

# Hitting close: COVID at FHS; CAK grad OK

## Admirals football player tests positive; nine players, two coaches quarantined

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The coronavirus has struck Farragut High School. While an FHS student/athlete, a football player whose name and year in school were not released, tested positive for the virus Sunday, May 31, according to school athletic director Donald Dodgen, eight other players and two football coaches remain in quarantine.

As of deadline Tuesday, June 2, "He's OK, he's in good shape," Dodgen said about the student/athlete testing positive. "But we have to follow protocol."

All were involved in a Friday, May 29, football team meeting at FHS — performed in groups of no more than nine players — which has been allowed according to Knox County Health Department Phase 2 guidelines and Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association guidelines.



Dodgen

Eddie Courtney, FHS varsity football head coach, "Brought them in Friday morning to put them in their groups so they could start (working out) Monday (June 1)," Dodgen said. "We had thermometers, we tested everybody that came in. We asked them all the questions. Everybody (seemed) fine."

To ensure safety in the workout areas and with other team groups, Dodgen said he joined principal Dr. John Bartlett, Courtney and KCHD to take charge of the situation. They temporarily shut down football gatherings until their workouts began Wednesday morning, June 3.

"Late Sunday afternoon we found out, and we put the process in motion," Dodgen said.

Meanwhile, other FHS fall sports athletic teams continued taking part in KCHD- and TSSAA-allowed conditioning workouts in the school's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium (volleyball) and on their respective fields and stadiums, which includes girls soccer.

They join athletic teams from Hardin Valley Academy, Bearden, Concord Christian School, Knoxville Christian School, Knoxville Catholic, Webb School of Knoxville and Christian Academy of Knoxville who also have begun similar workouts.



Michelle Hollenhead

Patrick Dalton and his wife, Bailey, happily pose during his drive-by welcome home celebration Saturday, May 30, at Patrick's alma mater, Christian Academy of Knoxville.

## After 46 days, Dalton smiling

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Following 46 days of hospitalization, former Christian Academy of Knoxville football standout Patrick Dalton celebrated a long-fought victory over COVID-19 Saturday, May 30, on the CAK campus, surrounded by his family and attended by numerous

friends, and even strangers, who had been praying for his recovery.

Mary Jo Houser brought her son, Beau, who knew both Patrick and his younger brother, Alex Dalton.

"You don't know me, Patrick, but I know you," said Houser as she exited her car. "You've been

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## 'Probably No. 1 issue,' Zachary said about Town 5G with his constituents

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At the forefront of the Farragut community's mind, state and federal elected officials shared their thoughts on 5G towers during Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Speaker Series, held online for the first time Friday, May 29.

"This has probably been the No. 1 issue that constituents have talked to me about in the last six months," said state Rep. Jason Zachary (R-District 14, including Farragut) among local, state and federal elected leaders joining the meeting electronically.

"The Farragut community is the first community in the state in which Verizon (came in with 5G)," he added.

"Put them in Turkey Creek, put them in Campbell Station, put them on Kingston Pike, but Veri-

zon, a for-profit company, should not be able to force into communities, into neighborhoods, a stinking 25-foot cell tower in somebody's front yard."

About his commitment to the issue, "I will go down swinging and fight this to the end, yet there's only so much we can do because the FCC has ruled, and Congressman Burchett helped (state) Sen. (Richard) Briggs (R-District 7) and I about this," Zachary said. "But we're not going to stand for this, for a for-profit company to come in and put something where there's really some serious health concerns for people we represent."

"Neighborhoods should have a say in what goes on,"

Other Chamber invitees joining the meeting were U.S. Rep. Tim Burchett (R-2nd District) and

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Alan Sloan

## In 'Love' with 2020 Parade

Kyiala Love, one of 478 Bearden High School Class of 2020 soon-to-be graduates, was joined by her parents, Kyandra and DeWayne Love, during the school's Class of 2020 Parade Thursday evening, May 28. With honorees either driving, or as passengers with their parents or siblings behind the wheel of maroon-and-gray decorated vehicles, the parade started in the parking lot below Bill Young Field near Gleason Road. It came up along the front of the school as a few hundred family members, friends and BHS officials cheered and waved decorated posters. (See related high school stories beginning on page 2B)

## July 4 'home' celebrations promoted

**STAFF REPORTS**

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While Town of Farragut officials said they are "deeply saddened" by the cancellation of annual Town of Farragut Independence Day Parade — "traditionally an event with a crowd of 8,000 or more, plus another 1,500 or more participants" according to a Town press release — an alternative "home" celebration is encouraged.

As a result, plans for "Festive Fourth at Home" are under way.

"We are asking Farragut residents to decorate their yards, decorate their cars, trucks, etc., dress up in patriotic garb and/or host a socially distanced get-together on their front lawn during the 'normal' parade time of 9:30 to 11 a.m. on (Saturday), July 4, and we will encourage others to

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### business

"Our showroom manager is back from layoff, and I just sold a big project, so we're working full steam. We also are offering virtual appointments,"

- **Chris McKerry, an FHS Class of 1977 graduate who owns a unique business — one that keeps you organized.**  
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### community

"It has really warmed my heart how many people have been placing orders, and just seeing that desire to help people ... it has really been overwhelming,"

- **Jillina Cabaniss, mother of a rising FHS freshman who has taken a special food ingredient and turned it into a way to help others. (Read story beginning on page 2B)**

### sports

"This is basically is a club tournament and I won't be able to coach my team. ... But I think it will be a great tournament and it will be fun for the guys,"

- **Ray Dover, FHS boys soccer head coach, about one last opportunity his team will have to compete in 2020, which begins with a special foe.**  
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# Limited classes part of ‘clean’ Community Center re-opening

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For the second time this calendar year, the Farragut Community Center is opening its doors to the public — but this time with COVID-19 Knox County Health Department guidelines in place, and an even more concerted effort on cleanliness.

The Center re-opened this past Monday, June 1 — as did Town Hall — under Phase 2 of the Knox County Re-Opening plan, offering a new schedule of limited attendance classes and “safe by-appointment basketball and pickleball sessions,” according to a press release.

The Parks & Recreation department purchased a Clorox 360 machine, which is being utilized to sanitize Community Center surfaces. Additionally, a fogger has been ordered “that can be used at night or in the morning in each of the classrooms and other locations,” Parks & Rec director Sue Stuhl said.

“In addition, we have extra protocols for the cleaning that will be done, including a cleaning between users of the gym — that is why we are doing open gym by appointment — classrooms and the assembly hall,” she added.

“There are also cleaning supplies (paper towels and disinfectant) in each of the public rooms for users if they want extra protection and hand sanitizer at the main check-in area.”

The locker room portion of the restrooms are closed during this phase as an added protection. Additionally, face coverings are required in Community Center hallways and at the registration desk.

New classes, in which class sizes are extremely limited, include a “bring your own lunch and learn” on Keeping Mentally Fit on Monday, June 15; Essential Oils, Skin Safe Summer on Monday, June 22; and a “Make and Take Summer Ladybug Basket on Tuesday, June 23. (See the

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## 5G speakers

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Lt. Gov. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge).

“I think Jason and I have had to deal with this probably more than Congressman Burchett or (Lt.) Gov. McNally because of what all has been going on in Farragut, because it’s very controversial there,” Briggs said.

Briggs summarized the federal regulation, which goes back to 1933, as “no state or local statute, regulation law or other state legal requirement may prohibit or have the affect of prohibiting the ability of any entity to provide interstate or intrastate telecommunications service.

“That’s the law that’s really been forced down on the Town of Farragut,” he added. “They’ve just been bullying ahead and putting up these towers.

“They have to put a tower every eight houses in the residential

neighborhoods. But we can’t do anything to stop it. There’s another FCC regulation that came out in November 2018 that said you can’t even put a stay on (the) regulations. We’ve run into resistance where (the companies) don’t want to share the utility poles that are there, which would make this much more palatable to the neighborhoods.”

“The good news is in Farragut, we’re the only municipality in the state that has a planning commission, and every utility has to come before (the planning commission) before it can do anything,” Zachary said.

“We can’t stop them putting the telecommunications in — because that falls under federal law — but we can dictate how they do it and what it looks like when it’s finished,” he added.

While Zachary said AT&T has been good to work with over the last year, Verizon has taken the opposite approach.



Alan Sloan

# JCPenney Farragut among nation’s top 600, with re-opening June 3 despite bankruptcy

JCPenney Farragut, Parkside Drive, is among an estimated 600 stores nationwide to re-open amid the company’s bankruptcy filing — made worse by COVID-19 pandemic-related closings — having re-opened its main store and salon Wednesday, June 3. Michelle Austin, general manager with JCPenney Farragut who is a member of Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance, said during an alliance electronic meeting Thursday, May 21, “I should be (opening) any minute, they’re opening over a hundred a week now.” Jim Nixon, a Farragut/Turkey Creek Land Partners negotiator and alliance member, said to his fellow members May 21 concerning TCLP’s lease with JCP, “It is a property that Turkey Creek Land Partners owns, and Penneys owns the building on top of our land. ... We’re continuing to monitor the bankruptcy court and monitor our e-mails and communications with Penneys. ... There’s a little over 800 Penneys stores, and they’ve already announced they’re going to close about 250.” Nixon also said it’s “an extremely substantial amount” of money JCP owes its creditors.

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Dalton  
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in our prayers every day.  
“You are just a walking miracle and an answer to prayer.”

Dalton, 24, who graduated from CAK in 2014, said he was “feeling good” Saturday, but is still weak and working to get his strength back after being ill for so long.

“I can do everything right now but stairs,” he reported, flashing a smile.

Dalton’s mother, Felicia Dalton, said the family had long been planning a celebration to commemorate when Patrick was finally released from the third facility helping nurse him back to health, and CAK officials stepped up to offer the location.

“Patrick Dalton and the Dalton family have been long-time (members of the) CAK Warrior Family,” said Head of School Rich Fulford. “Even though their children have graduated, they are still ‘Warriors for life.’

“... We are grateful that God healed Patrick and are humbled that the Dalton family would ask CAK to join them and host the celebration of his recovery. In all things, to God be the glory.”

Celebrants were asked to wear masks, so Patrick didn’t have to, and friends and acquaintances drove by from 3 to 5 p.m. to find Dalton and his family under several tents fronting the main CAK campus building.

Tony Benton, Tennova Health Care East Market CEO, and Travis Simmons, Chief Nursing officer with Turkey Creek Medical Center, were among the well-wishers, as TCMC was the first hospital where Dalton was admitted after exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. and spent about two weeks there.

“I know you don’t know us, but we have been watching your progress every step of the way,” said Benton, as he presented a card to Dalton.

“We had a prayer group that

met and prayed for you every day,” Simmons added.

But when he didn’t improve, he was transferred to St. Thomas West Hospital in Nashville, which was equipped with an Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation machine, similar to a heart-lung bypass machine, which pumps and oxygenates a patient’s blood outside the body, allowing the heart and lungs to rest.

“He really did so much better after that,” said Patrick’s wife, Bailey Dalton, who along with Patrick’s mother and several others in the same West Knox County household, also were diagnosed with COVID-19, although none required hospitalization.

The couple would have celebrated their first anniversary April 6, but it passed without them being able to be together, as Patrick was in a medically-induced coma.

Bailey said doctors never knew why Patrick became so severely ill, but suggested the pneumonia and strep diagnoses likely contributed.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the family was not allowed to visit Patrick. However, they stayed in close contact with his doctors and nurses, and his mother was able to post periodic updates on Facebook to let family and friends know about his condition.

He was able to FaceTime his family members, when he was lucid and as he began recuperating.

In the meantime, doctors still had him on a ventilator during



Photo submitted

Following a battle with COVID-19 that encompassed three hospitals and 46 days, Christian Academy of Knoxville Class of 2014 alum Patrick Dalton, center, was released from Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center Wednesday, May 27, into the waiting arms of his family, which included from left, his brother, Alex; his mother, Felicia, his wife, Bailey, and his father, Tony Dalton.

much of his treatment. He had a feeding tube, and also underwent a tracheotomy.

When he was stronger, Patrick was transferred to Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center in downtown Knoxville, and did so well he was released earlier than anticipated — Wednesday, May 27

— and the couple returned to living with Patrick’s parents, Felicia and Tony Dalton.

Bailey said her husband “is doing so much better now, especially mentally, since he has been

able to spend time with his family and friends.

“He still needs some follow-up physical therapy, but he is ready to do anything,” she added.

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I just want to thank the Town of Farragut for the beautiful job they are doing at Campbell Station (Road) and Kingston Pike with the new construction that will have the food plaza, and also next door for what is called The Plaza at Campbell Station Inn. It looks wonderful; the open areas, the parking. The construction that is going on in that section of Town is absolutely lovely. We just appreciated so much the work that is being done there. Thank you to Farragut and everyone who has worked so hard to make this happen for the people of Farragut.

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Discover, enjoy the expanding Town of Farragut outdoors scene

When my wife Debbie (currently on Farragut's Parks & Athletics Council) and I were moving to the Knoxville area 32 years ago, we had three young boys. We found Farragut a very inviting community for a number of reasons.

Top of the list was the great reputation of the schools. But we were also very impressed with the appearance of the Town. It was very well-designed and maintained and had beautiful parks and some new greenways near our new home at the time. This was very important to a family with three active boys. All three played multiple sports and loved the outdoors, as did my wife and I.

Debbie and I have continued to be very active outdoor people. We have very regular workout routines and enjoy walking several times weekly. We walk all four of our park trails, as well as our greenways.

When I was elected Alderman in 2014, I made it one of my top priorities to continue to grow our greenway system and expand our parks. I feel it is important to offer an opportunity for all of our citizens to get off the couch or away from their technology and get active. I strongly advocate for improving the



Alderman Ron Pinchok

health and well-being of all of our citizens, regardless of age or physical capabilities.

That is why we need to offer many and varied activities at our parks and at our new community center, so that everyone has the opportunity to find an outlet that is physical and helps improve his/her quality of life.

At this difficult time of anxiety and uncertainty during the Covid-19 pandemic, many of us are facing stress, loneliness and hardships. Research today confirms the healing and restorative effects of nature on our mind and body. Richard Louv, an author and journalist who has written many books on the healing power of nature, says, "One of the many benefits of spending time in nature is stress reduction." Healthline (a health information website) also tells us that "exposure to sunlight is associated with boosting mood and helping a person feel calm and focused."

We currently have four parks with approximately 138 acres of park acreage (McFee Park's expansion is now under way), 80 miles of sidewalks, 19 miles of greenways and 6.4 miles of internal park trails.

Whether you are young, middle-aged or older, please take the time to get out and enjoy our greenways and our parks. Get moving, be active, feel better and stay safe.

them to the list, and a map that will be posted on the Farragut Parks and Recreation website.

"The Parks and Recreation staff will promote via the newspaper and social media prior to July 4 and will also post all the wonderful decorations on the day of the event."

Courts may be reserved by calling 865-218-3376. No drop-ins are allowed, and regular gym rates of \$2 per person and a "for now" reduced rate of \$5 per family will apply.

"Just like everybody else, we're very excited about resuming some of our regular activities, although we've definitely made some changes in order to keep everything safe," said Wendy Smith, Town Public Relations and Marketing coordinator. "We're keeping class sizes small in order to give everybody plenty of space, and our basketball and pickleball rental opportunities are designed for very small groups and families."

"Participants will have to call ahead to reserve gym space, but

Town officials asks participating to send the name of your street/subdivision to media@townoffarragut.org by 5 p.m., Thursday, July 2, "and we will get you on the published map/list," the release stated.

we think it will be worth the extra effort to enjoy indoor sports again," she added.

**Positive outlook, information** "The community center got shut down just a few days after we opened, so it will be wonderful to welcome the community back."

"The Town staff understand that our residents are anxious to get back to some type of 'normal' and we hope to achieve this in a safe way by offering alternatives to our traditional classes and open gym activities," Stuhl added.

"We would love to see our citizens back at the Community Center — we missed them these past few months," she added.



lettertotheeditor

Budget cuts, other difficult decisions, for 2020-21 school year

During a difficult Knox County Board of Education budget meeting last week, I noticed a letter on the desk from one of our precious Farragut High School students. Over the years, I've watched John grow into a fine young man, and his letter told me how happy he is that I'm his school board representative.

Wow, was that ever a great moment to be reminded of exactly why I serve.

The budget process is long and complex. In September 2019 the KCS Finance team presented a preliminary budget for the 2020-21 school year. It served as a starting point for superintendent Bob Thomas, his staff and the Board to discuss what financial investments need to be made to better implement our Strategic Plan. Since then, Finance continued to work through the budget to include several items that are key in supporting the Plan.

We hoped to increase teacher salaries (currently Knox County is ranked 31st in the state), increase support staff salaries in order to improve retention rates, purchase new English Language Arts textbooks for all students, and throughout the district add much-needed mental health professionals, social workers and elementary school counselors. Even pre-COVID, we knew wouldn't be able to add all that we would truly like to, but with healthy property tax and sales tax trends, we were projecting we would be able to address about half the needed items with a \$21 million increase to our general purpose budget.

Then the pandemic hit. ... About a third of our budget comes from sales tax, so with many businesses being closed, our projections are quite different now. The full impact of the pandemic is yet to be seen and is expected to have negative effects on sales tax into the coming months. Therefore, caution is necessary. We've gone from an expected budget increase of around 4 percent to a .5 percent decrease.

While whittling the budget, the superintendent's goal was to minimize the impact on classrooms as much as possible. He challenged the Finance team to be creative in their approach and they identified reductions in a variety of ways through budgetary savings, reallocations and cuts. Some of the budget cuts included eliminating roughly 20 positions in the central office, plus year-round employees (the Superintendent, central office employees, and principals) will take a slight pay cut (furlough of five days).

I've heard from many parents and community members over the last several weeks. The anxiety has been high and continues to be. I understand the frustrations and continued angst about what school will be like in August. Earlier this week, parents and teachers should have received an extensive survey about school opening in August. I urge you to provide honest feedback and submit it as soon as possible. In addition, the Superintendent has put together the KCS Re-Entry Community Task Force with community representatives from every area of Knox County. The Superintendent and his team are working on several different scenarios to be sure students are ready to learn and your input is valuable to the process.

Four years ago, after being encouraged to run for office, I prayed, sought wise counsel and was amazed by the wonderful people who supported me. The supporters that meant the most to me were the kids — my children's friends, the volleyball players I coached, the little kids at church — they were my biggest encouragers. How humbling it is to have children place their trust in you. I take this trust very seriously and count it a privilege to serve the students, families and educators of the 5th District. Thank you.

Susan Horn, Chair, Knox County Board of Education

July 4

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do a drive-by, walk or bicycle to view the festivities," the release further stated. "We are asking the neighborhoods (businesses also — if they are inclined) to tell the Town in advance so we can add

Center

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current schedule at farragutpark-sandrec.org/programs-events.)

Court usages

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• **Coldwell Banker Wallace agent Teresa Guy** recently earned the Commitment to Excellence endorsement from National Association of Realtors, which goes to Realtors who have demonstrated knowledge and competency in 10 core areas of real estate practice.

• **Dr. Keri J. McFarlane**, a family practice physician, has joined **Tennova Medical Group's Tennova Primary Care-Farragut** on the campus of Turkey Creek Medical Center, 10810 Parkside Drive, Suite 108. Same-day appointments and telehealth are available. Prior to joining Tennova, Dr. McFarlane was medical director of Northshore Urgent Care in West Knoxville.

• **Morning Pointe Senior Living** announces plans for a new senior living and Alzheimer's memory care community along Reagan Road, located off Hardin Valley Road and Pellissippi Parkway. Construction is set for summer 2020 with a grand opening in late 2021. This marks Morning Pointe's third community in the Greater Knoxville County area.

• **Analysis and Measurement Services Corporation**, a Knoxville-headquartered nuclear engineering consulting firm, recently was awarded three Phase 1 research and development grants from the U.S. Department of Energy totaling nearly \$600,000. "As a market leader in predictive maintenance technology for nuclear plants, AMS is honored to be the recipients of these important R&D grants from DOE," said **Alex Hashemian**, AMS director of R&D Group.



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Full steam ahead

Closets by McKenry re-opens showroom, debuts design software

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After passing the initial stage of the Phase I Re-Opening plan, the showroom doors at Closets by McKenry are open — and new design software has just debuted. "Our showroom manager is back from layoff, and I just sold a big project, so we're working full steam," said Chris McKenry, Farragut High School Class of 1977 graduate and owner/chief organizing officer of Closets by McKenry, 201 Center Park Drive, just east of Farragut.

Closets by McKenry designs and installs custom closets. "We also do garages, laundry rooms, pantries, home offices, entertainment centers — any type of storage for the home," McKenry said. "We also are offering virtual appointments," he added, noting whether a customer is concerned about COVID-19 or simply does not want to take the time to meet in person, "We can meet virtually over the computer and gather their information." Additionally, his company premiered software at a Tuesday, June 2, vendor meeting in Sevierville that would enable McKenry

and his staff to design customers' closets and other storage areas virtually. "You can see it being designed on the computer, or we can design your closet in your home," McKenry said, adding the software "allows us to more easily create the designs, and clients can actually see virtually what their new storage system will look like right then and there." Despite COVID-19, McKenry has been able to keep his business operating since it was considered "essential." "Because we are construction, we really never shut down," the owner said. "We did have a period where I did lay off half of my staff, but they're all back now. "We were working safely, and we are still working safely," he added while wearing a mask. McKenry grew up next to Fox Road Marina, near Fort Loudoun Lake, and after high school he attended Carson-Newman University, from where he graduated in 1981. "My family was in the poultry business," he said. But McKenry had other aspirations, and left for Los Angeles in 2000.



Tammy Cheek

Chris McKenry, owner and chief organizing officer of Closets by McKenry, shows one of the possible design spaces for a closet that is set up in his showroom, 201 Center Park Drive, near Kingston Pike. McKenry can serve customers virtually or in person to help them with their closet or other storage space needs. "I always had an interest in design. I don't think I quite had it in me to an interior designer, but I enjoyed being a professional organizer when I moved to LA," he said. "We would help them organize closets and their pantries, (but) I always felt like I could do a better job designing those spaces ... so I knew when I came back to Knoxville that I would really like to open my own closet business." McKenry returned to Knoxville

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Boutique fills mid-range need in Knox

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Meagan Puckett, owner of Virginia Jane Clothing + Gifts

With retail in her family line, Meagan Puckett carries on the memory of her grandmother by naming her boutique, Virginia Jane Clothing + Gifts. The shop, which carries women's apparel, handbags, jewelry and gifts at 9430 S. Northshore Dr., near Pellissippi Parkway, re-opened for business May 1. "Our customers are typically ages 30 and up for clothing, looking for mid-range price boutique clothing," Puckett said. "I felt there was a real need for mid-priced boutique clothing in Knoxville. "There were lots of higher-end stores, and lots of less expensive

stores, but we were really missing that mid-range price point," she added. "They are boutique lines typically not found in department stores. "They come from all over the world and all over the United States." While the store was closed from mid-March until May 1, Puckett said she worked quickly to get a website launched. "We were able to continue (doing business), but it only brought in a fraction of it," she said. Puckett opened the business two years ago at its current Northshore location. Before that, she worked out of a small space in a Bearden shop. "Virginia" was her grandmother's name.

"I always wanted to honor my grandmother," she said, "She worked in a retail store until she was in her 90s." Puckett said Jane was her mother's name. The boutique owner has more than 20 years experience in the retail and fashion industries. "My first job out of college was in a boutique in Birmingham, Alabama," Puckett recalled. "I had a really great mentor who taught me all about the business. I worked there for five years. My husband and I have lived in different states. "In living different places, I've been a manager and buyer for different boutiques," she added. "I've

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Closets

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at the end of 2014 and started Closets by McKenry in his home in 2015, then moved the business to his showroom space at Center Park Drive in August 2019. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, and

and by appointment on Saturday. For more information, call 865-249-3682, send an e-mail to [chris@closetsbymckenry.com](mailto:chris@closetsbymckenry.com) or visit the company's website at [ClosetsByMcKenry.com/](http://ClosetsByMcKenry.com/). There's a contact page on its website. "We will respond to everything except smoke signals," McKenry said and laughed.

Boutique

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done wardrobe consulting. I've sold trunk show lines of clothing and jewelry, but opening a store has been a long-term goal." The shop is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday; from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturdays;

and closed Sundays. Mondays are by appointment only. As Phase 2 takes effect, Puckett said she hopes to return to normal hours, which are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "We're really trying to give the customer who's not comfortable being out and around in the

general public an opportunity to come in, by herself, and shop on Mondays," she said. "... We have a local product, Ionoture, a sanitizing spray made in Knoxville, that we use to sanitize the clothes," she added. For more information, call 865-219-5023 or visit her website at [www.virginiajanesshop.com](http://www.virginiajanesshop.com)

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## After 19 seasons, Swartzentruber steps aside with FMS hoops

**KEN LAY**  
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Farragut Middle School boys basketball head coach Randy Swartzentruber has retired from coaching after nearly two decades on the sidelines for the Admirals.

"It was just time," Swartzentruber said. "It's time for me to go home after school every day."

"My wife and I like to travel, and our kids are getting older and they're getting more involved in a lot of things," he added.

Swartzentruber, who became the Ad-

mirals' head coach prior to the 2001-2002 season, had a successful career, winning the James A. Ivey Jr. Memorial Middle School Basketball Conference Tournament in 2009, while guiding his squad to other appearances in the tournament championship game — most recently in 2018 — along with many strong, top-tier regular season finishes.

At the time of his retirement, Swartzentruber was the dean of conference coaches. He'll remain at FMS as a math teacher.

"Without question, this is a great place to work because you have great kids here,"

he said.

"They're all good kids here."

He got to coach his son, Brevin, in 2019-2020, but said he'd been considering retirement from coaching for some time.

"I suppose I'll miss this," Swartzentruber said. "I enjoyed it. I always enjoyed it when I was doing it. But it really wasn't something



Swartzentruber

I craved.

"I had a lot of fun and I hoped the kids had fun, and I hope we all learned something," he added.

Meanwhile, "I'll still be around, and I told (FMS principal Wes) Edmonds that I would do whatever he needed me to do," Swartzentruber said.

"It's the kids that you miss the most, but I still enjoy teaching math."

While Swartzentruber said he contemplated leaving coaching for a while, "Every year, it seemed that you had a good group coming up," the veteran coach said.

## Absent branding, coaches, it's FHS vs. Dawgs in July soccer tourney

**KEN LAY**  
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**GATLINBURG** — When the COVID-19 pandemic forced a premature end to the 2020 high school boys soccer season in mid-March, it left a few teams feeling like they had some unfinished business.

Many teams will get a chance to put a finish on a campaign halted after just a handful of games. Well, sort of.

Tennessee High School Soccer Coaches Association has devised an alternative state championship tournament, and teams from all classifications can compete.

In the first round of the Division I Class AAA Tournament, Farragut and Bearden will re-ignite their longstanding rivalry — in a way.

The Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association is not sanctioning the event, so teams are independent and playing as club teams. They are not permitted to use school names or wear school uniforms. And coaches in the Knox County Schools system will not be permitted to coach their teams due to a KCS rule prohibiting high school coaches from coaching their players on club squads.

So, Farragut head coach Ray Dover and Bearden head man Ryan Radcliffe, who guided the Bulldogs to the TSSAA Class AAA state championship in 2019, won't be on the bench when the fourth-seeded Bulldogs FC tangles with No. 5 Admirals FC beginning at 3 p.m., Thursday, July 9, at Rocky Top Sports World in Gatlinburg. The two West Knox County rivals are in the Championship Flight of the Class AAA Tournament. Each side is guaranteed three matches in the tournament.

"This basically is a club tournament and I won't be able to coach my team, and I hate that, but it is what it is," Dover said. "Knox County has a rule that says that we can't coach a club team with our players on it."

"But I think it will be a great tournament and it will be fun for the guys," he added. "We have some parents with coaching experience and they're willing to coach our guys."

"We left it up to the kids, if they wanted to do this, and they did," Radcliffe said. "Each player is getting two passes because they are limiting the number of people who can go up there and watch. If I can get a ticket, I might go watch if I'm not busy with my girls team. I can't be on the sideline."

"I didn't get to watch my team play much this year."

Other teams in the Championship Flight include Bison FC (Station Camp), Dragons TTB (Collierville), Bruins (Brentwood), Commandos (Hendersonville), Mustangs (Germantown Houston) and Rebels (Franklin).



Dover



Radcliffe



Tammy Cheek

With a fist bump to start things off, state Rep. Martin Daniel (R-District 18), left, presented Mike Hutchens, Knoxville Catholic High School boys varsity basketball head coach, with a Proclamation Monday morning, June 1, honoring and congratulating his team for winning the TSSAA Division II-AA state championship in early March. This came during a ceremony in the school's gymnasium, which also included Jason Surlas, KCHS athletic director; Allaynah Scott, team manager; and various players and assistant coaches.

## State Rep. honors Hutchens, champs

**KEN LAY**  
*Correspondent*

**KNOXVILLE** — Schools have been closed for more than two months, and the halls at Knoxville Catholic High School were relatively quiet Monday morning, June 1.

But the gym opened briefly for the boys basketball team to receive some much-deserved recognition from the Tennessee General Assembly House of Representatives.

The Irish won the Division II-AA state championship Saturday, March 7, less than a week before the COVID -19 pandemic brought an end to high school classes and sports.

Head coach Mike Hutchens, who has led the Irish program for more than 30 years, joined his coaching staff, KCHS athletic director Jason Surlas and rising junior B.J. Edwards, state tournament MVP and a "Mr. Basketball" finalist for Division II-AA, who returned to the school gym for the first time since March to join those being honored by state Rep. Martin Daniel (R-District 18, Knoxville).

Daniel appeared on behalf of the entire House to present a Proclamation honoring Hutchens and his team.

"On behalf of the entire 111th Tennessee House of Representatives, I make a Proclamation and give this award to coach Mike Hutchens and his team for winning the Division II-AA state championship," he said. "The entire House of Representatives, especially the representatives from this area, are extremely proud of this basketball team and of these young men for all of their hard work."

"We always want to recognize our state championships, and this is the first basketball state championship for Knoxville Catholic, so that makes this even more special," Daniel added.

"First of all, I'm just happy for the kids because they've worked so hard," Hutchens said. "The emotional state that we're in hasn't come down since we won this thing."

"... The biggest thing about this team is its unselfishness," he added. "You have a lot of (NCAA) Division I talent on the floor for us."

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A heart for ‘kids without food,’ teen starts vanilla non-profit

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Rising Farragut High School freshman William Cabaniss has always had a heart for those living with hunger issues.

“He always had a soft spot for kids who were without food,” said his mother, Jillina Cabaniss. “It has always really bothered him that someone could truly be hungry. As a young child he even donated his allowance money to hunger-related causes.

“His heart really is, and has always been, to help.”

It was for them — and so many others — that this rising Farragut High School freshman launched “Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow” Sunday, May 14, a non-profit

benefitting Second Harvest of East Tennessee.

In a very unique kind of non-profit, William prepares vanilla extract — with some supervision from Jillina and his father, Mark Cabaniss — and has been selling it in 8-ounce bottles. In just two short weeks, the venture received orders from 13 states, sold completely out of William’s initial batch, and raised more than \$4,000, William reported last week.

“That translates to 12,000 meals at Second Harvest,” he said.

“It has really warmed my heart how many people have been placing orders and just seeing that desire to help people, and the kindness and support — it has really been overwhelming,” Jillina said.

It was while making favorite family treats earlier this year that William’s interest in the unusual project began to take hold.

“My family makes a lot of brownies, and one time they had a few friends over, and I just kept adding vanilla to the batter,” he said. “I realized later what made them so good was the flavoring.”

Almost simultaneously, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and William was struck by the outages being faced by Second Harvest and other food pantries.

“I know people were doing a lot more baking during the pandemic, too,” he said. “I thought I could sell vanilla extract, and contribute to the food banks,



Michelle Hollenhead  
William Cabaniss after labeling bottles ready for the vanilla he cooks and cures in his family’s kitchen pantry.

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Samaya Baljepally, 2020 Bearden High School valedictorian.



(Above) Victoria “Tori” Hart, HVA valedictorian (right) Jessey Yang, FHS co-salutatorian with Prajwal Jagadish (below right).



Photos submitted

Grad details told school-by-school

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Knox County’s high school graduations may still be several days out, but many plans already have been solidified.

All ceremonies will take place on each school’s football field, and each Knox County senior is being allowed to bring up to four guests.

“Every observer will need a ticket,” noted Brad Smith, Farragut High School grade-level administrator for the Class of 2020 and Class of 2024.

This week, FHS seniors were allowed to receive their tickets via curbside pick-up at the high school beginning Wednesday, June 3; then from 3 to 6 p.m., today (Thursday, June 4) and from 8 a.m. to noon, tomorrow (Friday, June 5).

Tickets are in individually-labeled envelopes, along with letters describing details for the

ceremony, which will take place beginning at 7 p.m., Friday, June 19,

Students must be able to present a photo ID, and the student’s signature will be required to receive the tickets, Smith said.

“Signs will prompt drivers where to go” and “at no point should anyone exit their vehicle,” he added.

As for graduation night, gates will open at 6 p.m. Lendon Welch Way will be closed to all vehicular traffic, and both seniors and guests will be required to access campus from Campbell Station Road or West End Avenue.

Because of the expected heat, students will be allowed to wear shorts and T-shirts if they like under their robes, and are advised to wear flat-soled shoes, as they will be walking on the football field grass.

They also need to arrive on the

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Vals, sals in focus

Top students profiled at Farragut, HVA, Bearden

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While the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed graduation ceremonies to June, it did not postpone announcing the valedictorians and salutatorians for Farragut and Bearden high schools and Hardin Valley Academy earlier this year.

**Farragut High School**

Farragut’s 2020 valedictorian is Alisha Soni, who was profiled in the Thursday, May 7, issue of farragutpress. She will be attending the University of Southern California on a full-tuition merit scholarship, where she plans to major in environmental studies and global studies, with a minor

in Spanish.

**Prajwal Jagadish** and **Jessey Yang** share salutatorian honors this year.

Jagadish immigrated to the United States from India at age 4 with his family, and came to Farragut schools as a sixth-grader. His interests have been primarily in STEM fields, to include medicine and robotics.

He was president of the school’s Science Club his sophomore year, when it won the state Science Olympiad. The club also won the state Science Bowl tournament this past February — and, independently, Jagadish helped start and run an invitational science bowl tournament.

He was a member of the First

Flagship Robotics Team, in which he was the CAD modeling captain. He also was active in Mu Alpha Theta, where he served as state treasurer, and was a member of the Model United Nations and French Honor Society. Outside of school, he was an EMT cadet with the Knox County Rescue Squad.

Jagadish will attend Duke University this fall, where he will study biomedical engineering and data science with a goal of pursuing a research career in computational biology.

He is the son of Jagadish Anjan and Shubha Suresha.

Yang, who has been active in

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Photo submitted

Talented Irish

Ethan Boder, center, Knoxville Catholic High School graduating senior, joins fellow students Alex Moyer, left, and Parker Griffey in a Boy’s Dance during the school’s Spirit Week this past school year. Boder is one of 13 KCHS seniors earning full-ride academic scholarships, using his Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship to study nuclear engineering at the University of Illinois. See student profiles story beginning on page 5B.

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# Family Parade comes to NHC Farragut

With NHC Farragut being under quarantine since mid-March, and since its residents and their families have been unable to see other, officials did the next best thing and organized a full-scale Family Parade Wednesday, May 6. A total of 136 festively decorated cars filled with family members, friends, health care workers and many other well-wishers lined up in both directions along Kingston Pike, waiting for the parade to begin, then drove onto both sides of the NHC campus to the enjoyment of residents who were lined up outside. “The residents were so happy to see their families — I know a lot of our staff members cried, just seeing their reactions,” said Emily Hatch, who works in the NHC activities department.

“We had a great turnout, and it was really nice to see everyone who came out and showed support for us and our residents.”

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead



“Coach” Dave Moore, driver of the Vacation Family Truckster, and Knoxville Police Department Chief Eve Thomas were waiting for the NHC Parade to start.



Concord United Church’s Missions Group sent several representatives, including driver Norma Smith.



The family of Judy Hancock turned out in force.



Paula Eaton’s son and daughter-in-law, Dennis and Michelle Huckaba, shared a poster of her as their vehicle décor.



Louise Bagwell was on her way to see her husband, John Bagwell.



Jill Thompson was among the parade participants.



Diana Crass, dressed as Mrs. Claus, was on a mission to see her mom.



Driver Mark Cawood and Bo “Briscoe Darling” Pierce, left, took part in the parade in Dennis and Shannon Beal’s 1967 Ford Custom 500. All four are regular Andy Griffith re-enactors.



Brian Labudde set a large stuffed dog on the roof of his car as he was on his way to see his mother, Carol.



Suzy McAmis and Joanna Bodman (not pictured) were on their way to see their NHC client, Ben Smith.



Ceremonies

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FHS football practice field by 6 p.m.

Smith said the students and faculty will be seated 6 feet apart on the field, while guests will be seated in the “home stands.”

“We will also have signs posted encouraging everyone to follow the Knox County Health Department guidelines,” Smith said. Those suggested guidelines currently include at least 6 feet of social distancing and face masks.

Smith said the FHS graduation program easily came together, as its speakers already had been chosen. They will be Logan Stockham, whose topic is “Ships Weather Storms,” and Class of 2020 co-salutatorian Jessey Yang, whose speech is titled “Write Your Own Story.”

The ceremony format — which, before COVID-19, should have taken place Saturday, May 16, in Thomson-Boling Arena — “is really the same,” Smith said.

“We are changing some things, to cut down on time because it will be taking place outside in the heat of June,” he added.

No live orchestra or choir will perform. Instead, students will take their cues in the processional and recessional via pre-recorded music, provided by Knoxville Symphony Orchestra.

Smith said the ceremony has been capped at 30 minutes, after which time the graduates’ names will be read.

“Nothing should change between now and then, unless the state or federal officials change something,” he added.

Smith said the biggest challenge in preparing for the ceremony is that the football field and stadium “are both having to be cleaned much sooner than normal and are also having to undergo constant cleaning.”

“We are really looking forward to the closure for us, and for the students,” he added.

The rain date for FHS’s graduation is June 20.

Bearden

Rod Crockett, Bearden High School Senior Class principal, said BHS’s graduation will begin at 7 p.m., Saturday, June 13, and will feature the following speakers: Hanna Victoria Patton, Senior Class president; Benjamin Grover Cruze, Senior Committee president; Abigail Ann Ramsey, SGA president; salutatorian Parker Scott Martz; and valedictorian Samaya Shri Baljepally.

Hardin Valley Academy

Pam Degges, registrar at Hardin Valley Academy, said last week that only the date and time — 7 p.m., Monday, June 15 — for its 485 seniors had been confirmed.

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• Families are invited to complete a drive-able shopping center scavenger hunt at the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek shopping center, 11251 Parkside Dr. Choose either an easy or challenging hunt, and drive or walk the center to find the mystery items. All listed items can be spotted from the parking lot, enabling participants to complete the hunt from inside their vehicle. Lists are available at <https://pinnacleatturkeycreek.com/events.html> and will remain available through Friday, June 12.

• Annual Bob Watt Youth

Fishing Rodeo will be Saturday, July 25, at Anchor Park along the banks of Fort Loudoun Lake. The event will include two rounds of fishing from 8 to 9 a.m. and from 10 to 11 a.m. Pre-registration is required, and families will be assigned a location upon arrival. Register for one session only at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register). Participants need to bring their own poles. Bait will be provided or participants can bring their own.

• Health & Wellness Fair moved from March to Aug. 8 in Farragut Community Center, 254 Jamestowne Boulevard.

• Taste of Farragut, originally scheduled for May 1, now will run from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 4 (location still undetermined).

• Fun with Farragut’s Fleet has been cancelled for 2020 due to an inability to properly sanitize surfaces.

• Farragut Town Hall and Community Center is now open to the public, with regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Masks and social distancing are requested. Virtual public meet-

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# Lucky 13 academic full scholarships at Knox Catholic

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Thirteen was a lucky number for Knoxville Catholic High School students who recently were offered academic full-tuition scholarships.

The students — Alex Dally, Blaine Dolin, Ethan Boder, Joe Duhamel, Olivia Escher, Zoe Haub, Anna Hoang, Kiersten Man, Abby Orillion, Tony Spezia, Michael Stapleton, Andrea Subtirelu and Ellen Vo — will be honored during the school's live graduation "under the lights" beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, June 19, in KCHS's Blaine Stadium, Pam Rhoades, KCHS director of marketing and communications, stated in a press release.

The following profiles are from students who faarragutpress was able to contact.

**Alex Dally**

Dally, a Farragut resident, accepted scholarships from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she will major in percussion performance with minors in leadership, business and theater.

"My future career goals are to work on Broadway," Dally stated. "My overall experience at KCHS was incredible."

She received the Hope Scholarship, \$4,000 average per year; UT Volunteer Scholarship, \$5,000 per year; General Assembly Merit Scholarship, an average \$1,000 per year; and a General UTK

School of Music Scholarship, \$2,500 per year.

At KCHS, she had a weighted grade-point average of 4.36 and ACT score of 31. She was a member of Mu Alpha Theta, National Honors Society, was on the First Honors/President's List and received the John Philip Sousa Band Award. She also participated in tennis, band and theater, with her favorite subjects, band and math.



Dally

"I definitely would not be where I am without the support of my parents (Susan and Donald Dally of Farragut), my band director, Mr. (Jay) Romines and my percussion lessons instructor, Dr. Andy Bliss," Dally said. "I would say Mr. Romines has been the biggest inspiration to me."

**Andrea Subtirelu**

Subtirelu received several scholarships before deciding on UTK, where she received the UT Volunteer and HOPE scholarships.

"I am thankful for the financial stress that these scholarships have taken off my shoulders," she stated. Andrea plans to major in psychology and "apply my knowledge to a job that I have a passion

for ... forensic behavior analysis."

In high school, she majored in humanities. Her cumulative weighted GPA was 4.30. Her highest SAT score was 1430 and highest ACT score was 33 – "with a super score of 34."

At KCHS, Subtirelu was a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, National French Honor Society and she is a National Hispanic Scholar.

"My parents (Marielisa Rincon-Subtirelu and Mihail Subtirelu) are, without a doubt the people who are my mentors and who have inspired me the most,"

she said.

"They have always pushed me to be the best person that I can be, academically and otherwise," Subtirelu added. "... They worked extremely hard to come to a foreign country, go through difficult training and succeed in the careers that they love, even with the barriers that attempted



Subtirelu

to push them back.

"Now they are some of the best doctors in their fields. I hope to be able to push through difficulty and come out on the other side stronger in both my personal and professional lives, just like they did."

**Abigail Orillion**

While Orillion was offered scholarships from UTK, Tennessee Tech University, Middle Tennessee State University, Milligan College, and had full-tuition offers from Carson-Newman University and University of Ten-

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# obituary

**Donna Brown Bocik, age 57,** passed away early Sunday, May 25, 2020. Her final moments were surrounded with love and care from her family in her home in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Donna was born and raised in East Tennessee, treasuring the mountains nearby her whole life.

She was a member of First Farragut United Methodist Church, where she was active in the children's ministry and VBS for several years.

Donna was a devoted, compassionate and empowering mother. She fought breast cancer with the support of her husband to see their two girls graduate school this year and pursue their passions. Donna was one of the kindest, most admirable and beautiful souls to ever walk this earth, and will be missed by so many.

She undoubtedly loved her puppy, creating new craft ideas with



Donna Bocik

her friends and Disney movies.

Her deepest love was for her family. She was active in the lives of her girls: helping out in the classroom, going to her daughter's orchestra concerts and being a dance mom. Her calming advice helped guide her eldest daughter through her recent college years.

Donna also traveled to countless dance competitions to be her youngest daughter's support system and motivation for her to achieve her dancing dreams.

She is survived by her husband of 31 years, Todd; daughters, Kaitlyn and Brenna; parents, Sandra Hatcher and William Brown; sibling, Lisa Mallory; and several other family members and countless friends whom she loved.

Family received friends from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, at Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. A service to celebrate Donna's life followed at 6:30 p.m., with the Rev. Chuck Powell officiating.

In lieu of flowers, make memorials in Donna's name to Thompson Cancer Survival Center (<https://www.thompsoncancer.com/giving/ways-to-contribute/>).

## Planner

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ings will continue during Phase 2. Knox County Clerk office in Town Hall will open **Monday, June 8.** Call 865-215-2385 for information about other offices. Classes and gym time at the Community Center will be restructured to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Athletic fields in Farragut parks are opening with specific regulations. For up-to-date information about Community Center programs and field use, visit [farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org). (See related story beginning on page 2A)

• **McFee Park Splashpad and all park playgrounds remain closed** during Phase 2. Per health department guidelines, splashpads can only open if social distancing and crowd control can be enforced. Because of the open structure of Farragut's splashpad, it is not conducive to social distancing. Town will release additional information regarding the splashpad after Knox County announces guidelines for Phase 3.

For more information on Town Hall re-opening, including courts and public meetings, visit [townof-farragut.org](http://townof-farragut.org). For complete details on the reopening of Town's parks, Community Center and athletic fields, see "Phase 2 reopening

plan" on the homepage of [farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org).

### Other local happenings

• **U.S. Census officials have put out a call** for Farragut-area citizens to join its 2020 Census Team as a census taker, a Knox County team press release stated. Those interested must be at least 18 years old, have a valid drivers license and access to a vehicle. Apply online at [2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS](http://2020CENSUS.GOV/JOBS). For more information or for help applying, call 1-855-JOB-2020.

• **Knox County Health Department has launched a COVID-19 Public Information Line**, 865-215-5555, or call toll-free at 888-288-6022, from **8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

• **MEDIC Regional Blood Center has a critically low supply of O Negative, O Positive and A Positive blood.** MEDIC officials urge donors to schedule an appointment at its downtown Knoxville or Farragut location. Appointments can be made online at [www.medicblood.org](http://www.medicblood.org) and using the donate link. Appointments also can be made by calling 865-524-3074. For more information, visit [www.medicblood.org/](http://www.medicblood.org/). Social media sites are Facebook: @medicblood, Twitter: @medicblood and Instagram: @medicregionalbloodcenter

• **Annual Farragut High School Grand Reunion**, annually

celebrated the first Saturday in May at Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church, has been cancelled for 2020.

• **Lawn Chair Series' June** concert has been moved to **Sept 19**; concerts running from **10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, July 18 and Aug. 15** remain in place, but alternative formats are planned.

• **Knox County Public Library has opened eight** of its 19 locations as part of the Phase Two Reopening Plan put forth by the Knox County Health Department. That includes Farragut Branch, 417 Campbell Station Road, which resumed its regular schedule Thursday, May 28. Each library has been fully sanitized and equipped with plexiglass sneeze shields at service counters.

Available seating will be arranged to adhere to physical distancing guidelines. No public computers will be available. However, every location is equipped with Wifi. Library will isolate all returned materials for 48 hours to ensure the safe handling of books, CDs, DVDs and other materials. Storytimes, other programs and meeting room use will be suspended until further notice.

• **Due to COVID-19, Dogwood Arts** has moved inaugural Southern Skies Music Festival to **May 15, 2021.**

## Degrees, Dean's List honors for Farragut students

• **Ernest Lacroix** of Farragut earned a Master of Business Administration degree late last month from Western Governors University, an online, non-profit university in Salt Lake City, Utah.

• Northeastern University recognized **Ryan Hart** of Farragut, a student majoring in mechanical engineering, and **Diane Kim** of Farragut, a student majoring in political science/economics, who

recently were named to the university's Dean's List for the Spring semester, which ended in April 2020.

To achieve Dean's List distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality grade-point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C- during the course of their college career.

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Scholarships

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nessee at Chattanooga, she is accepting the scholarship from Carson-Newman — planning to major in nursing.

“I hope to study to become an RN, then after a year go to graduate school to become a pediatric nurse practitioner,” Orillion stated in an e-mail.

“Because there were only five students out of about 60 who received the full-tuition scholarship, it still feels like it’s not even real.”

As for KCHS, “I feel prepared academically, spiritually and socially for the next phase of my life, thanks to this wonderful school,” Orillion stated.

The daughter of Jennifer and Michael Orillion, “My mother inspires me most,” she stated. “She taught me the benefits of sacrifice, hard work — and most importantly, what it means to lend someone a helping hand without even thinking about it.

“She works as an occupational therapist in the Knox County Schools system and works tirelessly to care for me, my sister, and the children that she works with,” Orillion added.

Receiving the Monsignor Thoni Award, or “Student of the Month,” in 2018, which honors character, work ethic and service, Orillion also was a “Scholar Athlete” at KCHS while maintaining a weighted grade-point average of 3.7 or above.

Orillion also received an English Departmental Award in 2019

and the “Most Talented” superlative award from her classmates.

Olivia Escher

Escher was offered the UT Volunteer Scholarship, \$8,000; HOPE Scholarship, \$4,000; and General Assembly Merit Scholarship, \$1,000.



Escher

She plans to attend UTK and major in animal science with a direction toward veterinary medicine. “My future career goals are to work in an animal clinic that focuses on small animals, and one day own my own practice,” Escher stated. “My experience at Knoxville Catholic has been one that I will always be grateful for. The teachers and staff are so supportive of every student.”

At KCHS, her academic focus was in the sciences. There, she had a weighted GPA of 4.39 and unweighted 3.9. Her ACT score was 34.

She earned the Advanced Placement Human Geography award her freshman year, and she is a member of the math honors society, Mu Alpha Theta; National Honors Society; and she attended Tennessee Governor’s School for the Agricultural Sciences.

She is the daughter of Pam and Rudy Escher.

Blaine Dolin

Dolin was offered scholarships from UTK and Reserve Officer

Training Corps, among others.

With a grade-point average of 3.8 and ACT/SAT score of 32 and 1370, his focus in high school has been to get into West Point, where he plans to major in chemical engineering and pursue a career in the military. To reach that goal, Blaine stated in a recent e-mail he pushed himself by taking harder classes.

“I’m thankful,” Dolin said about receiving the scholarship. “It means my hard work paid off.”

He was a Boys State participant and on the honor roll all four years of high school. Dolin also was in the regional math competition for both Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 and the Spanish honor society. At the same time, he played football and soccer at KCHS.

He is the son of Brian and Letty Dolin.

Ethan Boder

Accepting an academic Navy ROTC scholarship, Boder plans to study nuclear engineering at The University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois.

“I want to become a nuclear officer in the (U.S.) Navy and transition back to a civilian job after my service,” Boder said.

“I am incredibly honored to receive this scholarship because it makes me feel trusted that I would be chosen to represent the Navy and the country as a military officer,” he stated in an e-mail. “I got to where I am to receive a scholarship by focusing on my studies and ensuring that I displayed the characteristic that were necessary for an NROTC scholarship.”



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Vals-Sals

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HOSA – Future Health Professionals and served as president, said the group “placed at state all four years,” with her personally winning first place in state competition Creative Problem Solving in 2019.

She also was secretary of Mu Alpha Theta, SGA class representative, and was on the executive board for the Freshman and New Students Committee.

One of her key focus areas has been on women’s health and global health, and she was chapter founder, vice president and former president of the local Girl Up Chapter.

“I started a project under Girl Up this year called The Red Tent Project, to provide period care packages for women at the YWCA,” Yang added.

“In college, I hope to travel abroad so that I can both serve others around the world and gain a deeper understanding of how cultural and social factors contribute to the propagation of health disparities.

“I also aspire to serve my community by providing health education to students and to underserved women.

She will be attending the University of Pennsylvania, and is the daughter of Qiu Zhang and Shihui Yang.

**Hardin Valley Academy**  
**Victoria “Tori” Hart** is this year’s valedictorian. She had an across-the-board interest in the

arts, humanities and the sciences during her high school career.

She danced with Angela Floyd Schools and was an active member of the HVA advanced theater program for three years. She also was in Mu Alpha Theta, National Honor Society, and HVA’s Progressive Hawks.

“However, the club I have been most involved in is the Technology Student Association — a STEM-based career and technical student organization,” she said. “I served on the state level of this organization as the 2018-19 State sergeant-at-arms and the 2019-20 State president.”

Hart, who is the daughter of Jason and Julie Hart, will be attending the University of Pittsburgh this fall in the Honors College and plans to study neuroscience.

**Ben Hancock** is this year’s salutatorian at HVA.

“I never really set being salutatorian as one of my goals throughout high school, I just wanted to do my best to set myself up for college and a potential engineering major and, along the way, ended up taking enough Advance Placement and honors classes to become salutatorian,” he said. “I am very interested in the STEM field, which led me



Hancock

to join our school’s robotics team my freshman year. The robotics team taught me so much, and solidified my passion towards being an engineer for a career.”

Additionally, Hancock also was a member of the school’s National Honors Society, Mu Alpha Theta and Earth Club, and worked at Hard Knox Pizza outside of school.

He is the son of Phillip Hancock and Heather Hancock, and will be attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville to study mechanical engineering.

**Bearden High School**  
**Samaya Baljepally** is the Class of 2020 valedictorian.

She was a member of the National Honors Society, and served as president; SGA, in which she was Senior Class vice president; and the Senior Committee, for which she was head of Senior Gift.

“They were all great opportunities to get involved in my school and local community,” she said.

She also was a member of the Youth Health Board, which “was a really enlightening organization to be a part of throughout high school,” Baljepally said. “YHB definitely taught me the significance of community betterment and is a big part of why I am interested in public health.”

A research project her junior and senior years “helped me expand my interests in the medical field,” she said. “I submitted it to competitions, and placed first in Tennessee at two statewide competitions, advanced to a national competition and became an INTEL ISEF finalist at an interna-

tional competition.”

Baljepally also was very active in sports, having run varsity track and cross country all four years, having also played varsity golf for her freshman and sophomore years.

She said running “was so much fun. My teammates are some of my best friends and I have the best coaches, so we always had a great time. (It was) definitely a highlight from high school.”

The daughter of Gayathri Baljepally and Raj Baljepally, she plans to attend Vanderbilt University this fall — where her older sister will be a senior — majoring in public health on the pre-med track, and minoring in political science and Spanish.

**Parker Martz** is Bearden’s 2020 salutatorian.

“My interests range from competitive target shooting and tennis to history and computers,” he said, adding he is “always up for kayaking and hiking with friends. My favorite thing to do, however, is to travel. I love it. COVID-19 ruined my plans to explore Italy and Greece this summer. But after all this time at home, I am really, really happy to simply be able to hike in the Smokies this summer.”



Martz

He earned the rank of Eagle Scout by initiating and leading a large-scale service project: the design and construction of LEGO building stations for children in Appalachia.

“The involvement in that has meant the most to me. However, a charitable project I initiated and currently lead is called BUILT ON BRICKS,” Martz added. “I am passionate about the importance of providing STEM-related experiences to elementary-age students, and I am pursuing it through the building and gifting of LEGO building stations to organizations serving underprivileged children.

“Recipients range from Emerald Charter School STEM lab to The Child Advocacy Center of the Tennessee 9th Judicial District.”

A few of his other activities included serving the community through Key Club International for three years and volunteering as a tutor in calculus, stats, and algebra II.

He played varsity tennis for Bearden for three years and was named a team captain his senior year.

“It is safe to say I led the team to its shortest season ever,” he joked.

Martz was selected to attend Vanderbilt Summer Academy twice as well as Tennessee’s Governor’s School for Sciences & Engineering. This fall, he will attend the Georgia Institute of Technology with plans to study mechanical and materials engineering.

He is the son of Scott and Tara Martz.

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Photo submitted

William Cabaniss, 14, cuts vanilla beans from Madagascar toward making the extract for the "Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow" non-profit he runs.

Vanilla

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since they needed monetary donations."

William began researching in earnest with the full support of his family, which includes his younger siblings, Andrew and Katherine.

"First, I started looking at beans and where they were from, how much they cost and if the taste would equate to a product people would actually buy," he said.

The process became a huge undertaking, "with quite a learning curve," William said.

He eventually settled on vanilla beans from Madagascar, which he cuts in a process than

can take up to five hours. He then cooks them and adds other ingredients before placing the mixture in the family's kitchen pantry to set anywhere from two weeks to six months, depending on what end results William hopes to achieve.

"The longer it sets, the better it will be," he said.

When sufficiently cured, he pours the vanilla into 8-ounce bottles with his self-designed company logo. Each bottle is \$30, the sale of which feeds 42 people.

Jillina provides free delivery service in Farragut, but for outside the area the cost is an additional \$5.50 to mail.

He created a website, Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow, and also has a

presence on Facebook and Instagram.

"The main thing he asked me to do was to get the word out," Jillina said. "The rest has all been William — that has been the gift of youth and the Internet."

He has been able to do more hands-on service with the organization, too, as COVID-19 restrictions have eased, and he has been able to volunteer at Second Harvest in person.

"Second Harvest is beyond fortunate to have William Cabaniss supporting his East Tennessee neighbors who are at risk of hunger through Vanilla Feeds Tomorrow," said Rachael Ellis, director of development for Second Harvest. "He is making a difference in the lives of

thousands of people, and we are forever grateful for his generosity. It is an honor to have his support, and we look forward to having him as part of our food bank family for many years to come."

"God has used so many small moments in William's life to bring him where he is today," Jillina said. "To see how God can use so many small moments for good has been such a joy for us, especially in seeing how much good this is providing for so many."

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