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Hit the lights

Photos by Tammy Cheek





Clockwise from top: Mayor Cain throws the switch. Alderman Greg Wiberley with Santa. Freeman family, from left, Lily, 3, Jojo (mom), Lion, 9, and David (dad).

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Thousands gathered to enjoy the lights, entertainment and treats at Founders Park at Campbell Station Monday, Nov. 23, for Town of Farragut's 15th Annual Countdown to Light the Park.

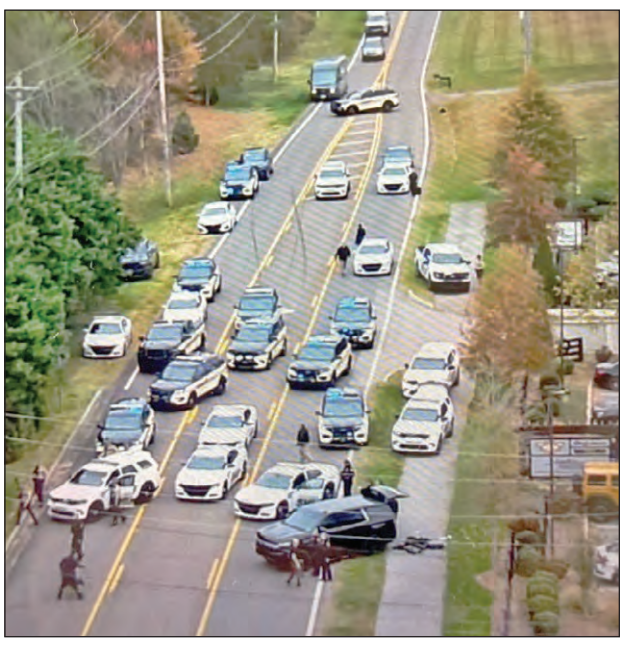
The brisk chill in the air welcomed the crowd to the park, where children enjoyed cookies and milk, complements of Tennova Healthcare, and hot chocolate. Meanwhile, families enjoyed performances, such as The Spectra Twirlers, Jingle 5 and Eric Hullander with Consultants of Sound.

Then, the moment came as Farragut High School Marching Admirals drummers led Santa Claus, the Grinch and others to the stage, where Mayor Alex Cain pulled the switch to light the park.

"We started in 2011 with 15 sets of lights," Cain told the crowd. The event now features more than 100,000 holiday lights in trees, on tunnels, candy canes and holiday characters.

"Parks and Rec started setting the lights in October," the mayor said. "Where would we be without them."

Alabama man captured near Northshore, Choto



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This overhead shot showcases the police presence for an incident that occurred Sunday, Nov. 22, near Northshore Drive and Choto Road.

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On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22, the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) assisted Tennessee Highway Patrol in the pursuit of a man wanted in connection with a murder investigation in Huntsville, Alabama, according to a 5:45 p.m. release by KCSO.

Reportedly, the suspect was spotted in the Campbell Station area, and a pursuit continued toward Northshore Drive and Choto Road, where Tennessee Highway Patrolmen brought the vehicle to a stop using a PIT maneuver.

For reference, this means the pursuing vehicle — in this case, a THP car — made controlled contact with the rear quarter panel of

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Planning for the Future

Parents express concerns at west sector elementary school zoning meetings

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Knox County residents sounded off on three proposed scenarios unveiled at each of three Planning for the Future community zoning meetings held last week at First Baptist Concord, Bearden High School and Hardin Valley Academy.

The venue for the Tuesday, Nov. 17, meeting was moved from Farragut High School to the church because of increased interest in the rezoning, according to Kori Lautner, KCS assistant superintendent of impact.

At each of the meetings, school officials introduced the three rezoning options, which were tied to the new $44 million kindergarten-through-fifth-grade school being built along Boring Road and Village Commons Boulevard. The new school is expected to open in fall 2027.

Also, at that time, Farragut Primary School and Farragut Intermediate School will become kindergarten-through-fifth-grade schools, which will impact more than 2,000 students across the Farragut area, also possibly impacting families currently zoned for A.L. Lotts, Northshore and Hardin Valley elementary schools.

Parents then voiced their concerns. "I think the numbers [for Northshore Elementary] are grossly under-estimated," one parent said.

"Preserve Northshore [Elementary School zoning] as it is," another added.

After a parent asked

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TSW exits Farragut planning projects

Board weighs future of newly appointed steering committee

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Tunnell Spangler & Walsh has terminated its contracts with the Town of Farragut to update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and develop a master plan for the Town's proposed 70-acre park, leaving the future of a newly appointed steering committee uncertain.

The consulting firm's decision came after the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen's Thursday, Nov. 12, meeting, during which the Board appointed members to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan steering committee.

According to Town staff, the contract terminations nullified those appointments.

With the planning projects now in limbo, three Board members and Town staff discussed the future of the steering committee and possible alternatives during a workshop

> "If you're going to build stuff here and there and everywhere, what will be the impact on traffic?"
>
> ~ **Larry Segrest**, North Ward Alderman



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Serenade site plan approved despite parking concerns

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Architect Josh Barnard with The Architectural Collaborative and Eddie Kherani of Chotu Inc. talk about the parking and turn lanes for Serenity at Farragut development along North Watt Road during FMPC's meeting Thursday, Nov. 19.



Photos by Tammy Cheek

Farragut Municipal Planning Commissioner Angel Ray expresses concerns about the site plan for Serenade at Farragut.

Concerns over adequate parking did not impede The Architectural Collaborative from getting conditional approval of its site plan for the commercial portion of the Serenade at Farragut development.

Farragut Municipal Planning Commission voted 7-1 to approve the site plan with 11 conditions at its meeting Thursday, Nov. 19.

Commissioners Angel Ray, Shannon Preston, Derek Wright, John Tague, Vice Chairman Jeff Devlin, Chairman Noah Myers and Vice Mayor Greg Wiberley, also a Planning Commissioner, voted to approve the site plan.

Commissioner Michael Wilson voted against it, stressing that parking spaces should be calculated using restaurant ratios instead of multiuse ratios to ensure adequate parking. Mayor Alex Cain, also a Planning Commissioner, was absent.

Zoned Neighborhood Convenience Commercial, the 9.2-acre parcel is at 421 N. Watt Road. Two restaurants are envisioned in the commercial portion.

Although voting to approve the site plan, Ray said she had several concerns, including guest parking for residents.

"The guest parking is going to end up being in the shopping center parking," she observed. "They have, I think, four spots.

"I understand that you can get two cars in each driveway, so you would have enough for two guests there, but there are only just those four."

Other guest parking would be in the commercial section of the development, but restaurant customers could occupy those spaces.

Ray also expressed concern about having only one entrance into the development.

"The road will extend when it's developed on either side of this development, so there will be a road that's coming down either end," Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

With only one entrance initially, Ray questioned how traffic would be affected.

"I'm not sure what that's going to mean for traffic coming in and out, depending on the popularity of the retail and the restaurants. We just don't know," Ray said.

Myers suggested developers consider marketing the restaurant spaces to businesses with different peak operating hours, such as one focused on daytime dining and another on nighttime dining, to reduce competition for parking spaces.

Wilson, however, remained concerned about parking for the two proposed restaurants.

"In the plot drawings that were submitted, it shows a 25,000-square-foot building … then it shows 5,000 square feet of restaurant," he said. "My concern is, we know they intend to have two restaurants in there and 5,000 square feet attached to patios. So I look at the math a little differently, and that gives us 20,000 square feet of commercial retail space. The restaurant floor space itself is 5,000 square feet and would require 50 parking spaces based on what's in our ordinances.

"And then, when we look at the patios attached to those restaurants, that would require another 14 parking spaces because that's a 1-to-200-square-foot ratio," he said.

Ray also questioned the turn lane off Watt Road, which ends before motorists reach the property.

"There's no turn lane, and it's a two-lane road," she said. "So, we're going to be stopping traffic to allow people to turn left … I think we have to extend that past Serenade."

Shipley provided background on the development and its proposed commercial uses.

"The Serenade at Farragut is a neighborhood commercial development with a mix of commercial and residential," Shipley said. "The development's overall layout and the residential portion, which includes 30 townhomes, were approved as part of a preliminary plat approval in December 2024, and work has been initiated on constructing the public improvements to service the overall development.

"The preliminary plat largely followed a concept plan that was originally required and approved for this project," he said.

Shipley said the commercial site plan involves parking and a roughly 25,000-square-foot multiuse building in the southeastern portion of the development.

"As discussed and recommended at the September Planning Commission meeting, angled parking has been added along the south side of the street exiting the development," he said. "This will help provide additional parking to support the two envisioned restaurant spaces."

Shipley said the developer's parking calculations meet the Town's requirements for a small shopping center.

"Since this is a small multitenant building that is less than 50,000 gross square feet, the applicant is using the parking space ratio for this type of use and exceeds the minimum parking spaces required," he said.

Because of earlier concerns about adequate parking, Town staff recommended the developer consider angled parking along the south side of the road. The additional spaces were included in the revised site plan.

"Typically a building like this, because you ultimately don't really know how the uses are going to play out, they would apply the parking allocation requirements for a small shopping center," Shipley said. "That's a standard. It's less than 50,000 square feet. With that ratio, they're actually slightly overparked."

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School

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about the feeder programs, "I don't think it was addressed correctly," another area resident said. "… it would be moving our child multiple times …"

Farragut residents also stressed the scenarios would worsen the traffic issues in Town.

"I think people have hit on a similar topic — we love Farragut; we love Northshore — we're proud of the area," one parent said. "So, when I see arrows coming into this area, I think 'Have you been on these roads and seen what we are dealing with already?'"

"Every day," answered Ryan Dillingham, Knox County Schools director of transportation.

"If we're specifically talking about Farragut and making adjustments for rezoning and adding people to this area, this doesn't make sense to me — and I don't know the capacity these apartments are going to take," the woman said. "To think that we are pulling more people into our area doesn't make sense."

"I want to assure you, guys, that genuinely tonight matters," said Lauren Morgan, District 5 school board representative. "It's not just checking a box, it's not just a formal process and a step we have to do along the way.

"It's genuinely going to have an impact on what happens," she said.

Dillingham described the three scenarios:

• Scenario 1 affecting Farragut and Hardin Valley schools: Amend Hardin Valley Elementary's southwestern border, moving areas such as Hickory Meadows and Westbury Estates to the new school in Farragut and dividing Farragut students between the primary and intermediate buildings, leaving Northshore and A.L. Lotts zoning unchanged. This still will require portable buildings in some schools.

• Scenario 2 affecting Farragut, Hardin Valley and Northshore:

Shifting southeastern Hardin Valley zones, such as Campbell Creek and Yarnell Station, to Farragut schools and splitting Northshore's zone at the Concord Road roundabout.

• Scenario 3: affecting Farragut, A.L. Lotts and Northshore: Keeping Hardin Valley's zones as-is but reducing A.L. Lotts numbers to remove portables. Also, this scenario would adjust Northshore and Farragut boundaries around the Concord Road roundabout and I-40 corridor, according to Dillingham.

Lautner stressed parents will have an opportunity to apply for student transfers for rising fifth-graders, currently 2026-27 fourth-graders, so they can stay in their current school. However, their younger siblings must use the general lottery transfer window.

Lautner asked meeting attendees to share their feedback on a survey on the Knox County Schools rezoning page. After the staff reviews survey feedback, it will present its recommendations to Knox County School Board Monday, Dec. 7, and the Board will cast its final vote on Thursday, Dec. 10.

Meanwhile the public can view the materials on the Knox County Schools rezoning page and submit questions or comments directly to rezoning@knoxschools.org.



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Parents line up at one of the community meetings on school rezoning proposals in First Baptist Concord Tuesday, Nov. 17, to speak out on how the proposals are affecting their children.

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Blessings at Thanksgiving

I spent most of my early childhood playing in the fields, barns and woods surrounding our home in Middle Tennessee. Growing up on family land was one of the greatest blessings I experienced as a child. The close proximity of family made get-togethers easy, and often spontaneous.

My grandparents lived next to us down a winding path through the woods. Countless holidays began with a much-anticipated journey on that path, autumn leaves crunching underneath my feet.

Every Thanksgiving morning, until I left for college, there was no question how the day would unfold. Breakfast at home, then a walk along the path to my grandparents' house in anticipation of the meal my grandmother had been planning for weeks and preparing for days. Someone would bless the food, and then everyone would eat. And eat. And eat! While the kids went downstairs or outside to run off their energy, some of the adults would fall half-asleep on the couches and chairs while the Cowboys or the Lions were locked in another epic Thanksgiving football showdown.

These days, plenty has changed. I no longer walk through the woods down that path to my grandparent's house. We live in a cul-de-sac and with 4 kids, our families drive to our house to celebrate Thanksgiving.

These days, nothing has changed at all. The kids still play outside with their cousins and my dad, my fathe-in-law and I have been known to fall half-asleep with the television on football.

Time passes, but the path to Thanksgiving remains much the same in the Hall household. Thanksgiving naturally causes us to reflect on the things we are grateful for in our lives.

The older we get, the more humbling it is to see the different paths that we have set upon and how they mold us into who we are today. Personally, those paths have taught me to be grateful for the things that matter the most: my faith, my wife and children, our country and those that have sacrificed to protect it and a career that fills my cup due to the people I work with at Rather & Kittrell.

I'm grateful for the memories made and the memories to come.

I'm grateful for the path I've walked, the twists and turns that it has brought me, and the unexpected I have encountered along the way.

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a fleeing car, forcing it into a 180-degree turn and stop.

From there, deputies and troopers reportedly attempted to make contact with the man from a distance and received no response. They approached the vehicle and found him suffering from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Life-saving measures were attempted, and the man was transported to a local hospital, where he was later pronounced deceased, according to KCSO.

According to a voicemail sent to the farragutpress Sunday afternoon, the police reportedly entered a house in Montgomery Cove and evacuated the residents to get a better angle of the car, whose occupant they were attempting to apprehend. A video from the resident featured sounds from the confrontation, as an officer could be heard instructing the wanted man to put his "hands outside the driver window with nothing in them. Do it now!"

Authorities in Huntsville were notified as the situation progressed, and the investigation is ongoing, per the sheriff's office.

The name of the man who was captured is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Earlier in the day, KCSO had reported the man was "armed and dangerous," having barricaded himself inside his vehicle.



Photo submitted

This photo was captured by a Knoxville resident who had direct view of the car whose occupant was captured Sunday, Nov. 22, in connection with a murder investigation in Huntsville, Alabama.

TSW

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Thursday, Nov. 19.

TSW canceling the contracts means the "Town doesn't have TSW's support on what we're doing," North Ward Alderman Larry Segrest said.

In a statement to the Town, a TSW spokesman said, "After listening to the discussion, it seems there is significant uncertainty about whether these planning efforts should continue at this time."

TSW added that it believes "the best course is to step back rather than have the Town continue investing resources in plans that may not have the support needed to move forward.

"This was not an easy decision, and we are disappointed that we could not move the projects forward," the firm stated.

In light of TSW's decision, Vice Mayor Greg Wiberley and North Ward Aldermen Segrest and Joey Ruffalo considered several options for moving forward.

"We could do nothing; we could do the CLUP only; we could do traffic first; or we could do them together," Segrest said.

He added that the Board could re-energize and rename the committee or do away with it.

Segrest suggested examining how future development and land-use decisions would affect traffic.

"If you're going to build stuff here and there and everywhere, what will be the impact on traffic?" Segrest asked. "That's the kind of conversations that I was having."

Town director of Public Services Chris Sheffield questioned what the Board hoped to accomplish.

"What are we trying to achieve here today?" Sheffield asked. "What's the objective? We want to help you drive this train, but I don't know that any of us understand what we're trying to achieve."

Town Human Resources director Michelle Pence suggested the Board consider waiting until the next fiscal year before taking action.

Wiberley suggested continuing with the current CLUP and making minimal changes.

"Shouldn't we start with what projects we already have in the works and then move on to what to do with traffic?" asked Kimberlie Parks, one of the appointed steering committee members.

Board members pointed out that only a few undeveloped parcels remain in Town, but Sheffield warned that focusing solely on those parcels in the CLUP could leave Farragut "woefully unprepared."

Community Development director Mark Shipley said existing shopping centers or businesses also could change over time. He cited 35 North as an example.

"Is this a massive undertaking like it was in 2012, or is traffic the massive undertaking?" Ruffalo asked.

Pence cautioned against immediately seeking another consultant.

"If we went out to bid now to find a new contractor, I don't think it's probably in our best interest to do that," Pence said. "We need a little time for us to go back out for bids. Let's let it die a little and then go back out, so we're running then off of the 2012 CLUP."

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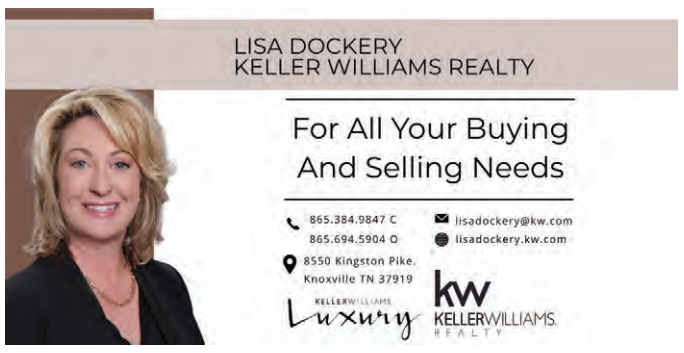



Holiday shopping dollars close to home

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As November nears an end, so does the busiest shopping season of the year.

"Small Business Saturday on Nov. 28 is a day dedicated to supporting the businesses that keep our communities vibrant and unique," said Andi McClintic, associate director of lending and housing development with Center for Rural Affairs. "To celebrate, 'shop small' and make an impact close to home by supporting the shops, services, and makers in our own backyards.

But, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Julie Blaylock stressed support of small businesses should be all season long.

"On Small Business Saturday, it's really important to highlight how critical our small businesses are to the health of our community and to the health of our local economy," she said. "But, at the Chamber, we would love to see our community shop small businesses all season long, starting today, if not before, and all the way through the New Year," Blaylock added.

"Our small businesses need us 365 days a year, not just Saturday," she said.

"When we think of local businesses, we might envision the shops lining Main Street, but small businesses come in all forms," McClintic said. "Many local entrepreneurs run online or home-based businesses, selling unique, handcrafted or custom items through their websites or social media platforms.

"Local craft shows and holiday markets are a great place to meet and shop with entrepreneurs who don't have a storefront. Rural and local businesses face unique pressures," she added. "They compete not only with the convenience of online shopping but also with the often lower prices offered by big-box stores.

"While saving a few dollars might be tempting, supporting local businesses offers value that goes beyond the bottom line," McClintic said. "When we spend locally, we keep more money circulating within our community.

"This process, known as the multiplier effect, means that dollars spent at a local business are reinvested in other local businesses, services and wages, creating a positive cycle of economic growth," she said. "For example, when you buy from a local boutique, your money helps support their employees, who, in turn, spend their earnings at other nearby businesses.

"This Small Business Saturday, let's show up for the businesses that make our towns feel like home," McClintic said. "Support local businesses, not just for the unique products and services they offer, but for the positive impact they have on our neighborhoods, our economy and our sense of community."

Coffee, conversation and a book signing

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Riverside Coffee Shop is hosting an author event featuring Teresa Davis, author of "Somewhere to Call Home" book series 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 2, in the shop near Farragut at 16239 U.S. Highway 70, Lenoir City.

The event is free and open to the public.

During the meet-and-greet event, Davis will delve into Volumes 1 through 3 of the series and sign books.

"We host author events once a month, and Dec. 2, Teresa Davis will be coming in for a little meet-and-greet and book signing," Riverside Coffee Shop assistant manager Jenni Vespa said.

"Somewhere to Call Home" is about Davis' life in the rural Appalachian area.

"It goes through the beginning of her life, the middle years and toward the end," Vespa said. "We've actually worked with this author's guild [Authors Guild of Tennessee] before.

"We started in August, and we've had one every month except October," the assistant manager said. "We're a non-profit, and on our board, we have Dr. [Jan] Hahn. He likes to work with these authors and suggested that we start hosting author events, and we all thought that was a brilliant idea."

Riverside Coffee Shop offers a Riverside Training Program by ABA Next Steps in Lenoir City. It specializes in providing espresso and coffee drinks made by trainees in a safe environment, according to its website.



Photo submitted

Appalachian author, Teresa Davis, will sign her book, "Somewhere to Call Home," Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Shop Farragut campaign kicks off Nov. 27

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With Christmas set to arrive exactly 30 days from today, there are plenty of ways to boost the festive spirit.

In its Wednesday, Dec. 2, edition, the farragutpress is offering Letters to Santa and a tab-sized holiday coloring book for children to fill out and enjoy. The deadline to advertise is Friday, Dec. 2.

The presenting sponsor is the Farragut Business Alliance (FBA) / Shop Farragut, whose support makes advertising prices drop for businesses across the Farragut community.

Speaking of businesses, FBA is bringing its annual "Shop Farragut for the holidays" campaign from Friday, Nov. 27 through Thursday, Dec. 31.

As part of the festivities, participating businesses may display Shop Farragut for the holidays signage featuring the Shop Farragut logo and their individual business logo.

There is a sign form available at ShopFarragut.com. Below that, business owners can find the form to promote their businesses in a shared farragutpress holiday ad. A large space is available for $100 with medium and small spaces available for $75 and $50, respectively.

"The holidays are such an important time for our local business community, and Shop Farragut is proud to help bring additional visibility to the businesses that make Farragut special," said Ashley Lynch, executive director of the Farragut Business Alliance. "Through this campaign and our partnership with the farragutpress, we're making it easier and more affordable for businesses to promote themselves while encouraging residents to shop locally and keep their holiday spending right here in Farragut."

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• Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic will sponsor its annual KOC Tip-Off Classic, a two-day preseason basketball showcase bringing together high school teams from across Knox County while raising funds to support an important investment in local athletics.

The event will take place Monday, Nov. 16, at West High School and Tuesday, Nov. 17, at Powell High School. Girls' and boys' games will begin at 5:30 p.m. each day.

Admission is $10 at the gate. Proceeds from KOC's title sponsorship and ticket sales will help fund the purchase and installation of shot clocks, which will soon be required in all 13 Knox County high school gymnasiums.

• Culpepper CPA, PLLC, a Knoxville-based, full-service tax, audit and business advisory firm, recently announced its office relocation to 1310 Centerpoint Blvd. in West Knoxville's Centerpoint Business Park. The firm officially opened for business in the new location on Monday, Nov. 16.

Located just off the Lovell Road exit from Pellissippi Parkway, Culpepper CPA's new facility is a 9,106-square-foot free-standing building situated on a 2.12-acre campus affording the firm almost triple the space of its previous location and supporting its goals for expansion. Since its founding in 2012, the firm has grown to a staff of 24 and is actively recruiting mid-level accounting professionals to add to its team.

The new headquarters also offers unique amenities, including a gymnasium with locker rooms, courtyard with fountain and ample space for events, seminars and continuing education sessions.

• Covenant Health Knoxville Marathon and organizers are announcing the return of the Covenant Health Kids Run kickoff at Zoo Knoxville, along with a donation of $8,000 from 2026 race proceeds to Al Kaye Excellence Endowment, which supports recreation and wellness opportunities for people affected by life-changing illness or injuries.





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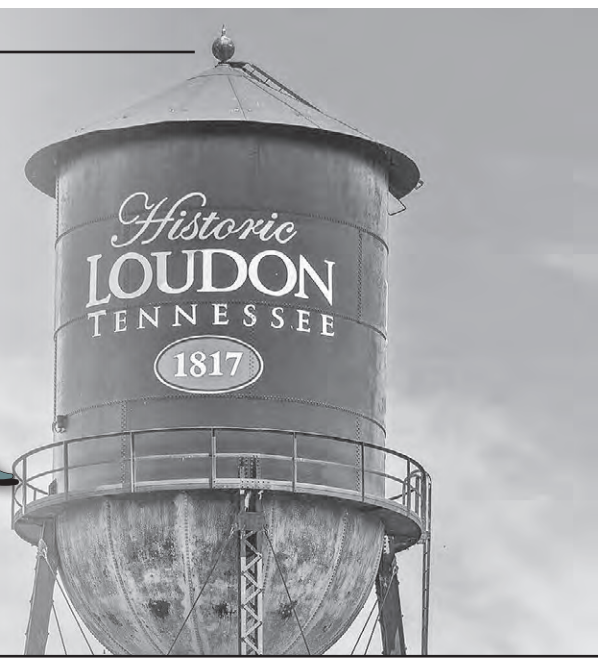

Chamber 101 helps members get more from membership

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New and longtime members of the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce (LCCC) learned how to get more from their membership at a Chamber 101 session Oct. 28 in the Lenoir City Utilities Board conference room.

The session was sponsored by Kimberly Clark Corporation.

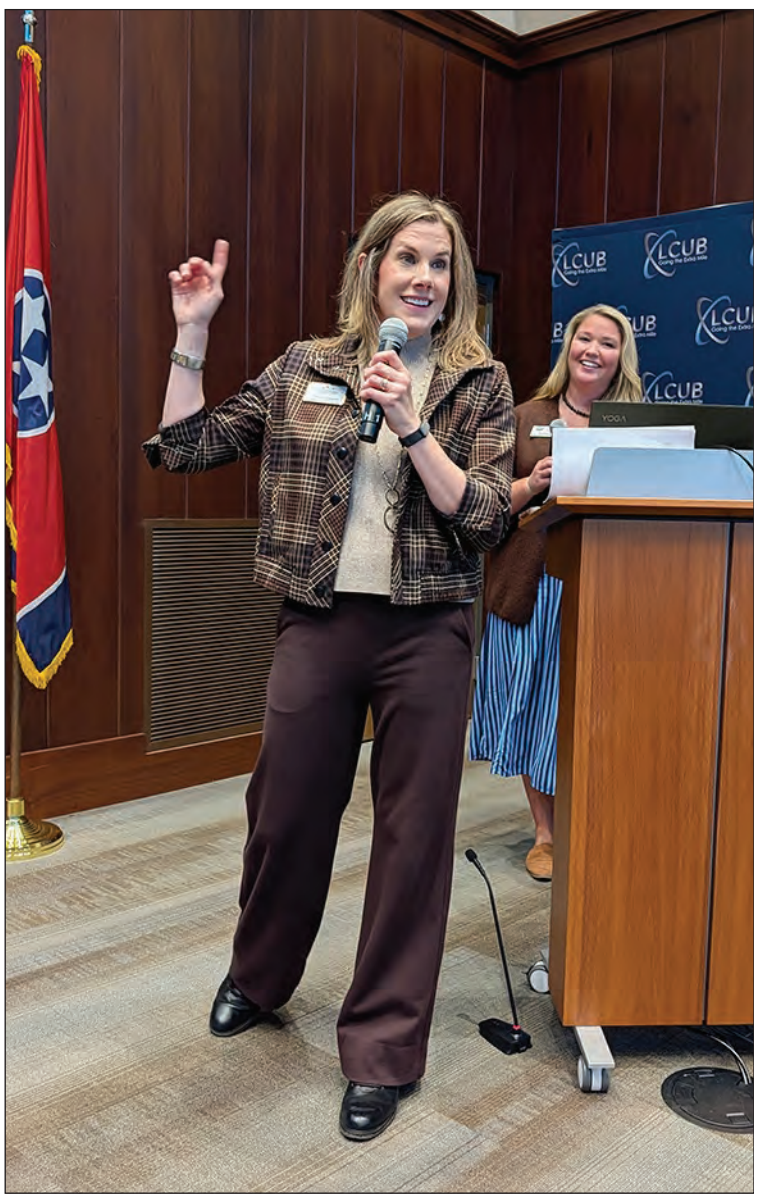
Christy Fitzgerald, the Chamber's Director of Membership, said attendees first heard about two new features: the Business Hub, an incubator space that helps start-up businesses get off the ground, and a Chamber Job Portal, which will launch in 2027, to help businesses find employees.

The Chamber has 640 members, Fitzgerald said. Members can network at events including Business After Hours, Coffee and Commerce, and the Power to Promote Networking Lunch.

The Chamber was formed in 1988 when the Lenoir City Chamber and the City of Loudon Chamber combined, Fitzgerald said. "The bottom line was both Chambers were competing for the same members, so why not join forces," she said. She said the combined Chamber has a stronger voice and is more economical for its members.

Fitzgerald said the Chamber's Influencer's Alliance program, started five years ago, "allows us to provide networking and educational events like this free to you as business owners."





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Above: Kyle Greening, an ambassador with the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, tells members about his experience in the program. **Right:** Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Director of Membership Christy Fitzgerald, left, and Director of Tourism and Marketing Blair Sitzlar present Chamber 101 on Oct. 28 in the Lenoir City Utilities Board conference room.

"We appreciate all of you," she said. She added that the Alliance also allows the Chamber to offer educational programs such as Learning at Lunch and Breakfast Academy.

Kyle Greening of Carriage Hill Insurance told attendees how the Chamber's Ambassador program has benefited him. "The Ambassadors program has been a really good experience from my perspective," Greening said.

"What you put into the Chamber you get ten-fold out," he said. He called the Ambassadors "a high-energy group" and said becoming one is a good way to get involved in the Chamber.

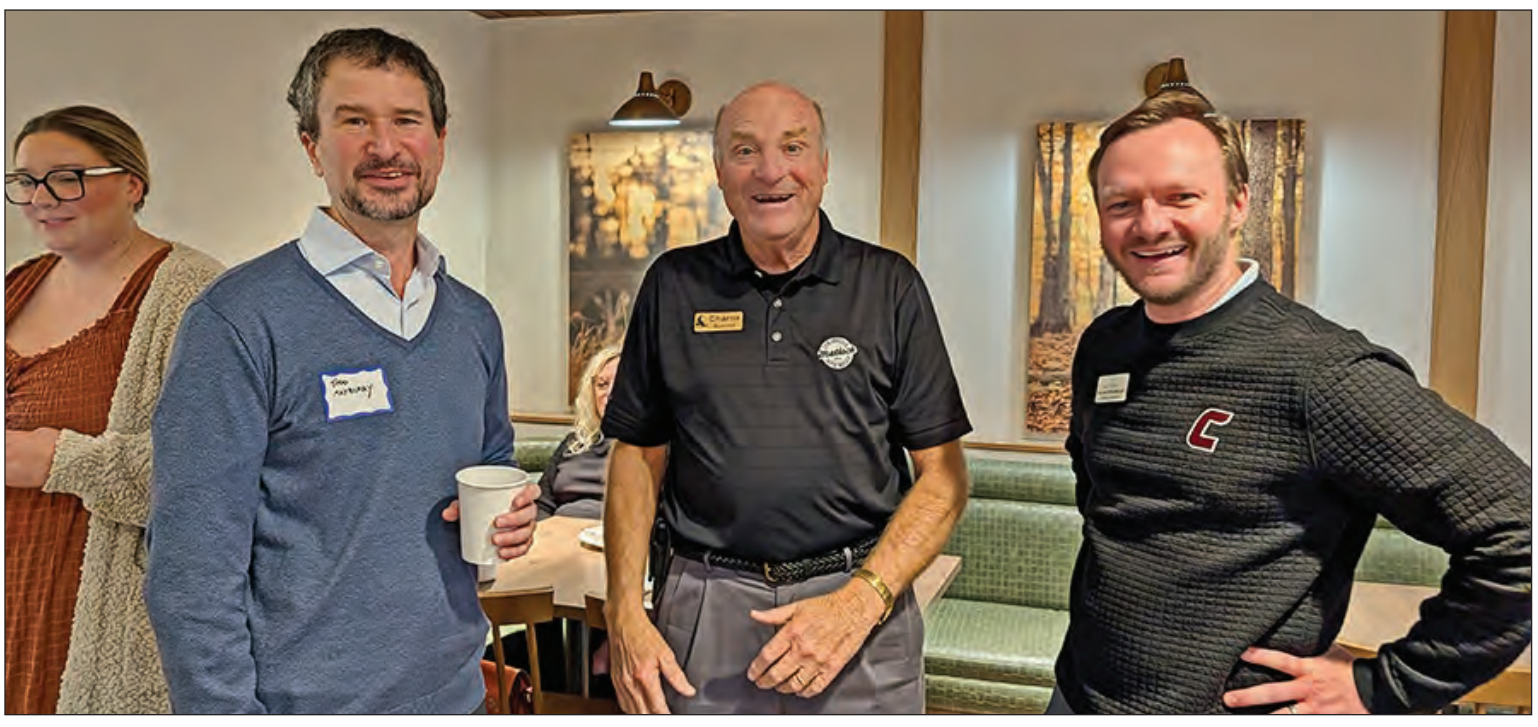
Greening is also involved with Young Professionals of Loudon County, whose mission is to "attract, engage and connect emerging leaders and young professionals in Loudon County."

The Chamber also runs a tourism program, Visit Loudon County. Blair Sitzlar, the Chamber's Director of Tourism and Marketing, said Loudon County ranks 23rd among Tennessee's 95 counties in tourism, and tourism revenue reduces taxes for Loudon County households by $455 per household.

The Chamber also offers a Member Development Fund, website, Chamber app, community calendar, newsletter, advertising opportunities, a living guide and the "What's Loud in Loudon County" radio program.

Chamber staff include Rodney Grugin, President; Christy Fitzgerald, Director of Membership; Blair Sitzlar, Director of Tourism and Marketing; and Erin Brock, Administrative Assistant.

To join the Chamber, contact Fitzgerald. Information about the next Chamber 101 session is available on the Chamber's website.For more information on the Chamber, visit www.loudoncountychamberofcommerce.com



Business After Hours

Todd Mayberry, left, founder and lead strategist at Tanasi Studio; Charlie Barnard, center, business relations for Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair; and Skee Orr, owner of Kinetic Wealth, network at a Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours on Nov. 10 at the F airfield Inn by Marriott. The event drew 55 people.

Tammy Cheek

Ribbon Cutting

Jessica Kershaw, with scissors, owner of Blair's Ferry Storehouse, cuts the ribbon on her new event venue at 800 Main St. in Loudon during a Loudon County Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Nov. 18. Family, friends and Chamber members joined her.

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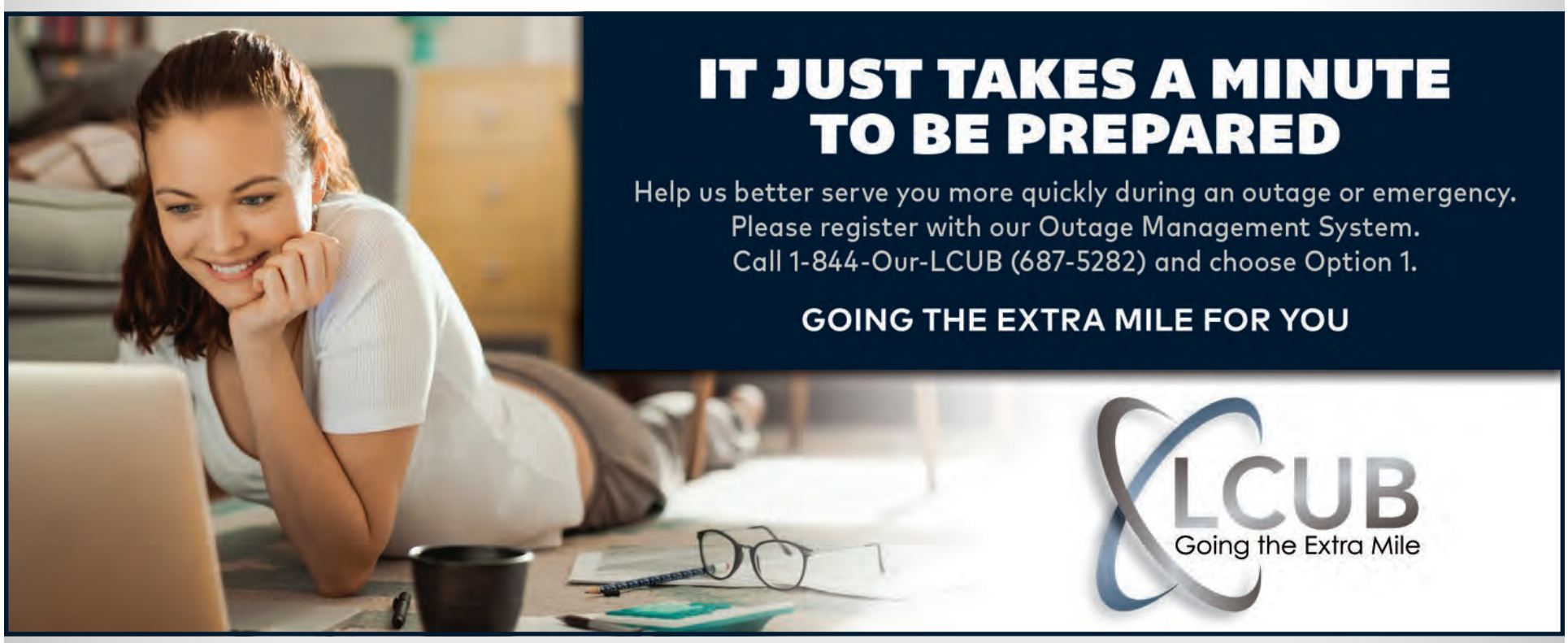

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Ads finish, fight to open holiday slate





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Above: Farragut's Gabbie VanAcker (5) looks to pass while being guarded by Sevier County's Kaliyah Burden (2) Monday, Nov. 23, in The Dental Implant Center Thanksgiving Classic. Farragut lost 56-44 to the defending state champion Bearettes, though VanAcker scored 17 points in the loss. **Left:** Farragut's Bennett Wright (3) drives the lane against West Monday, Nov. 23, in The Dental Implant Center Thanksgiving Classic. Wright and Wesley Jenkins totaled 18 points apiece for the Admirals in a 71-66 win.

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Before they scarf down turkey, both Farragut basketball programs proved their hunger on the hardwood in The Dental Implant Center Thanksgiving Classic.

The Admirals survived a 71-66 slugfest against West, while the Lady Ads gave defending state champion Sevier County all it wanted before falling 56-44 on Monday, Nov. 23.

Wesley Jenkins and Bennett Wright led the Admirals with 18 points apiece while Matthew Dickens supplied 16. Jenkins' points came on six 3-pointers, two on back-to-back possessions, to help Farragut survive. Wright made clutch steals and runout layups before hitting a triple with 44.2 seconds to go, putting FHS in the lead as free throws from Dickens and Evans sealed the victory.

"Obviously excited about a win; West is really good, and they were well-prepared," Farragut boys coach J.P. Burris said, acknowledging West's Kalou Fofana for his 28-point performance.

"That felt like a district or region game with the environment, and for us to get a win like that is an opportunity for us to learn a little bit that will hopefully translate at the end of the season," Burris said. "We didn't play our best and gave them opportunities they didn't deserve, but we were resilient and finished at the end."

Burris noted the impact of Evans, Westin Carbaugh and Connor Everley in the paint, too.

Everley slid across the baseline at one point after putting the Ads up 53-43. But, West responded with quick buckets, even taking a 67-65 lead before Wright's triple.

"Us getting stops and committing to the defensive end was really big for us," Burris added, using a common refrain since FHS utilized a similar approach against Stone Memorial last weekend. "We are more balanced than our guys get credit for; when we are balanced in our scoring like we were, it allows us to play at a higher level."

Similar scoring rang true for the Lady Admirals, as Gabbie VanAcker led the way with 17 points.

Nine more points came from Trinity Curry, along with six and five, respectively, from Mia and Layla Burchell.

Sevier County's presence brought a familiar sight for FHS given their sectional matchup last year, but there were plenty of positives for Farragut.

"The defending champs that didn't graduate anyone," Farragut girls coach Jason Mayfield corrected with a grin. "So we knew what they would do, familiar from that sub-state game last year. I would've liked more time to prep, but coming off two games Saturday and a shorter practice Sunday, we needed to practice things that we didn't have the legs or time to do.

"But I was proud of our effort, and we shot the ball better. At home, we expect that. But the turnovers were tough at key moments, and asking freshmen guards to be out there against one of the best pressure guards around here, it wasn't their fault we lost; she just caused us a lot of problems."

At one point, VanAcker made two triples to bring Farragut within three. FHS wound up closing the gap to two on a bank-shot 3-pointer from Reagan Sheridan, but the visitors stretched the lead back to double digits behind a game-high 22 points from Kaliyah Burden.

"I wouldn't say she's 100% coming off that injury because it's a lot to come back from, but it's great to see her out there being successful," Mayfield added of VanAcker. "She's as clutch as they get. And Livi (Slagle) will do the same here soon, as soon as we feel like she's fully ready."

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Thanksgiving starting five

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With Thanksgiving week here, plenty of basketball teams will be stuffing the stat sheet in holiday tournaments across the area.

But for the holiday itself, area coaches and players also will be looking to fill their plates with plenty of good food.

With that in mind, we polled several basketball coaches across the farragutpress coverage area for their "Thanksgiving starting five": a list of five items that are essentials for their Thanksgiving lunch or dinner.

Farragut boys basketball coach J.P. Burris said his go-to is the turkey, though he also enjoys sparkling grape juice as a fun family tradition each Thanksgiving.

At Concord Christian, Brad Cochran brought a diverse list to the table: turkey, dressing, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes and gravy and banana pudding.

"Turkey is the captain, dressing is what makes it feel like Thanksgiving, mac and cheese is the reliable scorer, mashed potatoes do the dirty work, and banana pudding is the closer," Cochran added with a grin. "You can't leave the table without it!"

At Hardin Valley Academy, girls head coach Jennifer Galloway chose two sides of broccoli casserole as part of her starting unit. Otherwise, she continued with sides, listing mashed potatoes, corn and green beans — all of which made the Lady Hawks' coach hungry, she joked.

HVA boys coach Andy Arendt listed smoked or fried turkey, green bean bundles with Catalina dressing, fried okra, creamed, corn, and homemade bowls in his list, all of them made by his mother-in-law.

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Warriors leave 'legacy' in 2026 season

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In April 2023, Chad Speck was hired to lead a CAK football program which had endured a 2-8 campaign (0-6 in region) the previous fall. Four years later, in the 2026 campaign, the Warriors won the school's third region title in program history and second since joining Division II in 2017.

That region championship was one of several highlights amid an 11-2 record, which drew to a close Friday, Nov. 20, in a 42-7 loss at Lausanne Collegiate School in the Division II-AA state semifinals.

CAK reeled off eight straight wins before a 36-35 stumble at Boyd Buchanan then righted the ship with three more victories to reach the state semifinals for the first time since 2012.

"The message to the guys was we have said all year we play to a standard not a scoreboard, and we did that," Speck said. "The outcome didn't go our way. We played a big, fast, athletic Lausanne team. They were really good."

CAK's only score of the game came on a strike from Seaton Moffett, who scrambled to hit Hunter Bennett in the first quarter to tie the score at 7-all. But Lausanne responded with 35 unanswered to take the win and advance to the state championship game against Battle Ground Academy.

"The best team we've played this year," Speck said of Lausanne. "We made a few mistakes, and in a game like that, you can't do those things. But as far as the season, we had a

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CAK head football coach Chad Speck helped the Warriors reach one of their best seasons in program history with an 11-2 record and a state semifinal appearance.

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Bearden's Reese Underwood (4) drives toward the hoop against Concord Christian Thursday, Nov. 19.

Lady 'Dawgs claw Lions

Bill Howard
Correspondent

It's basketball time in Tennessee, and Bearden High School's girls' team started the season in winning fashion.

Last Thursday night, Nov. 19, the Lady Bulldogs defeated Concord Christian School, 61-47. A 16-9 third-quarter advantage for BHS essentially put a competitive game on ice.

Bearden coach Justin Underwood was pleased with the win, but acknowledged an early-season need for improvement, especially on defense.

"We're obviously not in season shape yet," Underwood said. "Decently pleased at times offensively. Defensively we've got to get better and understand that we've got to communicate. It was sloppy but that's what the start of the season is going to be."

"Proud of the girls, great opportunity to grow," CCS coach Brad Cochran said. "It was a learning game. Hats off to Bearden; coach Underwood does a great job. You got to take care of the ball. We didn't attack as much as we should have."

The Lady 'Dogs led 21-13 at the end of one but outscored CCS by only two in the second quarter to lead 36-26 at the half.

The seven-point BHS differ-

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Bearden starts strong, sends early warning

Bill Howard
Correspondent

If the season-opening tipoff of Bearden High School's boys' basketball team is any indication, the Bulldogs' opponents could be in trouble.

Last Thursday night at home, Nov. 19, BHS won convincingly over Concord Christian School, 75-37. The 'Dogs used superior size and shooting to build an 18-point halftime lead, then cruised from there. An 18-4 final quarter was an exclamation point.

Bulldogs' coach Jeremy Parrott substituted widely throughout the game. "I liked how our bench played," Parrott said. "It was encouraging … it outplayed the guys we know are gonna have to carry the load."

"The score doesn't tell the story," first-year Lions' coach Brad Cochran said. "Second half got away from us. We turned the ball over a little bit. I was proud of the guys' physicality. I don't think we got embarrassed from a physicality standpoint."

Balanced scoring was the rule for the Bulldogs. Senior guard Brendan Murphy led the team with 12 points, while junior shooting guard Porter Dickson got 11. Junior power forward Griffin Anderson added 10.

BHS got nine each from senior wing Paxton Parrott and senior power forward Damian Cullom, and eight from senior power forward Jayceon Blair. According to Parrott, no Bulldog played more than 18 minutes.

"The bench turned the game early and helped us separate," Parrott said.

The Lions' senior point guard Isaac Kelch led all scorers with 15. Junior guard Mike Fritts chipped in 12. The two were the only CCS players who scored in the second half.

"It just came down to they hit shots and we didn't," Cochran said.

Bearden led 18-9 after one and used another nine-point difference in the second quarter to lead 39-21 at halftime.



Jake Nichols

Concord Christian's Isaac Kelch (1) drives toward the hoop against Bearden Thursday, Nov. 19.

The Lions tried to hang around and were outscored by only six in the third period. But the 'Dogs poured it on, and pulled away in the fourth.

Hoops ramp up for Dutchtown DII schools

Landon Hunley
Correspondent

Along Dutchtown Road, there have been plenty of pivotal matchups to open the 2026 basketball season.

Webb's boys and girls, CAK's Lady Warriors and both Knoxville Catholic squads opened their seasons undefeated. Knoxville Catholic tipped off the stretch Monday, Nov. 16 with a dominant doubleheader sweep of Rhea County. The Irish boys rolled to a 95-24 victory, overwhelming the Golden Eagles. Catholic piled up 28 assists and 40 total rebounds, including 28 on the defensive glass. Henry Hill dominated on offense with 17 points, Ivan Moskalenko added 13 on 6-for-6 shooting, and Marcus Webb orchestrated the offense with 11 points and seven assists. The Catholic girls followed with a decisive 67-39 victory.

The Lady Irish totaled 32 rebounds and 18 assists while committing just four turnovers. Emery Haws set the tone on both ends with 15 points and five steals, Madi Ferguson knocked down 14 points and Liv Walker chipped in nine points and six rebounds. Molly Tipton dished out five assists to go with a blocked shot while Jaylen Drazkowski hounded Rhea County's ballhandlers for four steals.

Webb's boys and girls matched that sweep in their Tuesday, Nov. 17, home openers. The Spartans cruised past Hamilton Heights Christian Academy 77-22. The Lady Spartans faced a much more grueling test, enduring a tense second half from Cocke County before closing out a gritty 43-34 victory.

Lola Widener scored Webb's first 10 points on her way to a game-high 18. Kyndall Mays provided support with 12 points, while Harper Ladd and Corisa Lowery rounded out the scoring with eight and five points, respectively.

The Spartans raced to a 24-6 first-quarter lead, with Huston Torres knocking down 3-pointers and getting out on the break. By halftime, Webb led 50-14 and had already turned to its bench. Ky Curtis looked for shots from midrange as the reserves got their minutes, and the Spartans took a 61–15 lead into the fourth.

Just down Dutchtown, CAK hit the ground running as the Lady Warriors notched back-to-back victories to launch their season. CAK opened last Tuesday by outlasting Stone Memorial in an 87-77 shootout, fueled by a team-high effort from Maddie Braden and another double-figure scoring night from Alexis Hammock.

Two nights later against Alcoa, the Lady Warriors proved they could win a slower battle as well. CAK pushed ahead 14-12 after the opening quarter and carried a narrow 26–21 lead into the third. Coming out of halftime, the Warriors defense unleashed a decisive 18-7

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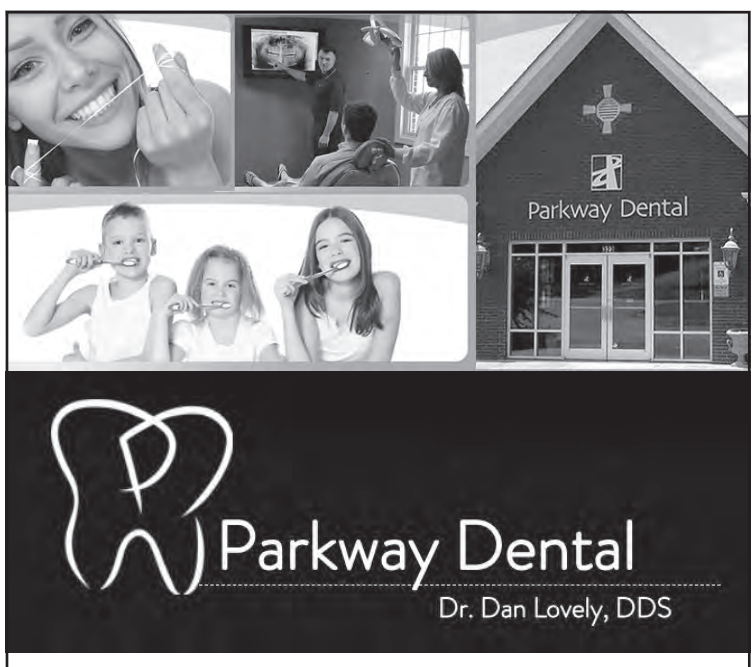

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ence in the third period made it 52-35 at the end of the period, a gap the Lady Lions couldn't overcome. The fourth-quarter scoring was 12-9 in favor of CCS.

It was hardly lost on Cochran why his girls came up short: deficits in turnovers, rebounding and free-throw shooting. Concord hit just four of 16 shots from the charity stripe.

"Way too many turnovers and four of 16 from the free-throw line doesn't cut it," Cochran said. "We got outrebounded pretty bad. Any time you're playing on the road, you gotta be able to do those things."

The Lady Bulldogs were led in scoring by senior shooting guard Riley Hunt with 17. Junior small forward MC LeMarbre chipped in 15 while freshman point guard Reese Underwood added 11.

Senior post Kiran Keeton led the Lady Lions with 10. Junior guard Kendall Mavroff scored nine.

Cochran took responsibility for CCS's free-throw woes. "That's on me," he said. "We haven't shot enough free throws in practice."

A bright spot for the Lady Lions was their three-point shooting: 11 times they connected from beyond the arc.

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great one, man."

Moffett left the game with an injury in the second quarter, but he will return for his senior year after an outstanding junior season.

"He became a much better pocket passer, so continuing to grow there and understanding what the defense is trying to do and delivering with accuracy," Speck said. "He took big steps this year, his first year starting full time without injury, and the best is yet to come."

"It's been a real humbling experience," Speck added. "I came into this position because I felt called to do it, and God had a real clear vision for what He wanted to do through our athletics department and our program and we have not been afraid to put that vision out there. This year, you really saw that happen. We've dared to believe, followed what God has said in scripture and nothing will be impossible and we saw that this year."

Going forward, CAK will lose 15 seniors, all of whom have left notable impacts on the program.

"It was one that is special for a lot of reasons but especially for this senior class," Speck said. "They walked into a locker room as freshmen my first year as head coach, and the year before, they had won zero region games. Four years later, they won only the third region championship in school history, second in Division II, and that's an amazing legacy for these seniors.

"This was a player-led team, and I really think we probably over-believed this year. We say fight, believe, love all the time, and they did that with the other things we say: relentless effort, attitude and toughness. They played for each other."

Yet as the offseason begins, so will the preparation for next season.

"We are very intentional on leadership development, something we are constantly trying to teach," Speck said. "We try to pick the guys on our team who have influence and try to teach them how to be a godly leader. You start there, and we're big supporters of multi-sport athletes so a lot of our kids will move on to other sports. Then spring rolls around, and we'll put the work in and build on what we were able to accomplish this year."

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For Mayfield, this victory and last weekend's rout over Gatlinburg-Pittman were nice to see after an uncharacteristic performance against Austin-East.

Following their Monday tilts, the Farragut programs took on Stone Memorial (girls) and Karns (boys) on Tuesday, Nov. 24. The results were unavailable by press time, but going forward, both coaches are eager to see the regular season continue next week.

"Thankful we get a little rest," Mayfield stated. "We will come back on Saturday, actually, and practice Sunday and start what a normal regular season will look like. It's been a little crazy to this point, so it will be good to get back in a routine."

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third-quarter surge to stretch the margin to 44-28. Alcoa slimmed CAK's lead with three points off the deficit in a 14-11 fourth period, but CAK stayed composed to seal a 55-42 win. Hammock spearheaded the balanced effort with 17 points and seven assists; Braden followed closely with 16 points, and two teammates contributed 14 and six points to cap an unbeaten opening week.

Note: For more on Concord Christian, see corresponding stories by Bill Howard.

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And, Catholic girls coach Micah Scheetz listed turkey, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, broccoli casserole and a roll.

"Nothing special about them," she added, "just my favorite things that my parents cook!"

We appreciate each coach for digging into the holiday fun and thank you, the readers, for your continued support of our coverage. Have a happy Thanksgiving from the farragutpress.

CORRECTION

In last week's Hoops issue, we failed to mention Bennett Wright in the overview of the Farragut boys basketball team. We regret the error.



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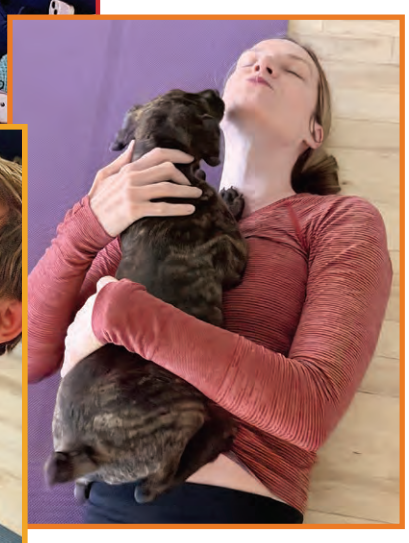

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Courtesy of Taylor Watson

The Farragut High School FFA team placed first in the Veterinary Science regional competition at The University of Tennessee Saturday, Nov. 14. Pictured back row, from left, are Mary Price Jordan, River McLain Stone and Laurie Kate Ellison. Front row, from left, are Lily Struck and Isabella Bingham.

Farragut FFA flourishing with top spot in regionals

Jake Nichols
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On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Farragut High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) team placed first in the Regional Veterinary Science competition at University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

With the win, these five FHS students and their advisor, Taylor Watson, will head to UT, Martin, to compete at the state level in April.

"This is the first year we have had a regional qualifier to move on to state," Watson said. "In the past, we would all go straight to the state level. Last year's team placed third in the state and first in the region."

Yet with only one returner in Mary Price Jordan, the students found success competing in general knowledge, identification and math application questions.

Jordan was the highest-scoring individual in the competition, registering a total score of 272.

She said the top finish was "very rewarding," noting her dedication to a competition she has experienced for three years since joining FFA as a sophomore.

Fellow senior Isabella Bingham was sixth with 262 points while junior Laurie Kate Ellison took 10th with 244 points. Junior River McLain Stone was 12th with 236 points, and junior Lily Struck served as an alternate.

"I am so proud of how they all performed," Watson said. "First place individual is incredible, and them placing that high in their first time

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'Topping off' ceremony





Tammy Cheek

Workers place the final beam on the new children's wing at Concord United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

CUMC places final beam on new children's wing

Tammy Cheek
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Concord United Methodist Church checked another box for its milestones when it held a "topping off" ceremony to place the final beam on its new children's wing on the church grounds Wednesday, Nov. 18.

"We have worked hard this week getting all of the children's hand prints on the beam," said Amanda Reichwein, the kids' leaders at CUMC.

"In the last few days, I've had the privilege of watching generations, from the youngest to the oldest, as they placed their hands, their signatures, their favorite Bible passages on this beam," student and family connection pastor Becca Means said. "Isn't it amazing to share that

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FHS students present 'Cinderella'

Tammy Cheek
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Farragut High School Admiral Performing Arts Company musical theater class will bring fairytale magic to kick off the holidays with its musical production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella Enchanted Edition."

The performances will take place 7 p.m., Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 10-12, in the Vicki B. Wells Auditorium at Farragut High School, 11237 Kingston Pike.

Tickets are $20 per person, as well as a discounted student ticket of $15. All tickets can be purchased in advance online or at the door.

"For anyone dressed up in costume, they can get free popcorn," said Joshua Kerstetter, a senior, who portrays Prince Christopher.

Also, there will be face painters in the atrium before the show, added senior Lucy Moore, who portrays Cinderella.

About 40 cast and 25 crew members make up those taking part in the production, according to Moore.

"It's a fairly large production," Kerstetter said.

"We like to do a different variety of shows every year, so not every year is the same thing for the students, and it kind of builds our skill set and keeps it fresh," Moore said. "We've done a lot of classical shows and some more modern shows before that.

"So, on the spectrum of shows we could do, this is a fun alternative," she said.

"Farragut hasn't done a fairytale show in a while," Kerstetter added. "I think the last one was actually 'Shrek,' which was 10 years ago.

"This is something the students currently haven't experienced yet, so we're very excited to try something new," Kerstetter added.

With music by Richard Rodgers and lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, the musical, inspired by the 1997 teleplay, was adapted for the stage by Tom Briggs.

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Obituaries

Juanita "Anita" Lark Singletary passed away on November 11, 2026, at NHC in Farragut, TN. She was born on February 13, 1938, in Honea Path, SC. She attended Honea Path High School and was part of the 1955 graduating class.



She went on to attend Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Columbia, SC where she became a registered nurse. She went on to work in a variety of nursing roles for about 60 years, including co-owning Community Home Health Professionals with Jackie Payne and Gary Ramsey. She enjoyed spending time with her family, working, and trips to the beach.

Anita was preceded in death by her parents, Lily and Grady Lark.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Singletary; daughter, Angela (Kevin) Dailey; granddaughters, Lauren, Brooke, and Lexi; brother, Ellis Lark and his family; and sister, Elaine White and her family.

The family wishes to extend gratitude to Dr. Susan Newman and staff, the medical team at NHC; and family who stayed by her bedside.

Services were held on November 24, 2026, at Click Funeral Home in Farragut, TN. A visitation was held at 2PM and continued until the celebration of life at 3PM. Dr. Russel Lark, Anita's nephew, officiated.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to a charity in Anita's honor. The family suggests Young Williams Animal Shelter, National Kidney Cancer Foundation, or the Humane Society of Tennessee.

Zachery Dylan Lowe, 25, loving son and grandson passed on October 31, 2026.

Zachery was born on April 24, 2001, in Orlando, Florida.

Zachery was a 2019 Graduate of Farragut High School and a member of the High School Soccer Team. He graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Sciences in 2023. He also graduated with a Masters Degree in Information Sciences in 2025. While attending the University of Tennessee, Zachery was a member of the Club Soccer Team.

Zachery had a wide group of friends that he enjoyed hiking, boating, playing soccer, gaming, and attending weekly trivia with. He also enjoyed watching movies and was into photography.



Zachery was very family orientated and looked forward to yearly family beach vacations. He had the best smile and will be greatly missed.

Zachery is survived by his father, Wiley Lowe; mother, Libby Lowe; sisters, Ariel Lowe and Ella Lowe; brother, Jake Lowe, and grandparents, Larry and Cory Stinbrink.

Memorial Services to be held on Monday, November 30, 2026, at Click Funeral Home-Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37934. Visitation at 1:00 pm with Service to follow at 2:00 pm.

Obituary Information and Deadlines: Send obituary & photo, if applicable, to editor@farragutpress.com. The cost is $25 for the first 200 words and 25 cents for each additional word thereafter. The cost to submit a photo is $10. We only use thumbnail "head and upper chest" portrait photos. The submission deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. on Monday for that Wednesday edition. Payment must be received by 10 a.m. on Tuesday for that Wednesday edition.

Call 865-675-6397 or email editor@farragutpress.com with questions.

CUMC

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excitement with so many people, the excitement of what's to come and to watch all of those moments over the past few days."

Senior pastor, the Rev. Will Cantrell said the new building is intended for the new families who have not yet moved to the area.

"We but built it for children that have not yet been born," he added. "This building is a symbol of hope. It is a symbol of belief and a symbol of promise that God has not done with us.

"God has great plans and dreams for coming generations, and we believe God is preparing us to do great things in the lives of young children and families through those who gather in this building," Cantrell said.

"We we believe this was God's dream before it was our dream, and we believe God continually to bless us through our children," he said. "At this time, kids, we want to invite you. We want to have a special picture for you. So, if you are a kid and you would like to come up at this time and stand in front of the beam."

"I've had the opportunity to work very closely with the Christman Company and a lot of our subcontractors," administrative pastor Sabina Collins said. "But most importantly, I would like to recognize today folks who are in our church who work behind the scenes, such as Lori Hopper.

"She has had to take on a tremendous amount of extra work," Collins said of Hopper. " And, so has Carrie Smith regarding all the financials and all of the things that we have to put into place in order to purchase materials. It has been a heavy lift, and they are very much appreciated."

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FMPC STAFF/DEVELOPER MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, December 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM

I) Discussion Items
A) 9:00 AM Discussion on request to amend the Farragut Zoning Ordinance to permit the size of accessory buildings used for enclosures of existing swimming pools to be based on the dimension of the existing swimming pool and corresponding apron (Tim Maxwell, Applicant)
B) 9:30 AM Discussion and public hearing on a request for a variance from the requirement in the Subdivision Regulations to provide for an eight-foot grass strip between the sidewalk and street curb for a portion of the sidewalk constructed along Outlet Drive in association with the Echo Suites Hotel at 11244 Outlet Drive (SITE, Inc., Applicant)
C) 10:00 AM Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for Phase 2, Unit 4 of the Grove at Boyd Station, 24 Lots, 4.45 Acres, Zoned OSMR (Applicant, Lynch Surveys, LLC)
D) 10:30 AM Discussion and public hearing on a concept plan for the commercial portion of the Ivey Farms Neighborhood Convenience Commercial development, Parcel 36, Tax Map 151, 15.81 Acres, Zoned NCC (East Tennessee Children's Hospital Association, Inc., d/b/a Dolly Parton Children's Hospital, Applicant)

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April 26	August 23	December 27

These dates will be the regularly scheduled court dates for the Town of Farragut beginning January 1, 2027. 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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Cinderella

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Along with Moore and Kerstetter, other members of the cast include: Julia Hernan as the fairy godmother; Rafika Amlani as stepmother; Tinsley Clinton as Grace; Amelia Smith as Joy; Jonah Rawlings as Lionel; Sawyer McAvoy as the king; Camryn Beeler as the queen; Caroline Neal as a dove, Olive Jessee as a cat; mice played by Cordelia Silvestri, Lauren Neal, Meredith Pace, Meredith Flood; Harper Spurgin as young Cinderella; Brynna Oberhaus as the mother; Brock Allen as the father; Johnny Jacobs as a butcher; Luke Fowler as a cloth merchant; and Camden Cross as a cheese merchant.

The stage manager/student director is Layla Baker.

"I'm very excited," Moore said about playing Cinderella. "It's a good opportunity. I've been working very hard over the last few years, and I'm very blessed to have a lead role this year.

"It's been a lot of hard work but a lot of fun," she added.



Tammy Cheek

Among the cast members of the musical, Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella Enchanted Edition" are, from left: Olive Jessee, Harper Spurgin, Lucy Moore, Meredith Flood, Cam Beeler, Lucy Beeler and Jonah Rawlings.

"And, Josh is one of my best friends, so it's been nice to get to work with him in this way."

"In the past, I've done a lot of comedic roles and to kind of take a step back from that and do a role I'm not usually experienced in, it's been a great learning opportunity, and [the prince] has been fun to figure out and do something different with the prince that audiences don't normally see," Kerstetter said.

FFA

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competing is also amazing."

Up next, the students will prepare for the practicums they will encounter at the state competition Saturday, April 10.

"The practicums are based on real- world veterinary practices and test students on their ability to perform and explain what they're doing during the practicum with a goal of helping them develop skills that would be useful in a veterinary setting," Watson explained.

Past examples include applying a cat muzzle, ear notching for identification in piglets, administering injections, placing a tail tie and haltering a horse.

These examples and more provide students, like Jordan with even more excitement as they push to become veterinarians in their careers. But the excitement also registers for people like Dr. Christopher Stripling, who has enjoyed a full-circle experience watching Watson pass on the same lessons he taught her at one point.

"We are thrilled to see Farragut High School's FFA students advancing to the state competition," Stripling said. "Their accomplishment is a testament to their dedication and to the leadership of advisor Taylor Watson, a Herbert College of Agriculture graduate.

"Having worked with Taylor during her teacher licensure program, I've seen firsthand her passion for agricultural education and student success. Supporting educators like Taylor is central to our mission, and we are proud to partner with Tennessee FFA and local schools to strengthen agricultural education across the state."

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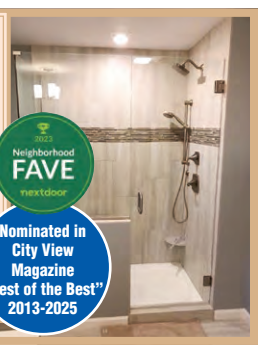

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Mission: "To serve those facing Alzheimer's disease and related dementias; to promote brain health through education; and to champion global research, prevention and treatment efforts.

"Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc. provides family support, offers community and professional education, advocates for the needs and rights of those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, as well as research for its prevention, cure and treatment."

Among its outreach efforts are Caring & Coping caregiver workshops, which are "designed by Alzheimer's Tennessee, Inc. to help the community better care for those with Alzheimer's disease. Plus, participants learn skills and strategies to cope with the challenges of caregiving for dementia. Sessions feature various keynote speakers who are nationally renowned and/or local experts in the field."

To donate, on the website page, www.alztennessee.org, click the Give heading at the top, then click the Donate Now button.

To volunteer, call 865-544-6288 or visit the web page, www.alztennessee.org, and click on the Volunteer heading near the top of the page, then click the Become a Volunteer heading. "Volunteers help with community outreach, assist with support groups and serve on committees essential to our mission."

American Cancer Society

6307 Lonas Drive Knoxville, TN 37909
865-584-1669

For basic cancer information, visit www.cancer.org, click on the Stay Healthy heading at the top and find the heading, "Cancer Facts: Prevention and Screening." Or click on the Cancer A-Z heading at the top of the Home page. Or call 800-227-2345.

Go to donate.cancer.org and read the various ways to donate, then click the red Donate button at the top to make an online contribution.

Go to www.cancer.org, scroll down to Volunteer and Fundraise heading, then look for the Volunteer Opportunities subhead and click. Or on the Home page, click Get Involved at the top.

Mission: "The American Cancer Society is a nationwide voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer. Established in 1913, the society is organized into six geographical regions of both medical and lay volunteers operating in more than 250 Regional offices throughout the United States."

American Red Cross - East Tennessee Region

6921 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN 37909
To donate, or for more information, call 865-584-2999 or 1-800-733-2767 24 hours/seven days a week or visit redcross.org/local/tennessee

Mission: the Tennessee Region of the American Red Cross serves all 95 counties in Tennessee. We are dedicated to helping victims of disaster and providing programs and services that help our community prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies.

The Tennessee Region — part of a nationwide network of locally supported chapters — is comprised of the following eight Red Cross chapters: East Tennessee, Heart of Tennessee, Mid-South, Mid-West Tennessee, Nashville Area, Southeast Tennessee, Northeast Tennessee and Tennessee River.

Programs include Be Red Cross Ready, a national ARC Emergency Preparedness Program, is a standardized preparedness education program for adults taught by a certified presenter. The curriculum is designed to help people understand, prepare for, and respond appropriately to year-round disasters like home fires and local hazards like tornadoes.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee

1100 Marion St., Knoxville, 37921
Visit www.tennesseebig.org or call 865-523-2179

To donate, go to the website, www.tennesseebig.org, or call 865-523-2179.

To volunteer, go to Home page and click the Get Involved box at the top.

Mission: "To create and professionally support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of East Tennessee youth.

"Our vision is that all children achieve their full potential."

"Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee has been transforming the lives of children since 1970. We are a member agency of the oldest and largest youth mentoring organization in the United States, consisting of more than 350 agencies nationwide.

"… Mentoring works — and the statistics back it up. (Youth) involved in our program are more likely to: achieve the avoidance of risky behavior by 97 percent, achieve socio-emotional competencies by 94 percent and achieve educational success by 88 percent."

Mentoring is important because, according to a Big Sister, "Not only would you be helping a young adult better prepare for the future and help him/her increase their chance of future success, you get the opportunity to show them they are valued and important."

Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley

967 Irwin Street Knoxville TN 37917
For more information, call 865-232-1200, visit bgctnv.org or e-mail info@bgctnv.org.

"At Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley, our mission is to change lives—and we can prove it. Our after-school and summer programs offer kids and teens the chance to explore their interests and discover their passions through engaging educational activities.

"Our Academic Success programs are designed to help youth reach their full potential. We focus on building strong educational foundations, teaching practical life skills and using technology to prepare members for future careers.

"By supporting those who need us most, we help boost graduation rates, ensuring our members are ready for college, trade school, the military or a rewarding career. We believe every young person deserves the chance to succeed and create a bright future.

"We're all about building young leaders. Our Character & Leadership programs empower kids and teens to take on leadership roles and understand the responsibilities of citizenship. We introduce them to different cultures, teach them about potential career paths and help them develop skills like interviewing and public speaking.

"Most importantly, we emphasize the value of building strong relationships, developing a positive self-image and being a positive influence on others."

Breast Connect, Inc.

137 E Young High Pike, Knoxville TN 37920
For more information, call 865-409-0410, visit breastconnect.org or e-mail contact@breastconnect.org

The mission of Breast Connect, Inc., is to improve the quality of life for breast cancer patients by empowering them to become their own best advocates through relevant information, resources, and community.

"We are dedicated to providing those impacted by breast cancer with a wealth of resources. Our goal is to answer questions, provide information, and help patients create the best course of action as they embark on their breast cancer journey."

"Our organization is a one-stop shop for educational materials, financial assistance information, survivor questions to ask your docs, treatment and surgery tips, and day-to-day assistance suggestions for those with limited family support or availability. Additionally, we partner with Courage to Conquer Cancer to provide post-surgical supplies for women undergoing mastectomies and Random Acts of Flowers to send flowers to those who are undergoing surgery for breast cancer. The focus of Breast Connect remains Survivor helping Survivor."

Bridge Refugee Services, Inc.

4420 Whittle Springs Road, Knoxville TN 37917
For more information, visit www.bridgerefugees.org or call the Knoxville location at 865-540-1311.

Mission: to provide opportunities for refugees and international protected classes to rebuild their lives, after suffering persecutions, so that they become productive, contributing members of the community. Bridge cultivates public/private partnerships to uphold the three pillars of refugee integration: learning English, employment and community engagement.

Bridge Clients in East Tennessee have arrived from countries including Afghanistan, Ukraine, Cuba, Haiti, Democratic Republic of Congo, Vietnam, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Burundi, Iraq, Venezuela, Colombia, Sudan and many others.

Bridge has been resettling refugees in East Tennessee for over 40 years," said Noah McBrayer Jones, BRS Development and Communication director.

Bridge Refugee Services is the only refugee and international protected class resettlement agency in East Tennessee, with locations in Knoxville and Chattanooga.

Bridge Refugee Services also is instrumental in "international recognition surrounding Welcoming Week, which annually brings together neighbors of all backgrounds to build strong connections and affirm the importance of welcoming and inclusive places in achieving collective prosperity."

CASA of East Tennessee

7417 Kingston Pike Ste 105 Knoxville TN 37919
For more information, including donations, call 865-329-3399, e-mail info@casaofeasttn.org or visit www.casaofeasttn.org

Court Appointed Special Advocates of East Tennessee are trained to represent the best interests of children in juvenile abuse and neglect court cases.

"CASA of East Tennessee is a community-based program that recruits, trains and supports citizen-volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Knox County."

CASA volunteers work to discover a child's best interest, collaborating closely with Knox County Juvenile Court, educators, medical professionals, community organizations, social workers and relevant government agencies to find the child a safe, permanent home as quickly as possible.

It's mission is "to improve the lives of abused and neglected children through trained volunteers who advocate for safe, permanent, loving homes.

"We empower children to express their concerns and fears, as well as share their hopes and dreams, and for them to all be heard by their families and the court.

"We are accountable for placing each child in a safe and loving environment. All our volunteers undergo a strict and rigorous vetting and training process."

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee

119 Dameron Ave., Knoxville, TN 37919
To donate, or for more information, call 865-524-9896 or visit ccetn.org

Catholic Charities of East Tennessee are a coalition of service-driven community centered programs empowered by the grace of Jesus Christ. We help foster human dignity of the vulnerable in our region through shelter, counseling, education, advocacy and reverence for life.

Our programs include: A Loving Option Adoption; Children's Emergency Shelter; Columbus Home Assisting Parents; COHO Safe Place for Kids; Immigrant Services; Pregnancy Services; Horizon House/Five Rivers; Samaritan Place; The Home Place; Counseling Services; HOPE Kitchen; and Food Pantry.

Every charitable gift, big and small, goes a long way; you do not have to be wealthy to make a planned gift.

CCETN can consult with you and your attorney, CPA, financial advisor, and/or insurance professional to establish a planned giving strategy that will optimally benefit both you and CCETN. Please contact Andrew Kaleida akaleida@ccetn.org for more information.

How can we pray for you? Submit your prayer requests (using the form after clicking "pray" on the main page and scrolling down) so that members of our prayer circle can be praying for your prayer intentions.

If you're not comfortable, you do not need to enter your name or email into the prayer request form. We will still pray for your intentions.

Childhelp Children's Center of East TN

408 N Cedar Bluff Road Knoxville TN 37923
To contact Childhelp for help, to donate or for more information, 865-291-0288 or www.childhelptn.org

Since 1995, the fully accredited Childhelp Children's Center of East Tennessee has served victims of child abuse and neglect through advocacy, treatment and investigation services.

Our Foster Family Agency serves 17 counties in East Tennessee. Last year we expanded, fairly largely, our Mental Health Services, where these services for abused and neglected children have expanded from helping 30 per week to helping 125 per week.

During one stretch in 2022, 11 children were adopted in a two-month span.

A service launched in January 2022, which looks to help almost 10,000 children in Knox County annually, is "Speak Up and Be Safe." It teaches abused and neglected children from pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade how to communicate the hardships they suffer to better identify their home environment problems. "It's the only program like it in the country.

That 17-county service area also has a new program, as of January 2023, to financially assist grandparents and other relatives who are legal guardians of children abused or neglected by their parents.

Compassion Closet

11020 Kingston Pike Suite 270, Farragut, TN 37934
For more information, visit www.compassioncloset.com or e-mail info@compassioncloset.com or e-mail Hannah Jessee at hannah@compassioncloset.com

To donate or volunteer, click on the Donate or Volunteer button on the home page at www.compassioncloset.com

Foster care is often messy — most often, placements are last-minute and the families have little time to ensure they have the specific items these children need.

This is the core reason for Compassion Closet.

A totally volunteer-run effort, The Compassion Closet exists to show the love of Christ by providing quick-turn assistance to foster, kinship, adoptive and other families in the Greater Knoxville and Oak Ridge area. … Providing quality clothing and tangible goods.

We also desire to serve birth families, aging-out youth, kinship placements and domestic/international adoptive families as God allows and the needs arrive.

The Closet was started in 2013 by an

adoptive and foster care family as a means of helping other families as they had been helped.

We have a large collecting of clothing items for boys and girls. Baby supplies include cribs, Pack-n-Plays, swings and more. We have a small collection of new and gently used toys.

During the past 10 years, the Compassion Closet has supported hundreds of families and thousands of children.

We accept high-quality clothing and other donations in good condition.

East Tennessee Kidney Foundation Mission, Inc.

P.O. Box 22072, Knoxville 37933
For more information, or to donate or volunteer, visit www.etkidney.org or call 865-288-7351 or e-mail admin@etkidney.org. To donate monetarily, click on the red Donate button on the front web page, www.etkidney.org

East Tennessee Kidney Foundation, Inc. focuses on directly improving the lives of patients suffering from kidney disease.

Programs feature Dianne Hagey Dialysis Transportation Program, which provides financial assistance to help patients reach their life-saving dialysis treatments; Dental Assistance Program, which provides low-cost dental work for dialysis patients whose last barrier to placement on the kidney transplant waiting list is dental work; and Nutritional Supplement Program, which provides free nutritional supplements to dialysis patients in 16 East Tennessee counties.

Volunteers are needed throughout the year (see contact information above) for activities including: Lucky Kidney Run every March in downtown Knoxville, Healthy Living Expo in April at Knoxville Convention Center downtown and various health fairs and events.

ETKF is run by volunteers and contributions of the community. You can help us by volunteering and becoming an advocate for the health and well-being of East Tennesseans affected by kidney disease.

Emerald Youth Foundation

1014 Heiskell Ave., Knoxville, TN 37921
For more information, visit www.emeraldyouth.org or call 865-637-3227, or e-mail info@emeraldyouth.org

To donate online, click on the green DONATE button in the upper right corner of the web page, www.emeraldyouth.org or e-mail volunteer@emeraldyouth.org for more details

Emerald Youth Foundation is a Christian, urban youth and community ministry in Knoxville serving more than 2,300 young people annually. The Foundation serves through satellite churches and recreational centers throughout Knox County.

Our mission is to raise up a large number of urban youth to love Jesus Christ and become effective leaders who help renew their communities. We've been working closely with the community since the late 1980s, when we began a summer outreach ministry designed to support urban youth.

Areas of concentration are Faith, Relationships, Learning and Health.

We are encouraged by the stories of those who have grown up to become godly mothers and fathers, neighborhood coaches, Sunday school teachers, church board members, teachers, managers, business owners and civic leaders. Yet, despite these abundant stories of inspiration and hope, our community faces ongoing challenges that require a continued commitment to change.

To volunteer coaching a team, being a mentor or helping students prepare for college, there are many ways in which you can help make a meaningful difference.

Family Promise of Knoxville

3545 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, 37921
For more information, or to learn more about how you can volunteer, call 865-584-2822 or visit familypromiseknoxville.org/

Donations can be made online at familypromiseknoxville.org

Mission: to provide a community-based response that empowers and equips families experiencing homelessness and housing instability to achieve sustainable independence.

With more than 40 percent of Americans a $400 expense away from financial distress, the threat of crisis looms closely for too many families. Preventing families from spiraling into homelessness is an essential part of the Family Promise mission.

In East Tennessee, where each and every child knows the safety and security of home, and each parent has the chance to build a better future for their family.

Following the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Family Promise of Knoxville started re-envisioning the way in which we serve families. With limitations on sheltering, our affiliate turned our attention to keeping families from becoming homeless. Through community partnerships and specialized referrals, we can support families through rental assistance, rapid re-housing, or other diversion maneuvers, including landlord mediation.

Since our soft launch in July 2020, we have served 15 families with 36 children. Presently — in Knox County — it costs $203.75 per child to keep a family from experiencing homelessness. Currently, funding ranges from month-to-month.

Volunteering ranges from serving meals to providing financial literacy training to assisting with fundraising events.

Girls Inc. of Knox County

1798 Oak Ridge Turnpike
Oak Ridge, TN 37830
For more information, call 865-482-4475 or visit https://www.girlsinctnv.org

To donate, click on the red Donate button at the top left of the front web page, www.girlsinctnv.org

To volunteer with reading, homework assistance, math tutoring and classroom aid, call 865-482-4475.

Girls Inc. is the preeminent girls' leadership organization equipping girls to reach their full potential. To inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. … Our vision (is) to be recognized as the premier organization that helps all girls realize their potential and exercise their rights.

Girls Inc. offers Community Based Outreach programs within Knox County: Outreach staff present intentional programs and hands-on activities within the after-school hours where girls live and go to school.

Girls Inc. National Programs offered in Knox County include Girls Inc. Operation Smart, a program designed to provide hands-on experiences with math, science and technology; Magic Within, where girls learn to set goals for themselves and their futures, make action plans in achieving those goals and build overall self esteem; and Girls Inc. Economic Literacy, which provides girls with the skills and confidence they need to contribute to the economy.

Goodwill Industries-Knoxville

For more information, or to donate, call 865-588-8567 or visit gwintn.org, 865-584-7726 for Home Pick up

Goodwill Industries-Knoxville is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to changing lives and strengthening families by helping people reach their full potential through community-relevant job training, work experience, and career services.

Goodwill's mission has grown into an international movement, improving the quality of life for disabled and disadvantaged individuals around the world.

Goodwill Industries-Knoxville, Inc. was founded in 1971 to fill the need for a community program for the young disabled population. The organization was meager in it's beginning, but has since expanded to serve over 1,790 in 2022.

Our service area includes Anderson, Blount, Campbell, Claiborne, Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier, and Union County. We operate 27 stores throughout our 15-county East Tennessee service area.

Proceeds from the sale of donations support Goodwill's job training programs and employment services for individuals with barriers to employment.

Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley

6717 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919
For for more information, call 865-573-9675, visit humanesocietytennessee.org or e-mail info@humanesocietytennessee.org

The Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley is dedicated to helping lost pets reunite with their owners.

Lost pets:

• If your pet is microchipped, call the microchip company to make sure your contact information is up to date and alert the company that the pet is missing

• Contact local veterinarian offices, including the emergency clinics, if an animal is found injured they may be taken there instead of a shelter.

• Post flyers, especially in your neighborhood and the area the from where animal was lost.

• Post a sign in your front yard

• Post ads for free on PawBoost and Craigslist

Found pets:

• Visit your local Open Admission Shelter to see if the pet has a microchip

• If you cannot keep the pet until the owner is located, the shelter will keep the animal for a period of 3 to 10 days in an attempt to locate the owner.

• If you decide to keep the pet until owners are found, you must make attempts to find the owners and have the animal for a period of 10 days before deciding to keep the pet or re-home the pet.

• Contact shelters in your area to make a listing for the animal.

• Post flyers around the area that you found the animal

• Post ads for free on PawBoost and Craigslist

Interfaith Health Center

7005 Middlebrook Avenue
Knoxville, TN, 37909
For more information, call 703-546-7330, e-mail info@interfaithhealthcenter.org or visit interfaithhealthcenter.org.

Interfaith Health Center was founded in 1991 to help hard-working people in our community who don't have health insurance coverage and to provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the low-income, working uninsured and underserved, primarily through the support of the religious, health care and business communities.

These services are provided within the capacity of the Center regardless of race,



sex, creed, age, religion, national origin or ability to pay.

Interfaith has served more than 24,000 individual patients by providing affordable medical, dental and mental health care and access to prescription medications.

To donate money, volunteer, become an NAFC member or find out about upcoming charitable events, click the Get Involved green box at the top of the home page and follow the choices just below the Get Involved heading.

Or donate over the phone by calling 865-243-3038.

Knox Area Rescue Ministries

418 N Broadway Street
Knoxville TN 37917
To help the homeless, visit karm.org, e-mail volunteer@karm.org or call either KARM Stores at 865-521-0770 or the main KARM number at 865-673-6540

Knox Area Rescue Ministries' mission is to restore lives of our homeless neighbors through Christ-centered support. Since 1960, KARM's volunteers, donors and staff have answered the call to restore lives in Jesus' name. We pursue this mission using the same ministry formula Jesus used: Rescue + Relationships = Restoration.

The best way to care for the homeless is to connect with service providers in the Knox area. East Tennessee has a host of ministries and social service agencies that provide opportunities to volunteer and serve the homeless. You can certainly find a service opportunity that uses your gifts and fits your availability. To learn more about volunteering at KARM, e-mail volunteer@karm.org.

What is a good response when a homeless person asks me for money or help? The best approach is not to give money but, instead, to direct people to resources that can meet their needs. However, if you feel the Holy Spirit directing you to give, by all means, give to that person. Something each person you encounter could use is a single day bus pass, which would give them the ability to reach services they need (food, shelter, etc.).

Knoxville Dream Center

1444 Breda Drive, Knoxville, TN 37918
To donate, or for more information, call 865-688-9636, visit knoxvilledreamcenter.org or e-mail office@knoxvilledreamcenter.org

The mission of Knoxville Dream Center is to provide good food, authentic faith, and opportunities for a brighter future for those who need it most.

The vision of the Knoxville Dream Center is to empower volunteers and continually seek out community partnerships in order to consistently reach Knoxville's most vulnerable and impact their lives with the life changing message of the gospel, in both word and deed.

• Food: How can food be a value? Well, food is a value because it represents more than physical sustenance to us. It is a platform to engage with needy people. We have a saying around the Knoxville Dream Center: "It's amazing what happens when you hand someone a cucumber." When we give good, free, fresh food away, people's hearts open up and we can engage in conversation about life and Jesus.

• Faith: We are unashamed about the power of the Gospel to change lives. All of our outreaches, whether they are run by us or other partners, aim to see God glorified and represent an authentic witness of Christ's power.

• Futures: We mostly serve under-resourced individuals and families. Not only do we want to see them come to Christ, but we want to give them opportunities for a bright future.

Knoxville Habitat for Humanity

1501 Washington Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917
To volunteer, or for more information, call 865-523-3539 or visit knoxvillehabitat.org

Since our inception in 1985, Knoxville Habitat for Humanity has been at the forefront of addressing affordable housing in our community.

What started as a humble mission to provide decent, affordable homes has grown into a significant force for change, directly impacting over 1,500 families in Knoxville. Our journey from renovating single homes to developing entire neighborhoods marks our evolution and our commitment to not just building houses, but fostering communities.

We offer a way for families to own or remain in their homes and focus on the things that matter — such as education, health, and family.

With nearly 650 homes built, we've not only provided shelter but also a foundation for families to thrive. Beyond construction, our homeowner education programs offer crucial knowledge in financial literacy and home maintenance, empowering our partners to build a stable future. Our ReStore outlets support this mission by recycling overstocked, seconds, used, discontinued items, and surplus building materials donated by manufacturers, stores, contractors, and individuals.

Homeownership is a powerful tool for financial independence, providing families with stability and the skills needed for a self-reliant future. Our programs have empowered more than 90 percent of families to look forward with confidence, enhancing budgeting skills for long-term success.

Make-A-Wish East Tennessee

190 Hayfield Road, Knoxville, TN 37922
To donate, or for more information, call 865-909-9474 or visit wish.org/etn

For children diagnosed with critical illnesses, a wish come true can be a crucial turning point in their lives. A wish can be that spark that helps these children believe that anything is possible and gives them the strength to fight harder against their illnesses.

Parents might finally feel like they can be optimistic. And still others might realize all they have to offer the world through volunteer work or philanthropy.

Such inspirations guide us in everything we do at Make-A-Wish. It inspires us to grant life-changing wishes for children going through so much. It compels us to be creative in exceeding the expectations of every wish kid. It drives us to make our donated resources go as far as possible. Most of all, it's the founding principle of our vision to grant the wish of every eligible child.

Wishes are more than just a nice thing. And they are far more than gifts, or singular events in time. Wishes impact everyone involved—wish kids, volunteers, donors, sponsors, medical professionals and communities.

Tens of thousands of volunteers, donors and supporters advance the Make-A-Wish vision. … In the United States and its territories, a wish is granted every 33 minutes.

MEDIC Regional Blood Center

11000 Kingston Pike Suite 9, Farragut TN, 37934, or 1601 Ailor Ave., Knoxville
For more information, visit medicblood.org or call 865-524-3074 to get the latest updates on shortages, or e-mail contact@medicblood.org

Mission: to enhance the well-being of the community by providing a safe, adequate and economical supply of blood and blood-related products, and to be an essential and vital community resource dedicated to saving, extending, and improving lives.

MEDIC was established in 1958 by Carl Nelson M.D. under the sponsorship of the Knoxville Academy of Medicine.

Area physicians supported the not-for-profit blood center because they wanted a source of blood from volunteer donors, and they desired centralization of blood collection, testing and distribution.

MEDIC is the only U.S. blood center that has a Blood Coverage Program covering members' blood supplier processing fees at any hospital in the country. … Today, MEDIC Regional Blood Center is the sole provider of products for 25 hospitals in Knox and 21 surrounding counties.

On a weekly basis, MEDIC will update the severity of need for certain blood types and asks the public to visit its website. All blood types, however, are needed.

The center adheres to the blood product safety regulations established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and is licensed by the FDA and the State of Tennessee.

Mission of Hope

6030 Industrial Heights Drive NW, Knoxville, TN 37909
To contact Mission of Hope for help, to donate or to volunteer, call 865-584-7571 or visit missionofhope.org

Since 1996, Mission of Hope has been a year-round Christian ministry blessed to assist many of our less fortunate Appalachian children and neighbors with much-needed goods and resources, college scholarships and help with basic educational, health care and home repair needs.

It helps grade school-age children in the most distressed and poorest areas of rural Appalachia, which in recent years has included scholarship dollars for hard-working high school students with excellent grades who otherwise wouldn't get a scholarship.

MoH reaches children and their families in 29 schools in Northeast Tennessee, Southeast Kentucky and Southwest Virginia.

Its ministries are provided during appropriate seasons of the year, including Christmas and Easter, through a system of delivering clothes, food, toys and school supplies to impoverished families; to assist in the repair of existing homes or relocating to other homes when appropriate; to provide scholarships for qualifying children of the area; to assist in developing skills or other expertise for the creation of new or expanded jobs in the area; and to assist in locating jobs for persons who are willing to relocate outside the area.

Random Acts of Flowers Knoxville

2936 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN, 37921.
To donate, volunteer or for more information, call 865-633-9082, visit www.randomactsofflowers.org

To donate monetarily, scroll to the bottom of the home webpage and click the Donate button. To donate flowers or vases, find the Donate button, then click either the Donate Flowers or Donate Vases selection underneath.

To volunteer, scroll to the bottom of the webpage, www.rafknoxville.org, find the Volunteer heading and click on the home web page.

Mission: to bring moments of kindness in the form of a beautiful floral bouquet. Our recipients' joy is enough to justify our work, but these deliveries also have clinically proven to have a positive effect on health and well-being.

Because of your support of Water into Wine, we have been able to support our community needs:

Faith Lutheran Church-Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry
Rotary Club of Farragut
Farragut West Knox Chamber
Junior League of Knoxville
Knoxville Area Rescue Ministry
Fraternity Order of Police
Knoxville Firefighters Association
The Point Knoxville
Farragut High School
Hardin Valley High School
St John's Newman Catholic School
Paideia School Knoxville
University of Tennessee
Pellissippi State Community College
American Heart Association
Leukemia Lymphoma foundation of East Tennessee
Lyons Club of Knoxville and Tellico Village
Dolly Parton Children's Hospital
Friends of the Smokies
Susannah's House
Toys for Tots
Iva's Place
Isaiah 117 House
Widow Parent Relief Program
The Love Kitchen
Community Action Committee of Knoxville
Knoxville Symphony Orchestra
Alzheimer's Association Knoxville

And MANY other local charities in our community
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Funky Meat Snacks
RiverDog Bakery



WATER into WINE bistro & lounge

607 N. Campbell Station Road, Farragut | 865-392-1586
Monday 3pm-10pm • Tuesday-Thursday 11am-11pm | Friday & Saturday 11am-12am • Closed Sunday
www.WaterintoWineKnoxville.com | w2wKnoxville@gmail.com

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Random Acts of Flowers improves the emotional health and well-being of individuals in healthcare facilities by delivering recycled flowers, encouragement and personal moments of kindness.

Throughout the week, our volunteers prepare donated flowers, create beautiful bouquets and make personal deliveries of hope and encouragement to neighbors in hospitals, hospices and health care facilities.

Remote Area Medical
2200 Stock Creek Blvd,
Rockford TN 37853

If you or your organization would like to volunteer your time to help provide free healthcare services to Knoxville and surrounding communities, visit the website at www.ramusa.org or call 865-579-1530.

Remote Area Medical is a major nonprofit organization that operates pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision and medical services to individuals in need who do not have access to, or cannot afford, a doctor.

Founded in 1985, RAM has treated more than 900,000 individuals with more than $200 million worth of free healthcare and veterinary services. Since its foundation, almost 200,000 volunteers – comprised of licensed dental, vision, medical and veterinary professionals as well as general support staff – have supported RAM's mission.

All RAM services are free, and no ID is required. Free dental, vision and medical services will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Knoxville
1705 W. Clinch Ave., Knoxville TN 37916
For more information, call the main number at 865-637-7475 or visit www.knoxrmhc.org.

To donate money, click the Donate button on the home webpage, knoxrmhc.org

To volunteer, click the Volunteer selection on the webpage, then complete a Volunteer Application as you learn more details. In-house volunteers are used from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., seven days a week (three hour shifts are recommended).

Since 1985, Knoxville's Ronald McDonald House has been a haven for families with critically ill or injured children. Our mission is to provide temporary lodging and the comforts of home for families during their most challenging times.

The House is a not-for-profit organization that provides a temporary "home-away-from-home" for families whose children are receiving treatment for serious illnesses at area hospitals.

Preparing food for families, room inventory, cleaning, yard work and fundraising are key volunteer functions.

Salvation Army Knoxville Area Command
409 N. Broadway Ave.,
Knoxville, TN 37917
To contact SAKAC for help, to donate in other ways or to volunteer, call 865-525-9401 or visit salvationarmyknoxville.org

To donate Angel Tree gifts to a specific child or senior, call SAKAC at 865-971-4901 and ask for information on specific ways to gift, or visit salvationarmyknoxville.org. After purchasing the gift(s), bring it to the office. Submit from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Mission: to preach the Gospel of Jesus and to meet human needs in Jesus' name.

Knoxville Area Command offers Food and Nutrition Programs, Casework Services, Emergency Shelter, Christian Education, Food Pantry, Food & Nutrition and Transitional Housing.

SAKAC helps roughly 1,700 children or seniors with gifts for the Christmas season. … Usually they'll get three or four gifts inside their package.

Those current donation drive funds also go to year-round SAKAC needs.

SAKAC's famous Red Kettle Campaign starts around Thanksgiving Day, which this year is Thursday, Nov. 28

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee
136 Harvest Lane, Maryville, TN, 37801
For more information, call Second Harvest at 865-521-0000, visit www.secondharvestetn.org or e-mail infor@secondharvestetn.org

To donate time, money or food, go to the website, www.secondharvestetn.org, and scroll to Donate Time, Donate Food or Donate Money logo and click. Donate for specific programs by clicking Programs on the home page, and a Give option on the home page for donations.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, a member of Feeding America, has worked to compassionately feed people facing hunger since 1982.

202,560 East Tennesseans are at risk of hunger, uncertain where their next meal will come from. At Second Harvest Food Bank, we are working to change that statistic in 18 East Tennessee counties.

In fiscal year 2020, Second Harvest distributed 21 million pounds of food across 18 East Tennessee counties. Though feeding programs and 630-plus non-profit partners, SHFBET provides food to more than 134,000 children, adults and seniors each month.

Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service (SCHAS)
7121 Regal Lane Ste 100
Knoxville TN 37918
For more information, call the Knox County office at 865-523-2920 or visit www.schas.org and click Contact Us, then select the appropriate service box.

To donate, www.schas.org and click Get Involved selection on the home page, then select Make a Donation box. Or call 865-523-2920.

To volunteer, go to www.schas.org and click Get Involved selection on the home page, then select Volunteer Your Time box. Or call 865-523-2920.

The mission of Senior Citizens Home Assistance Service, Inc. and Renaissance Terrace Assisted Living Mission is "improving the quality of life for the elderly, persons with disabilities and their caregivers by providing accessible care and supportive services through compassionate personnel.

Since 1970, SCHAS has grown to serve 20 counties in East Tennessee. Annually, SCHAS employs around 200 who are dedicated to providing services to more than 2,600 East Tennesseans.

SCHAS caregivers specialize in helping our clients remain in clean, familiar surroundings, with well-prepared food and free from fear, boredom and loneliness. … They provide companionship and needed assistance with light chores and housekeeping. SCHAS caregivers provide no skilled medical care but are skilled in making your loved one comfortable and happy in their home.

As a non-profit, the agency can offer a sliding scale fee for hourly services that is determined using the net income of the client (gross income less necessary expenses).

Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding
11800 Highway 11E, Lenoir City, TN 37772
For more information, call 865-988-4711 or e-mail office@rideatstar.org

To volunteer, call 865-988-4711 or go to www.rideatstar.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page, click the Volunteer box. Minimum commitment of one hour per week. Same day and time for the entire session … no horse experience necessary.

To donate, visit www.rideatstar.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page, click the Donate box

Mission: to foster personal achievement by providing therapeutic experiences using horse-related activities for persons with disabilities or other special challenges. STAR is a 501(c)3 organization and holds premier accreditation from the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International."

Program offered:

• Therapeutic Riding: with some riders we position them so the movement of the horse can relax tight muscles, increase range of motion and improve trunk stability and balance; • Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Learning program for Veterans with disabilities or other special challenges; and

• Changing STRIDES Life Skills provides the tools for at-risk youth (ages 13-21) and adults to better manage their lives and foster positive relationships.

Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee, Inc.
For more information, call Louise Trudell at 865-705-3480, visit sbret.com or e-mail rescue@sbret.com

Small Breed Rescue of East Tennessee, Inc. is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to finding forever homes for displaced or abandoned small breed dogs. We are also dedicated to educating the public about pet overpopulation, the benefits of spaying/neutering and the horrors of puppy mills.

All our dogs live in foster homes in the Knoxville area — we do not have a shelter facility. If you are interested in meeting one of our available dogs, see the Events Calendar online for location information or follow us on Facebook @ SmallBreedRescue for up-to-date location information. Or you can fill out an adoption application and if approved, we will arrange a meet-and-greet or home visit.

All our dogs are spayed or neutered, microchipped, vaccinated, receive heartworm/flea prevention, have dental cleaning when required and medical care. Our adoption fees help cover these expenses.

SBRET takes in abused, neglected, ill, unwanted and injured small breed dogs and places them in foster homes for rehabilitation. SBRET pays for all veterinary costs associated with caring for each dog while it is in foster care including spay/neuter, immunizations, dentals, microchipping, any necessary surgeries and heartworm/flea prevention. Our wonderful foster families provide shelter, food, toys and lots of love and nurture for each dog.

Smoky Mountain Service Dogs Veteran Canine Training Center
8380 Fairview Road, Lenoir City, TN 37772
865-635-5216
For more information, or to donate, visit smokymountainservicedogs.org

For volunteer opportunities, contact our volunteer coordinator at smsdvolunteer@smokymountainservicedogs.org. For Veteran and First Responder questions, contact Suzy at suzy.k@smokymountainservicedogs.org.

Mission: To enhance the physical and psychological quality of life for wounded Veterans by providing custom-trained mobility assistance service dogs (at no cost to the Veteran).

"We believe that through appropriate utilization of an approved, highly-trained service dog, individuals with physical and psychological disabilities can often become increasingly self-sufficient and independent.

"We believe that it takes community involvement to insure the success of Smoky Mountain Service Dogs and our clients. The contributions of individuals and groups within the community will be welcome, appreciated, and honored."

Volunteer opportunities include: Puppy Raisers, Respite Providers, Canine Transporter, Community Events/PR team. See website for details.

Special Spaces Tennessee National Office
448 N. Cedar Bluff Road Suite 350,
Knoxville, TN, 37923.
To donate, click on the Donate button on the home webpage, www.specialspaces.org

To volunteer, click on the Volunteer button on the home page website, www.specialspaces.org, and compete a form.

For more information, or to help identify a qualifying child, call 865-249-6079 or visit specialspaces.org

Special Spaces Tennessee is changing children's lives one bedroom at a time in the Knox metro area.

We create dream bedroom makeovers for dependent children and teenagers ages 2-19 with cancer who are within one year of treatment.

Our goal is to provide them a safe place to recover, heal, sleep and even play. A very special space just to be a kid. Bedrooms are where children sleep, but also rest, play and spend time away from the challenge of their illness.

We maintain a high-touch, high-impact organization that measures success by the quantity and the quality of the experience.

A custom bedroom designed just for them, whether they are dreaming of a princess castle, a butterfly bedroom, a pirate ship or a sports theme, we transform the child's existing bedroom into a place that only he/she can imagine.

This effort is done with teams of dedicated volunteers, sponsors, community partners and donated goods and/or services. The Special Spaces team meets with the family, designs the bedroom and provides all of the needed supplies.

Sunshine Services
3000 N. Central St., Knoxville, 37917
To volunteer, or for more information, call 865-546-9431, visit www.sunshinekcarc.org or e-mail contact@sunshinekcarc.org

To donate, see Donate box at the very top of webpage www.sunshinekcarc.org in upper right portion of webpage.

Sunshine Services, formerly known as The Arc, has been serving the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1953. This service always has been, concerned about the rights of all persons with disabilities to participate in programs and receive services as needed to achieve maximum personal, social, educational and vocational development.

It is our belief that if appropriate programs are available, every individual with a intellectual disability can learn and grow, reaching increasing levels of self-fulfillment.

This is a lifetime process that begins at birth and extends throughout a person's life. Additionally, Sunshine Services has been instrumental in educating the community with respect to those it serves and has worked to change the stereotypes so often associated with these individuals.

With an emphasis on community integration and competitive employment, the Sunshine Services Community Program provides activities for individuals interested in learning about the many options available to them, including job exploration, volunteering opportunities and leisure activities during the week.

Sunshine Early Intervention services offer a home-based educational program for Knox County families with children age newborn to the third birthday who qualify as having a learning problem or delay in development under Department of Education criteria.

Susan G. Komen Tennessee
Call 1-877-465-6636 or email helpline@komen.org.
For state executive director, Joshua Daniel, e-mail: jdaniel@komen.org or call 615-928-2269

The Susan G. Komen Breast Care Helpline provides information about breast health, breast cancer, local and national resources and information about clinical trials.

Some women and men may be embarrassed about a change in their breast or chest area. Others may not know it's important to see a health care provider about a change. However, putting off seeing a provider may result in a delay in breast cancer diagnosis. Survival is highest when breast cancer is found early and treated.

If you notice any of the warning signs or other changes in your breast or chest area, see a health care provider right away.

If you don't have a health care provider, one of the best ways to find a good one is to get a referral from a trusted family member or friend. You can also call your local health department, or a nearby hospital or clinic. If you have insurance, your insurance company may have a list of health care providers in your area.

Find information about financial assistance programs, including those for prescription drugs and other medical costs, transportation, lodging, and child and elder care.

Susan G. Komen offers the Komen Financial Assistance Program to eligible individuals undergoing breast cancer treatment at any stage or living with metastatic breast cancer (stage IV), the most advanced stage of breast cancer.

To learn more about this program, visit: www.komen.org/financial-assistance-program/

The Dream Connection
10805 Kingston Pike, #200,
Knoxville TN 37934
865-268-4420

Visit dreamconnection.org, then find the Donate selection on top of the home page, or the Contact Us choice for more information

A group of colleagues volunteering at East Tennessee Children's Hospital in the 1980s realized something. Kids they saw in hospital beds every day talked about what they wanted to do when they got better – go on trips with their families, meet celebrities, visit fanciful locales. But most of these children's families had poured all their resources into the medical treatments required by the devastating illnesses their little ones were dealing with – so there was precious little leftover for entertainment or fun.

The volunteers were so moved by these dreams that they thought someone should try to make them happen. What they realized was that the "someone" they were looking for was themselves.

These ambitious volunteers knew they couldn't make dreams come true on their own, so they created a charitable organization to amplify their dream-making power. They chose the title Dream Connection because their goal was to connect children battling debilitating and life-threatening illnesses with the resources needed to make a once-in-a-lifetime experience possible. They established and incorporated The Dream Connection, Inc. as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization under Tennessee state law on Oct. 10, 1985.

This entirely volunteer-based organization has made more than 1,100 dreams come true in 40 years, ensuring all donations go directly to fulfilling children's dreams without any overhead expenses.

The Florence Crittenton Agency, Inc.
1531 Dick Lonas Road,
Knoxville, Tennessee 37909
For more information, or for help, call 865-602-2021 — for urgent help dial 911 — or visit fcaknox.org

The history of the Florence Crittenton Agency began in 1896, when a group of community leaders in Knoxville established a home for young women in crisis. The original founders of the Florence Crittenton Agency modeled their program on the work of the Florence Crittenton Mission in Washington, D.C.

Founded in 1895 by Charles Crittenton, a businessman and philanthropist who named the mission in memory of his daughter, and Dr. Kate Waller Barrett, the Florence Crittenton Mission sought to support and empower unwed mothers and provide for the health of their infant children. Although the Florence Crittenton Agency is an independent nonprofit, our connections with other Crittenton programs continue to this day through our affiliation with the National Crittenton Foundation and its 27 member agencies.

The original Florence Crittenton Home in Knoxville served as a source of hope and support for young women in East Tennessee for nearly 20 years, but ongoing financial difficulties ultimately closed the original Florence Crittenton Home in the 1910s. Although the organization remained closed throughout the interwar period, however, community leaders had not forgotten the Florence Crittenton Home's important role within the community.

In 1963, a second generation of dedicated leaders began to discuss in earnest the need for a maternity home for teen mothers in Knoxville. A year later, the modern Florence Crittenton Agency was re-chartered, and began providing residential services out of a facility on Texas Avenue, in the heart of urban Knoxville.

The last two decades have continued these trends of growth and innovation.

The Love Kitchen
2418 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.,
Knoxville, TN 37915
Call 865-546-3248, e-mail thelovekitchen@gmail.com or visit thelovekitchen.org

Sisters Helen Ashe and Ellen Turner received nursing certifications as students at Knoxville College before starting work at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville.

Frequently seeing indigent patients coming to the Emergency Room hungry but not having enough money to purchase food, Helen would purchase food for these individuals and families.

After retiring, Helen and Ellen decided to carry this effort into their community by opening "The Love Kitchen" as a place where anyone and everyone could receive food.

The sisters served their first meals to 22 people on Feb. 14, 1986, in a church basement along Parkview Avenue in East Knoxville. From there, they served out of various houses in the neighborhood — and even at one point from the trunk of their car. The sisters' "will do" attitude ensured the hungry of their community were fed every week.

In 1991, the owners of Coleman Printing Company offered to sell the sisters their building along Martin Luther King Av-

enue for $1. The sisters agreed, and with some generous donations from patrons, the Love Kitchen received and renovated a permanent location just around the corner from the church where they began five years earlier.

The McNabb Center
200 Tech Center Drive,
Knoxville, TN 37912
Main number is 1-800-255-9711.
McNabb Center Foundation number is 865-541-6684 or to e-mail MCF: foundation@mcnabb.org

At The McNabb Center, services offered, which are found at the website www.mcnabbcenter.org, include mental health care, substance use treatment, social services and victim services.

Find a Health Crisis Hotline/Mobile Crisis Unit (all ages) at the far top right of the front website page or call 865-539-2409.

Adult Crisis Stabilization Unit, call 865-541-6958; Domestic Violence Hotline, call 865-637-8000; Sexual Assault Hotline, call 865-522-7273; or Runaway/Homeless Youth Hotline, 865-523-2689.

Other services found on the website include Therapeutic Foster Care & Adoption, 865-544-5000 and Military Services Program, 865-444-2333.

At the bottom pages of the website are areas to donate. To donate physical items, call 865-299-5230 or e-mail foundation@mcnabb.org

To volunteer, call 1-800-255-9711

Seventy years ago, a determined Helen Ross McNabb made an appeal to the Knoxville City Council for funds to help open a mental health agency for children. At this time, there was a great need, but little attention given to those suffering with mental illnesses.

Due to her persuasive efforts, one of the first community mental health clinics was established in the state of Tennessee. The agency was first created for children but quickly grew to also serve adults in 1955. The clinic opened in a house near the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus in 1948.

The Restoration House of East Tennessee
2205 Village Place Way,
Knoxville TN, 37923
To donate, or for more information, call 865-200-5406, visit therestorationhouse.net or e-mail: info@therestorationhouse.net

The Restoration House helps restore single mothers and their children back to God's good intent for their lives. Through supportive transitional housing, ally teams, family advocacy, and youth development, TRH walks alongside low-income single-parent families, helping them break harmful cycles and regain hope and a future.

At its core, The Restoration House believes that God intended for us to live in community. Further, God desires for all of humanity to be restored in four core relationships – with God, Self, Others and Creation. In support of this, TRH has developed "The Village," a neighborhood in which single-parent families develop supportive relationships and find healing, stability and opportunity as they build a brighter future.

In short, our Core Values are:

• God's desire for the complete restoration of all people. … God desires for us to love our neighbors as ourselves. … Our relationship with God is the central relationship that affects all others.

• community, as demonstrated in God's nature, life is less than what it could or should be when life is lived alone.

• reciprocity, because everyone should have the chance to work for their future.

• dignity, because being created in the image of God all are deserving of dignity.

• partnership and cooperation over duplication and competition.

United Way of Greater Knoxville
1301 Hannah Avenue,
Knoxville TN 37921
To donate, or for more information, call 865-523-9131, visit uwgk.org or e-mail info@unitedwayknox.org

When you donate to United Way of Greater Knoxville, you know that your money is going to programs in Knoxville that improve the lives of people living in our community. We are the leading charitable institution in Knoxville representing the wishes of our donors through our program review and funding process.

Volunteers work year-round to carefully weigh the needs of the community to ensure generous contributions are used in the most efficient, effective manner possible by local community partners. We are working diligently to improve our grant process each year to create a more equitable process for all local nonprofits seeking funding.

Our Community Investment grants are designed to seed, scale or support effective organizations delivering programs and initiatives that address systemic and community challenges. The two-year community investment grants award funds to organizations delivering program efficacy and results in response to prioritized community needs in our impact areas.

Since 2020, United Way has distributed more than $54 million dollars in funding to more than 155 partner organizations, with process including, but not limited to, outcomes-based grants, capacity building grants, Community Healing Fund, emergency food and shelter grants and distribution of CARES Act Direct Pay and ARPA funding.

Volunteer Ministry Center
511 North Broadway, Knoxville 37917
Visit www.vmcing.org or call 865-524-3926

Volunteer Ministry Center "facilitates permanent supportive housing for those who are homeless and to provide services to prevent homelessness."

The Center offers "specialized services to individuals experiencing homelessness and those within our community who are in crisis. VMC's programs support its two-fold mission of facilitating permanent supportive housing for those who are homeless and providing services to prevent homelessness."

VMC operates four main programs: the VMC Resource Center "is a case management program that assists people in their efforts to work their way out of homelessness."

Bush Family Refuge "serves individuals who are in crisis and who may be at risk of losing their housing."

Minvilla Manor are 57 apartments "each inhabited by a former chronically homeless and disabled individual" offering "case management services on-site and 24-hour staffing."

VMC Dental Clinic "uses professional dental clinicians to provide dental care and treatment to the homeless and low income of Knox County."

To donate, click the red Donate button at the top middle of the web page.

To volunteer, click the Get Involved heading on the home web page. As an initial step, schedule a

"Get acquainted with VMC" session by contacting Chloe Johnson at cjohnson@vmcinc.org or by calling 865-524-3926, extension 230.

YMCA of East Tennessee
616 Jessamine Street Knoxville TN 37917
865-525-9622
For more information, visit ymcaetn.org

Founded in 1854, the YMCA of East Tennessee is a charitable organization working toward a better community for us all. Every day, the Y supports kids, adults, seniors and families with programs that connect, teach, protect, heal, nourish and encourage. We work side-by-side with our neighbors to make sure that everyone – regardless of age, income or background — has the opportunity to learn, grow and thrive.

Serving East Tennessee for more than 160 years, we know that lasting personal and social change comes about when we all work together. That's why at the Y, strengthening community is our cause.

We are for youth development, for healthy living and for social responsibility. That's because a strong community can only be achieved when we invest in our kids, our health and our neighbors in the following ways:

Youth development: nurturing the potential of every child and teen.

Healthy living: improving the nation's health and well-being.

Social responsibility: giving back and providing support to our neighbors.

How we make a difference:

• We strengthen the foundation of communities through:

• Youth Development: Empowering young people to reach their full potential

• Healthy Living: Improving individual and community well-being

• Social Responsibility: Giving back and inspiring action in our communities

Young-Williams Animal Center
3201 Division Street, Knoxville, TN 37919, 865.433.YWAC
and
Young-Williams Animal Village
6400 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919, 865.433.YWAC, www.young-williams.org

At Young-Williams Animal Center, our mission is to lead the community to end pet homelessness, promote animal welfare and enhance the human-animal bond.

In 2018, Young-Williams Animal Center achieved for the first time in its history no-kill status. The definition of no-kill means saving all medically and behaviorally treatable animals and maintaining a save rate of 90 percent or more.

Young-Williams Animal Center relies on our committed and caring volunteers every day! Volunteers can participate in a variety of activities at either shelter location (Division Street and Kingston Pike), as well as throughout the year at special events and even in their own home. All potential volunteers must first complete the Volunteer Application found at www.young-williams.org/volunteer/

The Foster Program is an essential component of our vision of A Home for Every Pet and is crucial for our commitment to maintaining "No-Kill" status. Our foster families save lives by providing temporary housing, opening up shelter space for the thousands of pets who enter the center's care every year. Fosters also provide the extra care and attention often needed for very young animals and those receiving medical treatment. In 2023, our fosters cared for 2,938 pets! Visit www.young-williams.org/foster/ to sign up.

Young-Williams Animal Center welcomes donated items for use in the shelter. Visit www.young-williams.org/wishlist/ for a list of top current needs and wish lists. If you would like more information about making this type of donation or receiving tax credit for your donation, please contact via email at development@young-williams.org, text 865.265.0287, or call 865.433.9922 ext. 2007.

If you are interested in adopting, visit www.young-williams.org/adopt/ to find your new best friend!



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THE VILLAGES OF FARRAGUT

Christmas Market

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
2:00 – 4:00 PM

Over 20 Vendors *featuring*
UNIQUE, HANDMADE CREATIONS!

Open to the Public

The Perfect Time to Shop LOCAL Artists for Unique Christmas Gifts!

- Original Art
- Scented Items *(Candles, Room Spray)*
- Handmade Baskets
- Sourdough Bread
- Unique Gifts for Kids
- & So Much *More!*

CAC MOBILE MEALS — Food Drive

We are accepting donations of non-perishable food items to help stock the pantry for Mobile Meals.

The Mobile Meals drive helps provide meals to Knox County seniors in need.

FEED-A-PET KNOX PAWS — Feed-A-Pet Program

CAC Office on Aging

We are accepting donations of dog and cat food, soft pet toys, and small/medium pet beds.

The Feed-A-Pet Program helps provide food and care to the furry companions of our less fortunate seniors in Knox County.



"At The Villages of Farragut, we believe that giving back to our community is more than an act of kindness—it's a responsibility and a reflection of the values we hold dear. As a senior living community, we understand the importance of ensuring that older adults feel supported, cared for, and connected. That's why we are proud to support CAC Mobile Meals and the Feed-A-Pet Program, two wonderful initiatives that make a meaningful difference in the lives of seniors throughout our community. From providing nutritious meals to helping seniors care for their beloved pets, these programs offer comfort, companionship, and peace of mind to those who need it most. We believe that a strong community is built on neighbors helping neighbors, and even the smallest act of generosity can have a lasting impact. Through our Christmas Craft Market and donation drives, we invite our residents, families, and neighbors to join us in spreading kindness and making a difference right here in East Tennessee"

MOBILE MEALS PANTRY DRIVE

Helping homebound older adults access easy-to-open, easy-to-prepare food.

MOST-NEEDED PANTRY ITEMS

- Ensure / Boost
- Instant oatmeal; single-serve cereals
- Fruit and vegetable cups; applesauce
- Pudding cups; juice boxes
- Peanut butter
- Microwavable mac and cheese
- Microwavable potatoes and rice
- Shelf-stable microwave meals
- Chef Boyardee and other canned meals
- Pull-tab canned soups
- Canned / packaged tuna and meat
- Crackers

PLEASE CHOOSE ITEMS FROM THIS LIST.

Many recipients are unable to cook; simple preparation is essential.

FEED-A-PET PROGRAM

Helping older adults care for their beloved dogs and cats.

DOG FOOD

- Purina ONE Small Bites (8 lb bag)
- Pedigree Small Bites (4 lb bag)
- Pedigree tender bites pouches
- Cesar small-breed wet food trays
- Beneful IncrediBites small cans

CAT FOOD

- Purina Cat Chow (3.15 lb bag)
- Friskies (3.15 lb bag)
- Friskies gravy and pâté cans
- 9Lives gravy and pâté cans

OTHER HELPFUL ITEMS

- Cat litter (10 lb clay or lightweight)
- Small soft dog treats
- Small / medium pet beds
- Warm dog clothing; soft toys
- Harnesses; retractable leashes

BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO OUR CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET
Thursday, December 3 | 2:00–4:00 PM

For Event Information, Call
The Villages of Farragut
865-671-2500

For More Information and More Ways to Donate to the Drives, Contact:
Lynsey Chasteen
Community Relations Director
865-748-3553

Light the Park

Thousands gathered to enjoy the lights, entertainment and treats at Founders Park at Campbell Station Monday, Nov. 23, for Town of Farragut's 15th Annual Countdown to Light the Park.



Consultants of Sound perform



Siggi Tu holding Siggi Tu Jr. and wife Grace Tu



Hallie Reid, left, and Whitney Kent



Seva Narzieva holding daughter Sadiya, 2, and standing beside sister, Nozima



Tennova's Tony Benton

Photos by Tammy Cheek

CHRISTMAS



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Celebrate with Water into Wine this Holiday Season!

11th Annual
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Please check our website and social media for details.
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607 N. Campbell Station Road, Farragut
865-392-1586 | www.WaterintoWineKnoxville.com - w2wKnoxville@gmail.com
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Holiday Happenings

Light the Park

The lights at Founders Park, Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza and throughout the Town of Farragut will be on from now through Thursday, Dec. 31. Letters can be delivered to Santa's mailbox at Founders Park through Thursday, Dec. 17. Be sure to include a return address to receive a reply from the North Pole! The Holiday Tree Village in Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza consists of 30 trees, decorated by local non-profits, churches, schools and organizations, providing a beautiful and community-oriented addition to the Light the Park display.

Campbell Station Skate

Campbell Station Skate is a synthetic ice rink nestled in the heart of the Town of Farragut at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza. Make a day of it and enjoy nearby shopping and dining, many within walking distance of the rink. If you are visiting the rink on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday you can enjoy an extra treat, as food trucks will be stationed at the Ice rink on the weekends. Campbell Station Skate will be open from now through Thursday, Dec. 31 with the following hours: Monday: Closed, Tuesday-Thursday: 4 p.m.- 8 p.m., Friday-Sunday: 1 p.m.- 8 p.m. The rink will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

See more Holiday Happenings inside!

Holiday Happenings

Downtown Knoxville Activities

• Downtown Knoxville Alliance invites residents and visitors to enjoy a season filled with sparkling lights, festive activities, local shopping and family-friendly celebrations. The holiday cheer begins Nov. 27 and runs through Jan. 3, offering plenty of opportunities to make memories and experience the magic of downtown. Plan your visit and see the full holiday lineup at downtownknoxville.org/holiday. Details below:

The Elf on the Shelf® Adventure

A beloved holiday tradition returns for its 11th year! Families and visitors can explore downtown while searching for more than two dozen hidden elves inside participating shops and restaurants. Pick up a North Pole Pass and self-inking holiday stamp at Mast General Store or the Visit Knoxville Visitors Center, both on Gay Street. Find 20+ elves for a chance to win prizes and share your photos using #ElvesInKnox.

Sleigh the Peppermint Trail

Follow #KnoxPeppermint decals along downtown sidewalks to uncover seasonal treats and specialty flavors. From peppermint and gingerbread to cranberry and apple spice, the trail offers plenty of holiday-inspired discoveries – plus boutiques stocked with peppermint-themed gifts, soaps, candles and more.

Skate at Holidays on Ice

Lace up your skates and enjoy the open-air ice rink surrounded by twinkling lights in the heart of downtown. Open seven days a week for kids and adults, Holidays on Ice is the perfect way to make magical memories. Find tickets, waivers and details on the City of Knoxville's website at knoxvillesholidaysonice.com.

Shop Local & Holiday Markets

Find one-of-a-kind gifts while supporting downtown's locally owned shops and boutiques. Holiday market favorites include the First Friday ArtWalk on Dec. 4, from 5-9 p.m. and the Old City Market on Saturday, Nov. 28, and Sunday, Dec. 13, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. The Winter Farmers Market also returns on Saturdays, Dec. 5, 12 and 19, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. during the holiday season.

Capture Magical Memories

Downtown offers plenty of festive backdrops for holiday photos. Visit the Peppermint Grove light display at Market Square, admire the decorated windows at the Knoxville Entrepreneur Center and check out the new seasonal mural coming to Strong Alley the week of Nov. 30. Share your favorite downtown holiday moments using #LoveDowntownKnox.

Santa's Mailbox on Market Square

Drop off your holiday wishes in a magical mailbox designed by local artist Paris Woodhull. Kids can download a special coloring page created by Santa's elves. Be sure to send your wishes before Christmas Eve.

Holiday Festival of Lights

The 28th annual Holiday Festival of Lights is coming to The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 S. Northshore Drive. Tuesday, Dec. 1 from 6–9 p.m. is the opening night of this beloved community tradition. The lights will shine from 6–9 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31, excluding Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Enjoy a sparkling, music-coordinated light display along The Cove's three-quarter-mile greenway trail, plus hot drinks and light refreshments available for purchase each night. Santa's Workshop activities will take inside the building throughout the festival.

The festival is free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring non-perishable food donations for The Love Kitchen, or purchase a Christmas mug and receive a free hot chocolate, with proceeds benefiting The Love Kitchen.

Leashed pets are welcome, and fire pits will be available for warming up or roasting s'mores!

Celebrate the Season

Celebrate the Season will be held on Thursday, Dec. 3, 4:30-7 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center. This Farragut family favorite will include photos with Santa, cookie decorating, crafts and light refreshments.

Knoxville Opera Holiday Concert

Knoxville Opera presents the Knoxville Opera Holiday Concert, a festive evening of music and community, on Saturday, December 5, at 6 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church, 2829 Kingston Pike. The concert features the Knoxville Opera Gospel Choir, the Knoxville Opera Children's Choir, and the Knoxville Opera Holiday Quartet, bringing together voices of all ages to celebrate the warmth, hope, and togetherness of the holiday season. The program includes beloved seasonal favorites, inspiring choral music, gospel selections, and timeless classics. Whether continuing a family tradition or beginning a new one, audiences are invited to gather with family and friends and celebrate the season through the power of music. Tickets are $10 for children and $15 for adults. For more information, visit knoxvilleopera.org

Gingerbread House Competition

A Gingerbread House Competition will take place on Thursday, Dec. 10, 6-8 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center. Build a gingerbread house with your team and compete in "People's Choice" voting on social media. All supplies will be provided, but space is limited. All ages are welcome, $10 per team (up to four participants), $5 per additional team member. Register at townoffarragut.org/775/Special-Events.

Holiday Ornament Craft Night

Join Town of Farragut for a night of holiday crafting! Holiday Ornament Craft Night will be held on Friday, Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center. Ages 16 and up, $8 per participant. A variety of trendy, holiday ornament projects will be available. Enjoy light refreshments while crafting and meeting new people; all skill levels are welcome. This event requires preregistration. Register at townoffarragut.org/775/Special-Events.

'Twas the Night with No Parents

Town of Farragut's 'Twas the Night with No Parents will be on Friday, Dec. 18, 5-8 p.m. at the Farragut Community Center. Ages 6 to 12, $10 per child. Get your shopping done or take a few hours to relax while your children spend the evening at the community center! This event will feature food, games and crafts. Spaces are limited. Register at townoffarragut.org/775/Special-Events.



Courtesy of Tom Nitz

The Farragut Lions Club mascot will join forces with Santa Claus again this year at the second annual Lions' Club pancake breakfast.

Lions pairing sweet, salty for pancakes with Santa

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Anyone seeing a movie at Regal Pinnacle in Turkey Creek may find that their popcorn soon will come with the option of pancakes, too.

Ahead of its second annual pancake breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 12, the Farragut Lions Club is running ads before movies at the movie theater from Saturday, Nov. 28 through Friday, Dec. 11.

"We want to see if we can get more participation for the Santa breakfast that way," new Farragut Lions Club president Tom Nitz said. "We are excited to see what kind of crowd it can help bring. Last year it was pretty slow, and there were a lot of bacon and pancakes made that were left over."

Nitz wants to ensure that is not the case this year, as he hopes the free event will bring plenty of families to Longhorn Steakhouse on Parkside Drive that Saturday.

Held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., the festivities will allow children to meet Santa while munching on pancakes, bacon and assorted drink options.

"For the pancake breakfast, which is one of our projects, 100% of any money donated goes back into the community," Nitz said. "We don't use any of the money from our projects for administrative costs. Those are covered by each member, and we pay dues every year. Then whatever we raise, we give back. Now, sometimes we will use a little bit of the money to promote and make the event successful, but that is just part of it. It takes money to raise money."

For last year's event, Nitz connected with Stephen Cooley, now the former manager at Longhorn. Still, Cooley is "committed to helping our club with this pancake breakfast and the car show," Nitz said. "(Cooley) has introduced me to the new manager that has taken over, and they are still on board to help us out."

"They have been a great supporter for us," he added. "They also will help us with the car show, which we are moving to May for this year. My thought is normally people have cabin fever by that time, and we typically have nice weather."

Overall, Nitz noted it has been "a busy year" in his first few months as president.

Within that year, Nitz came up with a slogan for the Lions: "We serve with purpose. We serve with heart. Together we rise."

They have lived out that approach with each event, and the breakfast will be no exception.

"Our primary focus is having projects where we raise money to give back to the community," Nitz said. "Obviously our primary focus is vision, but we also help with food insecurities and help with the church food pantry and Second Harvest and any other needs that come up. Like when the wildfires came up, we handed out gift cards. But our primary focus is raising money to give back to the community."

For more information on the breakfast or to reserve a spot, visit the following link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/breakfast-with-santa-tickets-2003949589166?utm_experiment=test_share_listing&aff=ebdsshios.



Courtesy of Tom Nitz

Members of the Farragut Lions Club enjoyed their inaugural pancake breakfast with Santa last December, and they are excited to host it once again this year on Saturday, Dec. 12.