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# Skeptical voices on Hy-Vee; some supporters

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A variety of questions and statements — many expressed with skepticism — targeted the Hy-Vee, Inc. supermarket chain’s proposed location in Farragut on roughly 68 acres fronting Kingston Pike, just west of the Pike’s intersection with Campbell Station Road.

“We have 10 grocery stores within a 1.3-mile radius

of my house, most of which I can walk to,” said one resident, among roughly 70 attending a community meeting with Hy-Vee officials in Town of Farragut Community Center Thursday evening, June 16, which heavily included residents from subdivisions near the proposed site of this Des Moines, Iowa-based chain.

“... We may need more walking parks; make it a recreational area,” she added. “This is the last open area, grassland (potential) park, that has not been demol-

ished by (Town of) Farragut.”

As for anticipated increased vehicular traffic, another resident said, “It is very difficult to get in and out of the existing businesses and the subdivisions as it is now,” as residents attended from subdivisions near the proposed location, including Glen Abbey, Shiloh, Belleaire, Farragut Crossing, Village Green

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# KCS has made 5 regions

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Having all Knox County Schools grouped into five regional teams for administrative purposes is a positive move, two local high school principals said.

“I’m very excited about it because I think some of the strengths that we have in our community, we will be more collaborative about them,” said Dr. Rob Speas, Hardin Valley Academy principal, about region alignment plans released Saturday, June 4, by new KCS superintendent Dr.

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Alan Sloan

Celebrating the 60th anniversary of their Farragut High School graduation, Class of 1962 alumni also welcomed then teacher-boys basketball coach Lynn E. Sexton, seated, alongside his wife, Patricia Sexton, seated third from left, during their reunion in Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church Saturday evening, June 18.



# Lee Co. new store in Town

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The Lee Company, which offers a full range of home repair services, is coming to Farragut, and officials are enthusiastic about bringing its services to the region.

The family-owned business is leasing 10,000 square feet in the newly constructed second building in the Little Turkey Creek commercial development, 12522 Kingston Pike.

“We picked Farragut, which is just a great community, and we are very excited to be here,” said Jason Scott, Lee Company Home Services operations manager. “Our new

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# Grand Marshals named as 34th Independence Parade, F-Run set

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Town staff is gearing up for 34th Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade, which kicks off at 9:30 a.m., Monday, July 4, from Farragut High School’s junior parking lot.

Entrants, capped at 95 “with a waiting list,” said Town Park and Rec director Sue Stuhl, will route down Lendon Welch Way/Stadium Drive, to Kingston Pike, then travel west to Boring Road, exiting into the “old” Ingles parking lot.

Parade entries include the Town of Farragut, with Parade Grand Marshals Cheri Intveld and Amy Burritt, owners of Euphoric Cheese Shop (photo on the right), the Town’s Board of Mayor and Aldermen and the Farragut Museum’s float, which will include current U.S.S. Farragut sailors, according to organizers.

Additionally, politicians, Farragut High School Marching Admirals, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Smoky Mountain Blue Star Mothers, Studio Bliss, Chick-fil-A (both Overlook & Turkey Creek locations), Dance Studio West, Mayberry Chapter of the Andy Griffith Show Rerun Watchers Club, Send Senior Citizens Love, Sir Goony’s Family Fun Center, The Little Gym of West Knoxville-Farragut, Pelican’s SnoBalls and Honeybee Coffee and Brewery are among the many entries.

The senior/teacher lot (circle) and the Farragut Middle School lots are for parade participants to park or drop off.

Due to the Independence Day Parade, Kingston Pike from Lendon Welch Way to Federal Boulevard will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to about noon.

Options for parade detours are as follows: North

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Photo submitted

Euphoric Cheese Shop owners Amy Burritt, left, and Cheri Intveld have been chosen as 34th Annual Independence Day Parade grand marshals.

# Speed cushions for Kings Gate’s Midhurst Drive, Red Mill Lane

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Residents traveling along Midhurst Drive and Red Mill Lane in Kings Gate subdivision will be getting traffic speed cushions on those two roads.

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously to approve the traffic-calming measure

during its meeting Thursday, June 9.

While no resident spoke at the meeting, most of the residents voted in favor of the traffic-calming devices, assistant Town engineer Brannon Tupper said.

In February 2021, Tupper said some Kings Gate residents applied for traffic-calming measures on Midhurst and Red Mill.

“The residents live right at the intersection of

where Red Mill and Midhurst actually come together,” he said. “They reported excessive speeding, also a few wrecks with people running off the road into their yards.”

Staff met with the residents and formed a traffic team, which included the affected residents, before

**See SPEED CUSHIONS on Page 7A**

## business

“We came out pretty strong on the other side of COVID-19, and are here to stay. Everything we are doing, will help us get ready for the next 20 years,”

**-Ronald Cohorst, assistant general manager of a popular facility going through a major upgrade. (See story on page 8A)**

## community

“During the pandemic, I really had the time to devote to some projects. ... The more I got into it, the more I wanted to buy to help with my designs,”

**Jessie Ehlers, a local elementary school teacher giving back to youth in a big way. (Read story starting on page 2B)**

## sports

“I really appreciate everyone who came out. ... I’m blessed to be able to do this. ... I’m going to do this every year. Please come back next year,”

**-Nate Gilliam, current NFL player and former local star who has started a camp in Town. (See story and photos, page 1B)**



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Hy-Vee reaction

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and Park Place.

Issues also were raised concerning the ability to hire employees, wages — and one resident saying, “you have a 1.48 out of 5 rating on the Better Business Bureau” website.

Pro Hy-Vee comments

While officials answered a few questions asked without either skepticism or support of the supermarket chain, one resident — saying she was a third generation Hy-Vee customer while living in Iowa and Minneapolis — spoke in favor of the proposed Farragut location on property owned by former Town Mayor Eddy Ford, which would be one of the first Hy-Vee supermarkets in the Southeastern United States.

“I grew up shopping at my grandparents’ Hy-Vee in Iowa, and I’m kind of excited about this,” the supporter added. “... I think there’s a lot of positive

things Hy-Vee would bring to our community. ...”

A husband-wife couple, who did not speak publicly, also said they were in favor of Hy-Vee coming to Farragut based on being customers while living in Minneapolis.

Their opinion was expressed during an “open-house” portion of the event, where roughly four to six residents would speak with a Hy-Vee official at three “stations” set up with site plan maps of the Farragut site and enlarged store photos.

Basic information

In reference to communication with Town of Farragut officials, Hy-Vee director of Site Planning John Brehm said “They asked us to come talk to the community first because the site, as we’ve learned over the last few months while we’ve been looking at it, has had some issues in the past.”

While Hy-Vee is planning to use just more than the 20 acres fronting Kingston Pike for

its 156,000-square-foot store/parking/fuel station, etc., “We’re looking at the entire property as a whole,” Brehm said, while the back 40-plus acres would be leased.

“The middle (property is zoned for) kind of an office use, and the back will be a residential use; kind of a mixed-density use,” Brehm said.

“... And we also understand that there’s an overlay district on it to make it a town center-type of space,” he added.

Concerning the proposed supermarket’s one access point from Kingston Pike, it is planned to be across from Jamestowne Boulevard, Brehm said. “Jamestowne Boulevard would become a signalized ac-



Brehm

cess point” intersection.

“There’s quite a bit of space between the residential areas and municipal areas to the north and our (proposed) store — there’s a lot of greenspace,” said Phil Hoey, Hy-Vee group vice president, Acquisitions/Real Estate. “... What we try to do is match up densities with continuing neighborhoods.”

However, “This has to be rezoned to do any of this,” Brehm said. “That’s why we’re talking to you first, because this is a big change from what it was planned originally.”

Products, procedures

Separating Hy-Vee from other town grocers, “We’re employee-owned and we’re community based,” Brehm said, adding the company “has been able to get ahead of almost all of our supply issues; we have our own distribution centers.”

As for getting fresh food, “We can work with local farmers and bring their products into our produce section,” he said.

KCSO Reports

• At 4:17 p.m., Friday, June 10, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft of merchandise at a Parkside Drive address. Complainant advised the listed suspect, a U.S. cellular customer, left the store without purchasing the item at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 7. Total value of loss was listed at \$359. She advised they were able to get the suspect’s information, as she is a previous customer of U.S. Cellular. She advised they do have surveillance of the store. Complainant advised they are unable to locate the serial number for the item.

• At 9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 9, a victim filed a re-

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Regions

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John Rysewyk.

Currently, “we don’t always know what each other are doing even though the campuses are right next door to us,” Speas added, “so I think having one person seeing all of them in the feeder patterns will be a benefit to our students.

“At the end of the day, it provides more precise support to the school feeder pattern,” said Dr. John Bartlett, Farragut High School principal.

“Instead of all the high schools overseen by a supervisor, the idea is for one supervisor to oversee schools K-12 in one area of town,” Speas said. “Because the needs of different schools are unique in Knox County, this (plan) allows someone to dive deeper into the community, where there’s more conversation between Hardin Valley Elementary, Hardin Valley Middle and Hardin Valley Academy, as well as Cedar Bluff Middle and Ball Camp Elementary and Cedar Bluff Elementary, so all the kids who end up coming to Hardin Valley Academy, one person is overseeing their education K-through-12.

“This allows for greater alignment and greater collaboration through feeder schools,” he added.

Bartlett said the focus is on the feeder pattern, where an elementary school feeds into a middle school and that middle school feeds into a high school.

“If anything, it would provide more support and collaboration and minimal impact on the schools,” Bartlett added.

• Region One, in which all Farragut public schools are located, is led by director Danny Trent, who currently serves as executive director of secondary education — and is a former Farragut Middle School principal — and supervisor Shelly Maddux, who currently serves as Amherst Elementary School principal.

Also in Region One are Bearden High School, West Valley Middle School, A.L. Lotts Elementary, Blue Grass Elementary, Northshore Elementary, Bearden Elementary, Pond Gap Elementary, Rocky Hill Elementary, Sequoyah Elementary, West Hills Elementary, West View Elementary, Bearden Middle and Knoxville West High School.

• Region Two, in which all Hardin Valley public schools are located, is led by director Nathan Langlois, who currently serves as director of advancement and diversity, and supervisor Christy Dowell, who currently serves as supervisor of elementary education.

Also located within Region Two are Amherst Elementary, Ball Camp Elementary, Cedar Bluff Elementary, Karns Elementary, Norwood Elementary, Pleasant Ridge Elementary, Powell Elementary, West Haven Elementary, Cedar Bluff Middle, Karns Middle, Northwest Middle, Powell Middle, Ridgedale Middle and Karns

and Powell high schools.

“I believe that regional teams will help us foster community engagement and ownership in

the educational process and will shift the educational focus away from the Central Office back to individual schools,

where the most important work happens,” Rysewyk said about the five new teams.

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Knee Pain: 2 Simple Tips To Keep Knee Pain From “Throwing-Out” Your Back

By - Leading Physical Therapist, Dr. John-Mark Chesney

**Farragut** - When I was a new physical therapist, I wasn’t extremely confident in my abilities to help people. I can remember feeling nervous when a client would come in and have pain in more than one body part. If they were referred to PT for their knee pain, I really didn’t want to hear about how their back or shoulder was also bothering them. It was so much easier to just stay focused on one thing at a time. That all changed 9 years ago when I was working with a client named Terri...

My confidence was building by the time Terri came in. Terri’s main goal was to return back to tennis and pickleball as soon as possible. During her evaluation, I looked over her knee and got her started on a few simple stretches. I also discovered that she had a lot of pain in her hip that was causing some sciatica symptoms. The sciatica pain was pretty understandable, as she’d been dealing with a sore knee for a good 6 months. During the last 10 minutes of our appointment, I did some hands-on treatment to help relieve her hip and sciatica pain, and I also showed her how to stretch out the irritated muscle (the piriformis).

**Terri’s response to this extra attention forever changed the way I viewed the way to treat people.** I was surprised at how thankful Terri was that I didn’t just gloss over her hip pain and only focus on the knee. Just that extra 10 minutes of effort gave Terri the very clear message that I was here to help her any way that I could. It also led me to a very important realization in helping people in pain:

**People who have knee, ankle and hip issues also tend to have lower back pain.**

First, let’s look at how knee pain often leads to pain in your lower back. One of the keys to keeping your lower back happy is symmetry. If you can manage to stand and walk with good symmetry, your back will tend to stay in good alignment, which is good for the muscles, joints, and discs. *But*



*what happens when you start dealing with things like knee pain and ankle pain?* You shift your weight away from the injured leg. Then you bear more weight through your healthy leg when you stand, walk, squat, go up and down stairs, etc. Given enough time, this shift in your symmetry is bound to upset something in your lower back.

*That all makes good sense, right?* Excellent! So now you know why lower back pain is so common for people with knee and ankle pain, let’s talk about what you can do about it.

**Simple tips to ease lower back pain while also dealing with knee and ankle pain:**

**Tip #1:** Know when to use a heel lift. If you have a knee that will no longer fully straighten, you basically have a shortened leg when you stand and walk. Until you can fully straighten your knee, this will really throw off the symmetry in your lower back. So while you’re working on getting your knee straight, wearing a heel lift can help elongate your leg back to its normal length. Keep in mind that this is a temporary solution. This tip also works well if you’re wearing a bulky boot on one foot after surgery.

**Tip #2:** Fix your knee pain ASAP! If your knee and/or ankle pain is indeed aggravating your back, it should make a lot of sense that you’ll want to relieve your knee pain as quickly as possible. If you’re lucky, fixing your knee will also alleviate the pain in your back. The key here is to make sure you don’t wait too long and give the back pain a life of its own.

With any luck, you can use the tips and information I’ve been sharing over the past 2 weeks to finally get some relief from your knee pain. If you would like us to test your knee alignment, we can do that for you in a free screening. We have 5 of these alignment screenings currently available- so **call or text us at 865-351-0615** to reserve your free knee alignment screen.

Until next week!

The author, John-Mark Chesney, is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio. He’s happy to answer any questions about knee pain by phone or text at (865) 351-0615 or by email at [john-mark@simplypt.co](mailto:john-mark@simplypt.co)



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Leilani attended FIS, FES, CUMC School  
Semi-retired entrepreneur / consultant  
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This is your chance to meet the candidates who seek to form a new Farragut government.



# Dog park sought by Town; community help needed

Town requests \$25,000 grant, social media photos

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Farragut is hoping for a dog park, and is looking to the community for help.

Town staff already has applied for a \$25,000 grant through The Boyd Foundation's Dog Park Dash, and the Town currently is in the required community engagement phase of the application process through Thursday, June 30.

According to Town social media posts, "dog owners are asked to follow Town of Farragut on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, then upload pictures of their pets using the hashtag #DogParkDash2022, and mention #Farragut."

"The community engagement phase is where your community gets loud and proud over your application," Dog Park Dash's website stated.

Town officials incorporated the request Saturday, June 11, during Phase III Grand Opening festivities at McFee Park, where land already has been set aside for an eventual dog park.

About a dozen pets and their owners took part in a "doggie flash mob" recorded by drones, which has been added to the application requirement.

Additionally, members of the community also can visit [www.dogparkdash.com/apply](http://www.dogparkdash.com/apply) to nominate Farragut outright as part of the process, Town Parks manager Lauren Cox added.

The Boyd Foundation began offering Dog Park grants in 2018 and has announced this will be the last year of the program after reaching its 100-park funding goal.

This year's award recipients will be announced July 20.



Hailey Hobbs hugs her pup, Anna, alongside her brother, Jack, during Phase III Grand Opening Festivities in McFee Park Saturday, June 11.

## FMPC

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Walters added she and her husband also are guarded when pulling out of their driveway. "We're asking the entrance to be relocated further south," she said.

"The residential-zoned portion of this has fairly limited amount of frontage on Champions Point," Shipley said.

"The discussion back when the concept was reviewed was whether the applicant could work out a deal (with another property owner) to require part or all of the property to the south so the entrance could be shifted further to the south," he added, also noting the only place the entrance/exit road can come out is di-

rectly across from an existing Fox Den residence.

"The applicant did indicate during a staff developer meeting May 31 they had talked with that property owner to the south and haven't been able to come to an agreement on the price that person's apparently wanting (for the property's purchase)," Shipley said. "So (the developers are) kind of limited on access points."

"They really can't shift it further north because the sight distance gets worse."

After a lengthy discussion, FMPC postponed action, asking to look at more measures to "increase safety metrics."

"I'm not opposed to the plan, but I'm concerned about safety," Commissioner Noah Myers said.




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Speed cushions

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performing speed studies along those roads.

“We did several speed studies throughout the subdivision to see where the 85th percentile speed is — it’s specifically 10 miles per hour over the posted speed limit,” Tupper said. “That is the threshold of whether or not an application would be eligible for traffic calming.”

The studies showed all locations were eligible, with some speeds upward of 43 miles per hour, he added. Based on those results, a public meeting was held, which resulted in mixed feelings about the speed cushions.

Some residents thought the traffic was a result of the cut-through traffic from Virtue Road, but Tupper said a subsequent speed study showed people still were speeding.

Kings Gate residents then

voted on the speed cushions.

Tupper said the policy requires a 50 percent vote in favor from people in the affected area and 65 percent in the speed zone.

“We received 105 ballots back — 70 percent of the affected area voted in favor of the measure and 83 percent of people in the speed zone voted for the speed cushions,” he said.

In other business, the Board unanimously approved:

- a rezoning of .82 acres, owned by Fast Pace Urgent Care, 13013 Kingston Pike, from General Commercial District (C-1) to Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1).

Community Development director Mark Shipley said after completing its walk-in clinic on the 1.82-acre property, it realized it did not need all the property, which fronts Kingston Pike and Fleenor Road, so it is subdividing it to make way for a single-family home.

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port regarding a theft, which occurred at a Langley Place address. According to the vic-

tim, between 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 8, and 9 a.m. the next morning, an unknown suspect stole the license plate off his 2015 Honda Civic. Total value of loss was listed at \$65.

Parade

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side — Campbell Station Road to Grigsby Chapel Road to Smith Road to Kingston Pike (going west) or Campbell Station Road to Parkside Drive to Lovell Road (going east).

South side — Concord Road to Turkey Creek Road to Virtue Road to Kingston Pike.

For more information, call Farragut Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376 or visit [farragutparksandrec.org/parade](http://farragutparksandrec.org/parade).

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Michelle Hollenhead

Chloe Garfield joined her daughters, Lily, left, and Izzie, and son, Gavin, to offer cold lemonade and bottled water to shoppers and construction workers along Brooklawn Street Thursday, June 16. “We thought a good place to have a lemonade stand might be between businesses and the (Biddle Farm) construction site,” said Gavin, as the family was rewarded with more than \$100 in sales on a hot day.



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Cavenders Boot City expands to Turkey Creek

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Texas-based company Cavenders Boot City is bringing a Southwest kick to Turkey Creek when it opens its Western store, 10990 Parkside Drive, as its first Tennessee location.

“Our target date is July 15,” store manager Kitty Reynolds said. “We’re hoping to be a little sooner.”

“I’m very excited,” she added. “I was an assistant manager in Clear Lake

(Galveston County location), Texas, and they offered me this position as store manager — a brand new manager and a brand new store in a brand new state.

“This is our first Cavenders in Tennessee. There’re no words to describe how excited I am about it. They put a lot of faith in me.”

About the move to Tennessee, Reynolds replied, “They are always looking for a location ... They thought this would be the best fit for Cavenders.

“The community, the high volume and there’s nothing like us in this area,” she added.

“Cavenders isn’t just the name of our store; it’s also the name of our family,” district manager Erik Garza said. “We’re a family-owned and operated retail chain ... we carry hardworking Western wear known for high-quality and authentic style because that’s the standard in everything we do.

“We believe in the legacy of the American West and we live it every

day,” he added. “We carry all your favorite Western brands.”

Based in Tyler, Texas, Cavenders has been in business since 1965. Started by the late James Cavender and carried on by his sons, Mike, Clay and Joe, the company owns almost 100 stores — all over Texas, Oklahoma, Nevada, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

“We do have our own brand of boots,”

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Nearly \$200k, 5-week upgrade  
has Cool Sports taking hiatus

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Farragut’s Cool Sports, Home of the Icearium, currently is on a five-week hiatus while owner Basil Skelton spends nearly \$200,000 on much-needed upgrades.

The 20-year-old regional ice rink, which boasts the only NHL-sized rink in the area, closed down Sunday, June 19, to begin the ice-melting process as staff prepares for installation of a new chiller and overhauling of the compressor and condenser.

“We are doing this for two reasons — because we care, and because we are letting the community know they are stuck with us,” said Ronald

Cohorst, Cool Sports assistant general manager, with the latter part said in jest. “We came out pretty strong on the other side of COVID-19 and are here to stay.

“Everything we are doing, will help us get ready for the next 20 years,” he added.

The ice rink’s sand sub-flooring — instead of concrete utilized at other sites, such as the Knoxville Civic Coliseum — makes the process more lengthy, Cohorst said.

“We have to bring the temperature up gradually,” he said. “If it was concrete, it would be a much quicker process.”

In addition to starting and completing the prep work, “we will have to remove the old

chiller,” Cohorst said.

Workers also will be checking all pipes and parts while the new equipment is installed.

Repainting inside also will be part of the overhaul.

“We are sticking with the baby blue and orange-stripe theme,” confirmed Cohorst, who has been with Cool Sports for 17 years.

Upgrades also will take place on the separate indoor soccer and basketball courts, where its HVAC system will be overhauled.

Some aspects of the improvements will be up to the supply chain to provide. For example, its new compressor has been under construction in Canada since March.

“There are a lot of moving



Michelle Hollenhead

Ronald Cohorst, Cool Sports, Home of the Icearium assistant general manager, stands in front of the facility’s ice rink, which is shut down for renovations. Re-opening date is set for July 25.

pieces to this project,” Cohorst added, noting the five-week time frame “had about a week

of wiggle room. “We will be reopening July 25.”

Patricia Neal Rehab West expected opening late '22



Architect's rendering submitted

Encompass Health and Covenant Health recently entered into a joint venture to own and operate Covenant Health’s Patricia Neal Rehabilitation Center, which includes a new 51-bed, freestanding inpatient rehabilitation hospital being built on Covenant Health’s Fort Sanders West campus along Kingston Pike just west of Pellissippi Parkway. It is expected to be completed sometime later this year. The new rehab hospital will offer physical, occupational and speech therapies and 24-hour nursing care aiming to restore functional ability and quality of life, according to a Covenant Health press release.

businessbriefs

• Cheryl Hill, program manager of Knox County Health Department’s Healthy Weight division, recently received the Outstanding Leadership Award from the Association of State Public Health Nutritionists for her work on the Healthy Food, Active Communities Council.



Hill

• Y-12 Federal Credit Union recently announced a partnership with Zogo Finance, a pioneer in financial education through gamification. Alignment stems from the organization’s continued focus on financial literacy, especially within teen and young adult categories.

• Jonathan Stanley recently joined The Christman Company as project engineer for the firm’s office in Knoxville. Stanley currently is focused on the new corporate headquarters and manufacturing operations for Smith & Wesson in Maryville.



Stanley

• Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy at UT, Knoxville has announced Arthur B. Culvahouse, former US ambassador to Australia, and Joseph Mazer, dean of UT’s College of Communication and Information, recently have

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**Cavenders**  
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Reynolds said. “There’s the Cavender brand made by Old Gringo, which is a very high-end brand that they do for us, and then we have our new line, JRC & Sons.”

“James Cavender wanted to make his own line of boots,” she added. “He started almost four years ago, passed away almost three years ago and his sons picked up where he left off. (JRC & Sons) is really a great boot.”

The store also carries boots by Ariat, Justin, Black Jack, Tony Lama, Anderson Bean and more. It also carries jeans and other apparel and accessories for men, women and children.

“We have the Rafter C, which

is the men’s and boys’ collection, and the Rockin’ C, which is the women’s and girls’ collection,” Reynolds said.

While the styles are mostly Western, she pointed out the ladies’ brand “looks more like a boutique look.” In the men’s lines, “we also carry collars and button-ups and fishing shirts, things like that.”

For workwear, “we also do house accounts, where companies can come in and set up a charge account so their employees can come in and buy the things they need for work,” Reynolds said.

Once open, store hours will be from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday; and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Merchandise may be ordered online at cavenders.com.

**Tammy Cheek**  
Kitty Reynolds, Cavenders Boot City Turkey Creek store manager, stands in front of the company’s first store under construction in Tennessee, 10990 Parkside Drive. Store officials said the expected opening day is Friday, July 15.

**Regional, Farragut Community Center Chamber networkings**



**All networking photos by Tammy Cheek**

Melissa Major, left, co-owner of MBody Healthcare and a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce member, networked with Michelle Shaffer and John Holland, both with Y-12 Federal Credit Union and Anderson County and Oak Ridge Chambers of Commerce, during a regional Chamber networking at The Venue in Lenoir City Tuesday, June 14.



Josh Spencer, far left, AMR regional director, joins Rural Metro Fire chief Jerry Harnish, second from left, and RMF assistant chief Jeff Devlin, second from right, in welcoming Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members, such as Mike Cohen, owner of Cohen Communications, to a FWKCC networking, which AMR/RMF hosted at Farragut Community Center Thursday, May 19.



Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO Julie Blaylock, center, joined Rick Meredith, president of Anderson County Chamber of Commerce, and Christine Michaels, Oak Ridge Chamber of Commerce president/CEO among a six-county regional Chamber networking in The Venue, 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd. in Lenoir City, Tuesday, June 14. Other Chambers included Blount, Loudon, Roane and Monroe counties.



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Tammy Cheek

**Briefs**

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joined its board of directors. • Weichert, Realtors — Advantage Plus in Knoxville recently announced Jenn Price, Michael Wood, Adam Hatmaker and Mary-Ann Linkowski were named the top agents in the company for May. Price earned the overall

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# Gilliams’ Island at FHS: brothers host 1st OL Camp



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NFL lineman, ex-Vol, third bro — all former Ads — lead youth in Courtney Stadium

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Campers came from as far away as North Carolina — Robbinsville and Cherokee to be exact — to attend the first Gilliam Brothers Offensive Line Camp at Farragut High School’s Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field Saturday morning/early afternoon, June 18. The three-hour camp was held on a sunny, low-humidity Saturday morning/early afternoon, June 18.

Four former Admirals were in charge: current Pittsburgh Steelers center/guard Nate Gilliam, a former standout offensive lineman at Wake Forest and 2015 FHS graduate; his older brother, Jacob Gilliam, former Tennessee Volunteers offensive lineman from Farragut High Class of 2010; third brother, Alex Gilliam, a 2014 graduate; and Patrick Doucette, also a former Ads standout lineman and center in college at VMI who is back home as FHS offensive line coach.

“I really appreciate everyone who came out,” Nate Gilliam told the campers, and some of their parents, while everyone enjoyed refreshments after the camp. “... I’m blessed to be able to do this. ... I’m going to do this every year. Please come back next year.”

Non-profit A.B.C. Sports Foundation helped coordinate and plan the camp.

Campers attending the first Gilliam Brothers Offensive Line Camp at Farragut High School’s Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field Saturday morning/early afternoon, June 18, posed for a photo inside the stadium following camp activities. Camp leaders — all former Admirals players — were current Pittsburgh Steelers offensive lineman Nate Gilliam, far right (FHS Class of 2015); ex-Tennessee Vols offensive lineman Jacob Gilliam, far left, (FHS Class of 2010 and a Knox County attorney); Alex Gilliam, fourth from left in back (FHS Class of 2014); and Patrick Doucette, third from left, current FHS football offensive line coach who was a starting center in college at VMI.



**(Above)** As camp instructors observe, Thomas Witthauer, foreground right in yellow T-shirt who is a rising senior offensive lineman at FHS, works on proper arm extension and footwork with fellow camper Vance Young.

**(Left)** Campers watch as Nate Gilliam, right, Pittsburgh Steelers offensive lineman and camp leader, displays proper footwork and arm extension for pass blocking.

**(Below)** Ayden Perez, left, works on his footwork and arm extension during a drill where fellow camper M.J. Keener simulates a defense end pass-rusher.






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**TOWN SAMPLER**



Farragut High School's Education Foundation presents several awards at the end of each school year, including the Binnacle Award for an outstanding support staff member (**above**), given this year to Erich Mauer, right — who also is a staff retiree — with FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett. Also presented (**right**) were this year's Golden Anchor Awards, as voted upon by teachers and staff, which were earned by Kristi Ramsey (business, third from left), Richie Patton (construction, fourth from left), Ryan Linger (German, third from right), Jake Gullede (math, second from right) and Joshua Schmeling (chemistry, far right). Also pictured are FHSEF Board members Mary Cook, far left, Christi King, second from left, and Kristi Bruce, fourth from right.

## Six Golden Anchor, Binnacle awardees at FHS for 2021-22



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

## Ehlers pledges 15% to boost PEER Academy building fund

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It's not enough for Jessie Ehlers to simply work at PEER Academy — she also is helping fundraise for this unique institution as it seeks a larger location.

Ehlers, who teaches third through fifth grade at the school and is dedicated to educating students who have unique learning styles — including autism — is pledging 15 percent of her sales promoting autism

awareness to the fundraising effort for the school, currently located at 10231 Sherill Blvd. in Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church.

The Farragut resident has long had a crafty streak, as evidenced by her T-shirt, woodworking and key-chain designs through her business with the theme, "It's Elementary by Jessie," which she began while living in Arizona.

"During the pandemic, I really had the time to devote to some projects, and I started making orna-

ments," Ehlers said. "Then I branched out into T-shirts, and the more I got into it, the more I wanted to buy to help with my designs."

The designs specific to the fundraiser include several styles of "Be Kind" on T-shirts and signage, along with "Proud Autism Mom," also available on signs and shirts. Shirts are \$25 to \$30, while 5-inch wooden signs are \$12 each.

**See FUNDRAISER on Page 5B**

## Concord Christian School Field Day fun



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

First-graders Riley Dandurand, left, and Reavis Baird were among students enjoying Concord Christian School's Field Day Friday, May 13.



(Left) Jason Stephens, left, and Dylan Wade competed in the three-legged race during Concord Christian School's Field Day Friday, May 13. (Above) Gabby Mason enjoyed hula-hoop fun.





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• **Concord Presbyterian Church in the village of Concord will host a Bake Sale and Pretty Little Things for sale** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, June 25. There will be an assortment of glassware and raffle items in the Fellowship Hall and a separate room downstairs with larger items and many holiday decorations. The church is at 2nd and Clay streets in the village, near the intersection of Northshore Drive and Concord Road just south of Farragut.

• **Knoxville and Oak Ridge welcome back world renowned cyclists for the USA Cycling National Pro Road, Crit, Time Trial Championships** Thursday, June 23, through Sunday, June 26.

Thursday, June 23, a significant portion of Melton Lake Drive will be shut down to through traffic to provide a closed-loop course. Fans can catch the women's race at 8:30 a.m. and the men's beginning at about 11:45 a.m. This event truly consists of the best of the best in the nation, and you have a front row seat," a press release stated.

All roads open just after 5 p.m. For more information, call 865-483-1321 or e-mail cycling-info@oakridgevisitor.com.

• **Camp Invention, a nationally recognized, non-profit summer enrichment program, is coming to A.L. Lotts Elementary School** the week of Monday June 27 through Friday, July 1.

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builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness; and encourages entrepreneurship — all in a fun and engaging environment.

This year's Explore program hands-on activities include children diving into cutting-edge ocean research as they adopt their own aquatic animals, design and patent aquatic plants and take their new friend home in a mini tank.

Campers also will combine science and art to build their own robotic artist, engage in design thinking, make spin art and learn how inventions can change the way people create. Children will discover real space exploration technology when they create Spacepacks and Astro-Arm devices, mine an asteroid and observe erupting ice volcanoes.

Campers will experiment with the fun of physics, engineering and gaming as they design, build and test their own mega marble arcades. For more information or to register, visit [invent.org/camp](http://invent.org/camp).

• **Knox Area Rescue Ministries presents its 2nd Annual KARM Pickleball Tournament Saturday, July 16**, at the Pavilion of Pickleball, 685 Racquet Club Way in Knoxville. KARM's tournament format will be round-robin play for doubles. Registration is \$50 for your first division. If eligible, you may add on any other division for only \$20. There are 12 divisions, with each first- and second-place winners taking home a cash prize.

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# Like father, like scholarship



Tammy Cheek

Rotary Club of Farragut president the Rev. David Bluford, right, presented a \$1,000 RCF scholarship check to Luke Myers, Christian Academy of Knoxville Class of 2022 graduate, son of Allison Myers and long-time club member Noah Myers, left, during an RCF meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, June 15. Luke Myers, who spearheaded the creation of an Interact Club at CAK, will attend Furman University in the fall.

## Local President's List, Dean's List honors told

• Of the 11,224 full-time students enrolled during Spring Semester 2022 at The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, who were named to the President's List, an academic record of 4.0, or Dean's List, an academic record of 3.5 to 3.99, nine are from Farragut: **Emily Ogle, Jonathan Buchanan, Aidan Cantu, Caroline Carr, Clara King, Luke Kronzer, Emily Lin, Samuel Sompayrac and William Tucker.**

• **Kathrine Klencke** of Farragut is among the nearly 6,800 students named to Kennesaw State University's Spring 2022 Dean's List. Majoring in digital animation, Klencke is among those students earning a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher and completing a minimum of nine credit hours.

• **Roane State Community College's Dean's List** for

Spring 2022 semester includes four students from Farragut: **Jacob Anderson, Matthew Delph, Tannah Hunt and Makenzie Riley.** The Dean's

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**FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**  
**Farragut Town Hall**  
11408 Municipal Center Drive  
**AGENDA | June 23, 2022**  
**BMA MEETING | 6:00 PM**

I. Roll Call II. Approval of Agenda III. Approval of Minutes A. June 9, 2022 IV. Mayor's Report A. Farragut Sports Proclamation V. Ordinances A. Public Hearing and Second Reading 1. Ordinance 22-08, an ordinance on first reading to amend the Farragut Zoning Map to rezone a portion (.82 Acres) of Parcel 069, Tax Map 151, 13013 Kingston Pike, from General Commercial District (C-1) to Rural Single-Family Residential District (R-1) (JMB FP Investment Company, Applicant) VI. Business Items A. Approval of FY23 Committee Appointments to the Town of Farragut Tree Board B. Approval of Appointment to the Knox County Community Health Council C. Approval of Village Green Swim Team Triathlon Special Event D. Approval of Bids for Contract 2023-01, Annual On-Call Road Maintenance E. Approval of Bids for Contract 2023-02, Annual On-Call Pavement Marking F. Approval of Bids for Contract 2023-03, Annual On-Call Guardrail Maintenance G. Approval of Bids for Contract 2023-04, Annual On-Call Signal Maintenance H. Rejection of Bids for Contract #2022-09: Annual Street Sweeping I. Approval of Sourcewell Bid for a Tymco 435 Regenerative Air Street Sweeper J. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Farragut and the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce for FY 2023 K. Request to allow temporary signs on Town of Farragut public property and right-of-way VII. Town Administrator's Report VIII. Town Attorney's Report IX. Citizens Forum

**BEER BOARD | 5:50 PM**

I. Approval of Minutes A. May 12, 2022 II. Beer Permit Request A. Approval of Class 6, special occasion beer permit for the Farragut Business Alliance, MUSICFEST at West End, July 8-9, 2022 B. Approval of Class 6, special occasion beer permit for the FarragutBusiness Alliance, DOG DAZE 6, August 12-14, 2022

This meeting can be viewed live on the **Farragut YouTube Channel** and the **Town of Farragut website** [www.townoffarragut.org/livestream](http://www.townoffarragut.org/livestream).  
The meeting will be held at the **Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive**

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**FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 28, 2022 • 7:00 P.M.**  
**FARRAGUT TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM**

1. Approval of minutes for the May 24, 2022, meeting.  
2. Selection and appointment of a youth representative member for the coming year.  
3. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Healing Hands, west development entrance, located at 10935 Kingston Pike.  
4. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Healing Hands, east development entrance, located at 10935 Kingston Pike.  
5. Review of a primary ground mounted sign (monument type, reface) for Service Street Auto Repair, located at 11926 Kingston Pike.  
6. Review of a landscape plan for Westerly Subdivision, located along Kingston Pike and off Champions Point.  
7. Review of a landscape plan for a Casey's store, located at 701 North Campbell Station Road.  
8. Review of a landscape plan for a Casey's store, located at 13061 Kingston Pike.  
9. Staff report - wall signs approved in the past month.

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PEER Academy teacher Jessie Ehlers, left, created the T-shirts she, PEER Academy founder/director Deidra Messinger, center, and PEER Academy Human Resources director Brittany Burris are wearing. This T-shirt is one of several items Ehlers sells on her website, with 15 percent of proceeds being donated to the school's fundraising efforts.

## Fundraiser

From page 2B

Deidra Messinger, who founded PEER Academy four years ago in the wake of needing a comprehensive school for her own son, Everett, serves as PEER Academy's director.

The school, which serves kindergarten through 12th grade, began meeting in various locations, and has been meeting in Shepherd of the

Hill for the last four years.

"We started with five children four years ago and today have 33," Messinger said. "This church has been very welcoming and been a great place for us, but they are growing, too, and we need a different location where we can continue to grow — hopefully by the end of the year."

The school also is accepting new students.

In addition to Ehler's efforts,

which can be found on Facebook on the It's Elementary by Jessie page, other fundraisers planned include a yard sale from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 25, at the church; a golf tournament July 23 at Toqua Golf Course in Tellico Village; and a Gala Oct. 7 in Bridgewater Place.

For more information, e-mail Messinger at dmessinger@knoxpeeracademy.org.

# obituary

**John Canaan Temple Jr.**, age 62 of Farragut, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, June 13, 2022, at home with his beloved family at his side.

John was a faithful member of Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. He graduated from the University of Tennessee, where he is a Sigma Chi alumni. He also was a triathlon athlete and Iron Man finisher. John was a board member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and previous president of Optimist Club.

Most importantly, he was a loving father and upstanding member of the community who will be sorely missed by so many.

John was preceded in death by grandparents, Dr. J.B. and Maude Anderson and Will and Marjorie Temple. He is survived by his devoted children, Nick Temple and Holly Temple; parents, John and Mary Sue Temple; brother, Steve Temple; sisters, Terri Peters and Susan Foresburg; and other extended family and friends.

The family received friends from 4 to 5 p.m., Friday, June 17, at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church. A Celebration of Life followed, with the Rev. Dr. Clay Harrington officiating. Interment was private at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in John's memory to <https://tischbraintumorcenter.duke.edu/donate>.

A special acknowledgement goes to the doctors and staff of Duke University's Preston Robert Tisch Brain Tumor Center for their excellent care and support.

Online condolences may be made at [rosefuneraltn.com](http://rosefuneraltn.com).



John Temple Jr.

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Carter Thompson, 9



Raigan Curtis, 7, and mom, Caitlin Curtis

# 38TH ANNUAL BOB WATT Fishing Rodeo

One-hundred-fifty local children, from toddlers to age 12, grabbed their fishing poles to try their luck during 38th Annual Bob Watt Fishing Rodeo, hosted by Town of Farragut in Anchor Park — holding two morning sessions — Saturday, May 14.

“Over both sessions, about 200 fish were caught. We had 75 children registered for each of the two sessions,” said Merritt Piper, Farragut Special Event and Program coordinator.

This year’s winners were:

- First session from 8 to 9 a.m.: Most Fish, Liam Walker; Heaviest Fish for girls 6 and under, Madeline Minter; Heaviest Fish for boys 6 and under, Aiden Therrien; Heaviest Fish for girls 7 to 9, Raigan Curtis; Heaviest Fish for boys 7 to 9, Asher Gault; Heaviest Fish for girls 10 to 12, Rylin Curtis; and Heaviest Fish for boys 10 to 12, Landon Smith.
- Second session from 10 to 11 a.m.: Most Fish, Ronan Irving; Heaviest Fish for girls 6 and under, Amelia Rogers; Heaviest Fish for boys 6 and under, Brooks Rogers; Heaviest Fish for girls 7 to 9, Cirila Qian; Heaviest Fish for boys 7 to 9, Taylor Bryant; Heaviest Fish for girls 10 to 12, Grace Clabough; and Heaviest Fish for boys 10 to 12, Bodie Percer.

Photos by Tammy Cheek



Clarke Pettigrew, 7



Zachary Havrylyak, 6, with dad, Roman Havrylyak



Jacob Minter 4



# 2022 ADMIRALS STATE CHAMPIONS



Finding ways to win close games in postseason play, either rallying late or holding off an opponent's latter-inning surge, Farragut High School captured a Tennessee record 11<sup>th</sup> baseball state championship for one program among all TSSAA classifications.



Representing the biggest Division I (public school) classification, which became 4A this season, the Admirals' 4-1 state title game victory against Houston (Germantown) came Saturday afternoon, May 28, in Murfreesboro. A critical two-out, bases-loaded double from sophomore Eli Evans in the top of the seventh inning cleared the bases and broke a 1-1 tie. A Mustangs bases-loaded rally in the bottom of that inning was snuffed thanks to a game-ending double play. On top of limiting the opposing team's offense all season, the senior battery of ace pitcher Jaxson Pease and catcher Garrett Brewer also provided much-needed team leadership while surrounded with so many young starters. District 4-4A League MVP Lukas Buckner, shortstop, joined Evans, a third-baseman/pitcher, among a slew of talented sophomores who contributed big at six starting positions. Matt Buckner's fifth state championship as Admirals skipper — in only his 12<sup>th</sup> full season at the helm — came with a final 30-11-1 season record.

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Head coach Nick Green’s talented team capped a stellar 43-3-1 season with a 4-0 victory against Clarksville to clinch the program’s third state title (also 1982) Saturday evening, May 28, in Murfreesboro.

Six starting seniors led the way in winning consecutive state crowns: ace lefty pitcher Avery Flatford, who carried most of the post-season pitching load for a second straight year while compiling a 23-1 record in 2022; District 4A League MVP Lauren Brakovec, designated player; catcher Autumn Caywood; second baseman Emily Musco; centerfielder Sarah Livingston; and right fielder Vivian Boles. Senior outfielder Ellie Gorfido provided depth. Ava Guzowski, junior shortstop who earned district tourney MVP honors, was another key component throughout the season, along with sophomore pitcher Emma MacTavish (20-2-1 record). Other starters who also enjoyed big moments in the postseason were junior left fielder Addison Pressley plus a pair of sophomores: third baseman Laney Shrader and first baseman Hailey Nichols.



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# CHAMPIONS

Led by a repeat singles state champion who was undefeated in 2022, and a young doubles team that also won state as a first-year tandem, Knoxville Catholic High School's girls tennis team repeated as Division II-AA state champions in Murfreesboro.

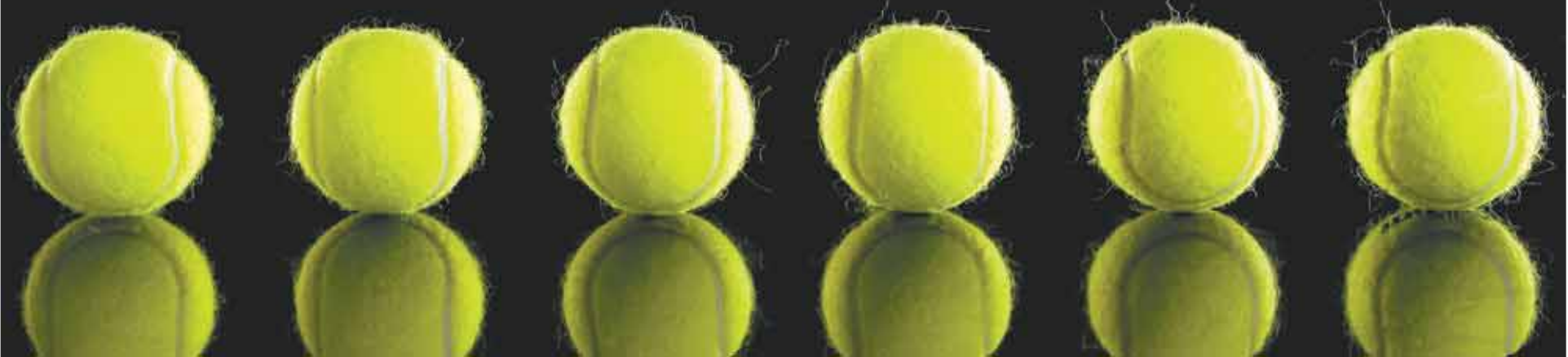
While Lady Irish junior Maeve Thornton took care of things at No. 1 singles, the team's top doubles pair — sophomore Eleni Liakonis and freshman Lillie Murphy — also went undefeated.

Catholic lost just one singles/doubles match in easily disposing of Ensworth 4-1 during state semifinal action Tuesday, May 24, at Adams Tennis Complex.

It was a clean sweep for the Lady Irish against Baylor, taking home another gold TSSAA trophy following a 4-0 triumph Wednesday, May 25. "It shows our team is so deep and has so much talent," Thornton said. "These girls are amazing."

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Above: Knoxville Catholic High School girls tennis team, 2022 TSSAA Division II-AA state champions, giving them back-to-back state crowns.



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**Left:** Webb School of Knoxville's Jazzlyn Garmer, only an eighth-grader, was TSSAA Division II-AA girls track & field 3200-meter state champion for 2022.  
**Right:** Webb School of Knoxville freshman Lennox Langham, TSSAA Division II-AA girls track & field state champion in long jump and triple jump for 2022.

## Webb School of Knoxville LADY SPARTANS STATE CHAMPION for 2022

A fourth-place team finish by the Webb School of Knoxville Lady Spartans at the Division II-AA Track and Field State Championships in Murfreesboro was led by lots of young individual state champs.

Freshman Lennox Langham repeated as state champion in both the long jump (17-05.25) and triple jump (37-08.5). “A very talented athlete and still a lot of room for growth,” first-year head coach Jerome Romain said.

Jazzlyn Garmer — only an eighth-grader — won the 3200-meter run (11:10.08).

“We’re a young program,” Romain added. “I’m really impressed with their maturity. Their performances set us up really well for the coming years.”

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# 2022 TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONS

## Hardin Valley Academy's Lady Hawks

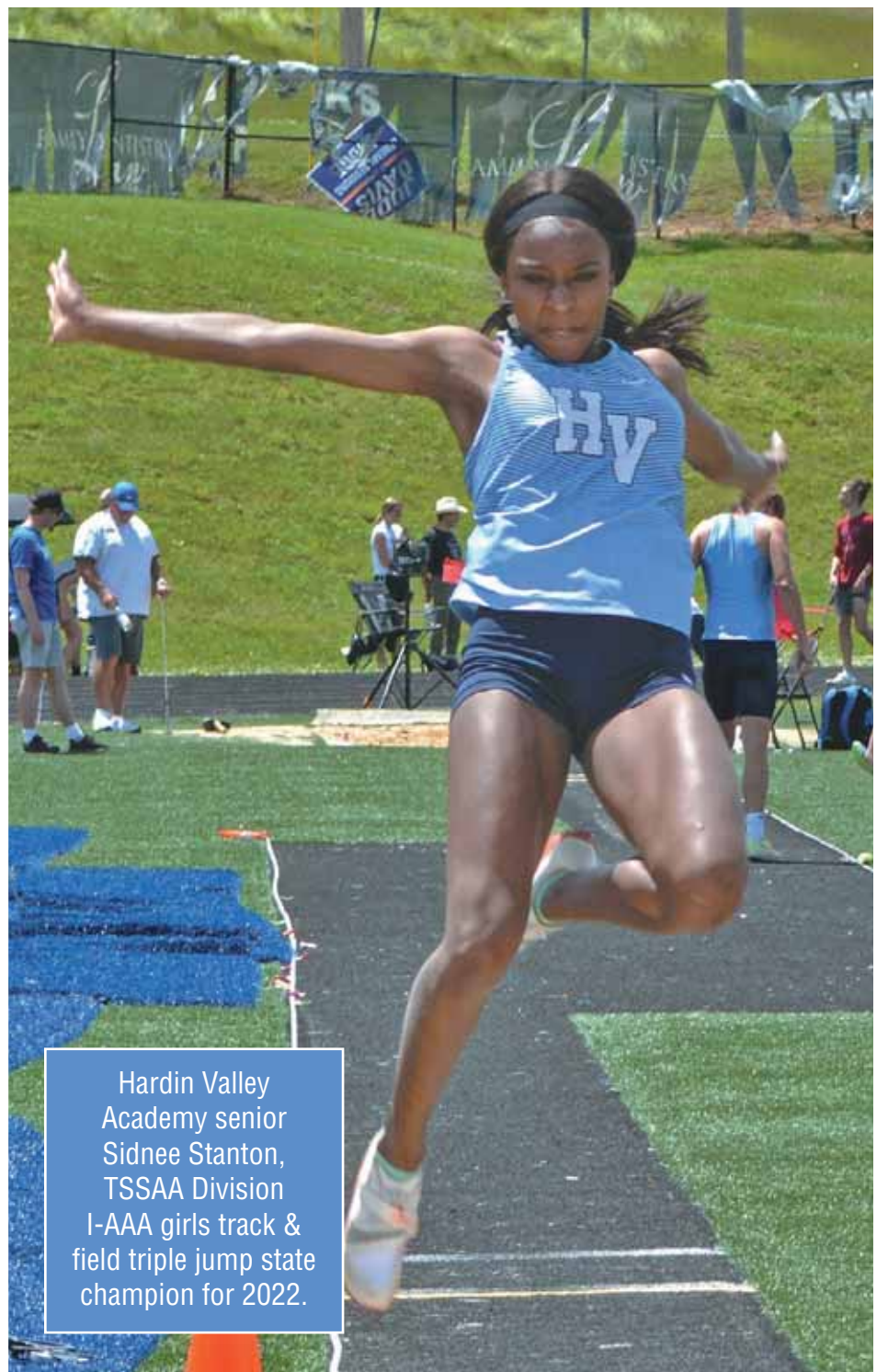
Finished fifth place with 52 points during the TSSAA Division I-AAA Track and Field State Championships

**L**ed by a senior once again enjoying the fruits of being the state's best, Hardin Valley Academy's Lady Hawks finished fifth place with 52 points during the TSSAA Division I-AAA Track and Field State Championships Thursday, May 26, at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro.

Senior Sidnee Stanton won her second consecutive triple jump state title (36-08 feet).

Stanton finished fourth in the long jump (17-02).

"The kids worked real hard," said Bryan Brown, HVA boys and girls head coach. "We reaped the rewards of their hard work and dedication to get better all the time."



Hardin Valley Academy senior Sidnee Stanton, TSSAA Division I-AAA girls track & field triple jump state champion for 2022.

## Webb School of Knoxville's Lady Spartans

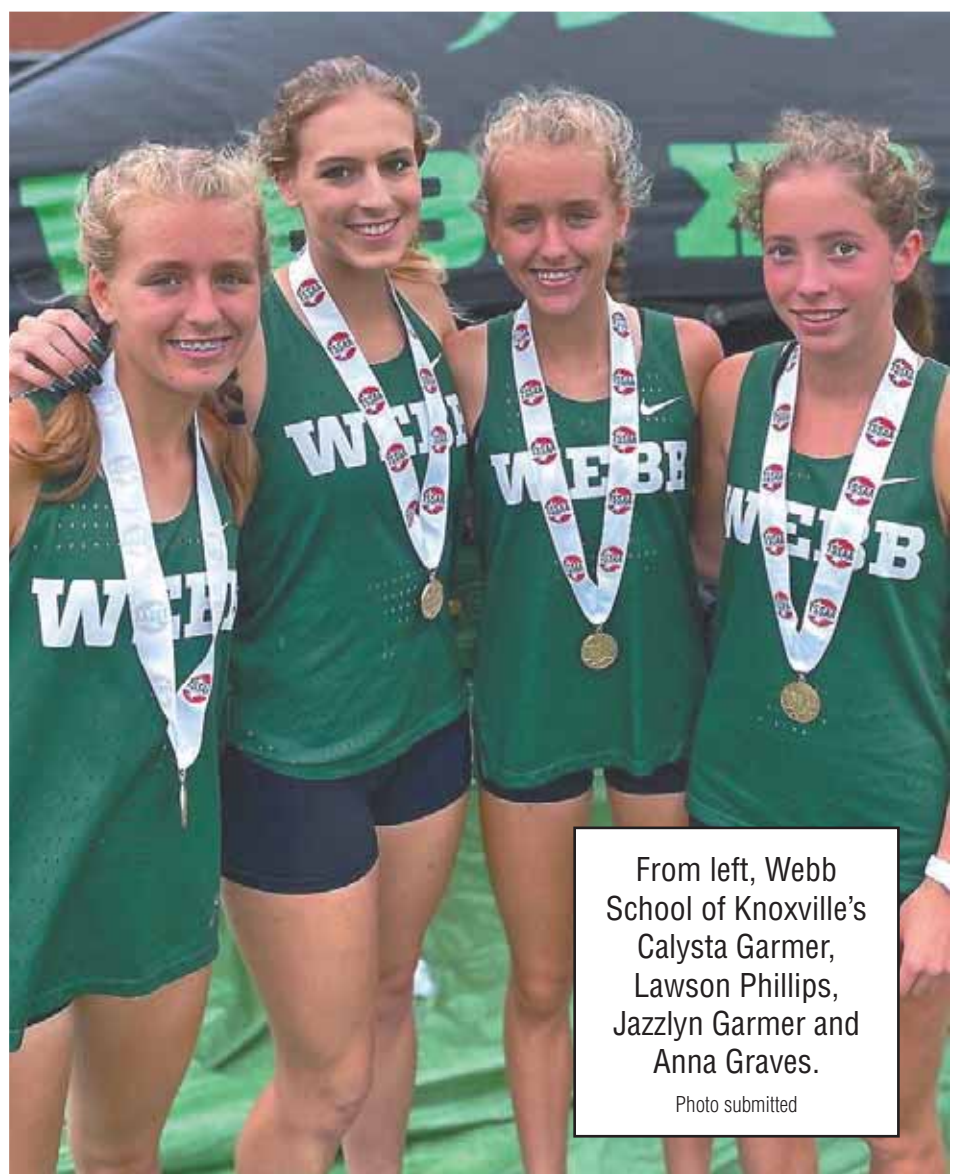
Finished fourth as a team at the Division II-AA Track and Field State Championships in Murfreesboro

**L**ed by a freshman repeat state champion in two events, plus an eighth-grade duo heavily involved in two other state crowns, Webb School of Knoxville's Lady Spartans finished fourth as a team at the Division II-AA Track and Field State Championships in Murfreesboro.

That young talent came together well — four stellar performances with one big payoff — to capture the 4 x 800-meter state title. Eighth-graders Jazzlyn Garmer and twin sister, Calysta Garmer, were joined by sophomore Anna Graves and Lawson Phillips to combine for the championship payoff (9:36.02).

"The (4 x 800 team) should be one of the best in the state in coming years," first-year head coach Jerome Romain said.

"I'm definitely excited about what the future holds for the women's program," he added.



From left, Webb School of Knoxville's Calysta Garmer, Lawson Phillips, Jazzlyn Garmer and Anna Graves.

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# 2022 State Champions

## KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



### Maeve Thornton

Knoxville Catholic High School junior  
*TSSAA Division II-AA girls tennis singles state champion for 2022, giving her back-to-back state crowns*

### Keegan Smith

Knoxville Catholic High School freshman  
*TSSAA Division II-AA boys track & field  
1600-meter state champion for 2022*  
Keegan was champion in the 1600 (4:20.81) and was fifth in the 3200 (9:54.07).



A new doubles combination at Knoxville Catholic — having never played together until this season — enjoyed the same state tournament result as their older teammate, who was defending Division II-AA singles champ.

While KCHS junior Maeve Thornton easily won her second singles state crown versus Riley Collins of Ensworth, 6-2, 6-1, the young doubles duo of freshman Lillie Murphy and sophomore Eleni Liakonis did the same during individual tourney play ending with state title matches Friday, May 27, at Adams Tennis Complex.

Neither Thornton in singles nor Murphy-Liakonis in doubles lost a match the entire season, either in team or individual play.

“It shows how good we are as a team,” Thornton said.

The Murphy-Liakonis duo faced a bit tougher competition in the doubles state final, but managed a 7-6 (10-8 tiebreaker), 6-3 win versus Helen Guerri and Agda Laakso of Baylor.

“We were down 6-3 ... they had three set points” in the first set, Murphy said. “We rallied back and came through.”

Despite having never played together until this season, “The first time we played together, we just knew which side of the court to go to at the right time,” Liakonis said. “It really just worked.”

“I think our game styles match up really well,” Murphy said.

### Eleni Liakonis

Knoxville Catholic High School sophomore  
*TSSAA Division II-AA girls tennis doubles state champion for 2022*

### Lillie Murphy

Knoxville Catholic High School freshman  
*TSSAA Division II-AA girls tennis doubles state champion for 2022*



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**Above:** Ethan Fulford, sitting in middle, Christian Academy of Knoxville Class of 2022 graduate, claimed the 110-meter hurdles state championship in TSSAA Division II-A track & field last month in Murfreesboro. Sitting alongside are his parents — Teal Fulford and Rich Fulford, CAK Head of School — during a ceremony where the senior signed track & field scholarship papers with East Tennessee State University April 29. Standing, from left, are Betsy Mowery, Ethan's grandmother; Silas Fulford, his brother; and Margo Fulford, Ethan's aunt.

**Right:** TSSAA Division II-A girls singles state champion for 2022. Back-to-back state crowns

**L**ed by a strong senior showing in several events, Christian Academy of Knoxville's boys took third — despite having only seven athletes — at the Division II-A Track and Field State Championship in Murfreesboro.

Senior Ethan Fulford was 110-meter hurdles champ with a time of 15:48; second place in the pole vault (13 feet) and 300 hurdles (40:56); third in the decathlon (5611 points); and seventh in discus (95-07).

"Ethan Fulford did a phenomenal job," fifth-year Warriors head coach Bart Karaken said.



**P**laying like a senior — but only a freshman, albeit an experienced one — Christian Academy of Knoxville's Allie Faulkner repeated what she did as an eighth-grader.

Despite some physical issues to overcome, the freshman swept past Aleyla Wooten of St. George's 6-2, 6-2 to win her second straight Division II-A singles state title Friday, May 27.

"It's just chills right now," said Faulkner, whose only singles loss all season came versus Knoxville Catholic junior Maeve Thornton, repeat singles champ in II-AA.

"I've gone through an injury from last week, so being able to play here is just amazing," she added with vocal emotion.

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**A**fter fighting back from a 4-0 deficit in the second set of the TSSAA Division I-AA girls tennis singles state title match, Farragut sophomore Riley Cassity zoomed ahead 6-5 in games — and was just two points from a state title after winning the first set 6-4 Friday, May 27, in Murfreesboro. But mis-hitting an easy kill shot near the net at 30-30 of game 12, Cassity saw Grace Stout of Ravenwood use that mistake to eventually tie the set 6-6, then cash in the momentum to go ahead 3-0 in the second set tiebreaker (first to seven points, win by two).

However, the Lady Ads sophomore rallied from way behind a second time, claiming seven of the last eight points to capture the state crown 6-4, 7-6 (7-4 tiebreaker) at the Adams Tennis Complex.

“Lindsey (Stimets), my coach on the court, was a big help. She was like, ‘it’s OK, just calm down,’” said Cassity, who lost just one singles match all season. “And seeing my friends, who were also winning next to me, was really inspiring to be like, ‘everything’s OK, you can come back.’

“It’s a great moment,” added Cassity, as her FHS coach is her grandfather, Gordon Cassity.

“She took it one point at a time,” coach Cassity said. “She’s been working hard for 10, 12 years now.”




Farragut High School sophomore Riley Cassity, center, is joined by family members and coaches following her state championship tennis performance Friday, May 27, in Murfreesboro. Cassity was crowned TSSAA Division I-AA singles champ after a tough two-set win at Adams Tennis Complex. Among the sophomore’s family and coaches celebrating is her grandfather and FHS head coach, Gordon Cassity, far left. Cassity is alongside her parents, Becky and Aaron Cassity, while also joined by Lindsey Stimets, FHS assistant coach.





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