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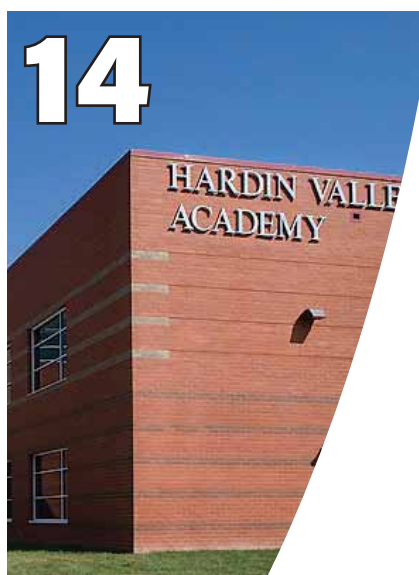
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HonorAir Knoxville Flight 32

Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley
resident veteran takes flight to DC

Air Force veteran Don Mills recently joined more than 100 East Tennessee veterans, Wednesday, April 12, on HonorAir Knoxville Flight 32 to Washington, D.C., to visit the war memorials.

Leaving Knoxville, Mills' family and members of the Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley staff joined the throngs of supporters with signs and encouragement for him.

"It was wonderful," said Mills, 89, a resident at Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley. He traveled with his son-in-law, Steve Vandergriff.

"He pushed me all over Washington in a wheelchair," Mills said about his son-in-law.

"He loved it," Mills' daughter, Catherine Vandergriff, said about her husband's experience in Washington.

The flight left at 9 a.m. from Tyson McGhee Airport and returned in the evening to a large welcome-home celebration. More than 130 veterans traveled on the flight to tour the World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War memorials, among others.

"I liked all the different memorials – they are all very nice," Mills said. However, one memorial that stood out, for him was the U.S. Marine Corps. Memorial had special meaning for Mills.

"They had all the guys raising the flag on Iwo Jima," he said. "They had it in a bronze statue."

Of seven brothers and two sisters, "I had six older brothers that were in the Marines," Mills shared. "They all served in World War II in the Pacific campaign. They all saw combat, but they all came home without

Above left: Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley Assisted Living veteran, Don Mills, served in the early 1950s in the U.S. Air Force, for which he was stationed in Japan before serving at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. **Right:** Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley Assisted Living veteran, Don Mills, in wheelchair, was escorted by his son-in-law on an HonorAir Flight.

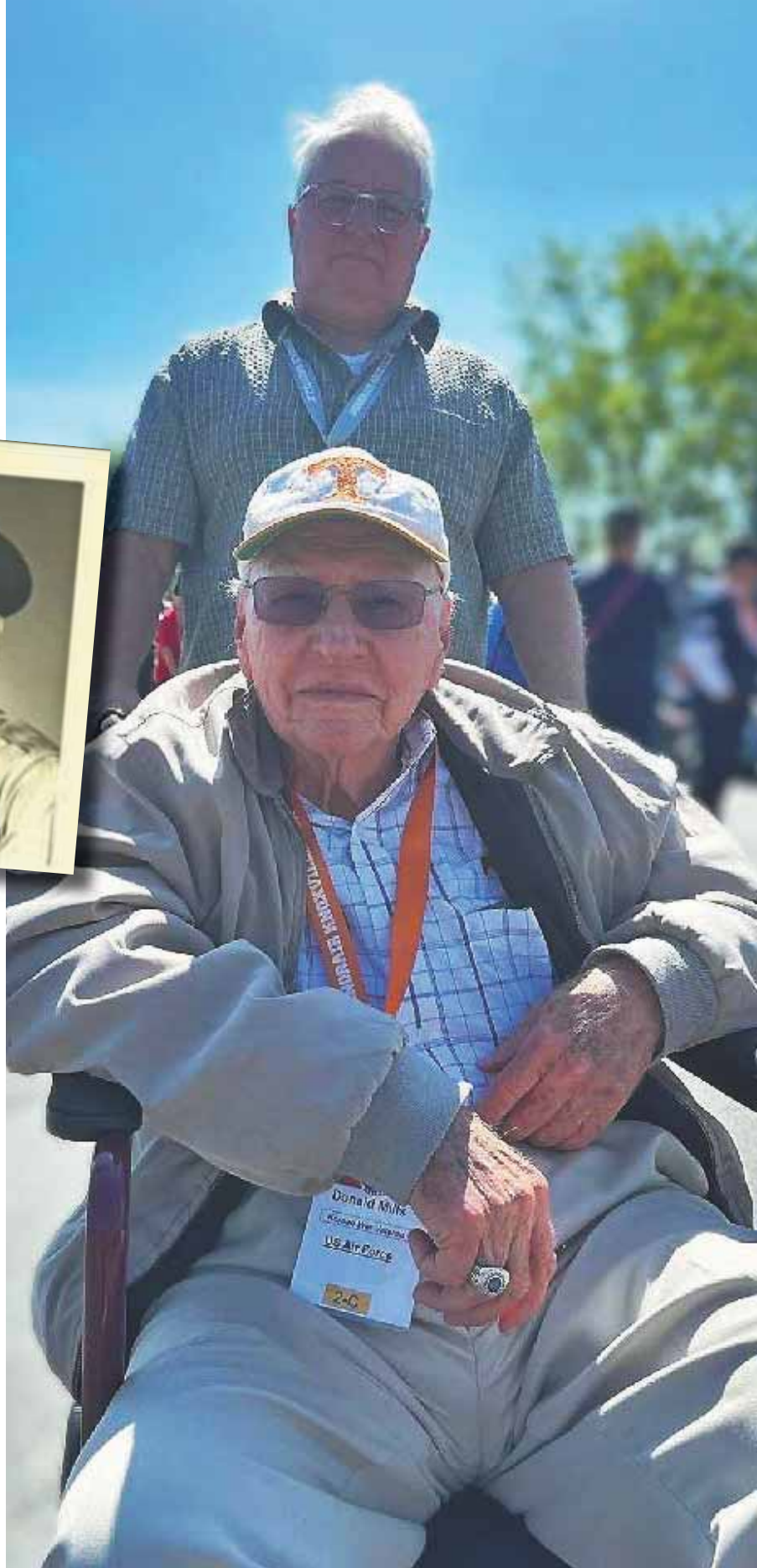


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Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley Assisted Living veteran, Don Mills, in wheelchair in front, receives a send-off from the team at Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley Assisted Living. On hand, were, front row, from left: Cammie Duncan, Lantern Program director at Morning Pointe; Annie Stiefel and Hudson Stiefel. Back row: Tracy Sone, and Kathy Berry, physical therapists with Healthpro Heritage; Jessica Treece and April Root, caregivers from Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley; Megan Dunaway, Community Relations director at Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley; Samantha Workman, physical therapist with Healthpro Heritage; Karen Martin, speech therapist with Healthpro Heritage; Ben Stiefel, executive director at Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley; and Brayden Stiefel.

being wounded.

“Two brothers landed on Guadecanal,” he recalled. “They all encouraged me not to go into the Marines, so I went into the Air National Guard [precursor to the Air Force].”

Mills served from 1952-56. When he enlisted, he already had his pilot’s license, which he earned at age 16.

Mills said he wanted to be a cadet but didn’t pass the physical. During his service, he was a mechanic and then a flight engineer. At one point, he held a record for fastest solo flight, at three hours and 15 minutes.

“He was stationed in Japan,” his daughter, Catherine Vandergriff, said. “They had a baseball team. He was the pitcher for the Air Force baseball team in Ashiyamachi (or Ashiya Beach in English).

“On the southern island,” Mills said, adding he also went to Korea, changing an engine on a C-47, but did not see combat action.

During his Air Force career, he was stationed in San Antonio and Wichita Falls, Texas, as well as Maxwell Field in Montgomery, Alabama, where he met his wife,

Sarah, who worked at the base. They had four children — Chuck Mills, Tricia Baehr, Catherine and Andy Mills, who all attended Farragut schools. Mills also has six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mills, who grew up in Knoxville, was discharged from the Air Force after four years of service as a staff sergeant.

“We moved to Farragut in 1967, Catherine said.

“We’re so glad Don was able to have this opportunity,” said Ben Stiefel, executive director at Morning Pointe of Hardin Valley. “We love to honor our veterans for everything they have done to protect and support our country.

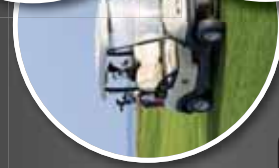
“They truly deserve this special recognition, and I am so glad that Don had a good time on this trip,” he added.

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‘The Hawk’

It was just natural: “The Hawk” speaking to the Hawks.

Perhaps it’s no wonder Hardin Valley Academy’s varsity baseball team has been red-hot through two-thirds of their 2023 high school season — including a sweep against rival and defending Class 4A state champ Farragut.

The Hawks got some pre-season advice from a Major League Baseball Hall of Famer, as Andre “The Hawk” Dawson, a former Chicago Cub and Montreal Expo All-Star outfielder most of his 21-year career (1976-1996), spoke to head coach Tyler Roach’s Hawks team during “An Evening with Andre Dawson,” an HVA program fundraiser Feb. 9 in The Venue in Lenoir City.

Upon meeting these high school players, “I realized at that particular time (as a teenager) what the game meant to me,” said Dawson — the 1977 National League Rookie of the Year, 1987 NL MVP and 2010 Hall of Fame inductee who smacked 438 career home runs (a .279 career batting average) while one of only eight players in MLB history to hit at least 300 home runs and steal at least 300 bases — after the meeting.

“I tried to remind them — first and foremost — it’s still recreation, and education is the key,” he added. “If you’ve got the talent and the ability, somebody’s going to notice. Just believe in yourself: your talent and your ability.

“Give it your best effort and don’t be afraid to fail. It’s going to happen — but you learn from your mistakes and you move forward.”

Even if you’re a talented team, Dawson said he warned these HVA student/athletes that winning “is not going to be easy. It’s a game of failure. You’ve got to be able to learn and adapt to failure.”

Given the program’s baseball excellence, Dawson warned the Hawks players and coaches that HVA opponents “are going to be on you tight, and you’re going to have to know how to counter — all the adjustments you’ve got to make.”

As for why he does these appearances, “I enjoy talking to the kids,” said Dawson, who also signed about 40 autographs before telling stories about his career in a ballroom full of HVA parents, faculty and staff, other program supporters, Cubs fans and Dawson fans to highlight the event. “I want to emphasize dreaming — you’ve got to eat, sleep and drink it if you

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Dawson

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want to be successful.”

Reflecting on his career

Asked to name the two best pitchers he faced, Dawson listed four, then said, “probably the two best were Bruce Sutter (reliever, St. Louis) and Nolan Ryan (starter, N.Y. Mets, Texas Rangers, Houston Astros).

With Ryan known for throwing one of the most lethal fastballs in MLB history, “I always liked the challenges of the power guys like a Nolan Ryan because it’s strength-against-strength,” Dawson said.

“He had a tendency to be intimidating, but I would never let a pitcher intimidate me,” the Hall of Famer added. “I would go out there knowing it was going to be a battle.”

Asked if he could sum up his career in one word, Dawson — after hesitating a few seconds — said “painful.”

“I had 12 knee operations,” added Dawson, a funeral home owner in Miami. “I was like every year there was some form of rehab.”

He then had second thoughts choosing “painful,” wanting to emphasize that baseball “is the game that I love and the only thing I ever wanted to do.”

About changes in MLB, “I’m glad they’re doing away with the shift,” Dawson said about a rule that no longer allows infielders to shift beyond the general area of their natural position when facing certain hitters.

“I think that’s going to bring more offense to the game,” he added.

Overall, “I’d like to see the game more catered to the youth because that’s where the game should be,” Dawson said.



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“Every bay has a server, and we have a full-service kitchen and full-bar service, so it's just like being at a restaurant,” said Grenier, noting that the menu offers high-quality American favorites like burgers, wings and flatbread pizzas, as well as a variety of beer, cocktails and wine.

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Summer Academy, a week-long program for children ages six through 12, will also be held at five different times throughout the summer. Grenier said this program teaches everything needed to get started in golf.

“We teach them about golf and we feed them, and they have a lot of fun – it’s kind of like a kid’s camp for Topgolf,” he said.

In addition to the Summer Academy, Topgolf offers individual and group lessons and public classes throughout the year. Parties, fundraisers and other events can also be held at the venue.

“We can accommodate pretty much any size of a party,” said Grenier,

noting that the largest party hosted so far consisted of more than 500 people. “There are several different options depending on how many people you have and the different types of food options you’re looking for.”

Space for larger events can be reserved 30 days out, while parties of 12 people or less can be booked two weeks out, Grenier said. But, depending on the day and time of the event, it’s possible for the venue to be completely sold out.

On Tuesdays, for example, when Topgolf offers its half-price promotion, the venue will likely not be able to handle large parties. As a result, Grenier suggests booking your event as early as you can.

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Selected top school accomplishments are highlighted in photos throughout this section from the 2018-19 school year through the current school year.



Celebrating 15 years of Hardin Valley Academy

By Alan Sloan

There were 60 teachers and about 1,200 students at the opening of Hardin Valley Academy in August 2008 — with a freshman-through-junior enrollment that first school year.

Fifteen years later, the school's faculty has more than doubled, while HVA's academic achievements rival Farragut and Bearden high schools for the best among Knox County Schools.

Student enrollment annually goes beyond 2,000, rivaling Bearden annually for the largest among all county high schools.

Interesting beginnings

Guiding HVA through its first 11 years was principal Sallee Reynolds, who had been the principal at Knoxville West High for roughly three-and-a-half years when then Knox County Schools superintendent



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Right: Already setting records for top competition finishes, Hardin Valley Academy's 2022 Spirit of the Valley Marching Band prepared for a huge national competition in fall 2022. Led by director Alex Rector, the HVA band placed eighth among a 27-band field during a Band of America Regional event in Jacksonville, Alabama, "resulting in a record high score for (HVA at) a BOA Regional event and our second highest placement in a regional," a band press release stated. With this year's program "Catching Fireflies," Spirit of the Valley was among roughly 100 of the nation's top high school bands competing in "the biggest high school event of the year, Band of America Grand Nationals" in Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 11-12, the release further stated. This trip marks Spirit of the Valley's third BOA trip in the last 13 years.



Right: A Hardin Valley Academy 2021 graduate was one of two selected to receive a \$20,000 four-year scholarship awarded by the Rotary Club of Knoxville, which was presented during a ceremony in July 2021 at The Foundry in Downtown Knoxville. Linnea Johnson, who graduated with a 4.55 weighted grade-point average and a score of 34 on her ACT exam, received the James Schaad \$20,000 Scholarship (four years). "Since her mother is a cancer survivor, the family has significant medical debt," a RCK press release stated. "Linnea does extensive volunteering. She also started her own pet-care business, Mutt Strut, when she was 15. ... She will attend the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and pursue a career in occupational therapy."



Facing page, lower right: Then senior Anna Hart, right, was all smiles with supporters when she was named HVA Homecoming Queen in fall 2019.

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Charles Lindsey “asked if I would be willing to serve as principal of the new ‘northwest high school’” in early February 2007, she recalled.

After “thinking about it about a week-and-a-half,” Reynolds decided to accept the offer, which came on Valentine’s Day of 2007.

For the remainder of the 2006-07 school year, Reynolds found herself splitting her duties between West and what would become HVA.

Knox County Public Building Authority “was given the responsibility of building that school,” Reynolds said, adding there was “a great working relationship” with KCPBA, Merit Construction Co. and Lewis Architect Group.

As for key figures from KCS fondly remembered, “Russ Oaks, he was in the (public relations) role at that time. He was very supportive and helped with a lot of things,” Reynolds said.

George Ashe, then a British literature teacher and varsity boys soccer head coach at West, joined Reynolds in July 2007 as an assistant principal.

“We were in a position to kind of chart our course,” said Ashe, who also became HVA athletic director and STEM Academy principal.

“George and I were a committee of two,” Reynolds said. “We made decisions about furniture, we made decisions about what type of technology.

“With the exception of the soft seating in the library, we chose every stick of furniture in this building,” she added. “... Colors of the door, colors of the brick, color of the floor, color of the walls. All of these decisions were made by us.”

Moreover, saying she was inspired by observing a beautiful blue sky while on vacation, Reynolds decided the school colors would be powder blue and Navy blue.

Shortages

Because funds had been exhausted in construction costs and furniture, “We didn’t have all the textbooks we needed,” Ashe said. “We had state-of-the-art chemistry and biology labs, but no glassware.”

In athletics, “We had the fields, but we didn’t have anything to cut them with,” he said about a lack of

mowing equipment. “There was no equipment in the budget.”

Such items were among those “that should have been in the budget, but weren’t thought of,” Ashe said. “They just slipped people’s minds.”

As a result, “We were calling friends at all of our (Knox County) Schools and saying, ‘hey, do you have any extra textbooks? Do you have some extra glassware? Do you have some extra whatever?’” Ashe recalled.

“And they were most gracious; they would help us out,” he added. “I would drive over XZY school and pick up a whole box-load of glassware.”

“... When we started this (football) program, we didn’t even have a football that was ours; we had to borrow some to go out and practice,” said Wes Jones, the Hawks’ first varsity football head coach who also served as a driver’s education teacher at the school.

Zoning issues

“There was a lot of contention about who came to this school,”

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Hardin Valley Academy English Language Learners teacher Verónica Calderón-Speed was one of a dozen Knox County Schools’ educators to be awarded a Tennessee Educators of Color Fellowship in September 2021. “I was excited. I love learning, and I love growing,” she said.



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Right:

Hardin Valley Academy Class of 2020 senior Tori Hart advanced to National Merit finalist in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. Hart was one of more than 15,000 of the 16,000 semi-finalists selected in September 2019.



Left:

Hardin Valley Academy graduate Chase Toth was among seven University of Tennessee graduates to receive the 2019 Torchbearer Award — the highest honor the University bestows on its students.



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Reynolds said. “Everybody wanted a new school in northwest Knoxville to help relieve overcrowding.

“But it was for everybody else’s kids and not there’s,” she added. “This was a school nobody wanted their children to come to. ... Parents immediately thought, ‘You mean when my child’s in the eighth grade they’ve got to decide what they want to be when they grow up?’”

Answering that misunderstanding, “That’s not at all what an academy is about,” Reynolds said.

However, that parent mentality “lasted until they made the decision, seems like it was around November 2007: ‘this is who is coming, this is the zone, period,’” the school’s first principal recalled. “It was kind of like people said, OK. ... It settled down and we moved forward.

“We got parent groups involved immediately,” she added.

HVA to Vandy success story

With No Child Left Behind guidelines in place during the first HVA school year of 2008-09, “We had kids coming from everywhere in this district — it wasn’t just those who were zoned — because we had so much space,” Reynolds said. “We had kids who were being transported from all parts of the county. Just about anybody who applied for a transfer got it, that first year, because of the room that we had.”

One such student “was hanging with the wrong group (at his previous school), wasn’t being challenged,” Reynolds said. “From where he started as a freshman, (that school) pretty much didn’t have much hope for him going to college. ... He had a rough freshman year.

“Came over here (as a sophomore) and struggled for maybe the first month,” she added.

However, not only did this student

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graduate from HVA, "He was our first kid to be accepted by Vanderbilt," Reynolds said. "... He had a few teachers challenge him.

"He really decided learning is something special."

Such a special atmosphere at HVA is soon to be, at the end of the 2022-23 school year, a 15-year tradition.

Annually one of the top FIRST Robotics teams in Tennessee — and some years well beyond the Volunteer State borders — Hardin Valley Academy's RoHAWK-tics Team 3824 swept the playoffs to become 2022 Smoky Mountain Regional Competition winners at the event, which ended Saturday, April 2. The team, holding the coveted blue banner, also won the Entrepreneurship Award, its second this season. It was one of three teams competing in SMRC that headed to the FIRST Robotics World Championship April 20-23 in Houston, Texas.



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How far they have come

Athletically at Hardin Valley Academy, through almost 15 years competing at the highest level of Division I (public schools), Hawks and Lady Hawks teams have won nine TSSAA-sanctioned team state championships: 2011 in boys soccer; 2012 in girls track & field; 2015 in baseball; 2010, 2020 and 2021 in boys cross country; 2019 and 2021 in Unified Track & Field; and 2021 in bowling. (This does not include a handful of HVA boys indoor track & field state crowns that are not sanctioned by TSSAA).

Twenty-five Hawks and HVA girls have claimed individual TSSAA state championships, beginning with Edward Dutton in the 300-meter hurdles in 2009.

A brothers tandem has accounted for five running state crowns, four in cross country: Will Templeton at the 2010 and 2011 cross country state

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meets, followed by Aaron Templeton the next two years, 2012 and 2013.

Aaron also added the 3200 run state championship in 2014.
A pair of girls wrestlers are responsible for more than 25 percent of the individual haul — while both achieved perfection in the process: Kenya Sloan was a four-time undefeated state champ (in the 165-weight class in 2015, then at 160 the following three years).

Having brought home three state titles without losing is HVA junior Ella Murphey, winning at 190 in 2021 as an unbeaten freshman, then capturing the state crown at 185 the past two seasons.

Throwing success in field events earned Tamia Crockett four state championships: 2013 in both discus and shot put, while repeating in the same events in 2015.

Jumping success was the field event accomplishment of Weldon Wright in 2015, winning both the long jump and triple jump.

Lady Hawk Sidnee Shelton went back-to-back in the state triple jump, earning top honors in 2021 and 2022.

Other HVA individual state titles
Emily Yarnell was 100-meter dash champ in 2011, while Ashley Kessler earned the pole vault state crown in 2012; Ben McCay rose to the top in pole vault as 2013 state champion; Liza El-Ajam won shot put top honors in 2014, as did Emma Mashburn in the 3200 run that same year.

Three HVA runners captured top state honors in 2018: Willington Wright in the 400 run, Ellie Bachmann in the 800 run and boys 4 X 400 relay team.



Top Left: Hardin Valley Academy celebrated its most recent TSSAA Unified Track & Field state championship in 2021, earned at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Left above: Following in the footsteps of Kenya Sloan, four-time Hardin Valley Academy girls wrestling state champion in the 160 and 165 weight classes (2015-2018),
Right: Lady Hawk Ella Murphey is on the same perfect path through her junior year. HVA Lady Hawk Sidnee Stanton was a two-time long jump state champion in TSSAA Division I Class AAA (2021, 2022).



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Phone-a-thon is a success

The Hardin Valley Academy Foundation's annual phone-a-thon in February was a massive success, with more than 30 volunteers coming together to help raise funds for HVA.

Kevin Crateau, the foundation's president, said over \$7,000 was pledged during the event through one-time donations, Hawks For Life recurring gifts and the purchase of commemorative bricks for the Hawk History entry way.

"In three phone-a-thons, we've raised over \$20,000 in total to benefit the HVA community," Crateau said.

Aimed at bringing together parents, students, teachers and leaders with a shared mission of improving the school, the annual event consists of calling HVA families to discuss how they can show their support by becoming a foundation donor.

All funds raised go toward technology upgrades, facility enhancements and teacher development.

"We have been blessed with volunteers from our student organizations who've benefited or will benefit from our donations back to their programs to help the organizations prosper and help students learn new skills to develop their professional desires," added Crateau.

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Hawks Happenings



You know you've had a good spring break when you come home with a gold medal! Congratulations to senior **Alex Nitache**, a member of the USA Junior Men's gymnastics team. The team took first place at the DTB Pokal Team Challenge in Stuttgart, Germany. Alex also finished fourth in the pommel horse competition.

Courtesy of USA Gymnastics



We welcomed our incoming freshmen to the Nest on Friday! Our enrollment for the **Class of 2027** is currently at 517, and we expect even more Hawks to join us between now and August!

Junior **David Hart** for scoring a perfect 36 on the ACT! David is more than just a perfect ACT score, though. He also serves as president of our TSA and Mu Alpha Theta, is a member of the soccer team, and restarted our Model UN program.



Samson Brown, who will be studying in Taiwan this summer! Samson won a full scholarship from the U.S. Department of State's National Security Language Initiative program. Selected students study one of the eight NSLI languages while immersed in the culture and day-to-day life of the host country. This is the second year in a row that a Hawk has been chosen for this prestigious program!

For more about Brown, see feature story on page 39.

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Hawks Happenings



Our **Tenor/Bass Choir** and **Chamber Choir** performed at the Tennessee ACDA State Choral Assessment. The Tenor/Bass Choir received an overall rating of Superior and the Chamber Choir received an overall rating of Excellent. Congratulations to these talented vocalists and choral director John McMeen!

Three Hawks have won BIG recently, and we want to celebrate them!

(Left, right) **Cristofer Castillo Juarez** and **Emma Zimmerman** have both been accepted into the Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts. They earned these spots after a competitive audition process, and will get to experience a three-week summer intensive at MTSU in June. Cristofer and Emma are both a part of our choral program, led by director John McMeen.



(Far right) **Eli Johnson** has won a full scholarship from the U.S. Department of State's prestigious National Security Language Initiative program. Selected students study one of the eight NSLI languages while immersed in the culture and day-to-day life of the host country. This is Eli's second year to win this award. Last year he won a scholarship to study in Taiwan for the summer. This year's scholarship is for the entire academic year! Eli is a student in Dr. Frank Chen's Mandarin Chinese class.

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TEACHER SIGNING DAY

Teacher Signing Day is one of our favorite new HVA traditions! For the second year in a row, we celebrated our seniors who have committed to a career in education.

Six members of the Class of 2023 signed today to study to become educators: Valeria Covarrubias, Mone'e Eversley, Gavin Hall, Eleni Johnson, Katelyn Molloy, and Brenda Morena Bernal.

Congratulations to these six seniors, and thank you to Dana Sherrell, who leads our Teaching as a Profession program, for making this event happen. More than 65 students are in the TAP program, which is a part of our Liberal Arts Academy.



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Fighting food scarcity

Holbert earns a prestigious Girl Scouts' award

After witnessing people in Mexico dig through trash to feed their families, Danielle Holbert is doing whatever she can to fight food scarcity in the Knoxville community.

"I went on a lot of mission trips, and once when I was in Tijuana, we fed people in a dump who lived there," she explained. "They had houses built out of trash and were collecting aluminum cans and walked about a mile away to sell them for pesos."

In response to this experience, the recent Tennessee Connections Academy graduate has built and placed a blessing box at Riverview Baptist Church to help serve local families in need.

"It's a low-income community and there are homeless families throughout the area," she said.

Holbert routinely stocks the blessing box with a variety of canned and boxed food items, diapers and hygienic products. She also likes to fill it with special items like coloring books, cards and stuffed animals for holidays.

"Every once in a while, I'll put a birthday bag in there, which contains cake mix, party favors and all that stuff you need for a birthday party," she added.

The project has earned Holbert the Girl Scouts' prestigious Gold Award, the organization's highest achievement that's given to those who drive lasting change by tackling issues they are passionate about.

While it's often easy to become disillusioned with the future of the world, Holbert, who's been a Girl Scout since she was just a Daisy, noted that it's important to realize that "there are still good people out there."

"With the younger generation having such a bad outlook on things, I want people to know that there are people who still care about the way things roll around here," she said. "The community needs to know that there is hope. I've met multiple people who are either trying to do the same mission as me or trying to do something else to help the community."

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Leadership change at HVA

A few days following a gas leak at Hardin Valley Academy — as experienced by students, faculty, administrators and other employees for a few hours before school was dismissed in the early afternoon of Thursday, March 30 — HVA principal Dr. Rob Speas was placed on administrative leave.

Allegedly turned on purposely by a now-fired custodial employee overnight (Jay Riley Kostermans, 23), the leak energized detractors of the school's leadership — also including criticism of Knox County Schools administrators and elected officials — while supporters of Speas also expressed themselves, starting a petition to save his job.

Meanwhile, new leadership took charge Monday, April 10.

Michael Reynolds, a former principal and Farragut, Fulton and Knoxville Central high schools, came out of retirement to assume the role of interim principal pending Speas' status.



Reynolds



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Love of language leads to adventure

HVA student Brown to study in Taiwan

Hardin Valley Academy junior Samson Brown, 17, will live in Taiwan this summer, compliments of a full scholarship through the U.S. Department of State's National Security Language Initiative.

"I was really excited," he recalled about hearing the news he received the scholarship.

"I think, originally, I didn't actually have much faith in it because all the kids who do get this scholarship are going to Ivy League schools.

"I found out I made it, and I thought, 'Man, this is really happening!'

"I can't help but be excited," Brown said. "I'm going to embrace the opportunity."

He will leave for Taiwan June 21 and return to Knoxville Aug. 9.

Brown was encouraged to apply for the scholarship by his friend, HVA salutatorian Eli Johnson, who took a similar trip last year, and HVA's Chinese language teacher, Dr. Frank Chen.

While he applied in November 2022, he thought his chances of being chosen for the trip were "as shot in the dark."

"I remember finishing my application a day before it was due," Brown said. I was stressing about it ... I never thought this was going to happen."

The next step was a Zoom call interview, which he thought he did well.

The son of Dan and Keri Brown, Brown has been taking Chinese language courses

at HVA since his freshman year.

Now in Advanced Placement Chinese class, he said he hopes this immersive experience will improve his Mandarin language skills.

"I'm just really interested in language because I've always wanted to travel," Brown said. "I kind of felt like studying language would be like a gateway."

"Also, the Chinese program here at HVA is really good," he added. "Dr. Chen is a really good teacher, and my class is like a family. There are only seven people in my AP Chinese class."

Besides the NSLI trip, Brown also plans to take a separate class trip to Taiwan for students in HVA's Chinese program from May 28 to June 12 before embarks on his NSLI trip.

While in Taiwan, he will take four hours of language classes and one hour of culture class a day at the Wenzao Ursuline University of Languages in Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

Brown observed Taiwan, like America, is like a "melting pot" of various cultures.

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Taiwan study

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"It was controlled by Japan at one point and then China," he said. "Now, it is its own independent country."

Brown looks forward to eating the local foods, such as fried noodles (chow mein), dumplings (jiaozi) and hotpot, since Asian cuisine has been a longtime favorite of Brown and his father.

"Whatever they feed me over there, I'm going to eat it," added, laughing.

Brown will spend the first two weeks of his trip living with a host family then he will live in the university's dorms. He will learn who the host family is two weeks before he leaves for Taiwan.

"I can't wait to be part of a host family and maybe have a little sibling from across the world," Brown said.

He initially became interested in learning languages through his grandparent's travels.

"They traveled almost everywhere, all over the world," Brown said. "I might have seen learning a language as a gateway to traveling and exploring."

His first experience with the travel bug was when his grandparents took him on their trips to places, such as Washington, D.C.; North and South Dakotas; Wyoming and Montana.

Brown said he might consider a full academic year in Taiwan through NSLI.

"I want to continue to study Chinese and East Asian studies when I go to college," he said, adding his immediate plans after graduating high school are to attend the University of Tennessee and major in business.

"I may couple that with international affairs or international business, ultimately become a diplomat," Brown said.



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Make the most of the summer camp experience

Summer camp season will soon be here, and throngs of children will board buses each morning or pack their parents' cars full of essentials to survive a few weeks away from home.

Looking back, many adults who experienced summer camp have fond memories of their adventures — whether they all went according to plan or there were some hiccups along the way. Parents want their children to make their own summer camp memories. Even if the canoe capsizes or the cabin leaks during a summer thunderstorm, such experiences can build character and strengthen friendships.

According to RegPack, an online registration software company, more than six million American children participate in some form of camp each year, including sleep-away camp or day camp. The American Camp Association says that number is closer to 14 million, with the most popular camp session length around one week or less. Families getting prepared for camp can follow these guidelines to ensure the experience is one kids won't soon forget.

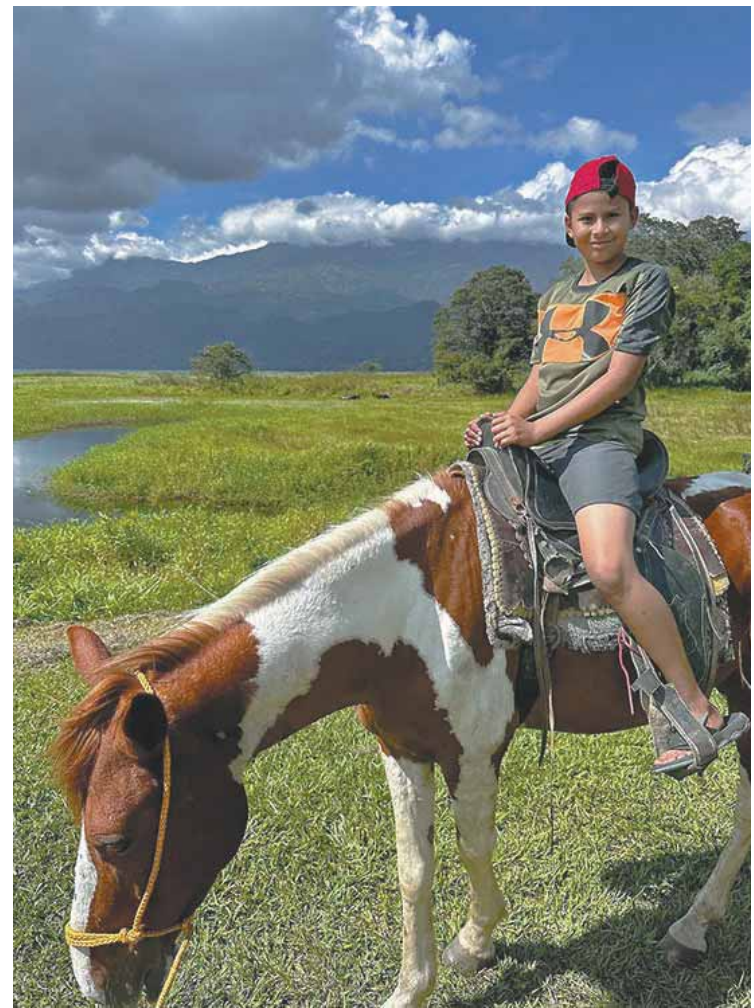
• Consider children's readiness

There's no magic age when a child may be ready to go to camp, but generally kids who are ages seven or eight may be fine to start a resident sleep-away camp. Day camp kids can begin as early as age three, the same age kids often begin preschool programs. Gauge whether the child has spent time away from home at friends' or family members' homes to decide if a resident camp will be the right fit or if a day camp is more appropriate.

• Connect with fellow campers

If possible, attend a meet-and-greet prior to the start of the season. Neighborhood day camps tend to draw kids from local communities, so there's already a chance kids will know a few fellow campers.

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Events and Activities Listing

ANGELA FLOYD SCHOOLS

2023 Dance & Music camps, intensives & classes

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Visit www.angelaflloydsschools.com/summer-programs/ for a complete list and to register.
West location: 10845 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37934, 865-320-0584
North location: 6732 Jubilee Center Way, Knoxville, TN 37912, 865-947-9894
www.angelaflloydsschools.com

ATOMIC ROWING - OAK RIDGE ROWING ASSOCIATION

[SEE OUR AD ON PAGE 48](#)

Learn-to-Row Summer Camps

For youth who turn 12 this year up to age 17, Boys & Girls / No Experience Necessary
Learn-to-Row Week 1: June 19th – June 23rd
Learn-to-Row Week 2: June 26th – June 30th
Learn-to-Row Week 3: July 10th – July 14th
Monday – Friday from 9:00am-1:00pm.
\$175 per week (free camp t-shirt included)
atomicrowing.com/summer-programs/

CAMP BIG FISH

Christian Summer Day Camp

For rising Kindergarten through rising 5th grade children

- Big Fish Summer Camp at Knoxville Christian School Campus May 30th-July 28th, 7:15 am-6pm
- Big Fish Academy at Farragut Presbyterian Church We offer childcare for Infant - Pre-K5 Monday thru Friday

(M-F, M/W/F, TU/TH options available)
9am-2pm Preschool Program; 7am-9am, 2pm-5:45 pm Extended Care Program
Main Office Phone: 423-400-1504
Preschool Phone Number: 865-292-1904
office@campbigfish.org
www.campbigfish.org

CEDAR BLUFF RACQUET CLUB

[SEE OUR AD ON PAGE 44](#)

Summer Fun Camp

June 5-8, June 12-15, July 10-13, July 24-27, July 31-Aug. 3
Cost: \$210, Grades: 1st-8th
865-690-5700, info@cbrctennis.com
Register online at cbrctennis.com

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE

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865-690-4721

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CONCORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

CCS will offer summer camps in volleyball, soccer, basketball, cheer, and football. Camps will

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Cedar Bluff Racquet Club

Summer Fun Camp

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To register for all programs visit us at coolsportstn.com



Summer Camp

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- **Get to know camp counselors early on**

Campers can introduce themselves to camp counselors and other program directors and are urged to ask questions about specific programs. Counselors can direct campers toward activities they may enjoy.

- **Make the most of all situations**

Much of summer camp will likely be smooth-sailing, but it's reasonable to expect some bumps along the way. Campers shouldn't expect perfection, but use the situations that may go awry as learning experiences on how to handle adversity — trying to find the fun in them anyway. Even a medical situation can be overcome, particularly because camps staff qualified medical personnel to ensure campers are safe and well.

Summer camp can be a great experience, especially when families take some pre-camp measures aimed at ensuring kids have a fun season.



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be led by our HS Varsity Head Coaches and will be held at the Concord Christian School campus, 11704 Kingston Pike, Farragut, TN 37934. 865-966-8858

Visit www.concordchristianschool.org/athletics/summer-camps.cfm for more information and registration.

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6 for ages 10 and under and
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10909 Northshore Dr.

Knoxville, TN 37922, 865-966-9103
Visit www.concordparkgolf.org/camps for more information and registration.

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coolsportstn.com

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Kids' Cooking Camps

Camps are for ages 9-15.

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150 N Martinwood Rd, Ste 402,
Knoxville TN 37923
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Visit thecuttingedgeclassroom.com/kids-camps/ for more information and registration.

DIAMOND BASEBALL

Baseball & Softball Summer Camps

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Visit diamondbaseballtn.com/camps-events/ for details and registration.

200 Center Park Drive
Knoxville, TN 37922
865-288-3624
info@h3sports.org
diamondbaseballtn.com

THE EPISCOPAL SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE

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Camp ESK

June and July 2023

Camp options for ages 3 through 8th grade
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Visit shop.esknoxville.org for more information and registration.

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865-560-0313

Visit camps.knoxvillecatholic.com for individual camp information and registration.

KNOXVILLE CHILDREN'S THEATRE

Summer Term at CT's Creative Dramatics Academy consists of five days of intensive sessions. Most classes will culminate in a showcase presentation for family and friends at the end of the term. The cost for the week varies by class.

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Visit knoxvillechildrenstheatre.com/classes/summer-camps/ for more information about the variety of class offerings.

109 E. Churchwell Avenue,
Knoxville, TN 37917
865-208-3677

knoxvillechildrenstheatre.com

KNOXVILLE CHRISTIAN BASKETBALL CAMP

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865-388-1262

Application on website:

Knoxvillechristianbasketballcamp.com

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The Knoxville Museum of Art's Summer Art Academy offers quality educational opportunities that will ignite your child's imagination through

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Visit knoxart.org/kma_events/saa2023/ to download the brochure.

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The French Patisserie
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7/17-20, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Iron Chef
7/17-20, 2:00PM-6:00PM

A Culinary Adventure to France
7/24-27, 9:00AM-1:00PM

Learn To Be A Real Pastry Chef
7/24-27, 2:00PM-6:00PM

Learn To Be A Real Chef
7/31-8/3, 9:00AM-1:00PM

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7/31-8/3, 2:00PM-6:00PM

MORNING STAR CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Camp Morning Star is for children aged 5 to 12 years and is designed to keep your child learning and having fun all summer long. There are three camps: Scampers Camp – for rising kindergarten-ers, Junior Camp – for rising 1st and 2nd graders, and Day Camp – for rising 3rd through 5th graders.

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865-690-9208, info@tatescamp.com

tatescamp.com

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- Bob Watt Youth Fishing Rodeo on Saturday, May 13

- Independence Day Parade on Tuesday, July 4

- Fun with Farragut's Fleet on Saturday, Aug. 19

- Farragut Community Center activities: classes, Open Gym, Toddler Takeover and more (see website for schedule)

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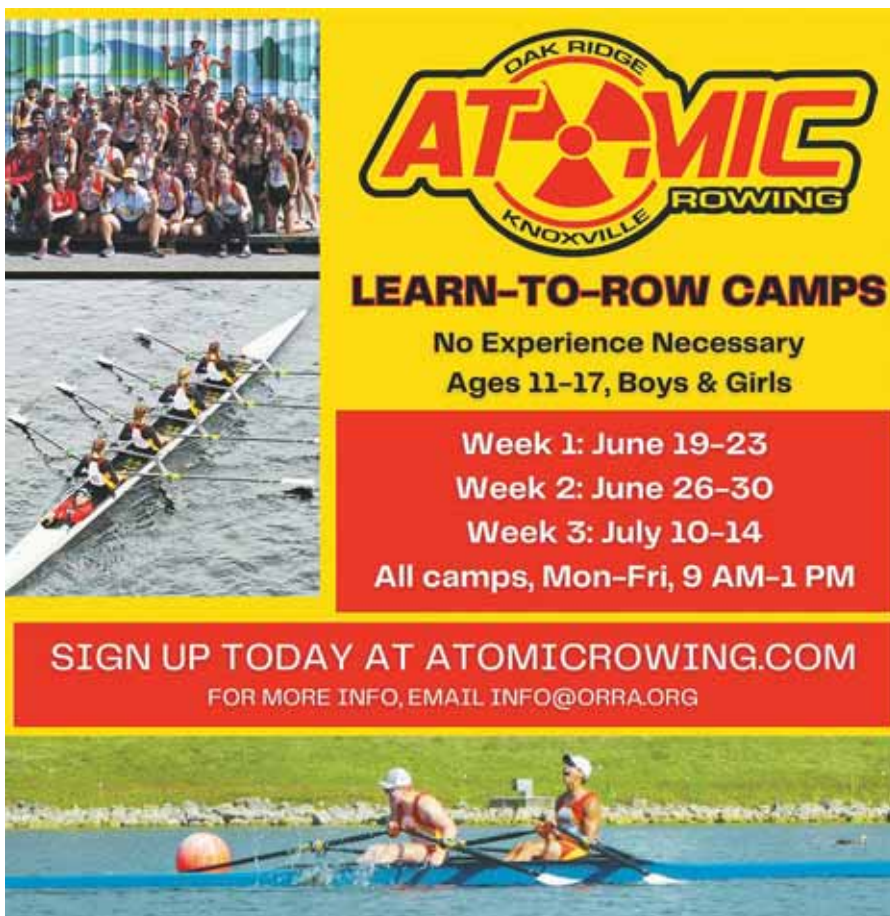
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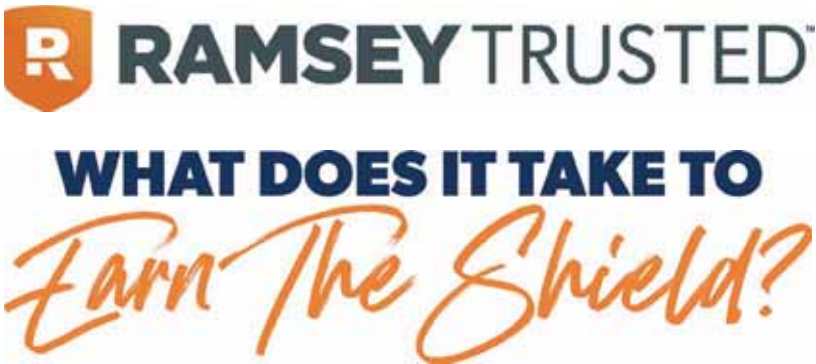
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