



## Officials push for clarity on sheriff coverage

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Concerns regarding law enforcement coverage in the Town mount, leading Mayor Ron Williams, during the mayor's report segment of the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen's Thursday, April 9 meeting, to ask Town administrator David Smoak to contact Municipal Technical Advisory Service. Smoak will be asking MTAS to "provide an analysis of current du-

ties and responsibilities of the Knox County Sheriff's [Office] and primarily throughout Tennessee, particularly as it pertains to cities ... that have no additional law enforcement," Williams said.

"Also, I would like to ask MTAS to research what authorities cities have to reach agreements with their county sheriff for enhanced law enforcement coverage," he added.

"Let's do it," Alderman Drew Burnette added.

"I think it would help give us a lot of

guidance," Alderman Alex Cain added.

"Our residents have been pretty vocal about the need of having sheriff's coverage, patrols, in our community for some time now, and I think getting this moving is a great idea," Alderman Joe LaCroix said.

"I agree," Vice Mayor Scott Meyer said. "Fantastic idea."

"We've done research on this, but I think it would be helpful for MTAS to weigh in," Town attorney Tom Hale said. "They've probably answered your

question any number of times over the years, although I'm sure it comes up frequently."

"Well, it has," Williams said. "And, it's come up frequently here in Town to the point to where we no longer have a precinct in our Town, and we're the only town that doesn't have one."

"My concern is what can they do to help us?" he added.

"We'll be happy to contact MTAS about the question," Smoak said. "We'll try to get an answer as soon as we can."

## Farragut weighs new hires, fee increases in 2026-27 budget

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen will be considering several changes in Town employment and Town fees as it decides whether to include them in the Town's budget.

Town administrator David Smoak reviewed those changes during a budget workshop held minutes before the Board's regular meeting Thursday, April 9. One proposed change is the addition of an economic development coordinator at a cost of \$115,936 per year.

"This request is for the addition of a full-time economic development coordinator position within the Administration Department to support the Town's economic vitality, business engagement and commercial development initiatives," Smoak said. "This is a new position designed to provide dedicated coordination and support for economic development efforts that are currently handled in a fragmented

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Photo courtesy of Carlos Reveiz

Carlos Reveiz and his wife, Nancy Reveiz, stop for a photo in front of Castillo de Los Templarios in Spain, a 12th-century Templar castle, during their journey on Camino de Santiago in 2023. This summer, they will pass by this building and other historic structures as they walk the full journey.

## The trip of a lifetime: Reveizes to chronicle journey through Spain

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"Someday."

For almost 20 years, that word remained stuck in Carlos Reveiz's mind.

In 2004, he heard about Camino de Santiago, a life-changing pilgrimage across Spain, from a fellow traveler in London on the way back from running a marathon with his brother. In 2023, after watching that same sibling endure a heart scare, Reveiz decided he was done waiting for "someday" to come around.

Reveiz and his wife, Nancy, packed their bags,

flew to Paris, took an overnight train to the start of the pilgrimage in St. Jean Pied de Port and walked half the Camino Francés, the most popular choice among 200 different routes on Camino de Santiago.

That trip totaled more than 200 miles in walking alone. Now, three years later, they are doing the full length of the trip over a 47-day period and will be publishing journals for the farragutpress along their way.

"We definitely want to do that because there are so many things you forget," Carlos Reveiz said.

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## Honoring victims, advocating for justice

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Americans are preparing to observe 45th anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, which was first proclaimed in 1981 by President Reagan.

"This week brings people together to recognize the impact of crime, honor victims and survivors and renews our commitment to victims' rights and services," said Jeanne Dotts Brykalski, whose parents were victims of a violent crime in 1998.

In an email in the "loving memory of Les and Carol Dotts and all victims of violent crime and their loved ones," Brykalski stated: "Crime deeply affects victims and survivors in many ways: physically, financially, mentally, emotionally, spiritually and socially. No one should have to face that trauma alone."

"Across the country, law enforcement, victim service programs and volunteer grass root organizations help survivors rebuild their lives and support public safety."

"This has not always been the case," Brykal-

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## Larsen Jay outlines vision in Knox mayor race

**Submitted**  
Candidate

Dear Farragut Residents & Citizens of Knox County,

There has never been a more important time to serve Knox County. As our community grows and new challenges emerge, we need a common-sense, conservative leader with the experience, education and vi-

sion to guide us forward. I am running for Knox County mayor because I believe in public service and remain deeply committed to our community. I want our children and grandchildren to have the opportunity to live and thrive here – something that requires steady, honest and accountable leadership. With a lifetime of hard work, 20 years of execu-

tive leadership experience, and eight years as an at-large Commissioner, I am prepared to lead Knox County into the decades ahead.

The role of county mayor is much like that of a CEO. The mayor is responsible for managing and overseeing a \$1.2 billion annual budget, ensuring taxpayer dollars are invested wisely. This role also includes

leading more than 12,000 employees across county departments and working closely with the Knox County Commission to pass laws and maintain policies that keep our community safe, healthy and moving forward.

I bring to this role the values that matter most: honesty, integrity, transparency and accountability. Our community should expect nothing

less. I take seriously the responsibility entrusted to me by the citizens of Knox County and will lead with common sense, thoughtful decision-making and a servant's heart. My commitment is to the more than 514,000 residents I serve, and I will remain focused on improving the lives of as many people as possible.

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Jake Nichols

Shop Farragut president Candace Viox, left, announced Ashley Lynch as the organization's new executive director

# New Director set to lead

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On Wednesday, April 8, Ashley Lynch was introduced as the new executive director for Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance.

She replaces Vic Scott, who submitted her letter of resignation on April 4 to accept more responsibility with her primary job.

Lynch brings plenty of experience to the role, having worked with Shop Farragut president Candace Viox on a number of committees for more than five years.

Before being voted in as executive director, Lynch addressed the Shop Farragut board at Wednesday's meeting. She mentioned she and both of her parents are Farragut High School graduates and she has lived in Farragut her entire life.

"She has an amazing reputation and has worked with sev-

eral events, The Pinnacle, was born and raised in Farragut, and loves our Town and businesses and the growth that's happened in our community," Viox said. "It was a natural fit.

"We needed to make sure we have an executive director who knows and loves our Town and appreciates the value of this community organization and knows that Farragut businesses come first."

"My life has opened up to where I can take this on," Lynch added. "I am really excited to start this new chapter. We have plans in play, building a strong foundation and building trust among people in Farragut. We want to move forward to growth of all the things that are possible with the Farragut Business Alliance."

Lynch said she plans to visit all the different businesses in the Town to get feedback. After that, she plans to discuss future steps with Viox and oth-

ers on the board.

"We want to consistently brand to where everything is cohesive and then work from that," Lynch said.

Viox mentioned the Farragut business mixer on May 5. That Tuesday, from 4:30 to 6 p.m., people can visit Farragut Community Center to meet Lynch and find out more about the organization — which is separate from Visit Farragut and the Farragut West Knox Chamber.

"That will be our announcement to the Town and our community to come meet Ashley," Viox said. "So you can ask questions about us or some of our events, like Dog Daze or the Harvest Festival, and Ashley has some events she would like to add, too.

"We may even bring back the Taste of Farragut, who knows? So we're very excited about this next chapter. It's going to be a good time."

# District 3 Democrats gather for coffee, community



Jake Nichols

The Knox County Democratic Party District 3 Democrats welcomed people for a coffee hour at The Empty Cup in Cedar Bluff on Saturday, April 11.

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The Knox County Democratic Party District 3 Democrats hosted their first coffee hour at The Empty Cup, 9111 Executive Park Drive, Knoxville, on Saturday, April 11.

District 3 co-chairs Josh Golden and Andrew MacDonald created the event as a less formal version of their monthly meetings, which are currently being held at the Cedar Bluff Public Library.

"But that tends to be a bit more formal, and there's a set agenda," Golden said. "We've heard from people that they want more frequent contact. So as part of my vision for the district, I believe in building community continuously, not just during election years. So we want to vary it up with coffee socials, stuff at local brew-

eries, things like that."

A sign-in sheet and QR code sat on a picnic table near the gathering with a pro-Democrat sign to welcome people.

Two notable attendees were Bryan Goldberg, who is running for State House District 18, and Patricia Fontenot-Ridley, a member of the Knox County School Board. They were two of 17 attendees at the event, which went from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. that day.

"I can't remember the last time we had this many people with kids meet up on a Saturday with so many big events happening," Goldberg said, alluding to the Dogwood Arts Chalk Walk and Tennessee football's Orange and White Game, among other events. "So it's encouraging. This is indicative of Democrats re-

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# Corrections

Concern over eminent domain grew after the Town included Turkey Creek Road and its 2026 capital investments program even though a lawsuit was filed to stop what residents perceived as the threat of eminent domain. The paragraph in the story on eminent domain, which ran in the Wednesday, April 8, issue of the farragutpress was incorrect. We regret the error.

Charlene Waggoner, sales executive with City Wide Facility Solutions, and farragutpress account executive, recently received the Ambassador of the Year Award from Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce. A photo caption in the April 8 issue of the farragutpress listed her titles incorrectly. We regret the errors.

# KCSO policereports

## Theft, forgery and fraud reported in Farragut

A West Knoxville man reported a theft, forgery and fraud incident between March 21 and March 26 at 11409 Municipal Center Drive. The complainant said a check placed in a post office drop box was stolen and altered before being deposited. The check, originally written for \$7,000, was reportedly washed and made payable to another individual. The complainant later discovered the payment had not reached its intended recipient and opened a new

bank account.

## Online scam leads to \$3,400 loss

A Farragut woman reported a fraud case on Wexton Lane after attempting to purchase a dog through online contacts between March 10 and April 1. The complainant said a suspect later contacted her, claiming to handle shipping arrangements for the dog and requested additional fees totaling about \$1,400. The complainant said she was provided a flight number and tracking information and went to the airport to retrieve the dog,

but it never arrived. She advised the shipping costs were paid through her online bank account. The total loss is estimated to be around \$3,400. The complainant later made contact with the legitimate breeder, who advised her that a suspect had duplicated her website and used it to carry out fraudulent sales. The complainant was told multiple reports had already been filed with law enforcement and the FBI regarding the scam.

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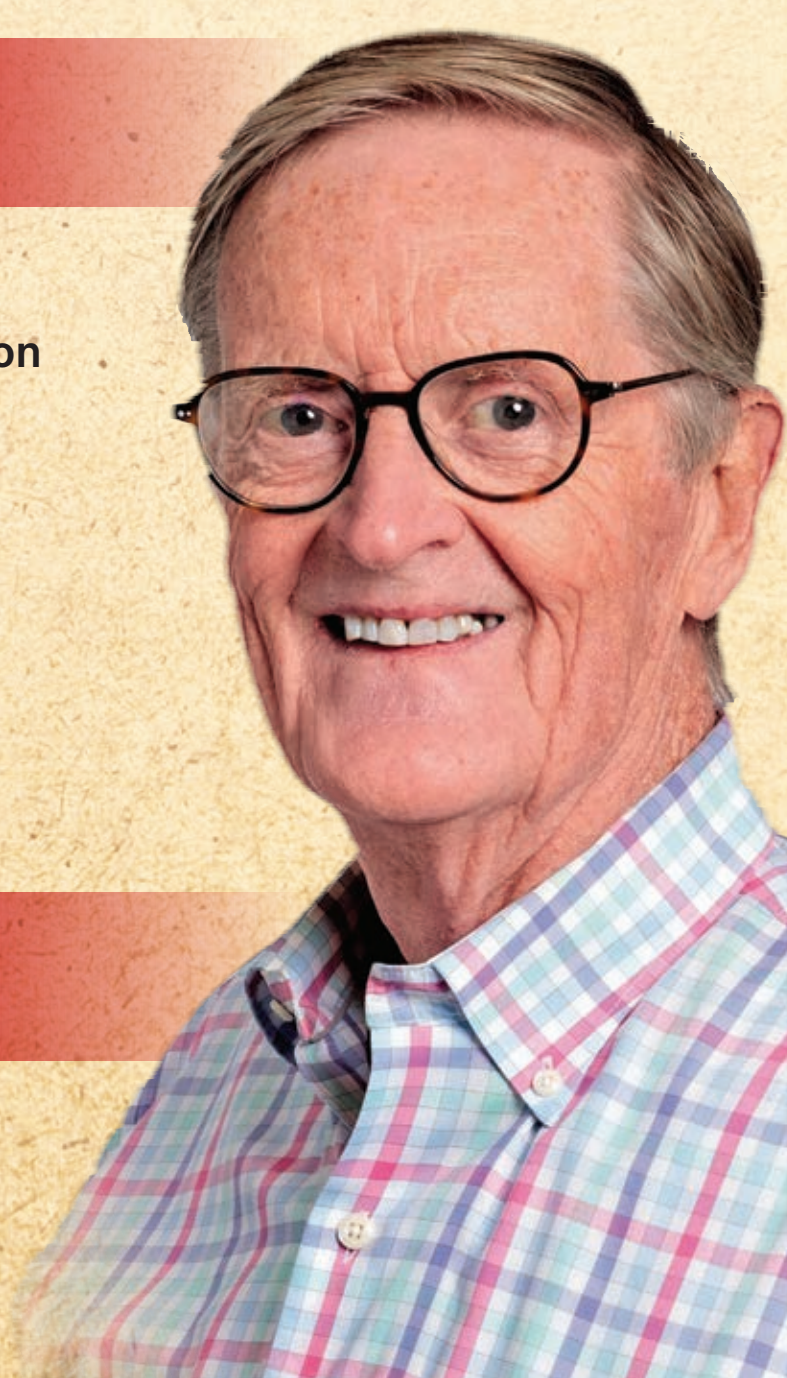
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# Letter to the editor

## Why a full-time economic development manager is not needed in Farragut

Last Thursday, April 9th, the Town of Farragut held a workshop on the proposed FY2026-2027 budget. One notable new item is the proposal originally brought forward late last year by former Vice Mayor Louise Povlin to create a full-time Economic Development Director position, at an annual cost of \$116,000.

Many residents have asked why this new expenditure is necessary. Others have voiced concerns that the position duplicates the role and funding the town already allocates annually to the West Knox Chamber of Commerce & Farragut Business Alliance, along with the town's own tourism division, whereas they all interact with businesses daily.

Farragut, "Shovel-ready" opportunities for major projects that boost sales tax are scarce. Research of similar communities shows sustained sales tax growth is better achieved through business retention, supporting small businesses and entrepreneurship. These functions are already being addressed by our current partnerships with the Chamber, Business Alliance, and the town's tourism program. In a budget where every dollar from sales tax funds roads, public works, parks, and essential services, we must prioritize fiscal discipline and avoid unnecessary new fixed duplication costs.

I'm concerned that the push for this position is driven by the difficulties leasing empty units in current developments like Biddle Farms. While private

commercial vacancies are a normal business challenge for developers, it is not the town's responsibility to assist in leasing private property. Doing so sets a dangerous precedent.

Additionally, I fear this role becomes a stepping stone for Farragut to enter the commercial development business. Research shows that small municipalities usually issue bonds when funding development of private land (like the Ford Property). This would expose the town and residents to unnecessary financial risk. I strongly oppose any such move. Professional developers, not town government, should handle commercial development.

Farragut has demonstrated strong steady economic performance without a dedicated full-time economic devel-

opment director. Our existing partnerships and prudent management have served us well. Rather than committing to a \$116,000+ annual expense, the town should explore more flexible, lower-cost options such as enhanced coordination with current partners, Economic Development Districts, or integrating duties within current staffing roles.

Residents deserve a budget that protects our sales-tax-dependent finances, avoids duplication, never requires a municipal property tax, and focuses resources on core services rather than expanding government.

**Alex Cain**  
North Ward Alderman  
and Candidate for Farragut Mayor

### Democrats

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ally caring about what's on the ballot, what's going on. We're following both sides of the aisle, and I would encourage all Republicans to take stock of who's running and do your

own research and be attentive, informed voters."

The group discussed local elections and the Democratic primary, as well as the turnout for mayoral candidate Beau Hawk's campaign kickoff.

They also discussed Monday night's Justice Knox Nehe-

miah Action Assembly, which saw people come together to discuss "the affordable housing crisis, needs in our mental health care system, problems facing our schools, inadequate public transportation and community gun violence," according to the Justice

Knox website.

As for last Saturday's event specifically, Golden said it will be the first of many — and that he wants people to feel welcomed and encouraged when they leave.

"In my mind, the biggest thing I want people to take

away is that we're here," he said. "In Tennessee, it's very easy — even in Knox County, which is a more blue area — to feel like you're a blue dot. I hear that time and time again. So I want people to feel like they're not by themselves."

### Trip

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"You work all your life, so I wanted to stop saying I'd do it someday."

Revez, a former insurance salesman and freelance photographer, is no stranger to being outdoors. He and his wife hiked the Appalachian Trail in 2020, and they have visited Yosemite National Park as well.

But this journey will be quite different, as they will walk 483.7 miles from the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela in Galicia, Spain.

Believed to be the burial site of St. James the Apostle, the cathedral serves as a welcoming point for pilgrims from all

200 routes. But it will not be the end of the journey for the Reveizes. They plan to continue on to Finisterre — at one point thought to be the end of the world — with a possible trip to another town, Muxia.

If they wind up completing the entire journey, they will have traveled more than 600 miles by the time they return home later this summer. For reference, walking that same distance from Knoxville would mean walking to and from Atlanta three times over — though that is not the required mode of transportation.

"Everybody does the Camino however they want to do it," Reveiz said. "There's no judgement. Some people do horses, others bicycles. We're

going to walk it, and my plan, at least today, is to carry my backpack."

Along the route, they will follow the guide laid out in "A Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino de Santiago" by John Brierley with days set aside for rest or extra stops.

They will sleep in various castles and monasteries, passing through majestic mountain scenery near villages dating back thousands of years. Along the way, they can choose to hail taxis, should they grow too tired. And since the greatest distance between towns is less than 15 miles, they can pack lighter than one might expect.

"Whatever you bring with you, you're hauling it," Reveiz

said. "So I take very little. You can wash clothes at spots between, but I will bring plenty of supplies for blisters. Then trekking poles, really good socks and probably just one pair of shoes because you can buy things along the route in some of the bigger towns. It's very unlike backpacking, because everything you need, you can get it along the way. That's something people learn the first time they go."

That approach extends to the spiritual aspect of the trip, as the Reveizes noted the impact of witnessing the happy townspeople through their travels.

"There are little ladies on their front porches along the route, sweeping with homemade brooms," Nancy Reveiz

said. "That's when we realized we have way too much. And these people are happy and don't have that much."

The couple will follow yellow shell-shaped markers along the trip, the lines on each shell representing the various journeys one can take to reach the same destination.

At the end, be it in Finisterre or Muxia, they will take rocks from their home in Knoxville and throw them into the ocean as a way of releasing any fears or burdens.

And when each rock plops into the water, "someday" certainly will have arrived.

"I was really scared the first time," Nancy Reveiz said. "But once we did it, I can't wait to go back. I'm already packed."

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**Victims**  
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ski observed. “In the State of Tennessee, victims of violent crime and/or their loved ones were not allowed to attend parole hearings and protest early release of the violent offenders who maimed or murdered them or their loved ones until the early 1990s.

“This change came about due to the efforts of law enforcement and several volunteer crime victims’ rights and advocacy groups,” she stated.

November 1998, the citizens of Tennessee voted in the Tennessee Victims Crime Bill of Rights by a 10 to 1 margin. One of the mandates gives victims and/or their loved ones the opportunity to give a victims’ impact statement at the trial of the accused offender, who has always had the right to have family and friends speak on their behalf.

“Unfortunately, this law was not in place when one of my parents’ murderers went to trial in January of 1998, Brykalski stated. “We were not allowed to say one word about how my parents’ (Les and Carol Dotts) defendants affected our family and what we were dealing with. But, the defendant’s family, friends and pastor were able say anything they wanted to the jury.”

In May of 2007, the Johnia Berry Act was passed, mandating when a person is arrested for a violent felony, law enforcement must collect a biological specimen for DNA analysis.

“This change also led to the arrest of Taylor Lee Olson on Sept. 24, 2007, for the brutal murder of Johnia Berry,” Brykalski stated. “Once again, this came about due to the efforts of law enforcement and volunteer crime victims’ rights and advocacy groups.

“The fight for crime victims’ rights does nothing to decrease the rights of the accused,” she added. “Laws protecting crime victims’ rights makes the criminal justice system more fair, equitable and transparent.”

# Contracts approved on Town road projects

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The Union Road and Boyd Station Union Road improvement projects are moving along with Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen approving professional services contracts during its meeting Thursday, April 9.

Concerning the Union Road project, Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously approved a contract with CDM Smith Inc. to perform construction, engineering and inspection services for the project.

“We are hoping to go to construction on that later this summer,” Town engineer Darryl Smith said. “We want a CEI consultant with us when we do. The proposal has a fee of \$953,136.

“That’s a fairly hefty fee, but keep in mind the project is 80 percent federally funded with a 20 percent local match,” he added, explaining the project is “funded through Surface Transportation Block Grants — with an 80/20 federal/local funding split — and must follow all requirements of [Tennessee Department of Transportation’s] Local Programs Development Office.

When asked if the contract was a TDOT requirement to have a CEI, Smith said it was not “an all-out requirement; it is a very heavily worded suggestion that if you don’t have the staff to properly manage



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Union road project map shows the impacted areas.

the paperwork, you better get a [Construction, Engineering and Inspection] consultant to represent the Town in managing the project, overseeing all testing of materials and ensuring the project is constructed in accordance with TDOT’s Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction,” Smith said. “We have completed the process of issuing a Request for Qualifications and selected CDM Smith as our preferred consultant based upon their qualifications.”

Vice Mayor Scott Meyer made the motion to approve the contract, and Alderman Alex Cain seconded the motion.

According to Smith, the project includes the reconstruction of about 4,200 feet of Union Road, between N. Hobbs Road and Everett Road.

“Additional improvements will be made to North Hobbs Road, from Kingston Pike to Union Road,” he said. “Right-of-way acquisition is nearing completion, and we anticipate notice to proceed with construction in the coming months.” In similar action, the Board unanimously approved a contract with Butler Appraisal Group, LLC., for appraisal services for the Virtue Road/Boyd Station Road project.

The company will provide appraisal review services for

acquisition of right-of-way.

“We are hoping to get started on the right-of-way acquisition phase for this project very shortly,” Smith said. “One of the chief tasks is appraisal reviews.

“Butler Appraisal Group has done this work for us several times in the past, and we’ve always been happy with their work,” he said. “Their proposal has a not-to-exceed fee of \$51,450.”

Alderman Joe LaCroix made the motion to approve, and Alderman Drew Burnette seconded it.

When asked about the timing of the project, Smith re-

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**Budget**

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and reactive manner across departments.

“The Town of Farragut has experienced continued growth and increasing complexity in commercial development, redevelopment activity and business engagement needs,” Smoak continued. “While economic development functions currently exist within various departments, there is no single position responsible for proactively managing business relationships, tracking development activity or coordinating economic strategy across the organization.”

He said adding the position would centralize those efforts and “provide a consistent, strategic approach to support-

ing the Town’s commercial base and long-term economic vitality.”

Additionally, “We are also proposing a 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment and a 3 percent merit increase for the staff,” Smoak said. “The total impact would be \$830,130.”

**Other proposed amendments include:**

■ Eliminating an IT manager position and changing it to an IT director, with a budget impact of \$13,467;

■ Adding a part-time IT technician, \$41,007;

■ Adding a plans examiner in the Community Development Department, with a budget impact of \$126,314;

■ Reclassifying a traffic signal technician in the Engineering Department, \$11,430;

■ Adding a parks mainte-

nance technician I, \$74,909, and reclassifying a part-time parks maintenance technician to seasonal parks maintenance technician for a decrease of \$5,574;

■ Adding a part-time tourism attendant, \$19,502;

■ Adding a part-time museum attendant, \$27,394;

■ Changing lead recreation and event attendant to events and program coordinator, \$6,745.

**The total impact to the proposed budget would be \$431,130.**

The Town also is projecting a 7 percent increase in medical insurance premiums for fiscal year 2026-27. Smoak is proposing a cost share change from 90 percent employer and 10 percent employee to 88 percent employer and 12

percent employee.

*Besides the employment changes, Smoak proposed fee changes, including:*

■ **Community Development:** a \$104 increase each for demolition permits, building permit extensions, concept plans for subdivision plats and variances, and site plans for small-acreage or small-building projects; a \$103 increase for site plans for large-acreage or large-building developments; a \$105 increase for landscape plans, zoning ordinances and municipal code text amendments; and a new fee of \$311 for subdivision regulations text amendments.

■ **Parks and Recreation:** picnic pavilions and Town Hall Park Pavilion rentals would increase from \$25 half day and \$42 full day to \$31 half

day and \$50 full day; tournament, camp and clinic usage for grass field and volleyball complex would increase from \$104 half day and \$208 full day to \$140 half day and \$250 full day; pickleball tournament fees would be a new fee of \$540 per day plus a refundable damage deposit for a one-day tournament only, with no Sunday play; McFee Pavilion only would increase from \$104 half day and \$182 full day to \$110 half day and \$195 full day; and McFee great lawn and pavilion, with a 120-person maximum, would increase from \$430 half day and \$623 full day to \$440 half day and \$635 full day for nonprofits, and from \$520 half day and \$623 full day to \$530 half day and \$740 full day for for-profit and social events.

**Larsen**

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Larsen Jay  
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**Reports**

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**Shop lifting incident reported at grocery store**

An asset and loss prevention employee at a Northshore grocery store reported a shoplifting incident on March 31. The complainant said surveillance showed the suspect arrived in a white sedan and entered the store, where he selected lobster tails from the meat department. The suspect was observed walking through the store and entering a restroom before exiting and leaving without paying for the concealed merchandise. The stolen items were valued at \$18.

**Credit card fraud reported at residence**

A Farragut woman reported

credit card fraud on Brooklawn Street after discovering unauthorized charges while preparing taxes. The complainant said a suspect accessed a business account and spent \$2,600 through an online retailer. The funds were later reimbursed.

**Laptop reported stolen from hospital**

On March 17, a West Knoxville woman reported the theft of a laptop from the waiting area at a medical facility building on Parkside Drive. The complainant said the laptop went missing between 6 and 6:45 p.m. The item was valued at \$400 and was not recovered.

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**Project**

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plied “a year and a half to two-and-a-half years” to be completed.

“Once that is in place, they’ll go ahead and start right away [with appraisals, offers and negotiations],” Smith added.

“After it is approved, when will it start?” Mayor Ron Williams asked. “We need to let the residents know.”

“We will have to bring another contract to you for the negotiations and appraisals,” he said. “Those two can be done with a subcontract.

“I’m hoping to get that early next week,” Smith said. “We have made a selection on right-of-way agents, but if I get it on Monday, we may be able to bring it to the Board by the next Board meeting.

“Once that is in place, they will go ahead and start right away,” he said. “They still have to get their books in order, their brochures together for the appraisals.

“The appraisals will happen, then the appraisal reviews take place and then offers are made and negotiations,” Smith added.

“Can we make sure this gets

on the website so folks are aware of what’s going on?” Williams asked.

“Yes, we’re happy to update whatever we can on the project,” Town administrator David Smoak said. “The offers won’t happen anytime soon. That’s going to take a little while.”

“When do you anticipate someone from us or them contacting the residents?” Burnette asked. “I definitely, 1,000 percent, don’t want anyone contacting them except us, and not somebody talking about appraisal.

“This is where I think we get into some backlash and trouble, right?” he said. “They hear about it from somebody saying, ‘I’d like to offer you this for this part of your property.’ That needs to come from us, if not me, [then] Southside Joe [LaCroix].”

“Normally, it comes from the buyers, from the negotiators,” Smith said. “It’s just a letter that goes out to each of the property owners to let them know the process.

“Yeah, I don’t think that’s good,” Burnette responded. “This could be my personal opinion. I do not like it. I think we got to change that.”

“I think we can get an earlier letter out,” Smith said.

“Can we, the Board — especially in this area — get notified that letters are being prepared or ready to go out where we can start getting that information out to the public, saying, ‘we’ve got appraisals coming?’” LaCroix asked. “It should have some notification from us to tell our constituents that something’s coming. No surprises.”

“Well, for sure, at the absolute minimum, we need to be in the email chain,” Williams said.

“When the plans were developed that are now going to be used to determine what property is needed, were those plans approved by the Planning Commission?” Town attorney Tom Hale asked.

Smith answered Farragut Municipal Planning Commission approved those plans and the Town had a separate public hearing on the project last summer.

“So everybody whose going to be affected by this project, adjacent land owners, would have had the opportunity ... would they have known about it?” Hale asked again.

“We had a good turnout for

the public hearing,” Smith answered.

Still, “I just think, when we talk about buying, acquiring, that we need to be there, especially this,” Burnette said. “This is a long project, but there are not that many homes.”

Smith said there only are 23 tracts that would be impacted.

“That should be pretty easy to accomplish to make sure there’s no surprise to any of them,” Burnette said.

“I concur,” LaCroix added. “I think the big takeaway is no surprises ... 23 properties? That is something we could reach out.”

“I certainly think it’s easy for us to do more communication with that group out there,” Smoak said. “I just want to make sure the expectations you are looking for or what you’re asking us. I just need to get with you, talk through that process and make sure you are comfortable with it before we spend a lot of time doing something that’s not what you want us to do.

“We definitely don’t want any misconception on this,” Williams said. “It is a big project ... it does require that we do due diligence with our

residents.”

“The good part is we have time to work on that,” he added.

Smith the project includes the reconstruction of Virtue Road from 1,200 feet south of Needlegrass Lane to Willow Cove Way on Boyd Station.

“Our design consultant has completed right-of-way plans for the project, and we have been given notice to proceed with the right-of-way acquisition phase,” he said. “The project is funded through federal Surface Transportation Block Grants with an 80/20 federal/local funding split and must follow all requirements of TDOT’s Local Programs Development Office.

“One of the requirements is that right-of-way appraisers, appraisal reviewers, negotiating agents and title companies must all be separate entities to comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970,” Smith said. “We have completed the process of issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and selected Butler Appraisal Group, LLC, as our preferred consultant based upon their qualifications.”



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## Lions thank Longhorn for Breakfast with Santa



**Jake Nichols**

The Farragut Lions Club presented the Longhorn Steakhouse staff with a plaque on Wednesday, April 8, in Turkey Creek. The plaque served as a thank-you for Longhorn's willingness to host the Lions' inaugural Breakfast with Santa event in December. Pictured from left to right: culinary manager Kylie Hall, managing partner Stephen Coley, host Bernard Mullen, Lions officer Tom Nitz and Farragut Lions president Tyler Hunsaker.

**Jake Nichols**

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"Where there is a need, there is a Lion."

That phrase is a driving force behind the Farragut Lions Club, a volunteer service club that donates all proceeds to community service projects related to vision, hunger, senior and disaster-based initiatives throughout the year.

Their Vision Van — part of the Smoky Mountain Lions Charities vision van program — is particularly notable, as eye exams and glasses are provided free of charge.

But the club also hosts newer events, such as the first-ever Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025.

That morning, Lions president Tyler Hunsaker donned a red suit and beard to greet

children at Longhorn Steakhouse in Turkey Creek.

Almost four months later, on Wednesday, April 8, Hunsaker and fellow Lions officer Tom Nitz returned to Longhorn to present managing partner Stephen Coley with a plaque as a thank-you for his help in the event.

The project came about when fellow Lions member Norvell Burrow participated in a give-back event with the Farragut girls basketball team. So he approached Hunsaker about the Lions doing something similar, and they asked Coley, who was eager to help.

"I was very happy to have them come and ask if this was something we would be interested in doing," Coley said.

"We at Longhorn genuinely believe in giving back to the community we serve, and we

are always looking for great partners. I can't think of a better one than the Lions Club. When they asked us, it was an absolute yes."

Coley seemed equally moved by the gift, as Hunsaker and Nitz both shared their appreciation for the partnership with the hope of more community-driven projects in the future.

"The moment was gratifying for us as a club," Nitz said. "Our biggest goal of that particular program was to reach out to the community and make our club known to try and get people to partake in giving back."

"Our next goal is to plan more community-driven give-backs through service," Hunsaker added. "So watch for communication in the farragutpress for what's coming and how people can give back."

## Holistic health businesses team up in Farragut

**Tammy Cheek**

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Two new health-related businesses are teaming up to share space in Farragut.

Haven Chiropractic and Wellness and Chronically Healthy, LLC, are sharing the building at 11320 Kingston Pike, located beside Rick Terry Jewelry Designs and formerly West Knox Chiropractic Group, which was run for 37 years by Dr. Alan Lensgraf, who decided to retire in January.

Dr. Colin Hickey and wife, Dr. Kari Hickey, both chiropractors, opened their practice in January, taking over Lensgraf's practice.

"He'll be sorely missed in the community," Colin said of Lensgraf.

Haven offers a variety of different services.

"My philosophy is I'm going to do whatever your body needs," Colin said. "I prefer to give manual-style adjustments, which is amazing. We do the original Palmer package, but we also know that everybody's body is different.

"We have the drop table ... we have the activator [spring-

loaded adjustment tool]," he said. "We do extremity adjustments" and more.

Kari brings a unique skill to the practice, as she offers chiropractic services to animals — dogs, cats and even goats.

Haven Chiropractic & Wellness' hours are by appointment and can be contacted at 865-643-1313, [info@havenchiropracticandwellness.com](mailto:info@havenchiropracticandwellness.com) or [havenchiropracticandwellness.com](http://havenchiropracticandwellness.com)

Erica Anderson, a certified autoimmune health coach, and Dillon Searcy, a certified integrative nutrition and health coach, co-own Chronically Healthy.

"Chronically Healthy's been around since May 2023, Anderson said. "We were at a chiropractic office in Powell."

Prior to that, they did Zoom sessions with clients.

"Right when we were growing out of that space, Dr. Clint Whitler was also moving to another chiropractic office."

At the same time, "We had always been friends with Drs. Colin and Kari for years and always talked about coming together and having a full multi-holistic modality space," she



**Tammy Cheek**

Haven Chiropractic & Wellness and Chronically Healthy cut the ribbon on their new location at 11320 Kingston Pike, beside Rick Terry Jewelry Designs, where they are sharing space. Drs. Colin and Kari Hickey (with scissors) joined their receptionist Kimber Capener (sixth from left), Chronically Healthy owners/health coaches Erica Anderson (fourth from right) and Dillon Searcy (third from right), and members of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce.

said. Joining the Hickeys at the Kingston Pike location "worked out."

"We are health coaches but from a functional medicine perspective," Anderson said. "We help people get to the root cause of their symptoms.

"We have testing that our doctor is able to order for us," she said. "So, very detailed bloodwork, GI maps, Dutch hormone tests, DNA testing, all the tools we need to help actually get to the root cause of why you might be tired or gain weight and you don't under-

stand what's going on.

"So many times, people go to the doctor to get their blood drawn, and they're told, 'Oh, everything looks normal' even though you feel terrible.

"We help you figure out what's actually normal, what's actually optimal for you," she added.

"Everything we do is science-backed," Searcy said. "Your lab work is driving what we're doing. So, it's not just a matter of us feeling we're going in the right direction, the body's chemistry is showing us, be-

yond a shadow of a doubt, that everything is going in the right direction; and if something isn't going in the right direction, we know where to pivot and where the holdup is.

"With our practice here, we've got a couple doctors where everything goes through," Searcy said. The labs and other work done is gone over by the doctors, and the medical directing board is Qualify.

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Last week Knox County Sheriff Office candidate, Mike Davis, met with a large crowd of enthusiastic supporters at The Crown Plaza Hotel in Downtown Knoxville sharing why he should be the next Sheriff of Knox County. Davis highlighted his experience of over 25 years of service as a Federal Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and his approximately 6 years with The Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) in Corrections and as a Post Certified Deputy Sheriff.

Davis' number one objective and paramount responsibility as Sheriff is to keep the people of Knox County safe. Davis referred to his training, work experience, and how he has directed and worked with multiple DEA Task Forces throughout the country; 20 years of which have been in Knoxville. Their top objective was to target gangs and violent drug trafficking organizations, and how this criminal activity affected Knox County. Davis believes he is the one candidate with the most experience dismantling these organizations that cause such devastation to our community and are the causational effect of crimes such as violence, property theft, child neglect, and human trafficking.

Davis intends to also have a strong partnership with ICE in arresting and deporting criminal illegal aliens in the community. He also touched upon having clear lines of communication in a collective effort with our Federal, State, and Local partners to keep our community safe.

Davis expressed his compassion for the ever-growing homeless population in Knox County but also made clear the rights of the homeless do not supersede the rights of the business owners and the taxpayers in Knox County. Davis intends to have a working relationship with both the Mayor and the County Commission to ensure that KCSO is able to provide the highest level of service to meet the needs of the community.

Davis is considered an outsider mainly because he has never been part of any faction or secondary group which will bring more objectivity to the Sheriff's office. Davis knows that leadership is the key to any organization, and as Sheriff he will elevate the professionalism of KCSO, promote integrity, boost transparency, and cultivate accountability. These are not just words but are a foundational standard and a clear commitment to the people of Knox County.

Davis supports a distinct career pathway for promotion and advancement within KCSO. Davis has strong support within KCSO because he will enforce a merit based system not favoritism.

Davis emphasized that Knox County wants a Sheriff who will keep them safe and will always put people above politics. Davis pledged, "When you call, we're coming."



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Former Farragut football coach Eddie Courtney, left, showcases his plaque alongside former Fulton coach Rob Black after they were both inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in the Class of 2026. The induction took place at the Student Union building on the campus of MTSU on Monday, April 13.

## ‘One of a kind’ Courtney inducted into TSSAA Hall of Fame

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In an illustrious 28-year career as Farragut’s head football coach, Eddie Courtney built quite a résumé.

He racked up 204 career wins, led the Admirals to a 2016 Class 5A state championship and beat cancer not once, but twice.

Monday, April 13, Courtney added yet another accolade when

he was inducted in the TSSAA Hall of Fame as part of the 2026 class.

It is the latest honor in a list that includes a PrepXtra Coach of the Year nod in 2016; a Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame Pat Summitt Ignite Award in 2017; an induction into the Tennessee Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame Class of 2020; and, earlier this year, an induction

See **COURTNEY** on Page 2B

## Ads add new OC, OL coach to 2026 staff

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At long last, the first taste of football has arrived.

The Farragut Admirals will kick off their 2026 spring practice Wednesday, April 22.

When they do, a couple of new assistant coaches will be roaming the practice field.

Head coach Geoff Courtney announced Daniel Bruton as the

Ads’ new offensive coordinator while Matt Bates will oversee Farragut’s offensive line.

For Bruton, his addition to the staff marks a return to football after a year away from the game.

He brings 18 years of varsity football coaching experience, having worked in North Carolina and Virginia as an assistant coach and

See **COACH** on Page 3B

## Bearden gets redemption in district showdown

**Ken Lay**  
Correspondent

Bearden High School’s boys soccer team picked up a measure of revenge Friday night, April 10, when it defeated Hardin Valley Academy in a key District 4-AAA match.

The Bulldogs ran past the Hawks, 4-1, before a packed and spirited house at BHS’s Turner-Allender Field.

The victory avenged Bearden’s loss to Hardin Valley in the Class AAA state quarterfinals in Murfreesboro in 2025.

But Bulldogs’ coach Ryan Radcliffe knows

his side still has plenty work to do in 2026 to reach its ultimate destination.

“Unfortunately, I don’t know how much this means in our district when you’ve still got West, Farragut and Maryville coming up on our schedule,” Radcliffe said. “It’s a good first step. But in all honesty, I think that’s all it is right now.”

“It’s kind of one step forward and you’ve still got to win those three other rivalry games.”

The Bulldogs (9-1 over-

See **BEARDEN** on Page 2B

# Ads seeing growth as postseason nears



Jake Nichols

Farragut’s Caleb Gahagan (26) battles West’s Musa Kromah (7) for the ball during their match on Thursday, April 9, at Farragut High School.

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Bradley Culbreth knows all too well the depth of talent within the boys soccer teams in District 4-3A.

But if he needed any reminder, the Admirals’ match against West certainly gave a fitting one.

The Rebels won 4-3 in an intense penalty kick shootout, as West keeper Ben Laing deflected a shot from Farragut High School junior Brody Dickerson to send the visitors into a euphoric sprint toward their goal.

Technically the match was filed as a tie. But in the case of any potential postseason tiebreakers, the nod would go to West.

“They’ve got quality and we do, too,” Culbreth said. “You don’t get to 10 wins with their schedule without that.”

The sequence capped a prime-

time bout, as the teams traded blows through a scoreless 100 minutes before two 10-minute overtime periods gave way to penalty kicks.

Neither team wavered through two halves, as Farragut proved unable to find the net despite close attempts from Eric Bukovitz on a header, Charlie Sorochan in the second half and another attempt by Nathan Henderson, whose shot was stopped by a diving Laing.

Matthew Burney made a similar effort for Farragut by fending off multiple West attempts — one on a leaping grab in overtime — with help from the Ads’ back line.

“He really wasn’t tested that much, but he has been in other games,” Culbreth said of Burney. “We’re solid in the back, and this will be good for us from a mental standpoint in having to fight through it.”

The teams remained at an impasse through the first OT, then the intensity ratcheted up when each team landed a shot on top of the other’s net in the second overtime.

Once penalty kicks rolled around, the visitors took a 2-0 lead in PKs off goals from Oliver Bankston and Musa Kromah, only for Tyden Sanchez and Uday Sujithkumar to knot the score at 2 apiece.

Unger and West’s Grayson Huffaker nailed two of the final three goals for the match, and Oscar Wimmer found the net on what wound up being the last score of the night.

“Our effort was there,” Culbreth said. “I thought we had the run of play the entire overtime, just didn’t finish it. It’s good mental

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Jake Nichols

Farragut’s Braxton Tye (1) was one of two Admirals to knock three RBI in the team’s 11-2 Senior Night win against McMinn County on Monday, April 13. That victory is one of several highlights from across the area this week.

## Area baseball roundup

Ads, Dawgs, Hawks all see success as season winds down

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In most situations, Garrett Copeland’s message remains the same: keep at it.

That approach has worked for the Farragut Admirals all season, and their Senior Night win over McMinn County was no different.

On Monday, April 13, the Ads overcame a sluggish start to plate 11 runs through the fourth, fifth and sixth innings en route to an 11-2 district victory

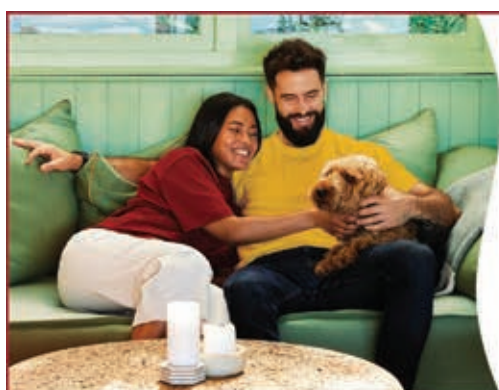
over the Cherokees.

Mason Shelton led the Ads with a 3-for-3 effort at the plate, as he and Braxton Tye brought home three runs apiece.

“It was good to have Mason back in the lineup,” Copeland said. “Kingsley (Lorusso) did a good job in his absence, too; then Braxton had a key at-bat for us with a two-strike hit.”

“I feel like we had pressure on them, guys in scoring position,” Co-

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# Bearden fends off feisty Farragut

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Farragut's girls flag football team lost to Bearden 27-0 on Friday, April 10.

Seventy-two hours later, with three starters back and a renewed vigor on the sideline, the Lady Admirals looked like a different team.

They pushed undefeated Bearden to the brink on Monday, April 13, coming within 12 yards of a game-tying score with less than a minute left. But five Bulldog interceptions proved the difference, as BHS defensive back Amileigh Crippen raced in for a pick-six before Lily Watson made a game-clinching interception to preserve a 13-7 Bearden win.

"We've been doing that all year," Bearden coach Zach Scott said of his team's turnovers. "We get great pressure from Alaya Johnson — she's third in the state in sacks — and she's relentless and plays with a great motor. So quarterbacks will throw off their back foot.

"Then Amileigh, I just kind of had a feeling, kind of like a closer in baseball. She was one of three players to play that spot during the game. Her job there is to rob the middle of the field, and we thought they'd go to it again and they did."

Even with the loss, Farragut coach GW Curtin noted his pride in a Lady Admiral team that took the field on Friday without starting quarterback Aydan Skelton, starting running back Brooklyn Morris and starting defender Bella Bruton.

Still, in Friday's matchup — which went down as a region loss — FHS trailed just 7-0 at halftime before Bearden broke the game open.

"Being down 7-0 at home and starting with the ball in the second half, it was like, 'This is where we want to be,'" Curtin said. "Just like (Monday). If we scored and got a conversion, we win. This team has been beating people 60-14, and to be right there, two plays to go with 12 yards to score, that's all we can ask for."

Contrary to their previous loss to the Lady Bulldogs, the Lady Ads jumped on the board first Monday

After a scoreless first half, Emma Pearl Riffer took a pass from Skelton and raced 70 yards to the end zone for a 6-0 lead after a failed conversion.

It was a fitting nod to the senior's effort, as she had already gotten two straight sacks on two different possessions in the first half.

"She was everywhere we asked her to be," Curtin

said. "Even in pregame, we switched her positions, then switched her back and, boom, touchdown.

"On defense we had her in coverage and rushing, and she's causing all sorts of chaos. Great engine, good head on her shoulders. The full package."

But Bearden has been undefeated for a reason, and it showed Monday night.

The Lady Bulldogs answered Farragut's score with one of their own from Johnson, then Emma Rainey punched in the conversion to take a 7-6 lead with 5:22 left in the third quarter.

It remained there until FHS moved into scoring territory early in the fourth quarter, but a Johnson sack forced a turnover on downs.

Bearden gave the ball back to Farragut soon enough, as the Lady Ads stymied a young BHS quarterback in freshman Nicole Smith-Harris.

Once the Lady Ads regained possession, Bearden snatched it away again on Farragut's final two drives.

Going forward, Curtin said he wants to see "a bit more sharpness when it matters.

"If you give us 10 chances, I think we score on seven of them," he said. "But if we only have one, I think the nerves are



Jake Nichols

Farragut's Emma Pearl Riffer (46) wrestles a pass away from Bearden's Jayda Berrios (21) for a first-down grab on Monday, April 13, at Bearden High School.

still getting to us. That's something that, as a coach, I've got to work on in practice."

Still, given the difference between Friday and Monday, he left pleased with the effort.

"Finally, I think they believe me now," he said. "Now we just have to put it on the scoreboard and show everyone else."

## Ads

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growth. We want these situations because, win or lose, you still learn from it and grow."

Farragut did exactly that on Monday, April 13, blanking William Blount 4-0 behind goals from Charlie Sorochan, Caleb Gahagan, Will Morris and Nathan Henderson with a clean sheet from Parker Fuller.

## Courtney

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into the Farragut High School Sports Hall of Fame as a part of the 2026 class.

"Tremendous honor to be honored by the TSSAA," Courtney said. "When you look at the all the coaches who have been inducted before, it's really humbling, given all the people who have been recognized. I tried to do it the right way and run a program that had a lot of respect, tradition and pride."

Courtney credited his family members for their roles in his success, noting he spent a lot of time away from home to run the Admiral program.

Over time, though, the Farragut football stadium, which now bears Courtney's name, became like a second home.

After joining the FHS program in 1977, Courtney took the helm in 1996. His tenure produced more than 200 college signees, 47 All-State players, six Mr. Football finalists and six NFL players before his retirement in March 2024.

In the TSSAA ceremony, he was honored alongside seven other inductees — including fellow Fulton High School alumnus Rob Black — in the Student Union building at Middle Tennessee State University on Monday afternoon.

"It really was special," Courtney said. "I played for

"They made it hard on us, but it's a district win and we're trying to be 1-0 every night," Culbreth said.

Up next, FHS (10-0-1) will take on a Hardin Valley team, which ended Farragut's season last year. So there will be no shortage of motivation when they meet on Friday, April 17.

"That's going to be an emotional game," Culbreth said, "but it was good to get back on track with what we expect to do."

(Black's) dad, and he grew up in Fulton like my son Geoff did at Farragut. He did a great job over there and knew everything about it. It was a very special thing; I owe a lot to the Fulton family, getting my roots in football there."

Notably, Courtney is just the second Farragut coach to be inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame. The first was current FHS athletic director Donald Dodgen, who was inducted this time a year ago.

Dodgen was in attendance Monday for Courtney's induction, as were Courtney's wife, Anita, and his daughter, Megan. Geoff, the current FHS head football coach, was unable to make it due to football obligations but reiterated the most important lesson he took from his father's career: staying true to yourself.

"You try to model yourself after those who've had an impact on you," Geoff Courtney said, "and he's certainly had the biggest on me in my career."

"It meant a lot to me to be there because it's such a great honor," Dodgen added from his perspective. "Not everyone gets inducted into that, and (Courtney) was deserving for years. I thought he might go before I went in. He is a gentleman, an outstanding teacher and a great football coach who represented Farragut well. He's one of a kind."

## Bearden

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all, 2-0 in the district) lost last year's state quarterfinal match when the Hawks scored three goals in the final 23 minutes, erasing a 2-0 deficit.

But on Friday night, the Bulldogs made sure they didn't have a repeat performance as they converted a pair of penalty kicks, swinging the tide their way.

Bearden seized the upper hand early in the match as Aidan Ainsworth found the back of the Hardin Valley net in the 18th minute. Hawks' goalkeeper Harrison O'Dell stopped Ainsworth's initial shot. Ainsworth, however, got the rebound and promptly buried it past O'Dell.

Hardin Valley (5-5-1, 1-2) scored the equalizer approximately three minutes later when Asher Stimson tallied,

making the score, 1-1, in the 21st minute.

The Hawks, the 2025 state champions, have battled injuries all season and things got worse for Hardin Valley in Friday night's match.


"We had some guys get dinged up in the second half that had to come out of the game," HVA coach Ray Dover said. "They're integral to this team's success.

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peland continued. “They just made the defensive plays, then it broke open for us.”

In the meantime, FHS got production from a clean defensive effort led by pitchers Travis Brummitt Jr. and Joey Ray. Brummitt scattered four hits and two runs with five walks and as many strikeouts, then Ray tossed 3.1 scoreless innings in relief with six strikeouts.

“They both had multiple pitches working for strikes, competing in the zone,” Copeland said. “They took some pressure off our defense and we did not make an error, which is good.”

The McMinn County matchup marked the Admirals’ fourth win in the last five games, as FHS appears to be hitting its stride with less than 10 days left in the regular season.

Meanwhile, Hardin Valley collected three wins in its last four outings leading into its district tilt with Lenoir City on Tuesday, April 14.

Wyatt Fellers knocked two RBI, and Tyler Sowards went 3-for-3 against Chaminade Julianne (Ohio) in a 6-3 win on Thursday, April 9. HVA followed that with a 12-5 win over Boyle County (Kentucky) behind a 4-for-4 effort from Cameron Dillon.

On the Bearden schedule, the Bulldogs won two of their last three last weekend but suffered a 5-4 loss against Greeneville, the top team in the state in Class 3A, on Saturday, April 11.

The Dawgs out-hit the Green Devils 10-5 and got four strikeouts from Finn Piper but were unable to make enough plays late to close the door.

“Obviously we held our own, but it was a microcosm of our whole season,” head coach Dave Prichard said. “Just couldn’t figure out how to score. When they were presented with an opportunity, they took control and we didn’t.”

# Admirals, Bulldogs shine at Farragut Invitational

**Ken Lay**  
Correspondent

Two area high school track and field programs has teams competing at the Farragut Invitational Saturday, April 11, at Farragut High School.

The host Admirals and Lady Admirals posted some top marks while Bearden’s boys and girls also had some solid performances.

In the girls 100-meter dash, Bearden’s Landon Rudolph finished second as she crossed the finish line in 13.16 seconds. Farragut’s Emma Pearl Riffer was third (13.280) and Bearden’s Antonia Magnuson was fifth (13.36).

Rudolph finished third in the 200-meter dash (26.78) and Caroline Hilliard, of the Lady Bulldogs, was fifth with a time of 28.49).

Bearden’s Lily Johnson took third in the 400-meter dash as she posted a time of 1:02.41. Lady Admirals’ athletes had a pair of top-5 finishers as Anabelle Wray took fourth and Courtney George took fifth.

**Coach**  
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head coach.

Bruton worked as an offensive coordinator at multiple stops, gleaned lessons about offenses ranging from the Air Raid to the triple option. He became a head coach for a decade with three of those years at Briarwood (Virginia), the school that produced former Penn State quarterback Trace McSorley and built a brand-new program at Gainesville (Virginia) High School with an 8-2 in his final season in 2024.

Upon their move to Farragut, Bruton said he wanted to “just be a dad” to his daughter Bella, now a standout on the

Farragut’s Christie George was third in the 800-meter run (2:19.78).

FHS’s Ryleigh Horne won the 300-meter hurdles, Katherine Cabaniss was fourth and Harper McAvoy was fifth.

Emmy Graber won the 3,200-meter run for Farragut (12:14.48).

Two Lady Admirals cleared 4 feet 8 inches in the high jump as Ava Brinley took third and McAvoy came in fourth. Farragut’s Peyton won the pole vault with an effort of 9-0.

In the boys meet, Farragut’s Nathan Jackson took third in the 200-meter dash (22.67). Lucas Spadafora finished second in the 400-meter dash for Farragut as he posted a time of 49.73.

Spadafora also won the 800-meter run with a time of 2:03.46.

Farragut’s Tyler Martin won the discus with a throw of 142-8. He was second in the long jump (5-6) and third in the pole vault (9-6).

Chase McAvoy won the 300-meter hurdles (39.58) and



Photo by Barry Houchin

**Top:** Members of the Farragut girls 4x800 team smile for a photo during the Farragut Invitational on Saturday, April 11.

**Above:** Farragut’s Chase McAvoy leaps over a hurdle during the 300-meter hurdles event at the Farragut Invitational on Saturday, April 11. McAvoy won the event as part of a top finish for FHS.

claimed second in the pole vault (11-0). He also came in

FHS girls flag football team.

But as he watched film of his old team in Virginia and enjoyed Farragut games as a spectator, Bruton felt a pull back to the game he loves.

“I feel like God gave me a gift to help people through sports, and I was wasting it,” he said. “So I started looking at how I could help. My wife even put a bet on it and said she thought I’d be back at it in less than two years, so she was right.”

As the Farragut OC, Bruton will call plays, thus taking a load off Courtney’s plate.

He is no stranger to running multiple looks, so fans can expect a bit of diversity with the Admirals’ attack.

“It won’t look so wide open

as UT, but it won’t be pure pro stuff either,” Bruton said.

“Just depends on our personnel so we will design around them. I tell everybody I’m a can coach not a can’t coach, so I’ll figure out what you can do and we’ll highlight that.”

“We’re very similar in the way we think, how we diagnose and strategize against defenses,” Courtney added. “But he’s got some things that will bring new, creative ideas to us from an offensive standpoint. He works really well with players and has done just about everything in the football coaching profession, so we are glad to have him.”

The Admirals are equally happy about Bates, who noted

he will still teach and work as the head wrestling coach at Hardin Valley Academy.

He noted there are several similarities between the two sports, especially where the front five are concerned.

“Leverage, body position, hand fighting, footwork — all those things mesh perfectly,” Bates said.

Like Bruton, Bates spent a year away from the gridiron, most recently working as the Bearden tight ends coach in 2024.

But he has worked with offensive line units throughout his 20-year career, having discovered a clear advantage in the trenches.

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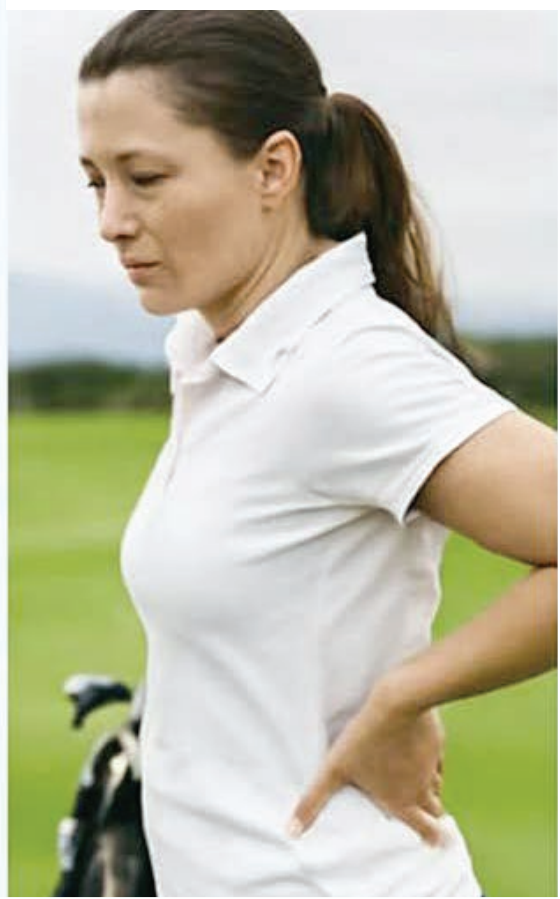
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## Farragut Presbyterian to host 'Posies for the Pantry'

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On Saturday, April 18, Farragut Presbyterian Church will host the 8th Annual Posies for the Pantry fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The event will be held rain or shine in the parking lot or fellowship hall at the church,

209 Jamestowne Blvd.

There will be spring flowers and multiple craft vendors available, as well as a "Bargain Shed" full of gently used garden tools, décor and free crafts for children.

Riverside Coffee, a local non-profit coffee shop, will be on hand, serving specialty coffees, assorted pastries, a vari-

ety of cold sandwiches and assorted beverages.

This event is a major fundraiser for the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry organized by Farragut Presbyterian Church.

The food pantry is located at Faith Lutheran Church, FPC's next-door neighbor on Jamestowne Boulevard, and is

supported by four other Farragut churches: Faith Lutheran, Concord United Methodist, Farragut Presbyterian and First Baptist Concord.

FPC has been a partner in this ministry since the pantry opened more than 15 years ago, and the fundraiser provides much-needed funds to run the pantry.

In 2025, pantry partners, local businesses, church members and more than 100 volunteers came together to serve 5,239 people experiencing food insecurity in the community during 2025.

To volunteer at the pantry, contact Renée Stone at shepho-pantry@gmail.com or call 865-966-9626.

## CAK names Carroll as chief operating officer

**Staff Reports**

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Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) announces the appointment of Clay Carroll, Ph.D., MBA,

a chief operating officer effective May 4.



Carroll

Carroll joins CAK from University of Tennessee's College of Communication and Information, where he serves as assistant dean for finance, administration and operations. He oversaw the college's \$50 million operating budget and led finance, facili-

ties, human resources and information technology functions.

In his role, Carroll built and led key operational departments, streamlined administrative processes and guided the college through its transition to a new budget model, according to a press release.

"He led all college facility projects and advised the dean on strategic and operational decisions," it stated. "He brings a disciplined, systems-oriented approach to leadership with a focus on clarity, efficiency and long-term sustainability."

Before serving as assistant dean, Carroll served as a senior financial analyst at UT, "where he helped design and imple-

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## Glowing egg hunt hits 10-year mark

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Feelings of nostalgia and warmth were palpable Friday, April 4, at Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Farragut, as the church hosted its 10th annual glow in the dark Easter egg hunt.

This is a tradition that is quite unlike any other.

The event was originally coined by Taylor Sparkman, whose sister, Anna Wood, now volunteers as the church's Youth and Children's director.

"Originally, I was 12 when it started," Wood said of the hunt, "and my sister was the one who put it together. It just kept going through the years. And it's turned into a whole event.

"I put it together be-

cause I was sad we were getting old," Sparkman added with a chuckle.

The event has grown from a typical hunt with glow-in-the-dark eggs to an Easter version of Capture the Flag with each team looking to capture the other team's eggs.

Attendees are divided into pink and yellow teams before dark. After each team hides its eggs, players return to the field behind the church to search for each one.

Some were hidden in drainpipes while others were buried beneath pinecones.

But at the end, all the eggs from the winning team are held in a small gold trophy that is kept in the youth room until the next year's hunt.

Along with the hunt See **GLOW HUNT** on Page 8B



## Going on an egg hunt

In the past few weeks, many Easter Egg Hunts were held around the community to celebrate the holiday. Find more photos at [www.farragutpress.com](http://www.farragutpress.com) and on our facebook page at [www.facebook.com/farragutpress](http://www.facebook.com/farragutpress).

**Above:** Brittany Eller, center, with Isabelle Hall, left, 7, and Madilyn Hall, 5, at Morning Pointe Hardin Valley Campus senior living community.

**Left, from top:**

Lucie Downs, 2, at Concord United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 29; Lilia Madsen, 4, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Saturday, April 4; Clara Gelantalis, 2, at Farragut First United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 28; and Rachel Ewan, who found a golden egg at St. John Neumann Catholic Church and School on Saturday, April 4.

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# Rocky Top takes home chess wins

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Rocky Top Chess Club reaped wins, winning a championship and high placements in the 2026 Harry D. Sabine State Team Chess Tournament at Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville Saturday, March 21.

Of the six Rocky Top teams competing in the tournament, the Farragut High School and Farragut Middle School teams each won first place; the Farragut Intermediate School and Northshore Elementary teams each won second place; and a new team, Hardin Valley Middle School, placed 10th.

"I feel so excited," said Fei Tian, president of Rocky Top

Chess Club and a coach. She added the FHS and FMS also won the championship last year.

Rocky Top Chess Club for students in kindergarten through 12th grade, has 20 members, of which "most are from Farragut with some also from Northshore," Tian said.

"We also have a chess school," where students can learn the game," she added.

"We hope they can continue to play in the tournament and enjoy the chess journey," Tian said about the winners. "Most of them start at an early age. Some are first-graders or kindergartners."

This is the 10th year since the club was established.



Photo submitted

Rocky Top's Farragut High School chess team, from left, Buchen Jiang, Stephen Xiao, James Nguyen, Maggie Zhong with their coach, Fei Tian, brought home the championship trophy in their age group. See photos of other teams at [www.farragutpress.com](http://www.farragutpress.com).

# Forget Me Not race coming Saturday, April 18

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Local runners can get their running in while benefitting a good cause as the Forget Me Not organization presents its annual Forget Me Not 5K and 10K races Saturday, April 18, in Village Green subdivision.

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the special events permit for the race during its meeting Thurs-

day, April 9. Money raised from the race will benefit the organization to combat Alzheimer's disease, according to Community Development director Mark Shipley.

He said the set-up time will begin at 6 a.m., and the breakdown time will end at 10:30 a.m.

"We will immediately break down all the setup, pick up all the trash and leave everything as we found it," organizer Troy

Andrew Degges stated on the application.

"The start and finish will be at the Planet Fitness in the Village Green Shopping Center," Shipley said. "Both runs will involve streets within the Village Green subdivision, and this is the main reason this event is being presented to the Board for approval."

"The event is anticipated to have 350 participants and around 100 spectators," he

added. "There will be two police officers and volunteers to assist with traffic control and course navigation."

Shipley said the Town's Event Committee reviewed the application and approved it on April 6.

For more information about the races, contact Troy Andrew Degges, [ddegges@volalz.org](mailto:ddegges@volalz.org)

See race route maps at [www.farragutpress.com](http://www.farragutpress.com).

agement and process improvement."

"Clay brings a unique combination of operational expertise and mission minded leadership," CAK Head of School Rich Fulford said. "We look forward to the impact he will make as we continue to strengthen and grow CAK."

Carroll also serves as a captain in the Tennessee Army National Guard, where he

has led teams at multiple echelons and developed strong leadership and organizational skills.

"I am honored to join the CAK family and look forward to supporting its mission of a Christ-centered education through excellence in administrative operations and financial stewardship," Carroll said.

He earned a PhD from UT,

a Masters degree in business administration from Mercer University and a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Auburn University.

Carroll and his wife, Dana, a native of Anderson County, live in the Concord area with their three children, Clayboy, 5; Clarie, 3; and Dalton, 1. The family attends Shoreline Church. Originally from Mont-

gomery, Alabama, Carroll attended Alabama Christian Academy and said he values the opportunity to now invest in a Christ-centered school community.

As chief operating officer, Carroll will lead CAK's operational areas, including finance, facilities, admissions, information technology and human resources.

## Carroll

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ment the university's Responsibility Center Management budget model and managed large scale financial forecasting," the release stated. "He also brings experience in athletics administration and the private sector, where he developed strong skills in team leadership, operations man-

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## Springtime Smiles & Community Celebrations

Spring is in full bloom, and our community embraced the season with a joyful Easter celebration. Residents, patients, and families gathered for a fun-filled egg hunt, complete with colorful surprises and a special visit from the Easter Bunny, who brought smiles, laughter, and festive photo opportunities for all.

The fun continued with both relaxation and excitement as residents enjoyed kite flying and a spring picnic. Outdoors, bright kites filled the sky, offering a peaceful chance to soak in the sunshine and fresh air. Residents then gathered for a cheerful spring picnic, sharing delicious food, laughter, and meaningful conversation in a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Adding a touch of elegance, our "Steeped in Tradition" tea party invited residents to sample a variety of teas while learning about their origins and cultural significance, creating a relaxing and engaging experience. Residents also enjoyed a visit to the Farragut Museum, exploring local history and connecting with the roots of the community.

The celebration continued with a special performance from the Knoxville Senior Center hula dancers, whose graceful movements brought the spirit of Hawaiian culture to life.

This spring has truly been a season of celebration, learning, and connection!



Photos submitted



Up, up, and away! Residents soared into spring with colorful kite creations and a cheerful picnic under the sunny sky.



Residents, patients, families and little ones had an egg-citing day hopping into fun, hunting colorful Easter eggs, and sharing smiles with the Easter Bunny!



Residents savored a delightful afternoon at the fancy tea party, enjoying tea sandwiches, plenty of desserts, and learning about the rich history and traditions of teas.



Step back in time! Our visit to the Farragut Museum brought local history and culture to life, connecting our community with its rich past.



The Halls Senior Center hula dancers delighted our community by sharing a variety of traditional and contemporary dance styles. We are grateful for their visit and for bringing their talent, culture, and joy to our event.



## Alzheimer's Needs to Walk the Plank

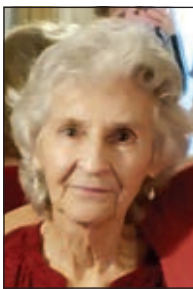
NHC Cavette Hill's theme for the Alzheimer's Walk this year was "Alzheimer's Needs to Walk the Plank." We are yearly key sponsors. The walk was held at Knoxville Catholic High School this past Saturday, April 11.

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# obituary

**Armenda “Joyce” McCarter**, 87, of Farragut, TN, passed away April 9, 2026. Joyce was born in Silverton, CO on November 4, 1938, to the late Victor S. and Geneva Kirkland Lovin-good. She was also preceded in death by her first husband, Joe C. Summit; second husband, John L. McCarter; daughter, Linda “Cathey” Summitt and brothers, James “Jim” M. Lovingood and Leroy “Roy” V. Lovingood.



McCarter

She is survived by her daughter, Geneva “Eva” L. Smith and husband, Elbert “Buddy” M. Smith; grand-daughter, Jennifer “Jenny” H. Liles and husband Joe Liles; great granddaughter, Elizabeth H. McCurdy and Sarah J. McCurdy; favorite nieces, Jimmie J. Lovingood, Connie R. Bivens and husband, Vic Bivens; many more nieces and nephews, and close friends, Wanda Lovingood and Bonnie Summitt. Joyce spent most of her life

in Madisonville and Knoxville, Tennessee, where she built a life rooted in faith, family, and simple joys. She worked for many years in food service at Saint Mary’s Hospital, where she was known for her kindness and steady dedication. A woman of the Baptist faith, she loved the Lord deeply and lived in a way that reflected her beliefs. Joyce found peace in tending her flower beds and spending time outdoors, and she never passed up the chance for new “journeys”. She also shared her life with beloved four-legged companions who brought her so much joy.

Visitation was held on April 14, 2026, from 12:00-1:00pm at Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, with service starting at 1:00pm. Immediately following the service, family and friends met in Grigsby Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery for a 2:00pm graveside comital with Rev. Mike Kelly officiating. Pallbearers for the service were Gene Stokes, Ron Turner, Vic Bivens, Boone Hackney, Ozzy Garcia and Buddy Smith.

Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel is honored to serve the family of Joyce McCarter.

## Glow hunt

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itself, kids play games that involve eating donuts off strings — without using one’s hands — and tossing cheese balls onto other kids’ heads, which are covered in shower caps with shaving cream on top so the cheese balls would stick.

Altogether, the event is a bit more complex than the church’s original egg hunt, which has been in place almost as long as the 53 years Leonard Turner has served as pastor.

Now, his grandchildren — Sparkman and Wood — are finding a new way to approach a familiar, family-friendly event.

“I think it’s really fun to have a chance to remember your childhood as everyone does,” Sparkman said. “Playing outside, staying out late until dark. It’s silly and fun, and we don’t get to do that a lot in today’s world.”



Photo submitted

Competitors took time for a photo after participating in the 2026 glow-in-the-dark egg hunt at Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Farragut on Friday, April 3, 2026. Pictured from left are: Brodie Roberts, Blakely Boles, Anna Wood, Brett Boles, Ian Brown, Taylor Sparkman and Kaylynn Huffman.

## Press planner

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nessee. A percentage of all proceeds from the evening will go directly to Second Harvest to expand their emergency food relief programs and support for vulnerable families across Knox, Blount, Sevier, and surrounding counties. Second Harvest leadership will be there and happy to discuss the hunger crisis we’re facing and how this support will directly impact families in our community. Reservations for the Second Harvest Charity Night can be made at <https://www.thechophouse.com/giving-back/>

• Children ages 6-18 in the Knoxville-area are encouraged to enroll in a free, one-year membership to Youth on Course, courtesy of Bank of America. Enrollment for new members is open until June 15 at [BoFA.com/GolfwithUs](http://BoFA.com/GolfwithUs). ‘Golf with Us’ includes access to Williams Creek Golf Course, Knoxville Municipal Golf Course and more for \$5 or less per round. The full list is available at [YouthOnCourse.org](http://YouthOnCourse.org). Bank of America launched ‘Golf with Us’ in partnership with Youth on Course to expand affordable access to golf nationwide.

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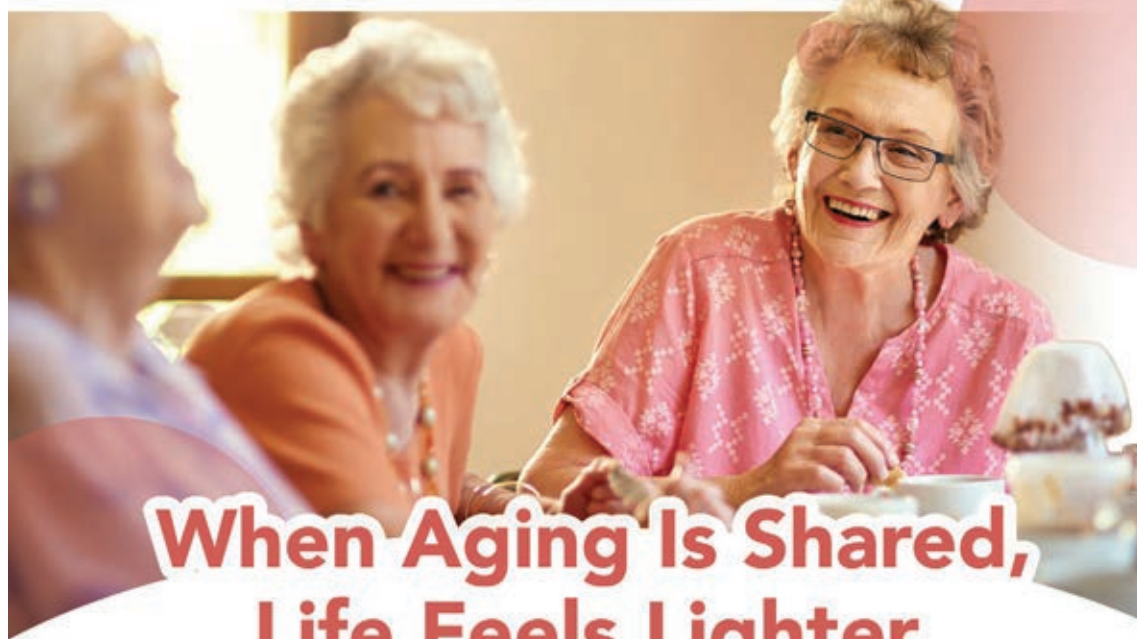
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 THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

I) Call to Order  
 II) Approval of Agenda  
 III) Approval of Minutes  
 A) Approval of minutes for the March 19, 2026 meeting.  
 IV) Action Items  
 B) Discussion and public hearing on a request for approval of design plans for a traffic signal at the intersection of Jamestowne Boulevard and N. Campbell Station Road  
 C) Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for Phase 2, Unit 1 of the Grove at Boyd Station Subdivision, 16.15 Acres, 15 Lots, Zoned OSMR (Lynch Surveys, LLC., Applicant)  
 D) Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for a covered canopy and enclosure along a portion of the Ingles storefront at 11847 Kingston Pike, Zoned C-1 (Robertson Loia Roof, P.C., Applicant)  
 E) Discussion and public hearing on Resolution PC-26-04, a resolution to amend the Future Land Use Map for 11830 Kingston Pike from Very Low Density Residential to Office/Light Industrial (Marzolf Investment, Applicant)  
 F) Discussion and public hearing on Resolution PC-26-05, a resolution for Planning Commission recommendation on Ordinance 26-08, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for 11830 Kingston Pike from General Single-Family Residential (R-2) to Office (O-1) (Marzolf Investment, Applicant)  
 V) Discussion Items  
 A) Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Zoning, Chapter 3. - Specific District Regulations, to replace Section V. - Rural Single-Family Acre Residential District (R-1-S-A), with the Rural Large-Lot Estate District (RLE)  
 B) Approval of FY2027-FY2032 Capital Investment Plan  
 VI) Approval of Utilities  
 VII) Citizens Forum

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