Mobile phone bill.

"Complainant advised he called the Truist Fraud number to make a claim about the unauthorized transaction and was given a claim number," the report stated. "The complainant reported he went to T-Mobile at 11655 Parkside Drive and spoke to employees regarding the situation.

"The complainant advised that he could see a phone number tied to the transaction and asked the workers if they could verify the number in their system," the report further stated. "The complainant (said a) worker was able to confirm the number in their system, but advised the complainant he was not able to provide personal information of the suspect."

Complainant said that employee "gave him the fraud number for T-Mobile. The complainant advised he then went to Truist bank on 11441 Kingston Pike and spoke with (an employee) about the situation and she helped him cancel his account. Complainant stated the total amount was \$211.91.

• At 3:34 p.m., Tuesday, July 1, a complainant called KCSO North Precinct to file a report on a theft and forgery at a Glen Abbey Boulevard residence.

Complainant said he was filing the report for his mother, who is the victim. He said the check was written to Sam's Club and he believes placed in the mailbox at an address listed with KCSO.

"The check was stolen and then whitewashed with the (suspect) as the payee and the amount changed to \$9,800," the report stated.

Complainant was informed by his mother's bank, Home Federal, "that there was an attempt to deposit the check at Civic Federal Credit Union in Raleigh, North Carolina," the report also stated. "The bank flagged it and the check was unable to be deposited."

• At 2:34 p.m., Monday, June 23, a complainant called KCSO West Precinct to report identity theft from a Rockwell Farm Lane residence.

Complainant was searching for services for her home on the Internet at www.spectrum. com. "Complainant then proceeded to the customer service number and dialed (it)," the report stated. "The complainant called the number and provided personal information in the hopes of creating a service account.

"After that, the complainant saw that the customer service number on the website was switching between (two numbers)," the report further stated. "When she called Spectrum again, she was informed that the previous number she had called was a fraud and that they did not have an account open in her name or record of her."

#### **Promotions**

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Workshops were held in March and April to finalize budget priorities before a draft version of the budget was presented to the board in early May.

During the presentations, Smoak explained the change in the leadership structure.

"Our strategic plan starts with a vision ..." Smoak said during a June 12 meeting before the Board acted on the budget on first reading. "To get that accomplished, we have missions and values of what we value in our team as we get the job done and service to the Town done as well."

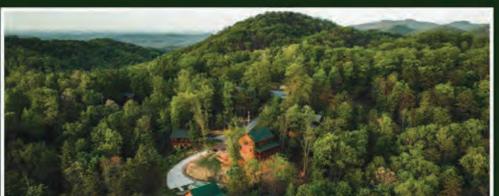
### **Twin patriotic look at Independence Day Parade**



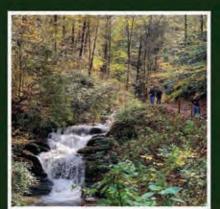
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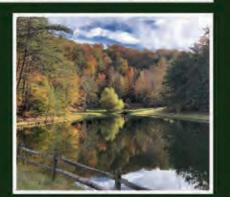
Among thousands who attended 37th Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade Friday morning, July 4, were 9-month-old twin sisters, Ivey Riley, left, and Indy Riley,

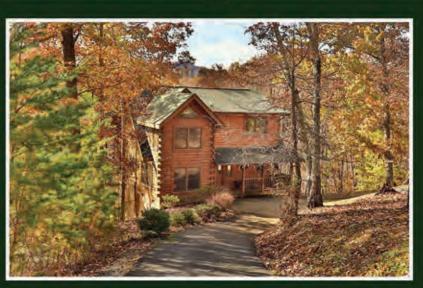












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## business

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## Pearl Scott sets early Aug. goal



Jill Langer, co-owner/nurse practitioner, expects her clinic, Pearl Scott Health & Beauty, to open at 11048 Kingston Pike the beginning of August. She uses SoftWave, a new technology for face and body tightening and contouring, at the clinic.

### Langer finds a business way to honor her late grandmother

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To honor her late grandmother, a nurse practitioner/ co-owner is opening Pearl Scott Health & Beauty, which combines a concierge medical practice with beauty services at 11048 Kingston Pike the beginning of August.

"I've always been interested in beauty my whole life," coowner Jill Langer said. "But the name, Pearl Scott, is after my grandmother, and she



blood work and incorporates services, such as bio-identical hormone replacement, peptides, vitamins and wellness products — all in a "one-stop shop," Langer said. Additionally, it provides aesthetic services, such as anti-aging, Botox injections, fillers, different skincare lines and bio-stimulators, "which are like traditional fillers." However, "traditional fillers are made of hyaluronic acid, which is hydrating your body, making it look lush and plump," Langer said. "Bio-stimulators are injected like fillers, but cause your body to regenerate itself," she added. "We're just hoping to care for the entire person inside and out."



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Janet Hitch is bringing chic to Onetoomany Upscale Consignment at Studios West Salon Suites, No. 11, at 10843 Kingston Pike in Patriot's Corner.

## **Second time around** Hitch opens Onetoomany Upscale Consignment shop in Farragut's Studio West

#### TAMMY CHEEK

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Janet Hitch is starting small, opening Onetoomany Upscale Consignment at Studios West Salon Suites, No. 11, at 10843 Kingston Pike in Patriot's Corner.

"I'm excited," she said about opening the shop. "I know it's new — I'm just opening — so if I have a day when no one drops by, it's OK. I understand because it is new.

"But, I hope people will enjoy things, find something they love," she added.

This is Hitch's second time around for opening a consignment boutique.

"In 2014, I had bought the Chic Repeats at Stonecrest Shopping Center," she related. "And, right as I bought that, my son (Jake Jennings) was killed (when he was hit by a car in which the driver had lost control)."

"I couldn't deal with (operating the store at that time)," she recalled. "It all just happened at once."

So, Hitch closed the Chic Repeats store.

However, her love for nice things drew her back to the retail scene to open Onetoomany, which was her son's nickname, as "he had so many cars and he did all kinds of car things," Hitch related.

"I enjoy the consignment thing," she added. "I love shopping at stores, so here I am. Of course, this time, I am starting very small."

Hitch said customers also can shop on her eBay store, "so I get traffic both places."

Shoppers can find everything from clothing to bags, shoes and other accessories, with labels such as Kate Spade. "I like to stick with more high-end items," she said. "It's very eclectic, diverse. A lot of the items I have here are things you can't find in Knoxville.

"There's always something different," Hitch added. "Everything's unique."

In a consignment shop, "you take people's item; you sell it for them, and they make some money as well," she explained. "I get clients. There's a split where they get X amount when their items sell, and I keep a little for myself."

Hitch said she can reach a wider audience because she places items on eBay.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, or by appointment by calling or texting 865-207-3645.

She also has a Facebook page, Onetoomany Consignment, on which she features items.

worked at a Clinique makeup counter for 25 years.

"I've always appreciated good skincare and taking really good care of people," she added. "So the name (of the business) is after (Mrs. Scott), and I'm just excited to bring some new services, like SoftWave, a new, cutting-edge technology for face and body tightening and contouring."

A unique feature of the business is that she also will be providing concierge medicine.

"It's based on a membership (cash pay) program," Langer explained. "It's offering primary care services to patients. There's immediate access for patients (and) lower cost."

As such, she said the clinic does not accept insurance.

Langer said if someone has a mild illness, he or she would be able to come in immediately and receive care at the Pearl Scott clinic.

"We'll also be offering IV therapy," Langer added. "So if someone has the flu and they want to come in, they can get an IV of some immune ingredients, and they can get the medication they need."

The concierge medicine aspect makes it more personalized to cut down on the hassle of visiting a doctor office, she added.

"This is just the doctor and the patient," Langer said. "The membership model is a reasonable, small monthly fee. Doing that, you have access to your provider, your yearly physicals, your visits. If you have a stuffy nose or a sinus infection, you can pop in or call (for appointment)."

The clinic also provides

Currently, "we are working on honing in our services here," Langer added.

The clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, by appointment, but hours may vary to accommodate patients.

"We encourage people to call the same day if they need an appointment," she said. "We will always try to accommodate as much as we can."

For more information, call 865-454-2122, e-mail to info@ pearlscottbeauty.com or visit online at www.pearlscottbeau-ty.com

# 'Airborne' is Flying Biscuit Café, taking off in Turkey Creek STAFF REPORTS editor@farragutpress.com

Flying Biscuit Café's newest location, 11683 Parkside Drive in Farragut, "marks the brand's 38th location nationwide and its first location in Tennessee," a FBC press release stated.

A popular breakfast/brunch restaurant owned and operated by Knoxville resident and entrepreneur Chris Compton, he brings more than 20 years of experience owning and operating multiple startup ventures, according to the press release.

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

"I've always wanted to own a great place where families can eat and enjoy themselves,"



Alan Sloan

Flying Biscuit Café owner Chris Compton, right, is behind his daughters, Mia, right, and Zoe, alongside employees Mallory Lynn and Chase Hollifield at their new Turkey Creek location, 11683 Parkside Drive, in Farragut.

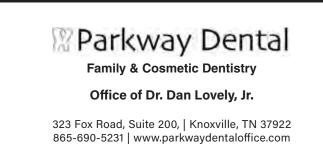
Compton stated.

"We need more breakfast and brunch options in this area, and Flying Biscuit offers both incredible food and a welcoming atmosphere," he

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## **businessbriefs**

• East Tennessee Children's Hospital will hold a ribbon cutting at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, July 9, to celebrate the opening of its ETCH Neurosciences Center at 2100 Clinch Ave., Suite, 210. Knoxville.

This project completes the colocation of psychiatry, neurology and neurodiagnostics. which treats children with brain injuries and seizures and provides testing, such as EEGs and more. By combining these services under one roof, Children's Hospital is making pediatric healthcare more convenient.

• After nearly 20 years of visionary leadership, The Res-

toration House has announced co-founder/executive director **Daniel** Watson will step down this fall. Lori Haskell,

has

who



Haskell

served alongside Watson for 14 years, has been named the incoming CEO of The Restoration House and board president of Olive Tree Early Learning Academy.

· Choice Health Network, a Knoxville-based HIV/AIDS Center of Excellence specializing in HIV prevention and treatment services, celebrated National HIV Testing Day Friday, June 27. This is a day each year to encourage people to get tested for HIV, know their status and get linked to treatment.

The theme for 2025 was, "Level up your self-love: check your status.'

 Choice Health Network offers free walk-in testing at its **Knoxville location**, as well as mailed OraQuick In-Home HIV tests available by completing a simple online form at choicehealthnetwork.org.

• Knoxville attorney Heidi Barcus recently took office as the 145th president of **Tennessee Bar Association** during the group's annual convention in Franklin. Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Dwight Tarwater administered the oath of office.

Knoxville Area Urban League recently named Dr. Laurie Shanderson Evans as its new president and chief executive officer. Shanderson, founder and CEO of Accreditation Insights, assumed the leadership position Monday, July 7.

Dr. Tyvi Small, board chair of KAUL, recently reflected on the organization's significant progress over the past year. He emphasized KAUL's ongoing dedication to community impact, sharing inspiring success stories and positive outcomes of the organization's programs, which serve to empower youth, support small business owners, promote racial equity and strengthen the local economy.

· Adam Wilson Realty recently reached \$600,000 in its giveback to Knox County Schools with a \$2,000 donation to Karns High School.

• IACMI — The Composites Institute recently celebrated the opening of its new national headquarters in Innovation South at the UT Research Park at Cherokee Farm in Knoxville.

The IACMI offices are colocated with the new, expanded UT Fibers and Composites Manufacturing Facility, a 44,000-square-foot, state-of-theart laboratory. This lab will serve as a center for advanced composites and manufacturing, driving research, commercialization and workforce training to strengthen U.S. competitiveness.

Prior to the move to Innovation South, IACMI, established in 2015 by the Department of Energy, had offices near Hardin Valley. For 10 years, IACMI has accelerated the use of advanced composites — which are lighter, stronger, corrosion resistant and energy efficient - in transportation, energy and infrastructure applications.

• UT Health Science Center recently earned the R1 designation from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

This honor underscores the role of research to the university's mission and highlights UT's commitment to advancing knowledge and innovation.

Johnson University recently announced the groundbreaking ceremony for its new Science Building on its Knoxville campus. This event coincided with the university's annual homecoming festivities. The new Science Building is designed to enhance the educational experience for students pursuing degrees in various scientific disciplines, providing modern laboratories, collaborative spaces and advanced technological resources.

 Knoxville Smokies officials have announced First-Bank is the team's official bank. FirstBank will sponsor FirstBank Bridge inside Covenant Health Park, connecting the concourse beyond left-centerfield.

## Vital Hydration cuts ribbon on business



Tammy Cheek

Corina West (with scissors), owner of Vital Hydration, cuts the ribbon with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce event at West's new clinic, 10932 Murdock Road, in Knoxville Tuesday, June 10, with support of her mother, Linda Basso (to West's right); husband, Jon West (to her left); staff member Andrea Myers (fourth from right) R.N., and a host of Chamber members.

#### Flying Biscuit

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added. "I'm especially excited to open the first Flying Biscuit Café in the state of Tennessee

and within our community." "Flying Biscuit knows great food brings everyone to the table," the release stated.

The Café also "provides a range of catering services with

customizable menus" while offering delivery and takeout.

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





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## INDEPENDENCE DAV PARADE

One prominent entry, among more than 90 who participated in 37th Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade Friday morning, July 4, said he heard the mostly Red, White and Blue-clad crowd lining the north and south sides of Kingston Pike — from Lendon Welch Way west to just past Boring Road was estimated at a Parade-record 25,000. But whatever the number, thousands did their best to beat the morning heat and enjoy, under clear skies, a variety of Parade entries — which included a Birthday Cake entry from Farragut Musuem to commemorate the Town's 45th birthday (*see photo, page 1A*). At least two "Statue of Liberty" women were spotted, while Knox County Sheriff's Office again entertained paradegoers from above with two of its helicopter fleet.

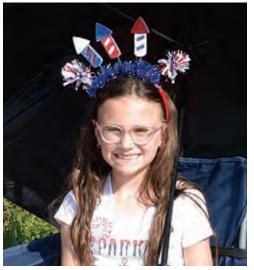


Hannah Ledbetter and son, Gray, 10





Derrick Cantrell with daughter, Parker, 3





Grant Hughes, 11, with grandpa, Terry "Pop" Wade



From left, Carter Maria, 6; mom, Blake Maria; and Carter's big sister, Macie Maria, 9

Alice Portwood, 9

Riley Hill, 4, with mom, Addie HIII



Navenna Simmons, 6, left, and sister, Raina Simmons, 4



John Adams with son, Taylor, 2



Anne-Marie Conti, 6, with mom, Shea Conti



Runners, from left, Josh Turner, Josh Wheeler (back), Chase Brabston, Destiny Morris (front), Jasper Emerson (back), Abby Wheeler and Bri Emerson



Colleen Sturdevan with son, Bentley, 9



David and Molly Royse with granddaughter, Emmylou Williams, 18 months

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## 'Spads' does it again, this time in Freedom Run 1-Mile



(Above) Lucas Spadafora, Farragut High School rising sophomore and 400-meter specialist on the defending Division I-AA state champion Admirals boys track & field team, leads the pack as he completes his first-place overall Male Open Winner finish (4:58) in Farragut Freedom Run 1-Mile event along Kingston Pike and ending in Farragut Towne Square on Independence Day, Friday morning, July 4. (Right) Megan Bell was overall Female Open Winner in 1-Mile (6:11), while Casey Pribish (2532) finished high in the 2-Mile race behind Male Open Winner Quinn Deguira (11:45).

#### STAFF REPORTS

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Only a freshman last May, Lucas Spadafora came through under enormous pressure to help his Farragut High School track & field team win a Division I-AA state title thanks to his contribution as a leg in the first-place 4 X 400 relay — the meet's last event — to nose out Memphis Whitehaven in this relay, and in the final meet total, by just one point.

Spadafora, 15, carried his winning ways into annual Farragut Freedom Run 1-Mile as overall Male Open Winner (4:58) on Independence Day Friday morning, July 4, running mostly along Kingston Pike and ending in Farragut Towne Square.

Upon crossing the finish line, "I felt I had a

little more left in the tank," Spadafora said. "Overall, it was a pretty good race. ... I like the course, it's pretty flat and super short.

"It's feels great to run it," he added.

Saying he's participated in the Freedom Run 1-Mile each year since its inception, this was Spadafora's first time as a top finisher.

#### Other winners of note

Top 1-Mile overall Female Open Winner was Megan Bell, 36 (6:11).

Overall Male 2-Mile event champ was Quinn Deguira, 20, (11:45), while Bailey Ann Smith, 14, captured overall Female Open Winner honors in 2-Mile (13.53).

Other first-place winners from Farragut were (all 2-Milers) Male 25 to 29, Jeremy Cerha,

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Photos by Alan Sloan



FLLC 2nd in division; to host clinic July 28-31

Farragut Ladies Lacrosse Club, middle school age, "play in a competitive league and participate in tour-

naments around East Tennessee," head coach Sophia Grack said. In their most recent season, "They

placed second in the East Tennessee Women's Middle School Division with an 8-5 season record,"

she added. Team members, back row from left, are Taryn Harrison, Quinn Dykes, Anna Thompson,

Maddie Norton, Avery English, Sloane Griffis, Sophie Lezatte, Liv Davanzo, Sara Smith, Abriella Evans,

Blayque Dudley and Lulie Dameron. Middle row, from left, are Myla Dru Saffles, Abbi Guedry, Kathryn

Crowe, Arabella Ellis and Emma Smith. Front row, from left, are coach Melissa Watson, coach JP Da-

vanzo, head coach Sophia Grack, Roselee Ellsworth, Lucy Beeler, Kamryn Shelton and Cirila Qian (laying

down). The middle school club is hosting a four-day clinic, Anchor Down Clinic, which is open to rising

fifth-grade through rising eighth-grade girls interested in lacrosse. Clinic will run from 5 to 6:30 p.m.,

Monday, July 28, through Thursday, July 31, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park along Watt Road in Farragut. Cost

is \$150. Clinic attendees will get a free lacrosse pinnie. Sign up at fllclax.com or find links on Farragut

**TSWA All-State** selections in girls track & field, tennis

#### **STAFF REPORTS**

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Tennessee Sports Writers Association's final list of local All-State spring season performances, which this week features girls track & field, highlighted by Division II-AA state champ Webb School of Knoxville, and tennis.

#### **Track & Field girls**

**Division II-AA** 

• Shot put and discus, Maggie Frana, Knox Catholic, senior.

· Long jump and triple jump, Lennox Langham, Webb School of Knoxville, senior.

• High jump, Tallulah Carney, Webb, junior

• 100 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles, Payton Sipos, KCHS, junior.

· 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash, Lacy Young, Webb, freshman; Chloe Truss, KCHS, junior; Simone Romain, Webb, freshman.

• 1600 meter run and 3200 meter run, Calysta Garmer, Webb, junior; Jazzlyn Garmer, Webb, junior

800 meter run, Carolina Areheart, Webb, junior. Division 1-AAA

• Pole vault, Katie Edmunds, Farragut, senior. Division II-A

• Triple jump, Lily Johnson, Christian Academy of Knoxville, sophomore.

• 100-meter hurdles and 300-meter hurdles, Amelia Wedemeyer, CAK, senior.

#### Tennis

**Division I-AA** 

• Singles, Madison Huffman, Hardin Valley Academy, junior.

**Division II-AA** 

• Singles, Lillian Murphy, Knoxville Catholic, senior.

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## These Scouts don't mind being 'bugged'

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Sixty West Knox County area Girl Scout campers had an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors while experiencing "A Bug's Life" during a Girl Scout Day Camp, which took place the first week of June at Carl Cowan Park, 10058 S. Northshore Drive, Knoxville.

From Monday, June 2, through Friday, June 6, various troops in West Knoxville, Loudon County, Karns and Hardin Valley, led by 30 eighth-grade- and high school-aged Girl Scouts, took part in activities related to bugs, as the theme was "It's a Bug's Life."

"There were rising second grade all the way up to 11th and 12th grades," said Nicole Berkheimer, West Knox Service Unit Day Camp leadership team. "It went really, really well. The girls had a great time."

She said the Girl Scout Day Camp is the longest running, girlplanned and girl-led day camp in Knox County.

"It's been operating consistently since the 1980s," Berkheimer added. "We had to take a year off for COVID — they did some-

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(Left) Junior Unit 5, from left in front, are Fiona Gilligan, Sydney Stokes, Emma Dunham-Dahle, Lily Hicks, Bryce Cole, Baylor Mason, Clara Scollard, Maya McDonald and Cora Mc-Donald. In back are counselors Lily McDougal, left, and Autumn Bucco. (Above left) Brownie Iris Sherrill of Troop 20249 makes insects out of clay in an Arts and Crafts session. (Top) Jiu Bei Childress, an ambassador from Troop 20294, holds a Madagascar Hissing Cockroach. (Above) Brownie Lily Neal shows edible insects she made.

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## 'Always a writer,' Weems gets published with 'Safe Haven: Where Hope Lives'

#### TAMMY CHEEK

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When Jeri Weems and her husband, Cain Weems, moved to Tellico Village, she realized she was in a new chapter in her life, so she decided to complete an inspiring book, "Safe Haven: Where Hope Lives." "I'm a writer (now), not a teacher," Weems said. "I decided to branch out. I've always been a writer, but I never thought I would get published."



the faith that is religious but "faith in yourself."

And, "it's about hope, especially for farm animals," she added.

The book relates the story of a little girl, Bri (short for Gamans, and she wanted people to realize that.

"People don't realize (animals have those same emotions as humans)," she added.

Weems started the book 12 years ago, and while it had not

I'm a writer (now), not a teacher. I decided to branch

Before moving to the Village two years ago, she was a thirdgrade teacher for 25 years until she retired in June 2023.

"We were looking for a place to retire," where there was sunshine and opportunities to stay involved, Weems said.

While in Michigan, however, she also volunteered at a farm animal sanctuary, which cared for animals that were abused, neglected and abandoned.

"I would take care of the animals between making sure they had food and water and cleaning after them, but mostly bonding with them, so just spending time with them," Weems said, noting some of the animals had come from bad situations "so they didn't trust humans; but the more time you spend with them, they more they warm up to you.

"It helped restore my faith in humanity," she added about her work at the sanctuary. "To me, it's a place of healing. It's not only a place for animals to heal but also for humans to heal."

So, when she moved to Tellico Village, she sought out similar animal sanctuaries in Tennessee.

That volunteer service also served as an inspiration for her book.

"It's about faith," she said, noting it is not necessarily briella), who was born prematurely and had a special gift in which she can bond with animals. Weems wrote the story as narrated by the child's father.

Written under her pen name, Elizabeth Stiles, Weems' middle and maiden name, Weems said the book depicts how animals have emotions, like hutaken long to get an ending to the book, she realized it was not done.

"I had the idea, but I didn't have the craft," she said.

She took classes for two years and worked with a mentor.

"It was 10 years before I

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out. I've always been a writer, but I never thought I would get published,"

#### -Jeri Weems,

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• Knox County continues hosting its Second Saturday Concert Series this summer, as its Parks & Recreation Department will oversee live music at The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 S. Northshore Drive, with food, vendors and activities on site.

The free concerts are held from 6 to 8 p.m. June through August. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own blankets, lawn chairs and food. However, no alcohol is allowed.

The next concert is July 12 with Bryson Quick (https:// brysonquick.com/). The final concert is Aug. 9 with Wild Blue Yonder (https://www. wildblueyonder.band/).

If a concert must be canceled because of weather, the county will post a notification to the Parks and Rec Facebook page and the Park's X page.

• Seventy-Second Annual Karns Community Fair will be held at Karns High School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 19.

"Attractions will include music provided by Sterl The Pearl – DJ for University of Tennessee football games carnival rides for children, a merry-go-round, children's petting zoo, over 100 craft vendors, children's games, cotton candy, funnel cakes, caramel popcorn, local vegetables for purchase, a rib eating contest sponsored by Texas Roadhouse and an antique muscle car show," a press release stated.

• Pellissippi State Community College will host a "Navigating Difficult Conversations" workshop in July. This workshop aims to equip participants with essential communication and relational skills for various professional and personal settings.

Led by Wil Davenport, founder of "It Begins Within - Developing Leaders," the workshop will cover topics such as responding instead of reacting, the impact of self-labels, differing perceptions and emotional intelligence. Davenport brings extensive experience from retail management, nonprofit leadership and building his own successful business.

Workshops are set: from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 24, at the Blount County Campus, West Workforce Center, Room WB 121; and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 29, at the Hardin Valley Campus, Alexander Building, Room 103.

Course fee is \$89 for each session. Go to itbeginswithindl.com/pstcc-workshops to register.

For more information, contact PSCC at 865-694-6400 or visit www.pstcc.edu

• Wil Tustin, one of the top selling and nationally acclaimed authors of Christian historian fiction novels, will be on hand at Cedar Springs Christian Bookstore, 504 N. Peters Road, to sign copies of his latest book, "Unhindered/ Paul the Traveler, Martyr and Apostle to the Roman World," from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 12. Autograph seekers must buy a copy of his latest book at the bookstore to get it autographed.

• Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee's Volunteer Assisted Transportation program "is seeking volunteers to provide assisted transportation to seniors and people with disabilities," a CAC press release stated. "Volunteer drivers will drive an agency vehicle when volunteering their time to assist and transport someone to their destination."

This CAC transportation program also will "provide training and gas," the release further stated. "Volunteers can choose what day and how often they would like to volunteer. 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."

• KAPA Boot Scootin' Ball is set for Friday, Aug. 22, at The Mill & Mine, 227 W. Depot Ave in Knoxville. Get ready for a boot-stompin' good time featuring: -Live country music from Songs of the South — an Alabama tribute band — plus line dancing and two-steppin' fun; -A delicious dinner, with complimentary beer from Yee-Haw Brewing Company, free tastings and specialty cocktails from Ole Smoky Moonshine; -and a lively silent auction packed with various items.

Tickets and sponsorships are available. Reserve your spot or learn more at: kapabootscootin.com

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

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## How to care, health-wise, for a new pet kitten; FIV, leukemia checks are key

**Q:** I was shopping at Turkey Creek last weekend, and someone was giving away kittens. They were pretty cute, so I took one. I've never had a cat before, but I already love her.

Can you give me some guidance on when to take her to the vet and what she might need? P.R., Farragut

A: Congratulations on your first kitten! I am assuming, by now, you have her set up with food, water and a litter box. Your

next step is scheduling an appointment with your veterinarian. I'm not sure how old she is, but your veterinarian will perform a complete physical exam, in addition to estimating her age.

Your veterinarian will examine her stool for parasites, as this is especially common in kittens. He/she will also check for fleas, ticks and ear mites, treating as needed.

With all cats and kittens, veterinarians are concerned about two serious viruses, Feline Leukemia and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus (FIV). These viruses are fatal, and we perform blood tests to make sure your new kitten is not infected.



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If your new kitten is old enough and healthy enough, the first vaccines are given at approximately 7 to 8 weeks of age. Your veterinarian will suggest a schedule of vaccines and parasite treatment based on her age and health status.

There is much to be discussed at the first appointment, including diet, litter box training and eventual spay/neuter.

If you have other pets at home, you may choose to keep them separate until she has her first appointment. The viruses mentioned above do not affect dogs, but fleas, ear mites and intestinal parasites could affect other dogs and/or cats in your home. Introductions to other pets in your home should be slow and supervised.

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## Family, Founders, Faith Lutheran a part of Indy Parade scene 2025



Above photo by Tammy Cheek/below photos by Alan Sloan Elements of 37th Farragut Independence Day Parade Friday morning, July 4, along Kingston Pike: (Above) From left are Mandy Holmes, her daughter, Mavis Holmes, and Mary Holmes. (Below) Faith Lutheran Church in Farragut performs during its Parade entry trek, while Eric Johnson represented the surviving Town of Farragut Founding Fathers and Mothers in the Parade.



#### Weems

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would publish it in January 2025," Weems said. "I felt like it was time.

"I'm very passionate and excited about getting (the message of her book) out for people to read it," she added.

Weems also has had support from family, friends, fellow teachers and parents of the students she taught.

After some research and learning she would lose some editorial control of the book with traditional publishing companies, she decided to selfpublish it — and she could get out the book in a shorter time.

"I'm working on a sequel now," Weems said.

"Safe Haven" is available on Amazon for \$15 and on e-book for \$4.99. It also is available at fairs and festivals.

#### Planner

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## obituary

Sally Bixby Bailey, 87, of Farragut, Tennessee — formerly of Carbondale, Illinois, Fairbanks, Alaska, and Mansfield, Ohio died on June 15, 2025, at her home.

Sally was born in Detroit, Michigan, on Feb. 3, 1938, the eldest daughter of the late James Morgan Smith and E. Elizabeth Bixby Smith. Sally was the wife of Floyd Allen Bailey, her high school sweetheart whom she married in 1956 in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Sally was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, who died in Farragut in 2017; her parents, James Morgan and Elizabeth Smith; her brother, Matthew Berrien Smith; and her son-inlaw, Leland A. Jackson.

Sally is survived by her four children, 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Also surviving are her two sisters.

Sally was a member of Farragut Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. With her husband, she had served three missions for her church.

Interment was held in the Bailey family plot, Frontier Cemetery, in Frontier, Michigan, Monday, July 7.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the donor's favorite charity.

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### Merit Award, President's List honors told from Roane State

 Shae Parsons of Farragut was awarded the Roane State **Community College Foundation 2025-26 High School Merit** Award, receiving the Raider Fund Scholarship while majoring in health sciences-transfer program.

To be eligible, a student must have demonstrated a record of achievement in academics, extracurricular activities and leadership in their community.

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#### Bugs, Scouts

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thing virtual that year."

Previously, the girls would do activities, such as boating, but this year, "every activity (campers) did involved insects," she said. "The girls are put together in little groups called units.

"After the opening and closing ceremonies, they went to the different stations," Berkheimer added. "There are five different stations the girls went to — Arts and Crafts, Sports and Games, Nature, Songs and Skits and Camp and Cooking Skills — they go through each station three times, and then they get a badge."

By the end of the week, she said the girls completed 18 activities relating to insects. Those included making their own bug spray, learning the anatomy of an insect by making an edible model, making insect watering stations for butterflies and bees, learning how bees see by creating a three-dimensional flower painted with UV paint and more.

In a Cooking and Camp skills session, the girls "got to try different flavors of crickets," Berkheimer said. "Honestly, almost all the girls really liked them. They had flavors like sour cream and onion, barbecue. It was really cool."

"This year, we had six or seven different presenters from the University of Tennessee teaching the campers and their families about various insects," she added.

"This camp is especially cool because the girls earn a badge that is approved by the (Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians Council)."

Another feature of the camp was a flag ceremony.

The week ended with Family Day, when the campers showed family what they did.



Photo submitted

Brownie Unit 2 completes a trash pick up in Carl Cowan Park. In no order are Jaclyn Cash, Madelyn Shipley, Maya Laham, Amanda Bivens, Madison Ballard, Aubrey Pel, Lily Neal, Norah Linquist, Hadley Mason, Ellie Moir and Lucy Blessinger.

#### Freedom Run

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29, (14:20); Male 60 to 64, Thomas Hains, 64, (19:20); and Female 65 to 69, Kathy Deason, 68 (33.56).

Winners in 80-and-over categories were: Male 85 and Over (2-Mile), David Hartzler, 85, (30:48); Female 80 to 84 (2-Mile), Dana Moser, 82, (36.31); and Male 80 to 84 (1-Mile), Mike Kitchens, 80, (23:46).

#### **Other winners, 1-Mile:**

Female Master Winner, Cindy Atkinson, 43, (7:10.0); Male Master Winner, Matt Kant, 42, (5:37); Female Grandmaster Winner, Keri Price, 50, (10:16.0); Male Grandmaster Winner, Michael Spadafora, 53, (5:47); Female Veteran Winner, Jina Barton, 65, (10:54); Male Veteran Winner, Chris Knight, 65. (7:42).

Female 6-Under, Brooklyn Clay, 6, (8:44); Male 6-Under, Bennett Miller, 6, (8:48); Female 7 to 8, Ariah Smith, 7, (8:03); Male 7 to 8, Miles Hamner, 7, (7:27); Female 9 to 10, Margaret Sutton, 9, (7:44); Male 9 to 10, Luke Shaver, 10, (6:17); Female 11 to 14, Ruby Kant, 13, (6:48); Male 11 to 14, Shane Smith, 12, (6:55); Female 15 to 19, Priscilla Griffin, 16, (7:42); Male 15 to 19, Nicholas Deguira, 17, (5:02).

Female 20 to 24, Izzy Van Tol, 21, (7:51); Male 20 to 24, Owen Shugart, 21, (6:31); Female 25 to 29, Miranda Fellmeth, 27, (6:50); Male 25 to 29, David Campbell, 25, (6:30); Female 30 to 34, Diana Hull, 30, (6:21); Male 30 to 34, Ryan Hartzel, 32, (5:03); Female 35 to 39, Alicia Smith, 36, (8:02); Male 35 to 39, Andrew Smith, 39, (5:30).

Female 40 to 44, Jessica Kincer, 41, (7:58); Male 40 to 44, Robert Sutton, 42, (6:05); Female 45 to 49, Kyli Wooten, 46, (8:12); Male 45 to 49, Bryan Cataldi, 45, (6:27); Female 50 to 54, Shannon Van Tol, 54, 11:53; Male 50 to 54, Marcus Steward, 51, (6:06); Female 55 to 59, Elizabeth Christiansen, 55, (12:01); Male 55 to 59, Andrew Sauter, 57, (6:34); Female 60 to 64, Atress McBee, 63, (11:16); Male 60 to 64, Ralph Pillinger, 60, (7:55); Female 65 to 69, Lauren Conforti, 65, (17:31); Male 65 to 69, Steve Goodwin, 65, (12:14); and Male 75 to 79, Frank Bushakra, 76, (14:59).

**Other winners, 2-Mile:** Female Master Winner, Laura Froning, 57, (14:22); Male Master Winner, Kevin McDonnell, 47, (12:20); Female Grandmaster Winner, Deedra Fay Bejarano, 50, (16:18); Male Grandmaster Winner, John Marsh, 61, (14:11); Female Veteran Winner, Karen Leavitt, 65, (18:04); Male Veteran Winner, James Waddell, 67, (18:41).

Female 6-Under, Noa Buchanan, 6, (27:23); Male 6-Under, Knox McCoy, 4, (19:47); Female 7 to 8, Claire Webster, 8, (27:42); Male 7 to 8, Wyatt Jones, 8, (17:17); Female 9 to 10, Sutton Stone, 10, (16:14); Male 9 to 10, Tyler Rushing, 10, (14:40); Female 11 to 14, Serena Hatten, 12, (16:00); Male 11 to 14, Jack McDonnell, 14, (13:32); Female 15 to 19, Millie Lovett, 17, (15:28); and Male 15 to 19, David Broda, 19, (12:53). las, 25, (16:22); Female 30 to 34, Chelsie Hunt, 33, (20:11); Male 30 to 34, Alex Waddell, 32, (13:29); Female 35 to 39, Kati Thornbury, 38, (14:17); Male 35 to 39, Buddy Clay, 37, (15:30).

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The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut will hold a public hearing on July 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, to hear citizen's comments on the following ordinance:

Ordinance 25-12, an Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ARPA Fund Budget, Passed By Ordinance 25-10

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#### FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AGENDA Farragut Town Hall • 11408 Municipal Center Drive • Thursday, July 10, 2025 **BMA MEETING 6:00 PM**

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Mayor's Report
- V. Ordinances & Resolutions
- A. Ordinance
- 1. First Reading

a. Ordinance 25-12, an Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee amending the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 ARPA Fund Budget, Passed By Ordinance 25-10

#### B. Resolutions

1. Resolution R-2025-11, resolution authorizing the use of comparative sealed proposals for the procurement of goods and services for certain projects

2. Approval of Resolution R-2025-14, a resolution authorizing the Town of Farragut to participate in the Public Entity Partners Property Conservation Matching Grant Program

3. Approval of Resolution R-2025-15, a resolution authorizing the Town of Farragut to participate in the Public Entity Partners Judy Housley Safety Matching Grant Program

VI. Business Items

A. Approval of Contract 2026-02. On-Call Pavement Marking

B. Approval of Contract 2026-03, On-Call Guardrail Maintenance

C. Approval of Contract 2026-06, Visual Stream

**D.** Approval of Amendment 3 to Professional Services Agreement with Ross/Fowler, PC for Construction Services for McFee Park Phase 4 E. Approval of Contract with GovSense for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software VII. Citizens Forum

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

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#### FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA Farragut Town Hall Board Room • Thursday, July 17, 2025 • 6:00 p.m. WORKSHOP 5:15-6:00 Discussion regarding the sale associated with the Estate of Dora K. Turner, 12233 Turkey Creek Road (Dave Hall, Midtown Legal, Applicant)

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

I) Election of Officers II) Approval of Agenda **III)** Approval of Minutes A) June 19, 2025 Minutes IV) Action Items A) Discussion and public hearing on approval of a variance from the requirement in the Subdivision Regulations for the construction

of a pedestrian facility associated with a re-subdivision plat to combine Parcels 070, 071, and FA001, Tax Map 151, 2.36 Acres, 3 Lots, Zoned C-1 (Pinnacle Land Surveying, Inc., Applicant)

B) Discussion and public hearing on approval to extend fiber optic 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 and then boring under N. Campbell Station Road to the west side of N. Campbell Station Road to Jamestowne Boulevard and then along the south side of Jamestowne Boulevard to service the property at 11507 Kingston Pike (Comcast, Applicant)

**C)** Discussion and public hearing on approval to extend fiber optic cable from the west end of Boyd Station Road along the east side of McFee Road to the entrance to the Grove at Boyd Station Subdivision (Charter, Applicant)

D) Discussion and public hearing on approval to extend fiber optic cable under Parkside Drive from 11401 Parkside Drive to 11440 Parkside Drive (AT&T, Applicant)

E) Discussion and public hearing on approval to extend four inch gas main along the north side of Allen Kirby Road and extend a two inch gas main across Allen Kirby Road to service 12960 Allen Kirby Road (KUB, Applicant)

F) Discussion and public hearing on a request for approval of a resolution to amend the Major Road Plan to provide for context sensitive street cross sections for selected collector and arterial streets (Town of Farragut, Applicant) G) Discussion and public hearing on an amendment to the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 109 – Signs, to clarify when signs may be removed by property owners (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

H) Discussion and public hearing on approval of the Knox County, City of Knoxville, and Town of Farragut Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (Town of Farragut, Applicant) I) Appointment of Tree Board Member V) Discussion Items

A) Discussion on amendments to the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Appendix A – Zoning, Chapter 4., Section VI., Customary Home Occupations (Town of Farragut, Applicant) VI) Approval of Utilities VII) Citizens Forum

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