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Farragut High School administrators, teachers, students and other FHS officials react with joy as Admirals senior receiver Landis Davila (blue jersey) has possession in the end zone in the closing seconds, which turned out to be the winning pass play in a 24-17 home victory versus Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett Friday, Aug. 18. (See story, related photos starting on page 1B)

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'Dry' well so far getting support to block 'water runoff' project

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Paul Dry has lived on seven acres along Northshore Drive for a dozen years. In addition to opposing increased traffic and other issues, he concerned about what a new proposed development will do to his property that already suffers from water runoff.

The development is Choto Landing, tentatively planned for 56 townhomes comprised within 14 two-story buildings on 11.65 acres. It is being built on the former Loy Family Farm property, which was rezoned by Knox County Planning Commission in 2020.

When it rains, Dry already experiences water runoff he and his son have had to address by constructing a French drain to help diversion. Additionally, nearby neighborhoods also have experienced flooding

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T-Center, 'connect' issues talk with VSC

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While Farragut's Mixed Use Town Center Vision Steering Committee members saw potential for a Town Center — or downtown — some did not see it as "well-defined" during the committee's first meeting in Farragut Community Center Tuesday evening, Aug. 8.

Committee members ran the gamut from residents to organization members to Town staff. Facilitating the meeting were Adam Williamson, Anna Baggett and Beverly Bell with TSW, the planning firm contracted to help the Town develop a vision for its MUTC area.

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TD thrills, tots-trucks-tractors, tunes



(Above) Tripp Maier, 18-months — behind the wheel of a John Deere tractor — was among scores of babies, toddlers and little children attending annual Fun With Farragut's Fleet at Mayor Bob Leonard Park Saturday morning, Aug. 19. (Right) Later that evening, Kwaku Kankam and daughter, Quinn, 17 months, were among hundreds enjoying the Town's Lawnchair Series, with lots of music and refreshments, in Founders Park at Campvbell Station.



Photos by Alan Sloan

Honoring a strong leader: Bettye's Bench & Tree Dedication a Town Plaza tribute to Ms. Sisco

A large gathering of Farragut and West Knox County business owners and other prominent Town of Farragut and Knox area officials came together to honor the late Bettye Sisco, "an instant star" ... "a gift" ... "she was driven" and "could light up a room," various attendees said about this president/CEO of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce from 2000 to late 2016. Bettye's Bench & Tree Dedication, marking the bench, a tree and a plaque as permanent fixtures in Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the corner of Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road, was held Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 22. (Far right) Bettye's pet dog, Lailani, on the special bench. (Right) The plaque recognizing her FWKCC service.



Photos by Tammy Cheek

Accomplishment told, event coming to Farragut High School; big challenge faced by LCUB

- Owen Queener, Farragut High School senior golfer, captured second place Monday, Aug. 21, at Science Hill Invitational in Johnson City, shooting a 3-under-par 69 for 18 holes.
- Once again welcoming Tennessee Volunteers and UT Lady Vols basketball players, Farragut High School will host its annual Hoops for Hope, sponsored by the Down Syndrome Awareness Group of East Tennessee, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26, in Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. Players from both teams will be on the court with the participants.
- Lenoir City Utilities Board reported its "response to the devastating EF-2 tornado that blew through West (Knox County) Monday (Aug. 14) and left 20,000 customers without power from hours to days." For many LCUB linemen with decades on the job, "this was the worst event they have ever experienced within our system" said Jeremy Walden, director of Electrical Engineering and Operations. "... Fellow utility providers sent their linemen from Gallatin, Tullahoma, Erwin, Oak Ridge, Newport and Bristol, Virginia. ..."

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Center, connect

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"I do not recognize Farragut has a true Town Center," committee member and resident Don Mann said. While he sees potential there, "it's not well-defined."

"It appears more of a hodgepodge of areas without much cohesiveness," he added. "The new Kroger shopping center and the two corners at Campbell Station at Kingston Pike are the closest attempts yet to a Town Center."

"Now, Biddle Farms, when completed, will help the cause," Mann said.

"We've got some sidewalks and parking lots that are used for major events," said Steve Krempasky Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance executive director. He noted, however, there are no large venues for major events.

"What if you had green space instead of a parking lot?" Mann asked.

"No way," Krempasky answered. "Green space makes a big mud ... and frankly, the load-in and load-out of equip-

ment ... (becomes difficult)."

Still, "we already have a nice mix of different things" with the Town's parks, office space, retail, schools, community center and historic area, added Sue Stuhl, former Parks and Recreation director, adding the Town has "good bones for the potential."

"The question is how do you connect all this?" Krempasky said.

"Farragut's done a really good job of thinking about things the Greater Knoxville area has not — sidewalks, the walkability," said Julie Blaylock, president/CEO of Farragut West Knoxville Chamber of Commerce. "The Town Center area is definitely very diverse. We have a lot of different generations and genres of development, so it's how you create that sense of place."

Regarding the Town's history, "there's such a treasure trove that Farragut has, yet it's completely unused," resident George Ellis said.

While the Town has been making strides to connect the community through sidewalks and greenways, connectiv-

ity throughout Town still was identified a one issue affecting the cohesiveness of a downtown.

Several members identified two barriers to the area's cohesiveness as Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road, both too dangerous to promote walkability.

According to crash data collected, "there have been serious crashes between cars and pedestrians," said Bert Kurykendall, certified planner with Orion Planning, which partnered with TSW.

"You can see it at signalized intersections and also at not signalized intersections," he added.

"People are traveling along here, and a lot of people are getting hit. So a lot of it is about creating safe crossings and reducing excessive speeds to increase safety."

Another barrier, Kurykendall said, is access, whether it is signalized crossings, bridging or natural features.

He advised the committee would want to look at ways to cross those barriers.

KCSO reports

• **At 1:15 p.m., Friday, Aug. 18, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report a stolen 2013 Ford truck from U-Haul, 10833 Kingston Pike.** Complainant advised the known suspect rented the U-Haul box truck at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 9, and was supposed to have it back by 3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12.

"He advised they have attempted to contact the suspect via text, calls and by mail," the report stated. Total value of loss was listed at \$90,000.

• **At 10:27 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 15, a KCSO detective "met with the victim at the City County Building, where the victim reported that a white male attempted to break into his vehicles in his driveway,"** the report stated.

"Victim does have video evidence, and a link from Evidence.com was sent to the victim."

• **At 10:13 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14, a victim came to KCSO West Precinct to report a hit-and-run.** Victim said he noticed damage to the rear of his 2016 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup truck, but was unsure of where the incident occurred and needed this report for insurance. Estimated value of damage was listed at \$800. There is no known suspect.

• **At 8:58 a.m., Aug. 14, a complainant came to KCSO West Precinct to report identity theft** at a Kendall Hunt Street address. Complainant advised receiving a letter in the mail Friday, Aug. 11, stating she tried to open a Bank of America account but was denied.

Later on the same day, complainant received a call from Chase credit cards that an unknown suspect(s) tried to open an account through Chase but was denied. Complainant advised she never tried to open these accounts and does not know who or why this happened. There are no known suspects.

towncalendar

• **Town of Farragut's Art Fest**, free of charge, is from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 10, in Farragut Community Center. "Outdoor art activities are geared toward children, but adults can get in on the fun, too," a Town press release stated.

• **Town residents are invited to one of two public meetings in Farragut Community Center** (from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. or from 5:30 to 7 p.m.) **Thursday, Aug. 31**, concerning "the new development at the intersection of Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road and the start of Biddle Farms in the heart of Farragut's Town Center District," a Town press release stated.

"There are other areas designated Mixed Use Town Center on the Future Land Use Map, and we'd like to hear your ideas about how they should develop and what new infrastructure is needed. Each meeting will include a 20-minute overview of the project and activities to collect input on form, character, recreation and placemaking within the Mixed Use Town Center."

corrections

• **In our How the West Was Won high school football preview magazine**, which was inserted into last week's farragutpress issue, there were two errors with Bearden Bulldogs student/athlete identifications.

In both cases, coaching submissions to this paper led to the incorrect identification in the football team roster and senior portrait photo of **Chase Ownby** (photo).

And in the school's cheerleading photo, as the last name of sophomore **Kyra Rasmussen** was misspelled. We regret these errors.

• The last name of **Logan Wright**, Farragut MAC Eighth-Grade football star on offense, defense and as the team kicker, was misspelled in an Aug. 16 sports story. We regret the error.



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-Kelly



Dr. John-Mark Chesney
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Answer: Hey Kelly, Thank you for being aware of the potentially serious situation involving your mother. I always tell my clients that one fall is one too many. The statistics concerning falling are quite alarming.

- One out of five falls causes serious injury such as a broken bone or head injury.
- 1 in 4 adults older than 65 fall each year and 1 in 2 adults older than 80 fall each year.
- 1 in 4 individuals who fracture their hip from a fall do not live past the first year following the injury.
- An older adult dies from a fall every 19 secs.

All this is to say that avoiding and preventing falls is the best course of action.

How is this done? A combination of 2 strategies is best. **The 1st thing is to reduce/eliminate any tripping hazards** around your home.

1. Start by clearing all of your walkways in and between rooms. Make sure pathways are clear from clutter and objects that could cause you to trip and fall.
2. Take a look around... things such as throw rugs should be removed. Look for anything that could catch your foot.
3. Electrical cords can encroach on your walking space. If you have cords that are not secure, make sure to run them against the baseboard so they don't cross a walking path.
4. Handrails by stairs and grab bars in the bathroom are essential
5. Strategically place your house slippers in the same place near your bed.

The second part in helping to prevent falls is by **improving your balance**. Balance is influenced by 3 main systems.

1. Vision: constantly sends input to your brain telling you where your body is in relation to your surroundings.

2. Sensation/Spatial Awareness: this second balance system has a few features. First, the pressure along the bottoms of your feet gives your brain input when you shift your weight. Second, you have special receptors in your joints that tell your brain where you are in relation to space.

3. Inner Ear: your inner ear, aka your "vestibular system", sends input to your brain regarding the movement of your head in relationship to gravity. The sensation of spinning is also referred to as "vertigo".

If any one of these systems are affected, then your balance will be compromised. Physical therapists are trained to help determine which of these 3 systems are deficient when someone presents with balance problems. This involves a specific balance and falls assessment where certain tests and measures are performed to determine an individual's risk of falling and what can be done to improve balance to reduce the risk of falls. Over the last 16 years, I've worked with a countless number of clients who've experienced a fall (or several falls), and I've had the opportunity to help them get their lives back.

Kelly, the good news for you and your mother is that you don't have to wait for an injury or even a fall to occur before receiving a balance and falls assessment. **Medicare covers these assessments and prefers that you be tested and treated before sustaining an injury.** It's much more costly and impactful to just wait for the injury - always better to get ahead of the problem and prevent the fall from occurring in the first place.

First, if you're worried about your balance, you're not alone. And second, it's very likely that you don't have to just put up with it. With the right treatment approach, you can make significant improvements to your balance and get back to enjoying those activities that you love. If you or a loved one are looking to take control of your balance and regain your active lifestyle there's a lot that can be done! If you would like to have **your own balance and falls assessment (fully covered by Medicare)**, please contact our office at (865) 351-0615.

John-Mark Chesney is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio in Farragut. If you have a question you'd like him to answer, contact Simply Physio at (865) 351-0615 or email him at john-mark@simplypt.co or you can visit www.simplypt.com

presstalk

• I read the Letter to the Editor from last week and I believe the Town of Farragut should rescind the Letter of Intent to purchase the land off McFee Road because it is a bad purchase, because the residents had no workshop, and because ... two officials ... were not present for the vote. I would much rather see town mon-

ey spent for new lefthand turn-lanes at Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike.

I am upset Town officials said they could not afford the \$1.55 million dollars for the turn lanes and then later approved a \$5.5 million dollar land purchase, which is a want and not a need. Traffic safety should come first.

Residents' Town Center ideas shared; Aug. 31 public forum

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Build a pedestrian bridge across Kingston Pike, make Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza more like Knoxville's Market Square and place utilities and dumpsters underground were some of the ideas four Farragut residents said they would like to see in a Town Center during a Stakeholders meeting in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., Wednesday morning, Aug. 9.

The meeting was one of five encompassing various segments of the community, from citizens to teachers to property developers who have a stake in how Town Center is developed.

"What we're doing now is relooking at that area to see if the community still has that (Town Center) as an objective; and if so, what that might look like," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley said during the Aug. 9 meeting with citizens and HOA members.

"We'll be looking at land use zoning, urban zones and open space implementation," said Adam Williamson, principal planner with TSW, a planning and architectural firm contracted with the Town. "We really just want to talk to you guys and get feedback."

At a public community workshop Thursday, Aug. 31, one at 11:30 a.m. and on at 5:30 p.m. in FCC, residents can give Town Center input.

'Dry' well so far

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and runoff from the Loy Farm, he said.

Dry said he "actually found out about the previous development in January 2022, but found out about the current development in mid-June 2023."

However, "Why have officials been so secretive about it?" he asked during a recent interview on his property, where he points to a tree-lined buffer on the development's land that he has been told will likely be removed.

"It frustrates me, I feel like I'm being told, 'nothing to see here, move along.'"

"I've been screaming about it since that time, and it's like nobody is paying attention," he added.

Dry has set up two oversized signs, one facing east and one facing west, both along Northshore Drive on property he owns, trying to rally area residents to fight the development.

In addition to visiting his website, www.chotolanding.com,

or requesting e-mail support by writing stopchotolanding@gmail.com, Dry is hopeful residents will attend the upcoming KCPC meeting, which begins at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14, to voice their displeasure.

"I hope 500 people will show up," he said.

Dry also is concerned about financing for Choto Landing.

According to the www.chotolanding.com website, "It is our understanding that the development will be paid for largely with tax dollars through a government program known as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC).

"The LIHTC Program is a financial incentive paid for by ... taxes for the construction of low-income housing. Individuals residing in the development earn 60 percent or less of area median income."

"The developer, DGA Residential, LLC, (Dominion Group), will receive a dollar-for-dollar reduction in their federal income tax liability

over a ten-year period," the website further stated.

According to the website, legal counsel has been retained to help fight the project.

In a meeting with Dominion officials Thursday, Aug. 17, "It was a cordial meeting discussing the water, which they say their plan is good and (concerning) the buffer between the properties ... most of it will remain," Dry said.

"Daniel Sanders, our attorney, questioned them about approval from politicians, which they could not say they had approval from any one," he added. "Daniel also asked them if they would delay their presentation to the Planning Commission a month or so, and they said definitely not."

"They also think that this is a great project for this area, which of course they would."

Attempts to contact John Schoonmaker, Knox County Commissioner representing 5th District (the area in question) for comment were unsuccessful as of deadline Tuesday morning, Aug. 22.



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TCCMC provides in-Town opportunity for nursing ed

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Turkey Creek Medical Center is in the middle of training its first class of nurses.

The hospital affiliated with Jersey College School of Nursing earlier this year to offer a hospital-based six semester nursing program.

"We started Monday, May 1, with 17 students and will be enrolling 30 for the cohort, which begins (Monday) Aug. 28," said Betty Van Stedum, director of education.

Students will end the program with an associate's degree in nursing, "providing its graduates with op-

portunities to become a registered nurse," a TCCMC press release stated.

"With more than 10,000 square feet of classroom and office space, 1,500 square feet in the skills lab, seven classrooms and student-study rooms and lounge space, the Knoxville program combines the teaching experience of a college and the clinical expertise of a hospital," the release continued. "This hospital-based track offers students the ability to learn the art and science of nursing from within a hospital setting" while experiencing "a seamless transition from classroom theory to clinical application."

Students spend at least two days in classroom settings, then two days in the lab, which has simulation

models, including the Juno, considered among the most advanced, according to program administrative assistant Emily Melendez.

"The Juno model talks, breathes and makes noises to let the students know what to listen for when they are treating actual patients," she said.

One portion of the lab also has a simulation of a neonatal unit to train ob/gyn nurses and an observation room area.

In addition to the two-year degree, "one of the goals is to have the students take their clinicals in the hospital," Melendez added. "They could choose to stay

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Celebrate with East Tennessee Trimlight

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Imagine never having to put up holiday lights year after year. East Tennessee Trimlight, a new business at 135 Fox Road, makes outdoor lighting easier because it does it for the homeowners and businesses.

Friends David Kilburn, Michael "Mike" Teske and James Luby partnered the first of the year to open East Tennessee Trimlight, to install exterior LED permanent lighting for homes and commercial buildings.

"All of our lights are app-controlled, so they're manipulated (via smartphone) to any kind of colors or patterns you want," Kilburn said. "Obviously, not every day is a holiday, so off-seasons you can do security lighting or just soffit lighting as an accent.

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Tammy Cheek

Partners, from left, Michael Teske, David Kilburn and James Luby, started East Tennessee Trimlight the first of the year at 135 Fox Road, Suite J, to install LED lights for homes and businesses.

Park + Alley opens, offers home style, décor options

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A new business has located in the heart of Farragut.

Park + Alley Marketplace held its grand opening Saturday, Aug. 12, at 102 N. Campbell Station Road, next door to 35 North.

Owner and principal Crystal McNamee said she was "excited" to open what is her first brick-and-mortar location in Farragut after having established the business previously as a resident in Seattle, Washington.

"We see this as a one stop shop for real estate, home styling, home décor and gifts," she said during the grand opening, which featured an up-close look at unique home furnishings, a sampling of charcuterie and fresh cut flowers for sale in the parking lot.

"We have specialty 'found' tags on our one-of-a-kind items we sell, and we also offer vintage items, too," McNamee said.

The owner said she moved to Farragut "about a-year-and-a-half ago. We decided during COVID that we wanted to move closer to sunshine, and we just love it here."



Michelle Hollenhead

Park + Alley Marketplace owner and principal Crystal McNamee, right, and administrative assistant Ashley Bailey welcomed guests to the business' grand opening Saturday, Aug. 12, between 35 North and Summer Moon Coffee Shop.

She settled on the business location when she happened by Summer Moon coffee shop, which is in the same development.

"I stopped here for coffee and saw the 'for lease' sign here, and I realized what a great location it would be."

She said Park + Alley "specializes in full-service residential real estate all over East Tennessee and are here to help anyone looking to buy, sell or style their homes."

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businessbriefs

• Knoxville Jewish Alliance has announced **Bryan Goldberg of Knoxville** recently was appointed to the board of trustees of Jewish Federations of North America, the umbrella organization of KJA and one of the largest Jewish philanthropic organizations around the globe. Jewish Federations raise and distribute more than \$2 billion annually, including through planned giving and endowment programs, to build flourishing Jewish communities domestically, in Israel and around the world.

• **Qixin Zhong, professor in the University of Tennessee, Knoxville Department of Food Science**, has been named an Institute of Food Technologists Fellow.

The honor was bestowed as a result of Zhong's years of contributing to food science and to IFT through his scientific, engineering and leadership efforts.

• **UT Medical Center and UT-Knoxville College of Nursing** are opening the BSN Scholars Program's satellite location with a ribbon cutting and tours of the simulation and learning lab from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Friday, Aug. 25, at UT Research Park at Cherokee Farm.



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Farragut's Water into Wine bistro & lounge hosted the monthly Greater Knoxville Hospitality Association's meeting Thursday, Aug. 3. Paul Jordan, general manager of Knoxville Hilton and president of the GKHA, welcomed the guests. "We try to get out to Farragut at least once a year to see what is going on out here," GKHA executive director Jill Thompson said.

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Kameron Didona, left, Alfonso Marquez and Ashley Rosas, back row, are among the first nursing students taking classes at Jersey College through Turkey Creek Medical Center earlier this year.

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Sue Deery, left, and Juan Martinez of Rothchilds



From left, Phillip Graves, Todd Kennedy Sheppard and Drew Coleman of CentriWorks



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Great start, super finish to open 2023 season



5th-Grade 'Baby Ads' hold on, win vs. Central

STAFF REPORTS

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With lots of impressive plays in the game's first three quarters, Farragut's Fifth-Grade YAC "Baby Admirals" hung tough late in the game against a determined Knoxville Central team in Farragut High School's Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field Saturday afternoon, Aug. 19.

The end result was a 25-20 Baby Admirals victory during its season-opening game.

Quarterback Max Glover's 32-yard touchdown pass to wide-open receiver Andrew Floyd put Farragut ahead 6-0 midway into the opening quarter.

Tied 6-6, Skylar Yager's interception late in the first quarter set up a 60-yard go-ahead scoring drive for the home team.

An 11-yard run by Da'Vaughn Jackson came before Max's 35-yard pass to Skylar, placing the Baby Ads at the Central 6.

Two runs by Mason Alley, the final from 1 yard out, put Farragut back ahead 12-6 with 3:25 left in the first half. Max's 1-point conversion run made it 13-6.

A quick Baby Bobcats score tied the game once again, but the Baby Admirals answered with yet another big TD pass — this one 68 yards from Max to Skylar with 53 seconds left in the first half, making it 19-13.

Farragut wasn't through scoring in the second quarter, as the Blue and Gray defense would add six points: lineman Solomon Hughes recovered a fumble and scampered 15 yards for the touchdown.

It was 25-13 at halftime. The Baby Ads' defense held up well most of the second half, but an 89-yard Central run cut the lead to 25-20 with 1:05 to play.

Though Farragut's Hunter Jenkins recovered the onside kick, the visitors pounced on a fumble — but fumbled it right back to the Baby Ads on the same play.

Big plays, second-half defense lift FHS to dramatic win vs KDB

PEYTON WAGGONER

Correspondent

As baby powder was thrown into the air from Farragut's student section on Toga Night in FHS's Eddie Courtney Stadium, the season-opening kickoff was being returned by the Ads' very own Jordan Sheppard for an 92-yard touchdown.

Fast forwarding to 4:51 left in the game Friday, Aug. 18, against Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, the Indians were able

overcome an early 14-0 deficit and tie the game 17-17 with a 43-yard fade route on a fourth-and-long pass play.

Not to be denied an enjoyable postgame meal, Farragut's offense marched 87 yards in the final two minutes to grab a 24-17 victory in the final seconds thanks to three clutch pass plays by first-year starting quarterback Cam Duncan, a senior. Two of his passes were 25 yards on a third-down throw

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(Above right) Senior receiver Landis Davila manages to hold on to what became the game-winning touchdown

reception for Farragut, on a 23-yard pass from senior quarterback Cam Duncan with just 16 seconds to play.

This broke a 17-17 deadlock versus Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in FHS's Eddie Courtney Stadium Friday evening,

Aug. 18, for a 24-17 Ads win

(See related photo on page 1A).

(Above left) Robbie Jacobs, FHS junior receiver, hauls in a 74-yard TD pass from Duncan.

(Right) Stopping an Indians runner are Ads senior defensive linemen Naao'l Kerro (56) and Matt Purvis (40).

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Lots of Lady Admirals contribute in girls soccer rout of Halls

PEYTON WAGGONER

Correspondent

The Farragut Lady Admirals soccer team and its first-year head coach were looking to move to 2-0 as they hosted the Halls Lady Devils of Thursday, Aug. 17.

Many FHS players contributed in a dominant 6-0 victory.

"We have said all year it is not about the other team, it is about us," first-year FHS head coach Jessie Burkhardt

said. "If we can drown out a lot of the noise and just be present with us, that's when we see the best version of ourselves."

Off to an early start with barely over seven minutes taken off of the clock, freshman forward Ada Becker crossed the ball over to senior forward Reeder Kappel for the first score.

As the Lady Admirals aggressive offense seemed to keep the pressure on the Devils the whole first half, that relentlessness paid off. The second goal

came from senior forward Brady Livingston with 4:25 left.

After Farragut controlled the whole first half, the Devils could not find a way to keep the ball off of their side of the field.

Livingston's second goal of the night came on a breakaway where she successfully fooled the only defender in her way, the goalie, and kicked the ball into the back of the net with only 2:15 off of the clock into the second half.

"We are connecting with each other

on and off the field and have strong team chemistry," the senior forward said.

Livingston assisted Kappel for her second goal of the game making it 4-0.

With less than 10 minutes left in the game, Becker, who had more than her fair share of shots on goal, was apparently tired of being denied and was able to convert one of them.

And as time was running out, a header from yet another senior forward, Caylee George, provided the final goal.



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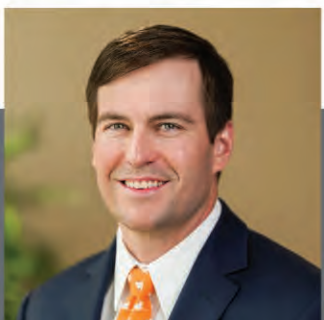
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Hawks fly out of gate fast, dismantle rival Karns 21-0

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — It took only opening night of the 2023 high-school football season Friday, Aug. 18, for Hardin Valley Academy to equal its win total from last year.

The Hawks used a steady ground game and an opportunistic defense to shut out Karns 21-0 at home. HVA didn't get its lone win last year until week nine.

"It's good to see this right here, these guys so excited," said HVA's second-year coach Jeff Miner, referring to the student section mobbing the players on the field.

"Seeing the student body and everybody excited; that's what this is all about."

"They had a couple big plays that hurt us tonight," Beavers' first-year coach Lee Warren said. "I thought we did a good job of handling adversity. In the fourth quarter we got into a deficit."

The Hawks took a 7-0 lead with 9:50 left in the second quarter when senior running back Brady Loveland scored from the KHS 3, finishing off a seven-play, 57-yard drive.

For the game, Hawks' running backs ran the ball 33 times for 208 yards and three

scores. "We're doing something different than what everyone else is doing," Miner said about his versatile rushing attack. "I love that style of football."

HVA made it 14-0 with 53 seconds left in the half when senior quarterback Caleb Standifer scored on a 2-yard keeper.

The big play of the drive came on a 37-yard strike from Standifer to junior tight end Barron Scheetz. Standifer scored on the next play.

Standifer attempted only six passes in the game but completed five for 83 yards.

The Beavers' best opportunity of the game was thwarted midway through the third when quarterback Carson Paul was picked off in the end zone by Taa Henderson.

"Henderson made a really good play ... only a sophomore. He's a heckuva player," Miner said.

Hardin Valley then drove 65 yards and scored when Standifer picked up Loveland's fumble on the Beavers 10 and fought his way in for a touchdown.

On the ensuing drive, Paul

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(Above) A nice grab by Hawks sophomore receiver Taa Henderson versus Karns. **(Far left)** HVA junior Nathan Holbrook runs with power. **(Left)** Hawks defenders Michael Stewart (1) and Ayden Turner (51) stop a Beavers runner. **Photos courtesy of Jeremy Wiggs/Jeremy Wiggs Photography**

Blanking defending state champ Cleveland, HVA volleyball starts 6-0

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

Two years ago, Hardin Valley Academy's volleyball team made it to the state tournament in Murfreesboro. Last year, because of graduation and injuries, the Lady Hawks didn't advance beyond the district.

According to HVA's fifth-year coach Joy Waller, 2023 has the potential for a big turnaround for her girls. At the very least, Waller has plenty of returning experience.

So far, so good for Waller and Company this season, as the Lady Hawks entered the week 6-0 — with one of those wins against defending Division I-AAA state champion Cleveland.

"A lot of injuries last year," the coach said. "We're excited to start fresh. We're doing some different things in practice. I feel like our year looks pretty good, prepping better, being careful about injuries and we're pushing them harder in practice."

Five of HVA's starters this year started in 2022. Outside hitter Tinsley Brown, a senior captain this

season, missed much of last year with an injury. Unsurprisingly, she's eager for her final season.

"I'm really excited," Brown said. "I think we have a lot of potential to go a long way; we didn't lose much. We have a lot of talent, and we just have to use it the right way. I'm really excited to see how far we can push ourselves."

Senior setter Annah Cate Hyatt is the other captain and another starter from last year. Hyatt thinks team

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Under new head coach, Lady Hawks soccer opens Aug. 24

KEN LAY
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY --- The high school girls soccer season for Hardin Valley Academy opens on the road versus Powell at 7 p.m., Thursday Aug. 24.

New head coach Masey Fox got the HVA job "at the end of the (TSSAA-imposed) dead period ... called me (in early July) and asked if I could start practice the next day."

If that wasn't tough enough, "My girls told me that this was the 'district of death'" in 4-AAA with the likes of defending national champ and two-time Class AAA state No. 1 Bearden, plus perennial powers West, Maryville and always dangerous Farragut.

"Obviously, I want to win ... but if I can prepare these girls for college soccer and life, then I've had a successful season,"

said Fox, who played semi-pro soccer and works remotely as an academic advisor at the University of Cincinnati.

While the Lady Hawks went 10-5-2 last season, "We have an extremely young team," she said about her 37 players. "We only have five seniors, and I don't know how many juniors, but the rest of the team is freshmen and sophomores."

Top returners include Reese Wilson (a versatile senior who can play at forward, midfielder and defender), Abigail Davis (senior, defender), Lauren Gray (junior, defender), Morgan Holloway (sophomore, forward/midfielder) and Sophia Roberts (sophomore, forward/midfielder).

Key newcomers are Anna Ogle (freshman, defender), Marelly Ortega (freshman, forward/midfielder) and Jaelyn Jiminez (freshman, forward).

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Hanging tough, Farragut volleyballers fall twice

KEN LAY

Correspondent

When Andre Alves took the reins for the Farragut High School volleyball program, he knew he would have to oversee a rebuilding project. That's a hard task for any new head coach, but the Lady Admirals' early-season schedule couldn't have been much tougher.

"We have to rebuild the program," Alves said after Farragut dropped its second match in as many nights.

Farragut battled valiantly but lost a four-set match to Anderson County 25-23, 25-23, 17-25, 25-15 Thursday, Aug. 17, in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

That loss occurred about 24 hours after Farragut dropped a best-of-three match to Knoxville Catholic 28-26, 21-25, 25-23 Wednesday, Aug. 16, at FHS.

Last Thursday's match versus ACHS was an exercise in frustration for the Lady Admirals. Farragut had leads in all four sets and held commanding advantages in three of those four.

Alves attributed his squad's struggles to not putting away its opponents when in control of the match to unforced errors, particularly in the Lady Ads' service game.

"The unforced errors are killing us and that's something that I've got to fix," the coach said. "We get the rock up the hill and then we commit unforced errors and the rock rolls all the way back down the hill."

Farragut led 14-8 in the inaugural set thanks to a long service run by Tori McNair, which included a pair of aces. One ace put FHS up by six, forcing Anderson County head coach Jayme Smith to call timeout.

Farragut would go on to hold a 19-15 advantage before the Lady Mavericks would claw their way back into the set, tying the set at 20-20 before the Lady Admirals took a 22-20 lead on an ace by McNair.

The Lady Mavericks would score five of the next six points as they would take advantage of Farragut's miscues.

"We missed 13 serves tonight and you can miss serves and expect to win," Alves said.

Farragut was competitive in each game. Therefore, Alves couldn't fault his team's effort.

"They battled all the way until the end," he said. "Anderson County has a good team and they're extremely well-coached. Jayme and (assistant coach) Dail (Cantrell) do a great job."

Elsa Morrison led Farragut's attack, finishing with 15 kills. She also added nine assists. Loryn Neeley added eight kills and three aces. Maggie Hughes finished with six kills and Avery Mandl served up 10 aces.

Against Knoxville Catholic, Morrison recorded nine kills while Neeley had seven. Hughes added four and Paisy White finished with three.

Alves' first two matches were against two of the most storied programs in East Tennessee. KCHS has been a regular at the Division II-AA state championships in Murfreesboro, while Anderson County expects to be at the midstate in October every year. The Lady Mavericks reached the Class AA state sectionals after winning their district and region tournaments in 2022.

Thriller

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to seniors Landis Davila and 20 yards on another third down to Brooks Burnette.

Duncan's final pass was a 23-yarder, a 50/50 ball in the end zone won by Davila for the game-winning touchdown with just 16 seconds left.

"I trust all my receivers; I am going to give them the ball," Duncan said.

Other game details

After Sheppard gave FHS the lead, KDB's offense enjoyed an explosive 45-yard run into the red zone.

But the Indians once again had to deal with Sheppard, this time as Farragut's starting safety. The As senior made another clutch play with an interception in the end zone.

Davila also had an interception for the winners.

As Duncan and his offense took the field early on, you couldn't tell there were any nerves from the new starting quarterback. He connected with junior wide receiver Robbie Jacobs for a 74-yard touchdown on a slant over the middle, making it 14-0.



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Farragut senior Nathan Harville (left in blue) blocks a Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett defender as Roger McNeer, FHS fellow senior offensive lineman, prepares to help.

Dobyns-Bennett was able to get on the board with a field goal with less than a minute left in the first quarter.

After a few possessions came up empty for both teams, it was at the four-minute mark in the second quarter when Dobyns-Bennett was able to score their first touchdown on a run up the middle.

Sophomore kicker Ryan McCue split the uprights from 41 yards to extend Farragut's lead to 17-10 late in the third quarter. The young kicker also had a few kickoff touchbacks.

"Ryan McCue kicked well tonight to keep it out of the hands of their dangerous return men," FHS head coach Eddie Courtney said.

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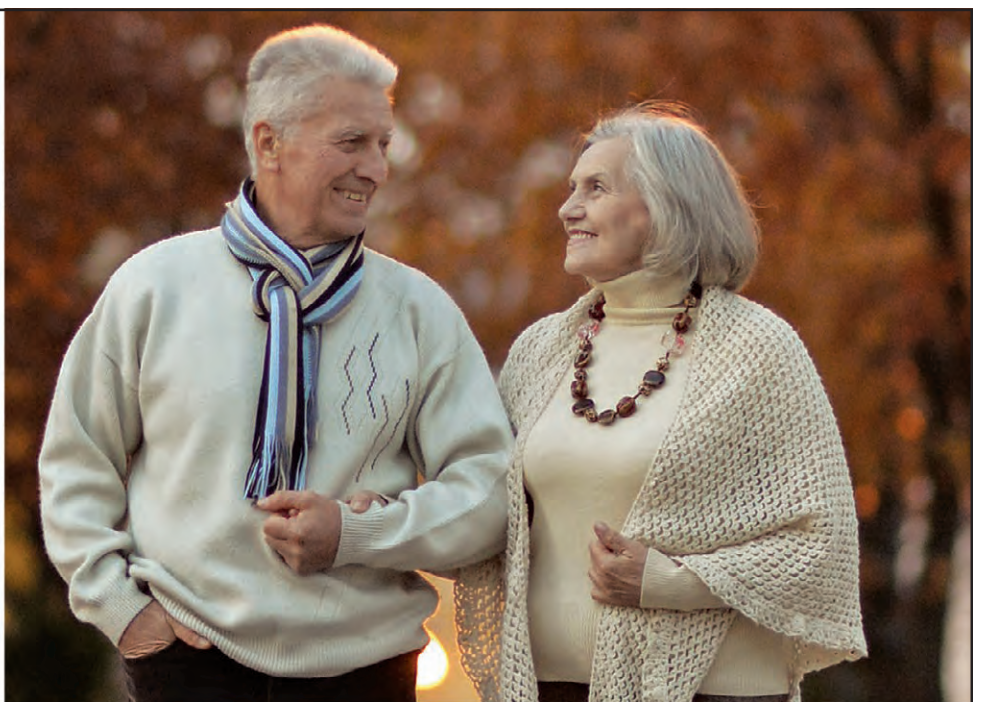


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Lion-sized duties at Concord Christian for Head couple

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD

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A husband and wife from Georgia are now in leadership roles at Concord Christian School and CCS Preschool.

Daniel Head is the new athletic director for the school, while his wife, Alexis, is the new preschool director.

The couple moved to Farragut earlier this summer with their four children, Jacob, 11, Erin, 9, Colin, 7 and Elias, 5, to take on their new jobs.

“We are very excited to be here,” said Daniel, who is in his 17th year as an educator. Most recently, he worked in Athens, Georgia, as a middle and high school principal, but his background also includes working as a coach.

“When this opportunity presented itself, where I could get back into athletics, we prayed about it,” he said. “It really is a passion of mine to work with coaches and athletes.”

As new AD, Daniel oversees 13 varsity sports, and he also has inherited the need for CCS Lions sports programs to have larger and updated facilities.

“We will continue to evaluate and figure out what that looks like going forward,” he said.

Former CCS AD Lincoln Thomas remains with the athletics department as director of strength and training.

Both Daniel and Alexis are natives of the upper West Coast. Alexis grew up in Washington state and Daniel grew up in Oregon. After they met and married, the couple ended up in Texas, where Alexis carried on her daycare leadership career while Daniel worked in both athletics and education.

He played football, basketball and baseball in high school.

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Photo submitted

Concord Christian School's new athletic director, Daniel Head, and his wife, new Concord Preschool director Alexis Head, are pictured with their children, from left, Jacob, Colin, Erin and Elias. Also pictured is the family's dog, Josie.

Growing CCS band's 'Tales from Scotland'



Concord Christian School's Marching Band spent two weeks of band camp learning the group's new program, “Brave – Tales from Scotland,” which was presented to family members and friends Friday, July 21. Song selections include selections from Walt Disney's “Brave,” along with “Braveheart,” “Amazing Grace” and “Skye Boat Song.” This year's marching band has 49 members, a 60 percent increase since the 2021 fall season, noted band director Natalie Renfroe.

Above: Ellie Pitzer is pictured on percussion.

Right: Trumpeters Andrew Yeast, left, and Weston Ebnet, along with percussionists Logan Plaag, back left, Jack Maghee, right, and guard member Athena Lester (with flag).



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

All about Isaiah 117 House for Farragut Kiwanis Club

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Carolyne Roberts, a foster parent and volunteer with Knox County's under-construction Isaiah 117 House, discussed the organization during a Wednesday, Aug. 16, program for Farragut Kiwanis Club in West Knox Shrine Club.

Roberts shared that Isaiah 117 House founder and executive director Ronda Paulson discovered during foster parent training in Johnson City that oftentimes, when

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- **MEDIC Regional Blood Center will celebrate the expansion of the Farragut Donor Center**, 11000 Kingston Pike, with a ribbon cutting beginning at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 23.
- **Local Vietnam Veterans meeting runs** from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 24, in West Knox Senior Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Suite 101, in Farragut.
- **St. Elizabeths Episcopal Church, 110 Sugarwood Drive, announced its August Gift of the Month is for Young Williams Animal Center.** “Although much more is listed on the website, we ask for pet food and pet toys,” a church press release stated. Drive-by and drop-off is from 3 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 27, “or anytime the church is open.”
- **American Red Cross especially needs type O negative, type O positive, type B negative and type A negative blood donors**, as well as platelet donors. Upcoming blood donation opportunities are Wednesday, Aug. 23, through Thursday, Aug. 31, including Farragut, from noon to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 30, at Fox Den Country Club, 12284 N. Fox Den Drive.
- **The unmistakable sound of multi-Dove and Grammy Award-winning recording artist David Phelps can be heard** in the sanctuary of First Baptist Church of Madisonville, 139 College St., with his performance beginning at 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26.

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2nd Harvest’s ‘Drive Out Hunger’ hosted by SoutEast Bank Sept. 9

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SouthEast Bank, 12700 Kingston Pike in Farragut, “invites the local community to join a time of fun and giving back at its Farragut branch ... To Drive Out Hunger ... a food drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee” from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9, an SEB press release stated. The event will collect non-perishable food donations and provide entertainment for all ages.

Trevor Bayne, NASCAR’s 2011 Daytona 500 winner and Knox County native, will be available to sign memorabilia. Activities for the whole family include a bounce house, free food and music.

Second Harvest “is a local organization fighting against hunger in 18 counties across the region by supplying food to churches, shelters and other food pantries,” the release stated.

“It is our honor to give back to the community that supports us,” said Brenda Arndt, SEB marketing director. “SouthEast Bank holds these events to get to know those around us and to aid those in need.”

For more information, visit <https://www.southeastbank.com/drive-out-hunger/>.

Three locals are MTSU graduates

Tristan Ruddy, Taylor Monroe and Michael Tonos of Farragut were three of more than 2,600 Middle Tennessee State University students who received their degrees during Spring 2023 commencement ceremonies at the Murfreesboro campus in May.

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Special fundraiser set for Autism Breakthrough

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A relatively new program offering social skills assistance to adults with autism is the subject of an upcoming fundraiser.

“Whiskey Business!” is set for 6 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 21, at Yee Haw Brewing, 745 N. Broadway in downtown Knoxville, benefitting Autism Breakthrough Knoxville’s social skills group.

Cost for the event is \$55 per person, which provides bourbon tasting, games and activities, food, a silent auction and door prizes.

Dress code for the event is “come as you are casual,” according to information provided by Autism Breakthrough. Those participating in the tastings must be age 21 or older, but families and children are welcome in the venue.

“The sale of one ticket covers the cost of one social skills group therapy session,” said Chelsea Montgomery, director of therapeutic service for Autism Breakthrough who assists with facilitating the



Photo submitted

New friends made through the Social Skills group of Autism Breakthrough include, from left, Samantha Garcia of Farragut, Demi Obenout, Madison Betcher and Nick Caldwell.

social skills classes. “One hundred percent of the proceeds from Whiskey Business will go directly to the participants of Social Skills Groups to pay for their therapy services.”

Social skills groups began in 2022 under the leadership of Micki Benoit, Breakthrough’s speech-language pathologist, “and it is growing at an exponential rate,” the Autism Breakthrough website stated.

“Social Skills Groups play a crucial role in developing the skills necessary for successful interactions, independence and relationships, as well as building self-esteem and confidence.

“During Social Skills Groups, we participate in activities that promote socialization with others with similar

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obituary

O. Ted Gibson, age 87, a long-time resident of Farragut, went to be with the Lord Tuesday morning, Aug. 15, 2023, at home surrounded by his family.



O. Ted Gibson

Ted was a member of Concord Presbyterian Church for 55 years and was a deacon and elder. He was a graduate of Auburn University Class of 1959. Ted was a mechanical engineer at Oak Ridge Nuclear facilities for more than 35 years. He enjoyed woodworking.

Ted is preceded in death by his wife of 58 years, Eleanor Loree "Ellie" Gibson; grandson, Micah Scott Gibson; par-

ents, Howard Speake Gibson and Lorine Fischer Gibson.

Ted is survived by his children, John Scott Gibson and wife, Sherri, and Sally Gibson Heydasch and husband, David; grandchildren, Josiah Taylor Gibson, Samuel Shea Gibson, Kristi Elizabeth Heydasch Cross and husband, Andrew, Christopher David Heydasch and wife, Hope, and Brian Eric Heydasch; great-granddaughter, Madalynn Rose; great-grandsons, Jackson, Samuel and Kason; brothers, Henry and Howard; several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends gathered at 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 20, at Concord Masonic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Concord Presbyterian Church, 11000 Second Drive, Concord, Tennessee 37934.

Autism

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interests." This includes weekly group meetings, and social outings.

"Breakthrough currently stands as the only provider of therapeutic social skills groups for individuals ages 14 and up in the Knoxville area."

As of as of May 31, Autism Breakthrough noted 26 active Social Skills Groups participants, with an average of three to four new participants every month.

Samantha Garcia of Farragut is one of those active participants. She said she has been taking part "for about five months. It has really helped me with living day to day and just living life as someone who has autism."

Garcia said the group helps its members "in many ways. With bills, budgeting, getting jobs, going to school.

"Mostly it shows you how to

make a good life for yourself if you have a disability."

Garcia said she has made many new friends in the group.

"It helps us form bonds with each other, but it also helps us to know we are not alone," she said. "It also helps us to be able to reach out to others who might be struggling, so we can let them know if we can deal with things in a positive and productive way, they can too."

Garcia, who graduated from Farragut High School in 2020, said in addition to making friends with her peers and fellow group members, the leaders, Montgomery an Benoit, also are supportive and hands-on.

"Chelsea and Micki are available to us, all day, every day, even though we only meet officially once a week," Garcia said. "They are so open, and we can call them, or text them, and they set up a time for us come by, or will call us if we need them to.

"They are a constant help to us."

Cheerful and positive in her demeanor, Garcia said she has n't always been that way privately. "I have really struggled with depression and anxiety, and it has been hard for me in the past to admit sometimes when I needed help," she said. "But after joining this place, I have been able to think more clearly about everything, and I can go to them and ask them what I should do.

"It has really helped me to have less anxiety and less anxiety attacks because of the help I'm getting," Garcia added.

She also recently started as a cashier for Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant/ Turkey Creek.

For more information, contact Autism Breakthrough of Knoxville at 865-247-0065 or find its Autism & Community Outreach Center at 1700 Liberty St. To purchase tickets, visit <https://breakthroughknoxville.org/whiskey-business/>

Kiwanis

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children were removed from their homes, "they must come to Department of Children's Services' offices to wait for placement," which sometimes meant the children actually slept on the floor of a cubicle.

"I couldn't imagine a scared child sitting in such a sterile, cold environment, waiting to learn their fate," Paulson explained on the Isaiah 117 House website. "That is when I believe God put on my heart the Isaiah 117 House."

The Bible verse the organization is based on, Isaiah 1:17, states, "defend the cause of the fatherless," and Paulson said she believed that was what she was called to do.

That was in 2014, and since that time, the vision Paulson had has spread to 11 states, including ones in Maryville, Anderson County, Sevierville

and a soon-to-open location near Zoo Knoxville.

"Isaiah House is staffed by volunteers who come in and watch the children with three main goals: to reduce trauma, lighten the load of the social workers and ease the transition for foster families," Roberts said.

She said the Knoxville location is readying to open "hopefully in October," and also shared the need for foster families in the area.

"Knoxville is really in crisis where the foster care system is concerned," Roberts added.

For more information about the program, visit Isaiah-117house.com.



Roberts

Head Couple

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Although he didn't play at the college level, Daniel still had a passion for sports.

"Then I got a job with the Boys and Girls Club after college, and since I always loved sports, it just fell into place,"

he said. "Then the Lord just opened up Christian education for me, too."

For Alexis, this will be the first job where she is able to work a regular Monday through Friday schedule, and for that she said she is "thankful."

"In both Texas and Georgia, I did the preschool program

for a church, but this one is for the school alone," she added. "I was able to stay at home for a time in Georgia, but I'm glad to be able to get back into the work I love."

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AGENDA • August 24, 2023
BMA WORKSHOP - Property Maintenance - 5:00 PM
BEER BOARD MEETING - 5:50 PM

<p>I. Approval of Minutes A. March 9, 2023 II. Beer Permit A. Approval of Class 6, Special Occasion beer permit for St. John Newmann Church</p>	<p>Harvesting for Him Fall Festival B. Approval of Class 6, Special Occasion beer permit for Alzheimer's Tennessee/ Mind Yer P's & Q's Oktoberfest Event</p>
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BMA MEETING - 6:00 PM

<p>I. Roll Call II. Approval of Agenda III. Approval of Minutes A. August 10, 2023 IV. Mayor's Report V. Ordinances A. Public Hearing and Second Reading 1. Ordinance 23-11, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Appendix A-Zoning, Chapter 3, Section XX., Community Service District (S-1), to require a concept layout plan in association with a rezoning request to S-1 (Town of Farragut, Applicant) B. First Reading 1. Ordinance 23-13, Ordinance to amend the Capital Investment Program Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, passed by Ordinance 23-07</p>	<p>VI. Business Items A. Approval of a Special Event Permit for St. John Newmann Catholic Church & Schools Mustang Miles 5K Event B. Approval of Resolution R-2023-07, Amend FY2024 Fee Resolution C. Approval of amendment of to the rental agreement for temporary modular office space from VESTA Modular for Town Hall Renovations D. Approval of Change Order No. 1, Contract 2022-07, Town of Farragut ATMS Project. E. Rejection of bids for Contract No. 2023-15, Security Gates at McFee Park VII. Town Administrator's Report VIII. Town Attorney's Report IX. Citizens Forum</p>
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Planner

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This 2023 “After The Downbeat Tour” stop, also featuring Phelps’ musical entourage, will include songs from more than a dozen of his multi-award-winning recordings.

More event information, including the purchase of tickets, may be obtained by calling 423-442-4544, visiting www.davidphelps.com or www.itickets.com

• **Tenth Annual Knox Asian Festival** is from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 26. For more information, visit the Asian Festival website: www.knoxasianfestival.com

• **Tenth Annual Monroe Life Balloon Festival at Sequoyah Birthplace Mu-**

seum, 576 Highway 360 in Vonnore, will run from 4 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 2, and Sunday, Sept. 3. “Enjoy balloon rides, live music, food, games, an inflatable Kid’s Zone, craft and vendor booths and much more — all while supporting the Boys and Girls Club of Monroe County,” a Bingham Group press release stated. “Tethered balloon rides will begin at 4:30 pm (weather and wind conditions permitting). The finale both nights will be a Balloon Glow set to music. ...”

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HVA 21-0

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was sacked twice to stifle any comeback attempt. Hawks junior defensive lineman Michael Stewart had three sacks for the game.

“I told the team after half, ‘Karns has all the momentum,’” HVA running back Cooper Rittenberry said.

“This is the only moment they have,” he added. “If we get a pick we shut them out. And I was right.”

For the game, Paul threw for 164 yards on 18 completions in 29 attempts — and the pick.

“We tried to make them show us what they can do before we adjusted,” Miner said. “The pick gave us good field position.”

Fast start

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cohesion is a strength.

“We’re having fun together, just flowing and it makes the volleyball easy,” she said.

Three other starters from 2022 are senior middle hitter Bailey Byrd, senior right-side hitter Addison Sloane and junior outside hitter Calleigh Ringle. Others likely to see significant action will be junior setter Lexi Schoellart, junior right-side hitter Vanessa Grant and junior libero Gracy Lasig.

Waller thinks her team’s serving and hitting precision will be effective. “Serving and hitting in the dead spots,” she said. “Every practice we work on serves. We’re trying

to make our offense quicker so it’s hard to play against. We most need to work on defense and consistency.”

After sweeping Anderson County to open the season Tuesday, Aug. 15, HVA hosted Holy Cross High (Louisville) and won 18-25, 25-15, 26-24, 25-16. Ringle led the match in both kills and aces with 13 and six respectively. Hyatt led in assists with 20; Byrd led in blocks (seven) and digs (11).

Last weekend the Lady Hawks went 4-0 in the Showdown in the Sunsphere tournament in Knoxville Convention Center downtown.

They beat Loretto and Rockvale Friday, Aug. 18, before sweeping Cleveland 2-0 and defeating Ensworth 2-1 Saturday, Aug. 19.

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Knox Catholic	1-0	35-0	+35
Webb School	1-0	30-0	+30
HVA	1-0	21-0	+21
Farragut	1-0	24-17	+7
Bearden	0-1	10-14	-4
CAK	0-1	24-48	-24

Drama, blowouts, heartbreaker for PureMagic contest teams

While Farragut opened with a dramatic win and Hardin Valley Academy claimed a winning record for the first time since 2020 after crushing a rival (see stories and photos starting on pages 1B and 2B), the other four PureMagic How the West Was Won teams featured two that enjoyed blowout victories with new coaches Friday evening, Aug. 18.

Webb School of Knoxville's 30-0 home blowout win versus Battle Ground Academy was matched by Knoxville Catholic's easy home triumph, also a shutout, against Lakeway Christian Academy (35-0).

On the negative side, Bearden suffered a heartbreaking loss at Knoxville West against the defending Class 5A state champion Runnin' Rebels. Leading since early in the first quarter until just 17 seconds remained in the game, the Bulldogs were stunned with a 45-yard touchdown pass, allowing the home team to escape with a 14-10 win Saturday, Aug. 19.

Traveling to South Carolina, Christian Academy of Knoxville put up 24 points but were doubled up by Darlington High School Friday.

Webb 30 BGA 0

Despite Webb being turned back in the red zone four times by the BGA Wildcats, Spartans quarterback Jack Wagner found senior Harvey Niendorff on a short scoring pass late in the first quarter en route to giving new head coach Don Mahoney his first coaching win with the program.

Niendorff and his brother, junior Hal Niendorff, shared kicking duties with two extra-point conversions each.

A sack in the BGA end zone by linebacker Mason Testerman, assisted by defensive lineman Ethan Klasky, earned a safety and a 9-0 lead early in the second quarter.

Klasky and star linebacker Cooper Cameron each recovered a fumble. Xavier Hickman, defensive lineman, also was

among the green guys causing havoc with the 'Cats' offense.

Wagner's 18-yard touchdown pass to Greg Tate III came late in the first half and made it 16-0.

Webb then marched 55 yards to go up 23-0 after running back Jalen Hill's 6-yard scoring run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Also relying on the hard running of sophomore Baxter Johnson, the Spartans marched 79 yards in the fourth quarter for their final score. Wagner's 5-yard option keeper finished in the end zone.

KCHS 35 Lakeway 0

Junior quarterback Jaden Neal fired a pair of touchdown tosses, going 11-of-16 for 176 yards and one interception for

Knoxville Catholic.

Tyreek King ended with four receptions for 91 yards and two scores (36 and 38 yards), plus hauling in a 2-point conversion pass from Neal.

Along with his 76-yard kick-off return for six points to begin the third quarter, Braylon Harmon added a 13-yard rushing TD. Quincy Pannell's 3-yard run began the scoring midway into the first quarter.

Gavin Menard converted three extra points.

With Catholic's defense holding Lakeway to only 144 total yards, Keilyn Smith led the Irish in tackles with eight total, including two for loss. Picking off a pass, Shannon McKinney joined Pannell, Colton Gardner and George Mancini with six total stops each.

Knox West 14 Bearden 10

A 40-yard scoring run from Bulldog Jaheim Merriweather, a Purdue commitment, was set up at the West 40 after BHS safety Cody Clough blocked a

Runnin' Rebels punt early in the first quarter. That block was set up by a sack from Bearden linebacker Quincy Hodge.

On the Bulldogs' next possession, a 41-yard Jayzon Thompson scamper put Bearden in position for a 43-yard field goal from Daniel Kinney, giving the visitors a 10-0 lead it held at halftime.

Defensively for the Maroon and Gray, Clough had a huge fourth-down tackle to kill a West drive, while defensive back Sam Tummins recovered a Runnin' Rebels fumble.

Darlington 48 CAK 24

Lincoln Rich rushed 14 times for 148 yards and two touchdowns for CAK. Quarterback Aiden Troutt went 15-of-21 passing for 148 yards, including scoring tosses to Ward Sterchi (four catches for 37 yards) and Chris Cook (three receptions for 27 yards). Alexander Glass ran five times for 76 yards.

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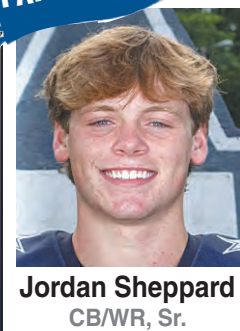
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