





# FMPC backs McFee Park dog park plans

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Dog owners can expect to bring their pets to a new Town-operated dog park at McFee Park by spring 2026.

The Farragut Municipal Planning Commission recommended approval of design plans for the project during its meeting Thursday, Aug. 21.

Parks and Recreation director Ron Oestreich said the dog park is a 2023 Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Local Parks and Recreation Fund grant project for the west side of McFee Park, between its newest parking lot and the adaptive trail.

“Share this exciting information with your dog,” Oestreich said. “The project before you is a long-awaited project. It’s the third grant project awarded to the Town through TDEC’s Local Parks and Recreation Fund.

“This project will be out to bid soon with a projected late spring or early summer 2026 completion date,” he said.

“Farragut citizens have been requesting a dog park for a very long time through citizen surveys, public meetings and verbal feedback,” Oestreich said. “Staff included the dog park and restroom as part of the 2023 LPRF grant through TDEC.

“The dog park is relatively simple in design. It’s fencing, a little pathway work and some grass,” he said.

Similar to other dog parks, McFee Dog Park will have two separate play areas — one for

large dogs and one for small dogs — with Americans with Disabilities Act-rated pathways in each area. Each area will include play elements for dogs, as well as plenty of green space.

Oestreich said the pathways will be made of an aggregate material described as crushed stone with a hardening binder to create a solid surface.

“The reason for the separate play areas is to prevent potential conflicts and injuries,” he said. “Due to the hilly location, the small dog park has some retaining walls and a more winding path to meet ADA requirements. The large dog park has a longer path, a shade structure and benches at the

“Farragut citizens have been requesting a dog park for a very long time ...”

~ **Ron Oestreich**,  
Parks and Recreation director

bottom.

“From the parking lot, we’ll have a two-stall restroom facility designed much like the others in the park,” he said, noting that the restroom is a separate project scheduled for later in the fall.

“As people enter with their pets, we’ll have a transition area so the big dogs and the small dogs won’t mix,” Oestreich said. “Once past transition, the dogs will have free rein to wander and play.

“This is a non-lighted complex, so our evening hours will likely end at dusk,” he said. “Our landscape architect estimates the project could take four to six months to complete due to the excavation required. We are planning to be out to bid by early September, perhaps sooner, when we hear back from TDEC.”

Chuck George, David Michael White and the late Cheryl White Pryor.

Additionally, he is survived by his son-in-law, Robert E. Pryor, Jr. and wife Nancy; grandchildren/step-grandchildren: Shelby Pryor Gillin (Stuart), Andy Pryor (Lizzie), Cameron Bloomfield (Morgan), Cori Crocker (Yori), and Cliff Crocker; and multiple nieces and nephews and many close friends.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, followed by a memorial service, at Click Funeral Home in Farragut.

For more information about White and ways to pay tribute to him, visit the following link: <https://www.clickfh.com/obituaries/David-Merle-White?obId=44521877>



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## HVA’s new addition opens

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After a long wait, Hardin Valley Academy faculty, students and Knox County Schools officials gathered at the school Thursday morning, Aug. 21, for a ribbon cutting for HVA’s new addition, which opened this school year.

“Thank you for coming here today for such a historic moment for Hardin Valley Academy,” principal Kirk Renegar said. “I cannot help but think about the first ribbon cutting for Hardin Valley Academy, and I am absolutely honored and humbled to serve here as the principal for this incredible school and this incredible community and to be here today, 17 years later, is absolutely surreal.

He said the project is “yet another important milestone in Hardin Valley Academy.

“And, it’s an important milestone, for me, in fulfilling the vision of Mrs. Sallee Reynolds (HVA’s first principal) in the development of a school whose initial charge was to be something different than the standard high school experience,” he said about the school’s using the academy model.

The new, 43,861-square-foot addition will serve as a dedicated freshman academy with a satellite administrative area, as well as additional labs for the school’s Health Science and STEM Academies, a spe-

cial education suite, a teacher work room and an ICC-500 compliant storm shelter.

Knox County Schools superintendent Jon Rysewyk said the new space gives space for STEM labs the freshmen academy.

“Those of us who have been around for a while remember this school opened in 2008,” he said. “I think it was the first school Knox County Schools built in about 30 years,” he said. “It was our first high school that was built with our academy model.

“You’ll see now, we have 865 Academies across all of our schools,” Rysewyk added.

At Hardin Valley, he said more than 2,000 students now are enrolled in career-themed academies: business and law, STEM, health sciences and liberal arts, which includes communications and design.

The superintendent acknowledged Douglas Shover, KCS director of facilities and new construction; Cope Architects; and Merit Construction.

“The new wing certainly has positive impacts on all our (other) academies as well ... improved the space for our Health Science and STEM academies,” Renegar said.

“However, it is important to note that this completion has also had a tremendous trickle-down effect on the rest of our academic program and learning spaces by allowing us to move around some of those

learning spaces in our current building,” he said. “And, it has been critical in the development of the criminal justice lab, visual media lab, a Robotics lab, a digital arts lab and a photography lab that will impact all of our learners here at Hardin Valley.

### White

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same year he and Sandy were named Mr. and Miss FHS, and was captain and All-Knoxville League defensive end on an undefeated Farragut High football team in 1963, according to the obituary on the Click Funeral Home website.

White worked as a machinist at the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge for 17 years. Then, “he took a job with a local developer and spend 13 years developing shopping centers before starting his own business as a general contractor,” the Town website stated. “He retired after working for himself for 24 years.”

White was married to Sandy for 59 years, and they had three children, Angie White George, who is married to



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UT Men's Basketball player Clarence Massamba gives high fives to Hoops for Hope participants in Farragut High School's Lynn E. Sexton gymnasium Saturday, Aug. 23.

## Feel Good

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FHS special ed kids playing in here," he added. "It's just a really good day."

"It's a fun event every year, said Angie Holbert, executive director for Down Syndrome Awareness Group. "We always enjoy it. It's just a fun time to see our UT athletes get together and have a fun day of basketball."

FHS cheer team greeted the participants and other visitors as they entered the doors, then FHS and UT volunteers helped participants practice and prepare for their game.

Trey Sexton, then a sophomore at Farragut High School, started Hoops for Hope 18 years ago.

"He wanted to put together an Eagle Scout project for Boy Scouts," said Trey's father, David Sexton, who now heads Hoops for Hope. "The last requirement to be an Eagle Scout is you have to do a big service activity."

"And, when he was about 14, he had the idea to do something like this," David said. "So our family spent about a year, figuring out how it might work, and then we reached out to the University of Tennessee athletic department, talked to men's basketball and women's basketball."

"We said, 'Look, we have this idea. This is what we'd like to do. Would you be willing to be part of it?' They said, 'absolutely,'" the dad related. "So, we organized this. We put it together, held it at Farragut

High School here in 2008, and we intended it to be one time — one year."

But, "after we did it, everyone said, 'It's great. Let's do it again,'" he recalled. "So, we just did it again and again and again. And, here we are at year 18."

Meanwhile, Trey, who was 16 when the first Hoops for Hope was held, is now 32. He went on to graduate college and to a two-year mission trip with his church, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and graduated from dental college for oral surgery.

Now, Trey is an oral surgeon with four children.

About the number of participants, "there are, on a typical year, from 45 to 55," David said. "We would have, at least, 60 volunteers ... coaches, family and friends and people who just come to support. We'll have another couple hundred people."

"A lot of these participants have been here all 18 years," he said. "A lot of volunteers have been here all 18 years, and it's this wonderful community event."

"I love it," David said. "It's a way to have a special day for our friends, adults and youth with Down Syndrome and their families to let them know we love them and care about them."

And, "the UT Men's and Women's Basketball teams are just so wonderful to be here every year to serve and be part of this," he said. "We're just going to keep doing this as long as people want to do it."

# Town receives Certificate of Achievement

## STAFF REPORTS

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The Town of Farragut recently has received the Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association for the 33rd time for its annual comprehensive financial report for fiscal year 2024.

"Our finance team, led by Town Recorder Allison Myers, puts in a tremendous amount of time and effort to make sure our financial reports meet the high standards set by the Government Finance Officers Association," Town administrator David Smoak said. "They deserve to be recognized for their hard work and attention to detail."

"If you follow the 45-year vision of our Town," Farragut Mayor said, "you will see that the four mayors have had the same basic philosophy:

- "search out the best staff possible in order to make sure we are operating at the highest level,
- "see that they are properly compensated and have the best benefits possible,
- "constantly monitor same level services and adjust as needed and
- "promote within and have long-serving management teams who are what it takes to develop our budget and



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From left, staff accountant Anissa Pratte, finance director/Town Recorder Allison Myers and accounting technician Pam Hall, make up Town of Farragut's financial team that completes the Town's annual budget each year, ending in receiving awards for that financial planning for 33 years.

operate within it.

"Our plan is to save, purchase as we go and incur no debt," he added.

According to a Town press release, the report was judged by an impartial panel to "meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive 'spirit of full disclosure' to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential

users and user groups to read the report."

The Town's financial reports are available at [townof-farragut.org/financials](http://townof-farragut.org/financials).

Farragut is one of 12 municipalities out of 346 in the state to receive this certificate of achievement," the press release said. "GFOA is the premier association for public-sector finance professionals in the United States and Canada."

## Project

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is about what (Tennessee Department of Transportation) likes to see," he said. "We're adding curb and gutter on both sides of the road. That creates a somewhat physical obstruction to the edge of the road."

Elliott said plans also include improving the road's geometry.

"There wasn't a lot of improvement to be made out there, but there were a few locations," he said, referring to the 90-degree curve from

Virtue to Boyd Station Road. "We're going to flatten that curve out."

Commissioner Louise Povlin asked about the sight distance at a home near the curve.

"Is their sight distance going to be improved with this plan?" she asked. "My feeling is with the project, people will be able to take this turn a little faster than they can right now."

To help, "we're chopping that hill down, which is their front yard basically ... to create a ditch on the edge of the road," Elliott said. "So, they

should be able to see pretty well."

Another issue, to the north, was a hump in the road that limited sight distance. He said the plan is to cut down that high point by 18 inches.

"That greatly improved the sight distance for people coming out of that homeowner's driveway and turning left," Elliott said.

"The project is being funded through the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization using Surface Transportation Block Grant and local funds," Smith said.



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# Sprouts Farmers Market to open new store in Knoxville

## Grand opening kicks off on Aug. 29

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Sprouts Farmers Market has announced it will open a new store in Knoxville, Friday, Aug. 29, at 9622 Kingston Pike, with doors opening at 7 a.m. Through Sunday, Aug. 31, a variety of activities will celebrate the grand opening. “A ‘pop-up party’ out front will give guests the chance to taste seasonal produce from the tasting bar, participate in a ‘guess the weight’ contest of an oversized piece of produce and more, a Sprouts press release stated. “These activities are fun for the whole family and will last all weekend long. “The first 200 shoppers on Friday and Saturday will receive a free, reusable goodie bag filled with special products and samples,” the release stated. “Plus, the first

400 guests on Friday will receive a free, long-stem rose courtesy of Falcon Farms Floral. “Inside the store, shoppers can taste new products while they shop from innovative brands at the Vendor Village,” the release added. “Giveaways and music throughout the weekend will also add to the festivities.” Shoppers can receive 20 percent off their purchase over the grand opening weekend when they sign up for a Sprouts Rewards Account. Visit sprouts.com/rewards to join Sprouts Rewards. They can enter their phone number or scan their barcode in-store or shop online using promo code KNOXGO20. “Sprouts Farmers Market is invested in serving the communities where it operates,”

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# LCUB networking



Tammy Cheek

Gerald Allison, left Rocky Top Air general manager/president, and SouthEast Bank branch manager Donovan Stapp enjoy networking during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking, hosted by Lenoir City Utilities Board at its 7698 Creekwood Drive location in Lenoir City.

# businessbriefs

Grayson Subaru recently presented a check for \$46,732 to Ijams Nature Center to continue its work to expand the Ijams Nature Playscape at Grayson Subaru Preserve and improve the Mead’s Quarry Lake swim area. The local retailer chose the nonprofit nature center as its hometown charity for

Subaru of America, Inc.’s 2024 Subaru Share the Love event. From Nov. 15, 2024, to Jan. 2, 2025, Subaru and its retailers donated a minimum of \$300 for every new Subaru vehicle purchased or leased at participating retailers nationwide to several national charities and

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# Innovative technology helping patients ‘Thrive’



Tammy Cheek

Gregory Vess, left, Thrive Physical Therapy, physical therapy assistant, and Joseph Smith, clinic manager, stands beside the Class 4 Laser in Thrive’s Farragut location at 153 Brooklawn St., Suite 153.

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Thrive Physical Therapy in Farragut is using innovative technology to make patients’ healing more effective. Clinicians at Thrive, 153 Brooklawn St., Suite 153, treat a multitude of conditions, such as back and neck pain, orthopedic and sports injuries, concussions, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders, peripheral neuropathy and issues related to balance and fall prevention. “One of the things we fo-

cus on here is the continuity of care,” Thrive business development representative Brandon Hurst said. “How we ensure that our patients are taken care of and are seeing the same clinicians when they come in to get their treatment because the reality is most people don’t look forward to coming to physical therapy. “We’re pushing people,” he said. “We’re trying to help people get better. Sometimes that means their muscles aren’t as strong as they need to be so we need to get them stronger. “A lot of the times it means

they’re not as flexible as they need to be so we help them get more flexible,” Hurst said. “We find that the flexibility and the strength are really two of the major components of physical therapy. “So, we have a variety of techniques to help improve the range of motion, the strengthening,” he said. “A couple of the things that was not around, when I (had) physical therapy, that’s now a standard operating procedure or a part of care is called dry needling

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## Women in Business series: Part 2 of 3

# Local business women discuss challenges they’ve faced

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Women worldwide are increasingly owning and leading their own businesses, with Farragut more than reflecting the trend. Area women entering the business arena come from a variety of backgrounds, but all have seen the need for specific goods and services and faced their share of challenges — some completely out of their control. **How Laura Ash overcame economic downturn** Laura Ash, owner of Laura Ash State Farm, had been in business a scant 18 months when the 2008 economic crash hit. “Opening any business is risky, but [the crash] made it a little harder to market things other than car insurance at the time,” she recalled, noting, overall, “insurance is a very competitive career, which is always a challenge.” However, Ash looked “for ways to set [the business] apart” specifically “with our attention and service to our customers.” That focus has served her well in the years since, as she

marks nearly two decades of success with a company she came to know initially as a client.

“I knew their philosophies around being a ‘good neighbor’ and I wanted a long-term career with a company that cares so much about their customers,” she said, knowledge which led her to establishing her own long-lasting client connections. “I love those relationships we have with our customers, and helping them when they need us most!,” Ash added.

She also cited the importance of teamwork and mentoring those who might take on business ownership in the future. “I have enjoyed having a team with me that can grow and take on their own challenges and hopefully become agents one day on their own,” she said. “I have had the privilege of mentoring people on my team who have entered



Ash

the agency career path and some who have gone to work for State Farm on the business side. “I will never hold anyone back, and it makes me feel good to help people get into their dream positions.” Ash said as a “proud mom of two Tennessee volunteers,” she also sees her business, in a way, as a third “child.” “I don’t leave for the day until anyone that needs me, hears from me,” she said. “Owning your own business is like taking care of a baby,” she said. “It’s 24/7, but it is so worth it!” For women thinking of owning their own business, Ash advised, “You can do it all! I feel like women are pulled in a lot of different directions, but it’s important to have your own goals and know you can achieve anything you set your mind to.”

**Cancer strikes business partners just starting out** Euphoric Cheese Shop owners and long-time friends Amy Burritt and Cheri Intveld not only started their business model on the foundation of the COVID pandemic, but both also faced near simultaneous

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breast cancer diagnoses. “Starting a business is a leap of faith and has its own inherent challenges just to make all the decisions and get the doors open,” Burritt said. “For us, we had the added challenge of dual cancer diagnoses — I was recovering from surgery while we were still in the planning stages and then six weeks after we opened, Cheri was diagnosed.” Both persevered personally and professionally, with Burritt recently celebrating five years cancer-free, and Euphoric Cheese Shop expanding next door to its West End Center location by adding Sparrow Wine Bar two years ago — which had its own challenges. “Construction required us to close the cheese shop longer than expected,” Intveld noted. The long-time friends had a dream to open their own business for many years before deciding on Euphoric Cheese Shop, then the pandemic crystallized their business model. “While we were in the

dreaming phase, COVID was happening, and it emphasized the importance of spending time with people you love, and we saw that cheese and charcuterie were this great way for people to connect,” Intveld recalled. “We both have experience in the gourmet food world and have always appreciated the creativity and diversity within food.” Also, “Cheese became a thing because Amy’s parents owned a cheese shop in Asheville and she learned from them and really enjoyed the experience and thought it would be a great fit for Farragut.” They were right. “We’ve really been blessed with a community that has come up around us,” Intveld said. “It’s been fun to get to know people, [and] be part of their routines and celebrations.” In turn, “we try to use our business as a way to serve the community,” she added. “We do fundraisers to support different non-profit organizations [such as Breast Connect], and we also try to support and work with other small local businesses to help keep our

community strong.” In their case, they both see that being women in the business world has contributed immensely to their success. “Our mission is to love everyone who walks through our doors,” Burritt said. “I think if you can impact one person’s day by taking the time to listen and care, that effect is multiplied when they go back out the door and leave feeling heard and loved.” “There’s more than one way to run a business, and oftentimes the feminine traits of caring and service can be undervalued; but in our business it’s a high priority and I think that’s part of why we’re successful,” Intveld added. “When you embrace who you are and the strengths you have, you find greater satisfaction in operating your own business and hopefully find success.” As far as advice for women thinking of opening their own businesses, Intveld suggested: “Build a support community for yourself of people of whom you can ask questions, in different areas of expertise, like taxes, legal issues, construction, HR. Do as much of the



Euphoric Cheese Shop owners Amy Burritt, left, and Cheri Intveld

work ahead of time as you can with creating your vision, having a business plan and knowing what your mission is. Scouting other business that do what you want to do is a great way to learn. We visited a lot of other specialty shops and cheese shops to help us craft our vision.” Overall, “know that you’ll encounter obstacles,” Burritt said. “Just keep moving forward and use your resources to create solutions so you don’t get stuck.”

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a hometown charity chosen by each retailer. • **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases recently awarded** a two-year \$423,500 grant to Colleen Jonsson, PhD, director of Regional Biocontainment Laboratory at University of Tennessee Health Science Center for a project that could lead to a novel treatment for a viral infection that spreads to both humans and animals.



Jonsson


Sprouts

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it stated. “It works with local Tennessee farmers, such as Southern Valley Fruit and Vegetable Inc., to source local produce. “Through Sprouts’ Food Rescue program, this store will donate groceries that

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Golfers, get out your clubs.

Loudon County Chamber of Commerce once again is holding its annual Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament 2025, beginning with a shotgun start 9 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, at Avalon Golf Club, 700 Turnberry Circle, Lenoir City.

“This is a great opportunity to have many of our members come together for a day of fun to benefit a very important program of the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce,” Chamber president Rodney Grugin said, adding the event has been occurring since the formation of LCCC in 1988.

“It is a fundraiser, and the proceeds go toward funding our Professional Development Reimbursement Fund, which assists our members with their training and educational needs,” he said.

In the tournament, “the top three teams are awarded monetary prizes,” Grugin said. “All par 4’s are set up as prize holes for closest to the

pin, and one of those holes is designated for the hole in one. A \$10,000 prize is given for a hole in one.”

He explained the tournament’s format is “four-man best ball,” and it is a co-ed tournament.

“We can have up to 30 four-person teams,” Grugin said.

The cost to play is \$500 a team or \$125 per player.

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## Boyd instills inspiration, motivation

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What drives a Knoxville youth to be the first in his family to graduate college to launching businesses and leading University of Tennessee as its 26th president?

For University of Tennessee president Randy Boyd, the inspiration and motivation came from his family and mentors along the way.

He remembered when his father had a factory and thought Boyd’s attending college was a waste of time.

“But for me, there was a certain amount of accomplishment in achieving that degree, and it would mean something that my friends were going,”

Boyd recalled.

“I was lucky,” he said, adding his father provided him a job so he could pay his own way through college.

Boyd graduated in three years, at age 19, finding it was cheaper to graduate early.

“It was a transformational experience — the friends I made, the things I learned, the mentors I’ve had ... throughout life,” Boyd said.

Those experiences included the support he received from his father to his Boy Scout master and his public school

teachers to people on the boards he served.

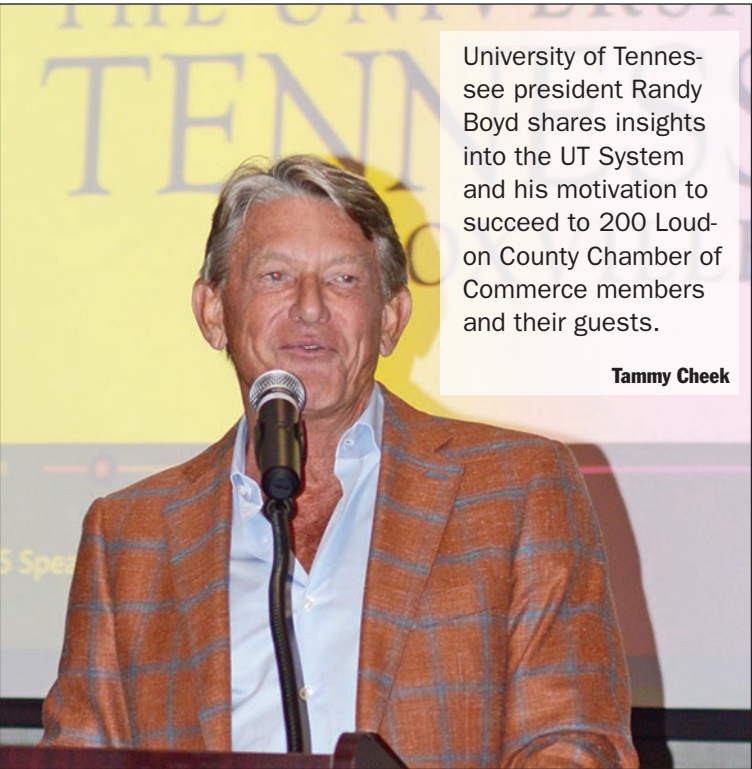
“I try to remember the places where we got started,” Boyd said. “Everything that we’ve become, everything we are, everything we have is a result of people who supported us, and so it just feels right to give back to people who have supported us.”

“Everything that we’ve become, everything we are, everything we have is a result of people who supported us ...”

~ Randy Boyd, University of Tennessee President

“If we spend the rest of our lives giving back, there’s no way we can give everything back,” he added.

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## 2024-2025 School Bucks program

Food City officials are awarding \$800,000 in contributions to area schools from their 2024-2025 School Bucks program. Company officials recently presented checks to Lenoir City High School (\$2,782) and Lenoir City Elementary School (\$3,239). Above, from left are, Lenoir City Elementary School assistant principal Dr. Ashlea Graves, Food City human relations coordinator Marina Pointer and head cashier Evaliza Lee, and LCES principal Dr. Chad Lewis.

Photos submitted

## Loudon County Chamber of Commerce After Hours

Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller, left, and his wife, Joy, chat with Jason Faddis, Granite Business Solutions, during a Loudon County Chamber of Commerce After Hours event in Citico’s Restaurant at WindRiver, 2698 Oakum Court, Lenoir City, Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Tammy Cheek



## Loudon County Chamber of Commerce is Open



Tammy Cheek

Loudon County Chamber of Commerce celebrated the opening of its new office with a ribbon cutting at the office 119 W. Broadway, Lenoir City, Friday, June 27. On hand to cut the ribbon, front row from left, were: Lenoir City Councilman James Brandon, City of Loudon Mayor Jeff Harris, state Rep. Lowell Russell, Chamber Chairman Stephen Wolfe (with scissors), Loudon County Trustee Chip Miller, and attorney Harvey Sproul of Lenoir City.



**Boyd**  
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Since Boyd’s graduation from college, he has founded the Knoxville-based Radio Systems Corporation (now PetSafe Brands) in 1991. It is a company producing more than 4,000 pet-related products under the names PetSafe, Invisible Fence, ScoopFree

and SportDOG. Additionally, he owns Boyd Sports, LLC., which owns six minor league baseball teams, including Tennessee Smokies.  
In 2007, Boyd transitioned from entrepreneur and businessman to public servant as founder and chairman of tAchieves, a non-profit sending students to community college free of tuition and other fees,

and being invited by then-Gov. Bill Haslam to serve as special advisor on higher education, for when he was the architect of Drive to 55 and Tennessee Promise.  
Since 2018, he has served as UT’s president.  
“This will be the greatest decade in the history of the University of Tennessee,” he said. “Its big goal.”

Boyd plans to increase enrollment, increasing the number of veterinarian students graduating, expanding the veterinarian hospital and double its research program, among other challenges.  
He heads the entire UT system, which includes campuses in not only Knoxville, but also Chattanooga, Pulaski, Martin, Health Science Cen-

ter in Memphis and Institute of Public Service. The Knoxville campus also is comprised of the Space Institute in Tullahoma and statewide Institute of Agriculture. The system also manages Oak Ridge National Laboratory through its UT-Battelle partnership, where Boyd serves as chairman.



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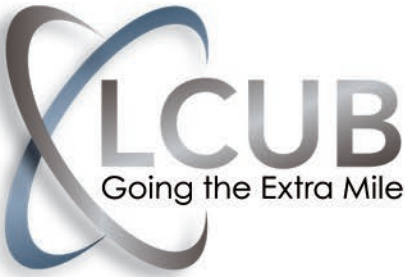
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Thrive

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and Class 4 laser therapy.” Although dry needling sounds painful, Hurst said the needles are so tiny that you don’t feel them. He watched the clinicians use dry needling on people who have TMJ, a condition affecting the complex joints on each side of the face connecting the lower jaw to the skull, allowing a person to talk, chew and yawn. “A lot of oral surgeons and dentists, especially in the Knoxville area, will refer out for physical therapy for someone who has TMD or TMJ,” Hurst said. “Their jaws are not opening properly. “Part of that treatment protocol is to help loosen up the muscles so your jaw can open,” Hurst said. “One of the main ways to do that is through dry needling. What happens is when you insert that needle and send a signal, it disrupts the brain, telling the muscle to fire, and it disrupts it enough to release (the muscle), so the muscle relaxes.”

Regarding another condition the clinic treats, neuropathy, the clinicians have created a program using Class 4 laser therapy. “It’s not offered by all physical therapists,” Hurst said. “It

is an investment.” Gregory Vess, physical therapy assistant at the Thrive location in Farragut that recently won a farragutpress Readers’ Choice Award, wrote, researched and developed the program to treat neuropathy. “We’re doing more research on it,” Vess said. It’s becoming more popular so we’re getting more studies. “(The Class 4 laser is the most powerful laser you can purchase on the market right now,” he said. Hurst said laser therapy increases the speed of the healing process. “It would target inflammation; it would target wounds to help a wound heal quicker,” he added.

“It has programs that are embedded in it,” Vess said about the laser. “One of those is the peripheral neuropathy program. “It’s new,” clinic manager Joseph Smith said about the program. “We have, probably, the most comprehensive program definitely in the area, I’d say in the Southeast, if not in the country. “We’ve worked really, really hard on the science and trying to figure out how to best help each patient,” he said. “Greg was the one that kind of created the program for us, so

were really super proud of the program.” Peripheral neuropathy, most often caused by numerous conditions but most commonly diabetes, exposure to cancer treatments, excessive alcohol use and Agent Orange, causes burning or numbness, tingling and intense pain in their hands and feet, Vess explained. “Basically, your nerve endings, deep down in your feet and your hands, will start to degenerate and causes a lot of pain,” he said. Hurst observed people suffering from peripheral neuropathy “tend to lose hope that the symptoms will improve, so they kind of settle for ‘this is just my life now.’”

Often, “That’s the message they receive from their physician,” Vess added. “These patients are losing their quality of life.” However, the Class 4 laser program, along with vitamin B supplements, can improve the condition by slowing down or stopping the progression of the disease and treat the symptoms “so that the patients can have a better functioning life,” he said. Thrive Physical Therapy’s Farragut clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and closed Saturday and Sunday. For more information or to book an appointment, call 865-412-2347.



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Gregory Vess, Thrive physical therapy assistant, treats a patient’s peripheral neuropathy using the Class 4 Laser.

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# Courtney upbeat after Admirals season opener loss



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Admirals 42, Colt Brooker, and other Ads make a tackle.

**KEN LAY**  
*Correspondent*

**Jefferson City** – Despite seeing his team suffer a seemingly lopsided loss, Farragut High School coach Geoff Courtney was upbeat after viewing the film of the Admirals’ season opener.

“We brought the kids in today and we watched the film, and after seeing it and digesting it, we see some things that we can build on,” Courtney said Sunday after the Admirals dropped a 27-7 decision to Sevier County Saturday night at Carson-Newman University. “I thought we did some good things, but we just didn’t do enough of them to win the game against a very good football team.

“We had several guys who played pretty well, but we just didn’t play well enough to beat

a team like Sevier County.”

Saturday night’s contest was the first annual First-Bank Classic, and the Smoky Bears are the defending Class 5A state champions, and they opened the season by notching their 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive victory.

Farragut managed to score one touchdown, and that came midway through the fourth quarter when Corbin Hobson connected with Max Garfield on a 19-yard touchdown pass.

But, the Admirals had their chances.

“We moved the ball well and we ran the ball well but we just couldn’t get the ball in the end zone, and we didn’t do well on third and fourth down,” Courtney said. “They were like eight or 9-for-11 on third down and we were 1-for-11 on third down.

“They were a physical team but I think we were more physical than they were at times.”

Hobson finished 15-for-29 through the air as he amassed 149 yards and threw one touchdown pass. Garfield had six receptions for 80 yards and one score. Nathan Jacobs was the Admirals’ leading rusher, totaling 40 yards on 10 carries.

Defensively, Connor Parris recorded 15 tackles, including seven solo stops to lead the way for Farragut.

The Admirals struggled in their opener and things won’t get any easier this week as they play another top Class 5A team.

Farragut will play its home opener Friday night as Powell makes a visit to Bill Clabo Field. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

The Panthers, who reached the second round of the playoffs last season before losing to

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# Warriors tame Lions

## Concord’s first TSSAA game in nearly a decade

**KEN LAY**  
*Correspondent*

**Knoxville** – Concord Christian School played its first TSSAA-sanctioned football game in nearly a decade last week.

And things didn’t go quite the way the Lions would have liked as they dropped a 24-7 decision to Christian Academy of Knoxville in a game that began Friday night at Warrior Stadium but had to be concluded

ed Saturday afternoon as it was suspended due to inclement weather.

The game was halted with nine minutes, 29 seconds remaining in the third quarter with the Warriors holding a 24-7 lead.

But, Concord (0-1) had just made a big play as freshman defensive back Dasani Moulden intercepted a pass from CAK’s Seaton Moffett in the end zone and returned it the length of the field for a

touchdown. After Pedro Sabat kicked an extra point, lightning brought the game and the Lions’ momentum to a screeching halt.

“Football is a game of momentum, and we had the momentum at that point, the point when the weather came in; but then it came in and we had to come back today,” CCS coach Steve Matthews said. “We competed well and we did

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Tony Christen

Lady Irish’s Nora James, 2, digs to return an Admirals volley.

# ‘Brothers’ teams battle

## Catholic defeated Farragut 25-18, 25-19

**BILL HOWARD**  
*Correspondent*

It was a volleyball match between two teams whose coaches are the best of friends.

“He’s my brother,” said Andre Alves, coach of Farragut High School’s team, of Brent Carter, coach of visiting Knoxville Catholic High School. “We coached together for eight years. We’re always pushing each other. I’m really happy for his team.”

Monday night in the Lynn E. Sexton gymnasium, Carter got the best of his “brother,” as KCHS took the non-district match two sets to none. Alves

was impressed with Carter’s girls.

“He has a shot at winning (the) state (tournament),” Alves said. “He’s got all the horses. They are really, really talented.”

“We just had more attacking in the end that scored more points,” Carter said. “Love coming in here and being across from Andre.”

Catholic led 4-1 in the first set, before the Lady Admirals ran off five straight to lead 6-4. Four of the five points came on the powerful serving of freshman Megan Frana.

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# Strong start for Hawks

**BILL HOWARD**  
*Correspondent*

Friday night brought the usual excitement that accompanies any new football season, as Hardin Valley Academy kicked off the 2025 campaign at home against Karns High School.

Mother Nature, however, was a rude guest, not only delaying the start by an hour, but washing out the second half, which had to be played Saturday.

The Hawks took it all in stride, rolling up a 38-12 halftime lead and winning 45-25.

“I’m just proud of our guys,” Hawks’ coach, Tyler Wynn, said. “Our core values

are resiliency, investment, selflessness, effort. Extremely excited and proud of these guys who have bought into what we are doing.”

The Beavers struck first, taking a 6-0 lead when quarterback Austin Slover hit Weston Ritter for a 21-yard score on the game’s opening drive.

HVA came right back to lead 8-6 when, after Becks Allen ran the kickoff back 65 yards to the KHS 20 and quarterback Riley Matz took it in from the six on the drive’s fifth play.

On the first play of the ensuing drive, the Beavers fumbled.

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# 2024 no more, Lady Bulldogs open 2025 with a shutout

**KEN LAY**  
*Correspondent*

**Knoxville** – The 2024 season ended on a bitter note for the Bearden High School girls soccer team.

The Lady Bulldogs came up just short of winning their fourth consecutive Class AAA state championship when they lost in a penalty kicks shootout to Germantown-Houston.

Bearden began last week what it hopes is a long journey back to the state tournament.

The Lady Bulldogs won their first three matches of the 2025 campaign, shutting out all of their first three opponents, including the defending Class AAA state champion Lady Mustangs.

The season began Wednesday, Aug. 20, when Bearden hosted Knoxville Catholic (which was coming off a season-opening victory against Oak Ridge) at Turner-Allender Field.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the new campaign with a 5-0

victory over the Lady Irish, who were short-handed due to injury.

KCHS (1-1), however, proved to be a formidable foe early as it kept the Bulldogs at bay before the Lady Bulldogs broke through with a goal when Madi Bowlin took a pass from Jayla Blue and promptly put into the back of the Catholic net in the 18th minute.

Blue, one of the area’s top scorers, had two assists in the match and the University of Tennessee commitment, struggled

to find her shooting touch as she fired several shots wide of the net, hit the crossbar on one scoring opportunity and clanked another off the goalpost.

But, she was perseverant and resilient. She picked up a second assist when the Lady Bulldogs extended their advantage to 2-0, when Lauren Downey buried a shot in the back of the net in the 35th minute.

Blue, however, was frustrated, but it was Lady Bulldogs’ longtime head coach Ryan

Radcliffe, who offered words of encouragement for Blue after the match.

“We know that Jayla is going to be marked and we know that she’s going to be double-and-triple teamed, and the biggest thing I told her was not to get frustrated,” Radcliffe said. “We missed a lot of shots but I think a lot of that was that it was our first game and they had already played a game, but we’re going to have to get it figured

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the Smoky Bears, opened their 2025 campaign at home against Anderson County last week in a game that was suspended due to inclement weather and subsequently declared no contest.

Powell, which fell behind 18-0, was down 18-7 when the contest was halted. Quarterback Deuce Rodgers was injured

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ured out pretty quickly.”

Brooklyn Major made the score 3-0 when she scored in the 49th minute.

In the end, five different Lady Bulldogs scored against Catholic, but the last two markers of the match came from Tyler Roth in the 61st minute and Blue in the 65th minute.

Roth, who was a top offensive weapon in 2023 for Bearden before missing the 2024 campaign with a knee injury, played her

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some good things for our first time out, but we just made too many mistakes to win.”

CAK got off to a fast start, scoring on its first possession. The Warriors took the opening kickoff and were methodical as they marched 63 yards on 11 plays and consumed nearly seven minutes. Moffett capped the drive with a 28-yard touchdown pass to Gabriel Linkous. Bennett Jelks added the extra point, making the score, 7-0, with five minutes, 21 seconds remaining in the opening frame.

CAK (1-0) extended its advantage to 14-0 when senior running back Ryan Gibson scored on a touchdown run from 3 yards out early in the second stanza.

Jelks, who kicks, plays wide receiver and defensive back for the Warriors, made some key defensive plays and was a perfect 3-for-3 on his PAT's, closed the scoring with a 32-yard field goal with 1:17 left in the second stanza.

The game was completed early Saturday afternoon, a special day for the Jelks family. Kelly Jelks, an assistant athletic director at CAK, was celebrating her 50th birthday. She's Bennett's mother. After the game, coach Chad Speck

against the Mavericks and his status for this week wasn't known at press time.

But, Courtney knows coach Matt Lowe and the Panthers will provide a steep challenge.

“They're a good physical football team and Matt always wants to run,” Courtney said. “We always look forward to playing them.”

“We always look forward to playing these types of games.”

first high school game in two years and made an impact against the Lady Irish.

Friday, the Lady Bulldogs made a trip to Chattanooga and they knocked off Houston, 3-0, avenging the loss in the 2024 state championship match.

Blue, Roth and Cali Motley scored Bearden's goals against the Lady Mustangs.

Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs notched a 2-0 victory over Hendersonville in Chattanooga as Roth and Blue found the back of the net against the Lady Commandos.

led the Warriors in a rendition of “Happy Birthday,” as they basked in the glory of their season-opening victory.

Bennett Jelks had a solid performance against Concord.

“He had a great game for us,” Speck said of Jelks. “This was a big win for us against a very good, very physical football team.”

“These were very difficult circumstances. We got suspended last night and answer early this morning and I'm pleased with the way that the kids and the coaches responded. This was a big win for us, and we're extremely blessed to have the opportunity to play and develop young men through this great game of football.”

Bennett Jelks also was pleased.

“It feels great to have this kind of game on my mom's birthday,” he said. “This was a good win for us against a physical team.”

“But we had to come out and be the more physical team.”

Gibson closed out the scoring in the contest with a short TD run late in the third frame.

Next up: The Warriors will host Heritage Friday, while Concord Christian will play Mt. Juliet Christian at Blankenship Field in Oak Ridge.

Kickoff for both contest is slated for 7 p.m.

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The teams then traded points to a 13-all tie; but from there, it was all KCHS. The Lady Irish won 12 of the final 16 points to win the set, 25-17. Three of Farragut's four points came on serving errors by Catholic.

KCHS jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the second set, but three in a row by FHS made it 6-5. KCHS led 16-12 but then won four straight to lead 20-12. The match seemed all but over.

The Lady Admirals then won five of six to hang in, 21-17; but Catholic won four of the final six points to take the set 25-19.

“I tried to find weaknesses, and my girls executed really well,” Alves said. “This could have been really ugly; we could have lost in single digits.”

“I think we played very well

against them,” Frana said. “I feel like we played as a team and really fought. Even though it didn't end like we wanted it to, it was still good.”

“The future's very bright for that kid,” Alves said of Frana.

Reese Goodson led FHS in kills with three. Madison Kupferer had seven digs, and Frana had four aces. Goodson and Katharine Cabaniss each had three blocks.

“Overall super pleased, super proud of the girls,” Alves said. “Be back here ready to go Thursday.”

Farragut hosts Webb School of Knoxville Thursday night.

**Tony Christen**

Lady Admirals ran off five straight to lead 6-4. Four of the five points came on the powerful serving of freshman Megan Frana.



First Bank gives to Admirals



FHS AD, coach Dodgen, and principal, Dr. Bartlet, accept a check from First Bank for playing in the “Kickoff Classic.” The money will go directly to the FHS football program.

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bled, and HVA was right back in business on Karns's 33. On second down from the three, linebacker Samuel Mann took the quick snap and plowed in from the three. Mann then scored the two-point conversion, and HVA led 16-6 with 7:16 left in the first.

The Beavers cut it to 16-12, but then became their own worst enemies. An interception led to a 28-yard touchdown run by HVA's Levi Amey and a 24-12 lead. On its next possession, KHS set up for a punt.

The snap went over the punter's head and into the end

zone. The Hawks' defensive end Andrew Perkins fell on it, and with 6:18 left in the half, HVA led 31-12.

A 61-yard TD bomb from Matz to Brody Lamb with 3:18 left completed the dominant first half. Halftime brought – again – the rain and lighting, necessitating the second-half postponement.

“I would have stayed til two in the morning,” Wynn said. “When you get things rolling and get those juices flowing, I think that's where we were.”

If the Beavers had any ideas of staging a comeback Saturday, the Hawks quickly squelched them. On first down on the opening drive

from the KHS 49, Chance Sharp took the handoff, went left, broke tackles and went all the way to the end zone. Barely two minutes into the half, HVA led 45-12.

KHS scored twice in the second half, but it was too little, too late. “We know we're better, but we got a long ways to go,” Wynn said. “I'd like to see a little bit better in the second half.”

The Hawks ran for 210 yards, spread among a bevy of backs. Matz threw for 71 yards and a touchdown in the first half.

“We've worked hard all off-season,” Matz said. “It's gonna show all season long.”

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Saving Grace is on mission to support women in need

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Saving Grace Women’s Home representatives from the Knoxville location are selling as a fundraiser to support its mission to help women in need.

“Our mission is to help women out of abuse, addiction, homelessness and any kind of other issues,” said Brandy Pearson, intake coordinator for Saving Grace’s Tennessee location.

She explained it is a free, 12-month discipleship program.

“Saving Grace is a faith-based (501(c)3 organization,” Pearson said. “We teach and preach the word of Jesus Christ. It’s all about God and where

He has brought us. He’s the one who brings us out of these messes that we get ourselves in.”

According to its website, its purpose is to “provide women with an effective and comprehensive Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling problems.

“By applying biblical principals, it is our belief that people with life-controlling addictions can become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well and spiritually alive,” it stated.

“To keep it free and funded, we fund-raise,” she said. “We make these wood plaques—all kinds of different ones—we make goat milk soap, soy candles and other items to sell.

To find out more about Saving Grace and its products, visit [savinggracewh.com](http://savinggracewh.com) or call 865-368-9547.

“We don’t charge the ladies anything, no monthly fee,” Pearson said. “We cover everything, whether it’s food, hygiene items—if they don’t have families to help with those kind of things.

“We get a lot of donations from people,” she said. One example of that support is an organization called Bags of Hope “and they recently gave us all kinds of things.”

Saving Grace was founded in 2015 in Houston, Texas, and expanded to other operations, such as Knoxville, which started in 2022.

Previously located in Teen Challenge,



Brandy Pearson shows a few of the items Saving Grace sells to raise funds to keep its program free to women.

“Saving Grace took over this location about four years ago,” Pearson said.

“We don’t put our address out there because we do have women coming out

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FPS first day for the 2025-26 year



Photos by Tammy Cheek



Farragut Primary School’s kindergartners through second-graders rode and walked to their first day of school for the 2025-26 year on Thursday, Aug. 7.

Volunteer “Papa” Jake Kreis, who has been helping youngsters out of their cars for 12 years now, observed more parents are walked their children to school on Aug. 7. He started volunteering at FPS when his grandson was attending the primary school, and while the grandson has moved on to higher grades, Kreis continues helping at FPS because he loves to see the children as they arrive at school.

**Above:** Mom Taylor Key with, from left, second-grader Molly Key, kindergartner Sutton Key and third-grader Easton Key

**Above left:** Mia Corkery with son, Ezra, a first-grader

**Left:** Second-grader Charlotte Jetton poses for a first day photo.

Second Harvest prepares for Hunger Action Month with Kickoff Breakfast

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Farragut West Knox, Loudon County and Blount County Chambers of Commerce are gearing up to co-host Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee’s 4th Annual Hunger Action Month Kickoff Breakfast from 7:45 to 9 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 28, at the food bank office, 136 Harvest Lane, Maryville.

Open to the public, the event is sponsored by Vicki Williams of Movement Mortgage, Casey Mynatt with City Wide Facilities Solutions, Aaron Crecy with Junk Galaxy and Daniel Monday, owner of Slamdot. There is no cost to attend.

“Second Harvest is honored to work alongside this passionate group of community activists who are leveraging their time, voices and circles of influence to raise awareness of the impact hunger has on our neighbors across East Tennessee,” said Kristi Rule, chief development officer for Second Harvest. “Our mission is to lead the community in the fight against hunger, and this event ignites the community to help us maximize our efforts.

“This high-energy networking breakfast, fueled by great food, fellowship and a shared

mission, encourages attendees to bring jar(s) of peanut butter, a pantry staple in high demand,” she said. “Every donation directly supports Second Harvest’s mission to provide food to children, seniors and families across 18 East Tennessee counties.

Rule said the kickoff breakfast started four years ago through an informal conversation between Williams, Crecy and Val Privett of Beacon Insurance Advisers.

“Knowing that Second Harvest promotes Hunger Action Month (in September) each year, these Hunger Action Heroes wanted to motivate the community to get engaged with us through hosting local food drives and collecting peanut butter—a protein super food—to stock our shelves for families who are unsure where their next meal will come from,” she said. “So, the Hunger Action Month Kickoff Breakfast was created.

“The initial event was held in the lobby outside Movement Mortgage’s office on Lovell Road in partnership with Farragut West Knox Chamber,” Rule recalled. “Since then, the annual networking event has grown in supporters—presenting sponsors, Chambers

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communitybriefs

- **Volunteer drivers are needed to provide one-on-one transportation assistance** to Knox County seniors and people with disabilities. Volunteers will drive them and provide assistance at their destinations. Program vehicle and gas are provided. Contact 865-673-5001 or [vat@cactrans.org](mailto:vat@cactrans.org).
- **The 10th University of Tennessee Arboretum Society Annual Butterfly Festival** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at UT

Arboretum Auditorium and surrounding grounds, 901 S. Illinois Ave. in Oak Ridge.

Activities include the UT Insect Zoo, two butterfly tents, educational speakers, children’s activities, local artisans, food trucks and dulcimer music.

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One of our favorite traditions continues to be Family Game Nights, giving families the chance to unplug, laugh, and enjoy time together. These evenings bring joy and connection, reminding us how important it is to share simple moments with the ones we love.

We also made a splash with our Community Water Works event! This day was all about fun in the sun, featuring water activities for all ages. The smiles and laughter proved just how much our community loves coming together for active play and connection.

For those who love the outdoors, our Y Hikes program was a hit! Exploring East Tennessee's beautiful trails alongside friends and neighbors created unforgettable memories and promoted healthy living beyond the walls of the Y.

Thank you for making the Davis Y such a vibrant, welcoming place. We can't wait for more adventures ahead! For upcoming programs, call us at 865-777-9622 or visit [ymcaknoxville.org](http://ymcaknoxville.org).



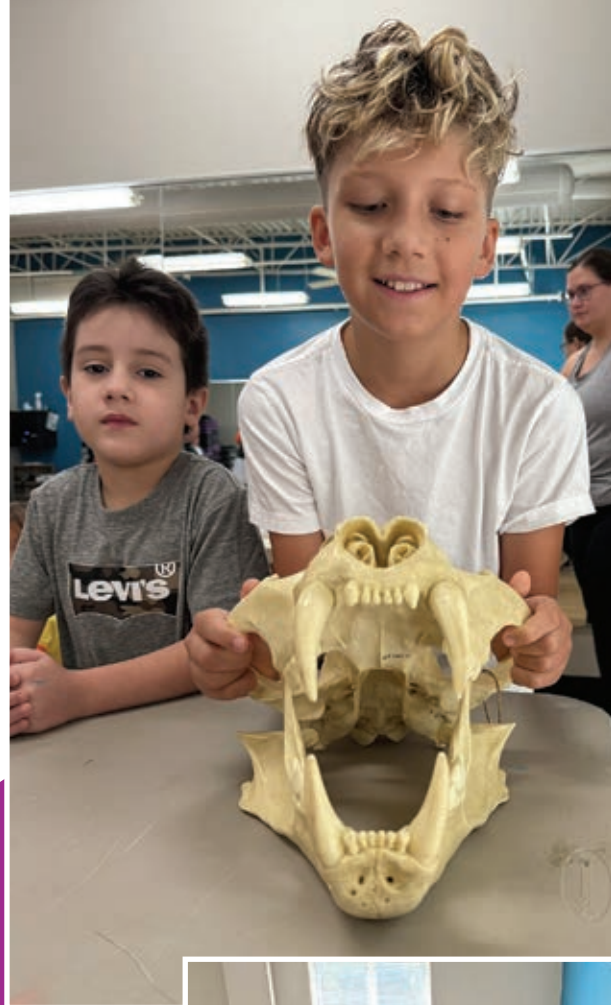
Above: Nothing like the great outdoors to bring family bonds closer together!



Above: Lennox and Cole enjoying their first...or second snow cone to celebrate summer!



Right: Water Works was the perfect way to cool off this summer!



Left: Zoologists in the making.



Left: The Waddell's enjoy pizza, games and laughs together!



Photos submitted

Left: Family Fun was had at Unplugged Family Game Night!

Right: Zoo Knoxville's Zoo Mobile brought hands-on animal education and an up-close experience, including the chance to pet a friendly snake.







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**obituary**

**David Merle White, age 80**, of Farragut, Tennessee passed away at home on Thursday, August 21, 2025 with his family by his side. David was born on May 7,1945 in Farragut, a community where he lived almost the entirety of his life. He was preceded in death by his parents (Sarah and Willie), all six of his siblings (J.W., Ed, Bob, Annie, Pat, and, Johnny,) and his precious daughter, Cheryl White Pryor. David is survived by his devoted wife of 59 years, Sandy, and their children, Angie White George (Chuck) and David Michael White. He is also survived by his son-in-law, Robert E. Pryor, Jr. and wife Nancy; Grandchildren/step-grand-

children: Shelby Pryor Gillin (Stuart), Andy Pryor (Lizzie), Cameron Bloomfield (Morgan), Cori Crocker (Yori), and Cliff Crocker; and multiple nieces and nephews and many close friends.

A fixture in the Farragut community, David was a captain and All-Knoxville League defensive end on an undefeated Farragut High football team in 1963. He graduated from Farragut in 1964, the same year he and Sandy were named Mr. and Miss FHS. After marrying Sandy, David worked as a machinist at Y-12 in Oak Ridge before embarking



David White

on a career in commercial and residential real estate development for the next forty years. In 2022 he was elected by the residents of Farragut to serve on the town’s Board of Alderman as a representative of the South Ward. As an Alderman, David dedicated himself to protecting the town from overdevelopment and became an unwavering voice in the preservation of its heritage. During his career and community service David was known for his work ethic, dedication to his core principles, and extensive study of the rule of law. Although he experienced illness, loss, and tragedy in his personal life, he never showed his pain and approached each challenge with humor and quiet resolve. David was eager to reunite with his daughter Cheryl, who passed at the age of 31. In the wake of her

passing, David served as an example of how to live life with an appreciation for each day and each person he loved. In his final days, he taught his family and friends how to face death with courage.

A receiving of friends will take place on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at Click Funeral Home in Farragut from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with a memorial service to follow. A graveside service for family and close friends will take place at Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery (5315 Kingston Pike) at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 28, 2025. Pallbearers include, David Keck, Mike Tuell, Bill Hudson, Doug Horne, Cliff Crocker, and Steve Taylor. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in David’s name to The FHS Education Foundation

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**FMPC STAFF/DEVELOPER MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 9:00 AM**

I) Discussion Items A) 9:00 Item  
Discussion and public hearing on a plan of service for the annexation of a portion of Parcel 007, Knox County Tax Map 151, Located at 424 N. Watt Road (Benjamin Mullins, Applicant)  
B) 9:30 Item  
Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for Parcel 007, KnoxCounty Tax Map 151, 424 N. Watt Road, from Agricultural (A) to Attached Single-Family Residential (R-4), 48.38 acres with 29.58 acres in the Town of Farragut and 18.8 acres to be annexed into the Town (Benjamin Mullins, Applicant)  
C) 10:00 Item Discussion on a request to amend the Future Land Use Map for Parcel 007, Knox County Tax Map 151, 424 N. Watt Road, from Open Space Cluster Residential to Low Density Residential (3-6 Dwelling Units per Acre), 48.38 acres with 29.58 acres in theTown of Farragut and 18.8 acres to be annexed into the Town (Benjamin Mullins, Applicant)

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**BEER BOARD MEETING AGENDA**  
**Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 5:55 PM**  
**Farragut Town Hall | 11408 Municipal Center Drive**

I) Call to Order  
II) Approval of Minutes  
III) Beer Permit  
A) Approval of Class 1-On Premise Beer Permit for Tupelo Honey Hospitality Group, 126 Biddle Farms Blvd.

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut will hold a public hearing on September 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, to hear citizen's comments on the following ordinance:

- Ordinance 25-14, ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Investment Fund Budget, Passed by Ordinance 25-10.

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**FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM**  
**WORKSHOP: Polco Presentation-5:00 PM • Beer Board Meeting-5:55 PM**

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance  
II. Approval of Agenda  
III. Approval of Minutes  
A.August 14, 2025  
IV. Mayor's Report  
V. Ordinances & Resolutions  
A.Ordinances  
1.Second Reading & Public Hearing  
a.Approval of Ordinance 25-09, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 109 – Signs, to clarify when signs may be removed by property owners (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

2.First Reading  
a. Approval of Ordinance 25-14, ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Investment Fund Budget, Passed by Ordinance 25-10.  
B. Resolutions  
1. Approval of Resolution R-2025-13, Knox County, City of Knoxville, and Town of Farragut Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (May 2025)  
VI. Business Items  
A. Approval of Bid and Award of Contract 2026-10, Synthetic Ice Rink Rental and Service with Global Synthetic Ice (GSI)

B. Approval Of Professional Services Agreement with Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) To Create Ordinance For Stormwater Utility and Fee Structure.  
C. Approval of purchase and installation of Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) units for Town Hall through State Contract Number 47454  
VII. Citizens Forum  
VIII. Town Administrator's Report  
IX. Town Attorney's Report

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Breakfast

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and attendees.

“The goal (of the event) is simple,” she said. “We strive to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of hunger and food insecurity across East Tennessee.

“The community can support our food bank’s campaign for advocacy throughout the month of September using three critical factors:

- “Spread the word
- “Volunteer with us at our Blount County facility or across the 18 counties we serve or
- Host a food drive.

Rule said 213,970 East Tennesseans are at risk of hunger and uncertain from where their next meal will come.

She added 50 percent of those East Tennesseans, on average, are “above the SNAP threshold, meaning they do not qualify for governmental assistance according to Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap Survey.”

“One in six children —50,460— are experiencing food insecurity based upon a recent report from Feeding America’s Map the Meal Gap Survey,” Rule said.

“East Tennessee loses 10 acres of farmland per hour, negatively affecting food systems and availability of locally sourced foods, according to UT Agriculture Extension, circa 2025,” she added. “In fiscal year 2025, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee served a total of 2,343,048 people through our hunger-relief programs.”

Founded in 1982, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee is “leading the community in the fight against hunger across 18 counties —8,000 square miles,” Rule said, adding 95 cents of every dollar donated goes toward its hunger relief programs.

“In FY25, Second Harvest distributed over 27 million pounds of food, including 7.3 million pounds of fresh produce, across our service area.”

Saving Grace

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of abuse and addiction,” she said. “We are in a regular house in a regular neighborhood.

To raise funds, “on Thurs-

days, we do what we call Business to Business,” Pearson said. “We pick a city, we get what we can carry out of our car, show up to different businesses, let people know about the program, first of all, but

also see if they want to buy any of our items.

Additionally, “we sit up a table outside of (a department store) with all of our items, and we sell them that way,” she said.

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


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Hardin Valley Academy	1-0	45-25	+20
Christian Academy of Knoxville	1-0	24-7	+17
Knoxville Catholic High School	1-0	20-6	+14
Bearden High School	0-0	0	0
Concord Christian School	0-1	24-7	-17
Farragut High School	0-1	27-7	-20
Webb School of Knoxville	0-1	29-7	-22



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Farragut High School's #13, Anderson Glover, makes a great catch over the middle against Sevier County.

# 2025 season off to a stormy start

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The 2025 high school football season is under way and so is the chase for the farragutpress How the West was Won, which will be presented by Billy Houston Group, Realty Executives.

In Week 1, the weather might have been the big winner as Mother Nature played havoc with the slate of games. Heavy rains pelted East Tennessee and thunderstorms caused delays and cancellations for area teams.

Defending champion Bearden was scheduled to play Knoxville West in a regionally televised rivalry game on Saturday. The game was called off due to inclement weather and declared no contest. It won't be made up. The Bulldogs will head to Blount County this week to take on 10-time Class AAA state champion Alcoa. The Tornados won their opener against Maryville at home, 28-21.

**In other places, things got crazy.**

Hardin Valley Academy picked up a 45-25 victory over geographical rival Karns. The game started Friday night and was suspended with the Hawks leading, 38-12 at halftime. The contest

was concluded late Saturday afternoon with the Hawks avenging last year's loss to the Beavers. Hardin Valley will be home this week as it plays host to Morristown East Friday night. The Hurricanes won their season opener, edging South Greene, 26-22.

Knoxville Catholic made the long trip to the Midstate and returned home after capturing a 20-6 victory over Riverdale in the one area game not hampered by the weather.

The Irish defense came up big as Chaz Smith had a pair of interceptions, including one he returned for a 79-yard touchdown. Markise Witt also returned an interception for a score. Catholic will be on the road as it travels to play Clinton to collide with Anderson County on Thursday night. The Mavericks' game at Powell was suspended and declared no contest due to weather.

Christian Academy of Knoxville opened its 2025 campaign on Friday night. The Warriors toppled Concord Christian School, 24-7, at Warrior Stadium. The game was suspended in the third quarter and completed Saturday. Ryan Gibson had a pair of scoring runs for the Warriors and Seaton Moffett lofted a touchdown strike to Gabriel



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Hardin Valley Academy's #24, Chance Sharp, runs against Karns. The Hawks beat the Beavers, 45-25.

Linkous. Bennett Jelks also kicked a field goal for the Warriors, who host Heritage Friday night. The Mountaineers' season opener at Clinton canceled on Saturday and will not be rescheduled.

Concord Christian suffered a 24-7 loss to CAK in its first TSSAA sanctioned game in nearly a decade. Freshman defensive back Dasani Moulden had the big play for the Lions. It came in the third quarter when he intercepted a pass from Moffett and returned it 100 yards for a touchdown.

Concord will play Mt. Juliet Christian at Blankenship Field in Oak Ridge on Friday.

Webb School of Knoxville came up on the short end of a 29-7 decision against Upperman at David Meske Stadium. The game was shorted due to rain with Upperman declared the winner. The Spartans darted out to a 7-0 lead when

Gage Porter threw a scoring strike to Shavar Young.

But it was all downhill from there for Spartans, who will entertain Ashville School (NC). Asheville defeated Hayesville (NC), 41-0, on Friday.

Farragut kicked off its season Saturday against defending Class 5A state champion Sevier County at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City. The Smoky Bears opened a 27-0 lead in the neutral-site tilt. The Admirals scored their lone TD of the game when Corbin Hobson threw a 19-yard touchdown pass to Max Garfield.

The game started late due to inclement weather. Farragut will make its home debut Friday as it hosts Powell at Bill Clabo Field. The Panthers had their game against Anderson County declared no contest after it was suspended at halftime with the Mavericks leading, 18-7.

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