

## ‘Crown jewel’s’ convenience expanding

### STAFF REPORTS

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Knox County’s “crown jewel of our parks system,” that’s how County Mayor Glenn Jacobs labeled The Cove at Concord Park during a recent County Parks & Recreation Department press release video.

With such status, The Cove is, and will be, undergoing improvements — namely more parking and easier parking lot access.

“The overall project is expected to take about six weeks, but will be broken into two phases – one now and the other next fall,” an e-mailed Parks & Rec press release stated. “Once complete, officials say the

project could add 25 to 30 new parking spots.”

Moving The Cove’s entrance “roughly 300 feet” eastward last October “caused some issues with the flow through the parking lot,” Jacobs said in the video. “So we’re fixing that. ... Anything we can do to make it easier for people when they’re out here.”

Knox County Engineering and Public Works Department began last week “to start repaving most of The Cove’s



Jacobs

overflow gravel parking lot next to the small fishing pond,” the e-mailed release stated. “They’ll leave a portion closest to the pond and the picnic tables gravel and encourage folks to park on the paved area.”

Additionally, “We’re going to make a loop so you can actually come in and access the parking lot easier,” Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker (R-District 6, which includes Farragut and Concord) said in the video.

“... This park is so used, we need the additional parking,” he added.

“Then, this fall, when attendance at The Cove

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## Two shot early a.m. behind C-Eyed Joe’s

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An early morning shooting Monday, Aug. 2, in a parking lot behind Cotton Eyed Joe’s nightclub in Farragut, left two individuals in critical but stable condition, according to the latest information at deadline from Knox County Sheriff’s Office.

Communications director Kimberly Glenn stated KCSO responded just after 2:30 a.m. to the 11000 block of Outlet Drive after two people had suffered gunshot wounds.

Major Crimes detectives will lead the inves-

tigation, but initial reports indicated the two victims had been shooting at each other when their injuries occurred.

Other suspects are not believed to be involved.

Both victims were transported by AMR Ambulance Service to unspecified treatment facilities and were reportedly critical but stable as of Monday afternoon, Aug. 2.

Cotton Eyed Joe’s is located at 11220 Outlet Drive.

“More details will be forthcoming, including the names of the individuals, as the investigation progresses,” Glenn stated.

## Back to School, 2021-22 Hello, yet goodbye

### Byrd gets parade farewell at home

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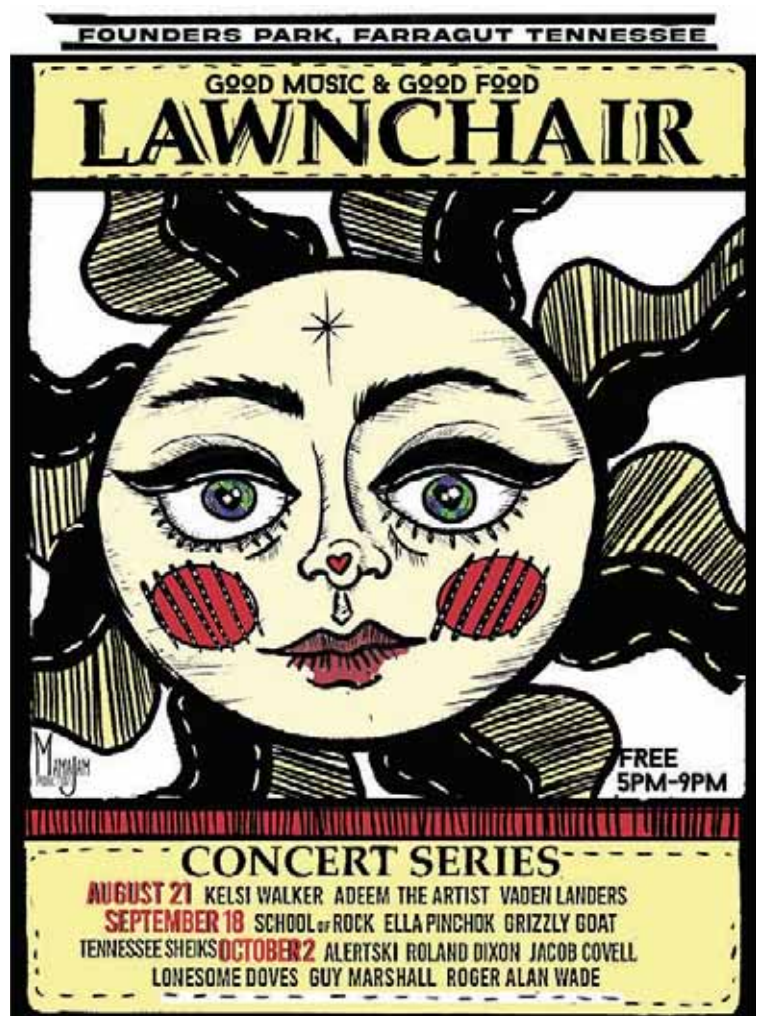
*Changes always come with the start of a new Knox County Schools year, with the first day — a half-day — Monday, Aug. 9. Such changes are found at the top level of Farragut Primary School. (See related story on page 2A)*

Dozens of well-wishers surprised former Farragut Primary School principal Gina Byrd with a drive-by parade in front of her Fox Den home Wednesday afternoon, July 28.

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Michelle Hollenhead

Ethan Helton holds a sign of support for former Farragut Primary School principal Gina Byrd just prior to a drive-by parade in her honor Wednesday, July 28.



## LawnChair Concert Series returns Saturday, Aug. 21

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After a year’s hiatus due to COVID-19, the ever-popular LawnChair Concert Series is back this month, kicking off Saturday, Aug. 21, in Founder’s Park at Campbell Station.

The free, family-centric event will feature Adeem the Artist, Kelsi Walker and Vaden Landers for the first of what will be three LawnChair events in the coming months. Food vendors will be on site beginning at 5 p.m., and music will begin at 5:30 p.m.

“Guests are welcome to bring picnics, leashed pets and everyone they know,” said Shandy Dixon of presenting organizer Mamajam Productions, which she operates with Amy Boling. “We encourage walking from nearby neighborhoods and parking at the Town Community Center.”

“The purpose of the LawnChair Concert Series has always been to bring people together through music,” Dixon added. “So, we really struggled with the decision of returning to the lawn in 2021 and how we could be together safely. The series is not for

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### business

“I can help them conceive. ... Most people usually find us as a last resort with the best results. ... They maybe tried everything else,”

**Dr. Monica Sarrat, who touts a special kind of treatment for those suffering with various health issues — who want a new approach. (Read story starting on page 3A)**

### community

“This has been a perfect location for us since we already had team members who were coming from the Farragut and Lenoir City areas ...,”

**-Angela Freeman-Hunter, about a unique teaching facility incorporating fun and creativity for special stimulation. (Read story starting on page 5B)**

### sports

“I fought (it) for around 20 minutes as I tried to make my way to land. I have a sit-in kayak and I knew ... this was a fight I wasn’t going to win on the water,”

**-Keeton Susong, who saw a lazy day of recreation turn into quite a battle — but a battle that ended up paying off quite well. (Read story starting on page 1B)**



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Kelsi Walker will entertain at LawnChair Saturday, Aug. 21.

LawnChair  
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profit and we rely on artists, volunteers and sponsors to offer time and energy to bring the event to life.

“With all of the uncertainty it’s hard to ask folks to make that commitment. The cool thing was, these folks began reaching out to us and asking ‘When are we on?’ and ‘What do you need?’ and that really reminded us of the purpose.”

All events will follow CDC guidelines, Dixon said, adding, “We can still bring people together, just not quite so close together. Hopefully, they won’t change that much between now and then.”

The next LawnChair Concert is set for Saturday, Sept. 18 and will feature Farragut’s own Ella Pinchok, West Knoxville School of Rock and Grizzly Goat. The final series, Saturday, Oct. 2, will feature Lone-

some Doves, Guy Marshall and Roger Alan Wade.

For more information, visit The LawnChair Concert Series on Facebook and Instagram, or e-mail [mamajam34@gmail.com](mailto:mamajam34@gmail.com).

Presenting sponsor is MLILY, with additional support offered by Town of Farragut, First Baptist Concord, Knoxville TVA Employee’s Credit Union, Keller Williams Signature Real Estate, Southern Home Group, Master Services. SOS Audio Events, Beaty Chevrolet, ETP, TDS and Children’s Dentistry of Knoxville.

Dixon said she wanted to specifically thank 2020 sponsors First Baptist Concord, Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union, Fisher Russell Law Firm and MLILY.

“Every one of them supported us in our decision to cancel 2020, and were all so patient in allowing us to work out the details of 2021,” she said.

Cove upgrades  
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has slowed a bit, construction crews will come back and repave and stripe the main parking lot,” the e-mailed release stated.

“They will also install larger signage along South Northshore Drive, guiding visitors to the entrance.”

“We’re going to put in some One-Way signs and some directional information to show people how to get in the park-

ing area,” said Joseph Mack, an official with Parks & Rec. “... It’s going to allow more people to come out and enjoy the park.”

This added parking also would serve youth baseball and softball families and fans whose fields line Northshore Drive across from The Cove.

“The main parking lot currently has about 70 spaces, and another 70 vehicles can fit into the overflow lot depending on how motorists park,” the e-mailed release stated.

KCSOreports

• At 3:33 p.m. Wednesday, July 28, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office unit responded to 11130 Kingston Pike in reference to a theft. Complainant/owner advised there was a male subject wearing a yellow shirt and shorts and an elderly couple looking around at merchandise. The owner advised that while she was helping the elderly couple, the suspect advised her he would be back in 20 minutes. The owner advised that after the elderly couple left, she walked by one of her display cabinets and noticed that a whole tray of gold bracelets — seven bracelets with a combined estimated value listed at \$14,000 — had been stolen. Security cameras are operational throughout the store, she advised, adding her IT person would be at the

store around 9 a.m., Thursday, July 29, to pull the security camera footage.

• At 8:53 p.m., Thursday, July 29, officers responded to a disturbance at a Parkside Drive restaurant involving a suspect who “appeared under the influence of hallucinogens,” the report stated. “The complainant said the suspect had been harassing customers and tried to enter a vehicle that was occupied by a customer. Officers escorted the suspect out of the restaurant and into the parking lot. The suspect attempted to pull away from the officers and run.” Suspect was placed in wrist restraints and arrested “for being a danger to himself and others,” the report also added. He then was transported to Roger D. Wilson Detention facility.

White is ‘coming home’ to FPS

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(See related story on page 1A)

In some ways, new Farragut Primary School principal Lynn White is coming “home.”

The new administrator — appointed earlier this summer to fill the role former principal Gina Byrd had held for nine years — is a Farragut High School Class of 1989 graduate with long-standing ties to the community.

White grew up in Cedar Bluff and attended

elementary and middle school there before going on to FHS, where her mother, Doris Gordon, then worked as a business teacher.

After high school, she followed in her mother’s footsteps, joining Knox County Schools after graduating from Tennessee Tech in 1993. Her first job was at Chilhowee Intermediate, and she taught at Karns and Hardin Valley elementary schools in-between maternity leaves for her children: Ally, Andy and Matthew.

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business briefs

• **University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture engineer Robert Burn**, a professor in the Department of Bio-systems Engineering and Soil Science, recently received the Henry Giese Structures and Environment Award from the Structures and Environment Division of the American Society for Agricultural and Biosystems Engineers during its annual international meeting last month.



Burn

Established in 1988 and endowed by the family of Henry Giese, the award commemorates Giese's lifelong accomplishments in farm building design, research and teaching. It recognizes outstanding and meritorious achievement in advancing the knowledge of science of agricultural structures and environment to include rural human housing.

• **Mariah Goosie and Karlee Rohr** recently joined the team at Weichert, Realtors — Advantage Plus, 110160 Parkside Drive Suite 100 in Knoxville.

• **Ray Williams, Holly Pruitt, Daniel Newgent and Taylor Strange** recently joined EXIT Real Estate Professionals Network, 9821 Cogdill Road in Knoxville, while **Jonathan Black** has joined EXIT Atomic Realty, 140 W. Tennessee Ave in Oak Ridge.

• **Richard B. Hill, CPA, of Mitchell Emert & Hill, PC**, CPAs in Knoxville, recently was elected to Tennessee Society of CPAs 2021-22 board of directors.

• **Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee** recently was honored with a national Quality award from Big Brothers Big Sisters of America National Leadership Council at its national conference. Board member Richard Riley also was recognized as most outstanding local board member. BBBS of East Tennessee served 738 youth with "Bigs" mentors last year and served 914 youth overall.

• **University of Tennessee, Knoxville's, graduate acting program** recently landed in the Hollywood Reporter's annual list of worldwide top programs for the fifth consecutive year.

According to Calvin MacLean, head of the Department of Theatre and producing artistic director for the university's Clarence Brown Theatre, UT's grad students have extended contact with professional film directors and movement and voice specialists with international reputations, which augment the project work in Clarence Brown over their three-year residency. The ranking consider several factors, which are made after consultation with academics, influencers and alumni.

Chronic pain, reproductive issues?

‘Holistic’ solutions at WK Acupuncture

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Dr. A.J. Sarrat and Dr. Monica Sarrat are providing a time-tested holistic answer to treating chronic pain, while also focusing on women's health conditions, at their new office, West Knox Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine, 9125 Cross Park Drive Suite 150 in Cedar Bluff.

The Sarrats, board-certified acupuncturists, opened their practice Monday, Aug. 1.

A.J., who previously worked in a hospital for 15 years, focuses on treating acute and chronic pain conditions that do not respond to conventional types of treatment. Those conditions include peripheral neuropathy, fibromalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome and Complex Regional Pain Syndrome.

"I actually worked with a guy who ran the largest clinic in the United States treating that condition, so I brought that knowledge here to Knoxville," he said.

The practice also provides help with such conditions as low back pain, hip and knee pain, disc bulges, herniations and plantar fasciitis, as well as neurological disorders, headaches, facial tics, Bell's Palsy and much more.

Meanwhile, Monica focuses on women's health — specializing in fertility — ranging from teenagers with painful periods to women in menopause.

"For couples trying to get pregnant, whether trying naturally or using therapy like IDF or IUI, I can help them conceive," she said, noting acupuncture can help provide blood flow to the reproductive organs, helps improve egg quality, regulates hormones and relieves stress.



Tammy Cheek

The team at West Knox Acupuncture — from left, Samantha Meeks, officer manager, and acupuncturists Dr. A.J. Sarrat and Dr. Monica Sarrat — are ready to help patients with their chronic pain and women's health conditions in their new office, 29125 Cross Park Drive in West Knoxville.

"Most people usually find us as a last resort with the best results," Monica said. "They maybe tried everything else; they've been to doctor after doctor, maybe with some relief or no relief." "There's no better or worse" with acupuncture versus conventional medicine, A.J. added. "Certain conditions respond better to certain treatments." "Some people might have side effects from some of the (conventional) medications. We don't help them get off medication — that's up to their medical doctor to decide — but we can help

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‘Completely different’ focus at new Restoration Chiropractic

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Restoration Chiropractic celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting, sponsored by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, in their new office, 120 Capital Drive Suite 103 near Farragut, Wednesday, July 28.

"Wouldn't it be good to stop (pain) in its tracks before it gets started?" FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock asked, then replied, "That would be a miracle, wouldn't it?"

Dr. Trent Hippard, doctor of chiropractic who heads up the practice, describes Restoration Chiropractic as a "non-traditional chiropractic office."

"It's not that we're better than a traditional office," he said. "It's just that our focus is completely different."

While many traditional chiropractic offices focus on symptom relief or "collateral



Tammy Cheek

Chiropractor Dr. Trent Hippard, with scissors, cuts the ribbon at this grand opening Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event at his office, 120 Capital Drive Suite 103 near Farragut, Wednesday, July 28. He is joined by his wife, Amy Hippard (to his right) with canine mascot, Eugene, and fellow Chamber members.

damage focus," he explained, "We are looking at the structure of the spine, if there are any shifts there and how that's impacting the person's health. "Through our neuro-struc-

tural restoration process, we first sit down with them in a consultation to see if we can help them. If an examination is warranted, we move forward with testing (to see) if there is

a potential core problem" and narrow in on that problem with the spinal column and underlying nervous system.

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‘Planning around our strengths’ is key

We are living in interesting times, particularly in regard to the demand for homes in the Knox County area with people moving here from all over the country. With our excellent schools, amazing amenities and quality of life, Farragut is in high demand.

Not surprisingly, developers are seeking opportunities to build all forms of housing on undeveloped land in our Town, as well. In addition, the Town is seeing interest from commercial developers.

While we, as a Town, have little ability to control the pace of growth in our Town, we do have the ability to adopt a comprehensive land use plan so we can better shape the future we want. Farragut residents came together in 2012 to update the vision of how they wanted the Town to grow and develop, knowing that no place stays special and unique by accident.

Every community has its strengths and weaknesses; planning around our strengths is what keeps us unique and distinctive and helps us to remain a vibrant community with a robust economy. We’ve managed to maintain a small town feel even as our population has almost quadrupled since we were founded in 1980. We’ve managed to do that with careful planning and maintaining high standards.

One aspect of our community that the residents identified as a very valuable asset is our greenway trail/sidewalk system. The Town of Farragut has been investing in the construction and connection of trails and sidewalks throughout our Town for more than 30 years. Fortuitously, walkable suburban communities are becoming highly desirable due to changing demographics.

Many of us simply enjoy going out for a walk or run and appreciate having a trail or sidewalk that allows for us to get out of our neighborhoods. But striving to build a walkable community is not just about building a connected

greenway/sidewalk system for exercise, it’s about having destinations and providing for an enjoyable and safe walk, as well. The residents’ vision for Farragut included identifying several activity hubs throughout Farragut and a pedestrian-oriented Town center to provide for walkable destinations that include restaurants, shops, parks, farmer’s markets and community gathering places.

In recognizing the importance of walkability, we’ve also recognized the need to provide for an improved design for pedestrians with wider grass strips and street trees where possible in future road projects. Also, we’ve begun to add in mid-block crosswalks with lighting where we’re seeing a lot of pedestrians crossing a heavily-traveled road.

Specifically, rapid-flashing beacons have been added to the Grigsby Chapel mid-block crosswalk, and we’re adding a mid-block crosswalk at Watt Road with rapid flashing beacons for residents to safely cross Watt Road to get to Mayor Bob Leonard Park. We continue to add greenway trail/sidewalk connections throughout Farragut and we’re identifying locations where mid-block crosswalks would be beneficial.

The residents who got together in 2012 to update the vision of our Town worked to develop a plan that continues to set Farragut apart as a unique and distinctive community in a manner that is authentic to Farragut.

If you would like to read the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, you can find it by clicking on “Town approved documents/current publications” on the left side of the homepage of the Town of Farragut website (www.townoffarragut.org).



Vice Mayor  
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Town of Farragut

Byrd

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Byrd, who had served the school for 12 years — the last nine as principal — was reassigned to lead West Knoxville’s A.L. Lotts Elementary School earlier this summer, and parents decided to honor her one last time.

“She is and has been such a big part of our community. We wanted to send her off with lots of love,” said one of the organizing parents who asked to remain anonymous.

“She is such a special lady, and we just wanted her to know how much we will love and miss her,” another parent commented. “(A.L. Lotts) is really lucky to get her.”

Parade, tears

More than 40 families had signed up online to take part in the parade, which Byrd’s hus-

band, Russell Byrd, helped coordinate. They decorated their vehicles with colorful signs, balloons, streamers — and one even had a stuffed Dolphin, the school’s mascot, attached. The parade took off from the Fox Den Country Club parking lot around 4 p.m.

After Russell gave the go-ahead, the cars began streaming by Byrd’s home, where she was able to speak to each family driving by.

Along with balloons, car signs and posters, the avid golfer also was presented with an FDCC gift card thanks to donations from more than 100 families.

“I love you all, more than you know,” Byrd said through tears, as she greeted and hugged all the well-wishers. “Sometimes the Lord calls you somewhere else, but I will never forget you.”



Michelle Hollenhead

Balloons, signs, warm wishes and a gift card were presented to former Farragut Primary School principal Gina Byrd, who after serving the school for 12 years has been reassigned to lead A.L. Lotts Elementary in West Knoxville.

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Michelle Hollenhead

New Farragut Primary School principal Lynn White, left, and new FPS assistant principal Dr. Anne Riley, center, were joined by returning assistant principal Jaleece Strong-Clark Monday, July 26, during “Pop By and Say Hi,” when students and their parents were able to meet the new administrators and receive popsicles. Knox County students return to school Monday, Aug. 9.

White

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Administratively, White was an assistant principal at Gibbs and Blue Grass elementary schools for two years each, then was named principal at Sterchi Elementary, where she worked for the last five years.

“I loved my students and was sad to leave them,” she said, noting a “domino effect” beginning with a retirement from Cedar Bluff moving the previous A.L. Lotts principal to CBES, then Byrd being appointed to Lotts and White moving to FPS.

One of her Sterchi students who has since moved to the Farragut area came to the school Monday, July 26, for “Pop By to Say Hi,” where White, new assistant principal Dr. Anne Riley and already-serving assistant principal Jaleece Strong-Clark greeted incoming parents and students

with smiles and popsicles.

“That was really a nice surprise to see my former student,” White said, adding she is “excited to be here, and the support from the parents and teachers here has been wonderful.

“Parents, especially, have been so welcoming and kind. I’m excited to meet with them as I get to know their kids.”

White said she also is excited about this year’s school theme, “Together We Thrive.”

Her No. 1 goal is to “keep our staff, parents and students as safe as possible as we all try to get used to a ‘new normal’ or as normal as things can be.

“I am a teacher at heart ... so I plan to do a lot of reading to our students — that is something I really enjoy,” White added.

The new principal and her husband, David White, live in the Cedar Bluff/Hardin Valley area.

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Tammy Cheek

## Park Place networking

Al Hazari, co-owner of Postal Annex, chats with Miriam Kloster, Park Place of West Knoxville executive director, during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking hosted by Park Place, 10914 Kingston Pike, Thursday, July 8.

### Restoration

From page 3A


Hippard spoke of “strategies to help, not recreate, that problem they are coming to us to get help for.”

Opening his practice the end of April, Hippard recently joined the Chamber. He has been a chiropractor for 10 years.

He and his wife, Amy, relocated to Tennessee from Northern Illinois in December 2020. Amy, who also is a chiropractor, works at an office in northeast Knoxville.

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## New FWKCC member cuts ribbon



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Marcus Blair, founder/owner of Omega Digital Solutions, a Maryville company, cut the ribbon in a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-hosted event at the Chamber office Tuesday, July 6, to celebrate his joining FWKCC. Also on hand were Chris Logan, front row, third from right, ODS vice president of operations; Blair's wife Jillian, third from left; his niece Jayda Blair, between Jillian and Marcus; his cousin, Lauren Ferguson, fourth from right; and Chamber members.



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Susong’s big fish story — with photo evidence

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Keeton Susong has quite a fish story to tell — and pictures to prove it.

The Bearden High School Class of 2014 graduate recently received regional recognition for a 28-pound monster freshwater drum he caught in Middle Tennessee, where he now resides.

A lifelong avid fisherman, Susong was hoping to catch trout in Caney Fork River — one of his favorite fishing spots — when he hooked the drum.

“I caught it in a setup that was equipped for trout — tiny swim-bait and a 6-pound line, so you could say catching this was quite a shock,” he shared in an e-mail.

“I fought this fish for around 20 minutes as I tried to make my way to land. I have a sit-in kayak and I knew the second I hooked into the fish, that this was a fight I wasn’t going to win on the water.”

After landing it, he immediately “measured and weighed it, so I could submit it to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency,” he said, noting it was the first freshwater drum he had ever caught, and at 37.25 inches, was just 2 inches shy of the Tennessee state record.

Catching it in the Caney Fork River “makes it even more impressive because you typically find these in massive lakes,” he said, adding he released the fish after measuring it.

For now, fishing is a hobby. But Susong, son of Randy and Corry Susong of West Knoxville, would love to make a career out of his past-time.



Keeton Susong, Bearden High School Class of 2014 graduate, is pictured with the 28-pound drum he recently caught in Middle Tennessee.

See BIG FISH STORY on Page 4B

City Meet:  
Gators 2nd,  
Foxes 4th

Concord Hills has four  
1st-places, finishes 8th;  
Sugarwood 10th

STAFF REPORTS  
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KNOXVILLE — Once again holding steady right behind super-power Knoxville Racquet Club, the Village Green Gators finished second, this year among a 31-team field, during the three-day Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association “City Meet” Thursday through Saturday, July

See SWIM SEASON RAP on Page 4B

(Above left) Village Green Gators swimmers and coaches celebrate a second-place Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association “City Meet” finish. (Left photos) Marissa Van Leuven, Fox Den Country Club head coach (far photo) is alongside her swimmers holding up signs proclaiming the Red Foxes as fourth-place City Meet finishers and League 2 regular season champs.



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<b>Sat Aug 14, 2021</b> Onsite Registration/ Practice .....9:00 am Big Air WAVE # 1 ..... 10:00 am Big Air WAVE # 2 ..... 11:30 am Big Air WAVE # 3 ..... 1:30 pm Big Air WAVE # 4 ..... 3:30 pm Extreme Vertical (All in one) .....5:30 pm	<i>The final rounds of competition and award presentations will take place late Sunday afternoon.</i>





(Right) 9-Hole Ladies Club Low Gross (overall) 2021 champ was Ernie Patterson, third from left. Donna Stephens, second from left, was 1st Net, with Sandy Thompson, far right, 2nd Gross, and Pam Stacey, far left, 2nd Net.



(Right) 18-Hole Ladies Club Champion (Championship Flight) for 2021 is Lynna Rader, right, toasting runner-up Catherine Manning (4 & 2 in the finals match).

# 18-Hole, 9-Hole Ladies champs at FDCC

Fox Den Country Club's annual 18-Hole Ladies Club and 9-Hole Ladies Club Championships were held Tuesday through Thursday, July 27-29. While the top four 9-Hole Ladies finishers are shown top left, other photos are from 18-Hole Ladies Championship Flight, Flight 1 and Flight 2 (54-hole three-day match-play). The Championship Flight final Thursday (top right) saw Lynna Rader edge Catherine Manning 4 & 2 to reign as 2021 18-Hole Ladies Club champ.



Flight 1 champ Judy Strandquist, left, with Flight 1 consolation top finisher Sally Hedgepeth.

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(Above) Flight 2 champ Sue Oh, right, alongside Betty MacDonald, Flight 2 consolation top finisher. (Left) Carol Hornstra, left, Championship Flight third-place finisher, and Whitney Childers, Flight 2 runner-up. Not pictured is Karen Jones, Flight 1 runner-up.

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Big fish story

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“I have always loved to fish,” he said. “I have photo albums dating back from childhood to now, with pictures of the fish I’ve caught and where I caught them.”

A sports background led Susong to major in exercise science with a minor in marketing. “When I moved to Murfreesboro” to attend Middle Tennessee State University, “I needed something to take my mind off of school, and used it as a way to meet new people and get outdoors,” he said. “It was a fun way to explore a new city and find outdoor trails, rivers and dams.”

He keeps many of his favorite fishing spots “secret,” but said Caney Fork River is one of his favorite spots “just because of the diversity of the fish that live in it.”

Though looking into eventually becoming a fishing guide, “There are some rivers near me in Murfreesboro, but sadly people do not treat it correctly and trash it, so the fishing is



Photo submitted

Avid fisherman Keeton Susong is pictured with his fiancée, Charlotte Bunting.

not very good,” Susong added.

The Bearden graduate has parlayed his hobby into a thriving You Tube Channel: “Scar Fishing,” so named “because I’ve always been intrigued with the markings/scars that you see on fish. It tells the story of what they’ve been through, similar to us.”

He said he started it a year ago “as a way to just remember all my crazy fishing trips and legendary fish, and then I realized how much I not only enjoyed catching the fish, but also the videography and editing piece.”

When he’s not in search of his next big catch, Susong also enjoys spending time with his fiancée, Charlotte Bunting.

Swim season rap

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29-31, in Allan Jones Aquatic Center on the UT campus.

While the Gators won seven events, the Fox Den Country Club Red Foxes—League 2 regular season champs—claimed fourth place at City Meet, also capturing seven individual or relay first-place awards.

Concord Hills Piranhas, eighth-place overall, claimed four event crowns, while the Sugarwood Stingrays, 10th overall, won the Boys 11-12 50-yard breaststroke thanks to Sam Steger’s time of 36.94.

Leading the way for Village Green included Bo Gary, champ of the Boys 8-Under 25-freestyle (15.54) while also winning the 25-backstroke (20.22) and swimming on two relays champs: 100-medley with Cooper Owen, Grayson Clement and Gideon Jesse (1:22.92), and the 100-free with Grayson, Gideon and Rex Wiseman (1:09.38).

Other Gator champs were Liam Finley in the Boys 9-10 25-backstroke (18:21); Kendall Hudgens in the Girls 13-14 50-backstroke (28.12); and Grace

LaCharite in Girls 15-and-Up 50-breaststroke (30.97).

Top Red Foxes included the Girls 8-and-Under 100-medley relay of Taylor Clarke, Josie Pacelli, Lauren Hackett and Bankston Clarke (1:19.99).

Taylor, Josie and Lauren were joined by Eloise Thomson to capture top honors in the Girls 8-and-Under 100-free (1:12.09). Lauren also won the 8-and-Under 25-fly (16.39).

Fox Den’s Boys 9-10 100-medley relay also was champion: William Scott, Ryan Nettles, Alec Bentley and Stone Stinson (1:09.68); the Foxes’ Boys 13-14 200-medley relay also was No. 1 with Kolby Leach, Evan King, Noah Roettger and Harrison Kilpatrick (1:50.10). The same foursome repeated this feat in the 200-free (1:37.38). Ryan Nettles captured the Boys 9-10 25-breaststroke (18:07).

Concord Hills’ Collins Rec-tor was a double champ, first winning the Girls 8-and-Under 25-free (14.95), and later grabbing first in the 50-free (35.11).

Piranha Noah Jenkins claimed No. 1 in Boys 9-10 25 butterfly (14.90), while Aydan Skelton finished on top in the Girls 13-14 50-fly (27.05).



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Cooling relief at FHS from Rural Metro

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During one of the hottest weeks of the summer so far, Rural Metro brought cooling relief to surprised Farragut High School Marching Admirals band students last week following their next-to-last day of summer band camp.

Around 4:15 p.m., Thursday, July 29, Chris Cawood and Clay Patton of Rural Metro Fire Station No. 41 brought fire engine 241 onto the FHS campus, and filled up its reservoir from a fire hydrant near the CTE building.

After being alerted to the surprise — which was facilitated by FHS athletic director Donald Dodgen — band students ran to the edge of the school’s front lawn in eager anticipation. When the water started flowing, students danced, jumped and frolicked in the cooling mist.

The steady stream created a muddy slope where several students took turns sliding in the mud before rinsing off under the spray, which continued for about 20 minutes.

It was welcome relief and a treat for the 154 band students, who spent Thursday, July 15, through Friday, July 30, running drills daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in preparation for the upcoming marching season, which kicks off with this year’s superhero-themed program, “For the Good” Aug. 27 during halftime of the Admirals’ first home game versus Knoxville West.

It was just the latest summer community cool-down from Rural Metro, which the agency’s Public Information director Jeff Bagwell said is a seasonal focus.

“Most of the time we see people on their worst days, so it’s really nice when we can provide something that’s fun for not only residents, but our firefighters, too,” he said. “After 2020, it’s just so good to see kids having fun again.”

“It really brings the community together.”

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(Above) Farragut High School Marching Admirals members frolicked during an impromptu 20-minute cool down from Rural Metro Thursday, July 29, following a long day of Band Camp.



(Left) From left, soaked band members Tessa Schlomer, Olivia Holmes and Emma Spears smiled broadly following the brief respite.

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Snake’s alive; opossum fed



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

(Above) From the comfort of his father lap, Sam Garner eyes a grey rat snake, Narcissa, held by Jeremy Clothier of Ijams Nature Center during a special program Thursday, July 22, in Farragut Community Center, as little brother, Will, and dad, Jim Garner, observe. (Below) Alijah Jones, left, feeds Opal the opossum perched on Clothier’s shoulder during the same program.



Son-to-mom inspiration leads to special Town art

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A woman inspired by her son’s creativity is helping others find that same spark through a new program at Farragut Community Center.

Angela Freeman-Hunter of Our Place Art Organization Inc. began offering her already-established arts-based classes for individuals with disabilities earlier this summer in Farragut.

“This has been a perfect location for us since we already had team members who were coming from the Farragut and Lenoir City areas to our classes downtown and at Central Baptist Church of Fountain City,” Freeman-Hunter said.

The free two-hour courses have been at or near capacity, with more planned for each Thursday Aug. 12-26 and each Friday Sept. 2-30.

“We are so excited for Angela/Our Place Art to be teaching classes as part of

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Photo submitted

Lily Harris, right, and Olivia Campbell were among students taking part in the collaborative classes between Our Place Art and the Town of Farragut offered in Farragut Community Center.



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• **The movie “Lost and Found” is premiering at The Tennessee Theatre**, 604 S. Gay St., at 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 16, and the public is invited to attend the free premiere. This locally-produced movie is a modern-day retelling of the parable of The Prodigal Son, set on a farm in Tennessee. It was written, produced and performed by members of KnoxCAM, the Knoxville Christian Art Ministries.

It’s a faith-based community organization consisting of singers, actors, musicians and dancers from 40 Knox County

area churches. View the trailer at [knoxcam.org](http://knoxcam.org)

• **School Mania is set to return: the annual back-to-school event hosted by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs** will celebrate its third year from 3 to 6 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6, in the parking lot of the Jacob Building in Chilhowee Park via a drive-thru format. Vehicles will enter Chilhowee Park on 3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive and follow a one-way traffic flow to exit on Magnolia Ave.

Event gates will open at 2 p.m. to allow cars to assemble, but no school supply bags will be distributed until 3 p.m. Attendees are asked to remain in their vehicles while they are on the property.

• **Art Market Gallery First Friday Reception is from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, Aug. 6**, at the Gallery, 422 South Gay St. in downtown Knoxville. Art Market Gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, and from 1 to 6 p.m., Sundays.

• **Veterans Legal Advice Clinic**, which will discuss several legal topics, once again will be held in person in Knox County Public Defender’s Office, 1101 Liberty St. in Knoxville, from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 11.

Current CDC guidelines will be followed regarding indoor social distancing and masking for those who are not vaccinated. Those wishing to wear a mask are welcome to do so regardless of vaccination status. Veterans who are not able to attend the clinic in person are encouraged to continue to use the telephone-clinic option.

Pre-registration is required for telephone clinic, and veterans are asked to call Legal Aid of East Tennessee at 865-637-0484 to pre-register.

## Culture discussion at FHS



Tammy Cheek

Jay Butler, Knox County Schools Department of School Cultures facilitator, explains KCS’s policies to new elementary school teachers during a district-wide orientation hosted by Farragut High School Wednesday, July 28. The orientation continued through last week with Hardin Valley Academy hosting an orientation for secondary school teachers simultaneously.

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## Rural Metro

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Already this summer, Rural Metro has taken pumper trucks to the Davis Family Y in Choto and in East Knox County to Shannon Valley Farms for “Water Wars.”

“It was great. Parents had a hiding place behind some bushes where they had a supply of water balloons,” Bagwell said about this annual event in Shannon Valley.

Typically, Rural Metro has been called to Montgomery Cove and Roefield by the Homeowners Associations to provide the fun and cooling service, he said.

### About Rural Metro

In addition to helping residents “beat the heat,” Bagwell said it’s a great way for non-subscribers to learn about what Rural Metro offers.

“We actually couldn’t do those fun events if we didn’t have subscribers, and it’s a great way to get out in front of people and educate them,” he said.

“Realtors and others should be letting new residents know; a lot of them don’t.”

Knoxville City provides fire protection for its residents, thanks to the additional tax dollars.

However, Knox County residents don’t pay that extra tax, and instead pay Rural Metro subscription fees if they wish to ensure fire protection.

Rural Metro has 17 fire halls located throughout the county, including two in Farragut. The only areas it doesn’t serve are Seymour and Karns.



Michelle Hollenhead

Rural Metro’s Chris Cawood attaches a firehose to a Farragut High School campus fire hydrant to fill Fire Engine 241’s tanks, as he and fellow fire-fighter Clay Patton (not pictured) prepare to blast overheated FHS Marching Band students.

Subscription costs are based on the home’s square footage, and billing can take place annually, quarterly or monthly. For example, ensuring fire protection on a 3,100 square foot house costs around \$500 annually.

“Still much cheaper than property taxes,” said Bagwell, who estimated just under 50 percent of county residents are subscribers.

“We do have a responsibility

to respond to every emergency, which we do,” he added.

Rural Metro is owned by Global Medical Response and offers an additional subscription for ambulance service.

“It all comes back to an educational process,” he added. “We are happy to come to HOAs and talk about what we offer.”

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Inspired art  
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our schedule here at the community center,” said Brittany Spencer, Town Special Event and Program coordinator. “They are able to provide programming for our community where there was a gap before, and she and her instructors do such an amazing job.”

Freeman-Hunter founded the Knoxville-based non-profit Our Place 2008 after seeing the impact art has had on her now 31-year-old son, Derrick, who is autistic.

“He was a healthy, normal child, but when he turned 3, all of a sudden he just stopped talking,” she recalled, noting Derrick is the youngest of her three children.

Instead, Derrick expressed himself through drawings and paintings, and today has his own nationally-renowned art studio, Eyes of Faith, in the Knoxville Emporium Center. He has exhibited his work throughout the state and has won several awards for his advocacy work on behalf of the autism community.

“I have been so blessed to be Derrick’s mother,” said Free-

man-Hunter, who also spent more than 20 years with Knox County Schools in special education, but now dedicates her time to Our Place. “It doesn’t matter where your children are. It is our responsibility to meet them there.”

She said Derrick’s artwork has been a mission for them both, leading her to found Our Place Art, which offers a wide range of classes, clubs and programs to “enrich the lives of individuals with disabilities through the arts,” according to its website.

“We have been involved with Our Place for five years,” said Katie Dodd of West Knoxville, whose children, Logan and Emma, were both taking part in a July 20 Community Center class, where participants painted ceramic rainbows among several projects.

“This is just an amazing group of people who would do anything for our kids,” she added. “I couldn’t speak more highly of them.”

Freeman-Hunter hopes to expand beyond offering classes in Farragut Community Center by also working with the adjacent West Knox County Community Center on inte-

gration projects.

She also praised Spencer’s part of the equation, stating, “Brittany has done an excellent job of welcoming us and letting the community know about us. We are really looking forward to seeing what other opportunities might be possible.”

For more information about Our Place, visit [www.ourplaceart.com](http://www.ourplaceart.com). To register for classes, e-mail [info@ourplace.com](mailto:info@ourplace.com). Materials are provided, but pre-registration is required.

For a full list of Farragut Community Center classes, visit <https://www.farragut-parksandrec.org/program-sandeents>.



Farragut High School student Nia Maheshwari, who recently won her division in the Town’s first Juried Art Show, was among Angela Freeman-Hunter’s students earlier this summer.

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Michelle Hollenhead

Angela Freeman-Hunter, art instructor and founder of Our Place Art, is pictured with her son, Derrick, during a class she taught at Farragut Community Center Tuesday, July 20.

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Christopher Deason

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“We are fairly new to Farragut — we moved in right before COVID,” Pyle said. “This had been done once before, so I volunteered and opened it up to all the schools instead of limiting it.

“I figured it would be fun since this year was so tough for them all.”

She said local company FastSigns made the signs “and gave us a nice deal to help out.”

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