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Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza dedication May 7

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Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza — named for the Town's third Mayor and one of its founding fathers — will finally be dedicated Friday, May 7, in an event open to the public starting at 5:30 p.m., with the dedication beginning at 6 p.m.

The Plaza, consisting of the grounds surrounding the historic Campbell Station Inn at the corner of Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road, was completed in late 2020, and initial plans to dedicate it in December were scrapped due to lingering COVID-19 concerns.

Finally rescheduled, the May 7 ceremony will honor Dr. McGill, who was instrumental in leading the Farragut Community Group's mission for incorporation as well as being key in pursuing the Town's acquisition of the Campbell Station Inn itself during his mayoral tenure from April 2009 until his passing in June 2018.

A slate of guest speakers honoring Dr. McGill and his accomplishments will include fellow Farragut Community Group members Marianne McGill, who is also Ralph's widow and one of the Town's first aldermen; and fellow FCG members Betty Dick, who has long served on the Town's Municipal Planning Commission; and Eric Johnson, who was also one of the Town's first aldermen.

Other speakers will be FMPC chair Rita Holladay, former Town Alderman and Vice Mayor Dot LaMarche; and Jim Nixon, prominent area developer and Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance Board member.

Music and light refreshments will conclude the ceremony.

Nixon became involved in the acquisition of the Inn at McGill's request, he said, noting the structure also has been known as the Russell House, as the Russell family owned it before it was purchased by the Town in 2013.

He said the Russell family was working with Harry Thayer (now deceased) of Dean Smith Realty on the sale.

"There were others interested in buying the house," Nixon said. "I believe a bank and a drug store were both interested," noting if either had been successful "it would have required the house to be torn down."

"I think at that point, Ralph and Marianne stepped in to try to keep that from happening and save the house."

Nixon also helped negotiate the payment plan between the Town and the Russells, which paid out over a three-year period.

"I'm very proud of my part in making that happen, and certainly the end result," Nixon said. "It's beautiful, and one of the very few historical features in Farragut — it's certainly the most prominent, being located where it is."

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Appropriate way to remember



Michelle Hollenhead

FirstBank donated \$2,000 to the new Mary Ann Dodgen Azalea Garden at Farragut High School — created in memory of athletic director Donald Dodgen's wife, who passed away in February. Receiving the donation Monday, April 26, in front of the Garden site were, from left, principal Dr. John Bartlett; 12th-grade vice principal Dr. Charlene Lewis; curriculum vice principal Laicee Hatfield; and Dodgen. Presenting the donation were Donnie Henry, right, FirstBank senior financial center manager, and Terry Smiley, FirstBank Farragut branch financial center manager.

The woman behind the coach at FHS

Mary Ann Dodgen Azalea Garden being planted at school to honor Donald Dodgen's hoops advisor, helper, wife

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Even though he's only worked part-time at Farragut High School in recent years, athletic director Donald Dodgen typically is one of the first to arrive daily on the FHS campus.

With that in mind, principal Dr. John Bartlett wanted to make sure Dodgen — a highly successful varsity boys basketball head coach at the school from 1996 to 2010 — is greeted every morning with sweet reminders of his late wife.

Mary Ann Dodgen, who passed away in February, not only was a loving influence on his life, but also helped foster his coaching success at FHS and elsewhere.

Thus, the Mary Ann Dodgen Azalea Garden is being developed in front of Lynn E. Sexton

Gymnasium/Vickie B. Wells Auditorium.

While Mary Ann's official role was stat keeper for varsity boys basketball during Dodgen's coaching years at FHS, "My wife was such a big part of this school," the coach said.

Overall as a basketball advisor and helper, "She knew as much basketball as I knew," Dodgen said. "She'd been with me for 50 years; she was with me when I was coaching college (Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens), and my days when I was at McMinn County High



Mary Ann Dodgen

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Inching closer is Biddle Town Center: Phase I site plan OK'd

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Following a lengthy discussion, Farragut's Municipal Planning Commission approved The Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms' Phase I site plan Thursday, April 15, during its regular monthly meeting.

It is the latest hurdle cleared for the project, which has been moving through the Town's zoning and approval processes since late 2019.

Developer Budd Cullom of CHM Development has been working with officials and staff on the 37-acre project, which will encompass a portion of the former Biddle Farm, on which the "old" Farragut Kroger building has sat mostly vacant for more than a decade. The Town Center itself will be accessed from Kingston Pike, across from Farragut High School, and will include an Aldi's, along with 11 separate out-buildings specifically designed for retail and restaurant tenants.

A multi-acre "Village Green" — to be taken over by the Town when completed — will separate the Town Center from the 286 upscale apartments planned for the back portion of the property, along Brooklawn Street and South Campbell Station Road.

Cullom asked that the project be designated a Planned Community Development, which "requires providing a master concept plan," noted Community

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business

"The journey ... has become a large part of my personal story, and I am forever grateful to everyone who has been a part of our story,"

-Candace Viox, owner of a Town business celebrating a special occasion. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

community

"I am attracted to the nursing field because it allows me to care for and develop relationships with patients ... I am making a final decision (on) a college,"

-Abigail "Abby" Wildi, a local high school senior recently earning a special honor. (Read story on page 3B)

sports

"He's been working hard. ... This was a good game. We have a good team and they have a good team, so it's going to be a battle every time,"

-Coach Matt Buckner, praising a special player and his team after a huge win. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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About ‘90 days’ to complete Watt Road people crossing

Farragut’s Watt Road pedestrian crossing project is scheduled to begin construction Monday, May 3. Once completed, it will provide a pedestrian connection from Orchid Grove and Sedgfield subdivisions to Mayor Bob Leonard Park, a Town press release stated.

Construction will include about 700 feet of sidewalk, a pedestrian refuge island in the center turn-lane and flashing beacons on an overhead mast arm. Completion is expected within 90 days. Motorists should expect delays and obey all signs and flaggers.

towncalendar

- **American Red Cross blood drive is in Farragut Community Center Assembly Hall** (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) from noon to 5 p.m., Tuesday, May 11. To schedule an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code “Farragut21.”
- Now that groups are planning events, Farragut businesses can become preferred vendors for Farragut Community Center. Currently, this opportunity only is available to businesses located within Town limits. If the business has multiple locations, billing must be through the Farragut location to qualify. Other requirements include having an active Farragut business license and relevancy to event rentals. There is no charge to be listed as a vendor. Preferred vendors will be recommended to current and prospective renters. Their required paperwork and permits will remain on file, making the process easier for the vendor, renter and community center staff. For more information, or to be added to the preferred vendor list, contact Arleen Higginbotham, ahigginbotham@townoffarragut.org, or Sue Stuhl, ssstuhl@townoffarragut.org. Both can be reached at 865-218-3376. Community Center offers four rental spaces: Assembly Hall, a middle-school-sized gymnasium and medium and large classrooms. All can accommodate an array of events. For more information, visit farragutparksandrec.org/community-center.
- **Fathers and daughters can enjoy a spring picnic at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza**, 11409 Kingston Pike, at Farragut’s historic Campbell Station Inn at the corner of North Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike. May Day Picnic is from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, May 1. Other family members welcome. Snacks, to-go

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correction

A location reference to the new Admiral Dentistry was wrong in our Thursday, April 22, issue. The office is located in front of the newly remodeled former Ingles shopping center, 11807 Kingston Pike, next to the current Ingles location.

We regret the error.


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KCSOreports

- **At 10:35 p.m., April 24, an officer was dispatched to a Kingston Pike residence** for a hit-and-run. When officer arrived, complainant-victim said while she was inside, someone hit her 2019 BMW Z4M and left the scene. There were no cameras or witnesses on scene to identify the suspect.
- **At 12:11 p.m., April 24, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft** at Cotton Eyed Joe, 11220 Outlet Drive. He advised between 2 and 2:30 p.m., April 24, his cell phone was stolen while he was in the business. Complainant was advised to call back with a serial number before NCIC entry could be made. Value of loss was listed at \$900.
- **At 1:05 p.m., Friday, April 23, a complainant called KCSO to file a report on a theft** at a Maple Tree Drive address. Complainant advised he placed a check in his mailbox around 6 p.m., Thursday, April 22. At 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 23, complainant advised he found his mailbox door open and the check was missing, adding the mail had not run during that time. He advised an unknown suspect took it. Complainant called Bank of America and they cancelled the check.
- **At 11:17 p.m., Monday, April 19, an officer responded to a North Campbell**

Station Road business for a disturbance. Upon investigation, the clerk at Comfort Suites said he called about a female wandering around the property. Officer located the eventual arrestee at the top of a stairwell and noticed several syringe caps on the floor around her and a syringe lying on some things in a milk crate. She gave consent to check some of her bags, and officer reported noticing a bent spoon, consistent with narcotic usage, in a metal container, and saw a blue elastic tourniquet strap lying beside her.

Eventual arrestee was hard to understand and had trouble identifying where she was supposed to be. Officers were unable to make contact with sev-

eral people who may be able to transport the arrestee to a safe location for her safety. She was offered the BHUCC but refused. While arrestee was taken into custody, she said she had several syringes located in her bra. Arrestee grabbed the syringes, dropping a loaded syringe.

• **On April 19, officers were dispatched to a Commodore Lane residence** for an investigation into a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers made contact with complainant. He advised he had been away for the weekend and noticed earlier that afternoon a portion of his yard and a trampoline had been damaged by a fire that

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Roads, greenways, streets listed
for \$752,161 Farragut repaving

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Farragut’s Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved the Town’s paving contract and plan for resurfacing for 2021 during its regular meeting Thursday, April 22.
Town engineer Darryl Smith reported Town roads and greenways set to be resurfaced include: McFee Road, Glen Abbey Boulevard, Harrison Road and two lengths of greenway: Brixworth adjacent to Sailview and the other at the

Cove at Turkey Creek along Parkside Drive.
Smith noted since the original 2021 resurfacing budget was \$800,000, he suggested adding Port St. Charles Drive and San Martin Lane to the list. Both streets are located in Glenn Abbey subdivision, and the additional resurfacing brought the contract to \$752,161, which was approved by BOMA.
BOMA approved the low bidder for the project, Duracap Asphalt Property Inc., which had submitted a bid of just beyond \$672,000 among the four companies bidding.

Mary Ann
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School and Gatlinburg-Pittman.
“She’d make little comments like, ‘you may want to change this, you might want to change that,’” he added. “She knew what she was talking about; she was a very smart lady.”
“As he arrives, it was imperative for us to have a small piece of Mary Ann greeting him on the FHS campus,” Dr. John Bartlett, FHS principal, wrote in a letter to Terry Smiley, FirstBank Farragut’s branch financial center manager, on

securing a \$2,000 donation.
Smiley and her supervisor, Donnie Henry, officially presented the donation Monday morning, April 26, at the Garden site where azaleas already have been planted.
“We are creating the Mary Ann Dodgen Garden to reflect all of her favorites to welcome her husband every morning,” Bartlett said. “Her favorite bush was the azalea, her favorite tree was the red bud, and favorite flower was the daisy.”
Bartlett said in addition to the Garden spot itself, two red bud trees have been planted in the outer circle of the main

parking lot, in front of Dodgen’s parking spot, and daisies will be planted alongside.
“She loved this time of year, and really loved gardening and loved planting flowers,” said Dodgen, who is serving his 25th school year at FHS, adding plans call for two benches to be placed in the Garden.
Saying he appreciates the support of Bartlett, FirstBank and others at the school making this happen, Dodgen added, “We are just one big family here, and I can’t say enough about everyone’s support.”
“We are so glad we were able to help make this Garden a re-

Site plan OK’d
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Development director Mark Shipley in his FMPC report.
“The site plan presented at this time includes the initial work needed to complete the overall project,” the report continued. “The plan generally follows the layout of the concept plan and in-

cludes a plan for the demolition of existing (buildings),” along with plans for “grading, utilities, tree protection, lighting and landscaping.”
“Subsequent site plan sets that will be presented to the Planning Commission will specifically address other building elevations and site-related components associated with those buildings.”
Shipley’s report also made note of

Cullom working with FEMA on updating the Flood Insurance Rate Maps for the affected area. “Approval of the site plan will need to be subject to FEMA’s approval of these updates since the plan ultimately follows the updated maps,” the report stated.
Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, who also sits on FMPC, made a motion to approve the first phase of the site plan,

with the stipulation Cullom addressed several “subject-to’s” suggested by staff, including providing a \$300,000 letter of credit for erosion control, securing a TDOT access permit to work along Kingston Pike and obtaining a drainage permit fee.
According to plans, Cullom said demolition on the old Kroger shopping center is set to begin in July.

Plaza dedication
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The Plaza itself is lighted, features park-like open areas, paver parking, extensive landscaping, outdoor benches and a freestanding restroom. The property was first utilized during the holidays, with several animated light sculptures, including an oversized Santa’s sleigh and reindeer highlighting its expansive green space.
The project was the third phase of the Campbell Station Inn’s ongoing improvement timeline. Phase 1 was the master site plan design and asbestos abatement, and Phase 2 restored and stabilized the exterior, a Town press release stated. A fourth phase will begin when Town officials determine the best repurposing of the Inn, which is currently is not open to the public.

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his neighbor had set over the weekend. Complainant said several neighbors advised him the neighbor had been burning leaves in a barrel during the weekend. There were burn marks along the fence line between both properties leading

from a barrel in his neighbor’s yard. The fire caused damage to complainant’s trampoline. A welfare check was conducted on the neighbor due to complainant’s concern for her mental health. Neighbor made contact with complainant and advised she would pay for any damages to his property. Value of damage was listed at \$200.

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goodies, crafts, a photo area, music and dancing are offered. Bring chairs and/or picnic blankets, along with a dinner. Parking is offered at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.); no on-site parking available. Tickets are

\$20 per couple and \$30 per family and must be purchased in advance. Buy tickets online at townoffarragut.org/register, in person at community center or call 865-218-3376 by noon Thursday, April 29. Event is weather-dependent; visit Farragut Parks & Recreation on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for updates.

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FHS grad named director of gov't affairs for TN REALTORS

STAFF REPORTS

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Farragut High School alumna and University of Tennessee graduate Lauren Cecil recently joined the staff of Tennessee REALTORS as governmental affairs director for the statewide association.

"We are thrilled to welcome Lauren and the skills she brings to our staff team in the vital area of advocacy," said

Angela Shields, Tennessee REALTORS CEO.

"It's so important to be sure the REALTORS' voice is heard in the halls of government when decisions are made that affect private-property owners, buyers, sellers and Tennessee communities," she added.

The association represents more than 32,000 members.

Cecil will lead efforts in legislative and regulatory advocacy, working closely with

Tennessee General Assembly and fostering involvement among REALTORS members in advocacy and the political process, an association press release stated.



Cecil

Most recently, Cecil served as manager of Government Affairs & Outreach for Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry. Additionally, she previously worked with the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasurer's office, was a legislative assistant with State Sen. Doug Overby, worked in the Tennessee Secretary of State's office and also served as an intern for former U.S. Sen. Bob Corker.

Cecil, who graduated from FHS in 2009, is the daughter of Bill and Janell Cecil of Farragut. She joins fellow FHS alum Phil Newman, (Class of 1986), who is Tennessee REALTORS' communications director.

Cecil holds a bachelor's degree in political science from University of Tennessee-Knoxville and a Master's degree in public administration from Tennessee State University.

Water Into Wine celebrates 5th

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The last five years for Water Into Wine bistro & lounge have been emotional ones for owner Candace Viox.

"It is so hard to believe that 10 years ago, on May 9, 2011, my life changed forever," she reflected with tears in her eyes. After the loss of her mother, Viox had to find a purpose. She found that in 2016, when she opened Water Into Wine in Farragut, which serves not only as a restaurant but also a ministry, offering Bible study classes.

Viox is inviting the community to share in her anniversary milestone with a celebration from 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, May 10, in the shopping center's parking lot, 607 N. Campbell Station Road, Farragut.

"We're going to do cornhole tournaments; we're going to have a deejay," she said. "A lot of my distributing partners and wine suppliers are coming and bringing free gifts, like hats, pens and calendars, as a way of also telling the community 'thank you' for supporting Water Into Wine.

"We're doing a Havana Nights theme," Viox added. "Kevin (Thompson, bar manager) is from Miami. He's going to be doing a fun Miami theme of a mojito bar outside" with a Miami-Cuban menu and drinks. While admission, as well as cake and cupcakes, are free, the food on the restaurant menu and alcohol are available for purchase. She encourages patrons to dress in the Miami theme.

While the event will be both outdoor and indoor, Viox said, "All Occasion rentals, with the help of Sam Mishu, owner (of

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Photo submitted

Lisa Krajewski, left, and Sarah Rump, Bearden friends and moms, have launched a unique home-based business, Rocky Topee Teepees, to help families and children celebrate special events.

One-of-a-kind idea: Rocky Topee Teepees

Sleepover biz launched by Bearden moms

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Bearden friends and mothers, Lisa Krajewski and Sarah Rump, have teamed up to make sleepovers profitable.

They have launched a new home-based business, Rocky Topee Teepees.

"(I'm) extremely excited and somewhat humbled at the amount of support and excitement the community has embraced us with," Krajewski said. "We're always thinking up what's next, and at the root of who we are, we just want to provide an extraordinary customer service."

"And it's just fun," Rump said. "We enjoy it. We have fun doing the set-ups, creating

new themes and playing around on social media."

With the business, "We created sleepover experiences for mostly children's celebrations inside their homes," Krajewski said. "We also have an outdoor 'glamping' experience for the whole family.

"It's like camping but glamorous," she added. "We set up (16-feet in diameter), weatherproof canvas teepee in a backyard or some other location they designated, and it allows them to camp outside, but it's got a lot of other comforts available, so you're not really roughing it."

With every sleepover set-up, clients get

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businessbriefs

• **East Tennessee Children's Hospital recently announced Fantasy of Trees** will return in November 2021, with extended hours, after a year off due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The annual event is the hospital's largest fundraiser, attracting nearly 60,000 people during the week of Thanksgiving. Fantasy of Trees will be open to the public for six days, instead of five, to limit the number of people attending each day. There will not be a preview party this

year due to the extended hours.

• **Steven Jones of Knoxville** recently was promoted to district manager for Food City's westernmost district in its Knoxville operating division. Jones, who has been



Jones

with Food City since 2005, brings 22 years of industry experience and knowledge to the position as he worked his way up.

• **Tennova Healthcare recently welcomed internal medicine physician Dr. Daniel Anderson, D.O.**, to Tennova Primary Care - Karns, 7210 Oak Ridge Highway in Knoxville.

Anderson offers well checks, sick visits and annual health screenings for men, women and young adults ages 18 years and older. He also is dedicated to

preventive medicine and management of chronic conditions, such as diabetes, high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Same-day and telehealth appointments are available.



Anderson

• **University of Tennessee Medical Center officials recently announced** the hospital is receiving a \$5 million philanthropic investment from **Natalie and Jim Haslam Fund**.

Through the Haslam fund at the East Tennessee Foundation, the gift will provide support for existing, developing and innovative initiatives at UPMC aimed at promoting community health equity by addressing health disparities and improving access to care.

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“We try to create something that would inspire children, so we usually include a notebook, a pen, just to kind of get their creative juices flowing,” Krajewski said.

Rump added there are seven themes from which to choose, such as Mindcraft, Rainbow, Under the Stars and Mermaid.

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(Above) Jake Skipper of Farragut (blue) and Dylan Kolnick of Bearden attempt header passes during this showdown of rivals in Farragut Soccer Stadium Saturday evening, April 24. **(Right)** SoccerDawgs forward Sharif Aly (18) looks to maneuver for a scoring chance as FHS's Josh Holas defends that attempt.



FHS league champs x 4

Ads' late power holds off HVA's late power

Green's softball girls were 22-1, champs in 4-AAA

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The brief history of the Hardin Valley Academy-Farragut High baseball rivalry has featured some epic clashes.

At John Heatherly Field/The Ballpark at Farragut Monday evening, April 26, the Ads outlasted HVA 7-5 to give FHS sole possession of first place in District 4-AAA at 12-1.

Down 1-0, Farragut (27-2, 12-1) scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. A three-run homer by Angus Pence and an RBI single by Lukas Buckner made it 4-1.

In the top of the fifth, Archer Wong-Shasteen's RBI single plated Brycen Denton to pull the Hawks (23-5, 11-2) within 4-2. HVA scored first in the fourth inning when Ty Denton singled home Wong-Shasteen.

The Ads went up 7-2 on Hudson Seigler's RBI single in the fifth before Buckner, FHS freshman second baseman, hit his first career home run, a two-run shot to center field.

"He's been working hard," said FHS head coach Matt Buckner, also Lukas' father.

It's no wonder Farragut softball has a 22-1 overall record while unbeaten at 12-0 in District 4-AAA entering play Tuesday, April 27 — the team batting average is almost .500.

With at least a share of the 4-AAA regular season crown locked up, head coach Nick Green said about his offense, "There's nobody around here who can say they're equal to us 1-through-9" in the line-up.

Individually, "(Ace) Strickland and Cameron (Young) are both hitting above .600; Hannah Pfeifer and Sarah Livingston are hitting around .550; and I have Ava Guzowski, Lauren Brakovec, Addison Pressley and Autumn Caywood all hitting .400-plus," Green said.

The Lady Ads also have been able to count on pitching.

Though not always dominant on the mound, "the pitching staff has done an exceptional job," Green said. "I think (junior staff ace Avery) Flatford is like 10-0. As for the other two pitchers, Emma MacTavish (freshman) I think is 6-0; and then Avery Mattina, my sophomore, is like 6-1."

See FHS BASEBALL on Page 7B

SoccerDawgs tied, then respond on rival's pitch 4-1

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When Farragut tied Bearden in the 52nd minute, 1-1, "I thought their goal woke us up," BHS head coach Ryan Radcliffe said about responding to a rival's challenge in Farragut Soccer Stadium Saturday evening, April 24.

A three-goal run thereafter resulted in a 4-1 BHS win — scoring twice in about three minutes after Ads forward Timi Omiaomu's header from 10 yards was assisted by a 30-

yard pass from Josh Holas.

"Getting even with them, and then having a letdown so quickly, that's hard emotionally on any team," head coach Bradley Culbreth said about his team (7-2-3), adding, "the final score doesn't make me lose any confidence in my team." A red card left FHS down a man in the final 22:24.

The SoccerDawgs (10-3-1) first answered in the 54th minute on a header goal from Sharif Aly off a Dillon Sims corner kick. Only 1:21 later, Bearden increased its edge to

3-1 when Cole Turner tapped in a Julian Strickland shot after another Sims corner kick. Ethan Ford polished things off with the final goal, assisted by Lucas Nordin.

"I thought our midfield three played fantastic, especially Julian and Dylan Kolnick," Radcliffe said.

Nordin's penalty kick in the game's seventh minute put the SoccerDawgs ahead 1-0.

"I thought the first half looked like a lot of kids that haven't played in this big of a game before," Radcliffe said.

Aqua Ads 8th, 10th in state



These Farragut High swim team girls placed eighth in the state (10th combined with boys) during the East portion of the Tennessee State meet in Kingsport April 24-25. From left: Abigail King (third, 100-yard fly), Jessica King, Grace LaCharite (sixth, 500-free), Allison Pye, Katelyn Kramer, Elizabeth Martin, Iris Chen, Sarah-Morgan Godbold, Raina Desai and Sophie Thompson.

The FHS Aqua Admiral boys state qualifiers who competed in Kingsport, from left, are Paul Greene, Cade Austin, Camden Gerchar, Alex King and George Hu. Not pictured is Cam Coy, who took 7th in Tennessee State diving meet at Ensworth High School in Nashville last weekend.

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FHS tennis teams finish perfect in 4-AAA league play after easy wins vs. Knox West

Clinching both the boys and girls District 4-AAA tennis league championships — both teams undefeated in league play — the Farragut boys blanked Knoxville West 9-0 Friday, April 23, while the FHS Lady Ads beat the Runnin' Rebels 7-1. Both teams are No. 1 seeds heading into district tournament action beginning this weekend. From left are Admirals seniors Ryan Miller and team captain Will Brown; Jack Tate, FHS sports information director/teacher; and junior Alexis Govert, girls team captain.

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After enjoying lunch provided by Maple Street Biscuit Company and Euphoric Cheese Shop, members — current and new — learned more about the benefits of joining the Chamber, such as educational opportunities; marketing on FWKCC’s social media sites, website, e-mail and the Chamber Life newsletter; ribbon cuttings and networkings; an online directory profile and visibility reports; discounted event registration prices; and the Chamber’s Breakfast Speaker Series.

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‘Posies for the Pantry’ at FPC



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Farragut Presbyterian Church hosted “Posies for the Pantry” Saturday, April 19, on the church grounds, and raised more than \$4,200 for Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry, located at Faith Lutheran Church which is operated in partnership with FPC, FLC and Concord United Methodist Church. **(Above)** Luke Heroux, left, his wife, Jennifer, right, and their daughter, Rosa, were among those visiting the event, which offered crafts, plants, food trucks and singing by Farragut Middle School student Joey Nieman. **(Right)** Carolyn Axley, left, and Rebecca Coppala looked over the wares.



HVA’s Wildi earns RCF scholarship

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Hardin Valley Academy senior Abigail “Abby” Wildi recently was awarded the \$2,000 Youth/Young Adult—Fred Brown Interact Award of Merit Scholarship from Rotary Club District 6780.

“I was so excited to learn that I had received the scholarship,” said Wildi, daughter of Rob and Debbie Wildi and sister of Matthew Wildi. “It means so much to be a recipient, especially with the scholarship being given in honor of a Rotarian who had such an impact on his community.”

“I hope to be able to use the scholarship to help further my education and ability to serve my community as well.”

Wildi, president of the HVA Interact Club, jumped in with both feet to serve, according to Leah Berry, Interact representative for The Rotary Club of Farragut.

“Our club sponsors the HVA club, and a few of us know Abby,” Tom King, RCF publicity chairman, stated in an RCF newsletter.

King stated last week the scholarship is very prestigious.

According to Rotary’s website, the Youth/Young Adult—Fred Brown Interact Award of Merit was initiated by past District Gov. Fred Brown, the first district chairman for Interact from 1964 to 1968 who organized the first Interact Club in Etowah High School.

According to the website page, “The purpose of the award is to recognize an Interact member of District 6780 who has shown outstanding leadership and participation in Interact activities.”

“The award brings with it \$500 for the Interact Club to use on its projects,” King stated. He added there are four such scholarships, normally, but an anonymous Rotarian donated \$4,000 specifically to fund two additional awards for 2021.

“I think my involvement with Interact is something that helped me to receive the scholarship since I am active in my club and have really enjoyed being a member for the past few years,” Wildi said. “What I have most gotten out of being in Interact Club is learning how to take initiative to work with those around me to plan meaningful projects that will help meet the needs of my community.”

Wildi said she is interested in pursuing a nursing career in the public health field.

“I am attracted to the nursing field because it allows me to care for and develop relationships with patients while giving me the opportunity to continue learning and to serve my community,” she said. “Right now, I am most likely planning to attend Clemson University in the fall; however, I am making a final decision over the next few days in selecting a college.”



Wildi

Highest UT undergrad honor goes to Campbell, Boyer, Young

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Three local University of Tennessee students recently were named among the latest class of Torchbearers, recognized among the six honorees of UT’s highest undergraduate honor.

Class of 2017 Bearden High School graduate Natalie Campbell, Webb School of Knoxville graduate Taylor Boyer and Christian Academy of Knoxville graduate Tyler Young were the locals recognized.

Campbell, the daughter of Bryan and Kimberley Campbell, recalled she was surprised by the honor.

“I was sitting in my class when Dr. Frank Cuevas and Dean Shea, as well as the

Jones Center for Leadership and Service, came in to join in on the surprise,” the senior with plans to graduate from UT May 8, recalled.

“When I first came to the University of Tennessee, I absolutely fell in love with what the Volunteer creed says and what it means: ‘One that beareth a torch shadoweth one’s self to give light to others.’ It is a beautiful reminder of what being a Volunteer truly is,” Campbell added. “To be honored with this award and to be recognized by having a similar character to this is so humbling.”

Campbell said she did not know how she came to be chosen “It was the communities of friends, peers and mentors across campus that poured into

me while a part of different organizations—like Ignite, Leadership Knoxville Scholars, Student Government Association, Student Ambassadors, RUF, Camp Koinonia, Students for The Rock, and more — that truly made the difference in my life,” she said.



Campbell

Campbell is studying special education with a minor in English.

“She served as a student director for Ignite, an extended orientation program in UT’s Jones Center for Leadership and Service that welcomes first-year students to UT by connecting them to Knoxville and providing community service opportunities,” Madeline “Maddie” Stephens, UT-Knoxville Student Communications’ public relations specialist, stated in a press release.

“Campbell worked overtime with JCLS staff to re-imagine

the program after the pandemic threatened to shut down the experience for incoming students,” she added.

“She has also served as a Student Ambassador tour guide, a Leadership Knoxville Scholar, Camp Koinonia counselor and art director of Students for the Rock, a student-led group that promotes messages of inclusivity and positivity on UT’s iconic Rock.”

“I will start graduate courses here in pursuit of my Master’s in special education,”

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Teams must have a creatively themed “uniform” and be able to raise a minimum of \$250, \$25 per player, to enter. Prizes go to best team uniform and tourney winners. Deadline to register is Monday, May 10, for new teams. To register, or for more information, go to www.farragutkickball.com. If you are interested in being a sponsor, or to volunteer: Farragutkickball@gmail.com. Also features a silent auction and snacks.

• **The alumni of the original campus of Farragut High School at Kingston**

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• **Knoxville Opera Guild is hosting “Not Quite Opera,”** an interactive virtual event beginning at 2 p.m., Sunday, May 2. The one-hour event will feature opera singers showcasing their non-operatic musical talents, from acoustic guitar to folk songs. Tickets on sale for \$25. Visit KnoxvilleOpera.com for tickets and more info.

Joy named to Dean's List at Wofford

• Caroline Anne Joy of Farragut recently was named to the Fall 2020 Dean's List at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina (a student must be enrolled for at least 12 semester hours of graded courses and attain a GPA of 3.6 or higher).

obituary

Cynthia Ann “Cindy” McDeavitt, age 67, of Farragut, Tennessee, passed away on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at her home surrounded by her family.

Cindy was born in Versailles, Missouri, on June 13, 1953, to James F. Curtman and Doll Baby (Dolly) Whitten. She officially retired from Gables & Gates Realtors on Jan. 1, 2021, after 10 years of service. Cindy was an active member of Random Acts of Flowers; various local quilting guilds; our local AMVETS; the Knoxville Humane Society; and our local area Habitat for Humanity.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Steven Curtman.

Cindy is survived by her husband of 44 years, Dennis P. McDeavitt, PE; her children, Ryan McDeavitt of Knoxville, and James McDeavitt and wife, Dr. Patricia McDeavitt, of Charleston, South Carolina; and daughter, Katie (McDeavitt) Kouri and husband, Dale Kouri, of Knoxville; and her precious grandson, Dylan Kouri; her brother, Robert Curtman; and brother-in-law, Randall McDeavitt of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

A Celebration of Life for Cindy will be held at a later date this year, which has yet to be determined.

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Farragut schools look to honor, reward its teachers, school nurses during May

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Teachers and school nurses — all of whom have bravely faced a tough pandemic year — will be honored by the Farragut community in the coming weeks.

The national Parent Teacher Association is promoting its annual Teacher Appreciation Week this year (Monday through Friday, May 3-7), although Farragut Intermediate School will be celebrating the occasion during the last full week of school, May 17-21, at principal Deborah Adorante's request to "avoid the testing window," said Elizabeth Munk, FIS Parent Teacher Association president.



Adorante

Many activities and events are being planned to support and thank Farragut teachers.

Farragut Primary School recently held an online auction fun-raiser specifically to "love on our teachers," said Michelle Morrow, FPS Parent Teacher Association president, during a recent Town Education Relations Committee meeting.

"Our goal is to make Teacher Appreciation

Week something they won't forget," she added.

An FPS flier promoting the week's events suggests: Monday, May 3, bring a teacher his or her favorite flower; on Tuesday, May 4, bring a teacher a note explaining his or her impact over the last year; Wednesday, May 5, bring school supplies that might be running low; Thursday, May 6, bring a teacher a treat or a favorite snack, beverage or homemade treat; then on Friday, May 7, bring teachers gift cards to their favorite restaurant or store.

"We welcome anyone else who would like to contribute, to let us know if they would like to make a donation or sponsor a particular teacher or staff," said Beth Duncan, Farragut Middle School Parent Teacher Organization president.

Later in the month, National School Nurse Day will be celebrated May 12, and Duncan said all four school nurses will be honored and recognized for "going above and beyond" during the current school year. "Our nurses have been asked to do far more this year than any other year before. We feel that celebrating them on May 12 is the least that we can do."

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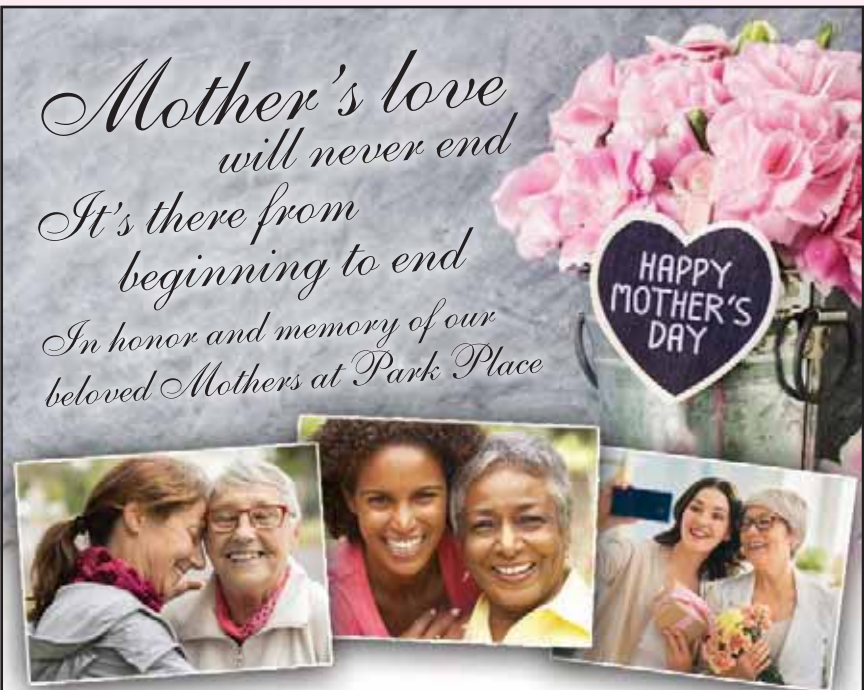
Still time to contribute to HVAF

Hardin Valley Academy Foundation is in the middle of its inaugural "Nest Fest" fundraising event, which runs through today, Thursday, April 29. The week-long campaign "supports the mission of the HVAF" and includes an online "Click for a Brick" fund-raiser (offering personalized bricks in front of HVA for a discounted \$199 each) and the opportunity to "Be a Hawk For Life" by agreeing to ongoing financial support. Event concludes with "Hawk's Night Out" from 6 to 9 p.m., Thursday, April 29 (tonight), at Orange Hat Brewing. For more information, visit www.hardinvalleyacademyfoundation.org.



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Torchbearers

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Campbell said. “Following it, I have hopes of being in Washington, D.C., for some time and then one day being a school administrator or working for a school district.

“I care very deeply for the disability community and the advocacy work for students receiving special education services in schools.

Boyer is a 1794 Scholar studying marketing with a colateral in international business.

She is the founder and president of Women of Haslam, a student organization focused on bringing together business-minded women from across campus for networking and professional development opportunities.

Boyer has served as a Haslam Ambassador, Smith Global Leadership Scholar, president of the South Carick Residence Hall Council, a member of Student Alumni Associates and president of the Order of Omega Greek leadership honor society.

She has held numerous leadership positions in the Haslam College of Business and across campus, dedicating her time to mentoring others and creating empowering spaces for women. Boyer plans to attend UT’s College of Law in the fall, according to Stephens.

“It’s a huge honor to be a winner of the Torchbearer,” Boyer stated in the press release. “I think this university is like a big family. We all have that Volunteer spirit and use it to pour into each other.

“UT has really encouraged me to make a difference, be my best self and to give back — whether it’s in the Knoxville community, on campus

or to those coming after me.”

Young stated in the press release, “Especially having grown up here in Knoxville, to be a recipient of this award is a huge honor and so humbling. This university has given so much to me, so I want to give back and continue to pour into the lives of students that are still here well after I leave.”

Stephens stated Young, a senior, is studying supply chain management and business analytics. As lead ambassador for the Haslam College of Business, he has dedicated much of his time to supporting students in his program and welcoming prospective Vols to campus.



Boyer

“He has served in multiple peer mentor roles within the college, spent a term as vice president of Beta Upsilon Chi fraternity, participated in the Student Alumni Associates and volunteered at Emmett Elementary School in Bristol, Tennessee, where he taught business principles to fifth graders,” Stephens stated.

“After serving as a supply chain intern with Dell Technologies last summer, Young will go on to work with the company as a part of their Supply Chain Development Program based in Austin, Texas, starting in June,” she added.

“Since 1968, the Torchbearer statue — UT’s official symbol — has stood on campus with a plaque stating the Volunteer Creed ... a physical reminder of the values that are central to UT. Each year, a group of students who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating their commitment to service,

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Stephens stated the recipients learned of their selection



Young

through a surprise visit by Chancellor Donde Plowman or a member of her cabinet in early March.

“The surprises took place both in person and virtually, to accommodate students who are not on campus,” she said.

As a Torchbearer, each honoree received a plaque and a medal during the Chancellor’s Honors Banquet April 7. “The banquet is the university’s largest recognition event of the year,” Stephens added.

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10:00 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on a preliminary plat for the Grove at Boyd Station Subdivision, Parcels 50, 50.01, 9.01, and 54.01, Tax Map 162, 12611 Boyd Station Road, 132 Acres, 285 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSMR (Rackley Engineering, Applicant)

11:00 a.m. Discussion on updates to the Major Road Plan and the Subdivision Regulations as they relate to street construction requirements (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

1:00 p.m. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan (including updates to the site plan approved in April and building elevations for the multi-family buildings) for the Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms, Parcels 3.02, 3.03, 3.10, and a portion of 3.19, Tax Map 143, 11230 Kingston Pike, 11240 Kingston Pike, 133 Concord Road, 37.08 Acres, Zoned PCD and FPD (CHM, LLC, Applicant)

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FHS baseball
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ALAN SLOAN
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ALCOA — A quick start, dominant pitching, a big contribution deep in the line-up, a special outfield catch and late power added up to victory for Hardin Valley Academy softball at Alcoa.

"I'm just happy with the way they came out and put up three runs in the first inning," HVA head coach Whitney Hickam-Cruze said about the 8-1 win Friday evening, April 23, improving her team's record to 22-7 overall while standing at

10-2 in District 4-AAA starting the week.

As for pitching a complete game, Denver Hogrefe "was very effective tonight, her stuff was working well," the HVA head coach said about the senior, who allowed one earned run, three-hits and two walks with six strikeouts. "She hit her spots."

Hogrefe helped her cause with a first-inning RBI single and a seventh-inning solo home run. Kylie Tillman's two-RBI single in the first inning made it 3-0.

Brook Taylor connected for a second-inning RBI single, scoring Annie McCormick, who laced a triple. McCormick end-

ed with two hits and scored twice as the No. 9 batter. "Annie's very disciplined in that nine-hole," Hickam-Cruze said.

Madi Lane blasted a two-run homer in the seventh-inning.

Olivia Neely had a sixth-inning double for the Lady Hawks.

A running catch by center fielder Gracie Gray in the sixth inning saw the HVA sophomore slam into the center field wall. "That catch really just kind of snagged the momentum back right there," Hickam-Cruze said.

"It was a great catch."

"We have a good team and they have a good team, so it's going to be a battle every time," he added. "Our pitchers (Jaxson Pease and Hunter Merrick) pitched pretty well."

Hawk Jaylen Jones clubbed a three-run homer with two outs in the seventh.

"We've scored more runs in the seventh inning than we have in any other inning this year," HVA assistant coach Ben Barnett said.

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