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Pictured: Rick Terry, owner of Rick Terry Jewelry Designs, with wife, Patty, and sons Matthew and Blake | See pages 8 & 9



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Since 1987, Graphic Creations has proudly served East Tennessee with a mission to do whatever it takes for our clients, our future, and our community. What began as a small print shop near the University of Tennessee selling course packets for professors has grown into a full-service commercial printing, marketing, and brand solutions company rooted in the Knoxville community.

Today, with two locations in Knoxville and Oak Ridge and a team of 40 dedicated employees, we partner with businesses, schools, and nonprofit organizations throughout our region. From business cards and brochures to vehicle wraps, signage, corporate apparel, and promotional products, we provide creative print solutions to meet a variety of needs. Our team can take projects from design through printing, production, and installation, helping our clients bring their brands to life with consistency and creativity.

Giving back is an important part of who we are. Graphic Creations is committed to supporting youth development and education through organizations such as the 865 Academies within Knox County Schools, Boys & Girls Clubs of the

Tennessee Valley, Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians, FCA, and many others. We believe investing in young people is investing in the future of our community, and we are proud to support initiatives that help the next generation grow into tomorrow's leaders.

President and Owner Jim Caughorn continues the legacy his father began more than 35 years ago. As a proud third-generation company, Graphic Creations is built on strong relationships, hard work, and a team dedicated to living out our core values. With several University of Tennessee alumni among our employees, we share a deep connection to the community we serve. We believe in treating our customers like family and creating lasting partnerships built on trust, communication, and exceptional service.

Whether we're helping a small business tell its story or creating signage for a community event, our goal is to deliver creative solutions and legendary customer service. We're proud to serve East Tennessee and look forward to helping our clients and community succeed for generations to come.



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Recent work from the Graphic Creations team — designed, produced, and installed at Farragut High School!



Beautiful work by the Graphic Creations team for Knox County Schools!

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Testprep Experts tutors high school students for college admissions tests, such as the ACT and SAT, and undergraduate students for professional school admission tests, such as the GRE, GMAT, and LSAT. We also help high school students through the entire college admissions process, particularly in completing all aspects of the Common Application. We offer all services in a very comfortable, in-person classroom setting at our office on 308 South Peters Rd.

Michael K. Smith, Ph.D., (on the right in the photo) founded Testprep Experts in 1984 and has been offering services at 308 South Peters since 2004. He is a former valedictorian of West High School, achieved undergraduate and graduate degrees from UTK, and taught psychology at UTK for many years. He has written numerous books

and articles about standardized testing. Richard Kendrick, Ph.D., the Assistant Director, has worked with Dr. Smith for over ten years. Dr. Kendrick is originally from California. He moved to Knoxville to pursue his graduate degree in 2006 at UTK, where he also taught courses in social psychology and statistics.

Our aim is to help students achieve test scores that will help them gain admission to a college or university of their choice. Improved test scores often lead to merit scholarships.

Dr. Smith is a devoted pickleball player and an avid reader. Dr. Kendrick enjoys cooking elaborate meals and keeping up with his beagle Olive.

Testprep Experts can be contacted via email (mike@testprepexperts.com), phone (865-694-4108), or through our website (www.testprepexperts.com).



Michael K. Smith, Ph.D., right, and Rick Kendrick, Ph.D.

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For owners Scott Brockamp and Doug Fraker, the company's success is built on more than technology. It's about relationships, trust, and treating customers like family. As a locally owned, family-operated business, they take pride in providing dependable service, straightforward solutions, and the peace of mind that comes from knowing someone is always there when you need them.

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Unlike the national brands, we are a family-owned company that is 100 percent local,” explained President Scott Tate, who started the agency in 2008.

“Tate Insurance Group is a LOCALLY owned and operated agency. We live here, we work here and we invest in our community. Our formula is simple: we take care of Knoxville because Knoxville puts their trust in us to make sure their insurance is handled by local professionals who care about every client.” —Scott Tate

Since its founding, Tate Insurance Group has brought on two local partners -- Stuart Bilbrey and Amy Moore. The agency’s branch offices are also run by Knoxville residents.

“Insurance is not about selling policies; it’s about building lasting relationships and giving peace of mind delivered by local people you know.” — Stuart Bilbrey

“I’ve insured people’s first cars, then their first homes, and now their kids first cars. Being part of this community for 30 years and watching families grow is the greatest reward of this career.” — Amy Moore

“We hire local,” Tate said.

Our succession plan does not involve an out-of-state company or national decision. Our succession plan stays in the family and will always be representative of the local flavor of Knoxville.

Our Knoxville based staff feel very strongly that we should be involved in our community and give back to our community.

The company aims to support local sports

teams and schools through donations and sponsorships.

“Why do we give back? Because the families in this community have been so good to me and my family,” he said.

Given the current economic climate, Tate emphasized the necessity of supporting local businesses and organizations.

“I think now, more than ever, it is important to do business locally and with family-owned businesses,” he said. “It has been a hard year for everyone and doing business locally only helps protect the economy in the area you live.”

Tate Insurance Group was awarded the Distinguishing title of being Ramsey Trusted and given the Ramsey Shield to use in their business. “Dave Ramsey and his influence and teachings are a guiding factor in our agency and unlike every other agency in Knoxville, makes us unique and accountable to standards that are measurable and evaluated by the Ramsey team monthly.” Scott said.

“Unlike your standard agency, we pride ourselves in providing a higher level of service and product choices,” he said.

Specializing in service and protection, the company has over 4,000 clients that represent various areas of insurance coverage.

“We write local businesses ranging from auto dealers to distributors to hotels to contractors and everything in between,” Tate said. “In personal lines we write home, auto, umbrella, and all areas that a person has for insurance needs. We also write a large amount of health and life insurance to protect our customers and provide them peace of mind.”



Owner/President Scott Tate, Owner, Amy Moore and Owner/Vice President Stuart Bilbrey.

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As the holiday season approaches, we find ourselves reflecting on just how far our family business has come and how deeply thankful we are for the incredible support of our community. What began decades ago as my parents' dream, fueled by artistry and dedication, has grown into something far greater than we could have ever imagined. Today, our workshop hums with creativity, collaboration, and the steady rhythm of skilled hands crafting jewelry that tells your stories.

This year has brought us an extraordinary amount of work and an outpouring of trust from our customers that humbles us every day. We are genuinely grateful for the many new projects and custom designs we've been asked to bring to life. While our benches are busier than ever (a challenge we welcome with full hearts), we encourage our customers to plan ahead for custom holiday pieces, as our production schedule is filling quickly.



In an age when so much is mass-produced, we remain proud to create jewelry the traditional way: designed, cast, set, and polished right here in our town. Our roots are local, our values are local, and our commitment to quality craftsmanship runs deep. We know that when you choose to shop with a family-owned business, you're not just buying a product, you're helping preserve the spirit of our community.

I also want to take a moment to recognize our incredible team. My parents' leadership and passion continue to inspire us daily, and my brother and our staff have worked tirelessly to serve each customer with care and dedication. Their talent and commitment make everything we do possible.

As we head into the holidays, we are filled with gratitude for your loyalty, your patience, and your belief in our work. From our family to yours, thank you for allowing us to be a part of your stories, year after year.

This season, we encourage you to continue supporting local makers and small businesses. Together, we can keep our community vibrant, creative, and strong!

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Vice President Joe Matlock, Co-Founder Jane Matlock and Owner/President Jimmy Matlock

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Volunteer Chiropractic

Dr. Dan Watkins named 2026 Tennessee Chiropractor of the Year

Dr. James D. “Dan” Watkins, owner of Volunteer Chiropractic in Farragut, has been named the 2026 Doctor of Chiropractic of the Year by the Tennessee Chiropractic Association (TCA).

Selected by his peers, Watkins received the award Aug. 22 during the annual Southern Chiropractic Conference in Franklin. The honor recognizes a TCA member with at least 10 years in practice who has demonstrated significant commitment to the association and the chiropractic profession.

A Memphis native, Watkins and his wife, Keelie, opened Volunteer Chiropractic 21 years ago. The practice, located at 10826 Kingston Pike, Suite B, offers chiropractic care, professional massage and specialized services. Watkins holds certifications in chiropractic orthopedics, acupuncture, strength and conditioning, and golf injury prevention.

“I am truly humbled by this recognition

from my peers,” Watkins said. He credited his wife, Keelie, his mother and others who supported him throughout his career, adding, “All glory goes to God for his steadfastness to keep guiding a bull-headed person such as myself.”

Encouraged by an uncle to pursue chiropractic, Watkins first earned a bachelor’s degree in English literature from the University of Tennessee in 1993. He received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Life University in Atlanta in 2001.

Watkins also serves on the TCA Board of Directors as District II director for the East Tennessee Valley.

Family has played an important role in the practice, with the couple’s daughters, Lucy and Sadie James, helping in the office while growing up. Lucy graduated from UT in 2024 and now lives and works in Charleston, South Carolina. Sadie James attends UT.

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Enough can’t be said about our editorial folks. These men and women are out on the street finding interesting stories about local residents, covering the high school sports teams and letting the community know about what’s new in the area and what’s happening at our places of worship.

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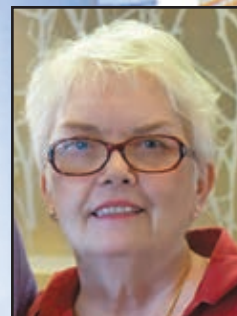
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The Villages Fall Festival

Villages of Farragut residents enjoyed a day celebrating autumn with the Villages Fall Festival at the independent living community Friday, Oct. 16.

"It's great," said Laura Needham Villages' community relations director, adding the festival drew 30 vendors this year. They ranged from home health to bee product businesses, as well as crafters. Additionally, the crowd was entertained by the band, Wild Blue Yonder.

"It gets bigger every year," Villages lifestyle assistant Kayla Merriman said. "Most of them bring a door prize."

"One of the new Villas residents, is an artist and set up a booth," she added.

~ Tammy Cheek, *farragutpress*

Photos Tammy Cheek/Submitted



The Villages of Farragut

A thriving community for seniors

The Villages of Farragut, a thriving independent living community designed for adults ages 55 and older, offers an exceptional environment where residents can embrace life to the fullest.

Situated on a beautiful 25-acre campus, The Villages of Farragut features an impressive variety of amenities, including spacious apartments filled with natural light, walking and biking trails, a dog park, spa, and much more—all thoughtfully designed to enhance residents' comfort, independence, and quality of life.

In addition to its apartment residences, The Villages of Farragut offers newly built, spacious two-bedroom villas designed for those seeking a maintenance-free lifestyle while maintaining their independence. These thoughtfully designed villas provide an ideal opportunity for seniors to age in place, enjoying the comforts of home with the added benefits of a welcoming senior living community. Continuing its commitment to meeting the growing needs of area seniors, The Villages of Farragut is preparing to break ground on six additional villas, with anticipated completion in Summer 2027.

Owners Gary and Ricki Keckley, based in Franklin, Tennessee, believe in empowering their Executive Directors to make decisions that best serve the unique needs of each community. Their company, GoodWorks Unlimited, is proudly celebrating 26 years of serving seniors. Through the Keckleys' dedication, leadership, and extensive experience over the past two decades, GoodWorks Unlimited has expanded to 27 senior living communities throughout Tennessee and Kentucky, offering a range of living options from independent living to communities providing a continuum of care.

"Our residents are looking for more than just a place to live. They want a happy, safe environment where they can enjoy wonderful food, meaningful friendships, and a genuine sense of family—and that is exactly what we strive to provide every day. We are truly blessed to be part of the Farragut community," shares Melody Matney, Executive Director of The Villages of Farragut.



Gary and Ricki Keckley, owners of the Villages of Farragut





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