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Sewer line break contaminates North Fork Turkey Creek



Tammy Cheek

A construction crew works to repair a damaged sewer pipe near the greenway off Grigsby Chapel Road on Monday, May 11. Town of Farragut reported the problem to First Utility District around 10 a.m. Monday.

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Some Farragut residents living off Grigsby Chapel Road smelled a strong odor when they stepped outside their doors Sunday night, May 10.

The Town of Farragut notified First Utility District of the problem about 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 11.

“Our stormwater coordinator, Cliff Mann, heard that a sewage leak had been reported on his way in to work yesterday, so he began an inspection immediately,” Town communications manager Wendy Smith said. “He located the source

of the leak and informed FUD of the location. He also contacted [Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation] as required when there is water pollution,” Smith said.

FUD later posted on its Facebook page, stating a damaged sewer line was being repaired.

FUD assistant manager Kena Hyers explained FUD has a contractor who is in the midst of replacing a 50-year-old sewer pipe with a new one.

“At the time they were not excavating, and the equipment was sitting on the pipe, and the heaviness of [the equipment] actually broke [the pipe],” she said. “So, we’ve got

an overflow, and they’re working on it to get a bypass pump to get it stopped, and that’s what they’re doing right now,”

According to Town of Farragut reports, the FUD “sewer main break has contaminated North Fork Turkey Creek from Grigsby Chapel Road to the Fort Loudoun Reservoir. No one (humans or animals) should be in or around North Fork Turkey Creek south of Grigsby Chapel Road until FUD says the water is safe.”

Hyers said the area around Founders Park [at Campbell Station] was affected.

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From first-time voter to election leader

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The 2026 Knox County primary election results went final at 10:35 p.m. on Tuesday, May 5.

That night, Ashton Hicks settled in after a long day as a precinct election officer, having overseen the polling location at Faith Lutheran Church on Jamestowne Boulevard in Farragut.

While likely tired, Hicks also felt the same pride that inspired him to become involved in this process more than a decade ago.

“I think it’s one of the most important things we can do as Americans,” Hicks said. “I’ve often said that if you don’t like the way things are going, you can’t complain unless you voted because that’s how we make change.”

Hicks said his mother made sure to take him with her when she went to vote. That influence sparked involvement, as an 18-year-old Hicks asked about becoming a poll worker for a 2015 local election. He became a precinct officer the next year and served in that role until 2020 when he moved to Knoxville.

“I’ve always been kind of a democracy nerd,” he quipped. “I think everyone

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Ashton Hicks

Ashton Hicks, left, and William Simerly worked at a polling location together last year when the photo was taken. Hicks has been a poll worker since he turned 18 and, more recently, served as a precinct election officer at Faith Lutheran Church in Farragut on Election Day, May 5.

Board divided on CLUP contract

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Since Farragut’s Board of Mayor and Aldermen last updated its Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Map in 2012, the Board again is looking to revise the documents.

During a special-called meeting Thursday, May 7, the Board voted 2-1 to approve a contract with Tunnel-Spangler & Associates for professional services to complete an update of the Town’s existing Comprehensive

Land Use Plan.

Mayor Ron Williams and Alderman Joe La-Croix voted in favor of the contract while Alderman Alex Cain voted against it, saying he believed action on updating the CLUP and map should wait until after the election. Vice Mayor Scott Meyer and Alderman Drew Burnette were absent.

The 2012 CLUP was an update to the 2001 land use plan.

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Photo submitted

Brent Gibson, with his wife, Krystal, standing nearby, wins the Knox County sheriff GOP nomination and will head to the sheriff’s office since there were no Democratic candidates.

Gibson ready to lead Knox County Sheriff’s Office

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Winning candidate in the Knox County sheriff’s race, Brent Gibson said he is ready to roll up his sleeves and go to work as the county’s next sheriff in September.

“It didn’t seem real at the time,” he said about learning he had won the election. While he was

confident in how he ran his campaign, “you never know. You never know who’s going to show up to vote.

“I knocked on a lot of doors and talked to a lot of people and presented myself in a way that I felt confident in the product I was trying to put out there,” Gibson said. “I wanted to portray that I

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Henderson grateful after primary win

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When Betsy Henderson, currently a Knox County School Board member, first heard the results of the mayoral election May 5, “my first thought was gratitude.” “Gratitude to God, my family, our volun-

teers and the thousands of people across Knox County who believed in this campaign,” she said. “We built this campaign the grassroots way, knocking on thousands of doors and having one-on-one conversations with people. I also felt a tremendous sense of responsibility to protect

what we love about Knox County.”

Henderson received 20,070 votes, compared to fellow Republican candidates Larson Jay, who received 13,975 votes, and Kim Frazier, who received 10,822 votes. Henderson now advances to

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Henderson

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Board

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“The plan [in 2012] did give us a good roadmap ... we’ve used it a lot,” Cain said. “It helped us with some ordinances and to move forward.”

However, Cain said he had two concerns about approving the contract now.

“One, I don’t think we should be doing this now,” he said. “I think we should be waiting until after the election, when there’s going to be a big changeover on this Board, a possibility of more than two seats changing.”

Cain also said he would have preferred to consider another consulting firm.

“I would like to see what another firm can come up with,” he said. “We’ve seen what TSW’s done ... in my opinion, I would like to see a different firm used for this.”

LaCroix asked about the credentials of TSW and how it ranked among the other three firms that responded to the Town’s request for qualifications.

Assistant Community Development director Bart Hose said the firms were evaluated on criteria such as their concepts for updating the plan, technical skill sets and qualifications.

“They were all good firms,” he said. “They were all quite competent to do the work.”

However, after completing the evaluations, staff selected TSW.

Hose said he expects the update process to take about a year and a half.

“The CLUP Update of 2012 has served the Town well and specifically included eight key strategies developed from community input that the Town was to prioritize through implementation measures to be applied through the year 2025,” Community Development director Mark Shipley stated in a report to the Board presented by Hose. Shipley was unable to attend the May 7 meeting.

“Since 2012, the Town has actively used the CLUP to

make numerous updates to its regulations that have helped address the strategies identified in the CLUP,” Hose added.

Joseph “Joey” Ruffalo, a candidate for the North Ward alderman seat, urged the Board to focus on strategic growth rather than continued growth.

“As this process moves forward, I simply encourage the Board to approach it with transparency, intentionality and a clear understanding of the long-term impact these decisions will have on the future of our Town,” Ruffalo said.

“I think, when you look back at 2001 and then 2012, whenever this was first put into effect, we had a tremendous amount of community input,” Williams said. “That is really important when we have these folks come in from TSW. They’ll do their research and look and see what we did have and what we have now and what we can have.

“Of course, we do have two major properties left in our Town and we also have quite a bit of infill,” he said. “So, all of that will be looked at and decisions will be given to us by [TSW], and we will have community input here in the Board Room.”

In other planning business, the Board voted unanimously on first reading to approve an ordinance amendment updating the Town’s flood damage prevention regulations.

“Chapter 4 of the Town’s Zoning Ordinance includes the Town’s Flood Damage Prevention Regulations,” Hose said. “As part of these regulations, there are flood insurance rate maps that identify and differentiate special flood hazard areas and other areas of flood hazard.

“As maps are updated, the regulations must also be updated to account for those map amendments,” he said.

Hose added the Federal Emergency Management Agency recently provided new floodplain map panels to the Town, which are included in the amended ordinance.

read the ballot to him, too,” Hicks said. “The capabilities of it are incredible. I would hate for anyone to think that they would not be able to exercise their right to vote because they felt like they didn’t have access, so we want to give that same opportunity to anyone.”

When the man walked out, he was presented with the same red, Tennessee-shaped sticker as everyone else who came through the door.

After polls closed, the same representatives who joined Hicks that morning helped him close the machines. They printed out the report showing the number of ballots cast, ensuring it matched the number of ballots they gave out, and everyone signed off on it.

They removed the ballot bag from the machine and it was marked with two seals — a blue one from the Democrat and a red one from the Republican.

Hicks and the two others placed a vote tally sheet on the church doors then delivered the machines downtown.

“So, in any one moment, there is never just one person with the ballot bag and machines,” he said.

Going forward, Hicks plans to serve in more elections but wants others to be involved, too. To apply to be a poll worker in Knox County, visit this link: <https://www.knoxcounty.org/election/application.php>.

“We are always in need of more election workers, especially younger folks,” Hicks said. “I’ve known some people who have done it for five years and some who have done it for 50.”

“Ashton is a perfect example of breaking the myth that you have to be retired to do this,” added Chris Davis, Knox County’s administrator of Elections. “He’s been an officer for years for us. He is a perfect example of doing this at a young age and does a great job.”

Rezoning request hits snag

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A request to rezone part of a Virtue Road property so it could be subdivided hit a snag because of right-of-way concerns.

The rezoning request was discussed during a Farragut Municipal Planning Commission Staff-Developer meeting Tuesday, May 5, at Town Hall.

The subdivision is being planned for property at 817 Virtue Road, where the developer, Benchmark Associates Inc., is asking for an amendment to the Town’s zoning map from S-1, Community Service, and agricultural zoning to R-1, Rural Single-Family Residential.

“This is a property that had

some very dilapidated structures a few years ago, and we were able to get those taken out,” Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said. “The property owner is wanting to ultimately be able to subdivide this parcel. It’s a little over 8.5 acres, but it’s currently zoned three different districts.”

One part is zoned R-1 while another portion is S-1, the same zoning as Virtue Church. The other portion, located on the east side of Virtue Road by the lake, is zoned agricultural.

Shipley added the parcel extends into the water.

“It was one of those tracts that was flooded by [Tennessee Valley Authority],” Shipley said.

If the property is rezoned, the owner would like to subdivide it into three parcels, he said.

Shipley said the subdivision would be affected by the Town’s road improvement plans for Virtue Road.

“There’s a boardwalk that comes in, and then it crosses over, and [becomes a] walking trail that comes across the property and, ultimately, it ties into the trail that will be coming down from Virtue Road,” he said. “The staff advised the surveyor to request a rezoning to R-1.”

The surveyor is showing a 60-foot right of way, based on a

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Davis details precinct move to Korean Church

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The population explosion within Farragut and west Knoxville is not a new concept.

There is, however, some newness in the adjustments that are being made by the Knox County Election Commission when election season rolls around.

One such move was made this year, as precinct 66SE was moved from its previous location at Farragut High School to Korean Church of Knoxville, located 1.6 miles away on

Farlow Drive.

The decision has been a hot topic among voters across the area, and for good reason given FHS had welcomed voters in that precinct for at least a decade, according to Chris Davis, Knox County’s administrator of Elections.

Once Election Day came for the 2026 Knox County primary election, results reflected the impact.

The new voting location at the church brought in 12,547 voters, a sharp decline from the 16,464 voters that turned out to vote in the same pre-

dict in the high school for the last mayoral election in 2022.

This came despite population growth that resulted in almost 18,000 more registered voters across the county this year as opposed to four years ago.

“It is difficult to find polling places in the southwest corner of the county, not only Farragut but south of there in the Choto area,” Davis said. “We as an Election Commission have been looking for years because people are

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in this country should have the right to vote and should exercise that right. It’s always fascinated me, and it’s cool to be a part of it now as an adult.”

He previously served at a Knoxville Head Start location south of the river then was moved to Faith Lutheran for the mayoral election this year.

“At this precinct, we have everyone from every different background on the ideological and political spectrum,” he added. “We have Republicans and Democrats, as we’re supposed to by law, but we all come together to achieve a free and fair election in our specific precinct. If anyone has any doubt as to the integrity of elections in the state of Tennessee, I would tell them to show up and work an election on Election Day because I assure you it’s one of the most secure procedures that takes place.”

After picking up the sealed ballot machines, Hicks and other poll workers arrived at Faith Lutheran at 7 a.m. on Election Day. He and one member of each party set up the machines and printed off a zero tape, which shows that zero votes have been cast on either machine.

They double-checked the zero votes then re-sealed the machines, ensuring no one would have access to the ballot box while polls would be open.

Throughout the day, Hicks and other workers made sure the number of voters entering the room matched with the number of people casting a vote. They paid special attention to certain situations, like when a legally blind man came in to cast his vote.

In this case, the man still had some vision, so he used a high-contrast screen on a machine built for disabled people to make his selections.

“But also, had he chosen, we could have had the machine

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History Hour



Tammy Cheek

Farragut Mayor Ron Williams relates how the Town has changed in the past 10 years he was in office during a Farragut Museum History Hour in Town Hall Tuesday, May 5. Term-limited, Williams will step down as mayor in September. Then, he shared he will be working on restoring old cars.

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"We talked to [Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation] this morning, and [Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency] this morning," she added. "We're following all procedures that we're supposed to do."

"First Utility has been taking samples up and down the creek so we can actually test the water," Hyers said.

Meanwhile at Founders Park, residents are seeing caution tape wrapped around trees and the bridge to block the area around the creek.

"The Parks Maintenance Department added caution tape at Founders Park to keep people out of the water — FUD had already placed signs at the park," Smith said. "Cliff hung around the site yesterday as a liaison, but other than these things, the

Town wasn't involved with cleanup."

"Hurst, the contractor, they're the ones actually doing the work, so they are putting in the new pipe," Hyers said. "It's not overflowing now, so they do have that repaired."

Regarding the water quality, FUD project engineer Edwin Deyton said, "the first thing we've got to do is identify and correct the pipe break."

"We're doing that at this moment," he said around 3 p.m., Monday. "We will take some water samples upstream of the work area and downstream of the work area to see what pollutants or bacteria might be present in the water."

The pollutants can be expected to be domestic sewage — "whatever gets flushed down the drain, the toilet or bathtub," Deyton said, adding he does not have an answer as how long there is concern over the water quality.

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the Thursday, Aug. 6, general election, where she will face Democratic candidate Beau Hawk.

"As the Republican nominee for county mayor, I'm focused on continuing to get our message out to the people of Knox County," she said. "The general election is Aug. 6, and we are laser focused on making sure the Republican ticket wins in August."

"If I'm elected in August, my priorities are very clear: improve roads and infrastructure, support public safety, protect our quality of life and continue strengthening our schools without a tax increase," Henderson said.

"Knox County is growing quickly, and I want to make sure we grow responsibly without losing what makes East Tennessee special."

"Families are already dealing with rising costs, and I believe government should live within its means and focus on core services," she added. "I also want Knox County to remain a place where young families can



Photo submitted

Knox County School Board member Betsy Henderson (second from right), who won the race for Knox County mayor, joined her son Logan, daughter Molly and husband Scott at a celebration at the Republican Watch Party at Crown Plaza on May 5.

afford to live, where small businesses can thrive and where people feel safe in their communities.

"If there is one legacy I hope to leave, it is that we protected the values and character of Knox County while preparing responsibly for the future," Henderson said. "I want people to look back and say we

made decisions that put families first."

In her victory speech May 5, Henderson said, "Every time someone puts their name on a ballot, it is a testament to our democracy. From the very beginning, this campaign was about you, the taxpayers of Knox County."

Mansour Hasan, State Farm Agent presents

The Good Neighbor Character Award

Lola Z.

Congratulations to Lola Z., a First Grader from Farragut Primary School, for winning the Good Neighbor Character Award presented by Mansour Hasan, State Farm Agent. This award recognizes students who exemplify outstanding character traits, and Lola was chosen specifically for her remarkable sense of responsibility. "Lola always does her work and makes sure to turn it in before she moves on to fun things," said her teacher, Mrs. Bruchey. "She does the right thing even when no one is watching."



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KCSO police reports

Meat Theft Investigated at Kroger

An asset protection specialist for the Kroger store on Brooklawn Street reported a shoplifting incident discovered April 29 after loss prevention reviewed April 24 surveillance footage. An unidentified suspect allegedly concealed three packages of steaks, a ground beef chub and a pack of ground beef patties in a backpack and left the store without paying. The stolen merchandise was valued at \$171.52.

Lost Wallet Reported at DMV

On Thursday, May 1, a man reported losing his wallet while at the DMV. The wallet contained items valued at \$2,400, including identification documents, debit and credit cards, a house key and other items.

Online Watch Purchase Ends in Fraud Report

On Tuesday, May 5, a Farragut man reported being scammed out of \$7,100 after attempting to purchase a Rolex watch through Facebook between April 16 and April 24. The complainant said he saw the listing online under a seller, "Timepiece Dealer for Rolex Watch." He messaged the suspect to purchase the watch and then wired money to the third-party seller, Elite Time Traders, but never received the watch. He later discovered the online listings had been removed and filed reports with the FTC and FBI.

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historical tax map. The main question on the request is the right of way. "We got two projects going on right now," Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said. "One is the road project. That section will be widened with curb and gutter. "Also, we've got the boardwalk, which will be on the east side of all three [proposed lots]," he added. "Currently, the town has what is called a prescriptive right of way," said Benjamin J. Moorman with Benchmark. "They have not ever purchased that. They have acquired what interest they have on Virtue Road by virtue of maintenance and by statute. "For anything the town is maintaining, you have a prescriptive right of way," he said. "Therefore, that use cannot be impeded. Anything to expand beyond that will require compensation."

"If it's rezoned," the mayor interjected. "Even if it's not rezoned," Moorman said. "If you want to do your road project, you're going to have to buy right of way."

"True," Williams said. "I just wonder where we're at with that."

Town Engineer Darryl Smith said one survey showed a 60-foot right of way.

Williams said the question of right of way needs to be resolved before a decision is made on the rezoning request.

Dear Editor,

Please know where your children are in their free time and supervise them. Yesterday, two young boys jumped my chain linked fence, ran across my back yard, jumped my fence again into the adjacent neighbor's playground for their small children, jumped that fence, stealing a ball, and I stopped one in my driveway as he was running away. Oddly, Tyler, 10 to be 11 in July, didn't know his home phone number or address. Trespassing on private property is a felony, theft of personal property is also against the law. If either of these children had fallen, broken bones, on my property I'd be liable. If they had knocked me over while I was working in my own back yard, sustaining major medical issues, you as parents would face huge lawsuits. All of what transpired yesterday was recorded on home security cameras most homes in this neighborhood have. I have 8. This was particularly frightening for my neighbor, a mother of two young children and me, a 75-year-old female. While I understand "boys will be boys," age matters little when it comes to anyone invading your privacy or threatening your security. After talking to Tyler, I kindly sent him home — he said he lived in the neighborhood — but warned him if his behavior continued, I'd call the police and press charges against him. Parents, your children are your responsibility, not mine — know where they are and what they're doing.

Gayle Hansen,
Farragut

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actually do want to make a difference in Knox County and have an effect on the safety of our citizens."

Once in office, Gibson said "right at first, there's going to be a transition period" before putting his staff in place and "making sure we got the right people in the right place."

"There is going to be more officers, more visibility and top-notch communication," Gibson added. "I think it's going to be a lot of hard work, but it's going to be fun, too."

The 25-year law enforcement veteran ran against fellow Republicans David Amburn, Mike Davis and Jimmy "J.J." Jones and won Tuesday's May 5 primary election. He will replace term-limited Sheriff Tom Spangler, who was first elected in 2018 and re-elected in 2022.

Of the more than 44,000 people who voted in the May 5 primary election, Gibson received 19,672 votes, or 44.14 percent, compared to Amburn's 30.16 percent, Davis' 14.2 percent and Jones' 11.5 percent.

Because no Democratic candidate is seeking the office, Gibson will be sworn in this fall.

A former assistant chief deputy with the Knox County Sheriff's Office, Gibson said, "I spent my whole adult life working [with the sheriff's office], so I know exactly the kind of people I want to put in places to make our sheriff's office more efficient and productive."

"It will take some time."

However, Gibson empha-

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

The last eight years in Farragut have been very different from the other forty-six years of our town's history. When Eddy Ford and Ralph McGill were our Mayors the average person could understand what the town was doing. The last eight years under Mayor Ron Williams and former Vice mayor Louise Povlin have not been that way.

Tennessee law clearly states that agenda items for town meetings must be able to be understood by the average citizen. That has gone away in the past eight years. Not only are agenda items often unintelligible to the average person, but they are also frequently bundled into omnibus legislation.

Omnibus legislation is a single, larger piece of legislation that bundles numerous smaller, distinct votes, into one package, thus requiring only one vote by the Mayor and Aldermen. This directly disenfranchises the citizens of Farragut. This is why the United States Congress has historic low approval ratings.

An example of this was the terrible Farragut Mixed-Use Town Vision Center Plan that was soundly rejected by residents and was prohibited by the town attorney from being voted on as an ordinance. It was passed as a resolution.

Now the vote for the proposed Economic Development Coordinator is bundled into omnibus legislation instead of being a line-item vote. Just like the U.S. Congress does.

If that is not bad enough, the Atlanta consulting firm TSW that did the failed Farragut Mixed-Use Town Vision Cen-

ter Plan is now being brought back to completely redo the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The matrix used to evaluate the four firms that bid on the contract to redo the Comprehensive Land Use Plan was slanted to favor TSW.

Allowing TSW a second bite at the apple for their failed Farragut Mixed-Use Town Vision Center Plan is unconscionable in my opinion.

The people of Farragut need new management that returns their government to the people.

Mike Mitchell,
Farragut

Dear Editor,

Redistricting is normally done at the end of each 10-year U.S. census cycle. The current unusual mid-cycle redistricting, and gerrymandering — a centuries old practice, was initiated in Texas by President Trump to gain an advantage in the mid-terms to improve the odds that Republicans would hold the House, something he fears could be lost. Of course, Democrats responded in California, and on it went. Then the Supreme Court decided to terminate racial preferences in creating districts, after local primaries had already been held in Tennessee. Immediately Tennessee, with eight districts currently held by Republicans and one by Democrats, decided to gerrymander to create new districts mid-cycle, mid-election, giving them the edge in picking up the last seat by splitting up Memphis, an approach that was successful in Nashville. If this is successful, all nine rep-

Ron Moore,
Farragut

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moving in left and right and voter registrations are continuing to go up. State law says we should try to limit the size of our precincts where practical, and Farragut High, Farragut Middle and Faith Lutheran are all ones we have targeted to try and split them up.

"Because in all three, up until this year, we had two precincts in one building each, so six precincts in three buildings. So I've tried to find locations to put one precinct in one location."

The shift of one precinct from Farragut High School to another location was Davis' first goal as a part of a widespread effort to split up the precincts that are packed into all three locations.

"Farragut High previously had two precincts, and on Election Day, especially for a big one, it gets crazy," Davis said. "I had been looking for a place to move one of their precincts, and I had asked at least three churches out there, and they all said no. Which, that's their right to do.

"But two years ago, the Korean Church reached out to us and said they'd love to be a polling place. At the time we really didn't have a spot for them, but then we looked at the numbers and it made sense this year. They are giddy about it, and it seemed like a natural move. They have been a great addition."

He emphasized the Election Commission notified all vot-

representatives from Tennessee would be Republican, in spite of a nominal 60-40% split of votes in a typical election and thus, no districts will be represented by Democrats. Moreover, what's wrong with doing this now? First, we're already into the election with the first primary already held. How will this impact that? Second, certain candidates have already qualified in the current districts. How will this impact that? Third, will the timing be such that ballots can be properly created and distributed? Fourth, will voters in each new district be notified of the change? Apparently, that's not a requirement in the new law, even though it was in the old law. Fifth, how will this impact absentee and military ballots? Sixth, much effort and expense has already been spent preparing for the election as currently structured. How much will this re-do cost? Is it in the budget? Seventh, this apparently requires that you need not be a citizen of the district in which you live to represent that district. Do we want that? I do not. Eighth, does this change comply with current legislative rules? It's a point of contention in court. Even as an independent, it feels a bit like having a distasteful thing shoved down my throat. It's a pure power grab at the behest of a broadly unpopular president, further alienating and polarizing our citizens when we need to be looking for compromise and common cause. It's liable to backfire and it's just wrong.

ers who were affected by the move, sending each one a new voter registration card and a postcard detailing the adjustment.

"That confused some voters, and we had to have a conversation," Davis said. "If you want to vote early, please do because it's so much easier. But I know people are Election Day diehards, too, so we try to accommodate them as best we can."

Davis said they are still actively looking to move one of the Faith Lutheran precincts to a different location to accommodate voters who live southward.

"Because that's basically all your voters south of Farragut," he said. "And if you go south of Farragut, there's a YMCA and a development there in Choto with a tiny fire station. But if there's another public building out there of any size that would host voting, I am not aware of it."

He added, too, that he wants to shift one of the Farragut Middle School precincts from FMS to the new Farragut Area Elementary School on Boring Road when it opens in 2027.

"We're not done yet; but absent an emergency, we are done splitting them up for this year," he said. "It made sense; it was easy; and all my initial reports from Election Day were all extremely positive from voters who went to the Korean Church. The workers loved it too, and a couple members of their congregation work for us now; they were so excited."

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Millstone Ventures and Trinitas Ventures are developing Laster Farms at Turkey Creek, an \$80 million multi-family community along Outlet Drive near Farragut, which they anticipate will have the first move-ins by summer 2027.

Turkey Creek area to gain apartments, townhomes

Developers launch \$80 million housing project on Outlet Drive

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Millstone Ventures and Trinitas Ventures have partnered to bring about an \$80 million multi-family community along Outlet Drive near Farragut.

They broke ground on Laster Farms at Turkey Creek, 11471 Outlet Drive on Monday, May 4.

"It's great to see you all out here," Trinitas co-founder and co-owner Chris King said just before breaking ground on the development. "It's a super beautiful day, which is great."

"This is the first multi-family deal that we've done, so we're super-excited," he said. "We just want to thank Mill-

stone for this opportunity."

Trinitas Ventures of Lafayette, Indiana, is a fully integrated real estate firm combining data-driven planning, disciplined execution and design-forward development while Millstone Ventures of Indianapolis, Indiana, is a vertically integrated real estate development and construction firm specializing in multifamily development.

The ceremony, held on-site in Knox County, marks the official start of construction on a community that will "introduce 320 new residences to one of the Knoxville region's fastest-growing corridors," a press release stated. "First move-ins are expected by summer 2027."

The \$80 million project will deliver 240 apartments and 80 townhomes featuring a "modern farmhouse aesthetic with high-end finishes and a cohesive design that blends interior and exterior living," said Andy Weatherford, a co-owner of Millstone Ventures.

"The apartment units are going to be elevated finishes, first-

in-class, top of market," he said, adding they will feature quartz countertops, luxury vinyl plank, and beverage coolers.

Additionally, "we're going to deliver some resort-style amenities," Weatherford added.

One-, two- and three-bedroom layouts will be available, with rents expected to range from \$1,800 to \$2,800 per month, according to the release.

"Breaking ground on Laster Farms at Turkey Creek is a milestone moment for Trinitas and for the greater Farragut area we're proud to be part of," said Loren King, CEO/co-founder of Trinitas Ventures. "Farragut and the greater Knoxville area continue to experience remarkable growth, driven by people seeking connection, convenience and opportunity."

"Trinitas is committed to creating communities that feel both contemporary and enduring, places that enhance the lives of the people who call them home. Laster Farms reflects that commitment," King said.

"Residents will have access to a clubhouse and fitness center, resort-style pool, golf simulator, outdoor lounge areas and entertainment lawns," the press release stated. "Situating near the vibrant Turkey Creek retail district, the community offers convenient access to shopping, dining and recreation in the Farragut and Turkey Creek area."

The development is a partnership with Millstone Ventures, which identified and entitled the site.

"Together, the teams have centered every phase of the project on purposeful design, operational excellence and lasting community value," the press release stated.

Millstone is known for its "data-driven approach to market selection, seeking out high-barrier-to-entry, under-supplied and dynamic markets and a commitment to high-quality construction that improves communities and delivers top-of-market resident experiences," it added.

"Today marks the culmina-

tion of years of planning and partnership and the beginning of something we're proud to deliver to East Tennessee," said Eric Wojak, executive vice president of build-to-rent and multifamily at Trinitas Ventures. "Working alongside Millstone, we're delivering a development designed to meet the evolving expectations of residents in this market."

"Laster Farms at Turkey Creek reflects the type of opportunity we target. These are well-located sites in high-growth corridors where thoughtful planning and disciplined execution can deliver long-term value," said Adrien Dannemiller, co-founder of Millstone. "From site identification through entitlement, our focus was on positioning this development for success, and we're excited to partner with Trinitas to bring that vision to life."

Trinitas Ventures is a Lafayette, IN-based fully integrated. Learn more at www.trinitasventures.com and Learn more at www.millstonemgmt.com.

businessbriefs

All Star Outfitters, a national leader in event merchandising, recently announced the appointment of Chad Culver as vice president of sales. In this role, Culver will lead the company's national event sales strategy, drive revenue growth and expand key partnerships across event and enterprise channels.

Culver brings more than 20 years of experience in sales leadership with a proven track record of building high-performing teams and delivering sustained revenue growth. Prior to joining All Star Outfitters, he served as senior director of the sports commission and convention sales at Visit Knoxville.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

The YMCA of East Tennessee's Golf Tournament at Gettysvue Country Club

On May 4, friends and supporters gathered at The Club at Gettysvue for a fantastic fundraising event benefiting the YMCA of East Tennessee's Annual Campaign. Guests enjoyed beautiful weather, great fellowship, and a fun day on the course while helping make a meaningful impact across our community. Funds raised during the event will provide scholarships and vital support for YMCA programs and services, including swim lessons, childcare, senior outreach, and meals for families in need. Thank you to everyone who participated, volunteered, sponsored, and donated to strengthen lives through the YMCA.

If you would like to learn more about the YMCA of East Tennessee, their Annual campaign as well as additional golf tournaments happening this year, contact Jared Daugherty at jdaugherty@ymcaetn.org



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Lee brings versatile background to Farragut volleyball

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Whitney Lee is no stranger to new places and people.

The Florida native and Limestone University alumnus has discovered plenty of each in her lifetime, having moved from the United States to Myanmar — formerly Burma — in Asia at just 23 years old.

learned as a coach there and in Korea will aid her now, as she has accepted just her second stateside coaching role as the new Farragut High School volleyball coach.

Lee, who began coaching the Farragut Middle School girls basketball team last year, will continue in that role while taking over the helm Andres Alves left vacant in January.

“We’re very excited to have Coach Lee,” FHS athletic director Donald Dodgen said. “She brings a lot of knowledge, and we are looking forward to working with her and seeing how the team comes out. We’re excited to have her as a teacher and a volleyball coach here.”

Now 36, Lee brings eight years of volleyball coaching experience from her time overseas. She has led national

teams and middle and high school squads, having established a well-rounded perspective on player development.

“I wanted to get connected more at the high school since I teach here,” she said. “It’s nice to see the players throughout the day and build those relationships. I’ve coached off-campus at other schools,



Photo courtesy of Jack Tate

Whitney Lee is the new volleyball coach at Farragut High School.

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Photo by Jake Nichols

Farragut pitcher Cash Schroeder (2) fires a pitch toward the plate during the Admirals’ 5-1 win over Halls in the region opener on Friday, May 8, at Farragut High School.

Blue-Grey Game

Ads wrap spring practice with preview of 2026 season

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Carter Collier burst through the line of scrimmage, galloped a couple more yards and ran into linebacker Bailey Pyle. Fellow defender Nathan Shilling grabbed on to help, and together, he and Pyle wrestled the junior tailback to the turf inside Eddie Courtney Stadium on Monday, May 11.

It was one of several gritty moments on a sunny spring day, as the Admirals’ defense held the offense in check throughout a scoreless spring game to wrap the Farragut football team’s 2026 spring practice.

“It was a good opportunity for us to get nine days of work against ourselves,” head coach Geoff Courtney said. “Saw a lot of growth at a lot of positions, guys who are playing in new spots. It’s been a good offseason in the weight room, too. We’re a little thin on depth at certain positions, so this was really just the starting point of what we’ll be doing into June and July. Feel like we got a lot done but still have a long way to go.”

With this being the public’s first glimpse at the 2026 Admirals, there was a lot more than football happening across the stadium.

Food trucks offered tacos and shaved ice options near the concourse, and fans re-



Photo by Jake Nichols

Farragut running back Carter Collier (26) is tackled by linebackers Bailey Pyle (4) and Nathan Shilling (25) during the Admirals’ Blue-Grey Game on Monday, May 11, at Eddie Courtney Stadium. The event wrapped the team’s nine-day spring practice routine, offering a preview of the 2026 season.

ceived giveaways from the team store as the action unfolded.

There were even new assistant coaches, such as director of opera-

tions Dustin Lyles and offensive line coach Matt Bates, and players took part in fun competitions, too.

On the field, the Admi-

rals debuted a new quarterback in rising junior Hayes Sharp.

His best pass of the

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Ads advance to sectionals this week

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Culture and consistency.

While those two terms are often overused in sports, they offer a perfect summation of the Farragut baseball program.

Excluding the COVID-19-shortened 2020 season, the Admirals have booked 18 straight trips to the sectional round of the TSSAA state playoffs. The latest one was solidified on Saturday, May 9, as FHS bounced back from an 8-4 loss to Oak Ridge to defeat Halls 13-3.

With the win, FHS will travel to Science Hill to play in a Class 4A sectional series this Wednesday and Thurs-

day, May 13-14.

But to reach this point, the Ads had to check off yet another mark in their history.

“I think it starts with the players,” head coach Garrett Copeland said. “They’re the ones who have the success, and we try to do simple really well. Hit the ball hard on the field, make the defensive plays and the players buy in and work really hard from August. The success is really the fruit of their labor and the work that is put in behind the scenes.”

Perhaps no player has epitomized that approach more than Travis Brummitt Jr. On Saturday, the Pellissippi

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Lady Admirals work overtime in semifinals

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Nothing has been truly easy during the postseason for Farragut High School softball team.

After losing in the semifinals of the District 4-4A Tournament, the Lady Admirals had to win three consecutive games to win the championship.

The Lady Admirals accomplished that and earned the right to host an elimination game Monday night, May 11 in the Region 2-4A semifinals.

Farragut also won that game but had to work a little overtime to outlast Powell, 1-0, in nine innings.

The Lady Admirals prevailed over the Lady Panthers, the District

3-4A runners-up, when Callie Brown came up with a walk-off single in the bottom of the ninth, ending a pitchers’ duel between Hallie Grace Johnson and Powell senior Rianna Boone.

Brown’s walk-off game-winning hit came with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, ending

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Farragut softball pitcher Hallie Grace Johnson (24) winds and fires a pitch toward the plate during the Lady Admirals’ region semifinal matchup against Powell.

Bearden flag football books first state trip

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Zach Scott could tell from the first day of practice that his Bearden flag football team could do something special.

“On day one in February, I showed them pictures of last year’s state champions celebrating and showed them the restaurant next to where the state tournament is

played that I said we’d go to,” Scott said. “It was sort of silly but also my attempt to set a vision for something they hadn’t yet imagined. I knew they could be special when each of them wrote their goal for the season, and they wrote eating at that restaurant in May.”

That commitment was made complete last

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Farragut's Eli Saunders (14) heads a ball against West on Thursday, May 7, during the District 4-AAA semifinals at West High School's Bill Wilson Field. The Admirals lost, 3-2, bringing an end to their 2026 season.

FHS soccer sees 'stinging' end in district semis

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Bradley Culbreth walked alone near the 25-yard-line, still shocked as he looked toward the scoreboard of West High School's Bill Wilson Field.

He was not pleased with the result that glowed in the distance: West 3, Farragut 2.

The Rebels sunk the Admirals in the District 4-AAA semifinals last Thursday, May 7, mounting a 3-0 lead that proved too much for Farragut to overcome.

In the process, an Admiral team that held hopes of its first state tournament appearance since 2021 saw its season end three weeks too early.

Never one to mince words, Culbreth offered an opinion that matched his soured expression.

"They hit us in the mouth," he said. "We had zero answer for their intensity in the first half. This is one of those horror stories for a team that, if you don't bring the same intensity the whole game, you get beat at this stage in the post-season. They're a good team, and they beat us tonight."

Logan Wright did provide a spark for Farragut, heading two goals in less than a minute

in the second half. "Effort. Athleticism," Culbreth said of Wright. "He was an absolute spark for us. He's young, he's a sophomore. But the hole was too deep with how we played tonight."

FHS gave up its first goal five minutes in on a corner kick, and the trouble continued from there. By halftime, the Rebels led 2-0.

Farragut proved unable to cash in on a penalty kick by Nathan Henderson four minutes into the second half, then the Rebels added a third goal before the Ads could blink.

A pair of FHS corner kicks proved fruitless as time melted away, then Jason Gao looked to nail a breakaway with 5:07 to go.

West's goalie appeared to interfere with Gao going to the ground, but there was no call.

The Rebels missed two more shots from close range late, and a shot from Farragut's Charlie Sorochan sailed left with less than three minutes to play.

Ultimately, he was one of the seniors Culbreth said goodbye to after the match.

"I love them and thank you," the Ads' coach said of his senior class. "It's been an honor to coach those kids. They have redefined this program, which is in a very healthy place."

Lady Ads

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a long and stressful night for both teams.

"That region semifinal is so stressful," Farragut coach Nick Green said after Johnson, a junior, pitched a no-hitter against one of the area's most potent lineups.

Johnson (21-3) walked four and struck out 16 over nine innings of work in the circle. The Lady Ads (33-7) also had an error in the contest, giving Powell five base runners in

the game.

None, however, reached second base.

Farragut will play a surprise opponent today (May 13) in the region championship game when it travels to the Marble City community to play Knoxville West.

First pitch is slated for 7 p.m. The Lady Rebels are in the midst of a historic season. They won the District 3-4A Tournament Championship as a No. 4 seed with two wins over Powell and victories over Knoxville Halls and Knox Central.

Irish soccer sees first-time state success

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Knoxville Catholic High School's boys soccer team achieved a first on the pitch Saturday afternoon, May 9.

The Irish won a state playoff game for the first time since they have been competing in Division II-AA, accomplishing that feat with a 2-0 victory over Father Ryan at Blaine Stadium.

"This is the first time that Catholic has won a playoff game for both the boys and the girls since we've been in Division II," Irish coach Josh Martin said. "Now, if we win our

next game, we'll make it to the state Final Four in Murfreesboro."

The Irish (8-6-4) next will play Saturday when it travels to Nashville to take on Montgomery Bell Academy. A win at MBA would punch Catholic's ticket to the state semifinals.

"It was big for us breaking through that barrier," Martin said. "But our next game will be tough because every team you play will be good and the game will be hard."

Against Father Ryan, Catholic led 1-0 at halftime. The Irish got both of their goals from Jack Tucker and the second

marker was assisted by Levi Perkinson.

Catholic goalkeeper Tate McCarty made 10 saves en route to recording a clean sheet.

In Division II-A: Christian Academy of Knoxville lost its region championship game to Boyd Buchanan, 6-1 on Thursday, May 7.

Colby Stokely scored for the Warriors off an assist from Wyatt Howard.

CAK played Northpoint Christian on Tuesday, May 5, in the opening round of the state tournament on Tuesday. Results were not available at press time.

Local schools to represent at state track championships

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Three area public high schools will be heavily represented at the TSSAA Class AAA State Championships at the University of Tennessee's Tom Black Track.

The meet will be contested May 19-20, in Knoxville.

Farragut High School had several multiple event qualifiers emerge from the East Tennessee Sectional Meet last week at Hardin Valley Academy.

The Lady Admirals Peyton Edmunds won the sectional pole vault championship as she posted an effort of 10 feet. Zoi LeCours finished fourth in the girls 3200-meter run as she crossed the finish line in 11 minutes, 25.21 seconds.

Farragut's boys team member Chase McAvoy, who will compete in the State Decathlon this week at Hardin Valley Academy, won the high jump with a leap of 6-8. He was fourth in the long jump (21-8). He also qualified in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 39.04

seconds.

The Admirals had a pair of sprinters qualify in the 400-meter dash. Lucas Spadafora finished second (49.08) while Nathan Jacobs came in fourth (49.52).

Sam Shagan took third in the 3200-meter run (9:32.32).

Meanwhile, for Bearden, Cooper Jones finished second in the boys high jump (6-2) and the long jump (22-2). Mounamed Seck finished second in the triple jump (44-4.5).

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Baseball

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State signee and Class 4A Mr. Baseball finalist went 3-for-4 at the plate, having already hit a homer in his first at-bat against the same team in the region opener the previous day.

He also pitched all six innings, dealing six strikeouts while scattering five hits and three runs.

"He's a great player," Copeland said. "I'm really proud of the success he's had. He's worked really hard to get to

where he's at, and he's one of our main pieces. We're lucky to have him."

Copeland dug further into what has made Brummitt so good at the plate, where he will often use his long-limbed features to his advantage.

"He's always been a fundamental player ever since he came to us," Copeland said. "But he's matured and gotten stronger and grown up; his skills have really been showcased."

"He has one of the best disciplines of the strike zone on our

team, and he just doesn't chase balls out of the strike zone. He doesn't strike out very often."

To be fair, though, neither do the rest of the Ads' batters. FHS went 16-for-33 as a team against Halls Saturday, bouncing back from an 8-4 loss to Oak Ridge earlier that day in the region championship.

They also stacked two runs in each of the first two innings Friday, going 6-for-21 as a team while Cash Schroeder scattered four hits, a run and two walks with six strikeouts in a complete game.

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Blue-Grey
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day came on a 40-yard spiral to receiver Johnny Jacobs, who won the 40-yard dash contest between quarters. Jacobs suffered a shoulder injury on the pass from Sharp yet still came up with the catch before retiring to the sideline to find a shoulder sling.

“Hayes has got a chance to be pretty good,” Courtney said. “He’s got to grow within the offense and his confidence, but he’s making some throws this spring that he wasn’t making last year. He’s been smart with the ball, not turning it over a lot.”

Courtney offered similar praise of Collier, who put together some impressive runs, including the first first down of the scrimmage.

Yet two plays after that, Kaden Renfro drove Collier back several yards for a loss. Renfro bookended the day by “sacking” Sharp — who wore a red cover on his helmet — during the final possession of the afternoon.

“He’s played linebacker and has thickened up,” Courtney said of Renfro. “We’re thin on the defensive line so he’s jumped in there, too, and he’s given us some real spark. He’s hard to block; he’s low; he’s quick; he can penetrate and cut the back off several different ways.

That ability will only be helped by an experienced group of linebackers, as well as a secondary unit that will feature names, such as Shawn

Raines and Mason Swor, both of whom will step into the limelight this season.

Offensively, Courtney said the Ads have solidified “two to three” of their offensive linemen, as Farragut will look to replace an experienced unit up front. He mentioned wide receiver Elijah Sadler and tight end Max Hilton as two other guys who have flashed during spring while Collier, Cameron Beaver and Brenton Haag — who won the punt-catching completion — have made themselves valuable as two-way options.

That may not be an uncommon theme this year since Courtney addressed a thin roster of “80 to 85” as compared to the 115 players FHS featured last year.

“A lot of those will be freshmen and sophomores, and we will have 17 seniors with a lot of those guys playing for the first time,” Courtney said. “But it’s been great because we’ve spent these nine days trying guys at different positions. That’s allowed us to experiment with what we may have, and then we can go back and fine-tune it throughout summer.”

Haag ripped off a nice run during the scrimmage while Nathan Hu picked off rising sophomore quarterback Eli Mitchell for the day’s lone turnover.

During the event, FHS also took time to recognize Geoff Courtney’s father, former Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney, on his induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame.

Track

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Evan Fisher took third in the 300-meter hurdles (39.58).

For the Lady Bulldogs, Lily Johnson finished third in the 100-meter dash (12.62) and Peyton Dial was second in the discus with a throw of 117-11.

Hardin Valley’s girls distance specialists had a big day

on their home track.

Ana Berkheimemr won both the 1600-meter run (5:07.28) and the 3200-meter run (11:01.88), while Alexandra Vesser took second in both races.

Naomi Burum was third in the triple jump (35-4.5).

For the Hawks Nicolas Rivers won the 100-meter dash (10.54) and finished fourth in the 200-meter dash (21.71).

Ads show ‘fight’ in final match

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Leyton Lu’s voice carried across McFee Park: “Yeah-hhh!”

It was a short-lived celebration for the Farragut senior, who defeated Science Hill’s Rohan Papireddy in a 10-5 match breaker to win 2-1 as a part of the Admirals’ Class AA sectional match against the visiting Hilltoppers.

Lu’s win brought the first victory of the night for feisty Farragut, which rallied from a 3-0 deficit to draw within 3-2 last Friday, May 8. Unfortunately for the Admirals, that was as close as they came in a 4-2 loss that left them one win short of their first-ever team-wide state tournament berth.

It marked their second sectional loss in the last three years, bringing a bittersweet end to a season that saw district and region championships.

“I always knew they were good and capable of getting this far,” FHS coach Joan Swanson said after talking with her team. “It was about keeping the momentum of their confidence and strength and the fact that we had five seniors — four of whom are in

our starting six — I knew they wanted it. They had an opportunity to end their careers on a positive note, and they were driven.”

That showed throughout this season, as FHS rallied from a similar deficit to beat Maryville 4-3 for the aforementioned district crown. Days later, the Ads thumped Campbell County, 4-0, to claim the gold region plaque.

But their run ended against a Science Hill team that will make its seventh straight state tournament appearance in Chattanooga this week.

Meanwhile, Farragut said goodbye to five seniors — including Lu — under the lights at the park tennis courts last weekend.

“It’s a great privilege and an honor to play tennis for something bigger than myself,” Lu reflected. “When you’re younger, tennis is a very individual sport — there’s not really a team aspect. Being part of a team is so different, especially for tennis, so it means a lot to make the friends I have and win, fight and compete for them.”

That fight showed throughout the match. Science Hill picked up its first point with two doubles victories, then



Photo by Jake Nichols

Farragut senior Leyton Lu returns serve during the Admirals’ Class AA sectional match against Science Hill on Friday, May 8, at McFee Park. FHS lost 4-2, bringing its 2026 season to an end.

Jackson Baker and Joe Luna defeated Farragut’s Grayer Dunagan and Skyler Meade, respectively, by scores of 2-0 in each one.

“We never give up and try to fight for every point and

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FHS lax season ends in state semis

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After reeling off an impressive 11-3 campaign, the Farragut boys lacrosse team saw its season end last Friday, May 8, in a 12-9 loss to Nolensville in the boys Class AA state semifinals

The Ads may have experienced a bit of Déjà vu, as their season ended with the same sequence as last year: a quarter-final win over Cookeville and a semifinal loss to the Knights.

FHS trailed 5-1 in the first quarter, clawed its way back within 9-7 and tied it 9-9 with roughly nine minutes to play. But Nolensville broke through with three more goals in quick succession, then held the ball to hang on for the win.

“We’re certainly devastated, but I couldn’t be prouder of these boys and their season,” head coach Ben Sachs said. “This was an amazing team that has had a very long and strong history together. Everyone that has gotten to know

them has absolutely loved all that they accomplished together.”

The final statistics reflect those accomplishments, which include two straight region titles and two straight Final Four finishes.

Finn Sachs led the team with 57 goals on the year, averaging 3.8 per contest, as well as 25 assists. Brock Lockhart tallied 45 goals and 26 assists on the year, while Ian Fanta made 139

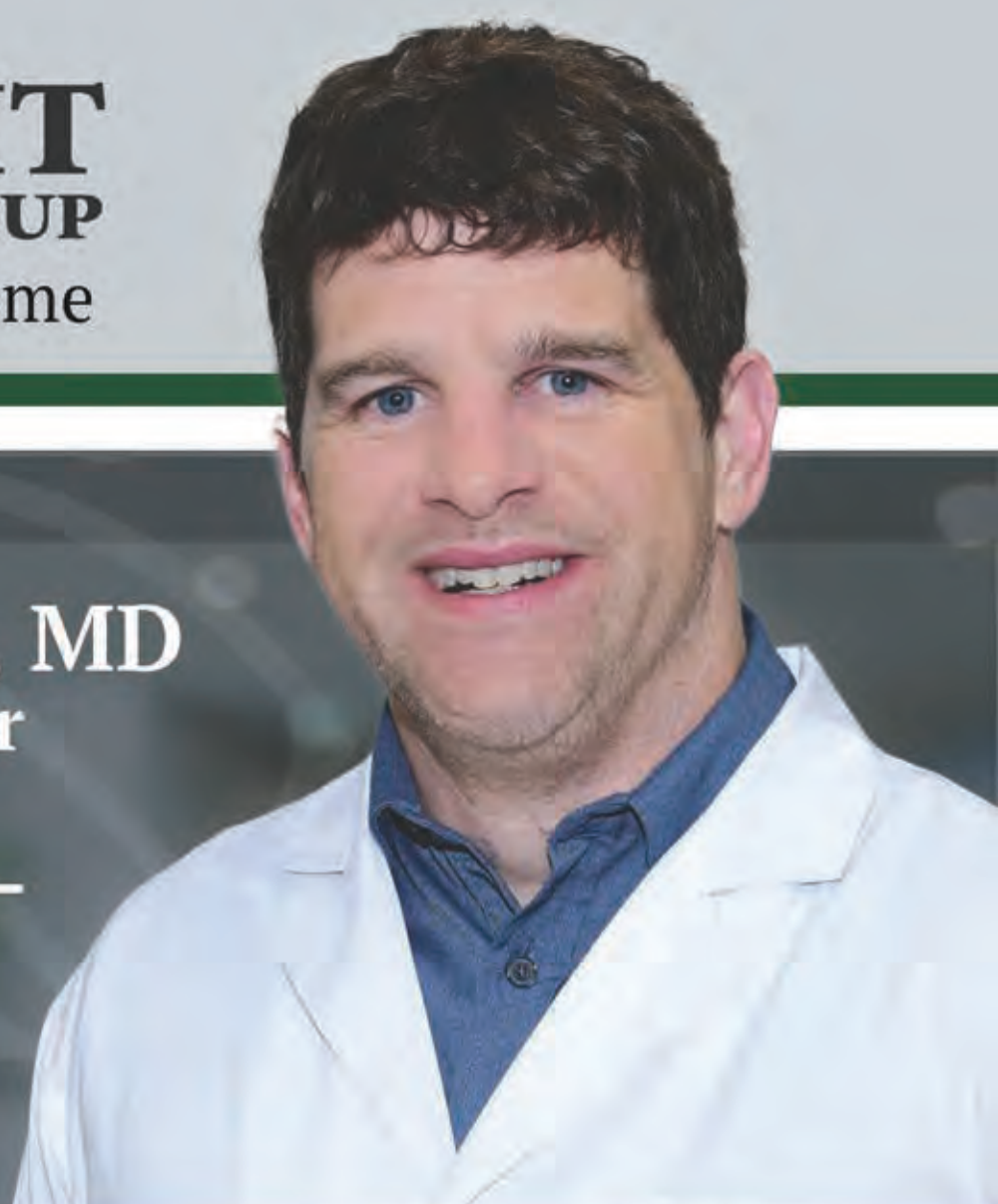
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Rotary Club of Farragut Family Feud

About 50 Rotary Club of Farragut members came ready to play and raise money at Farragut Feud, a game show-style fundraiser, emulating “Family Feud,” in Farragut Community Center, Friday, April 10.

According to RCF President Candace Viox, the event raised more than \$13,000, which is going toward beds for Sleep In Heavenly Peace, an organization that builds beds for children in need. The club’s members will build beds for the organization Saturday, May 30, at Faith Lutheran Church’s parking lot.

“There were three other clubs that joined us,” she said. Viox said a Georgia game show company that was supposed to put on the show portion of the event did not show because of a miscommunication, but President-elect Brian Walker’s friend does Family Feud games and pitched in.

“We were able to pull off an amazing, fun event,” Viox said, adding the money raised is well on its way to the \$15,000 needed before May 15.

So, the \$3,000 the club was going to pay that company went to SIHP.



1. Jason Komiotis, standing, with Candace Viox and Harold Fevrier.
2. From left, Jenny and Bill MacGrath, with Rush Johnson.
3. Fara and Alan Fishmore.
4. From left, Stephen and Mary Krempasky with Craig Donnachie.
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Volunteer helps seniors stay active, connected

Staff reports

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HARDIN VALLEY — During National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, communities across the country pause to recognize the people who give their time and heart to others. At Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley Assisted Living and Memory Care, one of those in-

dividuals is Madalyn Whedon, a volunteer whose steady presence is making a meaningful difference in residents' daily lives, according to Clarissa Alberto, communications specialist with Morning Pointe Senior Living.

"Whedon began volunteering earlier this year, inspired by personal experience," Alberto stated in a press release.

"Having had relatives in senior living communities and nursing homes, she saw firsthand how much a simple visit or shared activity can brighten someone's day."

"I knew how much of a difference volunteers make," Whedon shared.

Since February, Whedon has become a familiar and welcome face in the community,

especially during one of residents' favorite pastimes: bean bag baseball.

"She has spent the semester helping with practices, encouraging players and cheering them on," Alberto stated. "Recently, she had the opportunity to support residents during a tournament, where their hard work and dedication were on full display"

"It was awesome to see all of the hard work they put in be shown off," Whedon said.

While her role may seem simple on the surface, "the volunteer's impact runs deeper," Alberto stated. "By showing up consistently each week, she helps create moments of connection, confidence and joy."

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Donated cars change lives through local ministry



Photo submitted

Wheels Knoxville founder Steve Bowman, left, presents Hopela Dodd, second from left, a car recipient with a gifted car. They are joined by Natalie and Alan Knauth, also of Wheels Knoxville.

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A Knox County non-profit organization is helping people in need become more mobile.

At Wheels Knoxville, a car ministry, "we take donated cars, repair them into a reliable gift to someone in critical need of transportation," said Farragut resident Alan Knauth, who operates Wheels with his wife Natalie Knauth and founder Steve Bowman.

"Wheels Knoxville is an all volunteer, 501(C)(3) non-profit that takes donated cars from community members, repairs them to become reliable, safe transportation and then re-gifts them to individuals in critical need of transportation in the Knoxville area, Natalie said. "Wheels Knoxville could not do what it does without our donor families."

"We have gifted 12 cars so far in 2026, and earlier this year we gifted our 100th car," she said.

Bowman founded the orga-

nization in 2017. He helped fix an old car then found out about a young man who needed a car, which spurred the ministry, Alan said.

"We got involved in 2023," Alan added. "I bought a new truck, and [working on cars] was something I was always interested in."

Then, Wheels became a non-profit in 2025. So far this year, they gave away 11 cars with seven more in their possession.

"Last year, we had 14 cars (given away)," Natalie added.

Wheels receives referrals from organizations, such as Susannah's House, Safe Families, Knox County Head Start, Iv's Place, organizations for homelessness and others.

"We don't take self-referrals," Natalie said. "Before they get a car, they have to sign a statement that they have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance."

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Jake Nichols

Eleven Farragut High School seniors took part in the school's first ever Art Signing Day on Monday, May 4, in the FHS library. Back row left to right: Anna Bishop, Teagan Nelson, Maverick Queern, Madison Romer and Brixan Schlomer. Front row left to right: Maggie Doyle, Anna Kate Harris, Julianna Hrivnak, Hayes Kappel, Aiden Miller and Joey Nieman.

Admiral arts honored with unique senior signing day

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Farragut High School Assistant Principal, Cara Vaughn has seen the work ethic and creativity of the arts students at FHS.

Those characteristics inspired the creation of the school's first ever Arts Signing Day, which took place Monday, May 4, inside the FHS library.

"Just being an observer of our Fine Arts program, whether it's at Empty Bowls, watching them perform on the field on Friday night or at an orchestra concert, thinking how special and talented these kids are, I wanted them to have a moment to celebrate their next steps and that they continue to invest in the arts," Vaughn said.

"As a former Fine Arts teacher myself, I taught musical theater and chorus for 25 years," added fellow assistant principal Kimberly Mink. "So it truly is the culmination of watching these kids grow from elementary school to middle school to high school and being able to recognize that the arts have a piece in that journey. It has impacted them in such a positive way that they're

continuing to pursue that after high school."

During the ceremony, 11 Farragut seniors were recognized for their intent to pursue the arts in college.

The event unfolded in the same manner as athletic signing days, as Vaughn spoke with FHS athletic director Donald Dodgen while preparing for last Monday's festivities.

"I talked with our athletic director, wanting that same idea of investing time and energy and next steps paying off," Vaughn said.

Two Farragut seniors, Teagan Nelson and Maverick Queern, will pursue animation degrees at the Savannah College of Art & Design.

Fellow seniors Hayes Kappel and Maggie Doyle will take part in the marching bands at the University of Kentucky and University of Tennessee, respectively, while another, Anna Kate Harris, will be in the School of Music at The University of Alabama.

Anna Bishop will continue her success on-stage at UTK, where she will hone the skills developed in the Admiral Performing Arts Company while Julianna Hrivnak will continue her ceramics passions with a degree in studio art

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• May 11-17 is National Salvation Army Week. In Knoxville, National Salvation Army Week is centered on appreciation — taking time to thank the people who keep this important work going. That means meals for first responders, time spent with volunteers and visits with partners and donors across the community. National Salvation Army Week is also a chance for people to step in—whether that's volunteering, giving or just learning more about what's happening in the community. Contact the Salvation Army at 865-971-4920 to arrange a private tour of campus and learn more.

• As part of Drinking Water Week, Knoxville Utilities Board shared its 2025 Water Quality Report. The report details KUB's water quality record, stringent monitoring

and testing and ongoing investments in its water system. The report also informs the community and instills confidence in the quality of KUB's drinking water. KUB encourages its customers to learn more about KUB water by viewing the report online at www.kub.org/2025kubwaterquality or requesting it by phone at 865-524-2911.

• In recognition of American Stroke Month, Pilot is rallying support to raise critical funds for the American Heart Association's stroke prevention and education programs. From now through May 21, guests can help make positive change and join the fight against stroke by rounding up their purchases during check-out at participating Pilot, Flying J and One9 Travel Center locations nationwide.

Volunteer

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Whether assisting with activities or simply offering a smile, she adds to the sense of community that residents value.

"I enjoy learning more about the residents and making them smile," Whedon said. "I try to be encouraging at practice and help lead activities."

"I'm just there to be another friendly face while they complete their day," she added.

That reliability has not gone unnoticed.

"Residents look forward to her visits, and her presence brings a sense of familiarity and encouragement that enhances their experience," Alberto stated.

"What keeps me coming back is seeing how much it means to them," Whedon added. "I love being a part of their day."

"At Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley, volunteers like Whedon play an important

role in supporting life enrichment programming and fostering meaningful relationships," Alberto stated. "Their contributions help create an environment where residents can stay active, engaged and connected."

"Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley Assisted Living and Memory Care offers personalized care, dining and life enrichment services designed to support seniors in a comfortable, engaging environment with associates available to provide support and peace of mind for both residents and their families," she added.

As Morning Pointe Senior Living celebrates National Volunteer Week, "stories like Whedon's serve as a reminder that making a difference does not always require grand gestures," Alberto stated. "Sometimes, it is simply about showing up, offering encouragement and sharing in the everyday moments that matter most."

Rotarian of the Month



Dr. Tom Pattison was named Rotarian of the Month during Rotary Club of Farragut's meeting Wednesday, May 6, by Farragut Rotary President Candace Viox for his generosity in supporting Sleep in Heavenly Peace, an organization that builds beds for children in need. The club will hold a build day to construct beds for SIHP from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, May 30 in the parking lot next to Farragut Community Center on Jamestowne Blvd.

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Cars

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"They have to be able to pay for the title and registration costs," she added. "It costs \$80 just to transfer the title."

One person who received a car wrote a letter to the Knauths: "I am writing this with a full heart to thank you for this incredible gift."

"This car is such a blessing for me and my son," the

recipient stated. "Because of you, I can now accept a better job. Most importantly, I will be able to take my son to his therapy sessions and back to the park and give him the things he deserves."

Another lady who received a car was able to get a nursing job and went on her way to earn a CNA, Natalie recalled.

Alan said there are grandparents raising grandchildren and single mothers who are

finding themselves in need of a car.

To learn more about the organization, visit online at drivinghope.tn

Cars that cannot be repaired can be sold to raise money to buy more cars, Alan said.

"These are not fancy cars [Wheels gives], but they are reliable," he added. "We have a mechanic go from bumper to bumper to inspect then repair them."

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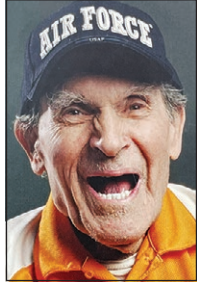
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Clintock (Nashville, TN), Dena Wyman Reed (Farragut, TN), half-sister, Allene Wyman Monaco (Jacksonville, FL), eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Edward Holbrook Wyman and Martha Moon Mulford Wyman, beloved brother Edward Holbrook ‘Buck’ Wyman, Jr., and son Russel Floyd Eagle, Jr.

A Military Honors Memorial Service will be held for him on Monday, May 18, 2026, 12:30 p.m. at the East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. (Arrangements by Atchley FH, Seymour, TN)

plans to take part in the Famous Maroon Band at Mississippi State University.

Students took photos together after the ceremony, as each one was recognized with an individual photo and moment to sign his or her paper.

But none of it would have come together without the desire to recognize these students and the paths they have chosen.

Arts

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at Tennessee. Another Rocky Top Admiral is Joey Nieman, who plans to participate in the UT Singers program.

Another FHS senior, Aiden Miller, will participate in the marching band at Middle Tennessee State. Madison Romer will be studying Fine Arts at Pellissippi State Community College, and Brixan Schlomer

Local Civil War history comes alive

Jake Nichols

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When Col. Ed Lowe stepped to the podium inside the Farragut Town Hall auditorium last week, he was 162 years removed from the battles that piqued his interest.

Yet even amidst the cannon fire and casualties within the Civil War, there existed the same leadership problems Lowe saw through his 26 years in the U.S. Army.

“I love the lessons we can learn from that and apply even today,” Lowe said. “The leadership struggles these guys had back in 1863 are the same leadership challenges that face us today. It doesn’t

matter if it’s military or civilian — there will still be problems with how you treat subordinates, your superiors, communication. And logistics matter still, too.”

After Lowe relocated from Pennsylvania to Tennessee in 2015, those similarities inspired him to dig deeper into Civil War battles across East Tennessee — especially the Knoxville clash between Confederate Gen. James Longstreet and Union leader Ambrose Burnside.

In November 1863, Longstreet and his Confederate forces tried and failed to capture Knoxville from Burnside and Union soldiers. Longstreet’s delay in attacking ul-

timately allowed Burnside’s men to retreat and fortify, thus resulting in a disastrous assault on Fort Sanders that turned the campaign into a failure.

The different styles of leadership shown during that sequence inspired Lowe’s book, “A Fine Opportunity Lost,” leading him to present a lecture on that work and the battles within at the Farragut Museum’s History Hour on Wednesday, April 22.

His presentation is part of a monthly series the museum puts on, having begun the event with a presentation on Admiral Farragut last May after the museum reopened a month prior.

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A copy of the proposed code of ordinances is available online at www.townoffarragut.org or the recorder’s office for anyone who desires to examine it in advance of the hearing.

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ORDER IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR THE TOWN OF FARRAGUT, TENNESSEE, Pursuant to Chapter 12, Section 12-1 of the Code of Ordinances for Farragut, Tennessee, it is ORDERED that the Town of Farragut Municipal Court will convene for the purpose of conducting hearings on any citations issued for Automated Traffic Enforcement and Code violations. Farragut Municipal Court will convene on the following dates at 6:00 PM:

January 12	May 11	September 14
January 26	May 27	September 28
February 9	June 8	October 12
February 23	July 13	October 26
March 23	July 27	November 9
April 13	August 10	November 23
April 27	August 24	December 14

These dates will be the regularly scheduled court dates for the Town of Farragut beginning January 1, 2026. Any cancellations or delays to the court schedule will be posted to the Municipal Court page on the Town of Farragut website at www.townoffarragut.org/court.

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN MEETING AGENDA THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

- I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- A. May 7, 2026 Special Called Meeting
- IV. Mayor’s Report
- A. Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes and Hypermobility Spectrum Disorders Awareness Month Proclamation
- B. Frank Galbreath Official Town of Farragut Historian Proclamation
- C. 2026 International Museum Day Proclamation
- D. Dot LaMarche Proclamation
- V. Ordinances & Resolutions
- A. Ordinances
1. First Reading
- a. Approval of Ordinance 26-11, ordinance on first reading adopting the annual budget for the Town of Farragut for Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027
2. Second Reading & Public Hearing
- a. Approval of Ordinance 26-07, an Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee on

- Second Reading, Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Investment Program Fund Budget, Passed by Ordinance 25-10
- VI. Business Items
- A. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Geographic Information System services
- B. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with JMT, Inc. for Right of Way (ROW) Acquisition Services for the Virtue Road Phase II Multi-Modal Improvements Project
- C. Approval of Professional Services Agreement for McFee Road Property Master Plan
- D. Approval of Contract 2026-26 Construction of Restroom Facility at McFee Park - Dog Park
- E. Approval of a Statement of Work (SOW) for Canon U.S.A., Inc., to perform document scanning services for wide format plans for an amount not to exceed \$30,000
- VII. Citizens Forum
- VIII. Town Administrator’s Report
- IX. Town Attorney’s Report
- X. Adjournment

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

- I) Call to Order
- II) Approval of Agenda
- III) Approval of Minutes
- A) Approval of minutes for the April 16, 2026 meeting.
- IV) Action Items
- A) Request for approval of design plans for the Red Mill Dam parking lot, access trail, and trail head
- B) Discussion and public hearing on a revision to the final plat for the Stonemeade Subdivision, Parcels 070 and 072, Tax Map 142 off Boring Road, 33 Lots, Zoned R-3 (Lynch Surveys, LLC, Applicant)
- C) Discussion and public hearing on an amendment to a portion of the concept plan associated with the northwest portion of the Bridgemore Subdivision for what would be Phases 3B and 4, Zoned R-1/OSR (Placemakers No. 2 Partnership, Applicant)
- D) Discussion and public hearing on a preliminary plat for the Bridgemore Subdivision,

- Phases 3B and 4, Parcel 025.03, Tax Map 152, 70.28 Acres, 102 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSR (Ardurra Group, Inc., Applicant)
- E) Discussion and public hearing on Resolution PC-26-06, a resolution for Planning Commission recommendation on Ordinance 26-10, an ordinance 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)
- V) Discussion Items
- A) Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for a portion of the property located at 817 Virtue Road from S-1 (Community Service) and Agricultural (A) to R-1 (Rural Single-Family Residential), 8.55 Acres (Benchmark Associates, Inc., Applicant)
- VI) Approval of Utilities
- VII) Citizens Forum

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Lee

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and I feel like I knew those players less.”

She will be adjusting to relatively new rules as FHS plays under TSSAA guidelines as opposed to international rules. “There are a few different rules there, like landing on the line and the ball could never hit the roof,” Lee said. “There are a few discrepancies but nothing too major.”

Her overseas career began on a short-term mission trip in college, then Lee became a teacher at an international school in Myanmar. After meeting her husband, she followed him to Korea before

moving to Knoxville — where much of her family from Florida has since moved — a little more than a year ago.

“There’s definitely a learning curve,” Lee said, “just figuring out what schools are around us.”

As far as the team, she takes over a unit that saw a 59-31 record under Alves with a state tournament run in 2024.

Tryouts will be held at 6 a.m. Monday through Wednesday, June 1-3, in the Farragut gym.

That day and every day going forward, Lee wants to be clear on what her players can expect.

“I don’t know who played last year, and I may do things differently than they’re used to,” she said. “There are things

that will be physically difficult or even just early-morning practices. Maybe if it’s not as tough as they think, they will be pleasantly surprised.”

In a way, the transition to a new coach is similar to Lee’s own transition to other cultures throughout her lifetime.

It will take time to learn from one another — but in the end, things will work out.

“I told them I’m going to hold them accountable and that it will be a big learning curve for all of us,” Lee said. “I don’t know what they’re used to in the past or anything about club volleyball here. So it will take time and be uncomfortable for them and me. But we will navigate those waters

Flag

From page 1B

weekend, as Bearden stormed back from a 20-7 deficit to defeat Clinton 39-20 in the Region 1-AA championship. With the victory, the Lady Bulldogs are heading to the state tournament in the first TSSAA-sanctioned year of girls flag football. “It’s very, very special,” Scott said. “We haven’t really grasped it yet, I don’t think, because we immediately went to the weekend, and I’m trying to wrap my head around getting these girls to Murfreesboro and fed and all the things. It’ll hit me when we get on that bus Thursday morning.”

In the meantime, when he hasn’t been preparing for their trip, it would be understandable if Scott needed a breather after the festivities of last Friday, May 8.

Clinton struck first to make the score 7-0, then a pick-six put the Dragons ahead by two scores. Another Bearden pick gave CHS a chance at a three-score lead, but Alaya Johnson came through with a pair of sacks, finishing with five on the night. Freshman quarterback Nicole Smith-Harris hit rangy wide receiver M.C. LeMarbre for a 35-yard conversion on third down, and Emma Rainey and Johnson finished

off the drive with a 10-yard score and extra point catch, respectively, to make it 14-7. But a third BHS interception and ensuing touchdown allowed the Dragons to go up two scores at halftime, 20-7. But, Ella Hudson snagged a pick-six of her own right out of halftime, then Finley Wright caught the extra point pass before LeMarbre took a slant route 42 yards to tie the score at 20 with a failed extra point.

Bearden took its first lead with a couple big catches by Amileigh Crippen and a touchdown grab by Wright, then Crippen hauled in the extra point to make it 27-20.

The very next play, Rainey made one of her two interceptions, and Smith-Harris connected with LeMarbre twice more to make the final margin. Notably, she finished with six receptions for 142 yards and three scores. Smith-Harris threw for 254 yards and four touchdowns, and senior Stella Cross registered seven flag pulls, putting her over 100 on the season.

Now, after a remarkable season so far — including composure after a season-ending injury to quarterback Sophie Keener — Bearden flag football is headed to state for the first time.

Tennis

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match,” Lu said. “In the future, this program is going to be in good hands.”

At that point, FHS faced its largest deficit of the night. Yet here came Lu, storming back from a 6-2 loss in his first set to defeat Papireddy, 7-5, in the second set before winning the match breaker by the aforementioned score.

Lukas Bukovsky followed with a match-breaking win of his own, 10-6, to follow a set win of 6-4 and a loss by the same

score. That left FHS down one, but Mustafa Malik defeated Admiral Kori Faulkner 6-0 in both sets to mark the final margin.

And even while Science Hill players mobbed Malik, Swanson reiterated the grit she saw in her team from the beginning.

“They’re fighters. They know how to not give up,” she said. “When we had tryouts back in September, we knew from practice that this would be a really good boys team. And from what I hear, we have a lot of good potential coming up.”

LAX

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saves, good for 57.7 percent of the shots that came his way in goal. Moses Burnette finished his senior season with 31 takeaways on defense, and Luke Duenckel accounted for 74 ground balls this season.

“This team has been one of the most talented I’ve had the privilege to coach,” Sachs said. “They exemplify what it means to become a great example by their dedication to the team on the field and their community off the field.”

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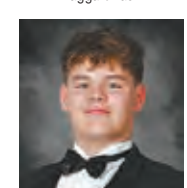
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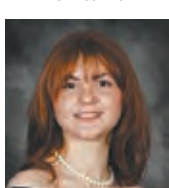
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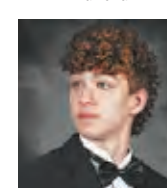
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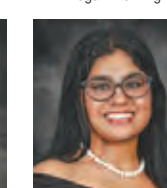
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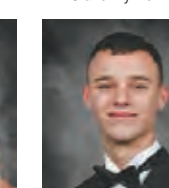
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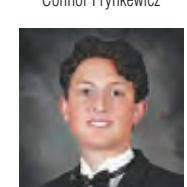
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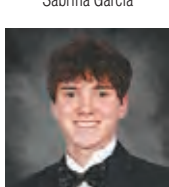
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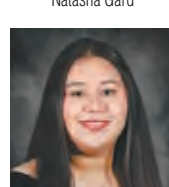
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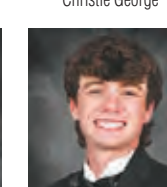
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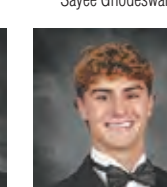
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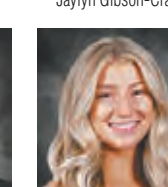
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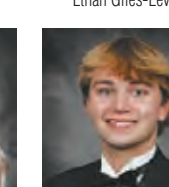
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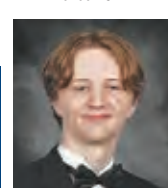


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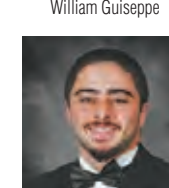
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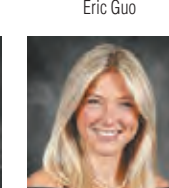
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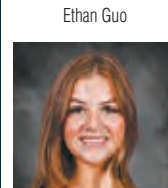
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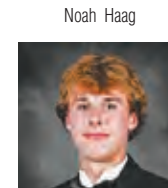
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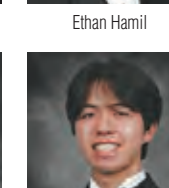
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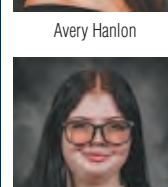
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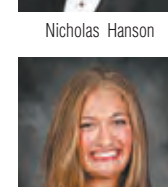
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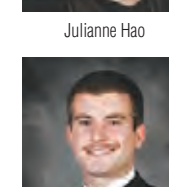
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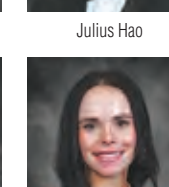
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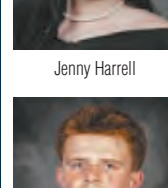
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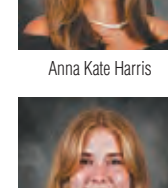
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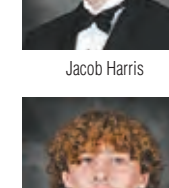
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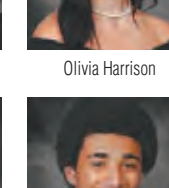
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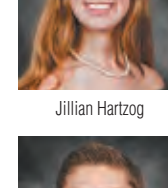
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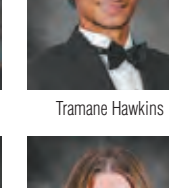
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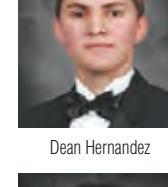
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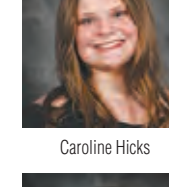
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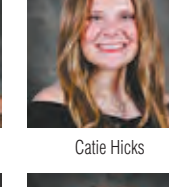
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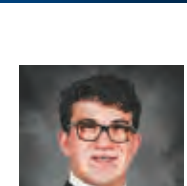
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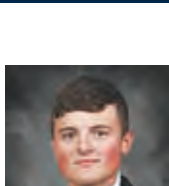
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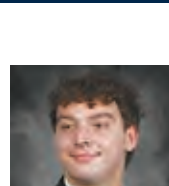
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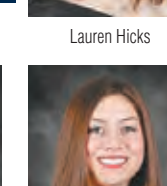
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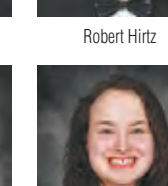
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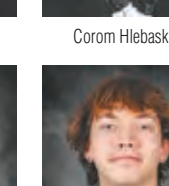
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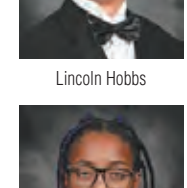
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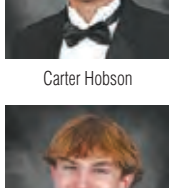
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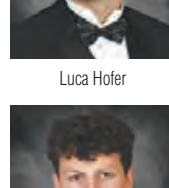
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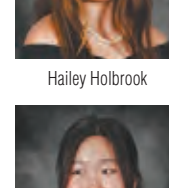
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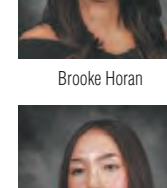
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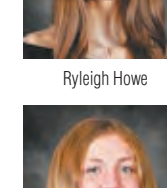
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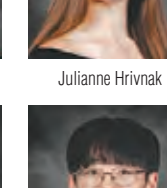
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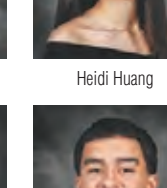
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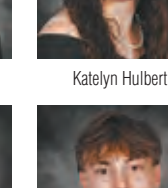
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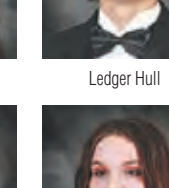
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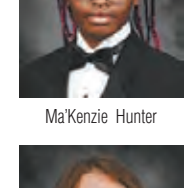
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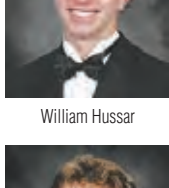
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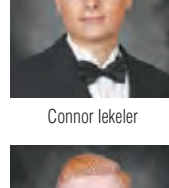
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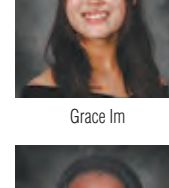
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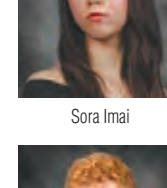
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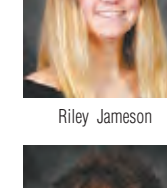
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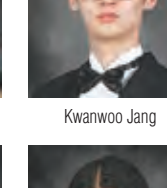
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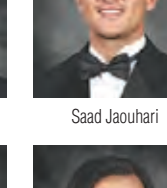
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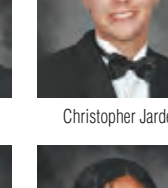
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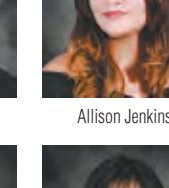
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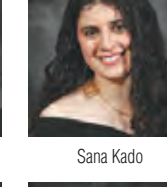
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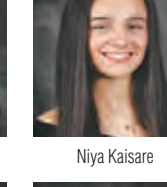
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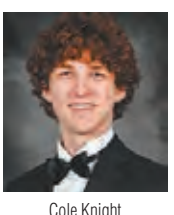
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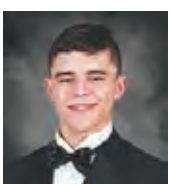
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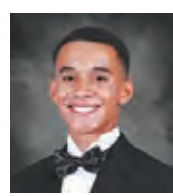
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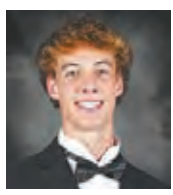
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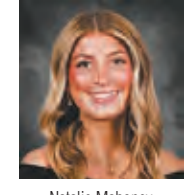
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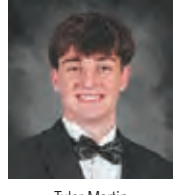
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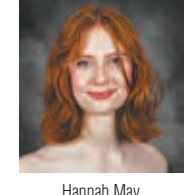
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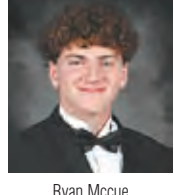
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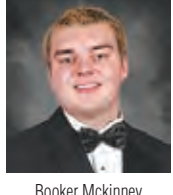
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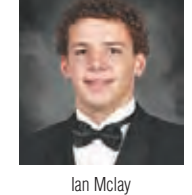
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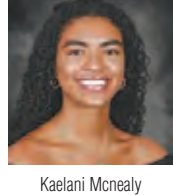
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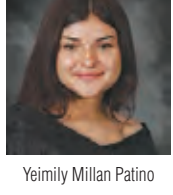
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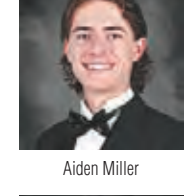
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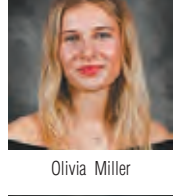
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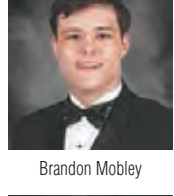
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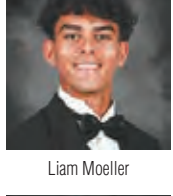
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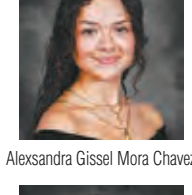
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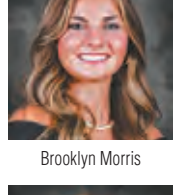
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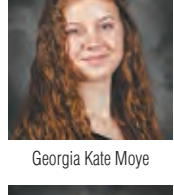
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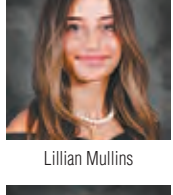
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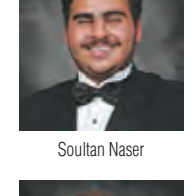
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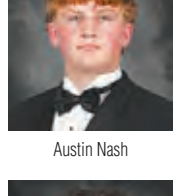
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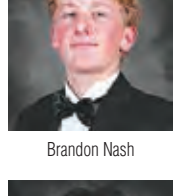
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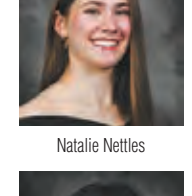
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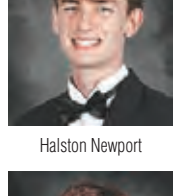
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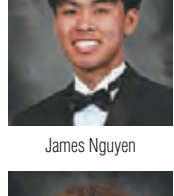
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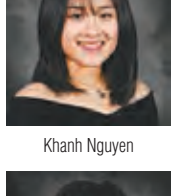
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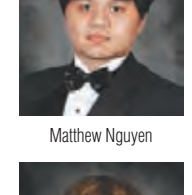
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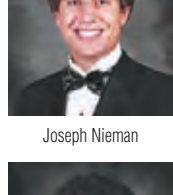
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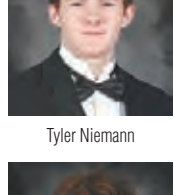
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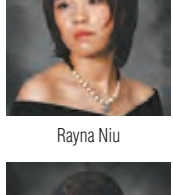
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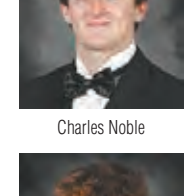
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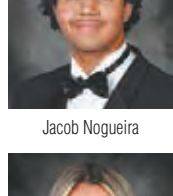
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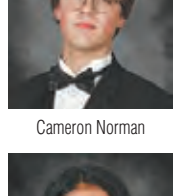
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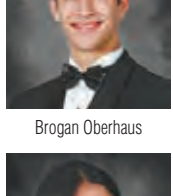
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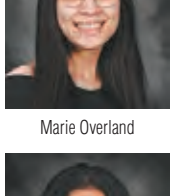
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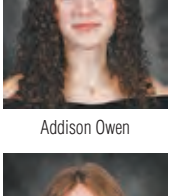
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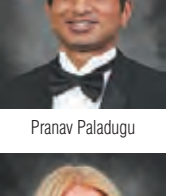
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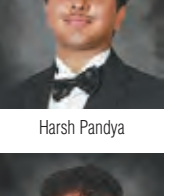
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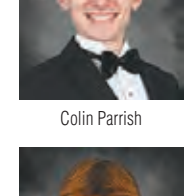
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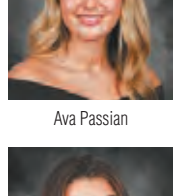
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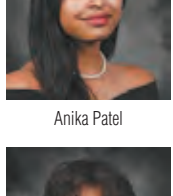
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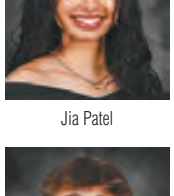
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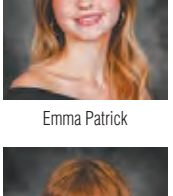
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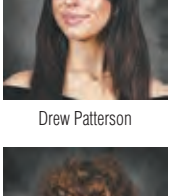
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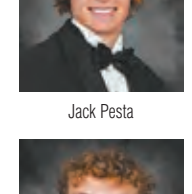
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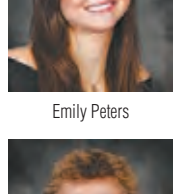
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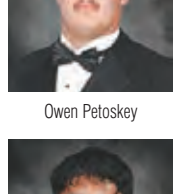
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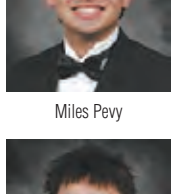
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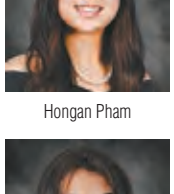
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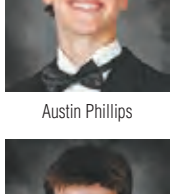
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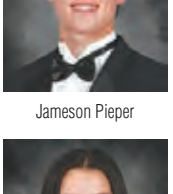
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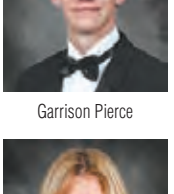
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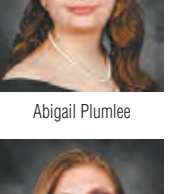
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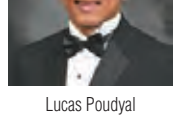
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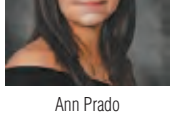
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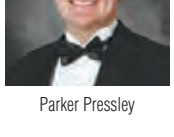
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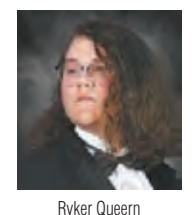
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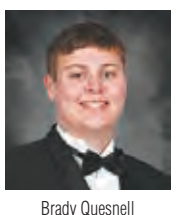
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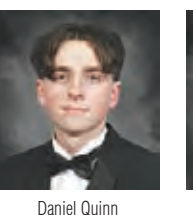
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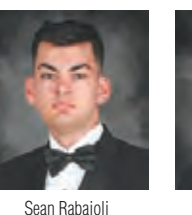
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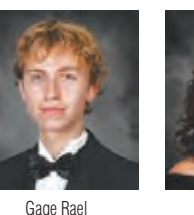
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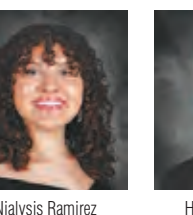
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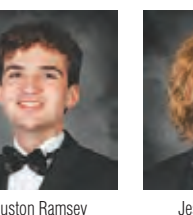
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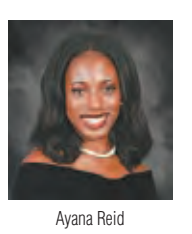
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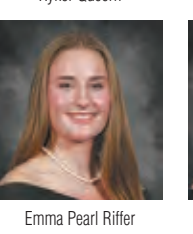
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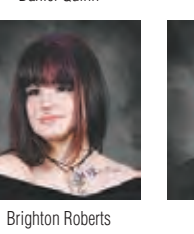
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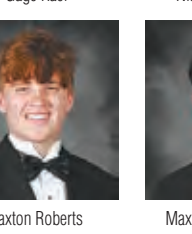
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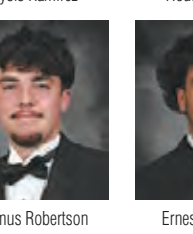
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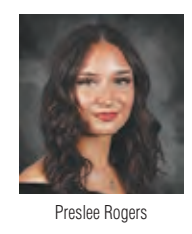
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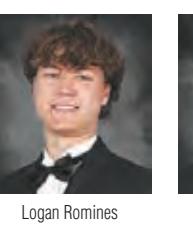
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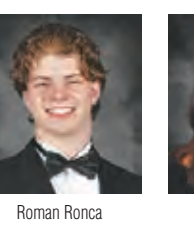
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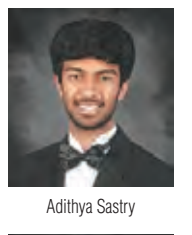
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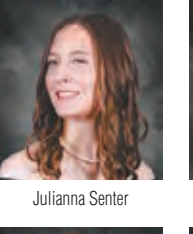
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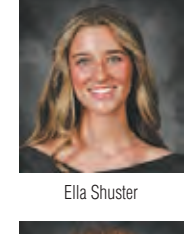
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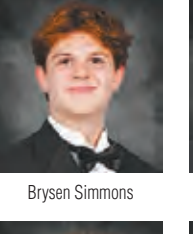
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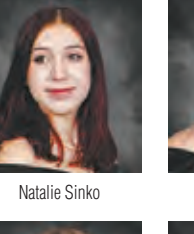
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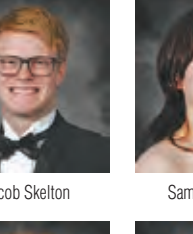
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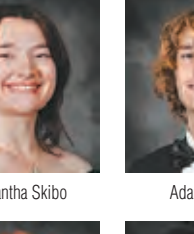
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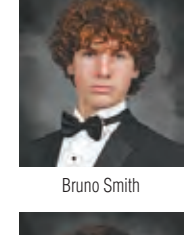
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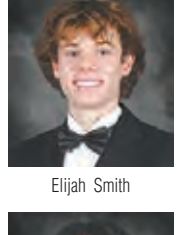
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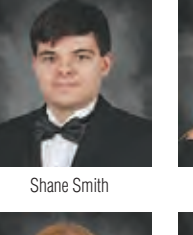
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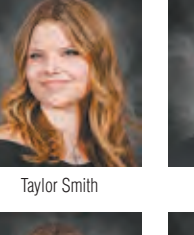
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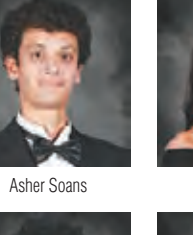
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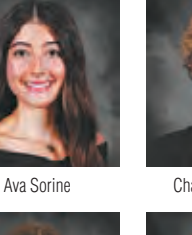
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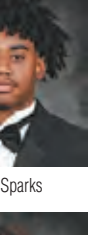
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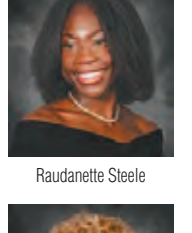
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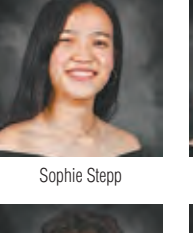
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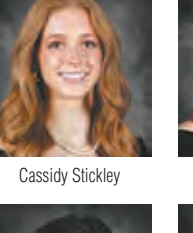
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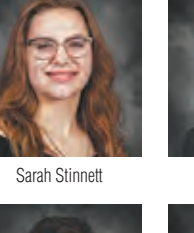
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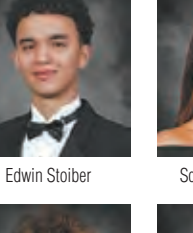
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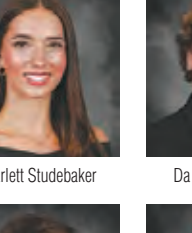
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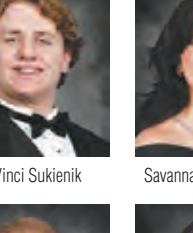
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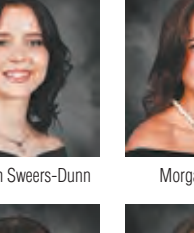
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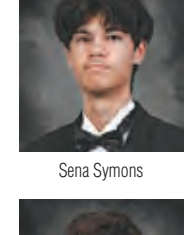
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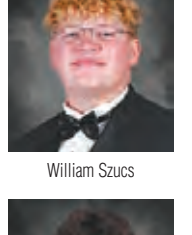
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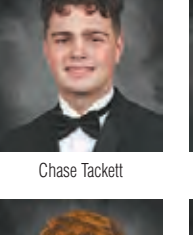
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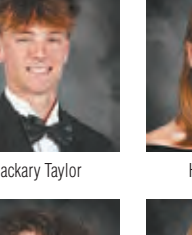
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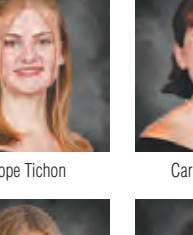
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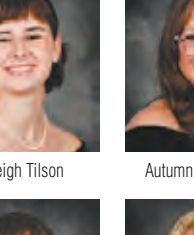
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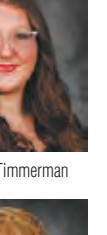
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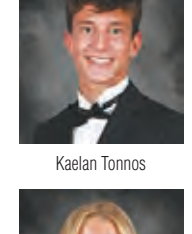
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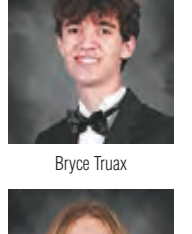
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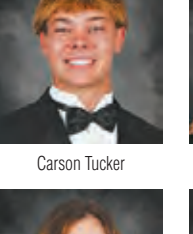
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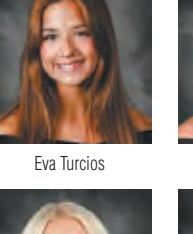
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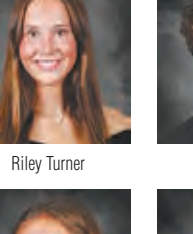
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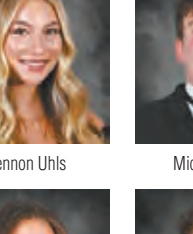
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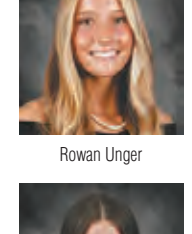
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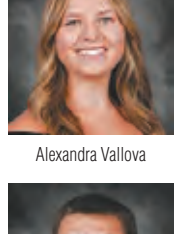
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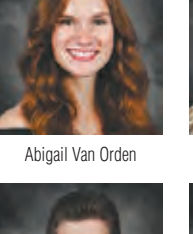
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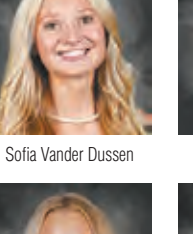
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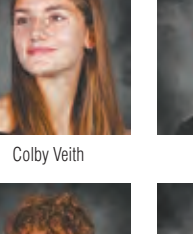
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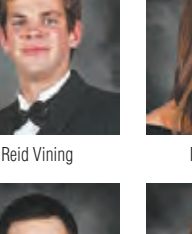
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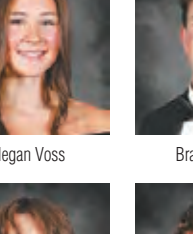
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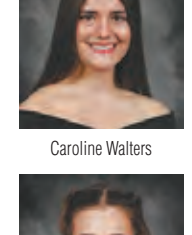
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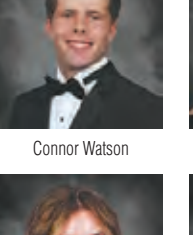
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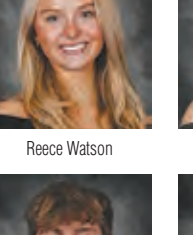
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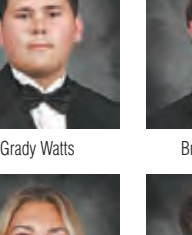
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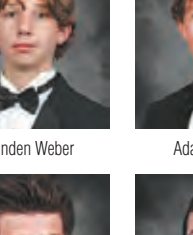
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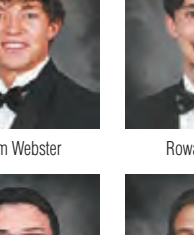
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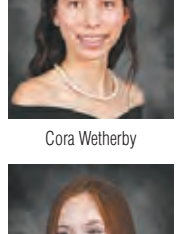
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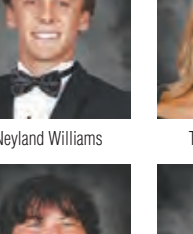
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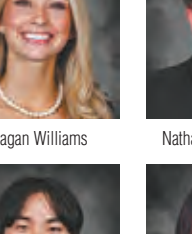
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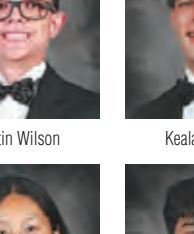
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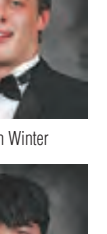
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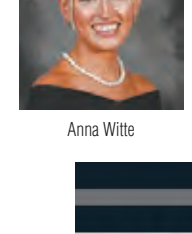
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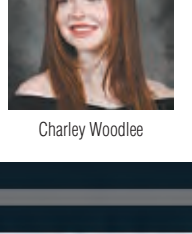
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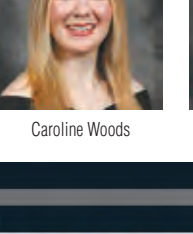
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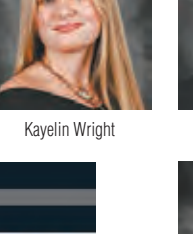
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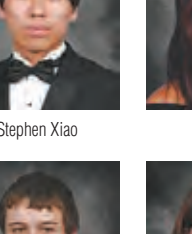
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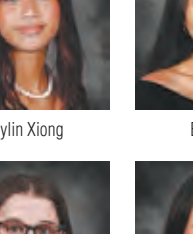
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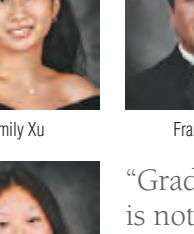
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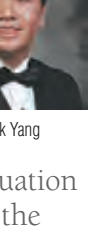
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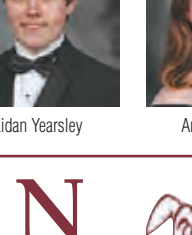
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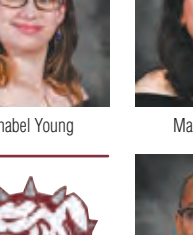
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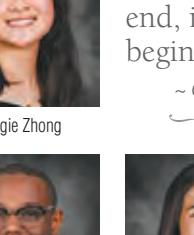
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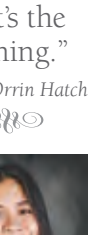
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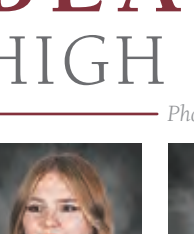
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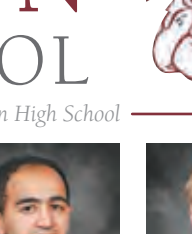
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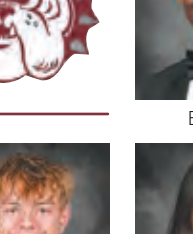
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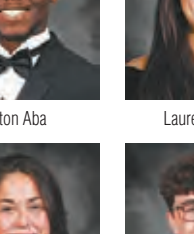
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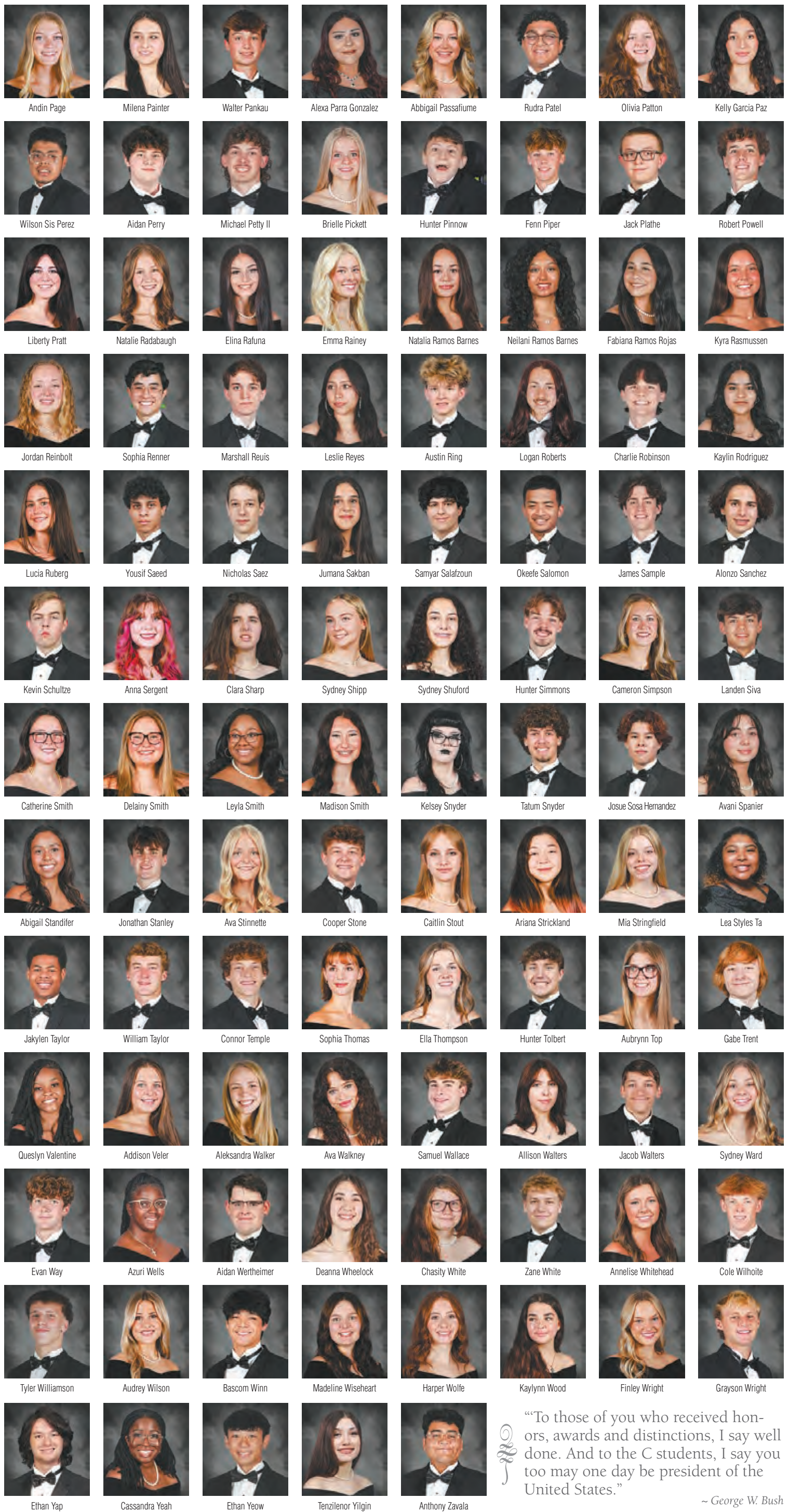
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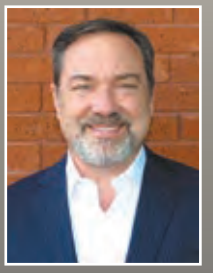


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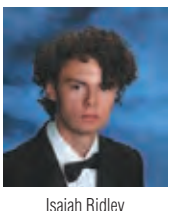
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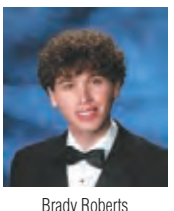
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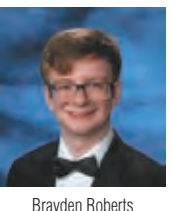
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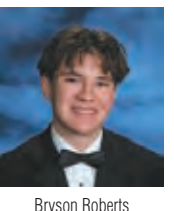
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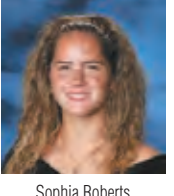
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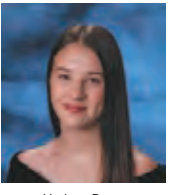
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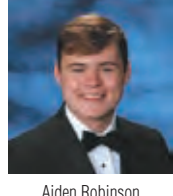
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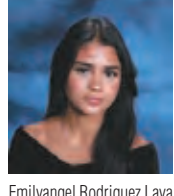
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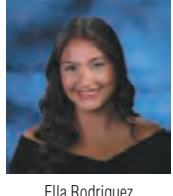
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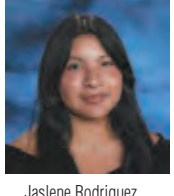
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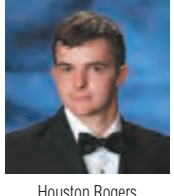
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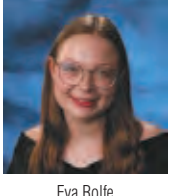
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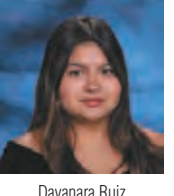
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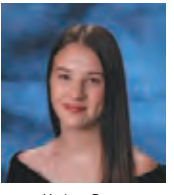
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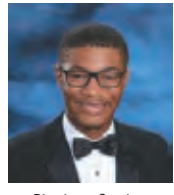
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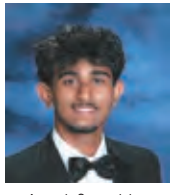
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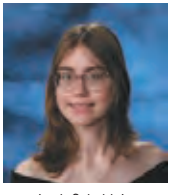
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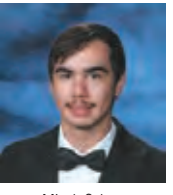
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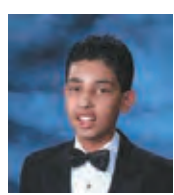
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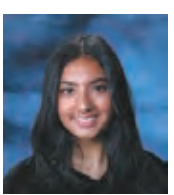
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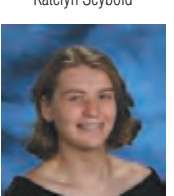
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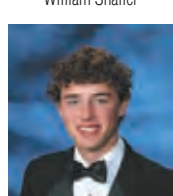
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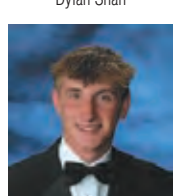
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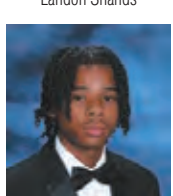
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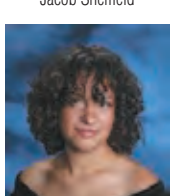
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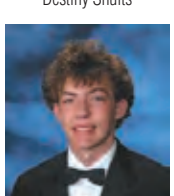
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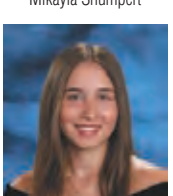
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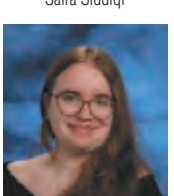
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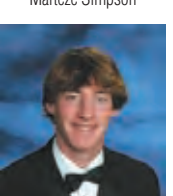
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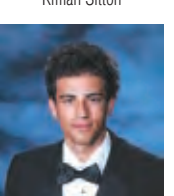
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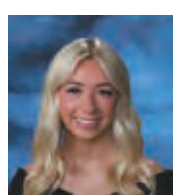
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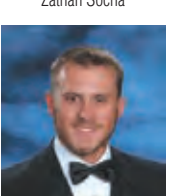
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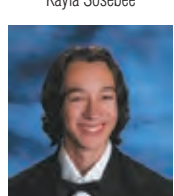
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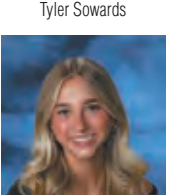
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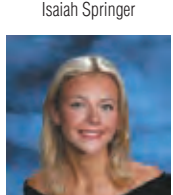
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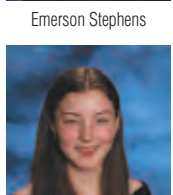
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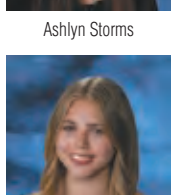
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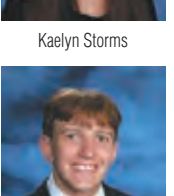
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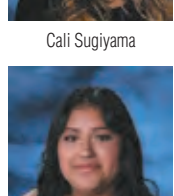
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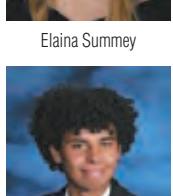
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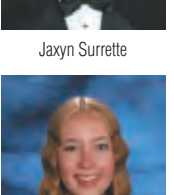
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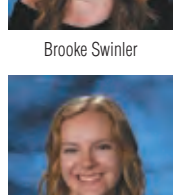
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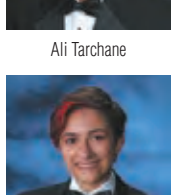
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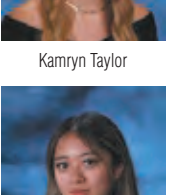
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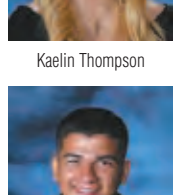
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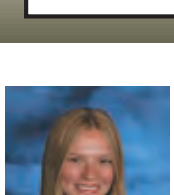
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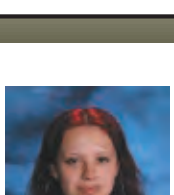
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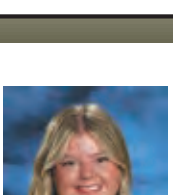
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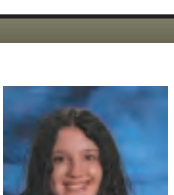
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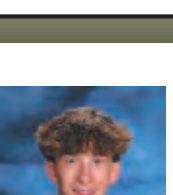
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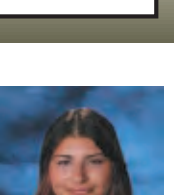
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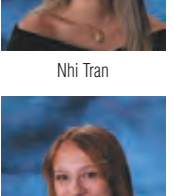
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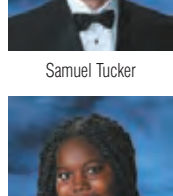
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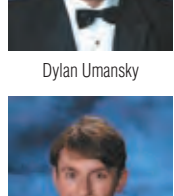
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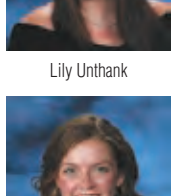
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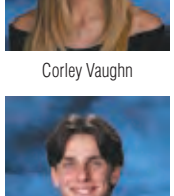
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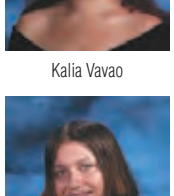
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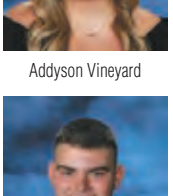
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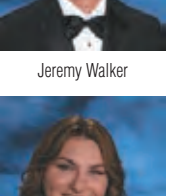
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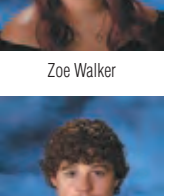
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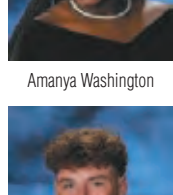
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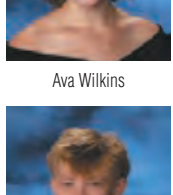
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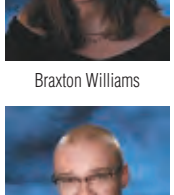
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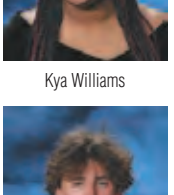
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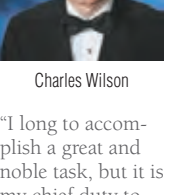
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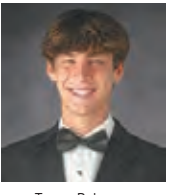
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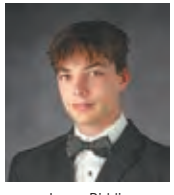
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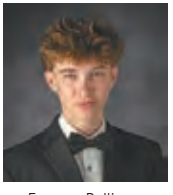
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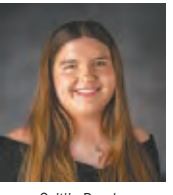
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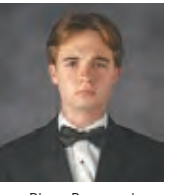
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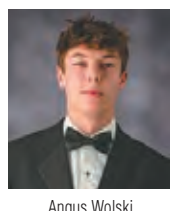


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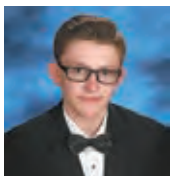
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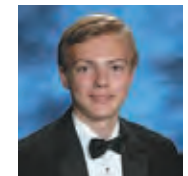
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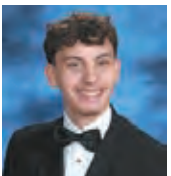
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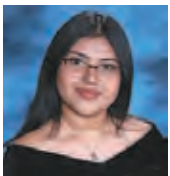
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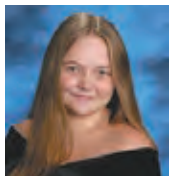
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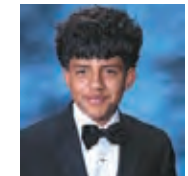
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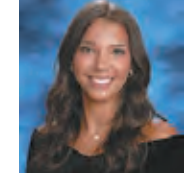
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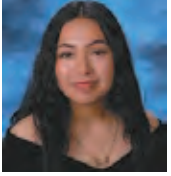
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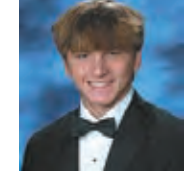
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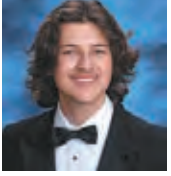
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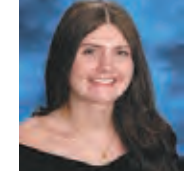
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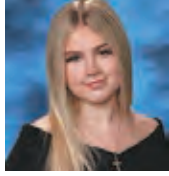
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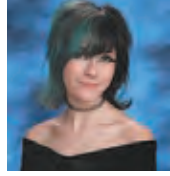
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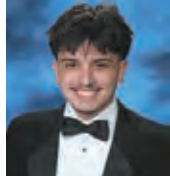
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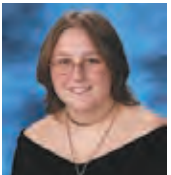
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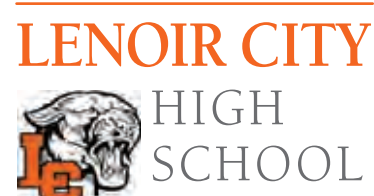
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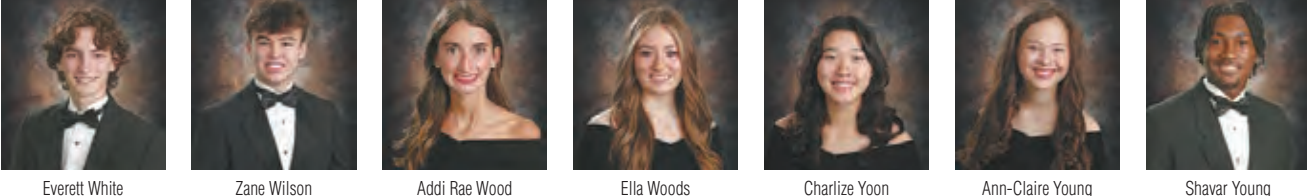
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"God never said that the journey would be easy, but He did say that the arrival would be worthwhile." ~ Max Lucado

Top of the 2026 Class

Farragut High School



Chen



Nguyen



Singh

Tammy Cheek

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Farragut High School recently announced its valedictorian, Sophia Chen, and salutatorians, James Nguyen and Ruhann Singh.

"I've truly enjoyed my time at Farragut," said Chen, daughter of Ju Guan and Feng Chen. "It's a fantastic place to explore all my interests through the huge variety of clubs available, and I love how open and supportive the students are.

"Through the clubs, I've also been able to spend time with friends, go on trips and meet so many interesting people around the state and country," she said. "I've also been lucky enough to have some incredible teachers. Mr. Milligan, the physics teacher, is also the sponsor of Science Club, and his support for every club activity is invaluable and incredibly appreciated.

"Some of my favorite classes from the past few years include U.S. history and English literature," the senior said. "Overall, I'm extraordinarily grateful to all the passionate, intriguing and inspiring people who make Farragut the community that it is."

"My time at Farragut High School was pretty amazing," said Nguyen, son of Dr. David Tho Nguyen and Taylor Nguyen. "Aside from all the memories and friends I made, the clubs and the sports, the best part was definitely the staff. Teachers like Mrs. [Allison] Maldonado, Madame [Kelly] Loveday and Mr. [Jakob] Gullidge, for example, would always light up my day and make me genuinely enjoy learning.

"They definitely helped me grow into the person I am today, and that's something I'll never take for granted," the senior said. "Outside of school, I also feel like I challenged myself as much as I could, but still kept plenty of time to have fun, too."

"High School was a pretty chill experience," said Singh, son of Nagendra Singh and Debjani Singh "I was fortunate to be able to interact with a diverse group of peers passionate about different things.

"I'm really grateful for all the teacher support both in class and in sponsoring the amazing set of clubs that Farragut offers," he added.

While in high school, Chen focused on biology, computer science and economics. She plans to attend Yale University or MIT, possibly studying academia, health policy or biotechnology.

Nguyen plans to major in neuroscience on a premed tract with aspirations to attend Duke University. In the future, he will pursue a career as a doctor.

Singh plans to major in computer science with a focus on machine learning and artificial intelligence at Stamford University. He is planning a career as a research scientist focused on building next-generation computing technologies.

At FHS, Chen is president of the Science Club, vice president of Youth in Government, a research intern at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, a Farragut tennis team member and involved in Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra.

Additionally, she is a National Merit finalist, Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar, on a two-time Tennessee Science Bowl winning team, a Volunteer Girls State delegate and a two-time USA Biology Olympiad semifinalist.

At FHS, Nguyen has competed in competitive chess tournaments around the country and overseas for the past 10 years. He was vice president of chess club and captain of the chess team, did independent and mentored research at Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the University of Tennessee, was a member of Knox County's Health Department's Youth Health Board, was selected for the Johns Hopkins Global Health Leaders Conference, worked as a patient care assistant at Fort Loudon Medical Center and played varsity tennis. He also was involved in the Science Club and Mu Alpha Theta.

Listed among his accomplishments, "I'm a six-time Tennessee State Chess Champion," Nguyen said. "I broke the record for youngest player in Tennessee to earn the National Master title in 2022 and later achieved the International Candidate Master title in 2025.

"I've ranked in the top 10 chess players nationally for my age group," he added. "I'm also a U.S. Chess Federation-certified tournament director and have organized several chess tournaments around Knoxville."

Nguyen has been published for his research at Oak Ridge National Laboratories RNL and received the Strata-G Environmental Stewardship Scholarship, the Joanne Rogan Sustainability Award, Presidential Volunteer Service Award and received recognition as a Conrad Scholar, as well as the AP Scholar with Distinction award.

Singh is vice president of Mu Alpha Theta, secretary of the Science Club, a research intern at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, played soccer his freshman and sophomore year and a member of National Honor Society.

His accolades include: International Science and Engineering Fair finalist, Regneron Science Talent Search scholar, two-time National Junior Science and Humanities Symposium finalist, AI Youth Star at IEEE BigData, two-time American Invitational Math Examination qualifier, member of first-place Tennessee Science Bowl team, winner of Best Paper Award at NeurIPS Tackling Climate Change with AI workshop and winner of Best Lightning Talk at Smoky Mountain Data Challenge.

Bearden High School



Ham



Diaz



Nishizawa

Jejoon Ham and Mery Diaz were designated valedictorians while Leo Nishizawa earned the salutatorian distinction.

See the April 29 issue of farragutpress for profiles of these students.

Christian Academy of Knoxville



Bonanno



Piers



Atkins

Christian Academy of Knoxville recently announced the Class of 2026 valedictorians, Michael Bonanno and Cole Piers, and salutatorian, Brooke Atkins.

See the March 18 issue of farragutpress for profiles of these students.

Concord Christian School



Martin



Walker

Seniors Joseph Martin and Delaney Jane Walker take center stage at Concord Christian School as CCS's valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.

See the April 1 issue of farragutpress for profiles of these students.

Hardin Valley Academy



Jerrell

Hardin Valley Academy recently announced its salutatorian, Levi Jerrell.

See the April 29 issue of farragutpress for a profile of this student.

The valedictorian and her family asked for her not to be featured in the newspaper.

Knoxville Catholic High School



Howell



Campfield

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

See the May 6 issue of farragutpress for profiles of these students.

Webb School of Knoxville

Tammy Cheek

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Webb School of Knoxville recently announced Sybella Crane is its valedictorian and Ben Vickers is its salutatorian.

"Webb helped me to push myself beyond what I was used to and accomplish more than I thought I could," said Crane, daughter of Amber and Greg Crane. "Webb's supportive community allowed me to try so many new things and helped me discover more parts of myself than I previously had.

"I built so many lasting friendships and I am so grateful for the people I have gotten to know throughout high school," she said. "I also had the most kind and engaging teachers that made me excited to show up to school every day. "Overall, I loved my high school experience," Crane said. "I am so thankful for the last four years, and I look forward to all I will learn in the next four."

At Webb, the valedictorian had many interests and involved in a lot of activities relating to civil discourse and public policy, "but I love math, science and the arts," she added.

After graduation, she will attend Yale University and plans to major in ethics, politics and economics.

In high school, Crane was student council secretary, Cheer, Model United Nations, Youth in Government, Mock Trial, Chamber Singers and the Vegan/Environmental Club.

She received the Rensselaer Medal for excellence in math and science, and she was a member of Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor society.

"In today's world, there are more opportunities to learn, grow and do great, but less people willing



Crane



Vickers

to take up those opportunities," Vickers, son of Jessica and Ned Vickers, said about his time in high school. "The best way to set yourself up for success is to surround yourself with motivated people who build you up and to build up others in return."

At Webb, he majored in mechanical engineering while his area of focus was entrepreneurship. He plans to attend Duke University and will seek a career as an entrepreneur/business owner.

While at Webb, Vickers was head of Entrepreneurship and DECA clubs, a Model United Nations participant, Vending Machine owner and operator and member of Honor Committee, Math Tangents Club and Math Contest Club, Ethics Bowl, Youth in Government, Scholar's Bowl, Prom Committee, Robotics, Peer Support, Student Council, Pep Band and played soccer.

He earned a 36 on his ACT and 1520 on his PSAT, is an Applied Placement Scholar with Distinction and National Merit finalist.

Additionally, Vickers is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, NHS and NEHS. He is a four-time Citizenship Award winner, two-time John W. Green Award recipient, won the Mockingbird Award, is a TMTA Math Contest five-time award winner, recipient of George Turley Award for Mathematics, Tennessee State Model United Nations participant, two-time Best State Officer Award recipient, two-time Outstanding Resolution Award recipient and three-time Outstanding Delegate Award recipient.

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Regional Networking Returns June 9

with Sponsorship Opportunities

Expand your reach and connect across the region at this year's Regional Chamber Networking event, bringing together seven Chambers of Commerce from across East Tennessee.

Hosted by the Blount Partnership, the event takes place Tuesday, June 9, from 4-6 p.m. at Hilton Knoxville Airport. Participating chambers include the Farragut West Knox Chamber, Anderson County Chamber, Blount Partnership, Loudon County Chamber, Monroe County Chamber, Oak Ridge Chamber and Roane Chamber.

Designed to spark new connections and business opportunities, this annual event draws more than 600 attendees and offers the chance to engage with professionals from across the region, all in one place.

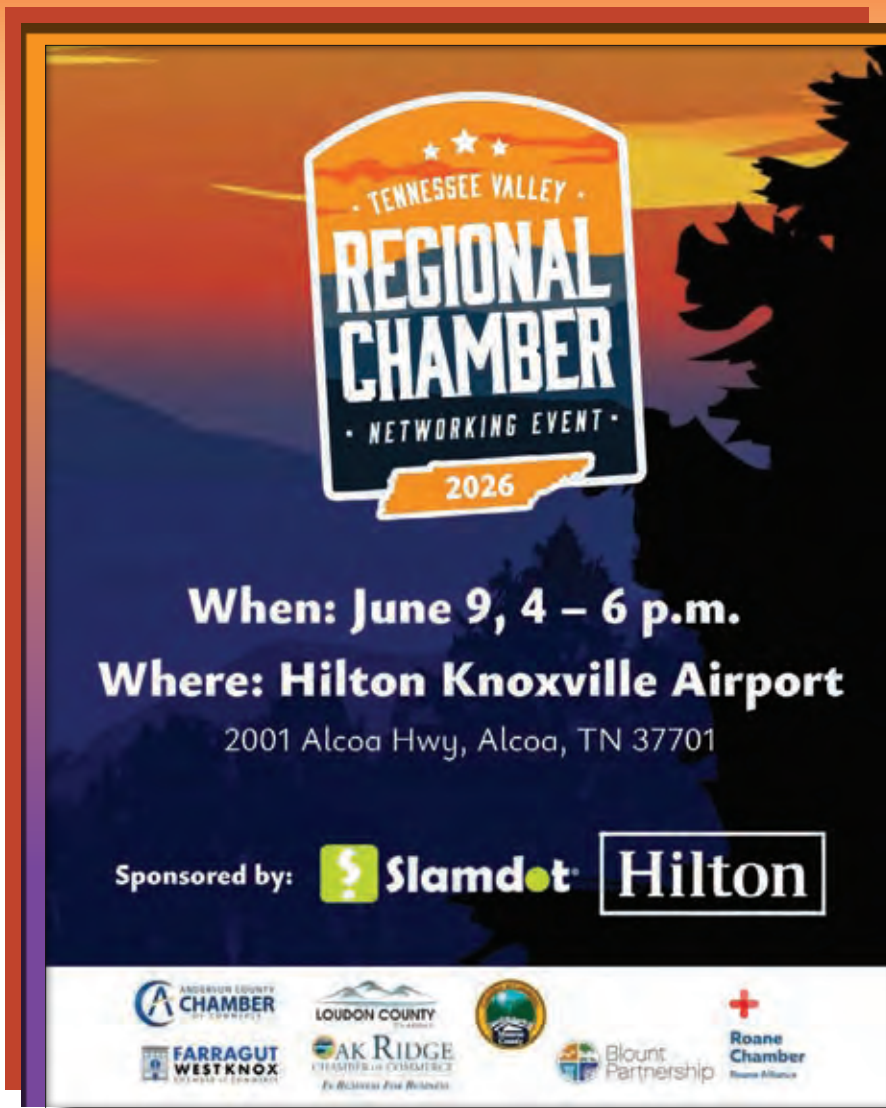
Sponsorship opportunities are available for businesses looking to expand their reach. Regional Sponsors receive pre-event promotion across all seven chambers, along with dedicated booth space to showcase their business and connect directly with attendees.

About the Regional Sponsor

Slamdot is serving as this year's Regional Sponsor. Based in Knoxville, the company specializes in website design, search engine optimization and paid search advertising, with a focus on helping small businesses grow.



Hilton Knoxville Airport is providing event space and drink tickets for attendees.

Sponsorships are \$2,000, and interested businesses should contact Kelly Sentell at KSentell@blountpartnership.com to reserve their spot.



The poster features a central logo for the Tennessee Valley Regional Chamber Networking Event 2026, set against a background of a sunset over mountains and trees. The event details are prominently displayed in white text on a dark background.

When: June 9, 4 – 6 p.m.
Where: Hilton Knoxville Airport
2001 Alcoa Hwy, Alcoa, TN 37701

Sponsored by:  

Logos for participating chambers are shown at the bottom: Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Blount Partnership, and Roane Chamber Roane Alliance.

West Young Professionals Host Puppy Pilates for a Cause

West Young Professionals will host Puppy Pilates on Saturday, June 6, at the Davis Family YMCA.

The donation-driven class combines movement with a feel-good cause, featuring adoptable puppies from the Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley. There is no cost to attend, and both Chamber members and non-members are welcome.

The event includes two class times with limited capacity of 12 participants per session. Registration is required for a specific time slot. Participants who register through the event page will be placed in the 2-2:45 p.m. class. To attend the 3:15-4 p.m. session, guests must select the corresponding listing on the event calendar.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their own water or snacks, as no food or beverages will be provided. Support for the Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley is encouraged through the wishlist QR code included in the event graphic.

**Puppy Pilates takes place at the Davis Family YMCA, 12133 S Northshore Dr., Knoxville.
To register, visit farragutchamber.com > events.**



2026 EXPO Brings Strong Attendance, Meaningful Connections

The 2026 Business EXPO brought together more than 600 attendees and 82 business booths for an afternoon focused on connection, visibility, and regional business growth. Attendees also enjoyed bites from seven local food vendors throughout the event.

Presented by Slamdot, with support from First Century Bank and additional community sponsors, the EXPO remains one of the Chamber's largest annual networking events. The Chamber extends appreciation to all sponsors, exhibitors, and attendees.

Exhibitors highlighted the value of connecting with new business contacts, strengthening community relationships, and showcasing their services in a focused, professional environment. Many noted new leads, partnerships, and continued opportunities from conversations throughout the event, along with a strong mix of familiar and new connections across industries and more intentional, meaningful engagement throughout the day.

Looking ahead, interest is already building for the next EXPO. Save the date information for the 2027 Business EXPO will be announced soon.



Networkings

Oysk3 Architects | April 9, 2026



Top: (L to R) Brian Brooks with *Eternal Marketing Group* and Mac McCollum with the *Tennessee Department of Labor American Job Center*, a Chamber ambassador, catch up during the networking. **Above:** Cara Knapp, principal architect at *Oysk3 architects* (right), is joined by friends and Chamber members during an evening networking event hosted at the firm's office.

Rate, Inc. April 16, 2026



Left: Adrian Hall, area manager and senior mortgage officer (holding key), is joined by his team Brandon Huckaby, Anabel Lino, Rachel Reetz, and Kevin Wholihan for a group photo while hosting a morning Chamber networking event. **Below:** (L to R) Nicholas Dunn with *Knox Exterior Care Co.*, Robert Berlin with *ZC Productions*, Deb Chastain with *Archer Insurance Agency, Inc.*, and Wesley Taylor with *Clawdified network* over coffee.



West Town Mall | April 30, 2026



Ashley Meeks, director of marketing and business development and member of the West Young Professionals (far left), is joined by colleagues for a group photo while hosting a morning Chamber networking.



(L to R) Deborah Lee with *SouthEast Bank*, Richard Johnson with *R.K. Johnson & Associates, LLC*, and Ashley Heins with *Volunteer Ministry Center* smile for a group photo while connecting over coffee.

Ribbon Cuttings

Teague's Jewelry & Estate | April 15, 2026



Owner Jana Teague and family gather to cut the ribbon to celebrate the opening of *Teague's Jewelry & Estate*, a family-owned business with decades of experience in the jewelry industry.

Drybar Knoxville – Turkey Creek | April 29, 2026



Owner Sara Uhls (sharing scissors with her husband) is joined by colleagues and community members to cut the ribbon celebrating the opening of *Drybar*, offering clients a premier blowout experience.

SCAN TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!

Use the QR code to view our May events calendar and stay up to date on networking, workshops, and Chamber happenings all month long. Don't miss a chance to connect!



Did you know?

Did you know that each year, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) celebrates National Small Business Week? This is a time dedicated to recognizing the critical role small businesses play in driving economic growth, innovation, and community identity. Across the country, and right here in our local communities, small businesses are more than storefronts; they are the backbone of our economy and the heart of our neighborhoods.

Small businesses account for a significant portion of job creation in the United States, employing millions of people and providing opportunities for entrepreneurs to turn ideas into reality. From family-owned restaurants and retail shops to service providers and startups, these businesses contribute to the diversity and resilience of our local

economy. National Small Business Week shines a spotlight on these contributions while also acknowledging the determination and creativity it takes to run a small business.

However, a week of recognition alone is not enough. The continued success of small businesses depends heavily on the support of the community. When we choose to shop locally, dine at neighborhood restaurants, or use local services, we make a direct investment in our community's economic health. Dollars spent at small businesses tend to stay within the community longer, supporting other local jobs, services, and infrastructure.

Beyond the economic impact, supporting small businesses fosters a sense of connection and pride. These businesses often sponsor lo-

cal events, support our schools, and contribute to charitable causes. They help create the unique charm and character that make each community special.

National Small Business Week is not only a celebration, but also a call to action. It reminds us that even small choices, like where we shop or who we hire, can make a meaningful difference. By supporting small businesses, we strengthen our local economy, encourage entrepreneurship, and help our communities thrive. And for business owners who may need guidance, resources, or support to start, grow, or sustain their operations, the Tennessee Small Business Development Center is here to help. With expert advising and valuable tools, we stand ready to partner with small businesses at every stage of their journey.

**Our Members
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Workforce & Jobs

Slamdot, Inc.

– Graphic Web Designer

Slamdot is hiring a graphic web designer to create logos, website mockups, and digital marketing graphics for clients. Responsibilities include meeting with customers on design projects and producing materials such as business cards, brochures, and signage. Experience in graphic design is required, with HTML, CSS, and WordPress considered a plus. Strong communication, organization, and time management skills are essential.

For more information or to apply, visit [linkedin.com/jobs/view/4397194213](https://www.linkedin.com/jobs/view/4397194213) and include a portfolio or work samples.

Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley – Adoptions Counselor & Kennel Technician

The Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley is hiring for full-time Adoptions Counsel-

or and Kennel Technician positions supporting daily shelter operations and animal care. The Adoptions Counselor guides adopters through the adoption process and maintains records, while the Kennel Technician provides daily care, cleaning, enrichment, and health monitoring for animals. Both roles require strong communication skills, attention to detail, and a passion for animal welfare in a fast-paced environment.

For more information or to apply, visit humanesocietytennessee.org.

Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc. (SCHAS) – Caregiver

Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc. (SCHAS) is hiring caregivers to provide non-medical, in-home support including companionship, assistance with daily activities, light housekeeping, meal preparation,

and errands. Caregivers support clients in maintaining independence, dignity, and safety while helping improve their quality of life. Candidates must be at least 18 years old, have a valid driver's license and reliable transportation, and be able to pass required background checks and a drug test.

For more information or to apply, visit schas.org/careers.



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A special thank you goes to these renewing members who are continuing their support of our chamber and the businesses it serves through their above-and-beyond Enterprise Membership:



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Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in April

Did you know businesses/organizations can submit an application & payment online?

Visit www.farragutchamber.com and click "Join the Chamber!"

Scan the QR code to learn about our new members!



THANK YOU for Renewing Your Membership!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks to these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of April. We can count them as Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. We also hope that area residents recognize a business's commitment to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.

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