



## Sheriff's office defends service levels in Farragut

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Knox County Sheriff's Office responded to farragutpress's questions on April 29 concerning its coverage of the Town of Farragut. "The patrol zones have not changed, and having a precinct or lack of doesn't

change their responsibilities," replied Kimberly Glenn, communications director for KCSO. "Knox County Sheriff's Office deputies do a fantastic job of responding to calls for service. If you're looking for specific calls and/or call volume for your area, as well as response times, I suggest contacting E-911.

E-911 did receive a records request from the farragutpress May 4, and the farragutpress received an email, also on May 4, stating E-911 received our request; but the farragutpress has not had any further replies as of press time. "Additionally, Sheriff [Tom] Spangler has no response to the letter [sent by Farragut Mayor Ron Williams to the

sheriff in March]," Glenn said. "[Spangler] is, however, eager to get the new West Knox County precinct open; it is conveniently located at Cedar Bluff to serve all of West Knox County. "We are pleased to offer a one-stop location where residents can also con-

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## Williams named Grandmother of Year

**Staff Reports**  
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Tennessee Justice Center recently named Tikia Williams of West Knoxville as a 2026 Grandmother of the Year, recognizing "her resilience, compassion and unwavering dedication to her grandchildren," a TJC press release stated.

Williams was born in Tennessee, and "no matter where life has taken her, Tennessee has always been home," the release stated.

She spent part of her childhood in California and later returned to Knoxville as a teenager. Over the years, she has

lived in Georgia, as well, but she always found her way back to Tennessee, saying, "This is where my family is."

Family is at the center of everything for Williams. She is the mother of five children, all of whom live in Knoxville, and the grandmother of nine.

Four of her grandchildren have been in her care since March 2024, a responsibility she embraced without hesitation.

Williams describes herself as "hardworking and family-oriented," and her life reflects that

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Jake Nichols, a staff writer with farragutpress, smiles alongside his grandmother, Sandra Arnold, during a high school senior photo in February 2015. Her impact is why Nichols felt compelled to chime in regarding the "Grandparents as Parents" conference held last week in Knoxville.

## Sign rules highlight candidate meeting

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Candidates seeking public office in Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen seats gathered in Farragut Town Hall Thursday, April 30, to learn more about the Town and what is expected of the offices.

However, the "hot topic" was the regulations regarding placement of political signs.

"All we can do in the Town is what the state allows us to do," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said. "The political

sign provisions are governed through the Tennessee Code Annotated and Tennessee Freedom of Speech Act. That gives all municipalities and communities the baseline of what the state allows them to do. They can't do more than what the state allows them to do."

For the Town, "some of the big things for us is just making sure that the political signs are not on public properties, including public right-of-way," Shipley said. "In 2025, we actually

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## Dream Connection grants child's dream

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Imagine your child suddenly becoming critically ill.

There are doctors' visits, hospital stays, injections, time away from home and tears.

Now, imagine someone comes to you and tells you there is an organization that can make your child's dream come true,

and it does. That organization is Dream Connection.

A "sold-out crowd" of Dream Connection's supporters joined past and current dream recipients to celebrate its anniversary milestone, present the Legacy Award, raise money and reveal the 2026 dream coming true for a child during its

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## 'Grandparents as Parents' Conference promotes support, resilience

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The Grandparents as Parents program hosted its annual "Parenting the Second Time Around" conference on Tuesday, April 28.

This year's theme, "The Resilient Caregiver: Strength Through Support," focused on empowering those who are raising children for a second time, according to a release.

The conference aims to equip grandparents,

relative caregivers and professionals with practical tools, valuable resources and up-to-date information to strengthen caregiving skills, promote resilience and build supportive networks.

One of our own at the farragutpress, writer Jake Nichols, has personal experience with this dynamic and felt its impact from an early age.

"Having been raised by my grandmother from ages 12 through 18, I have observed the differ-

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## Election Day

People turned out to vote for Election Day, Tuesday, May 5, inside Faith Lutheran Church, located at 225 Jamestowne Blvd. in Farragut. By 11 a.m. Tuesday, this site welcomed 74 voters who made their way to the polls to cast their ballots for the 2026 Knox County primary election. Results are unavailable in our Wednesday, May 6, edition since they rolled in after press time, but you can find more information at farragutpress.com.

Jake Nichols



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## Dream

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40th Anniversary Gala in Fox Den Country Club Thursday night, April 30.

Erecka Brown wiped away tears when Denise Rowe announced Brown's son, Tyheim Westfield, who loves animals and dinosaurs, will be taking a trip to the San Diego Zoo in California. Along with that, Zoo Knoxville staff brought Spencer, a hyacinth macaw, and Ursula, a blue-tongued skink, to the event and the child received a bag of dinosaur toys and an inflatable dinosaur.

"It means a lot to me," Tyheim's mother said. "It was new to me when I first had him. Everything he's receiving is a blessing for him because he's had to go through a lot in life, and he's been resilient through everything."

Tyheim, a rising fourth-grader, was born Dec. 17, 2015, with Treacher Collins Syndrome, a cranial/facial difference.

"A few days later he was receiving a [tracheotomy]," Erecka recalled. "I had to learn everything to take care of my baby."

During the event, attendees heard from the musical group, Gas Station Sushi, and from V.I.P. guest, former University of Tennessee basketball star, John Fulkerson.

Regarding being involved with the Dream Connection, Fulkerson said, "The fact [Dream Connection] has been doing that for 40 years and what they do of helping kids when

they really need it the most, I think is really important.

"And really, the amount of money these people are pouring into kids they don't know, they haven't met, is really a heartfelt non-profit organization," he said.

Dream Connection is a non-profit organization providing once-in-a-lifetime dreams to East Tennessee children between the ages of 3 and 18 who have life-threatening or chronically debilitating illnesses, Dream Connection board member Christine Tamburnini said.

The organization is operated solely by a volunteer board of directors, advisory board and other concerned citizens, so 100 percent of the money raised goes to fulfill children's dreams, said Beth Milam, Dream Connection president.

"We hope you leave this evening with a deeper understanding of our mission and what we do," she said.

Dream Connection was founded in 1985 by Billy Joe Price, who "dreamed of creating an organization that would bring happiness and hope to local children who were facing unimaginable illnesses," Milam related.

The organization also honored Board member and attorney Ferrell Levy, also a Rotary Club of Farragut member, with the Legacy award. Levy was the attorney Price turned to in his efforts to start the organization, and Levy has supported Dream Connection since that time.

At least three previous dream recipients were present at the event: Andi Lay, 10; Noah Sileno, 11, who was diagnosed at 3 years old with brain cancer but got a trip to Disney World; and Sam Warren, who was 5 when he received a tour of a vacuum factory. Now, he is healthy, married, in his 30s and a robotics engineer.

"I can't really express how much [the dream] meant to us," Warren said.

Martha Sileno said her son was diagnosed with high-risk B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a fast-growing blood cancer.

"We were actually inpatient for the 41 of the 47 days that we were diagnosed," she related, adding she met Denise Rowe, their dreammaker and volunteer, at the hospital.

"Treatment's hard, cancer's hard; but in the middle of that, we met up with Dream Connection."

The trip to Disney "was absolutely amazing," Martha said. While at Disney, "we got a phone call from our oncologist, and she said he was in remission."

"You are the reason we do what we do," Milam told the children.

"Ted Hall, WVLT anchor, also has a special heart for this organization as well," board member John Milam said. With emotion taking over, Warren added, "It's amazing how much it helped me and our family, just to be able to get through that hard time."

Hall also experienced



Tammy Cheek

Dream Connection's dreammaker, Denise Rowe, presents some of the items of 10-year-old Tyheim Westfield's dream to the child as part of a reveal at Dream Connection's 40th Anniversary Gala in Fox Den Country Club Thursday night, April 30. With the child are his mother, Erecka Brown, and father, Timothy Westfield.

Dream Connection's compassion after his youngest son was diagnosed with brain cancer. He was treated to a Disney cruise compliments of Dream Connection.

Also, "I have first-hand knowledge of what Dream Connection does," said Denise Rowe, the mother of Ethan, then 11. "It gave our family a much needed reprieve from the hospitals, chemo and radiation ... he was able to be a

carefree kid."

Ethan, however, passed away two months after his dream.

Still, "the memories we made as a family are ours forever," Rowe said. "He told me he wanted me to become a volunteer with the Dream Connection ... that's how much the dream meant to him."

Last Thursday night, she facilitated the trip for Tyheim Westfield.

## Sheriff's

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duct other business with Knox County," she added. "As always, if a member of the community needs to file a report, they can do so over the phone at 865-215-2243, and likewise, if they need to obtain a report, they may do so by emailing publicrecords@knoxsheriff.org

Additionally, Capt. Aaron Yarnell with Knox County Sheriff's Office's Technology Division, responded, "I would also like to know where the rumors of Farragut not having officers because of a precinct location change.

"Maybe some people thought officers responded from there." He added. "Maybe they don't understand how we use a precinct. The physical lo-

cation change of 3 miles didn't change anything about protection to the Farragut community. Same patrol beats, same way dispatched, nothing changed.

Regarding Farragut Mayor's March 27 letter to the sheriff's office, Yarnell said, "Myself and [Capt.] Hugh [Holt] were copied here in this email as we are two of the people that has been helping get our new location ready along with adding a crime center to it. We have made a positive from a negative. Negative ... as being asked to move out of our current Farragut location.

"Farragut is still a part of Knox County and is important to us, just like other communities, such as Gibbs, Halls, Hardin Valley, Vestal, etc.," he said. "Calls for service and patrol remains the same."

## Grandparents

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ent ways she had to operate through the years. Although she still spoiled me plenty as my grandmother, she could not exercise that same approach all the time since she had to be a fill-in parent as well," Nichols said. "Now that I'm older, though, I'm so grateful for that dynamic and how it shaped our relationship. She is still my closest confidant and, as a former English teacher

herself, is one of the reasons I became a writer."

The "Grandparents as Parents" event took place from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Rothchild Catering & Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike.

Educational sessions at the conference included "Therapeutic Gardening," "Vaping 101" and "Putting the Oxygen Mask on First: How Caregivers Can Recognize and Regulate Their Emotions and Help Youth Do the Same."

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# Farragut resident Ed Jessup receives Seven Seals Award



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Ed Jessup, right, Farragut resident and CEO of Jessup & Associates Inc., recently received the Seven Seals Award from retired Brig. Gen. Tommy Cauthen.

### Staff reports

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Farragut resident Ed Jessup, president/CEO of Jessup & Associates Inc., recently was awarded the esteemed Seven Seals Award in recognition of his outstanding support of employees serving in the National Guard and Reserve.

Jessup received the honor during a special presentation by retired Brig. Gen. Tommy Cauthen, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve state chair. The Seven Seals Award is the broadest, most inclusive award given by ESGR, a Department of Defense program, a press release stated. It recognizes significant individual or organizational achievement, initiative or support promoting and supporting the ESGR mission.

As the leader of Jessup & Associates Inc., which operates as the national sales office for W.R. Case & Sons Cutlery Company, "Jessup has demonstrated a strong commitment to supporting service members within his organization," the press release stated. "His leadership reflects a deep ap-

preciation for the sacrifices made by members of the National Guard and Reserve, as well as a dedication to fostering a workplace that accommodates and values military service.

"This recognition also highlights the important role local employers play in supporting members of the military community across Farragut and East Tennessee," it added.

"Edward Jessup's support ensures that those who serve our country can do so knowing their civilian careers are respected and protected," Cauthen said. "His commitment sets a standard for other employers to follow."

### Williams

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truth every day, the press release stated. Along with caring for her grandchildren, she works as an order picker at Cardinal Health, "balancing long shifts with the demands of raising young children again."

When her grandchildren came to live with her, Williams immediately tried to apply for TennCare and Medicaid to ensure they and she had the support they needed. Despite her efforts, she was not successful on her own.

In the summer of 2025, Tennessee Justice Center applied on her behalf; and this time, she was approved for TennCare as a caretaker relative.

"This approval was peace of mind for Williams," the press release stated. "She has high blood pressure, and staying healthy is essential not only for herself but for the grandchildren who depend on her," it stated.

"My grandchildren need me," Williams said. "I need to be here for them and make sure that I am healthy."

"Her family is close-knit, celebrating holidays together and making time for simple joys, like taking all the kids to the park," the release stated. "For Tikia, the most rewarding part of being a caregiver is knowing her grandchildren are safe, healthy and surrounded by family."

"I love the fact that we are such a close fam-



Photo courtesy of Wild Blossom Photography

Tikia Williams of the Knoxville area shares a photo moment with her grandchildren. Williams was chosen the 2026 Grandmother of the Year by Tennessee Justice Center.

ily," Williams said.

She added she cherishes the bonding time, the laughter and the everyday moments that make their home feel full.

"Tennessee Justice Center is privileged to honor Ms. Tikia Williams as a 2026 Grandmother of the Year recipient," the press release stated.



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■ Tuesday, May 5, [was] the final day that voters of Knox County will get to vote for a new sheriff. Something that needs to be emphasized is that three of the sheriff's candidates are behind putting a precinct back into the Farragut-Turkey Creek area. One is not. What a lot of people do not realize is that the Farragut precinct covers not only the Town of Farragut, but a lot of unincorporated West Knox County, including Choto, Karnes, Hardin Valley, parts of Cedar Bluff, and so on. Please take that into account when you are casting your vote.

■ With the new Farragut Elementary School going in on Boring Road, Knox County is widening Boring Road from Baldwin Park down to the new entrance to the school on Boring Road. But surely the Town of Farragut can widen Boring Road all the way down to Kingston Pike. We surely don't need to close off the access to Kingston Pike from Boring Road. The Town of Farragut has plenty of money, plenty of surplus money. They should widen Boring Road from the new entrance to the elementary school on Boring Road all the way to Kingston Pike. We do not need to lose the entrance to Kingston Pike. The accessibility of the elementary school needs to be from both Kingston Pike and Smith Road. With all the buses and all the traffic, they'll come in off of Village Commons, but they need to be accessed from Kingston Pike and from Smith Road. So I see the barriers up on Kingston Pike at Boring Road, but the Town of Farragut needs to pay for the widening of Boring Road from the new entrance on Boring Road for the school all the way down to Kingston Pike. The elementary school needs access from both Smith and Boring Road. Surely that can be done.

■ I see where the Farragut [Municipal] Planning Commission turned down Raymond James Investment, an insurance company coming into

Farragut, into a building that used to be an insurance agent. It's an insurance agent building down across the highway from Ingles. It used to be an insurance agency. And Raymond James wanted to come into the Town with an investment advisory and insurance agency. And they were turned down. I think the Planning Commission has the mayor and vice mayor on it. And they 100 percent rejected Raymond James. We need new leadership. It's time for change. It's time for change. We need new leadership in Farragut. We don't need the same mayor, vice mayor who sit on the Planning Commission that stop things. We need to be more encouraging to businesses coming into the Town like Raymond James, into a building that used to be an insurance agency. So what is going on? We need new leadership, change. We have an election coming up, and early voting in July, and Aug. 6 election. Let's have new leaders as mayor, etc. New leadership, time for change.

■ Addressing "the quiet pond." It would have packed more of a punch if the farragutpress didn't already give constant voice to those who disagree with Town officials. Every week, the same handful of unhappy residents are more than represented in the paper, either in a story or an editorial, press talk or letter to the editor. They are not disenfranchised. The problem really is that the paper has taken their side, rather than allowing each side to express their viewpoints. Within one month's time, a south ward alderman candidate was allowed to discuss a meeting held by the incumbent two different times, in two different editions, without any pushback or fact-checking from the paper, nor was the alderman's viewpoint requested or expressed in any way. A newspaper's job is to show both sides, and appear not to take sides. That is certainly not the case here.

## Sign

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amended our sign ordinance to provide for clarity on where we consider the public right-of-way for purposes of sign placement.

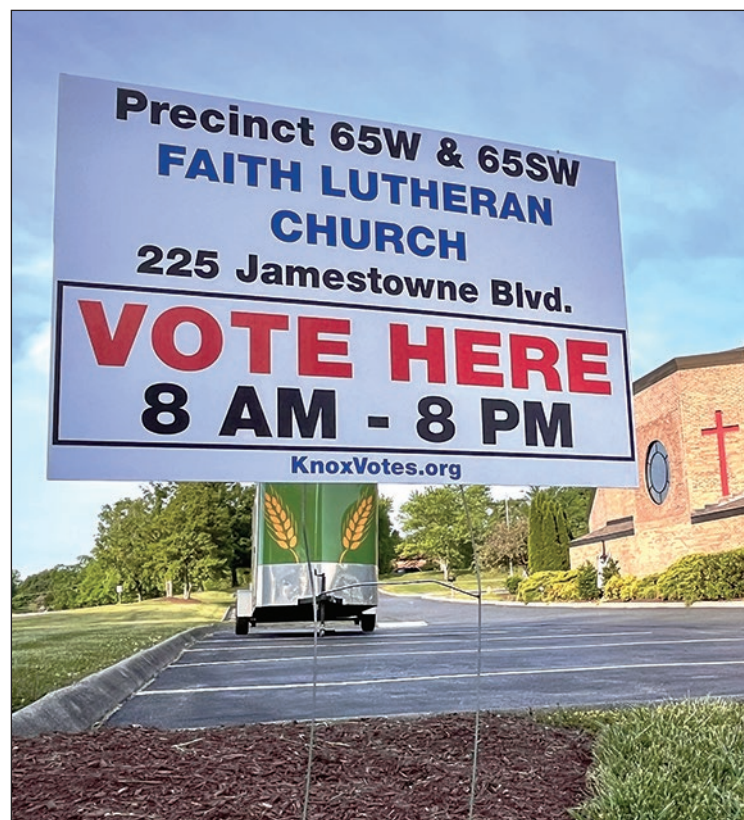
"The Town utilizes a 12-foot setback to avoid signs on the right-of-way," he said. "Keep all signs at least 12 feet from the curb or outer edge of the pavement along roads without a curb.

"Make sure that signs do not block or obstruct vision at roadway or driveway intersections," Shipley said. "Please consider the perspective of drivers in different size or height vehicles."

He said Town properties or facilities include all Town parks, Town Hall, the community center and "other properties owned by the Town, including the easternmost corner at the intersection of West End Boulevard and Kingston Pike, next to Farragut Cleaners."

Also, "only one sign per candidate, issue or subject is permitted on private property with the consent of the property owner," Shipley said. "Please remember that the owner of the property is likely different from the tenant/lessee in a commercial center.

"Campaigns and candidates should make sure they have



Jake Nichols

A sign welcomes people to vote at Faith Lutheran Church on Election Day, Tuesday, May 5.

the permission of the property owner before putting up signs on the property," he added.

On another subject, Town administrator Davis Smoak shared details about the Town, such as it was incorporated Jan. 16, 1980, and the first Board of Mayor and Aldermen was elected April 1, 1980.

In 1981, the Town's popula-

tion was 6,360. In 2025, the population was 25,242. The Town encompasses 16 square miles with 1 square mile of urban growth boundary.

Smoak also went over the Board's duties, as well as the mayor's duties; Town services; its strategic plan and organizational chart.

## KCSO policereports

■ Man arrested in forged check attempt

On Tuesday, April 21, a man was arrested after attempting to cash a forged check at a local credit union. The branch manager became suspicious of the check and contacted the account holder. The account holder reported the check had been altered from its original amount and payee. He believed the check had been taken from a mailbox. Deputies determined the check had been tampered with, and the suspect was taken into custody on theft and forgery charges.

■ Theft, forgery reported at post office

On Wednesday, April 23, a Farragut man reported a theft and forgery incident involving a mailed check at the Farragut Post Office located at 11409 Municipal Center Drive. The complainant said a check placed in an outdoor drop box April 10 was later altered to a different payee. The bank flagged the transaction as suspicious and ultimately reversed it, preventing any financial loss. The case includes theft, forgery and attempted fraud charges.

■ Check altered, deposited in fraud case

On Wednesday, April 23, a Farragut woman reported a theft and fraud incident after mailing a check from at the Farragut Post Office located at 11409 Municipal Center Drive. The complainant said she was notified her mortgage payment had not been received and later discovered the check had been altered to a different payee and amount. The altered check was reportedly deposited using a mobile banking app. The case includes theft, forgery and fraud charges.

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University of Tennessee alumni, Aimee and Doug Watson, along with Aimee's brother, Brandon Miramontes, under Grey Mountain Investments LLC., are opening four Paris Baguette locations, of which one they are in negotiations with Biddle Farms at Town Center in Farragut as one of those sites.

"We are excited," Miramontes said. After long careers in supply chain management, documentary-making and logistics, the Watsons and Miramontes were looking for a new business opportunity that would allow them to come back to Knoxville, a place they called home while students at UT.

The trio said they are launching their first of four locations in Farragut near the end of this year, with more possibly coming in Bearden/West Hills, the UT campus and Maryville.

"We're bringing this to the market for the first time, all the way around," Aimee said.

"Doug and I just moved back to the area," she added. "We've been in Pennsylvania for the past 12 years, so we're back and really excited to do this in the community and with our family."

"Currently, there are three Paris Baguettes in Tennessee, but they all reside out in the Nashville area," Doug said. "We'll be the area developers for the Knoxville market."

"We've done a lot of market research with Paris' corporate office; and looking at where

growth is and where new businesses are going, those are a target radius within like 3 miles in and around those particular locations," Aimee said. "And being out in west Knoxville, we know how much this has grown since we were in school."

"Right now we're in lease negotiations [with Biddle Farms]," Doug said. "The goal is to have the lease wrapped up, hopefully, in the next couple of weeks."

"Then construction at Biddle Farms hopefully to begin in May, so our target goal is to have the first store open in November or early December of this year," he added.

"Paris Baguette is a bakery/café, specializing in different types of artisan cakes, sandwiches, grab-and-go-type things," Doug explained. "We want to bring the bakery atmosphere to a city or town. We wanted to bring the café to the Farragut area as our No. 1 location."

"With the Town Center, Biddle Farms being built, we thought of that as a prime location with that being a town center for Farragut," he added.

Aimee said the café carries a wide variety on its menu, anything from cakes and tarts to macarons to both sweet and savory pastries.

One can expect to find a pepperoni croissant pizza and ham and cheese croissants, coffees, frappes, lemonades, hot chocolate and hot teas.

For more on its menu, visit [parisbaguette.com](http://parisbaguette.com).



Photo submitted

University of Tennessee alumni, Aimee and Doug Watson, along with Aimee's brother, Brandon Miramontes (not pictured) are bringing four Paris Baguettes locations to the area with one planned in Biddle Farms at Town Center in Farragut.

## Teague's Jewelry & Estate opens in Farragut

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce welcomed a new business, Teague's Jewelry & Estate, into Farragut with a Chamber-sponsored ribbon cutting at 11130 Kingston Pike, the former Watch Clock & Jewelry store on Wednesday, April 15.

"I get excited every time I come in here, FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said.

Sisters, Jana Teague and Jill Cornwell, have combined their talents to open the shop, located next to Results Physiotherapy.

"We grew up in the industry with family working in jewelry, antiques and the auction industry," Cornwell said. In her adult life, she has been in the jewelry industry as a certified gemologist, and Teague also is a jeweler.

"I've been to many jewelry stores over the years, and we just thought it was time for us to get together and have our own business," she added.

In 2020, Teague switched career paths completely, and "Jill brought me back into the jewelry business," Teague said. "I decided to do a bench jeweler. I do repairs and custom work."

In addition to the jewelry aspect of the business, the sisters also offer appraisals on jewelry and buy and sell estate jewelry and other items.

Customers will find such merchandise as Waterford crystal, Spode china, clocks, antique lamps, artwork, pottery and small finds one would see at an estate sale.

"All the jewelry we sell is estate," Cornwell said. "We also change watch batteries and do adjustments on watch links and bracelets.



Tammy Cheek

Sisters, Jill Cornwell, left, and Jana Teague (both with scissors), cut the ribbon on their new business, Teague Jewelry & Estate.

"We can help you out with anything you have that has been passed down ... you inherited," she said. "You may not know what it is, and we can help you determine what it is."

"We do buy everything estate," Cornwell added, noting they also buy and offer consignment services.

"We will help you sell your

things if you don't have an outlet to sell them," she said.

Taking that leap of faith and opening a business, "for me, personally, I went into business for myself in early 2024, doing appraisals, which is kind of a behind the scene thing, so being here and getting the store open is great," Cornwell said. "I get to interact with the

community, be more involved and be with my sister."

"I was looking for something different, and she said, 'Hey, do you want to do this with me?' I can't say no to her," Teague said. "She's my older sister."

"We're excited to really get going," she added.

For more information, call the shop, 865-288-7728.

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BarberMcMurry Architects recently promoted Matt Jordan, AIA, LFA, LEED AP, WELL AP, to director of design and partner.

Jordan joined the firm in 2008. Since that time, he has been a project designer, project architect and project manager on a variety of projects, particularly in higher education and healthcare.

He has led internal initiatives as an associate and senior associate — including efforts in sustainability and

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# Turner Homes unveils new umbrella brand

**Staff reports**

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Turner Homes in Farragut has announced the launch of Turner Companies, a unified umbrella brand bringing together its affiliated businesses under a shared vision: providing a more flexible and connected path home for buyers and renters in East Tennessee.

“Homebuyers often face frustration navigating multiple, disconnected services — from building and financing to title and closing — leading to delays, confusion and stress,” a press release stated. “Industry research shows prospective buyers report coordination between services as a major pain point in the purchase process.”

“Turner Companies helps eliminate that friction by aligning essential services within a single framework, giving customers more flexibility in how they move through the home journey,” the release stated. “Turner Companies acknowledges Turner Homes’ more than 55-year legacy in East Tennessee while celebrating the strength of its expanded service portfolio.”

Under the new brand, Turner Companies encompasses Clouds Rest Development, Turner Homes, Woody Creek

Realty, Fortress Title Group, Home Front Mortgage and Fortress Capital.

Now, Turner Companies operate across East Tennessee with teams serving both the Knoxville and Chattanooga markets.

“As part of this transition, leadership titles have been updated to reflect the broader scope of the organization,” the press release stated. “While these leaders have long supported the full portfolio of Turner Companies, their titles now align with their responsibilities across all business lines.”

Andrew Fraser will serve as chief executive officer of Turner Companies. He succeeds Mike Turner, who will transition into an advisory capacity as chairman. Lisa Stridde will serve as chief operating officer; Amanda Johnson as chief sales officer; and Jenny Brewer as chief financial officer.

“Turner Companies exists to provide a seamless path home for buyers,” Fraser said. “That path may involve renting, purchasing, selling or investing in real estate.”

“By aligning our businesses under one vision and brand, we give buyers greater flexibility, clarity and continuity through every step of



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Turner Companies’ leadership team and employees gathered for a recent ribbon cutting of its new location and branding.

their housing experience,” he added.

“Each entity within Turner Companies plays an essential role in a connected, end-to-end home journey:

- **Clouds Rest Development:** new community land acquisition and development;
- **Turner Homes:** home design, construction and warranty services;
- **Woody Creek Realty:** real

estate brokerage and property management;

• **Fortress Title Group:** title and settlement services;

• **Home Front Mortgage:** mortgage lending and financing solutions; and

• **Fortress Capital:** capital management and investor relations.

Earlier this year, the companies consolidated into a shared headquarters, where a

joint management team works together to align strategy, operations and customer service across all entities, according to the press release.

“Bringing these teams together in person helps streamline operations and create a more seamless experience for employees, customers and partners,” Stridde said.

For more information, visit [turnercompanies.com](http://turnercompanies.com).

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virtual reality, as well as being integral in BarberMcMurry’s annual Day of Service, (PARK) ing Day and design competitions. He was promoted to design manager and senior associate in 2023.

• Apex Bank, the No. 1 community bank in Tennessee, as ranked by ICBA, has acquired the 24-story office building, known as Riverview Tower, at 900 S. Gay St. The landmark

transaction includes the connected 421-space parking garage and returns the city’s second-tallest building to local ownership for the first time in decades.

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Farragut batter Aidan Flagg (8) hits a line drive against McMinn County.

## Ads blast McMinn County, stave off elimination

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After falling to Oak Ridge, 10-5, last weekend, the Farragut baseball team slid into an elimination matchup against McMinn County.

But, with their backs against the wall, the Admirals came out swinging on Monday, May 4.

Fueled by home runs from Travis Brummitt Jr., Mason Shelton and Caleb Van Lant, the Ads breezed past McMinn County 11-0 in five innings to reach the District 4-4A Tournament

championship series.

In the process, FHS qualified for the region tournament and kept its hopes alive for a fifth straight Class 4A state title.

“Our guys are always confident in themselves, and they do things right to handle their business,” Farragut coach Garrett Copeland said. “They knew what was on the line, and they know our expectations and standards. They wanted to continue working to achieve our goal.”

FHS faced Oak Ridge in that district series Tuesday, May 5, though

results were not available at press time.

As for Monday’s result, Brummitt started off the bottom of the first with a three-run homer to put the Ads on the board.

Two batters later, Shelton went yard for a 5-0 lead while Van Lant knocked a long ball to left in the bottom of the fourth. That put the Admirals at their final margin as the team went 12-for-23 at the plate while burning through four McMinn County pitchers.

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## Selfless Admirals return to state semifinals

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Ben Sachs doesn’t have to look far to find an example of teamwork.

His Farragut men’s lacrosse players might as well comprise Exhibit A, as most of them have developed chemistry on the field since their middle school days.

Now, that effect is showing on the field. After claiming their second consecutive region title, the Ads beat Cookeville, 17-4, last Friday, May 1, to book their second-straight appearance in the TSSAA Class AA state semifinals.

“It’s fun,” Sachs said with a grin. “Absolutely excited for these guys. Second year in a row, and these boys deserve it. They have worked hard and we have talked about this since October. Everything they have done has led to these final games, so we’re excited to be here.”

In the semifinal round, the Ads will take on defending state champion Nolensville — the same team that ended Farragut’s season in a 15-9 result a year ago.

This time, FHS will be looking for a different result when it travels to

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Photo by Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

Farragut’s William Morris (23) fights for possession against a Lenoir City player during their playoff matchup on Monday, May 4, at Farragut High School.

## Admirals outlast Panthers; Hawks’ season ends

**Ken Lay**  
Correspondent

The opening round of the District 4-AAA boys soccer tournament produced mixed results for area teams Monday night, May 4.

Third-seeded Farragut had to work a little overtime to eliminate No. 6 seed Lenoir City at home while No. 5 seed Hardin Valley Academy dropped a 2-1 decision at Maryville, bringing its season to an end.

The Admirals (13-1-2) had to overcome an early deficit to earn a 3-2 victory over, the Panthers in a match that went to overtime an ended on a goal by Will Morris, who found the back of the net with 2 minutes, 48 seconds remaining in the first half of 20-minute overtime, and FHS held on to win.

The game-winner was assisted by Caleb Gaha-

gan, who also had a goal in the match.

Farragut coach Bradley Culbreth was a bit surprised by the competitiveness of the match.

“Playoffs are playoffs,” he said. “I thought we had the run of play early. We just didn’t finish the ball.”

“We were down, 1-0, just had a defensive mistake where we didn’t communicate.”

All the goals in regulation were scored in the first half as Morris had the second marker of the first half for the Admirals. But Lenoir City would score the equalizer before the break, making the score, 2-2.

Culbreth credited Lenoir City for finishing on its scoring opportunities.

“They finished the chances they had,” he said.

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## Lady Admirals show ‘fight’ in final outing

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Savannah Thomas has been the head coach of the Farragut girls lacrosse team for just one season.

But if the 2026 campaign was any indication, Thomas has plenty to look forward to as the leader of the Lady Admirals.

FHS lost to Cookeville 14-13 in the girls Class

AA state quarterfinals last Thursday, April 30, to cap Thomas’ first season at the helm.

Senior Jane Davanzo led the Lady Ads with five goals in her final outing for Farragut while fellow senior Sirilla Cretton-Gilbert tallied four. Sophomore Addy Chambers found the net twice, and Cam Beeler and Samantha Casos

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Jake Nichols

Bearden’s Leighton Corum (87) and Farragut’s Bella Bruton (29) react after Corum’s interception clinched a 13-7 BHS victory

## Bearden edges Farragut to end historic campaign

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In the first TSSAA-sanctioned year of girls flag football, Farragut had a season to remember.

The Lady Admirals ended the regular season on a four-game win streak, defeated Powell 14-0 for the program’s first playoff win last weekend and, after leading Bearden 7-6 for most of the second half, ap-

peared poised to advance even further on Monday, May 8, in the District 1-AA semifinals at Clinton’s Dragon Stadium.

But in a stunning two-minute sequence, the Lady Bulldogs bit back.

On 4th-and-12 with 1:49 to go, BHS quarterback Nicole Smith-Harris heaved a pass to go-to receiver Emma Rainey. Bearden’s three-sport star came down with

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# Signings highlight next steps for area athletes



Jake Nichols

These Farragut High School athletes signed on Wednesday, April 15, to continue their careers in college. From left to right: Lincoln Unger (Maryville College, soccer), Adrian D'Aloisio (Bethany College, soccer), Zain Kureshi-Smith (Johnson University, baseball), Megan Voss (UT Chattanooga, dance), and Courtney and Christie George (University of the Cumberlands, track).

## Jake Nichols

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Bradley Culbreth arrived at McFee Park in Farragut one sweltering summer morning in July 2022.

He couldn't believe his eyes. On the field in front of Culbreth stood Adrian D'Aloisio, then a rising freshman at Farragut High School, working on drills for more than 40 minutes with no one else around — or so he thought.

"I applauded him for the work ethic," Culbreth said almost four years later, "because when you see him working like that when nobody's watching, it was impressive to see."

The story of D'Aloisio's hard work was one of several told Wednesday, April 15, as he and several other area athletes signed their Letters of Intent to continue at the college level.

At Farragut High School, specifically, six Admirals penned their next chapters.

D'Aloisio will be furthering his career at Bethany College in Bethany, West Virginia. Lincoln Unger, his Farragut soccer teammate, will be writing his next chapter with the Maryville College soccer program while Farragut baseball standout Zain Kureshi-Smith will take the diamond at Johnson University next spring. Dancer Megan Voss will continue her career on the sidelines of Finley Stadium at UT Chattanooga, and FHS track standouts Courtney and Christie George will run on to the University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, Kentucky.

The same day, Hardin Valley Academy saw 15 signees across four different sports: Brody Lamb to Wingate University in football; Carys Price to Lincoln Memorial in girls soccer; in boys soccer, Dane Hammer and Asher Stimson to Maryville College and Ali Tarchane to Lincoln Memorial; in baseball, Tyler Sowards, Wyatt Fellers and Cameron Dillon to Pellissippi State, Jack Pate to Maryville and

Kenny Lane to Chattanooga State; and, in cross country and track, Cooper McKaig, Will Allen and Zathan Socha to Pellissippi State with Ava Berkheimer to East Tennessee State.

At Knox Catholic, Jack Tucker and Josef Leonard signed with East Tennessee State and Maryville College, respectively, for men's soccer while Eden Perkinson signed with Montreat College for women's soccer. Payton Sipos signed with Carson-Newman for women's track & field; Chloe Truss signed with Memphis for the same sport; and Anton Hamilton and Domenico D'Avella signed with the University of the Cumberlands and Mount Saint Mary's for football and men's lacrosse, respectively. Parker Dimmitt will play golf for Maryville College, and Colton Gardner will swim at Johnson University.

Bearden boys basketball saw a couple of Bulldogs ink their next steps on Tuesday, April 21: Sean Capshaw to Johnson University and Carson Asbaty to Carson-Newman University.

At Webb School of Knoxville, seven Spartan seniors signed their next chapters on Wednesday, April 22: Hannah Beth Bibee (Vanderbilt, dance), Bennett Carnathan (East Tennessee State, weightlifting), Emerson Clarke (Troy, women's soccer), Marvin Hicks (Cornell, football), Baxter Johnson (United States Military Academy, men's lacrosse), Jack Quigley (Bellarmine, men's wrestling) and Andrew Sandberg (Berry College, men's golf).

Christian Academy of Knoxville saw several signees on Monday, April 27: Foster Coleman, (Bryan College, basketball), Owen Fulford (Western Carolina, track and field), Jacob Haig (University of Bridgeport, lacrosse), Hannah Hankins (Lincoln Memorial, soccer) and Annie Leadbetter (Belhaven University, volleyball).



Jake Nichols

The Farragut boys tennis team defeated Campbell County last Thursday, April 30, to claim its second region title in the last three years. With a win over Science Hill this week, the Ads would advance to the state tournament as a team for the first time ever.

## Ads claim region title, one win from state

### Jake Nichols

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Farragut didn't need another win last Thursday, April 30.

Grayer Dunagan provided it anyway, putting the icing on the already-baked cake of the Admirals' Region 2-AA title — their second in the last three years — at McFee Park.

After Leyton Lu defeated Campbell County's Malachi Miesel in wins of 6-1 and 6-0 to cement a 4-0 match victory for FHS, Dunagan stormed back from a 6-0 deficit to beat the Cougars' Will Croley in two tiebreakers for an unofficial 5-0 mark on the day.

With the win, the Ads advance to this week's sectional round against Science Hill as they look for their first ever team-wide state tournament berth.

"I knew we already won, so I started swinging free because it didn't matter if I won or lost at that point," Dunagan

said. "Leyton gave me some really good advice, so I took that and used it. I wanted to start swinging loose because I felt like I was playing really tight the whole match, so I stopped serving so big and tried to be more consistent."

His approach flipped the match on its head, providing the final flourish to a day full of Admiral success.

"They came out strong and ready to win," Farragut tennis coach Joan Swanson said of her team. "They were here before Jim and I were, and we were here an hour early. They were ready to compete."

Lu and Dunagan showed that in one doubles match, defeating Croley and Davide Marcosano 8-0. FHS notched its other doubles win through Skyler Meade and Lukas Bukovsky, who took down the Campbell County combo of Miesel and Hunter Dotson by an 8-4 margin.

From there, players moved

on to singles while Admirals Kori Faulkner and Albert Lui wrapped up an 8-0 win of their own.

Faulkner bested Campbell County's Jack Stootsbury, 6-0 and 6-1 in singles, while Lui took down Braxton Fot, 6-0 in each set.

That left FHS needing just one more win to clinch the match, and Lu came through with a flummoxing floater for the final point.

"It was a pretty funny point to win, honestly, because I hit a really bad lob and the guy whiffed it into the net," Lu said with a chuckle. "It was nice to win it for the team. I felt like we were playing pretty well."

The Ads will look to continue that this week, as they welcome the Hilltoppers on Friday, May 8, for a Class AA sectional matchup.

The teams have met once before this season, as SHHS beat an undermanned Farragut team in Johnson City.

## Panthers' season ends, foundation continues to build

### Dan Harralson

Correspondent

Pellissippi State (28-28) is in its second baseball season in 2026. The Panthers hosted Dyersburg State for three games in the TCCAA Playoff Series at Ridley-Helton Baseball Field.

The series opened with a doubleheader on Thursday, April 30. Dyersburg State won the series opener, 1-0. Bennett Stutts pitched a nine-inning complete game for the Eagles. He totaled nine strikeouts and 126 pitches, including 90 strikes, against 35 batters.

Pellissippi State had six hits in Game 1, including two hits from Hardin Valley alum Caden Channell.

Cooper Jones started for the

Panthers and pitched 7.1 innings in the series opener. He recorded nine strikeouts and 124 pitches (89 strikes) while allowing one home run to Jordan Williamson.

The Panthers tied the best-of-three series with an 11-4 victory in Game 2.

Nathan Reed started for Pellissippi State and pitched 6.1 innings. He had six strikeouts and earned a win. Reed totaled 103 pitches, including 57 strikes against 27 batters. Cade McKay pitched 2.2 innings in relief and had three strikeouts.

Channell went 4-for-5 in Game 2 for Pellissippi State. He hit one double and totaled five bases. First baseman Trace Simmons hit one home

run for the Panthers.

A series finale was contested Friday, May 1, with Dyersburg State winning, 8-3.

Pellissippi State totaled eight hits in Game 3, including three from shortstop Caden Black of Oak Ridge High School. He went 3-for-3 and recorded one home run, one triple, eight stolen bases, two RBIs, one run and two walks.

"Honestly, I think it's all still a work in progress," head coach Shawn Hughes said of Pellissippi State's baseball program. "I really think we underachieved, but we had several injuries. We've done some good things and we have some good players coming in."



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the game-winning grab in the corner of the end zone, then MC LeMarbre followed with a leaping conversion grab to make the score 13-7. Moments later, with Farragut looking to respond, Bearden freshman Leighton Corum intercepted FHS quarterback Aydan Skelton to put the game on ice.

The result left Farragut mourning a sudden end to a remarkable campaign while Bearden celebrated a district championship berth that, based on the current format, puts them one win from the state tournament in Murfreesboro.

“When I was running, I saw it was a little short, so I’m like, ‘Oh crap, I have to go get that,’” Rainey said of her catch. “I just did everything I could — a lot of pride. I really didn’t want to lose this game, wanting to win for the team and coaches and everyone watching.”

“That’s our third win by that same score, and it’s so cool to see them turn on the jets and run away from people,” Bearden coach Zach Scott added. “But when other teams are playing better than us for periods, they don’t flinch. There were some long faces in that third quarter, but they just kept grinding.”

The Lady Bulldogs hit pay dirt on their first possession, as Smith-Harris laced a pass to Amileigh Crippen for a 6-0 lead with 6:17 left in the first quarter.

A conversion stop by Emma Pearl Riffer prevented the seventh point, though. And thanks to a staunch FHS defense, the Lady Bulldogs would not score again until their final possession.

On its second possession of the evening, the Lady Ads’ offense answered the bell.

Skelton avoided the rush and found Frida Lizarraga for a first down, then Moya Sakhleh and Bella Bruton combined for a hook-and-ladder that Bruton turned into a touchdown. Sakhleh snagged the conversion pass from Skelton for a 7-6 lead, as FHS took the advantage into halftime.

The teams traded punts through the third quarter and into the fourth, as Farragut’s defense continued to keep the Lady Admirals in the game.

“I was really impressed with how they reacted today,” FHS coach G.W. Curtin said. “When we got a penalty we’ve never seen before, instead of complaining about it, we just buckled up and stopped them. So many times, this could have gotten out of hand. It could have been 27-7, but our defense kept us in it.”

But when Bearden took over with 2:41 left, the Lady Bulldogs had a different ending in mind.

Smith-Harris hit LeMarbre three times in four plays along the Bearden sideline, forcing a Farragut timeout with 1:41 left.

The Lady Admirals stopped three straight BHS attempts with defensive backs doubling Rainey. But on the fourth one, Scott whipped out a pen and scratched out a different formula that ended with her cradling the ball in the end zone.

Curtin pinned the loss on the Farragut coaching staff, noting that the offense could not seem to find its footing Monday.

“As a coaching staff, we can put that one on us and say that we have to prepare our offense to score at least twice a game,” Curtin said. “And that lets our defense have a shot to help us win it.”

He said they have a flag football clinic set for Wednesday and Thursday, June 3-4, for anyone who wants to give the sport a shot.

That clinic, combined with this season’s progress, left him feeling buoyant about the future, even with a stinging result in the season finale.

“Nobody really asked for this team,” he said. “This was handed to us from the TSSAA, and the first coach they had quit before the first game in 2024. So it’s like an island of misfit toys. We didn’t take it too seriously the first year, having two practices a week. Now what we’ve built, it’s a serious varsity program and the school has adopted this team.”

**Lady**

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scored once each.

“It was tight the whole game,” Thomas said. “I think the farthest they were ahead was by four points. But we continued to bring it back. We just couldn’t get ahead of them. It was a very physical game and our girls were able to get through it and fight through it.”

In the net, Ava Jones racked up six saves against the Lady Cavaliers.

She and the rest of the Lady Ads showed the kind

of resolve that left Thomas feeling proud, even as the season ends at a mark of 6-7 overall.

“The thing I loved the most about this group was watching their growth from the beginning to end,” Thomas said. “We lost our first three games and they struggled to play a full game at the beginning of the season. In the quarterfinals game, we only subbed one player. Every other player fought and played until the very end for the entire game. It was incredible to watch the determination.”

“I’ll miss the leadership that was provided on the field as well,” she added. “Our four captains were wonderful. They continued to build the team up throughout the season. This group of girls truly helped create an atmosphere that was like a family.”

Davanzo ended her senior year with 41 goals and 18 assists, averaging 3.2 scores per game with 59 points in total.

Chambers netted 26 goals with 11 assists on the year while Cretton-Gilbert hit 24 goals as a senior.

**Outlast**

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“They capitalized when they had to.”

The sides slugged through a scoreless second half, but the Admirals missed on some scoring chances.

“In the second half, we moved the ball well but didn’t create many chances, but we had chances,” Cubreth said.

Meanwhile at Maryville, a

tumultuous 2026 campaign came to an end for the Hawks with a 2-1 loss to the Rebels.

HVA, the defending Class AAA state champion, finished the season with a 6-7-2 record while Maryville moves on to play top-seeded Bearden today (Wednesday).

“This is a real humbling experience,” HVA coach Ray Dover said. “You go from winning the state championship to being bounced in the first round

of the district.

“But that’s the beautiful thing about coaching. You’re always learning something.”

Hardin Valley got its lone goal of the match from 2025 state tournament most valuable player Asher Stimson.

The Hawks suffered a key injury early in the match after starting goalkeeper Harrison O’Dell left the game.

He gave way to backup netminder Andrew Warner.

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Shelton, Creasman and Aidan Flagg registered two hits apiece, and Brummitt and Creasman tallied three RBIs, each with two apiece from Van Lant and Shelton.

“I think we’re doing a good job,” Copeland said. “We’ve had some good approaches for the last couple weeks even when things haven’t gone our way. We’ve stayed hard in the middle of the field, and I think that has definitely helped.”

Brummitt put forth a simi-

lar result on the mound, giving up just two hits with three walks and four strikeouts in four innings of work.

He left the game ahead of the fifth inning, at which point Brody Watkins struck out two with a walk in one inning of work.

**Admirals**

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the mid-state for this clash.

And if they want to find it, the Ads need to take some notes from a semifinal stomping against the Cavaliers.

That night, FHS jumped out to a 10-2 halftime lead with an electric offensive performance.

Finn Sachs scored seven of the team’s 17 total goals, misfiring on a mere three of his 10 shots on goal.

“The biggest thing is being

able to move the goalie out of the way,” Sachs said of the sophomore attacker. “Finn can pick and choose where he wants to put that ball and gets it in the back of the net. And he has talent around him that does the same thing. So no matter who’s got it, they’re able to choose where to put the ball in the net, and they do it.”

Matthew Kitchiner added three more scores while Brock Lockhart, Brody Gruver and Dan Lanning added two apiece

for a Farragut team that tallied nine assists as a team.

Also, Bennett Elton won 15 of the team’s 22 face-offs, giving the Admirals an early advantage, and Ian Fanta kept the Cavs at bay with five saves in goal.

“Right in the first quarter, he got a one-on-one stop to shut down their momentum,” Sachs said of Fanta. “That set the tone for us, and we had some really good aggressiveness after that, too.”

**Farragut**

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tend its advantage to 5-0 in the bottom of the second frame. That rally started with one out when Logan Jameson tripled and Shradar followed that with a two-run homer, making the score, 4-0. Johnson also had an RBI single.

After the Lady Eagles (20-4) scored in the top of the third on an RBI double by Reese Brown and a scoring single by Ella Wilkey, Farragut responded in the bottom of the inning on a solo home run

by Jade Buckner, making the score 6-2

Then things unraveled for the Lady Admirals as Rhea County scored three runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth to take a 7-6 lead.

Farragut scored the tying run when Rhea County committed an error, but Rhea County got the eventual winning run in the top of the eighth on an RBI single by Briley Byrge.

The Lady Ads opened tournament play with a 9-0 win over Hardin Valley Academy on Thursday.

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## Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce 2026 Business Expo

Close to 600 people turned out for Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Business Expo, which took place in The Venue at Lenoir City on Wednesday, April 22.

The event featured 82 booths, of which eight provided food samples. "It was a great event," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. "Based on the feedback, people loved The Venue, they felt it was an upscale event, easy to move, professionally done."

She added people also loved the networking taking place and opportunities to show off their businesses.

For the Chamber's request for comments in a survey, the following responded:

"Throughout my career, I've always been a part of my local Chamber," said Kathy Pederson with Copper Cellar. "This event has helped me to feel more a part of this thriving Chamber. Really well-organized, a variety of vendors, engaged (and engaging) Chamber staff and having both attendees and vendors seeking us out to taste our food is always a plus!"

"NerdsToGo will definitely be a 2027 vendor, having our business promoted before the event and having speaking time at the Expo definitely increased our traffic at the booth," said Susan Dally, NerdsToGo West Knoxville. "We have quite a few leads for new business opportunities."

"We've always enjoyed this event and do find it valuable to be a part of it every year," said Carrie Koeller with Main Event.

"We truly enjoy meeting local business owners in person, having the opportunity to learn about their services as well as introducing our services to all of them," said Dee PaziENZA, Rio Grande Fence Co. of Tennessee. "Great networking event that we intend on continuing to be a part of in the future."

"Wonderful communications and drop-ins to my booth," said Ryan Self with Lancer Catering/Zoo Knoxville."

"We met a lot of local business owners and employees who have business-like mindset along with the desire to help others," said Dr. Bobbie McCue with Hearing Life. "There were areas we learned where others can help us and where we can help them as well. Great connecting with those in our community!"



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From left, Donna Spangler, Hallie Reid and Ron Oestreich with Town of Farragut



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**Tammy Cheek**

Tate School fifth-graders, from left, Iris Hicks, Esme Dieter, Cooper Thoms (behind Alex Hill) and Alex Hill, got hands-on with history on its campus, 9215 Bob Gray Road Friday, April 9, while trying on paratroopers' gear with help from The Five Oh First Group's Greg Mane, left, and Capt. Jeff Swanson.

## Tate School fifth-graders go hands-on with history

**Tammy Cheek**

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Tate School fifth-graders got hands-on with history on its campus, 9215 Bob Gray Road Friday, April 9, when they dove into the history of World War II, which they have been studying.

Capt. Jeff Swanson, commanding officer with Five Oh First Group and his team of WWII re-enactors got students involved in aspects of the war. Students were able to try

on all the paratroopers' gear, touch equipment WWII soldiers touched and ask questions about the war. They also tried on helmets, and touched weaponry from that period, such as rifles, demolition boxes, non-live ammunition, ammunition belts, walkie talkies and operational field phones.

Upon looking at the walkie talkies, students' eyes widened when Swanson told students, "That was the cell phones of

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## Farragut principal inducted into UT Hall of Honor

**Staff Reports**

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Farragut Intermediate School executive principal Suzanne Parham recently was inducted into the prestigious Hall of Honor at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, recognizing her exceptional leadership, lasting impact on education and distinguished professional achievements.

"I felt incredibly honored and, honestly, very grateful," she said about learning of the award. "My first thought was about the people who have been part of this journey

with me.

"No recognition like this happens in isolation," Parham said. "It reflects the collective work of the teachers, staff, students and families I've had the privilege to serve alongside. It was a really meaningful moment.

"The University of Tennessee has played an important role in my journey, and I am honored to be included among such an outstanding group of individuals," she added.

"Her induction into the Hall of Honor reflects not only

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## Lions Club visits trees to honor members



**Jake Nichols**

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Among the pine straw and soil that rests among the trees near the Farragut Community Center, there is a small plaque near a tall redbud tree.

On that plaque, there is the Town of Farragut logo, a Farragut Lions Club logo and two words in big, bold letters: "WE SERVE."

The plaque and the tree it stands beside pay homage to the club's commitment, as the Lions have been giving back since their inception as the Concord Lions in 1973.

Tuesday, April 28, several Lions visited that tree and three others planted nearby in memory of three deceased members: Jim Slyman, Ray Lipps and Charles Myers.

Those late members were recognized with their names listed on the plaques beside the trees planted in their honor.

Current Lions president Tyler Hunsaker welcomed people to the event, as members snacked on pizza before walking around to each of the four trees.

Later, incoming president Tom Nitz noted the impact of these trees and their reflection of the club's deep roots in the



**Jake Nichols**

**Above:** Several members of the Farragut Lions Club visited the Farragut Community Center last Tuesday, April 28, to see the trees planted in honor of the club and in memory of three deceased members. **Below:** This plaque sits near the base of a redbud tree planted in front of the Farragut Community Center on Jamestowne Blvd. The plaque is meant to honor the impact of the Farragut Lions Club, which has existed for almost 53 years.

Farragut community.

"The club has always been a part of this community, and being able to serve this community and represent our former members by planting trees in partnership with the Town of Farragut is a great way to show our efforts and participation," Nitz said. "We started off with four trees about two years ago, but they were just little saplings that

got mowed over or just didn't make it.

"Talking with the Town, they replaced those with some bigger, nicer trees that will definitely make it. I was going to suggest, even from our club, that we plant the redbuds because they would look pretty in the spring around the community center. They have been very gracious and helpful in making this happen."

## Knox Catholic announces 2026 Sedes Sapientiae winners

**Tammy Cheek**

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Knox Catholic High School has announced Will Howell and Miriam Campfield as its Sedes Sapientiae Award winners for 2026.

Similar to the valedictorian and salutatorian designations, the Sedes Sapientiae (Latin for "Seat of Wisdom") Award is the highest honor bestowed at KCHS. Chosen by the faculty, it recognized the students who

exemplify superior scholarship, service and Christian leadership.

"I think high school has been a w e s o m e because I have begun to learn who I am," said Howell, son of Dean and Elizabeth



**Howell**

Howell. "I have been able to find the things that I want to do and to be a part of and the things that I do not want to be a part of.

"Most importantly, I have learned to hear the voice of God in my life, and I understand that He is leading me, and I trust Him enough to follow Him," the senior said.

Howell plans to attend Franciscan University of Steubenville to study mechanical engineering.

"I hope to have a career in engineering but maybe to open a bookstore later on in life," he said.

At KCHS, Howell is involved in men's tennis and KCHS mock trial. Additionally, he is cap-



**Campfield**

tain of the tennis team and a co-president of mock trial.

Along with Sedes Sapientiae Award, Howell has been named Outstanding Sports Nutrition Student and Outstanding Advanced Placement U.S. History Student. He completed Tennessee American Legion Boys State; is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, the Spanish Honor Society; and is vice president of The Pacelli Chapter of the

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# CCS presentations



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**Top:** Micah Dewald portrays Moses in Concord Christian School's production of "Prince of Egypt." In her directorial debut, CCS's Musical Theater director Abigail Sensing and a cast of 35 brought the production "The Prince of Egypt: The Musical" to the stage Thursday through Saturday, April 16-18, at First Baptist Concord. Performances were sold out and enjoyed by more than 1,000 people during the three-show run, according to Sensing. "The spectacle of Egypt is grand, but the true heartbeat of this musical is the miraculous power of God's providence," she said. "In Moses, we see a man who felt inadequate for his calling — a reminder to us all that God does not always call the equipped, but He always equips the called. This production was so much more than a historical retelling; it was a celebration of God's faithfulness to His children that was brought to life in amazing ways by a talented cast and crew."

**Above:** Concord Christian School presents two upcoming musical events: the choir's spring concert 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 7, in the Chapel A Frame of First Baptist Church, 11704 Kingston Pike, while the CCS Band will perform Becoming America: A Journey Through Sound, at 6:30 that evening in First Baptist Concord's Worship Center.

## Parham

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her professional accomplishments, but also her continued commitment to excellence, service and leadership in education," a press release stated.

For Parham, "It's a reminder that the work we do every day matters," she said. "Education is not always visible or celebrated in big ways, so this recognition reinforces the importance of staying focused on students, building strong school communities and leading with purpose."

"It also reminds me to keep growing and striving to do even better for the students and staff I serve," Parham added.

The Hall of Honor is one of the university's highest recognitions, reserved for individuals who have demonstrated excellence in their field and have made significant contributions to their profession and community, according to the press

release.

"Parham's induction places her among an elite group of leaders whose work reflects the very best of the University of Tennessee's legacy," it stated. "With more than two decades of experience in education, Parham currently serves as executive principal of Farragut Intermediate School, one of the highest-performing schools in the region."



Parham

In education for more than 20 years, "I have had the privilege of serving at Farragut Intermediate School for the past four years as executive principal," Parham said.

Going forward, "my mission is to continue building a school where every student feels supported, challenged and

known," she said. "That means maintaining high expectations for both student learning and teacher growth while also focusing on the whole child."

"I want Farragut Intermediate to be a place where strong relationships, academic excellence and a sense of belonging are evident in everything we do," Parham said.

"Under her leadership, the school has earned multiple state and national recognitions, including designation as a Reward School and ranking among the top elementary schools in Tennessee."

"Known for her unwavering commitment to student success, strong school culture and high-impact leadership, Parham has led initiatives that have significantly improved outcomes for all students, including measurable gains for students with disabilities and expanded opportunities through inclusive instructional practices," the press release stated.

## KCHS

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National Honor Society.

Campfield, daughter of Michael Patrick and Amanda Erin Campfield, said she plans to attend Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, and has applied to the School of Biological and Biomedical Sciences.

"I plan to specialize in environmental science during

my third and fourth years [in Dublin] then head back to the United States for a law degree and become an environmental lawyer," she said. "My dream job is working with the United Nations to create legislation that protects environments and species worldwide."

"During high school, I learned how to be independent and form my own opinions," Campfield said. "I became

more social and formed more friendships, helping me develop socially. I enjoyed my time in high school, and I'm glad that I developed in the quiet environment of Catholic rather than in public school."

At KCHS, Campfield is involved with the Spanish club and Mock Trial.

"I am also the founder and leader of Dungeons & Dragons Club," she added.

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# press planner

The 24th annual Duncan Award for Senior Advocacy will be presented Tuesday, May 12, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Rothchild Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike. This signature event serves as the major fundraiser for the CAC Office on Aging's Information & Benefits Department. This event is free, but monetary contributions are greatly appreciated. RSVP re-

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The Visit Knoxville Open will take place Monday through Sunday, May 18-24, at Holston Hills

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**Tate**  
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the day." "Swanson founded the TFOFG some 20 years ago with the goal to remember our veterans who served, capture the stories of the soldiers who participated in history at that time and educate students by giving them hands-on learning experiences," said Tracy Van Hook, Tate School director of resources.

"When students can experience a historically accurate soldier's story and can see and

touch the soldier's field gear, history comes to life for them," Tate principal Kay Simmons said.

"World War II was a defining time in our nation's history," Swanson said. "Getting to tell these stories in front of young people is a hands-on way to help them understand the hardships during that era."

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