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A stand to stop Concord Marina expand

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Bill Seaver has personally cared for and enjoyed Concord Park for more than two decades as both a volunteer and an area resident — but imminent plans to expand its marina are causing him grave concern.

The recently retired University of Tennessee statistics professor, who is in the park as much as three times daily, has started an online petition at <https://www.ipetitions.com/petition/save-concord-park-for-tennesseans-the-animals> to bring awareness to the proposed changes, although ideally he would like the expansion to cease altogether.

“The essence of this petition is preferably to shut down the expansion of the marina,” Seaver shared online. “Or maybe a compromise that would reduce the expansion, keep the quietness, give access to water for the animals and protect their habitat.”

“My concern is that there is no compromise that would do this without public input,” he added. “In addition, there was no environmental impact study and no consideration of all of the traffic both on the water and the roads around the park.”

“It all seems to have been hidden under the guise of

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A bit fishy



(Above right) Jack Wright shows off one of several large catfish he caught Saturday, May 15, during 37th Annual Bob Watt Fishing Rodeo, sponsored by the Town of Farragut, at Anchor Park along Fort Loudoun Lake. Jack won boys 10-to-12 age category with a 3 1/2-pound catfish. (Right) Reed Holmes, left, and Max Hilton show off a 2.56-pound catfish they caught. Max also won the prize for Most Fish Caught, seven. (Above) Luke Bradley fishes from the banks. Despite chilly temperatures early on, 125 children and their families enjoyed the opportunity to fish and compete for prizes over two time slots. Girls' winners were Raigan Curtis, age 6 & Under (2.65 pounds); Daphene Frazier, age 7-9 (.035 pounds); and Emory Everett, age 10-12 (4.25 pounds). Emory also won for Biggest Fish Overall. Other Boys' winners were Liam Walker, age 6 & Under (3.79 pounds); and Asher Gault, age 7-9, (2.95 pounds).



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead



Trailhead will be N'shore new path

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Northshore Drive is one step closer to providing long-distance pedestrian safety with last week's ribbon cutting at Callaway Ridge Trailhead.

It marked completion of the first of four phases of the Northshore Safety, Wellness and Connectivity Project — a joint project between Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs — which took place just north of the Concord Road roundabout Tuesday, May 11.

Once completed, the project will connect walking trails from that roundabout westward to the one at the intersection of Northshore and Choto Road.

Jay, who is one of two At-Large Commissioners and is current KCC chair, was joined by Jacobs, Farragut Mayor Ron Williams, fellow 5th District County Commissioner and vice chair John Schoonmaker, 9th District County Commissioner Carson Daily and Register of Deeds Nick McBride among many in attendance.

The Trailhead, accessed via a paved roadway just off Northshore and marked with a road sign, was named for the Callaway family who formerly owned the land. It offers ample parking for both walkers and bikers, leads to an array of bike trails behind it, and will lead to a walking trail in the project's second phase.

While the Knox County Engineering and Public Works departments are constructing the project,

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285-lot Grove concept plan OK'd

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Farragut Municipal Planning Commission approved the concept plan for The Grove at Boyd Station subdivision, which will offer 285 lots on 132 acres along Boyd Station and McFee roads, during a recent meeting.

Plans call for 90 attached townhomes, along with nearly 200 single family homes, which have been designed by Rackley Engineering and will be constructed by Saddlebrook Homes.

Saddlebrook is builder of Farragut neighborhoods Brass Lantern and Brookmere, and contractor for the planned construction of nearby Meadows on McFee neighborhood.

In addition to housing, The Grove at Boyd Station will have 46.9 acres of open space, three roundabouts and three stormwater detention ponds.

Virtue Road residents Steve and Virginia “Ginny” Williams submitted the only comment on this project, as their farm abuts the proposed development.

The couple's requests, which were not addressed during the

meeting, included: a design change to increase open space/buffer land on the portion of the property adjoining their land; removal of the sidewalk and road stub to their property; and that a roundabout be installed at the proposed Boyd Station entrance for traffic calming.

Russ Rackley and Saddlebrook representatives Bob Mohny and Brian Mohny attended the Town's Staff/Developer meeting Tuesday, May 4, to discuss the project's site plan, which will be considered during the Thursday (tonight), May 20, FMPC meeting.

Special BOMA Pledge



Michelle Hollenhead

Eagle Scout Jillian Hartzog led the Pledge to the American Flag during the start of Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen's meeting Thursday, May 13, the first in-person BOMA meeting in more than a year.

business

“I'm so excited being an owner of something I enjoy. ... Now, I've decided to step out and do it 100 percent all the time. ... I never thought of it as a talent,”

-Danielle Panzera of Farragut, who has launched her business to help people tackle a skill most people desire, but many can't conquer. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

community

“They brought the joy we needed in such dark times. ... I was shocked and full of excitement when I learned I was a recipient,”

-Christine Sprague, who told of her brother's hardships in a special forum, and how the experience led her toward a long-term pathway. (Read story beginning on page 3B)

sports

“I said ‘unbelievable’ because that's how I was feeling, but totally ‘believable’ with this group and how they've played ... and how that they've competed,”

-Jordan Wormsley, a coach whose team “woke up” in the nick of time to claim a huge playoff victory thanks to a big comeback. (Read story beginning on page 2B)



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Sampler champ 'In the dough'

KCSO reports



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Stephanie Alberding, left, Farragut resident and local nurse, is April Shop Farragut Town Sampler contest winner. She has been playing the contest regularly since moving her family from Memphis to Farragut a little more than a year-and-a-half ago. She is joined by Isabella Johnson, Admiral's Dough-Joe Turkey Creek store manager, at the store. Alberding's winnings, a \$225 value (all prizes are transferable), are a \$50 gift card from West Bikes and \$25 gift cards from Admiral Dough-Joe, Turkey Creek Juice Bar, Euphoric Cheese, Fruition Café, Kat's Lash Lounge, The Adorable Child and Farragut Pharmacy. The May contest is well underway, so don't wait to enter: <https://wfv.com/contests/8/shop-farragut-may-2021> Total value is \$200 (all prizes are transferable) and features \$25 gift certificates from Forno Grill, Tire Discounters, The Consignment Shoppe, Einstein Bros. Bagels, Seasons Innovative Bar & Grill, Fleet Feet, Campbell Station Wine & Spirits and BW James Jewelers.

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• **Visit Farragut has won a 2020 Award of Excellence from the Middle East Tennessee Tourism Council** for a dining guide brochure distributed during the COVID-19 pandemic. It was part of the "Doors are Opening" marketing campaign the tourism department implemented at the request of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen to address the needs of local businesses.

Visit Farragut received the Pivot Award for the dining guide, which provides information about services offered by local restaurants such as take-out and delivery services or outdoor seating. It is distributed through area hotels and businesses, and a digital version is available at VisitFarragut.org.

Similar to "many tourism organizations, Visit Farragut's objective in 2020 was helping businesses stay afloat rather than encouraging travel," a Town press release stated.

"Visit Farragut changed its focus to supporting our local businesses, restaurants, hotels and citizens during the pandemic. The dining guide is now a valuable resource to support our local economy and beyond," tourism coordinator Karen Tindal said.

Tourism Awards of Excellence honors events, festivals, marketing projects and individuals that have enhanced and increased tourism's positive economic impact on the 16 counties of the METTC region.

• At 3:33 p.m., Sunday, May 16, Knox County Sheriff's Office units responded to a Meadow Pointe Lane residence in reference to a civil matter regarding a housing situation between the property owner and the eventual arrestee/rentee, who said she had paid a \$500 deposit to property owner to live in the residence. She said he was now attempting to change their agreement and was refusing to return the initial deposit. Rentee also said she wanted to move out of the home, but reiterated she wanted her deposit back and that she felt she had been scammed. Property owner said he was agreeable with the rentee continuing to be a tenant, but he would not be returning her deposit, adding he was changing their verbal lease agreement due to rentee's boyfriend coming to stay at the residence. During the course of the investigation, a records check revealed rentee had an outstanding warrant for Contempt of Court from the Juvenile Court system. She was taken into custody without incident.

• At 5:10 p.m., Saturday, May 15, an officer witnessed a red Chevrolet Silverado sitting behind a business along Campbell Station Road after being flagged down by a complainant who was wanting KCSO to do a welfare check on her daughter. A witness said they saw the complainant's daughter get into a Chevrolet Silverado and leave. Upon making contact with the driver, the eventual arrestee appeared to be in a nervous state. He gave officers verbal consent to search the vehicle. Upon officers' search, they located a Springfield 9mm handgun in the center console of the vehicle. The vehicle owner was asked if he had ever been arrested, to which he said, "yes." He was asked if he had ever been convicted of any felonies, to which he said, "yes." A criminal history check was completed through records, which revealed he was a convicted felon. The vehicle owner was

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Trailhead

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ect, which currently includes grading, paving, lighting and signage, both the Appalachian Mountain Bike Club and Legacy Parks Foundation have been instrumental in helping with planning and oversight, Jay said, and representatives from those organizations also attended the ceremony.

The event also provided an opportunity for Jay to share the overall master plan and what the next phases will include going forward. Phase 2 will cut a trail from the Trailhead into a West pocket of Concord Park, and Phase 3 calls for constructing a boardwalk underneath two concrete bridges, allowing pedestrians "never having to go across Northshore," Jay added.

Phase 4 will connect from The Cove at Concord Park to the Choto roundabout.

Cost of the first two phases was around \$100,000, Jay said, and funding was secured last year. He said the last two phases will cost an estimated \$1.5 million, but have yet to be funded.

Jay first proposed the project about two years ago, based on his own observations of a young family trying to cross Northshore Drive to access The Cove.

"Crossing that road is like playing (the video game) 'Frogger,'" Jay said. "We just needed to figure out how to access these wonderful parks without the risk of dying beside the road."

Once completed, the project will serve 371 businesses, 11,351 residents and 5,240 homes within 1.5 miles, a press release from Jacobs' office stated. The project will be maintained by Knox County Parks and Recreation Department.

correction

The e-mail address for Sandy Floral Design is info@sandy-floraldesign.com. The e-mail address was listed incorrectly in a story on page 9A in the Business section of farragutpress' Thursday, May 6, issue. We regret the error.

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lettertotheeditor

Wilson response to Vice Mayor Povlin Letter

Last week, Vice Mayor (Louise) Povlin's Letter (to the Editor) discussed the reasons for denying the Horne Properties development proposal on the (Former Mayor) Eddy Ford property. Her article highlighted the protections that have existed in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan since 2012, namely the transition ordinance on page 12. As Vice Mayor Povlin stated in her letter, "... high density multifamily was never going to be an appropriate form of the development between Park Place and Glen Abbey, regardless of the recent amendments to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan."

Why then, only a few months ago, did the Board of Mayor and Aldermen insist on changing the CLUP and Mixed-Use Town Center zoning ordinance to "protect the existing neighborhoods" around the MUTC area? Last December, I asserted that these pending CLUP and MUTC ordinance changes were not required. The transition requirement and other protections had already been in place for eight years.

Vice Mayor Povlin's latest comments affirm my assertion from December. Understanding all of this, we ought to question why BOMA insisted on these changes that specifically targeted the known Ford property development. As was requested, the Town should have paused and conducted the "significant public

outreach" process to create a collaborative new MUTC area. Our community missed this opportunity.

In her final thought, the Vice Mayor states that you "should be concerned" of what she terms as "a private citizen advocating" for certain developments while battling against others. As U.S. citizens, we all have the First Amendment right to speak publicly and redress our government on community issues. The government should not infringe upon this right.

Additionally, elected officials should not use their official office or title in an attempt to limit or marginalize the speech of a citizen with whom they disagree.

Personally, I am not concerned with other citizens voicing their opinions even if I disagree with them. I am more concerned that our Vice Mayor appears to be attempting to limit or marginalize the speech of a citizen through her public comments as the Vice Mayor. This should concern all of us.

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(Editor's Note: Doug Horne is owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress)

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• **Concerning the article (May 6 issue) that refers to the devaluation of (former Farragut Mayor) Eddy Ford's land** by the (Farragut Municipal) Planning Commission and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Eddy Ford worked for this Town for 24 years — eight years as vice mayor and 16 years as mayor. This is the most unethical thing I have ever seen in the history of this Town, and everyone that's involved in downgrading the value of the Ford property should be ashamed. *(Editor's Note: "downgrading" is how the caller apparently references the Town's initial rejection of the Ford property as suitable, based on developer Doug Horne's plans, for a Town Center. Horne also is owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress).*

• **This Thursday, May 20, the Farragut Planning Commission will meet to discuss the Biddle Farms (Town Center) site plan.** It is Agenda item No. 4. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. It will be held at the Farragut Community Center. ... Alderman Ron Pinchok tried to get a written commitment from the developer that in the two future development areas, that only single-family homes or condos would be build instead of more apartments. He was not successful in getting that written commitment. The public needs to request two deed restrictions to these two areas, to make sure apartments will not be built on them, and that only single-family homes or condos will be built in these areas.

• **Keep calls to a 90-second maximum (call 865-671-8255 24 hours a day, seven days a week); keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum (editor@farragutpress.com).**

No expand

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COVID or other things like money."

Sun Life Marinas operate Concord Marina through a lease agreement with Knox County, which had been deeded the land from TVA.

Knox County Commissioners unanimously approved an amended contract with Sun Life Marinas in August 2020, which outlined expansion plans that include 135 additional boat slips, adding 131 parking spaces and replacing an existing waterfront pavilion, all of which would nearly double the marina.

Although Seaver said it was his understanding the proposed expansion "came before TVA, and TVA denied it because the additional docks and slips would have extended too far out in the water," Taylor Harris, president of the Old Concord Residents Association, which also opposes the expansion, said she has discovered TVA has not yet approved the move.

"I heard from Deanna Thompson, who is a Recreation Agreements Specialist for TVA and handles the Fort Loudoun Reservoir," Harris

said last week. "She said that they have spoken with Knox County concerning a request for a potential expansion of the marina and they are working with them, but that they haven't approved or denied the request to date.

"She said there would be a public-comment period should they accept the application," she added.

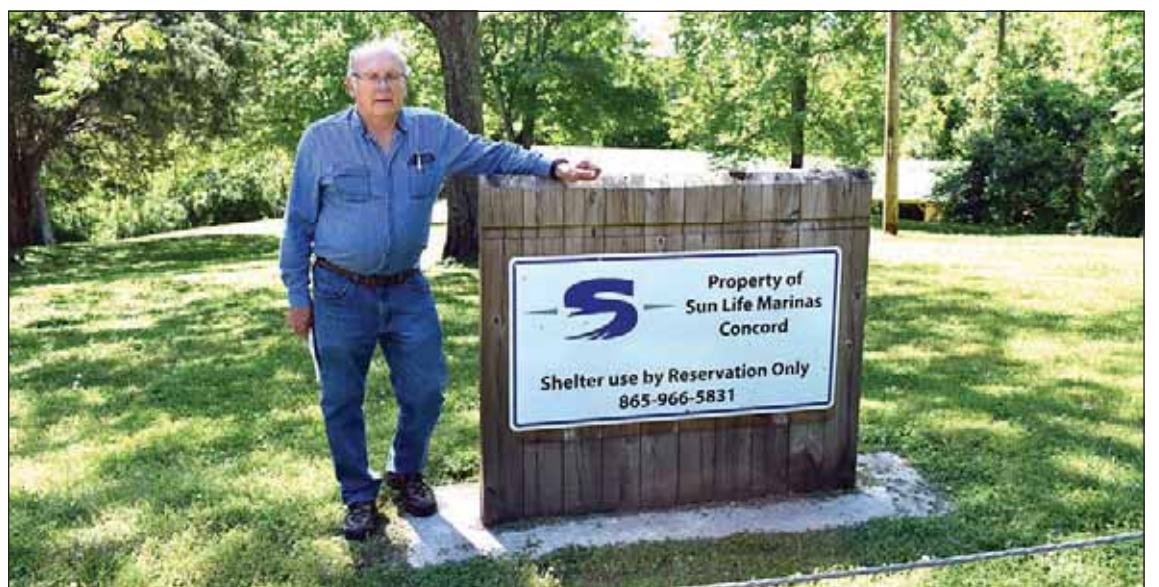
Seaver, who is keenly concerned for the wildlife, along with preserving the quiet atmosphere, believes greed is the driving force in the changes.

"The additional boat slips at \$300 each would generate \$30,000 per month for 100 slips," he said. "That is at least \$360,000 per year from the elite."

Seaver also believes the expansion would contribute to negative and criminal behaviors he already has personally witnessed.

"There is not enough (Knox County Sheriff's Office) presence in the park, but I have reported to them about what I have seen, including underage drinking and drugs," he said.

"There has also been speeding on the maintenance road and the road around the marina ... some of which has resulted in DUIs and dead ani-



Michelle Hollenhead

Bill Seaver poses next to a Sun Life Marina sign at Concord Park. The company leases the property from Knox County and is planning an expansion, which Seaver is opposing. Behind him is a long-standing pavilion, which is slated to be replaced as part of the plans.

mals," Seaver added.

Finally, the quietness of the park, he believes, "is being sold for money. Many people come to the park for a quiet walk, hike, family picnic, etc. The park will be more crowded than the dog park.

"Why should we give up our tranquility and green space for someone's pocketbook?" Seaver asked.

"We'd like to emphasize

our concern about how this proposed expansion would encroach on our historically protected community," Harris said. "The Village of Concord is Knox County's only historic district outside Knoxville's city limits and is protected by an HZ overlay.

"This stretch of lake is central to our community and the proposed expansion would replace mature trees and land-

scape with green roofs, paved parking lots, and an enormous amount of noise pollution."

Late last week, farragutpress contacted Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs' office. Mike Donila, director of communications, said, "As of now, all we can really say is that we also reached out to TVA and (expected) to have a meeting with them (earlier this week)."

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High5 Solutions gives in-home help

TAMMY CHEEK

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Danielle Panzera of Farragut has launched her home-based business, High5 Solutions Knox, to help people with their errands and organizing challenges.

"I'm so excited being an owner of something I enjoy," said Panzera, who helps people organize and/or downsize their homes, either before a move or simply to make their homes easier to manage. She also provides an errands service to do those tasks people cannot seem to fit into their busy schedules. She has clients as distant as Oak Ridge.

Before starting the business full-time in April, Panzera was a local bank branch manager and was "doing things on the side, but never full blown."

"Now I've decided to step out and do it 100 percent all the time," she added.

During a 20-year banking career, Panzera observed, "I've worked so much for clients and listening to what keeps them up at night. They would tell you the No.

1 thing that happens with people is their homes become very full of memories, but it becomes cluttered.

"If it's knick-knacks or it's just baby clothes, whatever it is, they get very overwhelmed and they don't know how to move forward, so I come in and help," she added.

Another observation Panzera made is older clients are afraid to ask for help from family members.

"They feel, if they call on family members to help, then (family members) think 'Oh, they're downsizing. Maybe they want to move into a retirement facility,' and (the clients) get very scared," Panzera said, adding she also can help those clients, even with simple things.

For example, she related one client had difficulty reaching up to cabinets in her kitchen and needed things to become eye level.



Panzera

"She just needed help bringing things down and downsizing," said Panzera, who also can help first-time homeowners who do not know how to organize their things in a new home.

Additionally, as the mother of a child with special needs, she can help other parents of special needs children better organize their homes for their child.

"For me (organizing) has always been something that has been very simple since I was young," Panzera said, recalling an aunt telling her, "Since you were 13, you always organized. You organized grandma's house. You came in and always made sure everything put away."

"I never thought of it as a talent; I just thought of it as, 'It's easy for me to organize and help, so .. why not do something for myself and do this (business)?"

Panzera may be reached by calling 865-213-3100, by e-mailing high5solutionsknox@gmail.com or visiting online at www.high5solutions.com or Facebook at High5 Solutions Knox.

Bertolo promotes 'Progress' with healthy eating habits

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Kim Bertolo of Concord is helping people navigate their eating habits with her new home-based business, Work in Progress Health Coaching.

"I help people to physically take control of their lifestyle and health," said Bertolo, who provides "a safe, non-judgmental environment for clients to discuss their goals for their health, help them to stay accountable and get off of the cycle of yo-yo dieting."

As the yo-yo cycle demoralizes the dieter, she pointed out "everybody's body is unique."

"There's no one diet or way of eating that's going to work for every-

one," Bertolo said. "I can help people who struggle with emotional eating and 'functional eating disorders.'"

Additionally, she helps clients learn how to lose the 20 pounds doctors told them to lose "because a lot of times doctors don't have the time to sit there and say 'this is how you eat; this is how you should lose the 20 pounds.'"

That is where Bertolo can step in and help the client achieve that goal in baby steps.

"My goal is to guide you on your individual path to discover health, balance and peace in your complete circle of life," she said.

"And, I support them through (the process)," Bertolo added. "You need that support system. I let my clients have my cell phone (number); they can text me if they're having issues; they can e-mail me."

Meetings can be virtual or in person. "We meet twice a month," she said.



Bertolo



Michelle Hollenhead

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Pep Boys is now open at 10839 Kingston Pike, in the site previously occupied by Big O Tires, which relocated several blocks east about two years ago. The business offers oil changes, brake service, tires and engine repair and is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday. For more information, call 865-672-5464.

Parents, businesses treat FHS seniors with balloon pathway



Photo submitted

Two hundred Senior Spirit Balls lined the driveway at FHS Friday, May 14.

STAFF REPORTS

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Farragut High School seniors visited their school — many for the last time until graduation Sunday, June 6 — Friday, May 14, for "Anchors Away Senior Day" to pick up their caps, gowns, yearbooks, pay final fees and turn in computers.

Two hundred of those students enjoyed a special treat from their parents and a local business.

As they turned onto Lendon Welch Way, right before their eyes was an array of blue and white Senior Spirit Balls lining both sides of the circular driveway in front of the

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Michelle Hollenhead

Rhodes-Tec has FWKCC ribbon cutting

Rhodes-Tec LLC business owner Dylan Ogle (with scissors) prepares to cut the ribbon Tuesday, April 20, at the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce offices, celebrating his company's FWKCC membership. Also pictured are Trevor Hobbs, left of Ogle, assistant to the Farragut Town administrator; FWKCC ambassador Angela Bridges, right; and other Chamber members and ambassadors. Rhodes-Tec LLC, which opened in December, provides a unique hand spray sanitizer product Ogle manufactures and sells himself. For more information, visit Rhodes-Tec's Facebook page.

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Work

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As an example, Bertolo said she will determine what vegetables the client likes, help with cooking classes, meditation, discuss relationships and stress management.

"Because the food on your plate is one thing, but you can be eating as healthy as anybody (but) if your stress level is through the roof, (the food the client eats) is not really going to matter because (the stress) is going to affect the body as well," she said. "A lot of people don't realize that."

While Bertolo has a bachelor's degree in psychology, "I've always known there was something more I was meant to do," she said.

One night she prayed and asked for a sign, and the next morning, while looking on the Internet, Bertolo saw a post for The Institute of Integrative Nutrition, a holistic program based in New York, to become a certified health coach.

"I watched the (institute's) video; I got goosebumps and said this is what I'm meant to do," she recalled, subsequently getting her certification.

For a free health consultation, Bertolo can be reached by calling 865-951-8117 by e-mailing at wiphealthcoach@outlook.com or by visiting online at wiphealthcoach.com

Balloons

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school. Each was personalized with the senior's name and a congratulatory message from a loved one or close friend.

The arrangements represented "such joy to celebrate the end of a very stressful school year and the culmination of their high school years," said local balloon artist Dianna Glandon, owner of Above the Rest Balloons, which partnered with FHS parents and administration to arrange Friday's celebration.

"I felt this was much needed after the tumultuous, unprecedented year of mandates, extra rules and regulations, lack of traditional school functions and activities the students have endured," she added.

Additionally, her company donated 45 percent of the ar-

rangements sales back to FHS to help defray graduation expenses and also assist students who may need help with senior costs, and presented a check for \$5,400 to FHS administrators and student volunteers Friday morning.

Parents ordered the Senior Spirit Balls prior to the event. "This has made it an extremely easy fundraiser for the school and a complete surprise for the students," Glandon said, noting several FHS students helped with the 6 a.m. installation.

"There was an immediate positive response from the parents who very much wanted to help celebrate their seniors and get to support the school," she added.

For more information, visit www.abovetheresteventdesigns.com or e-mail dianna@abovetheresteventdesigns.com.



Farragut High School senior Haley Jordan was one of 200 fellow graduates-to-be who received a Senior Spirit Ball Friday, May 14, at the school.

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asked if officers could take everything out of his pockets, to which he proceeded to empty his pockets. He pulled out about six Alprazolam pills that were wrapped up in a plastic baggie, and was taken into custody. Narcotics were turned into the Knox County Narcotics Locker at Knox County Jail. The firearm was turned into Knox County Property Lockers at the jail. The vehicle was towed.

• At 3:43 p.m., Friday, May 14, a victim came to Family Justice Center and filed a complaint against the suspect, who used to be the victim's sister's boyfriend about 20 years ago. Victim said he had a prior run-in with the suspect at a Buddy's Bar-B-Q, and a report was made. Victim said the suspect's parents live close to the victim, and when the suspect drives by he will make lewd hand gestures towards the victim. Victim said on Sunday, May 9, the suspect came to the victim's residence while the victim was not home and spoke with victim's parents, and the parents asked the suspect to leave the property. Victim said he does not know why the suspect is doing this, but the suspect's actions put him in fear.



Tree falls on house

Heavy thunderstorms roared through Farragut Tuesday, May 4, causing a tree to fall and strike the back of a house located at 11921 W. Kingsgate Road. Beyond the structural damage, no injuries were reported according to Dan Johnson, Farragut Fire Marshall, who said Rural Metro Fire responded to the scene.

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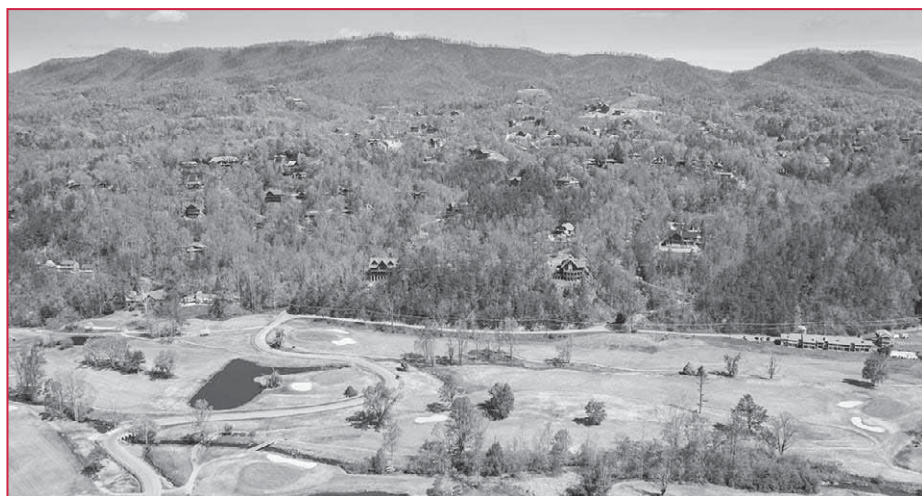
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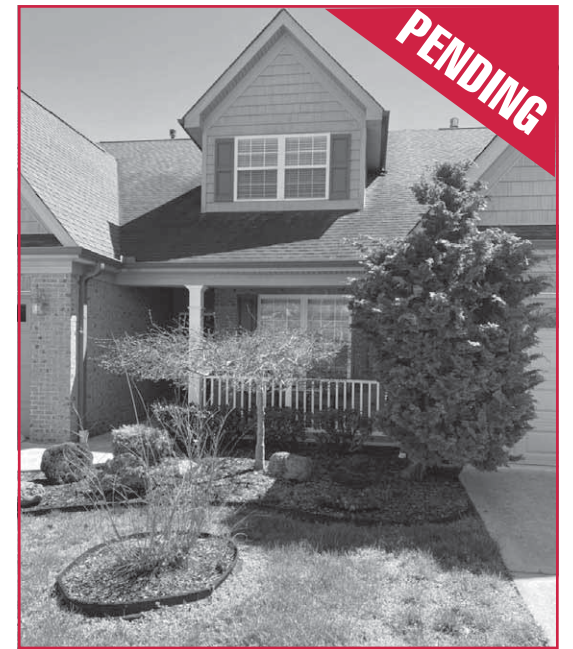
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Answering a Hawks rally

Soccer Ads' late corner-kick goal edges Hardin Valley for district tourney crown

ALAN SLOAN

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Until the game's final 15 minutes, it seemed like business as usual when Farragut boys soccer succeeds: sound defense, solid goalkeeping and midfield play and the chemistry of senior standout forwards Timi Omitaomu and Jake Lowe — they've played together each year since age 6 — producing goals.

Two Omitaomu assists setting up Lowe for a pair of goals put the Admirals up 2-0 — but rival Hardin Valley answered twice in slightly more than five minutes late, tying things on a goal from freshman Brady Hammer, assisted by sophomore Robbin Castillo, in the 73rd minute.

But Admirals senior Jake Skipper saved the day in the 75th minute, scoring off “the back of the head” on a corner kick, which gave Farragut a 3-2 win and the District 4-AAA Tournament title Friday evening, May 14, in Farragut Soccer Stadium.

“It was just a great kick to me, and I went for it and it happened — it was all a blur ... I went up for it and it went in. ... It hit me in like the back of the head,” Skipper said. “We played hard tonight and we didn't give up.”

In praising HVA for its comeback, FHS head coach Bradley Culbreth said, “Nothing but respect for the way Jessie (Stephens) runs that program. ... Hardin Valley players and coaches, they gave us all we wanted.”



Stephens

Back-up FHS goalkeeper Righter Cressman, replacing injured senior starter Max Kaplan, played despite dealing with “a broken hand he's had all year,” Culbreth said. “With his attitude and his character, he stepped up.”

“I told him before the game: ‘son, if you give up five goals and we lose, no one is going to point a finger at you,’” he added. “Just come and do you, that's all I'm asking.”

Culbreth also singled out Reuben Margulies, FHS senior midfielder. “He put his heart on the field tonight, and we needed it, 100 percent,” the coach said. “If we didn't have him, it's a different game.”

As for Omitaomu and Love, “... He's been my brother on the field, so that chemistry has al-



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(Above) The Farragut boys soccer team enjoyed being crowned District 4-AAA tourney champs following a 3-2 victory against rival Hardin Valley Academy Friday evening, May 14, in Farragut Soccer Stadium. (Right) The game-winning goal was celebrated by senior Jake Skipper (13), who is mobbed in joy by teammates Brooks Burnette, left, and Timi Omitaomu (11) after his header off a corner kick in the game's 75th minute.



ways been there. It's been growing stronger by the year,” Omitaomu said.

“Me and Timi have the chemistry — it shows,” Lowe said.

About Hawks senior Marshall Guzman, “It was a heck of a job that he did. He was the one who got us started,” Stephens said about the first HVA goal, coming in the 68th minute and assisted by Castillo.

Also earning praise from HVA included center-fullback Mason Sandidge, a junior, who “definitely stepped up big in the second half,” Stephens said, and Brady Margo, a sophomore defender. “Any time you're tasked with Jake and Timi on you, you've got to work.”

While Farragut improved to 12-2-3 as 4-AAA champs, the Hawks fell to 10-3-3 after the loss.

Farragut girls, boys tennis ...



Photo submitted

... One win from state 'Final 4'

Just one match win from a trip to the TSSAA state “Final Four” of high school team tennis next week, among Division I Large schools, Farragut High School girls and boys teams earned region championships last week. While the Lady Admirals swept past Oak Ridge for top region honors, the FHS boys did the same by sweeping Campbell County. The Farragut boys now travel to Johnson City to face Science Hill in the sectional, or substate final, Friday, May 21. The Lady Admirals also travel to Johnson City to face Science Hill, but will do so Thursday, May 20 (today). State championship team play in Division I Large for both teams, if they win in Johnson City, runs Tuesday and Wednesday, May 25-26, at Adams Tennis Complex in Murfreesboro.

FHS diamond duo one victory from midstate

Farragut baseball

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Just when Farragut baseball temporarily hit bottom with a rare mistake-filled postseason game, the Admirals surprised few in high school baseball circles with its rally — against a stellar Hardin Valley Academy team that's also a big rival — to

See **BASEBALL** on Page 10B

Lady Admirals softball

KEN LAY

Correspondent

Farragut High School used the big inning Monday night, May 17, to win its Region 2-AAA softball semifinal against Karns.

The Lady Admirals used a five-run first inning to set the tone for their 9-0 victory over the Lady Beavers in an elimination game at FHS's Bellamy Field.

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Relief, rally, redemption in dramatic Webb playoff win

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The guy who started the big seventh-inning rally also shut the door, defensively, with his pitching. Jackson Musrock was a rested reliever.

The guy who ended that same rally, with his game-winning RBI single up the middle, was the man of the hour in a wild victory celebration that included earning the right to wear a victory chain and the team's special "The Rack" helmet. But Graham Lischer was just relieved he could rest easy.

Webb School of Knoxville's advancement into a best-two-of-three Division II-A baseball substate round was made possible thanks to a four-run rally in the bottom of the seventh, erasing a 4-1 deficit versus Clarksville Academy, for a 5-4 home win Saturday afternoon, May 15.

A leadoff double to deep center field from Musrock, a star shortstop who signed with Memphis University, ignited the late rally, while the senior kept the Cougars (23-12) from adding runs with 2 2/3 innings of unblemished relief work.

A critical shortstop error — dropping a possible double-play ball — greatly aided Webb's rally, plus singles from Blake Hale and Julian Mays, came before Carter Musrock's two RBI single down the third-base line to tie the game 4-4. That set the stage for Lischer.

"A guy that early in the game has a mistake, but gets



Alan Sloan

After his game-winning RBI single, Webb senior Graham Lischer (15) is joined by celebrating teammates Taeg Homer (11) and

an opportunity late in the game to win it for his team and goes out and does it," Webb head coach Clark Wormsley said of Lischer's throwing error that led to an unearned Clarksville run in the third inning. "... He did a fantastic job of battling through it and coming up big for his team in the end."

"I had a tough error that cost us a run ... the whole rest of the game I was like, 'man, I hope a get a chance' to make up for it," Lischer said. "Finally, I get the pitch I wanted and it went up the middle."

game on the mound," FHS head coach Nick Green said. "She gave up a hit to their first batter, she had two walks and she hit a batter, and that was it."

After hurling six frames, Flatford gave way to Emma MacTavish, who tossed a scoreless seventh, retiring the Lady Beavers in order to bring the game and their 2021 campaign to an end.

Offensively, the Lady Admirals (31-2) came out blazing as they put up five runs in the bottom of the first, pounding out three extra-base hits in the inning.

Designated player Hannah Pfeifer drew a walk to lead off the bottom of the first. She

Ford Wagner was credited with an RBI on the shortstop's error. Baker Wooten drew a seventh-inning walk.

The Spartans' first run came in the sixth on consecutive singles by Jackson Musrock, Hale and Wagner (RBI). Riley George added a second-inning single, while Hale's three-hit game also included smacking a double in the third inning.

On the mound, Jackson retired all eight batters he faced, six by strikeout, for the Spartans (18-8), who head to Memphis as the No. 2 East seed to

stole second and came home with the game's first run when Cameron Young doubled.

"Cameron always has good at-bats," Green said.

And that was only the beginning.

Young scored when Lauren Brakovec doubled to make it 2-0 before shortstop Ava Guzowski clubbed a two-run homer and chased Karns starter Alyssa Maples from the circle. Farragut scored another run with the aid of an error by the Lady Beavers.

Riley George (middle) while another teammate has "The Rack" helmet, symbolic of making a big play, ready for Lischer to wear.

play West No. 2 seed North-point Christian in a double-header Thursday (today), May 20, and, if necessary, a deciding third game Friday, May 21.

"I know I have a great defense behind me," Jackson said. "And I knew at some point in the game our offense was going to pick it up."

"That's only his third outing on the mound all year," Wormsley said of Jackson. "With his arm and his value at shortstop, we wanted to protect him and keep him in shape and keep him fresh for the post-season.

We started bullpening him a couple of weeks ago to get him ready for a situation like this."

"His velocity was very good ... and his breaking pitch is very sharp," the Webb coach added.

Clarksville perspective

"We told our kids, 'if you're going to learn something from this game, look over there at those guys who didn't quit,'" said Clarksville Academy head coach Dustin Smith, whose starting unit featured six sophomores plus one eighth-grader, he added.

other run in the frame when Brakovec — who went 2-for-3 with a double, two RBI and a run scored — drove in Pfeifer with a single.

Farragut, which played Powell in the Region 2-AAA championship game Wednesday, May 19 (after deadline), added two more runs in the sixth on a triple by Autumn Caywood and an RBI groundout by Jordan Kanipe.

Farragut's win Monday assured it of a state sectional appearance Friday, May 21.

Softball

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While Farragut's bats were hot early, Lady Ad' ace, junior left-hander Avery Flatford, posted another dominant performance in the circle.

She threw six scoreless innings and allowed two walks, hit a batter and surrendered a single to Karns leadoff hitter Elizabeth Breeden in the top of the first. Breeden, Karns right fielder, reached second on an error before Flatford (15-0) slammed the door on the Lady Beavers (19-14-1) by striking out Hanna Bogoski and Shelby Armstrong to end the top of the opening frame.

"Flatford had another good

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‘You persevered:’ FHS Senior Awards honorees

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Farragut High School’s seniors reaped the rewards of their hard work this school year during FHS Senior Awards Celebration in Vickie B. Wells Auditorium Tuesday, May 4.

Though saying, “This has been a tough year,” FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett added, “Students, you did

it,” noting 1,500 students were in the school building while 500 others learned virtually at home.

“You persevered,” he added. “You should be very proud of your great accomplishment.”

He challenged the seniors to find “a cause greater than themselves “and be willing to sacrifice and stop excuses. In that moment, you will step into history.”

Out of COVID-19 came a change to this year’s program was the addition of a Virtual Student Award,

which went to Zack Hobson and Rachel Barnett.

While Parker Strohl and Mikey Martenez received the Anchor Award, Megan Grampy was presented the Beacon Award.

About 30 other awards went to “outstanding” students and champions in their classes and students chosen by community organizations.

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A salute to CCS, Webb vals, sals

Strong Concord val, Armour salutatorian

Chapman Webb val, Hovis salutatorian

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Concord Christian School has announced Allison Strong as this year’s valedictorian, and Jacob Armour as salutatorian for the Class of 2021.

Strong has a cumulative grade point average of 4.60, and had an ACT composite score of 33.

She plans to major in accounting at the University of Tennessee, and has future aspirations to be a corporate lawyer, she said.

“I would also like to pursue public service at some point,” Strong added. “I have a passion for justice and our country. I would love to hold a public office after working in the law field for a while.”



Strong

While a student at CCS, she served as Key Club president; was chaplain and representative for the Student Government Association; was a member of Science Olympiad; and was captain of the Concord Theater Program.

She also participated in Knoxville Children’s Theater, where she was volunteer summer stage manager; was theater day camp leader at Maynard Elementary; was in Student Leadership in youth ministry; and was a member of the Worship Band.

Her community service and

Webb School of Knoxville recently announced its valedictorian, Josh Chapman, and salutatorian, Crawford Hovis, for 2021.

“It means a lot,” said Chapman, son of Elizabeth Bishop and James Chapman. “Obviously, it’s a great honor, somewhat a payoff of a lot of hard work but also a great honor ... to speak at graduation (was Sunday, May 16).

Chapman graduated Cum Laude and is a National Merit Scholar. He also is a member of the National Honor Society, and won the National Citizenship Award, voted on by fellow students, his freshman and sophomore years.



Chapman

He also took part in Scholar’s Bowl, a trivia competition aired on PBS; and was a member of Webb’s Student Government Association, for which he was elected his freshman, sophomore and senior years.

Chapman plans to attend Northwestern University in the fall and major in political science with aspirations of a public policy-related career.

“I like the idea of helping to affect change and bring about improvements in our society, and public sector is a way to do that,” Chapman added.

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See WEBB VAL-SAL on Page 9B

Mission Blitz CUMC

John Cantrell did his part to help with a Concord United Methodist Church’s Crop Drop bin, as 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes were bagged among the produce from the bins during CUMC’s recent Mission Blitz, as dozens of volunteers assisted 51 agencies in 13 counties in preparing 80,000 servings of donated food. Other Blitz projects included home repairs; making gifts for area first responders and senior adults; pre-building the Church’s newest Habitat house; cleaning up two miles of “Adopted” roadway and providing yard work at the Wesley House in downtown Knoxville.

Photos submitted



Jason and Mary Nipper, with children Joshua, left, Wesley, right, and Avery, in front of dad, constructed a music wall at Wesley House as part of CUMC’s Mission Blitz.

Career path ID’d with brother’s top nursing care: Richey part 3

TAMMY CHEEK

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Christine Sprague presented a heartfelt account of her brother’s struggle with cancer.

Her observations, in fact, have affected her career path.

Sprague, a Farragut High School student, is among three area Knox County Schools recipients of the Evan Richey Memorial Scholarship.

Tina Richey, mother of the namesake, the late Hardin Valley Academy graduate Evan Richey,

said this year four \$2,000 scholarships were awarded.

“Their essay on how cancer affected them is a major part of the selection criteria,” said Tina, as she and Mark Richey established the scholarship in memory of their son, who lost his life to osteosarcoma on the day he received his high school diploma in 2019.

Sprague

“Christine wrote about her brother’s battle

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• **A virtual Tennessee Bar Association-related Debt Relief Legal Advice Clinic** for pre-screened individuals begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 12, via Zoom. Sign up by calling 865-637-0484.

Deadline to call for qualification screening based on income is Friday, June 4.

Top teacher, Top 10 Class of '21 told at HVA Senior Celebration



Photos by Tammy Cheek

(Above) Hardin Valley Academy principal Dr. Rob Speas presents Jennifer Galloway with the 2021 Teacher of the Year award during HVA's 2021 Senior Celebration at the school Wednesday, May 12. She was joined, from left, by Tiffany Cantrell and Amanda Danson. Veronica Calderon-Speed (not pictured) also was nominated. (Below) These top 10 seniors at Hardin Valley Academy were recognized: front row from left, Owen Cianciolo, who also was named valedictorian; Linnea Johnson; Sara Meghabghab; Kaylyn Tran, who also was named salutatorian; and Dominique Romain. Students in back, from left, are Jacob Fanikos, Ghanishyam Patel, Ian Salyer, and Max Horsewood. Jeremiah Wells (not pictured) also was named.



Photo submitted

Joe Tate, 85, with his blue-ribbon-winning artwork “Paradise.”

Tate hitting his blue-ribbon artistry peak at age 85

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At age 85, Joe Tate recently was recognized as first-place winner of the Tennessee Artists Association juried art show. A real estate developer who's a former Knox County Schools principal and director of New Development at Tate's School in Cedar Bluff, Tate's 30-square-foot blue-ribbon-

winning oil painting entitled “Paradise,” an abstract piece inspired by real objects, was the focus of Dogwoods Arts Spring Art Show at the Emporium Center for Arts & Culture along Gay Street. “The solitude that COVID-19 created inspired me to really focus on my painting,” Tate said. “I work on several paint-

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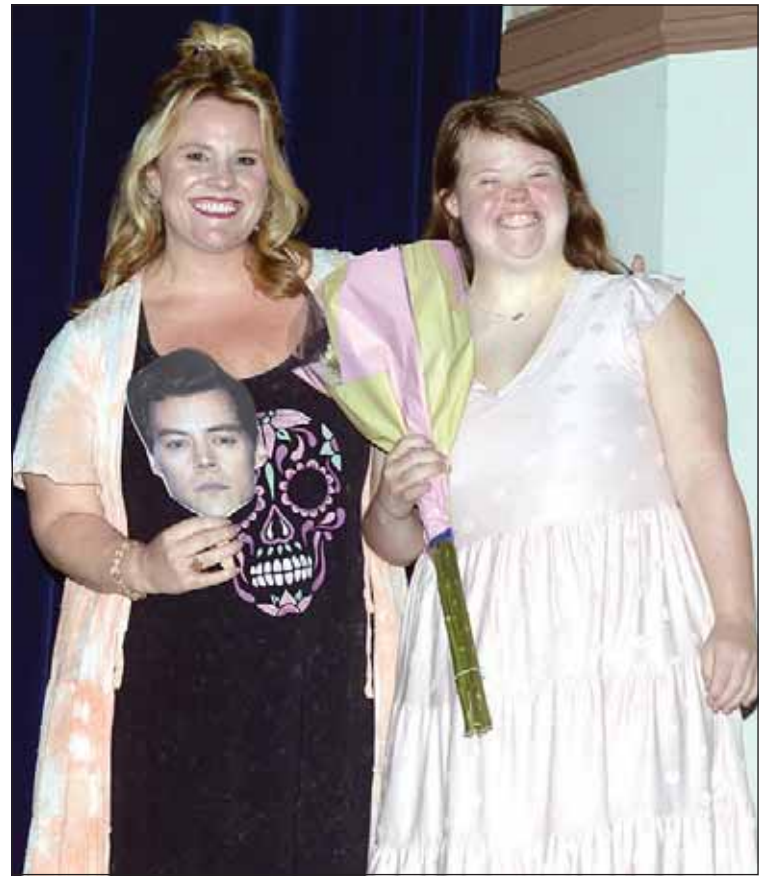
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(Above) Farragut High School theater seniors, from left, Cecilia Lovelace, Kylee Poole and Pierce Torano take a bow, with applause from Spanish teacher Allison Maldonado (background). The applause resulted after they received the theater program's Champion, Outstanding Male and Outstanding Female Awards respectively during the school's 2021 Senior Awards Celebration Program in Vickie B. Wells Auditorium Tuesday evening, May 4. (Above right) FHS special education teacher Brooke Montjoy, left, presents the Beacon Award to Megan Grampy. (Below right) FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett congratulates senior Rachel Barnett for receiving one of two Virtual Student Awards, a new honor this school year, which also was presented to Zack Hobson (not pictured).



FHS Awards

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Those included the Lendon and Charlotte Welch Memorial Scholarship to Andrew Dunne and Mia Spadafora; the Evan Richey Scholarship to Christine Sprague and Mason Motley; the David Michael Green Award to Sarah Grace Hampton and Terrance Jones; Commercial Bank Award to Audrey Richards; and the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award to Claire Broom.

Additionally, the faculty honored National Merit Scholars Aidan Cantu, Blake Cra-

gen, Yasha Doddabele, Rulan Gu, Hayle Kim, David Lee, Claudia Levi, Bennett Ogle, Gbemisola Oladosu, Yash Patel, Vibha Raghu and William Tucker; National Merit Semi-Finalist Ashton Armbrister; and National Merit Commended Scholars: Jiarui Han, Cathy Hu, Sol Kim, Sarah LaCroix, Magdalena Ohstrom, Audrey Richards and Alexander Tan.

The evening also gave talented students a chance to shine as performers.

Senior Kylee Poole sang "The Secret of Happiness" to kick things off, followed by three freshman: Jaxon Thomas as performed a guitar solo,

"Don't Stop Believing;" Fiona Richardson sang "Imagine" accompanied by Thomas; and Haruki Takeuchi performed a piano solo of "Chopin Etude Opus 10#1."

Vaccines, so no masks

Before the presentations, Bartlett told the audience that presenters and faculty members on the stage had their vaccines so they were not wearing masks.

"We wanted to have as much normalcy as possible for our students," he said. "This has not been a normal year ... we want to make sure our students get that chance (at normalcy)."



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"I didn't know how it was going to go," Viox recalled about opening her business at 607 N. Campbell Station Road five years ago. She recalled the challenges – some opposition and COVID-19 – but also the encouragement of her patrons and the community.

"And here we are, five years later," she said. "Some of you have been with me since the very beginning."

One of those supporters was, and has been, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, which held a symbolic ribbon cutting for Viox during the celebration.

With a Miami "Havana Nights" theme, guests enjoyed dressing the part with Panama hats, white suits and bright floral dresses. Likewise, Mojitos and a Miami menu, which featured baked Tostones, street tacos and Cuban nachos, along with cornhole games, rounded out the event.

The restaurant and bar, which opened in 2016, was voted Best of Taste during the 2018 Taste of Farragut festival, and has received "Best of" accolades from various local publications.



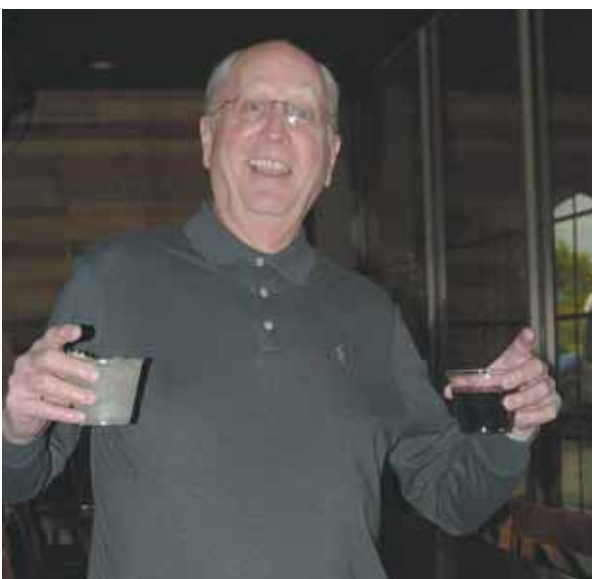
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CCS val-sal

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volunteer projects have included: serving as church volunteer in the youth ministry program; two service trips to Montreal; volunteering with the Dogwood Arts Festival; and serving as a Salvation Army bell ringer.

Achieving valedictorian "was definitely a goal of mine," Strong said. "I have always prized my education and the education of others. ...

"My parents (Brian Strong and Dana Strong) are very proud of me and have always been my No. 1 fans," she added. "They've encouraged me to go after my dreams but most of all try my personal best.

"My teachers throughout the years have played a huge role in my success at school and otherwise. My mom is a teacher, so I have a bit of insight in the life of a teacher. My Spanish teacher (Sonya Wright) taught me Spanish, but also taught me about how to learn, how to study and how to not give up. My theatre

teacher/director (Christi Watson) was very influential and encouraged me greatly."

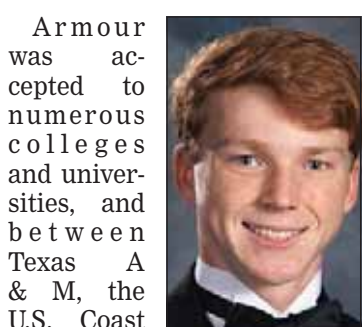
Strong received several scholarships, including being one of only 112 state-wide receiving the Ned McWhorter Scholarship, receiving a Chick-Fil-A scholarship and also was accepted into the UT Honors Program, where she chose the Chancellor's Honors Program, and UT's Haslam Business School.

Armour

Armour has a 4.55 GPA and a composite ACT score of 32. He was described by CCS guidance counselor Tamara Dallery as, "an amazing young man ... positive, determined, perceptive ... a critical thinker ... a tireless volunteer who, along with his brother, founded the CCS Key Club chapter."

Dallery also made note of Armour's "love for all things aeronautical, as well as interests in marine biology and engine engineering."

He also is a member of Youth Leadership Knoxville, swims and plays soccer and has attained his pilot's license.



Armour

Armour was accepted to numerous colleges and universities, and between Texas A & M, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and the Naval Academy, he chose the Coast Guard Academy for his post-graduate studies.

"I was happy to find out I was salutatorian," he said. "It was not necessarily a goal at all, but I was aiming for United States service academy appointments, so strong academics and good grades have always mattered."

His parents, Greg and Kim Armour, "Have supported me and helped me obtain my goals," the senior said.

CCS graduation

CCS graduation begins at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 22, in the worship center of First Baptist Concord.

Honoring late FHS director



Michelle Hollenhead

A director's podium in memory of the late Farragut High School Band director S.L. Valentine (1978-89) was presented during the Band's Spring Concert Thursday, May 6, by his former band student Kim Deakins, left (Class of '89), who led the Go Fund Me project. Accepting were current director Kenneth Carrico III, second from left, assistant director Elizabeth Gott, second from right, and Ron Rogers, who worked under Mr. Valentine before serving as FHS band director from 1989 to 2011.

Tate art at 85

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ings at a time and images start to come to me as I paint, like the birds in 'Paradise.' I love color as you can see, and I am honored by this recognition."

A self-taught artist, his favorite subjects are folksy from rural America that combine realism with surrealist elements. He also has been inspired by his travel to Israel, Cuba, Europe, and Alaska.

Tate has won regional awards at fine art shows at the Oak Ridge Art Center and the Fountain City Art Center. Some of his work currently is available at the Art Haven Design Gallery along North Cedar Bluff Road.

"I encourage everyone to explore art, at any age. There is so much to learn, even at 85 ...," he said.

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Hovis

Hovis, the son of David and Gina Hovis, was a member of the Cum Laude Society, he received the Gina Mathews Mashburn Award for writing about literature in 2020; the Presidential Service Award in 2019 and 2020 that recognizes students who complete at least 100 hours of service in a year; Anne Zirkle Award in 2020; Clint White Award in 2019; William R. Webb III Citizenship Award in 2018, 2019 and 2020; John W. Green Award for Scholarship 2020; and Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award in 2020; is a National Merit Commended Scholar and an AP Scholar with Distinction.

He was a National Honor Society member in 2019-21; a member of Student Government Association, for which he was president his senior year; a primary investigator on High-Frequency Trading Research, which he worked with University of Tennessee professors in his investigation of high-frequency trading and stock market volatility; founder and president of The Philanthropic Investment Group; and he is an Eagle Scout, the rank he received in 2019.

Hovis has been accepted into Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. With a plan to major in economics., "My aspiration is to, in whatever I do, ensure that I'm helping others and trying to make the world a better place," he said.

obituary

Maria Seyler Peach, age 81, of Knoxville passed away peacefully Wednesday evening, May 5, 2021, at Tennesva Turkey Creek Medical Center. Maria was a member of Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church. She was a prayer warrior, loved visiting those in need, had the gifts of hospitality and encouragement and was never too busy to stop whatever she was doing and help others.

Maria loved the beach, traveling and spending time with her husband, children,

grandchildren and friends. She was 100 percent devoted to serving the Lord and sharing the way to salvation and eternal life with Jesus, God the Father and our loved ones through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Maria was continually refreshed and renewed



Maria Peach

by reading scriptures, studying the Bible and worshipping the Lord in prayer and song. She was always sharing encouraging words and uplifting scriptures with her husband, children, grandchildren and friends.

Maria is preceded in death by her children's father and friend, Richard H. Seyler Sr., and first grandson, Elijah Blue Seyler. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. John H. Peach; children, Harry Seyler and wife, Maria, Tracey Seyler, Deborah Seyler and Richard H. Seyler Jr. and wife, Heidi; seven grandchildren: Sabrina, Ricky, Jessica, Ryan, Jarid, Rachel and Alaina; six

great-grandchildren; brothers, Thomas Wilson and Dennis McReynolds; and several nieces and nephews. Maria also considered Joe Hasselberger as her own.

The family received friends from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 16, at Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. A Celebration of Life followed at 2:30 p.m., with her husband, the Rev. John H. Peach officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to build a children's special needs playground at Virtue Church. Please send donations to Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 725 Virtue Road, Knoxville, TN 37934.

Sprague

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with T-cell leukemia and how the nurses caring for her brother inspired her career choice," Richey said.

"I feel I earned this scholarship because I was able to relate to his family and what it feels like when a family member is so sick," said Sprague, daughter of Kim and Doug

Sprague and sister of Andrew and Elise, who will be attending the University of Kentucky and majoring in nursing. "It means a lot to me that I was chosen.

"Evan's story really touched my heart, and I am honored to be able to use his story along with my brother's through my future career," she added.

"Through my brother's long journey of cancer, and the many nights

on the oncology floor, I really admired the nurses. Along with all the medicine, they brought the joy we needed in such dark times."

She plans to obtain her certified nursing assistant license next month, and plans to become a pediatric nurse.

About the emotion of it all, "I was shocked and full of excitement when I learned I was a recipient of the scholarship," she said.



Sprague

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Farragut Community Center • TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 • 7:00 P.M.

- Approval of minutes for the April 27, 2021 meeting.
- Review of an individual tenant panel for Tennessee Cutlery, located at 11414 Kingston Pike.
- Review of a ground sign (monument type) for UBank, located at 155 North Campbell Station Road.
- Review of ground sign (tenant panel type) for the Blockbuster Property Center, located at 11135 Kingston Pike.
- Review of a landscape plan for the Villages of Farragut (Phase II), located at 230 Village Commons Boulevard.
- Review of a landscape plan for the Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms, located principally off Kingston Pike and Brooklawn Street.

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Baseball

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sweep a doubleheader and win the District 4-AAA tourney title.

The teams' paths continued in opposite directions during Monday's must-win Region 2-AAA semifinals: Farragut improved to 34-5 after rolling to a home victory against Knox Central, 11-1, which guaranteed a substate berth, while the Hawks' season came to a painful end (27-9) at District 3-AAA champ Powell, losing 2-1 May 17.

(The Ads' Wednesday, May 19, region tourney title game at Powell was played after press deadline).

"The guys really work hard at the game, and we weren't going to come in and lay down for them," Admirals skipper Matt Buckner said about his team's

turnaround from a 7-2 district tourney winner's bracket loss to HVA at home Monday, May 10.

"We grinded through two games (wins versus the Hawks of 4-1 and 5-2 in eight innings Wednesday, May 12) and played really good baseball. I was proud of our guys, obviously."

Regardless of Wednesday's outcome, the Admirals will either host or play at Johnson City Science Hill or Seymour Friday, May 21, which also depends on the outcome of their Region 1-AAA championship game.

Including the team's five-inning "run rule" victory against the No. 2 District



Buckner

3-AAA-seeded Bobcats (22-11), "We're doing some good things. We pitched well today," Buckner said about senior starter Hunter Merrick, who allowed just one earned run, two hits and no walks with eight strikeouts in a complete-game (five innings) effort. "We played good defense. When you do that you've got a great shot."

"With our senior veteran guys, and really all through the line-up, had some big hits," he added. "Bryce (Burkey) there in the first inning (solo homer) ... and TK (Tanner Kim) with a big (RBI) double," which scored Angus Pence, who singled, as FHS went ahead 2-1.

Consecutive third-inning singles from Garrett Brewer and Parker Evans came before Burkey's punt single. Kim's two-RBI single grew the lead to 4-1. Errors would allow two more FHS runs to score that inning.

A pair of freshmen made it 7-1, as Lukas Buckner's single drove in Eli Evans, who doubled to begin the fourth.

Parker Evans had a bunt single before Burkey's RBI groundout. Pence made it 9-1 Ads with a run-scoring infield hit.

Senior first baseman Hudson Seigler, back from a concussion suffered in a playoff win against Bearden less than two weeks earlier, began the FHS fifth inning with a double.

"It's great to have him back," Buckner said. "... He missed our last four district (tourney) games. That's a big bat in the middle of our order. He came back today and played well."

"It feels great ... I think we're picking it up at the right time," Seigler said.

Eli Evans contributed his second single of the game in the fifth, while Bobcat fielding mistakes helped plate the final two runs.

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