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A Second Harvest volunteer boxes cans of food for needy families.

Food Insecurity, Part 2 of 3 Reasons for food insecurity

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Food insecurity continues to climb in East Tennessee.

By going to the food bank, “they’re trying to help supplement the food,” said Joan Cambeses, who is charge of the pantry at Grassy Valley Baptist Church. “You get used to a certain amount of income or a certain amount of food coming in once a month and suddenly it’s cut in half. Then (they think), ‘OK, what do I do?’

“Some of these people, I understand, have such large families and children, it’s very difficult,” she added.

“Notably, half of the food-insecure households earn too much to qualify for SNAP,” Second Harvest senior marketing and creative strategist Jon Rice said. “These are working families above the income cutoff who, nonetheless, cannot afford enough food at the grocery store due to rising inflation and lack of a living wage.”

Second Harvest hosted a holiday drive-through distribution at Redemption Church, 3550 Pleasant Ridge Road, Wednesday, Nov. 19.



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One of many volunteers receiving boxes of donated food.

While Cambeses mostly spends time in the back, preparing foods for distribution, she has talked to a few recipients.

“Some of it is they are out of work or they’re going to be starting a new job or they have to wait until their next paycheck,” she said. “A lot is the SNAP program.

“They said it’s been cut, like, in half, and they just can’t make ends meet, especially ones with huge families,” she said.

“In practice, our pantries see working parents and individuals coming in and needing assistance,” Rice said. “They may miss a meal so their children can eat or they rely on our Food For Kids program to help get their families through the weekend or during holidays.

“For too many of our East Tennessee neighbors, a steady

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Farragut historian brings to life tragic events

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“Tora! Tora! Tora!” (Tiger! Tiger! Tiger!)

That was the code phrase the Japanese army used to signal the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, which occurred Dec. 7, 1941.

Farragut historian and retired history teacher Frank Galbraith shared the command as he related the events leading up to and taking place during and after the Dec. 7 attack to more than 50

people in his presentation, Day of Infamy, in Farragut Town Hall’s Board Room Monday evening, Dec. 1.

Hosted by Farragut Museum Committee and Town Parks and Recreation Department, the presentation offered a look into World War II and even how it impacted East Tennessee. Gal-



Galbraith

braith also paid tribute to U.S. military veterans, who were asked to stand near the end of the presentation.

One of those many veterans who stood was Mike Jones, who served in the U.S. Army from 2009 to 2013 as a linguist.

Supplementing Galbraith’s presentation, author Carl Peiers, 86, was on hand to sign his book

and talk about his experiences he shared in his publication, “I Survived Growing Up in Nazi Germany.”

“This is really a good book about what (Peiers) did and where he grew up there,” Galbraith said. “You will enjoy reading the book.”

Peiers, who now lives in Knoxville, came to the United States in 1952, when he was 13 years old.

“My parents immigrat-

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Workshop considers masonry revision at West End Center



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Architecture Collaborative has requested a change to West End Center’s building standards to allow a proposed new structure to use 75% masonry on its façade rather than across the entire net building area, a move intended to match the design of existing buildings in the development.

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West End Center owners are hoping to add another building in the center’s parking lot.

As it is in the Mixed Use Town Center district, Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said the owners would be required to provide 75 percent masonry on each building elevation.

The applicant Architecture Collaborative, on behalf of the owners, asked at a Thursday, Nov. 20, Farragut Municipal Planning Commission workshop segment of its regular meeting if

they could provide for 75 percent masonry on the net façade area of the new buildings.

“I just want to say I’m very comfortable with this,” Commissioner Louise Povlin said. “We’ve changed our brick requirement at Anytime Fitness (shopping center) and trying to work around that (requirement). That building came out as well as could be expected.”

“I think it’s very important to have a cohesive look, particularly with this (West End Center) building,” she added.

“Also, because you are

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Time to celebrate FWKCC Holiday Open House final networking of 2025



File photo

Susan and Donnie Bentley at last year’s FWKCC Holiday Open House

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce again will celebrate the holidays with Chamber members and guests at its annual Holiday Open House from 4 to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 9, in Farragut Community Center.

“This is our chamber’s final networking gathering, where we in-

vite members and their guests to just celebrate with each other: wins, milestones, memories and to share in the anticipation for what the new year has in store,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock stated in an e-mail.

“This year’s HOH will feature Networking Bingo and prizes courtesy of our co-host, our very own

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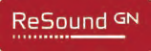


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going to have traffic running behind it, the idea that you have that back of the building so nice (with brick), I think this is a perfect compromise,” Povlin said.

“We know this is going to happen at Village Green (shopping center) as well,” she added.

“I echo the same thoughts,” Commissioner Jon Greene said. “I think it’s a good idea to have the flexibility to match the existing building.”

“We’ve really tried to make this building look good on all the sides with how visible it is,” said Dan Brittain, principal architect with Architecture Collaborative. “I think this is a good compromise ... we appreciate you guys’ consideration on this.”

“I like what you’ve done,” Commission chairman Ron Pinchock said.

“I support this as well,” Commissioner Noah Myers said. “I appreciate the glazing you guys put on the back of the building. I think it will

look nice.”

“Well, we knew this would happen eventually in one area or the other,” Mayor Ron Williams said. “I think trying to match it up, like [Commissioner] Povlin said, was kind of a deal (like) Anytime Fitness, where you had the first building and the second building and the third building.

“We had to try to match that up,” he said. “We need to try to do that here (at West End Center) as well.”

“(The new structure would be) situated at the south intersection of West End Avenue and West Point Drive,” Shipley said. “West End Center is an older shopping center with buildings that pre-date the formation of the Mixed Use Town Center land use area and associated regulations.

“One of the regulations in the zoning ordinance for new buildings within the MUTC is adherence to the Town Center Design Requirement for each exterior wall of a new building to maintain 75 percent minimum coverage with face brick,” he said. “Since the West End Center pre-dates



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The proposed Phase 3 construction in West End Center is located in the center’s parking lot near Buddy’s Bar-B-Q and Brickhouse Collectibles.

this requirement, the existing buildings are well below the face brick percentage.

“In the Town’s adopted Architectural Design Standards, the building design standards for the Town Center subarea provide for the use of face brick on at least 75 percent of the net facade area,” Shipley said. “In this manner, the four

building elevations can be averaged rather than each elevation being at least 75 percent face brick.

“This is the same application used outside the MUTC with the exception that masonry — and not just face brick — as defined in the ADS, can be used on at least 75 percent of the net facade area,” he said.

“The applicant would like to average the four elevations with face brick, as provided for in the ADS,” he said. “This would allow them to better blend architecturally the new building to the existing older shopping center building while still having an average of at least 75 percent face brick.”

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ed,” he recalled.

“I have another lady from Germany here, Helga Liske. She lived in Germany for a while, too,” Gaibraith added.

Liske said she grew up in Germany and was 7 years old when World War II ended in Germany.

When she was 21, she moved to Canada.

“I lived there three years,” Liske said. “I met my husband there. He studied in the (United) States, so I came to the States in 1962 (when she was 21).”

“Some of you may remember some of the things we’re going through here,” Galbraith said.

“I was born before Pearl Harbor (attack),” he noted, adding the attack was on a Sunday.

“It just so happens that Dec. 7 is this coming Sunday,” Galbraith pointed out. “I’m so glad we were able to do this program right now, here.”

He explained “Tora! Tora! Tora!” was the command given by Mitsuo Fuchida, who commanded the air raid on Pearl Harbor “to his radio man to radio back to Tokyo

that when the Japanese planes got to Pearl Harbor, it was a total surprise.”

With the destruction, U.S. citizens were quick to take action against Japanese-Americans, but Gailbrath pointed out, “It wasn’t the Japanese citizens or Japanese-Americans, it was the Japanese military.”

Farragut resident Eric Johnson echoed that point as he remembered two teachers who were the best of friends. One was a Japanese-American science teacher, and the other was another teacher who earlier survived the Japanese army attack in Hawaii, when fighter pilots shot at homes in a residential neighborhood.

“I was just amazed at the amount of damage,” Johnson said regarding the accounts of the teacher who survived the Japanese army attack. “The pictures you see of battleships sunk, maybe cars shot up. The destruction was unbelievable.”

At the same time, “I think it made a big impression that Japanese-American and American teachers were good friends, and everyone accepted (the Japanese-American teacher) as American,” Johnson said.

KCSO policereports

- The Knox County Sheriff’s Office received a report Nov. 23, 2025, from a woman at a Scenic Loop Way address who said someone stole a hubcap from her Mazda CX-9 and replaced it with a custom hubcap depicting an obscene image. She said the same wheel was vandalized Oct. 18 and that no other vehicles in the area were targeted. The victim told deputies the repeated incidents make her feel uncomfortable and as though she is being singled out.
- A woman reported that the license plate was stolen from her car while it was parked at her Farragut-area home, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report. Deputies said the woman called the Teleserve Unit about 8:30 a.m. Nov. 25 to report the theft from her 2017 Audi at a Dominick Point address. She told deputies she last remembered the Tennessee tag being securely fastened and did not believe it simply fell off. The plate, valued at \$65, was entered into NCIC.



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Diamond Gallery

New jewel comes to Town Center



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Diamond Gallery's Lacey Patt, Ava Schuhmacher and Berkeley Bowers-Richie are ready to serve customers at the store's new location

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A sparkling new addition came to Farragut's Town Center early last month.

Diamond Gallery, a premier jewelry destination, had a soft opening Nov. 8 at 117 Biddle Farms Blvd., in the Biddle Farms at Town Creek Center.

A ribbon cutting and grand opening are scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 28.

"We're excited to be here," store manager Chad Owens said. "I think we have a lot to offer the community."

"Diamond Gallery showcases a stunning, curated selection of fine diamond jewelry alongside an impressive lineup of renowned brands, including Bulova,

Seiko, Citizen, Pandora, Le Vian and many more," a press release stated. "With a focus on quality, elegance and exceptional customer service, the store aims to become the go-to destination for everything from timeless pieces to modern luxury."

In addition to its wide variety of ready-to-wear jewelry, Diamond Gallery offers custom design services, professional jewelry repairs and personalized guidance to help customers celebrate life's most meaningful moments, according to the press release.

"We're excited to bring Diamond Gallery to the vibrant community of Farragut," Owens said. "Whether

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Above: Snooty Patootie store manager Cameron Craig shows one of the items available in the shop at 11134 Kingston Pike in Farragut. Right: The Shoppes at Homespun owners Beverly, left, and Will Sellers and staff member Jessica Haskins welcome customers to the Homespun shop.



Black Friday

Not what it used to be

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Some still remember the mad rush on Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, when retail shops offered sales and people stood in line to get the best merchandise.

But, with the advent of online shopping, Cyber Monday and COVID, store owners and managers have seen the changes.

"We don't open on Thanksgiving Day, which is nice," reflected Michelle Austin, general manager of JCPenney at 11534 Parkside Drive. "We used to do that."

Now, "we opened on Black Friday at 5 a.m. this year, and we did giveaways throughout the day," she said. "We changed that a couple years ago where it kind of helps people — even if you're not a 5 a.m. person — you still have the opportunity to win some things and get some of the specials we are running a little bit throughout the day."

While online shopping has

had some effects, Austin said she still has loyal customers who enjoy the personal shopping experience.

"JCPenney has a good loyal following with customers," she said. "And this time of year, we get the customers who only come in a couple times a year. They might live a little further out, so they'll come out to Turkey Creek to do their Christmas shopping."

"But, I definitely have my loyal JCPenney shoppers," Austin said. "And here in Farragut, we have a lot of people who live in this area who are loyal to us, too."

"Last year, I had a pretty good line," she said. "They were down to the fence, so I usually get a good 5 a.m. line, if it doesn't rain. We're not a mall, so they have to stand outside."

Another feature of the Black Friday specials is "we give away the snow globes at 5 a.m., and our customers do love those JCPenney snow globes," Austin said. "It's a little Snoopy one this year. People like to collect those."

"And then, we have the coupon giveaways, so one customer could win a \$500 off 500 coupon," she said. "There'll be some \$50 off 50 coupons, and \$10 off 10 coupons."

"The customers who like a deal and a coupon will come in," Austin added.

However, she observed, "I don't think I get the same kind of crowd (as previous years) ... a lot of people who don't like the crowds shop early, and then the customers who enjoy shopping and enjoy the rush of the day and getting the little coupons and the little giveaways, they're going to come out on Black Friday."

"So, it's nice because it kind of spreads it out for every kind of customer," Austin said.

For people who don't enjoy the crowd, she said JCPenney offers the same sales and pricing throughout December.

Another retail shop still seeing crowds is Snooty Patootie at 11134 Kingston Pike, which also has a location on

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businessbriefs

• Pinnacle Financial Partners recently welcomed Ken Richardson and Dasan Dix to its Knoxville Northshore office. Richardson joined as a financial advisor, and Dix joined as a treasury management manager. Richardson has 23 years of banking experience, of which 19 were spent at First Citizens Bank, where he

served as area vice president and East Tennessee area executive.

Dix brings 17 years of experience helping businesses improve liquidity, manage risk and strengthen cash flow through strategic treasury solutions. Prior to joining Pinnacle, he served as a treasury management relationship manager at Regions.



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Black Friday
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Outlet Drive. “We typically have a large crowd on Black Friday,” said Cameron Craig, store manager for Snooty Patootie. “Definitely our biggest day of the year, I would say.” However, “leading up to (Black Friday, the crowds) seem to be a little slower,” she said. “I don’t know if the economy has something to do with that or not (but) ever so slightly it’s a little lower than expected.” Regarding online shopping, “we do some Black Friday sales online as well, and I imagine it does affect our sales in some ways,” Craig said. “I know a lot of the brands that we carry try to protect our livelihood and have a lot of restrictions on sales and how the stores that carry these brands are allowed to do that, so that

helps us out a lot.” “Black Friday used to really be the start of the season,” said April Moss, store manager for Katys Hallmark, 11527 Kingston Pike in Village Green Shopping Center. “Most people waited until then, waited for the deals to start.” But, “now, we start getting people asking about Christmas stuff going out in September,” she said. “But, I think online shopping has changed Black Friday shopping dramatically.” And, “there’s really been a big difference in Black Friday since COVID,” Moss said. “That was really a surge in online shopping at that time, and that just changed the way people think about shopping. “A lot of people do it on Thanksgiving night and sit on their couch after they eat turkey and shop (online),” she said. “But as a small business, we were never really crazy busy, like big box retail. I think

people do that first and then come here and get all their stocking stuffers and wrapping paper and little specialty things we do.” “Even in years past, our December has been a big deal, more so than Black Friday,” Moss added. “(Black Friday has) always been a very busy day,” said Beverly Sellars, owner of The Shoppes at Homespun, both at 11523 Kingston Pike in Farragut’s Village Green shopping center and in Maryville. “We usually have crowds starting, probably, after lunch and then continue on until 6 o’clock, when we close. “It’s always been really good; but in the past few years, I will say Small Business Saturday (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) has taken over, just more people out (on that Saturday)” she said. “I think they’re really wanting to support small businesses, and because people



Tammy Cheek

JCPenney general manager Michelle Austin, left, and beauty associate Casey Miles were ready to serve customers heading into Black Friday last week.


advertise it as Small Business Saturday, that really helps to get people out. “And for some reason, maybe they’re still tired from Thanksgiving,” Sellars said. “But it just seems like in the past five years or so, (the crowds have) gone down a little bit but it’s still good.”

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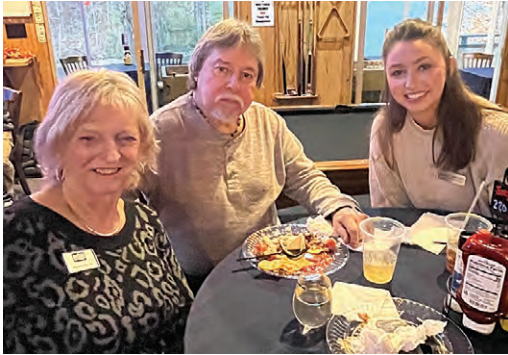
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Admirals dominate

Finished the Classic 2-0, improved to 5-0

Bill Howard
Correspondent

It's axiomatic that a team has a much better chance of improving and growing when it has to play stiff competition. Then again, there's a time and place for an occasional cruise down Easy Street. Last Tuesday night at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, Farragut High School's boys' basketball team played First Baptist Academy (from Powell) in the second round of the two-day Dental Implant Center 2025 Thanksgiving Classic. The Admirals' cruise couldn't have been easier. Farragut was completely dominant on both offense and defense, and overwhelmed the over-

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Lady Ads fall to Chargers

Bill Howard
Correspondent

In the first round of the Dental Implant Center 2025 Thanksgiving Classic last Monday night at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, Farragut High School's girls' basketball team picked up an important win over District 2-4A foe Maryville High School. Tuesday night against McMinn Central High School, the Lady Admirals couldn't sustain the previous night's momentum, and lost 42-35. They fell to 2-3 on the season. FHS coach Jason Mayfield thought the Lady

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Ellie Hatmaker

Trinity Curry rises above a crowd of McMinn Central defenders to knock down a short jumper during Farragut's Thanksgiving tournament game at home. Curry led the Lady Admirals with 14 points in a 42-35 loss. Early in the tournament, the Lady Admirals defeated Maryville, 58-52.

Lady Admirals take down longtime rival

Ken Lay
Correspondent

A pair of longtime rivals renewed acquaintances early last week as the Farragut Lady Admirals took on Maryville on the hardwood early last week in the Farragut Thanksgiving Classic. Farragut defeated the Lady Rebels, 58-52, on Monday, Nov. 24, at FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. TSSAA re-alignment has moved Maryville from District 4-4A to District 2-4A, but the long-

running rivalry hasn't lost its intensity if last week's contest was any indication. The contest resembled a heavyweight prizefight as the Lady Admirals and Lady Rebels exchanged punches throughout the game. Reagan Sheridan helped Farragut get off to a fast start as she scored 11 of her 15 points in the first quarter and helped the Lady Admirals open a 20-14 advantage by the end of the frame. "I thought Reagan Sheridan did a good job

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Lady Bulldogs go four in a row

Set to play district rival Friday

Ken Lay
Correspondent

BLUFF CITY — Bearden High School's girls basketball team entered this week in the midst of a four-game winning streak. The Lady Bulldogs (5-1) won three of those games over the holiday week as they competed in the Sullivan East Thanksgiving Classic in Northeast Tennessee. They closed out tournament play with a win over the host Lady Patriots, prevailing, 58-23, Saturday. Natalya Hodge led Bearden as she nearly single-handedly out-

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Hawks go combined 4 of 6 games

Alan Sloan
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KNOXVILLE — Hardin Valley Academy basketball teams combined to win four of six games during the Gibbs Thanksgiving Classic at Gibbs High School last week. Head coach Andy Arndt's Hawks won all three of their contests to improve to 4-3 entering this week. "It was a good opportunity to get some people some playing time," Arndt said. "We showed some improvement in areas where we needed

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Dawgs improve 6-0, three victories at Cougar Classic

Ken Lay
Correspondent

NASHVILLE — A perfect record remained intact for Bearden High School boys basketball team at a holiday tournament in the Midstate early last week. The Bulldogs improved to 6-0 with three victories in the Centennial Men's Basketball Cougar Classic. Bearden closed the event with a pair of victories over Independence and Cane Ridge on Tuesday, Nov. 24. In an 86-54 victory over the Ravens, three Bearden players posted double

figures in the scoring column. Sean Capshaw and Damian Cullom each had 18 points against Cane Ridge while Justin Nordin finished with 15. In their other game of the day, the Bulldogs toppled the Eagles, 68-53, as four Bearden players scored 10-plus points against Independence. Carson Asbaty, a transfer from Knoxville Catholic, led the way with 19 points. Capshaw added 17. Brendan Murphy had 13 and Nordin finished with 12. In its tournament opener, Bearden routed Father Ryan, 70-49, on Monday, Nov. 24.

Asbaty had 23 points while Nordin scored 18, and Capshaw finished with 10. Bearden has gotten off to a fast start but they will face a pair of challenges this week, including its District 4-4A opener against league newcomer Oak Ridge (2-2). The Wildcats may be new to the league, but they're no strangers to the Bulldogs. Over the last two seasons, the teams have met in the Region 2-4A Tournament semifinals and they've taken turns ending each other's season. Last year, Oak Ridge eliminated the

Bulldogs on its way to an appearance in the Class 4A State Championship Game in Murfreesboro. In 2023-24, the Bulldogs eliminated Oak Ridge's campaign with a last-second shot in the region semifinals. "It seems like every year, that one of us has ended the other's season, and I'm in my 10th year," Bearden coach Jeremy Parrott said. "It will be a tough game because they're a great team and they're well-coached." The Wildcats are coached by former Tennessee player Aaron Green,

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Lady Admirals
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setting the tone early in the game, really in the whole game, but particularly early in the game,” Farragut coach Jason Mayfield said.

The Lady Ads led by as many as nine points late in the second stanza as they pulled out to a 33-24 lead just before halftime. Maryville, however, used a modest 5-0 run and pulled to within 33-29 when guard Zoe Harrison made a three-quarter court shot as time expired in the first half.

The two teams slugged through an evenly matched third quarter and FHS led, 45-41, heading into the fourth quarter. The Lady Admirals extended their advantage to 47-41 with 7 minutes, 47 seconds remaining in the contest on a bucket by Trinity Curry and from there, the Lady Rebels never trailed by less than six points.

K.J. McNealy shared high-scoring honors with Sheridan for Farragut as both finished the game with 15 points. Curry, a center added 13 points for the Lady Admirals. She scored seven after halftime.

Harrison had 18 points to lead all scorers.

Mayfield noted the Lady Admirals (and the Farragut boys) agreed to continue playing Maryville.

“All four coaches wanted to continue playing,” he said.

Farragut made a return trip to Blount County to play the Lady Rebels on Tuesday but results were not available at press time.

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Chargers wanted the game more than his kids did.

“McMinn Central really wanted to win that game and we looked like we didn’t,” Mayfield said. “We played really well last night. I just had the feeling that last night was the game they were focused on.”

“You hold that team to 35 points, that’s a heckuva defensive job,” MC coach Dakota Stone said.

The game was scrappy, with numerous turnovers and tie-ups. MCHS was better at getting into the paint, scoring on layups nine times, to FHS’s five. Farragut’s final layup came with 2:13 left in the game with the team down by 10.

Lady Admirals’ senior guard

KJ McNealy also laid the blame on the team’s effort. “I have to say our effort was pretty bad,” she said. “I think, honestly, since yesterday we got a good win, we came into it hoping it would happen again. You have to actually do the work for it, and I don’t think we did.”

FHS led 6-4 at the end of one, but MCHS started the second period strong, scoring eight in a row to lead 12-6. The teams traded baskets to the end of the half, which ended with Mc-Minn up 17-14.

Six straight by the Lady Admirals to start the third gave them back the lead, 20-17, with 6:12 left in the period. But the Lady Chargers then went on a 9-2 run to lead 26-22. The final five in the quarter gave MC a 31-24 lead after three.

Four to start the final pe-

riod made it 35-24, a deficit FHS couldn’t overcome. Four straight by post Trinity Curry cut the gap to seven, but it was too little, too late.

Curry was high for Farragut with 14. McNealy added eight. Malea Masingale led the Lady Chargers with 13.

“(Getting it into Trinity) has always been our best play,” McNealy said. “Good things happen when we get it in down low.”

“I think we need to be stronger with it and have the heart to win every single possession,” FHS guard Lily Mullins said.

“Wasn’t very well executed,” Mayfield said. “It was clunky from the beginning. We just weren’t on our game for sure. They gave a lot more effort than we did.”

Dawgs
From page 1B

who has won more than 400 games at Oak Ridge.

Like Parrott, Green knows the game will be challenging.

“We’ve played them a lot and most of those games have been in the region tournament,” Green said. “Last year, we ended their season and the year before, they ended our season with a last-second shot.”

“This is the first time in a long time that we’ve played them in the regular season and this is the first time that we’ve ever played them in a district game. I think (Bearden) and Webb are probably the best teams in the area.”

Bearden opened the week Tuesday with a game against geographical rival Knoxville West on Tuesday but results were not available at press time.

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Concord United Methodist's Artisan Craft Fair

Santa crafts, baskets and other handmade items drew a crowd to Concord United Methodist Church when it opened its doors at 11020 Roane Drive for its 9th Annual annual Artisan Craft Fair in the church Saturday, Nov. 15.

Sponsored by the church's United Women in Faith, the event attracted between 600 to 800 shoppers while more than 70 crafters, all local, brought in all handmade items to sell, said Becky Bishop, CUMC coordinator and president of CUMC United Women in Faith.

"For some of these vendors, this is the first time they've done something like this," she said. "It gives them the opportunity to show them what it's like to do a craft show.

"It's their first step in growing a business and making contacts," Bishop added.

Meanwhile, some of other crafters, such as Chuck Maples and Crissy Wills-Maples, have had a booth at the fair every year.

For the church, the money raised from the craft fair goes to CUMC's local and global missions supporting women and children.

The show drew woodworkers, crochet works, ceramics, wreaths, woven flower vase covers, canvas art, leather notebooks, plush toys and more.

Jan Flint made purses out of silk ties to sell to benefit a refugee family.

"It's always an exciting time," she said. "There's so many things to see."



Becky Bishop, left, CUMC event coordinator and United Women of Faith member, and crafter Jan Flint



Chuck Maples and Crissy Wills-Maples



Donna Boyles, left, and Dawn Willis shopping



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FHS students strike up the band for Music Man

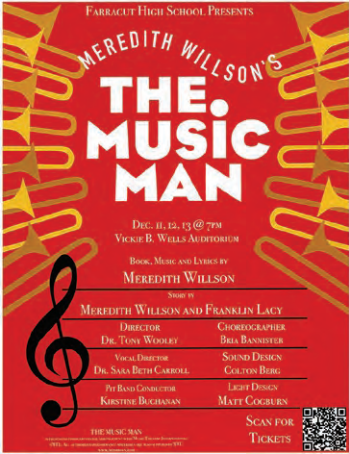
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Farragut High School’s Admirals Performing Arts students are ready to strike up the band and perform Meredith Wilson’s musical, “The Music Man.”

The performances, taking place 7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 11-13, in Vickie B. Wells Auditorium at FHS, 11237 Kingston Pike, are open to the public.

“We would love for the public to come,” said Dr. Tony Wooley, FHS theater teacher and director of the production. “One of the things we try to do is create a sense of community, and we want our shows to be welcoming and inviting for all ages.

“This show, particularly, is very family friendly, so we would love to have families and



young folks who are interested in theater, as well as some of our more experienced citizens who also have free time and a love for theater, to come and watch and see the kids perform because they truly are incredible,” he said. “These kids are outstanding.

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STAR donation



Chris Cannon

The 1975 Farragut High School Reunion Planning Committee presented a donation to Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding at its facility on Tuesday, Nov. 18. The donation was in appreciation for STAR hosting the committee’s 50th class reunion this past October and in honor of fellow classmate, Lynn Petr, STAR founder, who is retiring, becoming executive director emeritus. “The class of 1975 hopes this gift will allow STAR to continue to provide a valuable service to our community,” said Jo Shackelford, reunion committee member. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Debbie H. Jackson, Shackelford, STAR founder Lynn Petr, STAR current executive director Emily Justus, Deuce (the horse), Sharon Scarbrough, Angela Bartlett, Frank Slagle, Sue H. Piper and David Graham.



Photos submitted

More than 40 friends, family members and Food City co-workers of the late Charlie Schuster took part in Hardin Valley’s biannual “Team Up to Clean Up” event Nov. 8.

Cleaning up and honoring teen

Michelle Hollenhead
Correspondent

Hardin Valley teen and former longtime Food City employee Charlie Schuster lost his life in a car accident Jan. 3, 2025, but many who knew and loved him are carrying on his memory in a variety of ways — most recently during the biannual Hardin Valley “Team Up to Clean Up” event Nov. 8.

More than 40 family, friends and former Food City coworkers “who loved Charlie” formed a team that day, wearing T-shirts that featured a tennis shoe (Nike shoes were a special passion) along with the slogan “Live Laugh Love Like Charlie,” said Food City human relations coordinator Evelyn Rolan, who spearheaded the effort.

Although Rolan said she didn’t know Charlie well, she still “wanted to do something to honor him” in the aftermath of his death, as he had worked for Food City since he was 15 years old.

“My store manager, Joe Fahy, offered several suggestions [on how best to do that], and adopting part of the road was what I decided on,” Rolan said. “We wanted to adopt Hardin Valley Road in front of the school and store, but it was already adopted, so we adopted a portion of [it] just past the store.”

The November clean-up was the first for the group, but it plans to participate in the spring and fall “Team Up to Clean Up” events, Rolan said, which is in conjunction with Keep Knoxville Beautiful’s Adopt-a-Road program.

Maureen Cianciolo and Knox County District 11 Commissioner at large Kim Frazier co-chaired the biannual Hardin Valley “Team Up To Clean Up” effort.



Hardin Valley “Team Up to Clean Up” co-chairs Maureen Cianciolo, left, and Knox County at-large commissioner District 11 Kim Frazier, right, are pictured with Knox County Commissioner 6th District and committee member Terry Hill, second from left, and one of several Knox County Sheriff’s office deputies who helped out with the Nov. 8 event.

“Over time, 10 miles of roadway in Hardin Valley have officially been adopted by various business/church/neighbor groups and all of them participate in the twice-a-year cleanups as part of their agreement with Keep Knoxville Beautiful,” Cianciolo said.

“We organize these events to improve quality of life, build community, raise awareness of the impact of litter, keep trash out of the waterways and help to keep Knoxville beautiful,” she added.

“This event brings people together for the betterment of the Hardin Valley community,” Frazier noted. “It’s an incredible, family friendly opportunity that encourages public service and personal investment in our community.”

More than 100 individuals, many comprising teams, participated this year.

“The Hardin Valley ‘Team Up to Clean Up’ event includes volunteers from all of the 10 Adopt-A-Road groups in the area, including Vulcan, Matlock, Immanuel Church, Marietta Church, Karns Firefighters, Food City, State Farm, school sports teams, residents, etc,” Cianciolo said.

“There is huge community support for these cleanups.”

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Music Man
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“It’s an excellent, quality show that these kids are able to give to their audience,” Wooley said.

Tickets are \$20 per person, and those interested in attending all three nights can purchase a discounted run-of-the-show pass for \$50, which covers all three nights. They are available at the door, online and on Facebook.

Playing the lead characters will be Colin Parrish as the title character, Professor Harold Hill, a charismatic con man, and Julia Tiernan as Marion Paroo, the town’s stern librarian and piano teacher. They make up a cast of 40 — from seniors, juniors and sophomores — and tech crew of about 15 students. There also is a pit band of 15 students.

“That’s one of the things I’m very proud of,” Wooley said. “I feel like every role that I could give a high school kid I want to give it to a high school kid be-

cause at the end of the day, is an institution of learning.

“The entirety of the set was built by high schoolers. Most of the pit band is high schoolers,” he said. “It is my goal every year to have a fully high school pit band; but because of scheduling conflicts, work conflicts and other obligations, I can’t always fill spots with high schoolers,” he said. “We do fill spots with professional musicians.”

Additionally, the vocal director is Dr. Sara Beth Carroll; pit band conductor is Kirstine Buchanan; sound design is Colton Berg; and light design is Matt Cogburn.

Choosing a production is “always a team effort,” Wooley said. “Unfortunately the choir teacher (Mitchell Moore), who helped us choose (the musical) took a new placement for this year, so he’s not with us, but along with the choreographer, Bria Bannister, and the other choir teacher, Kirstine Buchanan, (and Moore), the four of us picked the show together.”

Clean up
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More than 160 bags of trash were collected during the Nov. 8 event, Cianciolo shared.

Begun in the 1990s by longtime community leaders and Hardin Valley residents, Chrys and Mike Huston, Hardin Valley “Team Up to Clean Up” is now overseen by the Valley Vision Committee of the Hardin Valley Business and Community Alliance, a committee chaired by insurance agent Sage Kohler.

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ice cream from RiverView Family Farm Market. Santa will be at the barn sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Parking is limited, so consider carpooling with fellow shoppers.

• **Omaha Productions' Celebrating Pat Summitt: A Live Reunion Special**, a storytelling event, sponsored by Eli Lilly and Company, will bring together former players, coaches and friends in honor of the legendary Lady Vols coach. Hosted at Knoxville's Historic Tennessee Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 11, and moderated by ESPN's Holly Rowe, the evening

will feature former Lady Vols stars Candace Parker, Nikki Fargas and Andraya Carter, alongside South Carolina Gamecocks Head Coach Dawn Staley.

Tickets are on sale now at the Tennessee Theatre website, <https://www.tennesseetheatre.com/events>.



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Winter 2026

Don't miss these December events!



• **Light the Park:** Enjoy thousands of holiday lights at Founders Park and beyond through Thursday, Jan. 1!

• **Campbell Station Skate:** Skate on a synthetic ice rink at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza through Saturday, Jan. 3. Hours are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 1-8 p.m. Friday through Sunday. Cost is \$5 for 45 minutes.

• **Holiday Tree Village:** This new addition to Light the Park features 30 evergreens decorated by local organizations and businesses on the lawn behind the Campbell Station Inn.

• **New Year's at Noon:** A family-friendly celebration of New Year's Eve is 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Farragut Community Center. No registration is required for this free event!

New South Ward alderman appointed

Joe LaCroix was appointed South Ward Alderman in September 2025 to fill a vacant seat.

His primary goal is to serve his constituents, he says. He will hold office hours in the Admiral Room the Wednesday before each Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting (second and fourth Thursdays) from 4:30-5:30 p.m., and he welcomes emails at elacroix@townoffarragut.org or phone calls at 865-773-4748.

He has worked in the field of Information Technology for



LaCroix

35 years, including 17 years in government roles. He was the IT Manager for the Town of Farragut for six years. He holds a Master of Business Administration, a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, and an Applied Associates of Science in Computer Science.

Joe has lived in Farragut since 2016 and has served on the Concord Hills HOA Board of Directors, the Town of Farragut Parks and Athletics Council and the Visual Resources Review Board.

He and his wife Julie have been married for 35 years and have two children, Sarah and Will. In his free time, Joe is an avid motorcyclist. He enjoys track riding and has ridden across the country several times.



Dance a jig at the Shamrock Ball!

Dads and daughters, you're in luck as Farragut Parks & Rec has a golden opportunity for you to have quality time together at the annual Shamrock Ball on Saturday, March 21, at the Farragut Community Center. There are two sessions: 3-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. This father-daughter dance offers music, crafts, snacks and a portrait session.

Tickets are \$30 per couple and \$5 for each additional attendee. Tickets won't last, so buy

them fast!

Ticket sales start Wednesday, Jan. 14, and close at noon on Sunday, March 15. Purchase tickets at townoffarragut.org/register, by phone at 865-218-3376 or in person at the community center. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Visit townoffarragut.org/townevents and follow Farragut Parks & Rec on social media for more information about the Shamrock Ball.

See a snapshot of Farragut's budget on our Annual Report website



The Town of Farragut's fiscal year 2026 annual report is now available at farragutannualreport.com.

Information on the website includes anticipated revenues and budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2026, which began July 1, 2025.

A list of Town accomplishments from last year and goals for fiscal year 2026 are included, as well as information on Farragut's Capital Investment Program.

A video on the homepage showcases several community events from last year. Take a look to see your friends and neighbors!



Public invited to open house at Campbell Station Inn on Dec. 8

The Campbell Station Inn (11409 Kingston Pike) will be open to the public from 5-7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8. Interior renovations were completed this fall. In January, the historic home will open as a visitor's center, gift shop and small event venue.

Renovations include the re-

finishing of original wood floors, new paint and new bathrooms. The addition of a dumb waiter allows food to be brought from the renovated basement to the first floor for catered events. Remnants of the home's early decorative painting and wallpa-

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Farragut celebrates Black History Month with WordPlayers production

To celebrate Black History Month, the Farragut Museum will partner with WordPlayers Theatre Company to present "The Ends We Seek," an original production by Ethan Norman. The one-hour show is at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Farragut Community Center. No tickets are required for

this free event.

"The Ends We Seek" uses historical fiction to paint a picture of how actual events shaped the lives of individuals and families. A mother and son, in two different centuries, play out the average person's struggle with life in a society peppered with racism. Scenes

of daily life, set against the backdrop of true events in both the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, demonstrate how families can be impacted by the national climate. The show appeals to multiple generations, making it suitable for all audiences.

Flowers is new Human Resources Training Coordinator

Danielle Flowers is the Town of Farragut's new Human Resources Training Coordinator. Her job includes facilitating training for staff, including new managers, and providing onboarding for new employees.

Her 15-year career in human resources was inspired by a passion for helping people.

"HR is the best way to help people develop and flourish—to

be the best version of themselves," she says.

Danielle and her husband Steve were living in Indiana when they decided to retire in East Tennessee. Ten



Flowers

years ago, a job change sped up the move, so the family of four—including children Addyson and Matt—became Tennesseans.

When she's not helping her coworkers, Danielle enjoys playing the piano and reading biographies.

She loves Farragut, especially

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Anchor Park: 11730 Turkey Creek Road
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Tourism Talk

Looking for holiday cheer? Farragut is the place to be this season. From festive events to seasonal dishes, drinks, and exclusive specials, there’s something for everyone to enjoy.

Winter Events:

• **Farragut Christmas Parade and Santa’s Village** on Sunday, Dec. 7
o The Farragut Christmas parade is back for its fourth year! Santa’s Village is 1-5 p.m. at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza. The parade kicks off at 4 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center and proceeds down Jamestowne Boulevard.

• **Winter Market at Biddle Farms** on Sunday, Dec. 14
o Join us from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Winter Market at Biddle Farms for a festive celebration of local art, creativity and holiday cheer. Visitors are invited to explore handmade goods crafted by talented local artists, view or participate in the Gingerbread House Competition and enjoy a variety of winter-themed activities perfect for families and friends looking to embrace the season.

• **Festive in Farragut-** Ongoing through Dec. 31
o Celebrate the magic of the season with the Festive in Farragut Trail, a month-long, passport-style adventure running Dec. 1-31! Discover local shops, cozy cafés and cheerful attractions decked out for the holidays. Whether you pick up a passport at the Farragut Community Center or join in online, you’ll find plenty of festive stops to sip, shop and explore. It’s the perfect way to experience the holiday spirit all around Farragut!

For full event details, explore **visitfarragut.org**.

Learn more through our blog

The Visit Farragut blog is filled with ideas and inspiration for exploring the town. From dog-friendly features to event guides, you’ll find itineraries, recommendations and plenty of ways to make the most of your time in Farragut.

For local businesses

Farragut businesses are invited to subscribe to our industry newsletter to stay informed about media opportunities, upcoming events and ways to get involved with Visit Farragut throughout the year. Businesses can also request to be listed on our website to increase visibility among visitors and locals alike. To sign up or learn more, email Visitfarragut@townoffarragut.org

Call for volunteers

As the Visit Farragut tourism team prepares to open the historic Campbell Station Inn to the public, they are seeking enthusiastic volunteers to assist at the front desk. Ideal candidates include history enthusiasts, food lovers, local explorers, retirees looking to stay engaged, students interested in tourism or public history, and anyone who enjoys welcoming and connecting with others. No prior knowledge of the town is required. All volunteers will complete a training course and become certified Visit Farragut Ambassadors, ensuring they feel confident and prepared in their role. Those interested in learning more are encouraged to email hellriott@townoffarragut.org for additional details.

Meet me at the Museum

Have you been to the Farragut Museum yet? Meet me at the museum for these exciting happenings:

• History Hour is the Farragut Museum’s speaker series. On Jan. 21, our guest speaker will be Maryville College Professor Aaron Astor on divided loyalties during the Civil War. On March 24, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum Director Charlie Rhodarmer will talk about Sequoyah’s development of the Cherokee syllabary, an original writing system for a spoken language. Both events are at 11 a.m. at the museum. (Recorded History Hour presentations are available on the Town of Farragut YouTube channel.)

• The Farragut Museum will have a new temporary exhibit featuring Farragut arts: performing, visual, musical and literary. The exhibit is open January through April. The display will include memorabilia from Broadway actress LB Wells, Grammy winner Dave Barnes and Emmy winner Zhubin Parang, all Farragut High School graduates.

• The Farragut Museum celebrates Black History Month with a presentation from local Theatre group, the WordPlayers, on Sunday, Feb. 8. (See article on page 1.)

• A Farragut mural has been added to Gallery One at the museum by local artist, Ella Pinchok. This art addition features items found throughout the museum and freshens up the gallery.

• The Farragut Museum Committee is active in the community this holiday season! Look for them serving as greeters at Light the Park in Founders Park on Dec. 10, assisting with Wreaths Across America on Dec. 13, and participating in the Christmas Tree Village at McGill Plaza.

• The Farragut Museum is always seeking volunteers to serve as docents. Hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

• Be sure to follow the Farragut Museum on Facebook and Instagram for the most up-to-date information and special events!

Flowers

From page 1

the parks, the new businesses at Biddle



Farms and the Campbell Station Inn. “My favorite thing is the holiday lights. Whenever family is in town, we come to see them.”

Open House

From page 1

per have been preserved.

Once a stagecoach station, hospital, and private residence, the Campbell Station Inn is one of Farragut’s most signifi-

cant landmarks, representing more than two centuries of local history. The Town purchased the property in 2012 and the building was stabilized in 2019. The plaza surrounding the inn was completed in 2020 and dedicated as Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza in 2021.

The Talk of the Town is a quarterly publication produced by the Town of Farragut.

For more information about this publication, please contact Wendy Smith at 865-966-7057 or media@townoffarragut.org.

WINTER 2026 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Unless otherwise noted, register for classes and special events at townoffarragut.org/register, in person at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) or by phone (865-218-3376). **All classes held at the community center require a free membership. Farragut residency is NOT required for membership. Please stop by the community center during regular hours or arrive early for class to register!**
- Payment is due at the time of registration. Credit card payments (Visa, MasterCard and Discover), cash and check payments are accepted.
- The Town of Farragut is not responsible for costs associated with the purchase of supplies when a class is canceled.
- All events are held at the Farragut Community Center unless otherwise noted, and all league sports are held at Mayor Bob Leonard Park unless otherwise noted.
- Some events may be canceled or postponed in the event of inclement weather. Please see Farragut Parks & Rec social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) for updated information.
- Punch cards for community center gym programs may be purchased at the recreation office. Twenty punches are just \$30, and punch cards may be shared by family or friends.
- **No refunds are given for programs and classes.**

ADULTS

Craft and Yap
Thursdays, Feb. 19-March 26, 6-7:30 p.m.
Ages 16 and up, \$8 per class
Pick one craft or sign up for all! See the list below. Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own. Pre-registration is required for each class.

- Feb. 19: Junk Frames - Add fun accessories to a plain picture frame.
- Feb. 26: Jewelry Making - Create earrings, necklaces or bracelets with a variety of beads.
- March 5: Clay Magnets - Create a magnet or figurine out of clay.
- March 12: Mini Beaded Flowers - Use small beads to create beautiful flowers.
- March 19: Painted Glasses - Paint a drinking glass and take it home to use.
- March 26: Clothing Upcycling (bring your own clothes to upcycle! We will have a sewing machine available) - you can hem, add accessories, tailor or chop up your items for another project.

Decorate a Wreath Workshop
Wednesday, Jan. 28, 6-7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4, 6-7 p.m.
Ages 16 and up, \$15 per person
Design and create your own wreath at these workshops. One wreath per registrant; all decorating supplies are provided. Pre-registration is required for each class.

- January: Valentine's Day and spring elements.
- March: spring elements.

Dodgeball Tournament
Tuesday, Jan. 13, 5:30-9 p.m.
Ages 18 and up, \$20 per team
Gather your team (5 to 10 players) and get ready to dodge, duck, dip, dive and play your way to victory! The tournament will run in a double-elimination format, ensuring everyone gets multiple games and a chance to fight their way back to the finals.

Dungeons & Dragons Club
Tuesdays, Jan. 3-March 3, 7-8:30 p.m.
Ages 16 and up, \$10
Join fellow adventurers for an evening of storytelling, strategy and imagination! Whether you're brand-new or have played before, this club for you. Dice, character sheets and game materials provided, just bring your creativity and a spirit for adventure!

FAMILY

Learn a Fiber Art
Wednesdays, Feb. 4-25, 5-6:30 p.m.
Ages 12 and up, \$5 per person
Try out four different kinds of fiber arts at the community center. All supplies are provided. Pre-registration is required for each class.

- Feb. 4: Hand Sewing

- Feb. 11: Crochet
- Feb. 18: Macrame
- Feb. 25: Embroidery

Mahjong and Gaming Club
Every other Tuesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Ages 9 and up, free
Join us to learn new games! Learn mahjong, tong-its, chess, checkers and other organized board games. For the full schedule, visit townoffarragut.org/register.

FITNESS

Rise and Shine Yoga
Mondays and Fridays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.
Ages 16 and up, \$4 per person
Rise and shine! Start your day off right with a morning yoga class led by registered yoga teacher Mindy Wise or Jenny Trussell! Bring a yoga mat, water and a positive attitude!

Sunrise Stretch
Wednesdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.
Ages 16 and up, free
Start your day off right with a sunrise yoga session! This 60-minute class is the perfect way to start the day for beginning to advanced yogis with registered yoga teacher Jenny Trussell. Bring a mat (blanket and props are optional) and a smile. The instructor will provide an introductory class for anyone new to yoga.

Total Fitness
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Ages 16 and up, \$4 per person
Join Rachel Piotrowski, certified group exercise instructor and personal trainer, for a total-body fitness class! This class is tailored to individuals of all fitness. Please bring hand weights or other weighted objects for your workout. If you do not have any, just bring yourself! Don't forget water and a mat.

OPEN GYM

Drop-in Dodgeball
Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.
Ages 18 and up, \$2 per player
Drop-in Dodgeball provides adults the opportunity to make friends and get exercise by playing a weekly game of dodgeball. We will divide into two teams and play classic dodgeball.

Family Basketball
Thursdays, 4-6 p.m.
All ages, \$2 per person
No need to pre-register - just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. This session is specifically for youth and families to shoot around and play without the intensity of pickup open gyms.

Pickleball Open Gym
Mondays and Fridays, noon-3 p.m.
Wednesdays, 4-9 p.m.

Ages 14 and up, \$4 per person
Grab a paddle and get ready to play! During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system. Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times.

Pickup Basketball
Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m.
Ages 14 and up, \$4 per person
No need to pre-register - just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times. This session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

Pickup Volleyball
Mondays, 6:30-9 p.m.
Ages 14 and up, \$4 per person
Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times. This session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

YOUTH

Afterschool Art
Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 14, 3:30-5 p.m.
Ages 6 to 12, \$4 per child
Each week, our school-aged artists create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not required.

Art Adventures
Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 13, 2-3:30 p.m.
Ages 6 to 12, \$4 per child
Each week, our school-aged artists create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not required.

Beginner Ballet
Level 1: Thursdays, 3-4 p.m., ages 4-6
Level 2: Thursdays, 4-5 p.m., ages 7-12
\$30 per month
Beginner Ballet teaches the fundamentals of ballet and focuses on grace, flexibility, teamwork and creativity. Come to class with hair pulled back, tights, leotard, ballet shoes and a smile!

Drama Club
Mondays, Jan. 5-Feb. 2, 5-6 p.m.
Ages 8 to 12, \$10
Come explore and try new things in the world of theater and drama!

Each week, there will be different challenges and games to learn new theater-related skills. We will have fun and be creative while working on confidence and making new friends!

Elementary Homeschool PE
Grades K-5 (ages 6 to 10)
Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 13, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 14, 1-2 p.m.
Cost: \$2 per child
This homeschool PE class features sports and group games that emphasize teamwork, good sportsmanship, physical activity and fun! Participants must be at least 6 years old to participate. Preregistration is not required.

Middle School Homeschool PE
Grades 6-8 (ages 11-14)
Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$2 per child
This homeschool PE class emphasizes organized sports, competition and physical activity, as well as group games, teamwork and fun! Preregistration is not required.

Reading is Cool Club
Thursdays, Feb. 5-26, 5-6 p.m.
Ages 8 to 13, \$15
Join us at our new kids' book club! There are two age groups, but everyone meets on the same day and at the same time. Provided books will be read and discussed each week in each group.

Spring Break Camp
March 9-13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Ages 6 to 12 or grades K-7, \$75 per child
Join us for a week of camp at Farragut Community Center! From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day, we will engage your camper in a variety of activities, from sports and games to crafts and movies. Space is limited to 30 campers, ages 6 to 12. Please pack a lunch for your camper each day. Registration opens Feb. 1.

Storytime Crafts
Tuesdays, Jan. 6-Feb. 24, 9:15-10 a.m.
Ages 3 to 5, \$2 per child
Join us for a fun storytelling of picture books and a related craft. This program is for ages 3-5. No pre-registration required.

Toddler Takeover
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.
Ages walking to 5 years, \$2 per child
Join us for this guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment!

Youth Basketball Skills Clinic
Saturday, Feb. 21, 9 a.m.-Noon

Ages 8 to 12, \$10 per player
Join us for a basketball clinic designed to build confidence, improve fundamentals and inspire young athletes both on and off the court! Players will take part in skill-focused drills, technique training and a short motivational session before finishing with gameplay and open court time.

Youth Photography Club
Thursdays, March 5-26, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Ages 7 to 13, \$10
Come learn and practice all things photography! Kids learn about fundamentals, editing and working with others. Participants will be sent home with weekly challenges to practice their skills.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Mario Kart Tournament
Thursday, Jan. 8, 6-8 p.m.
Ages 9-12, \$5 per child
(For more info, see Winter Fun on page 4)

Galentine's Day
Friday, Feb. 13, 6-8 p.m.
Ages 16 and up, \$10 per person
(For more info, see Winter Fun on page 4)

Just Dance Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party
Friday, Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
All ages, free
(For more info, see Winter Fun on page 4)

Quilt Show
Saturday, Feb. 21, and Sunday, Feb. 22
Farragut Community Center
(For more info, see Quilt Show on page 4)

Glow-in-the-Dark Nerf War
Wednesday, March 18, 5:30-7 p.m.
Ages 7-14, \$8 per child
(For more info, see Winter Fun on page 4)

Shamrock Ball
Saturday, March 21, 3-5 p.m. or 6-8 p.m.
Farragut Community Center
(For more info, see Dance a Jig on page 1)

Farragut Art & Photography Show
Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19
This multimedia event showcases two-dimensional artwork and photographs in three different categories: Youth (12 and under), Teen (13 to 17) and Adult (18 and up). Applications to participate in the show will be available Feb. 1-April 3 at townoffarragut.org/townevents.

Viewing Town agendas and meeting video is easy on the Agenda Portal

Viewing Town of Farragut meeting agendas is easier than ever with a new Agenda Portal on the Town's website: townoffarragut.org. To access the new portal, click the "Agendas" button on the homepage. Once inside the portal, users can find a specific agenda by choosing a date on the calendar, choosing a particular board or committee on a dropdown menu, or searching for content by subject.

Once a meeting agenda has been selected, users can navigate through the agenda or view and download associated files through a menu located at the top of the screen on mobile or on the left side of a computer screen. Meeting agendas are typically posted the week before a meeting is scheduled.

Livestreamed video of Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen and Municipal Planning Commission meetings are available on the portal, as well as recordings of previous meetings dating back to Jan. 1, 2025. (Recordings of meetings held earlier than 2025 are available on the Town of Farragut's YouTube channel.)

If you have questions about the Agenda Portal, contact Communications Manager Wendy Smith at wsmith@townoffarragut.org.

Farragut's snow removal policy

Winter weather may be beautiful, but it can create hazardous driving conditions. The good news is that the Town of Farragut is prepared to tackle inclement weather associated with this season.

Streets classified as arterials and collectors, or serve as primary access within a subdivision, are divided into first and second stages for snow removal. These streets will be continually plowed to make them passable. Once these streets have been made passable, the Town will make every effort to clear other Farragut streets. Kingston Pike and Concord Road are state roads and are maintained by the Tennessee Department of



Transportation.

Town trucks with snowplows are assigned specific routes, and crews will work 24 hours a day, if needed, to serve the Farragut community. This includes the use of salt, sand and snowplows. Occasionally, extreme cold will cause the salt and plows to become less effective. Town staff will constantly evaluate the best

way to handle this situation.

The Town is committed to providing a high level of service to Farragut residents in the event of weather that affects roadways. A map that shows the stages of snow removal is available at www.townoffarragut.org/publicworks. For more information, call 865-966-7057.

Community Center Corner

As winter settles in, finding warm and welcoming places to stay active can make all the difference. The Farragut Community Center offers a wide range of indoor programs designed to help you move, connect and feel your best all season long!

This winter, we continue community favorites – Toddler Takeover, Total Fitness, Homeschool PE and a full lineup of open gyms. Our yoga programs have grown tremendously, with more residents joining each week to build strength, flex-

ibility and calm in a supportive setting.

Toddler Takeover is Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10–11 a.m., and Homeschool PE is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Our open gym schedule includes:

- **Open Gym Volleyball** - Mondays, 6:30–9 p.m.
- **Open Gym Basketball** - Thursdays, 6:30–9 p.m.
- **Open Gym Pickleball** - Mondays & Fridays, noon–3 p.m., and Wednesdays, 4–7 p.m.
- **Drop-In Dodgeball** (Ages 18+) - Tuesdays, 7–9 p.m.

See the entire program schedule on the Community Center Programs calendar at farragut-parksandrec.org.

In addition to programs, the community center offers classroom rentals for birthday parties, meetings, workshops and small gatherings. For larger events, our Assembly Hall provides a spacious, flexible venue that's ideal for banquets, celebrations and community functions.

Stop by the community center during business hours or call us at 865-218-3376 to learn



more. We look forward to helping you stay active, make friends

and enjoy a warm space to play this winter!

Parks & Recreation

Winter fun with Farragut Parks & Rec

Farragut Parks and Recreation has several new and returning events planned this winter that will provide fun for the whole family! We're starting off the new year with a **Mario Kart Tournament** on Thursday, Jan. 8, from 6-8 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center. This is a double-elimination, tour-

namment-style evening for ages 9 to 12 and will be played on a Nintendo Switch One. Spots are limited, and pre-registration is required.

On Friday, Feb. 13, the whole family can participate in either our **Just Dance Glow-in-the-Dark Dance Party** or **Galentine's Day** at the Farragut

Community Center. The dance party, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., will follow Just Dance music videos and provide lots of glow-in-the-dark fun. This event is free and open to all ages, but preregistration is requested. Meanwhile, gals 16 and up can enjoy Galentine's Day from 6-8 p.m. on the other side of the center. Mini

cake decorating and crafts will be provided at this event; pre-registration is required.

A returning favorite, the **Glow-in-the-Dark Nerf War**, will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, for ages 7 to 14. Battery-operated Nerf blasters are no longer permitted; limited blasters will be

available for use on a first-come, first-served basis. All darts and required protective eyewear will be provided.

To find out more about any of these events or to register, visit townoffarragut.org/townevents or call the Farragut Community Center at 865-218-3376.

Farragut spring adult volleyball leagues



Registration for spring volleyball leagues has begun and has an absolute deadline of Thursday, April 2. Volleyball leagues are coed, and participants must be 18 or older. The cost is \$180 per team for recreation and intermediate leagues. Payment must be received at the time of registration.

This session consists of seven regular-season matches plus a post-season double elimination tournament for all levels of play. Volleyball leagues play in the evenings at Mayor Bob Leonard Park on Watt Road.

- Spring recreational league (six players) – Each team must play with at least two women on the court at all times.
- o Games will be played on

Monday evenings beginning April 6.

- Spring intermediate league (six players) – This league is for players who are developing their competitive sand volleyball game. Players may have indoor experience and general knowledge of sand volleyball rules and plays. Each team must play with at least two women on the court at all times.

- o Games will be played on Thursday evenings beginning April 9.

For more information or to register, call the Farragut Parks & Recreation office at 865-218-3376, register online at townoffarragut.org/register or visit the Parks & Recreation office at the Farragut Community Center.



Tennis and pickleball court update

Pickleball Courts at Mayor Bob Leonard Park

The new pickleball complex at Mayor Bob Leonard Park opened for play on Wednesday, Dec. 3. Specific courts and times can be reserved online at townoffarragut.org/register, in person at the Farragut Community Center or by phone at 865-218-3376. Courts are \$5 per hour, and reservations must be made 24 hours in advance.

Six courts will be available for reservations and three courts will be dedicated to open play. Drop-in play is welcome on these courts from 8 a.m.-10 p.m. daily.

There are two accessible parking spots at the pickleball complex. Vehicles without a Disabled Person (DP) parking placard or DP license plate may be ticketed or towed. All other pickleball complex users should utilize the Harrison Lane parking lot.

Tennis courts at McFee Park

The courts at McFee Park are now dedicated to tennis. Court reservations are required (a minimum of 24 hours in advance). As a thank you for patience during this transition, the use of tennis courts is free through March 1.

Athletic field availability at Farragut parks

Most natural turf athletic fields at Anchor, Mayor Bob Leonard and McFee Parks will open on Sunday, March 1. At Mayor Bob Leonard Park, the East Diamond field will open on Wednesday, April 1. For those athletic clubs that were not able to meet the field allocation deadline, a limited amount of field space may be available on a pre-pay basis. Athletic club representatives may contact the Parks & Recreation Department regarding pre-pay field use beginning at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 11.

Use of all Town of Farragut athletic fields requires proof of liability insurance and other paperwork provided by the Town. For more information, call the Farragut Parks & Rec office at 865-218-3376 or email AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org.



TOWN OF FARRAGUT *Quilt Show*

Quilt show returns to Farragut Community Center

The Town of Farragut's Arts and Beautification Committee is partnering with Farragut Parks & Recreation to host a quilt show on Saturday, Feb. 21 and Sunday, Feb. 22. The show will be free and open to the public from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. A reception with light refreshments will be held for quilt owners, family, friends and the public from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday.

Those interested in displaying their quilts should fill out an application at the Farragut Community Center or online at townoffarragut.org/townevents. Applications, which must include a photo of the quilt(s) to be displayed, are due by Friday, Jan. 23. Questions can be directed to Kalei Fisher at kfisher@townoffarragut.org.



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Holiday Events in Farragut

Celebrate the Season
From 4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4
Children can have photos taken with Santa and enjoy cookie decorating, crafts and light refreshments, including popcorn and a hot chocolate bar, at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.).
No registration is required.

Gingerbread House Competition
From 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11
Join a sweet competition at the community center! Build a gingerbread house with your team and compete in the "People's Choice" voting on social media. All supplies are provided. The competition is for all ages, and the cost is \$10 per team (up to four participants). Additional team members are \$5.
Register at www.townoffarragut.org/register by Dec. 9.

New Year's at Noon
Enjoy a family-friendly celebration of New Year's Eve from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, at the Farragut Community Center. The fun includes crafts, child-friendly bubbly drinks and snacks, and a giant balloon drop!
No registration is required for this free event.

For more information about these events, contact Recreation and Event Manager Rachel Malone at 865-218-3378 or at rmalone@townoffarragut.org.



“All is Bright”

The annual lighting of the Christmas tree, live entertainment, vendors’ booths, Putt-Putt and an inflatable drew families and couples to the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek for its “All Is Bright” event at the Pinnacle shopping complex along Parkside Drive Friday, Nov. 21.

While many enjoyed performances by Jingle 5, Tate School, Akima Club and the Glowing Ballerina, others had their photos taken with Santa; checked out vendors’ booths, such as Dollywood, Buff City Soap, Childhelp and more; and played Putt-Putt, compliments of Century Fire Protection.

With all the attractions, Elizabeth Hunter of Morgan County did not anticipate her boyfriend, Daniel Hunter, would propose at the event.

“I didn’t know anything about it,” she said.

Daniel chose to be by the tree when he made his move “to be by ourselves and to have it more intimate around the beautiful lights and beautiful scenery.”



Photos by Tammy Cheek

Jingle 5 group, from left, T.J. Williams, Olivia Diaz, Noah Gray, Casey Maxwell and Eric Naleicha, performed at the “All is Bright” event.

Williamson siblings, from left, Judah, 2; Joey, 5; and Kolbe, 4.



Madelyn Smith with children, Hazel, 6, months; Charlotte, 2; and Rose, 3



Olivia Ivanova, 6

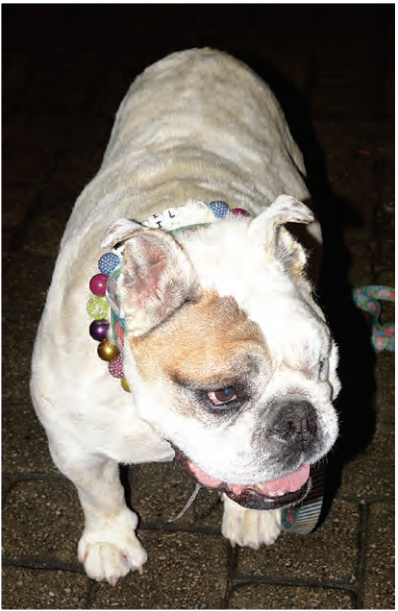


Above: Colton Johnson, 8, playing Putt-Putt

Right: Faridah Charnia and daughter, Roha Charnia, 8



Matilda



Above: Cesar Garcia with son Danny, 8

Left: Lilly Hunter for Dollywood



Just engaged: Elizabeth Blalock and Daniel Hunter

