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• A Knoxville woman reported her Old Navy credit card was used fraudulently at a Farragut Walgreens for more than \$500 in merchandise, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The woman told deputies on Nov. 30 that her card was used for a \$511.68 purchase at the Campbell Station Road location before she could lock the card or alert her bank.

The incident is linked to an earlier report in which her wallet, containing the same card, was stolen. The case was classified as misdemeanor credit or debit card fraud.

• Knox County Sheriff's Office is investigating a reported theft and forgery involving a check stolen from the Farragut Post Office mailbox at Municipal Center Drive. On Nov. 21, the complainant's bank contacted her about a suspicious \$4,200 check, which had its payee altered. The woman confirmed the check was not valid, and the bank voided the transaction before any funds were lost. The complainant told deputies she had mailed multiple checks from the location in August and could not provide the original payee, amount or check number.

• A man is accused of fraudulently obtaining pain medication by impersonating a doctor and faking a medical condition. On Nov. 28, EMS transported the suspect to Turkey Creek Medical Center in Farragut, allegedly under the direction of a caller posing as "Doctor Stevens." The caller claimed suspect required admission for pain management ahead of a surgery scheduled for the following Monday.

During the process, staff discovered there was no such doctor and no scheduled surgery. When questioned, the suspect admitted the story was false and asked to leave. He left the premises before the fraud was confirmed. The complainant, an ER charge nurse, said they later learned the suspect had attempted the same deception at other hospitals in the area.

• On Dec. 2, 2025, Knox County Sheriff's Office deputies took a report from the branch manager for a car rental company in Farragut. The manager reported that customer had failed to return a 2025 Nissan Altima, Kentucky license plate N7M750, which had been rented through the Kingston Pike location.

According to the report, the suspect was supposed to return the vehicle Sept. 30 but continued the rental by making payments for an extension. The last payment was recorded Nov. 3. After that date, no further payments were received, and the car was not returned, prompting the rental company to request a motor vehicle theft report.

• On Dec. 4, 2025, a complainant reported that a company vehicle had been stolen from a field at North Hobbs Road in West Knox County. The complainant said he parked the locked white 2010 Mitsubishi Fuso truck there on Nov. 24 and noticed it missing when he passed by on Nov. 27. He told the Teleserve Unit he has the only keys to the truck, which is valued at \$30,000. A records check showed the complainant's company listed as the lien holder, but the registered owner came back to a person unknown to the complainant. After being notified of the registration discrepancy, the detective advised the vehicle not be entered into NCIC until he gives further direction.

• A Knox County Sheriff's Office teleserve report details a misdemeanor theft of a delivered package from a Scenic Loop Way residence in Knoxville on Nov. 24, 2025. The victim reported on Dec. 4, 2025, a package containing a gray T-shirt with a dog face, valued at \$28.95, was delivered to her home at 1:14 p.m. while she was out of town. At about 5:06 p.m. that day, an unknown white female, about 5 feet 4 and 120 pounds with brown hair was seen on the victim's Ring camera kicking the package away from the front door and stealing it.



Alyssa Leicht, 10, and brother Jacob, 8, decorate cookies.



Tammy Cheek

"I'm eating my cookie," Teddy Nower, 2, exclaimed after he decorated the confection at Farragut's Celebrate the Season in Farragut Community Center Thursday, Dec. 4. Children had a chance to decorate cookies, make crafts, watch a movie and have a photo taken with Santa.

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and seeing the decorations," Smith said "In addition to the big tree, there were garlands along the railing on the second floor, and the Farragut Middle School chorus typically performed from the second floor, filling the rotunda with carols.

"There was other entertainment in the Board Room, and I especially remember the Farragut High School madrigal singers, who performed at Celebrate the Season for several years," she recalled. "The Bearden United Methodist Church Children's Bell Choir was also a staple.

"At the community center, we have more space to spread out," Smith said. "The kids really enjoy watching a movie

and eating popcorn in the Assembly Hall; and this year, we tried out a hot chocolate bar, which would have been too messy for Town Hall.

"The main attractions — photos with Santa, cookie decorating and kids' crafts — haven't changed. That's why so many families attend this event every year," she added.

This year, the fun started as they entered the door, where the hot chocolate bar was located. Children could dress up their hot chocolate with marshmallows, whipped cream and even sprinkles. Town staff and volunteers also provided popcorn for a movie the youngsters would see later.

In the large assembly room, children and families sat next to Santa for a photo opportunity.

"He comes to the event every

year," Allyson Lall said about her 11-year-old son, Max. "He loves it."

While children waited for their turn with Santa, they had an opportunity to make a craft in the room as well.

Then, families could move over to the large classroom, where the little ones could decorate Christmas cookies. Sometimes they needed help from parents; other times, they simply wanted to eat the cookie. All the while, volunteers, such as Bill Craddick and Dot LaMarche, were on hand to provide the cookies and decorating ingredients.

The gym also was active with children playing games, such as corn hole, and writing letters to Santa. The assembly room also provided space for a holiday movie.



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so much [to prepare me] for college,” Souther said. “I want to go into residential construction, and it has been really helpful.”

“We have done just about everything on the house, except the roof,” said Davanzo, adding, “It has really been a blessing to be part of something bigger than ourselves.”

“These kids get to see one small act can change a life forever,” Patton said. “These 78 students have touched that life. Their legacy will live on past us.”

The instructor, who has taught at Farragut for the last six years under the 865 Academy residential commercial construction pathway, said his students “are pretty much a family. The relationships they have with each other, and that I have with them, continue even after graduation.

“I’ve told them it’s my job to open doors for them, but it is their job to walk through them.

“I’ve also told them it doesn’t cost a thing to be nice, and they are seeing every day that they can change the world in some aspect.”

The project itself has reached beyond the doors of the construction classes.

“We’ve had students from all over the high school wanting to be part of this project even without taking the class,” Patton said. “It just shows how much passion these kids have to help.”

And, “the best part is the kids can see the construction [field] is not going anywhere, and they are making an impact,” he said. “We [Knox County students] are the first to do [Operation Hero’s Hill] in the country. If we can really show it works and involves students, we can make it go national.”

Many collaborators are making Operation Hero’s Hill a reality.

Rhonda Smithson, community engagement coordinator in the office of Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, said Farragut is one of six Knox County Schools’ Career and Technical Education programs — along with the Knox County Detention Center and the Skilled Trades Academy Regional Training Center — building houses for “Operation Hero’s Hill,” an initiative of Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs to provide homes for the 140 veterans experiencing homelessness in the county.

“Championed by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Operation Hero’s Hill is a transformative initiative dedicated to ending veteran homelessness by providing safe, stable and dignified housing for those who have given much in defense of our country,” a Knox County press release stated.

Standing on property desig-

nated for the project, Jacobs stated in a video, “this property will be transformed into a community for veterans who need a little more help finding a home of their own.

“Operation Hero’s Hill will consist of 20 tiny homes, a laundry facility, a gathering place and a computer lab,” he said. “The really cool part is the homes are being constructed by Knox County Schools Career and Technical Education students.

“Thanks to so many great partnerships, these students will spend the school year working with mentors and trade experts to build their construction skills and their workforce readiness,” the mayor said.

Knox County government has partnered with KCS, the START Center and The Associated General Contractors of Tennessee, Knoxville region, along with contractor D.R. Horton, Angelic Ministries and numerous other community partners and businesses to make Operation Hero’s Hill a reality.

At Farragut, Patton said contracting assistance has been provided by Steve Patton of Grace Electric, LeAnn Fritts of Interstate Mechanical, Brett Craig of George W. Reagan Co., Scott Green from the Lee Company and Gordon Hines of A.G. Hines Corp.

One overall financial sponsor partner is Realtor Julia Hurley, owner and principal broker of Just Homes Group in West Knoxville.

She serves on the advisory board for Farragut 865 Academy, “which is overseeing the Farragut builds,” she said, and also “serves on the board of the Association of General Contractors, Knoxville, which were brought in by the Knox County Mayor’s Office to be the connecting force for the builds.”

Additionally, Hurley is a member of Women in Construction, which is “pushing a focus for women in the construction industry,” she said, pointing to the leadership of Davanzo and Souther.

Hurley made a recent visit to FHS to see progress on its first “tiny home.”

“I’ve been through a bunch of new builds, and this looks really good,” she said.

Hurley said she sees this project as a harbinger of what could be accomplished regionally and beyond.

“This project is opening the door to see Knoxville create a national educational program while also serving the veterans community,” she said.

Hurley added that once the build is completed at Farragut, “we will also be sponsoring an open house for the family of the students and the local community to tour them and learn all about it.”

For more information about Operation Hero’s Hill, visit operationheroshill.com or e-mail to OperationHerosHill@knox-county.org



Michelle Hollenhead

Farragut High School residential commercial construction teacher Richie Patton, right, is pictured with FHS seniors and teaching assistants Jane Davanzo, left, and Sam Souther, in front of the first of two “tiny homes” students are building as part of Knox County’s Operation Hero’s Hill.

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Flagship
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help us rebuild so the students don't lose their season," she added.

To recover from the loss and replenish essential materials, Flagship Robotics has launched a fundraising campaign with a goal of \$15,000.

Funds will be used to replace robot-building materials, field-element lumber, polycarbonate, aluminum and other resources needed for the student team to stay on track for competition," Feathers stated.

Community members wishing to support Farragut Robotics can donate at: <https://www.givebacks.com/causes/22250da9-431c-47dd-83fe-f2d10569bd3d/campaigns/1809ca949acd25>

For additional information, contact Barrett at team3140@gmail.com

Barrett said the team is using a Givebacks account, instead of GoFundMe, because "The GoFundMe takes a percentage out of the funds via the credit card transaction and Givebacks does not.

"Farragut Robotics is part of the international FIRST Robotics Competition, which challenges high-school students to build industrial-quality robots, solve engineering problems and develop leadership and teamwork skills," Feathers stated. "The program prepares students for STEM careers and fosters innovation, creativity and community involvement."

Barretts said the lower building mainly contained wood the team used for making prototypes when investigating robotic solutions to whatever tasks its robot needs to perform.

"We also use wood to make field elements (game pieces) that our robot interacts with during a competition," she said. "With the competition different each year, we never know what we will need to make and continue to save the larger pieces each year for that purpose.

"The upper building mainly contained our materials we make the robot(s) from, primarily aluminum extrusion

(tube stock) and polycarbonate sheets, which we cut and/or bend to protect our bot or for funneling game pieces," Barretts said. "All the polycarbonate and aluminum are now gone. The fire was hot enough that some of the aluminum actually melted and, if not melted, the heat damaged the structural integrity of the rest to the point that we can no longer use it.

"Now, aside from the cost of replacement, the companies that supply all the teams are often out of stock at this time of year, so finding the same replacements may be difficult in time to have for our build season, which starts in early January and runs through March with competitions ending in early May," she said. "Our first competition is in the middle of March, at the Smoky Mountains Regional, so we need to have a robot designed, built, programmed and have practice time before then.

"That's a daunting task considering we are always building from the ground up and not allowed to use past robots," Barretts said. "No one knows what the competition will consist of until the video release on Jan. 10.

"At that time, all teams worldwide (more than 3,700 teams) will learn at the same time and will then be racing to get a viable robot ready for competition," she added.

"We are now trying to assess what we still have, exactly what we will need and where it is still in stock and get it ordered," Barretts said. "The remainder of the materials, which we lost, will also be replaced, but the urgency is for what is needed for the immediate season build.

"The local FIRST community, consisting of other Knox County teams, such as Hardin Valley Academy (Rohawktics), South Doyle High School (SoKno Robo), Webb High School and Oak Ridge High School (Secret City Wildbots), have all reached out to us and may be able to help us, and we appreciate the great community that FIRST embodies — co-operation, teams helping teams be their best," she said.

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This is a commentary expressing appreciation for the Town Board of Farragut, in seeing through the completion of the new pickleball courts off of Watt Road at the MBLP. We wish the pickleball players all the best in their new location. These new courts are specifically designed facilities and yes, whether one plays the game, or not, players have the right to enjoy the pursuit of a game that affords camaraderie and exercise.

But the point is this; despite Town officials receiving criticism, whether justified or not, we, as residents should feel more than a little posi-

tive regarding the Board's action in mitigating a problem that no one really saw coming. For this, we give appreciation, especially to the former vice mayor who went to great lengths to see what the problem with noise was over in the McFee area. Thanks also go to the mayor and aldermen in place at the time when the decision was made to put Farragut resident's well-being to the forefront. The new design that the BOMA approved for the newly completed pickleball courts appears efficient, and the Parks & Rec director who diligently oversaw an effective, dedicated facility

within reasonable cost parameters.

Finally, this serves as a good lesson as the Town moves forward; when new plans for public facilities, parks, walkways and the like are just ideas on the drawing board, can we seek input from those with long-term vision? Advisory boards using residents in adjacent subdivisions would serve to give us a deeper local insight. Farragut is filling in; its open spaces are dwindling; any changes in the future will mean more residents will be affected, their opinions are very valuable and needed.

Helping
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to match funds, resulting in a total of \$200,000 to support food assistance services.

Currently, "Second Harvest distributes about 436,000 meals a week across East Tennessee," Second Harvest senior marketing and creative strategist Jon Rice said. In fiscal year 2025, "we distributed more than 27 million pounds of food (or 22.7 million meals) through

our 18-county service area. That works out to about 1.9 million meals per month, or 436,538 per week.

"Each month we serve on the order of 195,000 people on average," he said. "These meals are delivered via partner food pantries, mobile drive-thru distributions, area schools, senior-serving programs and nutrition classes.

"Our goal is to keep an ample supply of food in our warehouse for our pantry partners and food distribution pro-

grams year-round, but spikes in need sometimes strain our inventory," Rice said. "For example, we activated a contingency plan to deal with sharply rising demand due to the government shutdown.

"With the support of our community, we were able to add extra shelf-stable food to our holiday meal boxes, send additional staples to area food pantries and create emergency food boxes for families who stopped by our Maryville facility in need of groceries," he said.

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As an investor, you will always need to deal with risk of some kind. How can you manage the risk that accompanies the volatility of the financial markets? The answer depends somewhat on where you are in life.

When you're starting out ... If you're early in your career, with perhaps four or five decades until you retire, you can likely afford to invest primarily for growth, which also means you'll be taking on a higher level of risk – because risk and reward are positively correlated. But, given your age, you will have time to overcome the market downturns that are both inevitable and a normal part of investing. Still, even at this stage, being over-aggressive can be costly.

When you're in the "middle stages" ... At this time of your life, you're possibly well along in your career and working on at least a couple of financial goals, such as saving for retirement and your children's college education. You'll want to begin adjusting the balance in your portfolio between assets with higher growth and those with lower growth since there will be progressively less time to rebuild losses. You'll need to decide on the balance between risk and growth that's right for you.

When you're a few years from retirement ... You may have already achieved some key goals – perhaps your children have finished college and you've paid off your mortgage. As a result, you may have more money available to put away for retirement. Growth still matters because your retirement could be 25 or 30 years long, and you'll need investments that can keep up with inflation. But you'll also need investments designed to help provide for your income needs in retirement and provide more stability. Also consider reducing your exposure to higher risk investments and instead consider investing more in stable dividend-paying stocks, government and investment-grade bonds, and cash.

When you're retired ... Once you're retired, you might think you should take no risks at all with substantial assets held in cash. However, you could spend two or three decades in retirement, so you may need some growth potential in your portfolio to stay ahead of inflation. A more balanced mix between equities and fixed income is generally appropriate. Establishing a withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your lifestyle and projected longevity can help reduce the risk of outliving your money. Of course, if there's an extended market downturn during any time of your retirement, you may want to temporarily lower your withdrawal rate.

Managing investment risk is a lifelong process that evolves with your goals, responsibilities and time horizon. While you'll look for balance among your investments based on your life stage, having a balanced and diversified portfolio doesn't fully protect against a loss.

Still, aligning your strategy with your stage of life can help navigate market volatility and stay on track toward long-term success while avoiding emotional investment decisions. The key is staying informed and making intelligent choices that reflect your current income needs and future aspirations.

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Turner Homes relocates to larger Farragut office

New location to be shared by affiliated companies



Rendering courtesy of Turner Homes

The Farragut community soon will see a new building in place of the FirstBank building at 11820 Kingston Pike, as Turner Homes has acquired the property and is moving its offices from 11543 Kingston Pike, in front of Village Green shopping center, to a new office at the 11820 Kingston Pike location.

Tammy Cheek
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Turner Homes is moving down the street to a new office in Farragut. This month, the company will relocate from its current location at 11543 Kingston Pike to 11820 Kingston Pike. “We couldn’t be more excited about our new office and what it means for our company and over 100 employees,” Turner Homes President Andrew Fraser said. “The space is designed to bring our teams together in a way that strengthens collaboration and reflects the culture we’ve worked hard

to build.” Fraser said the company is pleased to remain in Farragut, “a community that has supported our growth and been such a big part of our story.” Turner Homes will be joined in the new space by affiliated companies that work together to create an integrated home-buying experience: Clouds Rest Development, a land development company; Woody Creek Realty, a brokerage and property management company; and Fortress Title, a title company. Erin McCarty, Turner Homes marketing and communications director, said the current office is about 2,100

square feet, while the Woody Creek Realty office is 1,000 square feet. The new office, which will house both companies and the other affiliates, is 7,440 square feet. “We will be out of our current space by the end of December and hope to move directly to the new office,” she said. “We’ll add finishing touches after the New Year and plan to hold an open house in the spring.” McCarty said the company has been searching for office space to accommodate the combined growth of its affiliated companies. “When evaluating the new location,

our design and build teams saw its potential to become the work environment we envisioned,” she said. The space was intentionally designed to foster collaboration, with areas for teams to plan, brainstorm and work together, McCarty said. Multiple conference rooms will support both small and large group meetings. The location also offers outdoor space for company-wide gatherings and events. Patio tables will provide additional outdoor workspaces, and newly added garage doors along the back

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David’s Abbey luncheon

The staff of David’s Abbey Carpets & Floors, 10853 Kingston Pike in Patriot’s Corner, were treated to an appreciation luncheon in the Farragut store Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Laura Sayers



businessbriefs

• Rather & Kittrell in Farragut recently announced the hiring of Nathan Miller as an associate advisor. Miller will be working with existing RK advisors to help clients make informed decisions with their money. Miller joined Rather & Kittrell this month and graduated from University of Tennessee with a degree in finance and a minor in economics. While at UT, he was selected to participate in the Torch Fund, a highly competitive experiential learning program where students manage real investment portfolios. Before joining RK, Miller

worked for an RIA, which is headquartered in New York, gaining experience supporting client relationships and the financial planning process. He is a Knoxville native and graduate of Farragut High School. • Loudon ALIVE recently announced the city of Loudon has been awarded a multi-year \$84,000 Levitt AMP grant, with matching funds committed by the City of Loudon, to bring a brand new, free outdoor music series to Tate & Lyle Performing Arts Amphitheater in Loudon Municipal Park in 2026.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Rural Metro fire truck



Gene Hansen, Medic; Lauren Diane, AEMT



Canine Deputy Ryan Collins

Concord Christian School hosts annual First Responders Day

Concord Christian School hosted its annual **First Responders Day** on **Tuesday, November 4th**, from **11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** on the Farragut campus. The event brought together law enforcement officers, emergency medical teams, and fire service professionals to give students an up-close look at the world of public safety. K-12 students had the opportunity to explore interactive demonstrations and displays from several agencies, including the **Knox County Sheriff’s Office Aviation Unit, Lifestar Helicopter, KCSO K-9 Unit, Tennessee Highway Patrol, AMR Ambulance, and Rural Metro Fire Department.** From helicopters and rescue equipment to K-9 demonstrations and patrol vehicles, students gained firsthand insight into the tools and training first responders use every day. First Responders Day was designed to both educate and inspire—helping students better understand the vital roles these professionals play in keeping communities safe, while also introducing exciting career paths in public safety and emergency services.

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Briefs

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2027 and 2028.

In a show of community spirit, Loudon County placed first in a statewide voting stage of the Levitt AMP Grant Competition.

"This achievement reflects the dedication of residents, businesses and supporters who spread the word and cast their votes to bring live music to Loudon," said Tammy Roberts, a board member of Loudon Alive. "We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated. Your voices made this victory possible."

Beginning next summer, Levitt AMP Loudon Music Series will transform the amphitheater into a gathering place with seven to 10 free concerts each year, featuring diverse artists and genres. Families, friends and neighbors will be able to enjoy

world-class performances under the stars — all at no cost.

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Reef Coffee ribbon cutting

The Reef Coffee Shop owner Andrew Ingram (with scissors) is surrounded by supporters as he prepares to cut the ribbon in a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event for the new coffee shop at 138 West End Ave., in West End Center, Tuesday, Dec. 2.

Glen Coleman

Oasis Senior Advisors

Andrew Vogel (with scissors) and wife Kari Vogel (with baby), owners of the home-based Oasis Senior Advisors, with their 3 ½-month-old daughter Millie, celebrated the launching of Oasis Senior Advisors with Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members at a FWKCC-sponsored ribbon cutting in Farragut Community Center Tuesday, Nov. 18.

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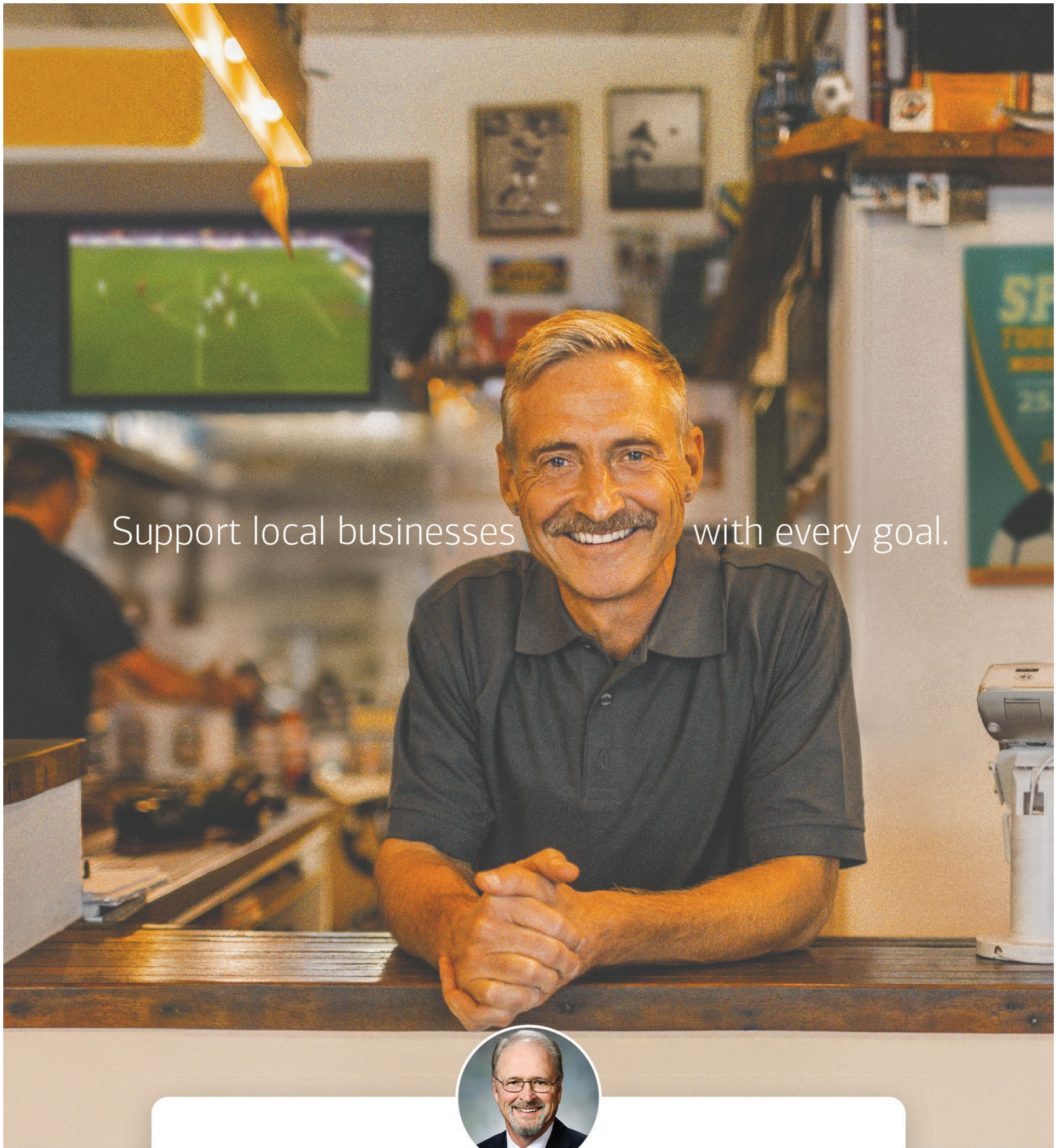


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Tony Cox

Farragut's Lilly Mullins elevates for a short jumper against Hardin Valley on Friday night. Mullins finished with seven points as the Lady Admirals defeated the Hawks 57-40 to open district play. Farragut improved to 3-4 overall and 1-0 in District 4-4A.

Lady Admirals show more depth

Bill Howard
Correspondent

In its District 4-4A opener last Friday night at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, Farragut High School's girls' basketball team had a nice bounce-back from its previous game three nights before.

In that game, the Lady Admirals mustered a mere 37 points in a loss to Maryville. Friday night against district foe Hardin Valley Academy, FHS put up 35 in the first

half alone en route to a comfortable 57-40 win.

"We used our depth a lot better," Jason Mayfield said, Farragut coach. "We haven't played well the last two games. Practice was really good since Tuesday and we came in and made some good shots."

"The second quarter is what really got away from us," said Lady Hawks' coach Jennifer Galloway. "They got a

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Bulldogs retain perfect record

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Knoxville — Despite watching his team notch an apparent lopsided win to open District 4-4A play, Bearden High School boys basketball coach Jeremy Parrott made it perfectly clear.

The Bulldogs can play better and Parrott didn't sound like a coach whose team kept its perfect record intact.

"I don't know what to think about them sometimes," Parrott said of the Bulldogs after they toppled Oak Ridge, 81-55, Friday night before a spirited house in West Knoxville. "I just think we can play much better, and I'm not talking about the score, I'm just talking about the little things that we can do better."

Bearden (8-0 overall,

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Lady Dawgs exact payback on Wildcats

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Knoxville — Bearden High School's girls basketball team opened District 4-4A play on a winning note late last week.

In doing so, the Lady Bulldogs exacted a little revenge against new league opponent Oak Ridge, which defeated them to win the Region 2-4A Championship last season.

Bearden (7-1 overall, 1-0 in the district) gave up the first basket of the

game but wasted little time seizing control of the contest on its way to capturing a 76-36 victory at Bearden.

After the Lady Wildcats' Se'Quari Stewart scored the game's first basket, Bearden close the opening frame on a 22-7 run. And from there the Lady Bulldogs cruise into the win column in a truly dominant performance in its sixth consecutive victory.

The Lady Bulldogs,

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Admirals stay steady late to edge Hawks



Tony Cox

Farragut's Daniel Lanning rises for a fast-break layup against Hardin Valley Academy on Friday night. Lanning scored nine points as the Admirals rallied from a five-point deficit in the fourth quarter to defeat the Hawks, 69-62, in a rivalry matchup.

Bill Howard
Correspondent

It was a wild start to district play last Friday night for Farragut High School's boys' basketball team at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

Against 4-4A rival Hardin Valley Academy, the Admirals led until late in the third, lost the lead until late in the fourth, then managed a late surge to hang on for a 69-62 win.

FHS coach JP Burris had praise for the youthful, upstart Hawks. "Credit to them," he said. "For them being a young team, they play so hard. They're well-coached."

"Credit to Farragut," Hawks' coach Andy Arendt said. "They came back; our youth and inexperience showed up a little bit at the end."

The teams traded baskets in the first quarter to a 14-all tie with 2:31 left in the period. The final five points – two layups and a free throw – went to Farragut, who led 19-14 after one.

HVA pulled to within two in the second – 25-23 with 3:14 left – but consecutive threes by Dan Lanning and Parker Lane gave the Admirals a 31-23 lead with 2:13 to go.

Three free throws later, the Admirals' lead was 11, 34-23, but HVA scored the final five points of the half to cut FHS's intermission lead to six, 34-28.

A minute into the third, Farragut led 35-30. Then Kymani Smith took over.

Smith, a freshman guard, was unstoppable, repeatedly driving to the hoop and scoring 16 of HVA's remaining 18 points in the quarter. His layup with 1:08 left in the period gave the Hawks their first lead, 47-46. Down 49-46 with under a

minute left. FHS scored the final four points to lead 50-49 after three.

He's special," Arendt said of Smith. "He has

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Maryville hands Admirals first defeat

Bill Howard
Correspondent

It was a battle of unbeaten last Tuesday night when Farragut High School's boys' basketball team traveled to play Maryville High School.

Several times throughout the game it appeared the Rebels – no longer a District 4-4A rival – would run the Admirals out of the gym. But FHS hung in, and never stopped fighting.

In the end, the Rebels' size – typified by 6-9 post Luke Sigmund – was too much. Sigmund not only scored 24 points – 22 on layups or dunks – but was a defensive menace as well, in leading MHS to a 67-54 win.

"We have a team of guys that aren't gonna back down, they're not gonna stop playing," FHS coach JP Burris said. "In the sec-

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Dominant home opener

Alan Sloan
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — It was a dominant home-opening night for both Hardin Valley Academy varsity basketball teams Tuesday, Dec. 2, as they swept Carter.

Head coach Jennifer Galloway’s Lady Hawks rolled to a 65-23 victory, improving to 3-3 to start the week.

Andy Arendt’s Hawks built a 22-point lead before securing a 68-58 win over the Hornets, pushing their record to 5-2.

Lady Hawks 65, Carter 23

“I thought we did a good job of moving the basketball,” Galloway said. “We were able to get out in transition.

“We showed a lot of unselfish play making the extra pass. Our girls have really bought

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1-0 in the district) was able to avenge last year’s season-ending loss to the Wildcats in the Region 2-4A Tournament semifinals, but it fell behind early and found itself trailing, 12-9 midway through the first quarter.

But the Bulldogs couldn’t be kept down for long as they closed the inaugural frame on a 15-6 run to open a 24-16 advantage by quarter’s end. From there, they would never trail again in the first-ever meeting between the two teams as district opponents.

“I don’t ever remember us playing them in December,” Parrott said. “We’ve played in the region tournament and it seems like we’ve always ended each other’s season and I’ve been here, this is my 10th year.”

After the somewhat slow start, the Bulldogs kicked their defense in high gear and Bearden forced the young

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a chance to be the best player to ever play at Hardin Valley. We’re excited to coach him for the next four years.

“Smith played out of his mind,” Burris said. “He was unreal.”

Five straight to start the fourth gave HVA a 54-50 lead. Twice in the period the Hawks led by five, the second time 59-54 with 5:06 left.

But over the next 3:41, the Admirals went on an 11-1 run – five by senior forward Reid

into our defense. We did a good job of protecting and controlling the boards.”

Andree Riehn led HVA with 14 points, while Alaina Lineberry pulled down 12 rebounds.

HVA Boys 68, Carter 58

“We played a really good game for us,” Arendt said. “We were up 17 at halftime. I think we built a 22-point lead at one point. We hit 14 three-pointers. We shot well.

“But we didn’t finish well,” he added. “I think that’s at least due to our youth and inexperience.”

Senior Colin Dyrness led the Hawks with 19 points, hitting six of seven from three-point range.

Freshman Kymani Smith added 10 points, seven rebounds, five assists and four steals.

Wildcats squad in to 20 turnovers and Bearden converted those Wildcats’ miscues into points.

“We have a lot of inexperience. We lost four starters,” Oak Ridge coach Aaron Green said. “But the bottom line is you have to take care of the ball and you can’t turn it over against a team like that.

“We’re a young team and they’re all good kids and as long as we continue to play hard, they’ll continue to get better.”

The Bulldogs continued to build upon their advantage throughout the contest. They extended their lead to 46-32 by halftime before all but putting the contest away with a 19-6 run in the third stanza.

Bearden, which defeated geographic and one-time district rival Knoxville West, 76-25, to open the week at home on Tuesday, Dec. 2, had four players post double figures in the scoring column against the Wildcats.

Vining – and led 65-60 with 1:25 left in the game. Smith’s layup made it 65-62 with a minute left, but Farragut closed it out with the final four points, all on free throws.

Vining led all scorers with 20. Lane got 17 and Britton Lewis added 15. Smith had 18 for HVA.

“I’m proud of our guys for staying resilient and getting over the hump, especially when we were down a couple of possessions there in the fourth,” Burris said. FHS improved to 6-1, 1-0.

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who extended their advantage to 36-19 by halftime, picked up stellar performance from three guards in the contest.

Senior Natalya Hodge, a Missouri signee and one of the area’s top players scored 27 points for the Lady Bulldogs, including 16 before halftime. She received plenty of help from her supporting cast as Riley Hunt had 17 points and Emma Rainey finished with 12.

And that was just what Bearden coach Justin Underwood wanted to see.

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lot of second-chance opportunities and were able to capitalize. We had a few untimely turnovers.”

Galloway’s observation about the second quarter was correct. After leading 13-9 at the end of one, FHS (3-4, 1-0 District) led 17-13 with 5:33 left in the second. Over the rest of the half, the Lady Admirals outscored HVA (3-5, 0-1) 18-2 to lead 35-15 at intermission.

In the run, Farragut got

Admirals first

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ond half we got stops; we just couldn’t score. We missed a lot of shots. Maybe it was tired legs. We don’t have a super defense, but that’s a really good team.”

“There’s no quit in them (FHS),” MHS coach Wes Lambert said. “They stayed active, they stayed engaged ... it was a great game for both of us.”

“When Riley, Nat and Emma get going, they can all handle (the basketball) and all three can all shoot it,” Underwood said. “And I felt like in spots that they all looked really, really, really good tonight.”

Hunt scored all 17 of her points in the second half while Rainey had 10 points over the first 16 minutes of the contest. M.C. LeMarbre scored nine points in the game and provided an early offensive spark for the Lady Bulldogs.

The lopsided margin gave Underwood the chance to get all of his players into the game for some valuable experience

six from senior guard KJ McNealy, a three-point play by senior wing Reagan Sheridan and three consecutive treys, the first two by junior guard Zoe Porter and the other by freshman wing Alorah Branam.

The Lady Hawks didn’t go away in the second half – they outscored FHS by three – but the outcome was never in doubt.

A three-point play by post Audree Reihn cut the deficit to 14, 39-25, with 3:56 left in the third. But, Farragut promptly

Farragut led 4-2 early, before seven straight by the Rebels gave them a 9-4 lead. Up 9-6, MHS scored five in a row to lead 14-6 before Parker Lane’s trey made it 14-9. Maryville led 16-9 after one.

A 6-2 run to start the second brought the Admirals to within three, 18-15, with 6:33 left in the half; but over the next 3:42, Maryville outscored Farragut 13-5 and led 30-21 with 2:51 left. The halftime score was 37-25,

in a crucial league game.

“It was nice to get everybody to touch the floor in a district game,” Underwood said. “It was a good opportunity to get them seasoned in games that matter.

“For our first district game, I’ll definitely take it and I was definitely pleased. We still have a lot to do, plenty to work on, but (we have) a lot of positive spots.”

Lady Bulldogs won easily against Knoxville West: Bearden opened the week at home by routing the Lady Rebels, 79-9, on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

answered with a pair of threes – by Lily Mullins and Porter – to regain a 20-point lead. The third ended with FHS leading 47-31.

Down 19 in the fourth, the Lady Hawks ran off seven straight to trail by 12, 52-40, with 2:50 left; but they didn’t score again, and McNealy scored the game’s final five points, all on free throws.

For the game McNealy scored 17; Sheridan added 11. Reihn scored 17 for HVA and was effective in the paint.

MHS.

The teams almost perfectly traded baskets in the third. A three-pointer by Aiden Foshee with two seconds left brought FHS to within 11, 52-41.

When Britton Lewis hit a layup 22 seconds into the fourth, FHS trailed by only nine, 52-43. But over the next minute and a half, the Rebels promptly outscored the Admirals 8-2, and led 60-45 with 6:10 left in the game.

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The Rev. Will Cantrell, far left, senior pastor, led officials and families in the current children’s ministries and Deena Greer, far right, executive director with Concord Adult Day Enrichment Services, in breaking ground on a new children’s ministry wing at the church Sunday, Nov. 23. The new wing also will provide more space for CADES.

CUMC breaks ground to continue faithful mission

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“There is much to celebrate,” Sabine Collins, Concord United Methodist Church administrative pastor, told the CUMC flock during a church service in the church, 11020 Roane Drive, Farragut, Sunday Nov. 23, to commemorate the church’s 160-year anniversary. Since 1865, the church has grown, both its buildings and its missions. Now, it embarks on a new mission — building a children’s ministry wing, for which its leaders and members broke ground that Sunday. “Today, we give thanks that we stand in an unbroken line of followers of Christ going back to the original disciples,” said the Rev. Will Cantrell, senior pastor.

“Throughout the history of Concord United Methodist Church, we have been blessed by an unbroken line of faithful pastors who have helped our congregation remain unified and committed to our mission to make disciples by sharing Christ, serving others and growing in faith,” he said. In a video, members past and present shared their good wishes for the church and its anniversary. Later in the service, former pastor, the Rev. Bill Kilday, remembered the day he was told he was going to come to CUMC. He served the church for five years. Kilday shared a story about a trip to New Mexico, when his group found themselves in the desert in the dark, but someone left the car door open

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Top-selling NES student



Photo submitted

Northshore Elementary School student Everett Sigmon was awarded as one of the top selling students in the Knox County coupon books campaign in 2025. Everett, joined by Dr. Andrew Brown, assistant superintendent of Student Services for Knox County Schools, sold 100 books or more in the coupon book sales program and received his certificate during a countywide celebration at the Main Event in Cedar Bluff Friday, Nov. 7, when Knox County Schools recognized top-selling students from the 2025 campaign, which raised nearly \$1 million dollars to fund school needs identified by teachers and administrators. The top sellers were Javion Morgan from Chilhowee Intermediate and Tavarius Morgan from Holston Middle. They both sold 250 books each to claim the top spots for both elementary and middle schools. Everett was one of six other students who sold 100 books or more.

O’Brien receives Hidden Hero Award

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A holiday music performance, honoring a “hidden hero,” donating to a local food bank and welcoming a new member sparked the Rotary Club of Farragut’s Christmas spirit at its meeting Wednesday, Dec. 4, at Fox Den Country Club. The meeting began with a performance by Webb School of Knoxville’s Madrigal Singers, who performed holiday and humorous music. The club welcomes the singers every December. Then, ROF president Candace Viox presented Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry executive director Renee Stone with \$800 the club raised at its Rotary Reserve Bourbon and Wine Affair fundraiser Oct. 19. Stone thanked the club and said Shepherd of Hope raised a record amount of food and financial donations in November when people heard about federal SNAP food program cutbacks. “I am proud to be part of this community,” she said. The club also selected Ro-



Tammy Cheek

Rotary Club of Farragut public image chair and webmaster Thomas Woodbery, left, presented RCF member Jim O’Brien with the club’s Hidden Hero Award during its meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, Dec. 3. tarian Jim O’Brien as the 2025 recipient of its Hidden Hero Award. O’Brien said he was honored and humbled to be chosen. Nominated by his daughter, Meghan Jackson, the award recognizes an unsung hero in Knox County who goes out of his or her way to serve others in need. “The Hidden Hero Award is how we honor individuals in our community who exemplify the Rotary motto of Service Above Self,” Viox said.

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Ingestion of large amounts of chocolate can cause vomiting, diarrhea, tremors and seizures. Unfortunately, in high amounts, chocolate toxicity can be fatal.

Chocolate also contains caffeine, which also can be a problem for dogs, although it stays in the system for a much shorter time. The fats and sugars in rich chocolate desserts can cause varying degrees of gastrointestinal distress and potentially pancreatitis.

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



Ask the Vet
Dr. Stephanie Myers

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CUMC

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and the light shining, guiding them the way back to their vehicle.

As such, he said, "God's door is always open and the light is always on ... For the last 160 years, this church has kept the doors open and the light on."

That afternoon, the congregation again gathered to break ground for the children's wing.

"We want to thank Ruth Ellis for allowing us to use the plow that comes from her family and Jack Thompson and his family," Cantrell said. "It goes all the way back to the founding of this church and old Concord.

"We are so thankful to have you here today," he added.

Ellis remembered the many years the plow was used at the church for other groundbreaking.

She remembered, "Joseph Milton Morton (her maternal great-grandfather) on horseback with two other men on

horseback and a lady in a buggy, as lay members of Martel Methodist Church, road up to Concord in 1865 and helped start Concord Methodist Church.

"The tradition of using the plow, which belonged to William Franklin Thompson Sr. (the paternal grandfather of

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- **The CAC Office on Aging is collecting donations for the Feed-A-Pet program**, which provides pet food to income-limited older adults who struggle to afford to feed their companion animals. Visit www.knoxseniors.org/our-services/feed-a-pet/ for a list of items needed, drop-off locations and links to donate online.
- **The Home Builders Association of Greater Knoxville is hosting a Housing Economics presentation** on Thursday, Dec. 11 from 3 to 5 p.m. in the ORNL FCU Conference Room at 2077 Town Center Blvd. UT Professor Emeritus Bill Fox will discuss the Tennessee and local economy while NAHB Chief Economist Rob Dietz will give an insightful view of macro economics, industry issues, policy and the Fed. Both speakers will deliver graphic illustrations of

their data during the presentation and there may be the opportunity for Q & A if time allows.

- **East Tennessee PBS is holding a community food drive supporting Wesley House Community Center.** On Friday, Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., people are invited to drive through the East Tennessee PBS parking lot, located at 1611 East Magnolia Ave. Volunteers will meet you at your car to collect non-perishable food donations. Visitors will be greeted by PBS Kids characters. Requested donations include canned vegetables and fruit; canned proteins (tuna, chicken, beans); pasta, rice, boxed meals; and shelf-stable pantry items.
- **Former San Francisco 49ers offensive lineman Jon Feliciano is teaming up with**

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been the dream of the church. It's time.

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The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut, at its meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2025, adopted the following ordinance on second and final reading:

a. Ordinance 25-18, an ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Investment Fund and ARPA Fund Budgets, Passed by Ordinance 25-10.

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025 AT 6:00 PM | WORKSHOP AT 5:15PM

DISCUSSION OF TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY WITHIN PARENT RESPONSIBILITY ZONES

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Appointment of Alderman Liaison to Visual Resources Review Board

V. Ordinances & Resolutions

A. Ordinances

1. First Reading

a. Approval of Ordinance 25-24, an Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee on First Reading, Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Investment Program Fund Budget, Passed by Ordinance 25-10

2. Second Reading & Public Hearing

a. Approval of Ordinance 25-15 on Second Reading, an Ordinance to Amend Various Provisions of the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22., Article

5. - Driveways and Other Access Ways (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

b. Approval of Ordinance 25-19 on Second Reading, to Amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Investment Program Fund and American Rescue Plan Act (ARP A) Fund Budgets,

Passed by Ordinance 25-10

B. Resolutions

1. Resolution R-2025-22, Authorizing the Town to Participate in the Public Entity Partners "James L. Richardson Driver Safety" Matching Grant Program

2. Resolution R-2025-23 Authorizing the Town to Participate in the Public Entity Partners Cybersecurity Matching Grant Program

3. Resolution R-2025-24 Designating Depositories and Authorizing Official Signatures for Town Bank Accounts

VI. Business Items

A. Approval of Use of Eminent Domain Authority to Purchase Easements for the Union Road Improvements Project

B. Approval of State Contract 88764 to Purchase 2026 Ford Maverick A WD Supercrew from Lonnie Cobb Ford

C. Approval of State Contract 88764 to Purchase 2026 F-250 XL 4X4 Crew Cab from Lonnie Cobb Ford

VII. Citizens Forum

VIII. Town Administrator's Report

IX. Town Attorney's Report

X. Adjournment

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, December 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

I) Call to Order

II) Approval of Agenda

III) Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for the November 20, 2025 meeting

IV) Action Items

A) Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for the Biddle Farms Townhomes, 305 Hudson Bay Lane, Parcel 003.24, Tax Map 143, 47 Dwelling Units, Zoned PCD and FPD (Homestead Land Holdings, LLC, Applicant)

B) Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for the Mamone property, 317 Everett Road, 3.71 Acres, Four House Lots, Zoned R-1 and FPD (Benchmark Associates, Applicant)

C) Discussion and public hearing on a request to amend the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Zoning, Chapter 3, Section XII. - General Commercial District (C-1), Subsection F. Mixed Use Town Center, 3., Building Facade Requirements, to provide for new buildings to follow the Town of Farragut Architectural Design Standards, as amended, for the Town Center Subarea and remove reference to the Town Center Design Requirements (The Architecture Collaborative, Applicant)

D) Discussion and public hearing on a request to rezone Parcel 05501, Tax Map 152 and Parcel 055, Tax Map 152 (12232 Turkey Creek Road) from Agricultural (A) to General Single-Family Residential (R-2) (Midtown Legal, Applicant)

E) Discussion and public hearing on a request to amend the Farragut Code of

Ordinances, Appendix A - Zoning, Chapter 3, Section XVII. Office district (O-1), Subsection B. Permitted principal and accessory uses and structures, to add "Interactive Sports Analysis Services" as a permitted use and to include a definition for "Interactive Sports Analysis Services" in Chapter 2 of the Zoning Ordinance (Christian Miller, Applicant)

F) Discussion and public hearing on an ordinance to amend the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Chapter 24, Subpart B., Article 3 - Vested Rights in Development Standards, by providing for updated provisions consistent with recent amendments to the Tennessee Code Annotated (TCA) (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

V) Discussion Items

VI) Approval of Utilities

VII) Citizens Forum

The Farragut Municipal Planning Commission welcomes and invites Farragut residents to participate in public meetings.

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Rotary
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O'Brien's inspiration to serve others started as a Cub Scout, then continued when he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he had a 27-year career, retiring as a colonel.

After his retirement, O'Brien and his wife, Diane, moved to Farragut in 1994. He formed two companies during the next 30 years before retiring a third time in 2024.

Thomas Woodbery, who organized the Hidden Hero Award and serves as the club's public image chair and webmaster, detailed O'Brien's service record.

"O'Brien volunteered as part of an international team that produced a major grant in 2013 from Rotary International for a public education program for women's breast cancer in Turkey," Woodbery said. "O'Brien has been an active leader in the

mission of his church, serving on pastoral, stewardship and financial councils.

"He has served for years on the board of advisors of Catholic Charities and will soon join the board of The Thrift Shop of Concord United Methodist Church," Woodbery said.

"Having lived in, served in and traveled in over 70 countries, Jim O'Brien is sensitive to the challenges faced by refugees, which led him to serve for seven years as chairman of Bridge Refugee Services of East Tennessee," Woodbery said.

"O'Brien has been a service leader in the Rotary Club of Farragut for decades. In addition to the health education grant, he was instrumental in forming the club's charitable foundation in 2020. Most recently, O'Brien volunteered at Inter-Faith Health Center's community open house in Knoxville, assisting veterans in search of dental care."

Planner
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Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee and Triple F Training to bring holiday cheer to the Knoxville community through a Christmas dinner giveaway. Meals will be distributed Saturday, Dec. 13, from 2 to

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Thousands flocked to Founders Park at Campbell Station to enjoy Town of Farragut’s Countdown to Light the Park, which took place Monday night, Nov. 24, featuring about 100,000 lights, Santa and Mrs. Claus, live entertainment and crafts.

Tennova Healthcare started the event as its administration team handed out cookies and milk. At the same time, Town staff handed out special 3-D glasses, so people could enjoy the lights later; parents helped children make crafts or write letters to Santa; Whitney Kent, executive host at WVLTV, emceed the event; and performers, such as Meredith Laing Jazz Trio, Spectra Twirlers and Chattanooga singer Andrew Witherspoon, entertained the crowd.

To usher in the tree lighting moment, Farragut High School drummers, the Grinch and Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrived in time for Farragut Mayor Ron Williams and Santa to flip the switch.



Photos by Tammy Cheek

Tennova Healthcare’s administration team, from left, Suzanne Thames, Joseph Bullen, Travis Simmons and Holly Dallura, were ready to hand out cookies and milk.



Ellis Pena, 3



From left, Ruvie Smith, John Wrapp, Monica Dziurzynsky, Hannah Clark, Lori Jones and Sage Howe



Madison Baker with daughters, from left, Winnie, 4, Essye, 6, and Addie, 8



Town’s Tourism team, from left, Donna Spangler, Haley Elliott and Hallie Reid



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