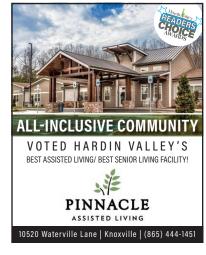
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What to do about cut-thru, speeding traffic?

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Following the Thursday, Aug. 8, hit-and-run accident seriously injuring a 16-year old youth at the corner of Thornton and Hughlan drives in Farragut, parents and officials are studying solutions to minimize accidents in that community.

"Alderman Drew Burnette has been talking with two different parents out there," Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said. "You hear all these rumors (about the

hit-and-run). I don't know anybody who can tell me what really happened."

"I've talked to a few families out there that are very concerned about the speed (of motorists) and the cutthrough traffic," said Burnette, who represents the South Ward. "So, I've already put in a traffic application for one of the residents for that, really, looking at comprehensively the whole neighborhood.

'We're looking at all the roads," he added. "The resident did a really good job of putting a map out of the high-concern roads, medium-concern roads."

Overall, "they are all a concern because they're in the path of potentially a cross-through over to Kingston Pike," Burnette said. "I've also spoken with another resident about having a community meeting for the entire homeowners association.

"They've reached out to the church, who said, 'Hey, we'll give you space to come and meet," he added. "So, we're just waiting to have that fully coordinated ... they're excited to come, have a listening session, be

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Lauren Morgan, recently elected to serve the Fifth District as its Knox County Board of Education representative having just finished her first experience as a candidate for office, is pictured with her husband, Tommy Morgan, and children, Jack, 13; Izzy, 11 (in back); and Cooper June, 9. She was elected after all votes were tabulated following Election Day Thursday, Aug. 1, by receiving 62.75 percent of the vote versus Democratic opponent Terrye Whitaker.

Mom experiences help prepare Morgan for duty as 5th District Board Ed rep

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Thirteen years spent nurturing her own three children while engaged with the Knox County Schools system — especially Farragut schools — have prepared Lauren Morgan, a first-time elected official, for the responsibility of helping the youth of Knox County's 5th District.

Elected after all votes were tabulated following Election Day Thursday, Aug. 1, by receiving 62.75 percent of the vote versus Democrat opponent Terrye Whitaker, Morgan takes her seat on Knox County Board of Education in an educational landscape bolstered already by high success.

"I am very excited about this new position," Morgan said, "and I have enjoyed getting to dive in since the election," eager to "continue building relationships in our community."

Paired with excitement is usually a side of anxiousness. For Morgan, it's the "significance" of the task of the Board.

"I don't take this responsibility lightly," she said, "and knowing that my fellow community members have voted for me and entrusted this important role to me is a heavy responsibil-

A product of the county's kindergarten through 12th-grade system, Morgan received her diploma from Bearden High School in 2005 before earning her degree in human ecologynutrition from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 2009.

While her husband, Tommy Morgan, landed his first post-college job up in Rockville, Maryland, working for the U.S. Nuclear Regu-

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Local sports complex plans told by 4-some at Speaker Series

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Farragut West Knox Chamber members and guests got an inside look at the economic impact of three area sports complexes under development at FWKCC Breakfast Speaker Series, "Game Changers — The Economic Impact of Sports Complexes," in Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in downtown Knoxville Wednesday morning, Aug. 28.

Presented by i4C Technology Group, Julie Blaylock, FWKCC president/CEO, said money from the speaker series raised \$1,550 for Women's Basketball Hall of Fame H.E.R.O. education program for students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Steve Maddox, president/founder of Maddox Companies, is the father of Dalton Maddox, vice president; Doug Kirchofer, CEO of Boyd Sports; and Tim Chandler, vice president of marketing for Flatrock Motorsports Park shared updates on their projects and the impact they will have on their respective communities during a panel discussion at the breakfast, catered by The Classy Caterer and moderated by Brittany Tarwater of WVLT-TV.

According to the Maddoxes, their Prosperity Crossing, being located at the crossroads of the North/South Interstate I-75 and East/West Interstate I-40 near Watt Road, is a 260-acre mixed use, sports-themed development featuring retail, a business park, hotel complex, entertainment venues, restaurants and residential

We're putting in a mixed-use sports element (with) seven fully turfed fields, open to tournament play on regional and national

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Tammy Cheek

Developer Dalton Maddox of Maddox Companies, left, listens as Doug Kirchofor talks about the Covenant Health Park under way in downtown Knoxville during Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast Speaker Series, Game Changers — The Economic Impact of Sports Complexes, in Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in downtown Knoxville Wednesday, Aug. 28.

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representatives of the Farragut business community. Bring a door prize and get your business recognized RSVP at steve@shopfarragut.com with the number in your party so event organizers could accurately account for food and beverages. For questions, call 865-307-2486.

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New Christian Life Center for CAK high schoolers



A rendering of the new Christian Life Center at Christian Academy of Knoxville, 529 Academy Way just off Dutchtown Road, is nearing completion. "The CLC will be a facility dedicated to the spiritual growth of our students and a place for our high schoolers to gather for worship and chapel each week," said Christa Margene, CAK director of marketing and communications. "The space also will enhance our ability to develop the God-given talents of our students by serving as a 500-seat performing arts center."

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KNOXVILLE — Christian Academy of Knoxville's new Christian Life Center on its campus, 529 Academy Way near Dutchtown Road, is nearing completion.

A groundbreaking took place in July and the building is "almost done," said Christa Margene, CAK director of marketing and communications, noting the school is expected to hold a ribbon cutting in the next few months.

The CLC "will be a facility dedicated to the spiritual growth of our students and a place for our high schoolers to gather for worship and chapel each week," she added.

"The space also will enhance our ability to develop the Godgiven talents of our students by serving as a 500-seat performing arts center."

"We are thrilled that we finally broke ground on our Christian Life Center," Head of School Rich Fulford said. "This is an exciting time to be a Warrior.

We are encouraged by everything God is doing on our campus and know that this building will better help us serve our students and prepare them to fulfill the great commission," he added. "We are thankful for each of our donors who have helped us reach this milestone."

While waiting for the new CLC complex to open, students have been using the high school commons area for chapel, or the campus gym, Margene said.

"We have also used the campus center gym for our theater

productions in the past," she added.

"This (CLC) facility will be a central point of CAK, fulfilling its

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towncalendar

· Farragut Parks & Recreation's new art classes, designed for youth and families alike, begins with Family Art Night, from 6 to 8 p.m. each third Thursday Sept. 19, Oct. 17 and Nov. 21. Cost is \$8 per person. "Families and individual adults are invited to get crafty at this monthly art night," a Town press release stated. Registration at townoffarragut.org/register is required and will close the Friday prior to each class beginning.

· Art Fest returns in 2024 with colorful new fun. Enjoy free, outdoor art activities from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 15, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Art Fest provides a creative outlet for children and parents alike. Multiple craft stations, offering activities, such as spin art, rock painting and seed planting, will provide materials and guided instruction. Event is sponsored by Farragut Arts & Beautification Committee. For more information, contact R&E manager Rachel Malone at 865-218-3376 or rmalone@townoffarragut.org.

• Afterschool Art runs from 2:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. **26**. Cost is \$4 per child (ages 6 through 12). No experience required. "This class allows students of all ages, skill levels and interests to explore art in a fun and ever-evolving environment," a Town press release stated. No registration is required. To see all upcoming classes and events, visit farragutparksandrec.org/ programsandevents. For more information, contact R&E manager Rachel Malone at rmalone@townoffarragut.org or call 865-218-3375.





KCSOreports

· At 4:11 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 1, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report a theft from 11409 Municipal Center Drive. "Complainant (said) she went to mail a check at the U.S. Post Office (and) dropped off the check inside the building in the mail slot by the front desk," the report stated.

Complainant said the check was made out (to a company) for \$1,055.60 with a St. Louis address as its destination. However, "Complainant (said) the check was changed to be addressed to (a woman) and the money changed to \$6,055.60.

· At 12:45 p.m., Monday, Sept. 2, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to re**port a theft** at a Station West Drive address. Complainant said the suspect "had a tab of sup-

plies she had bought but never actually paid for from the company," the report stated. "The complainant advised they were giving the suspect time to pay off the tab, (but) she had yet to do so and will not return any form of communication. Total value of supplies had a value listed at \$3,000.

· At 5:38 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 31, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report identity theft from a Russfield Drive residence. "Complainant advised an unknown suspect used his name and address to open a Verizon account and bought two iPhones and an iPad. Complainant said he received a bill from Verizon Aug. 31 in the mail.

The bill was for \$547 every month starting Sept. 17, 2024, and running through Aug. 13, 2027.



The Top 5 Tips to help Parkinson's Disease

Dr. John-Mark

Chesney

Ask The

Physical Therapist

Question:

Dear Dr. John-Mark,

I've recently been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease and I have heard that physical therapy can help. I understand that it is a progressive neurologic disease and I am open to anything that would be helpful. Is there value in physical therapy or should I just stick with my routine at the YMCA? -Robert

Answer: I've received several letters recently from people concerned about Parkinson's disease (PD) and how they or their loved ones can manage the condition. Parkin-

son's disease is a progressive neurological disorder that affects movement, balance, and coordination. Although the journey with Parkinson's can be challenging, I want to offer some hope and practical advice on how physical therapy can make a significant difference in managing your symptoms and maintaining your quality of life.

Understanding Parkinson's Disease

Parkinson's affects the brain's ability to produce dopamine, a chemical crucial for regulating movement. As the disease progresses, symptoms like tremors, stiffness, slow movement, and balance issues can make everyday activities more difficult and increase the risk of falls, making early and consistent intervention essential.

The Role of Physical Therapy

Now, you might be wondering, how exactly can physical therapy help with a condition as complex as Parkinson's? The answer lies in the way physical therapy addresses the specific challenges that come with PD. Physical therapists are trained to design personalized exercise programs that can improve mobility, strength, and balance—all critical areas for someone with Parkinson's.

Read below to learn more about 5 key tips for how the right treatment can help you reduce the harmful effects of PD.

Tip 1: Improve Mobility

Reduced mobility is common in Parkinson's as movements become slower and more rigid. Physical therapy focuses on exercises that maintain and enhance range of motion. Stretching exercises can keep muscles flexible and reduce the risk of contractures. Functional exercises, which mimic daily activities like getting up from a chair, can retrain the brain to perform these actions more efficiently.

Tip 2: Balance Training to Prevent Falls

Balance issues increase the risk of falls in Parkinson's. Physical therapists use techniques that challenge stability, such as standing on one leg or walking on uneven surfaces. These exercises strengthen posture-supporting muscles and improve the body's ability to correct itself when balance is lost, reducing

Tip 3: Gait Training for Better Walking

Walking can become difficult, often leading to a shuffling gait or freezing episodes. Physical therapists teach techniques to improve walking patterns, like using rhythmic auditory cues to establish a regular walking pace. Practicing these techniques in therapy can build confidence and reduce freezing

Tip 4: Strength Training to Combat Weakness

Muscle weakness is common in Parkinson's. Physical therapists guide patients through strength training exercises tailored to their needs. These exercises, including resistance training and body-weight exercises, strengthen the core and improve posture and

Tip 5: Finding the Right Therapist: **Look for LSVT-BIG Certification**

When searching for a physical therapist to help manage Parkinson's disease, it's essential to find someone with specialized training in treating this condition. One highly regarded qualification to look for is LSVT-BIG certification. LSVT-BIG is a research-based, intensive therapy program specifically designed for individuals with Parkinson's dis-

LSVT-BIG is based on the principle that people with Parkinson's need to make "bigger" movements to counteract the small, slow movements that the disease causes. Certified LSVT-BIG practitioners are trained to deliver this specialized treatment, which focuses on large amplitude, exaggerated movements. These exercises help improve walking speed, balance, and overall mobility, which can significantly enhance daily functioning and reduce the risk of falls. This program is designed to retrain the brain to perceive and execute movements in a more normal range of motion, despite the effects of Parkinson's.

Final Thoughts

While Parkinson's disease presents many challenges, physical therapy offers a path to better manage the symptoms and maintain independence. It's important to remember that everyone's journey with Parkinson's is unique, so working with a physical therapist to create a personalized treatment plan is key. Early intervention and consistent effort can lead to significant improvements in mobility, balance, and overall quality of life.

If you or a loved one is living with Parkinson's, I encourage you to consider physical therapy as part of your treatment plan. And when choosing a therapist, seek out someone who is LSVT-BIG certified. If you're not sure where to find a LSVT-BIG certified therapist- we got you covered (: Dr. Maritza is a recent addition to our staff, is LSVT-BIG certified, and currently accepting new clients. Feel free to call our clinic at (865) 351-0615 to get scheduled with Dr. Maritza! Her specialized training can make a world of difference in helping you or your loved one manage Parkinson's more effectively.

With care and hope, Dr. John-Mark

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, call Simply Physio at (865) 351-0615 or email him at john-mark@simplypt.co or you can visit www.simplypt.com

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• Knoxville Habitat for Humanity has announced Anna Engelstad recently was se**lected** as the organization's new chief executive officer.

After a comprehensive search that considered more than 100

candidates from across the United States, Engelstad emerged as the top choice to the lead nonprofit's efforts in building strength. stability



Engelstad

and self-reliance through shelter in the Knoxville community, according to a KHH press re-

Her appointment took effect Sunday, Sept 1.

"Engelstad brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to affordable housing and community development,' the release stated. "She has dedicated her career to creating sustainable and inclusive communities, aligning perfectly with Knoxville Habitat for Humanity's mission to ensure that everyone has a decent place to

As CEO, Engelstad will oversee all aspects of Knoxville Habitat for Humanity's operations, including home construction, community engagement and fundraising efforts.

Knoxville commercial photographer Colby McLemore, owner of Colby's Photos & Videos, was voted onto Tennessee Professional Photographers Association board of directors at its fall

convention in Franklin in late August.

"Colby is a great asset to our organization. Whether it's helping others feel welcome, volunteer-



ing ing our conferences, being a committee chair or making us laugh, to name a few, you can tell he wants this organization to be the best it can be. We are lucky to have him, and I'm looking forward to serving with him this year," current year TPPA president Angela Seats said.

He is active throughout the industry, a press release stated.

business QC Kinetix opens in TCreek briefs

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With the grand opening of

its Turkey Creek office, QC Kinetix is helping alleviate suffering without drugs or surgery. Dr. Douglas Campbell, QC

Kinetix medical director, said regenerative medicine treatments can help give people back their freedom to do things they want to do and get relief from pain.

The clinic, located at 11653 Parkside Drive, celebrated its opening with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commercesponsored ribbon cutting Wednesday, Aug. 28.

"We have a location in Powell that has been quite successful," Campbell said "And, Farragut's kind of a natural fit for our patient population."

"Medicine and treatments have evolved and changed so much over decades," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. "I remember my grandmother, who was 90, was a hard worker and came from good European stock and worked a farm her whole life and loved hard work.

"I remember one of the last things she said to me was 'I would give anything for any kind of hard work if I had the body to do it," Blaylock related. "That made me value work ethic, but having the body to do things you want to do."



Dr. Douglas Campbell (with scissors), QC Kinetix medical director, and staff members Mandy Poe (third from left), clinic manager; Joy Henry (to Campbell's right), FPN; and Mollie Nelson (far right), LPN, lab coordinator, prepare to cut the ribbon for the grand opening of the clinic, 11653 Parkside Drive, with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event Wednesday, Aug. 28.

Campbell explained QC Kinetix is a field of regenerative medicine, using orthobiologics, "which are products derived from your own body's tissues.

"Basically, we draw different elements out of blood or bone marrow, concentrate them and then put them back into the patient's own body," he added. "Your body is kind of Route 40 — It's in a constant state of breaking down and being repaired.'

Simply put, "That's just the natural order of the human body. Your body has signaling pathways and mechanisms to affect those repairs and also break itself down," Campbell said. "It has a demolition crew and a construction crew; and when those crews get out of whack, then you end up with problems like arthritis and inflammation.

"So, if you can get the right members of those crews out of the blood and put them into the joint, then you can redirect that healing,"he added.

The office is open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Wednesdays but patients/potential patients can call 865-238-4799 24 hours a day to book an appointment.

"It's a fascinating field," Campbell said. "I first became interested in it about 15, 16 years ago when my right hip went bad — Basically, I had a stroke in my hip.

"I was looking at a total hip replacement," he added.

At that time, the alternative to surgery was stem cells, but "it wasn't ready for prime time ... but I've been following the field ever since," Campbell said.

Peachtree Planning announces expansion

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KNOXVILLE — Peachtree Planning recently announced the growth of its Knoxville office, which officially opened April 1, with five new associates. Jonathan Palk, Don Thibeault, Donny Crass, Erika Tucci and

Adam Hutchens recently joined the team. "We are thrilled to welcome five new associates to our team,

underscoring our commitment to expanding our services and better serving the financial strategizing needs of the Knoxville community," said Keith Kail, managing director with Peachtree Planning in Knoxville.

"Our growth reflects the increasing demand for a comprehensive financial process in the region," he added. "We are dedicated to helping our clients and business owners achieve their financial goals through personalized strategies and exceptional service.

"The addition of these talented associates enhances our ability to provide the highest level of support to our clients.

He explained Peachtree Planning offers a wide range of services, including comprehensive strategies that coordinate insurance protection, retirement planning, estate planning, business



Photo submitted

Peachtree Planning recently welcomed new associates. From left are financial representatives Don Thibeault, Jonathan Palk, Donny Crass and Adam Hutchens. Far right is managing director Keith Kail, FICF, CFEI. Not pictured is Erika Tucci.

planning and investment services dedicated to helping navigate the complex world of finance.

'Our Knoxville office is equipped to provide clients with tailored financial strategies that align with their life plans, leveraging the experience of our growing team," Kail said.

For more information about Peachtree Planning and its services, visit its website at www.peachtreeplanning.com.

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CURRENT WATERSPORTS





Traffic issues

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heard, give good ideas and see what all the options are on the table to slow traffic (and) to reduce traffic going through that neighborhood and ultimately keeping those kids safe.'

"I'm curious about why (the teen) was sitting where she was sitting," the mayor added.

One factor that may be at play is the school bus stops themselves.

"People don't know where the stops are at," Williams said, noting bus students usually sit or stand in their drive-

However, some students are

observed at the end of a road, such as Grigsby Chapel, at a subdivision trance. "I'm cu-



"Angela Russell came up and talked to me ... she started talking about putting benches out there (at the bus stops)," Williams added.

Williams

However, "there's no way the Town of Farragut can afford to put benches."

He suggested parents should make that suggestion to Knox County School Board superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk or Ryan Dillingham, Knox County Schools director of transportation.

Williams also noted at some bus stops, there are sidewalks where the students sit and wait.

"I know they change from time to time based on the volumes of kids," Burnette said about their bus stops. "We're definitely looking at that, along with the speeds on the roads that are by those bus stops."

Regarding speeding that area, Williams said the Town could put in more speed bumps, but "we can't block off

mission of creating disciples

while expanding the impact

of all performing arts at our school," said Josh Whitehead,

Board of Trustees president.

"The board is incredibly grate-

ful for each family that is part-

nering with us to enable our

school to equip the next gen-

(marked) the beginning of

construction for this transfor-

mative facility," Margene said.

board members, along with

donors and capital campaign

co-chairs were present for this

CAK leadership, including

groundbreaking

eration of Christ-followers."

CAK expansion

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"The

a street to prevent people driv-

About motorists cutting through the neighborhood to get to Kingston Pike, Burnette said, "I've talked to Darryl (Smith, Town engineer) about it, and said, 'Hey can we put No Cut-Through signs here?" I think all those options are on the table, especially as we come and hear their HOA and the community talk about what they would like to see.

"I imagine those ideas will come up," he added. "I've already talked to Darryl about them, and I think they're possibilities. We just need to hear from Darryl and the team on what they used in the past and how they

worked. However, "I don't want to make somebody feel better just by doing something there out that our



Burnette

professionals don't see working," Burnette said. "I want to make sure what we do, whether it's speed limit signs that show your actual speed or more speed humps through the neighborhood or no cut-through signs – I just want to hear from them on how effective they see those short and long term."

Having more Knox County Sheriff's Office units patrolling more often in the mornings and afternoons also would help. Williams observed.

"We have tried and asked many, many times for a bigger police presence for our community," Burnett said. "So far, we have not been able to get any more expanded police

"I would love to have police out there, monitoring speed, watching the cut-throughs, handing out traffic tickets for those who are speeding and out of control through the neighborhood," he added.

"Unfortunately, we just don't control" such patrols.

groundbreaking event.

"We encourage everyone to follow our website and social media channels for updates and progress regarding the Christian Life Center,"



Morgan

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latory Commission, Morgan completed a dietetic internship and graduated in 2010 from the University of Maryland, beginning a career as a dietitian in Washington, D.C., before moving back home to Knox County.

She founded the nonprofit Project Gabriel in 2014 after her second son passed away the year prior, not long after his birth, and the support portal — along with her new role on the BOE — is her working focus now.

According to her website (theprojectgabriel.org), "Project Gabriel exists to support families who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or infant death by offering monthly support groups, individual relationships and care through financial, emotional and physical means ...to bring all of those things to parents going through a devastating loss." Today, ever the nurtur-

ing mother who understands what children are up against — from her own experience to witnessing the happenings as a member of parent-teacher organizations — Morgan said "safety is of the utmost importance," adding, that it's "imperative that we help keep our students safe in all aspects of their school day."

Relationship building is a key priority as well. "I want people to know that I am excited to be the representative for District 5 on the school board," she said, "and I want to hear from our community," looking forward to working closely not just with fellow board members, but with administrators, staff, students and parents.

"I look forward to partnering with the district to make sure that every student has an excellent education," Morgan added, "including our students with special needs," an important factor as she is the mother of two daughters — Izzy, 11, and Cooper June, 9, who have dyslexia. Her eldest, 13-yearold Jack, is gifted.

"I think my varied experiences with my children help me to better understand other parents' experiences," Morgan said in regard to both special education and over-crowdedness, key issues that made her enter the race. Morgan also comes to the ta-

ble with loads of advice. Susan Horn, former Fifth District rep (term-limited) "has been a wealth of wisdom," she said. "Susan holds so much experience and institutional knowledge, and I am thankful for her willingness to share that with me. She has shared lots of good advice with me, and has been very helpful in helping me learn to see the big picture, as is the school board's role."

Election night was special for the Morgan family. "It was a gift," she said, "to be able to spend it with those I love and celebrate with so many who helped us get to this point. I love that my kids got to see the election process in a differ-

66 I think my varied experiences with my children help me to better understand other parents' experiences,"

Lauren Morgan -new 5th District Board Ed rep

ent and personal way, and it meant so much to have them and my husband, Tommy, with me that evening."

During their leisure time,

the Morgans enjoy greenway

dog walks, all things Tennesse Vols athletics, beach vacations and trips to anything offering something fun. "I love spending time with my family and cheering my

kids on in all of their things, Lauren Morgan said, sneaking away to get a tennis match in when she gets a chance. As for the task at hand,

though, she concluded, "I'm excited to serve in this role. and I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me. We can do great things together."

Morgan's first BOE work session was Tuesday, Sept. 3, following her swearing in. Her first regular session will be Thursday, Sept. 5.



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levels on weekends, along with local play during the week," Dalton Maddox said. "We're also putting in indoor sports and sports entertainment aspect to this.'

He expects tourism and entertainment opportunities to arise from the development.

"This is a project I've been working on for 14, 15 years," Steve Maddox said. "I started off with 100 acres. Now it's up to 230 acres."

Struggling to come up with the right theme for the project, Steve said, "Sports came to us as an idea ... we're in the earth-moving process at this time, and we'll be moving earth for about another five or six months, (then) it will start becoming vertical at that point in time."

He said citizens could expect hotels, restaurants, entertainment venues and other different types of mixed uses.

"It's going to be a huge boost to Knox County," Steve added, pointing out there will be improvements to the Interstate

interchanges to go along with the project.

Kirchofer also expects a boost coming from his company's project.

"We're working with the City of Knoxville and Knox County," he said. "We are already employing

groups." Covenant Health Park will be providing baseball stadium for The Smokbaseball games and other events in



Steve Maddox

the downtown area. As part of the redevelopment, GEM Community Development Group partnered with Boyd Sports to undertake the multi-million dollar project, also offering restaurant, retail and residential, as well as public plazas.

We have a small construction project going on that is down the street here that is highly visible, and we're extremely excited about the progress that is being made," Kirchofer said. "I'm looking forward to talking to you more about what the timeline looks like, what we hope that it means for downtown Knoxville and for our region."

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phase park development as a "motorsports resort," expected to be completed in a little more than three years. Phase 1 is 500 club and country club, which currently under construction.

"The tracks are paved and finished," he said. "We're putting in the final elements for electronics 111."

According to its website, there are three tracks: a 3.5mile, a 2.48-mile and 1.05-mile.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Second Harvest

kicked off their Annual Hunger Action Month by hosting a breakfast on Thursday, August 29th, in partnership with Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce and Blount Partnership.

Donations of peanut butter, a vital protein for children and families in need, totaled 2,041 pounds. JoJo, the chambers sponsored service dog from Smoky Mountain Service Dogs, made an appearance as well. September is the Feeding America Network's annual nationwide campaign designed to inspire people to take action and raise awareness of hunger and food insecurity in the United States.

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Dog Daze VIII

Dog Daze VIII — one stop of a nationwide tour of dogs jumping competitively for length into a pool with prize money at stake — was a huge hit, as the previous seven have been, in the parking lot of Village Green shopping center in Farragut Friday through Sunday, Aug. 9-11.

Dogs photographed jumping on this page were all part of the annual Dog Daze opening event, the Pooch Plunge Aug. 9, where most of the participating dogs are either new to jumping into a pool — from a drop of more than 2 feet — or at least not competitive jumpers.

Plenty of folks were on hand all three days, including those witnessing the championship jumping rounds Aug. 11. (See related story and photo beginning on page 4B)



- **1.** From left, Suzanne, Allana and Gio Kappel with dogs Tyrone (white) and Captain
- **2.** Murphy, 6, with owner Sarah Donaher
- **3.** Tiva, 3, jumps for an owner who ID'd herself only as Kate
- **4.** Otis, 1, jumps for owner Kayden Nccord
- **5.** Baylor, 8 months, jumps for owner Erin McCollum
- **6.** Myles, 4, with owner Joan Ahart
- **7.** Riley, 7, with owner Ashley Teepe
- 8. Nicole Ball with daughters, Makenna, 12, left, and Audrey, 10, and dog Millie, 5

Photos by Alan Sloan and Tammy Cheek

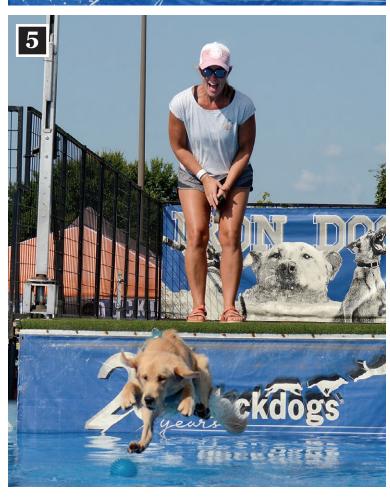












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Staving off 3 match points, Lady Ads volleyball edges KCHS

BILL HOWARD Correspondent

It was a volleyball match that couldn't have gone down to the wire any further.

Thursday night, Aug. 29, in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, Farragut High's volleyball team outlasted Knoxville Catholic three sets to two. The Lady Ads saved three match points in the fifth set and held on for the dramatic win, ending the week with a 9-1 mark.

"Refusing to lose; refusing to fall down," FHS head coach Andre Alves said. "I couldn't be prouder."

"One more play, here or there, by either team," KCHS head coach Brent Carter said. "Kudos them for battling the way they did." Farragut

built a commanding 21-10 lead in the first set, only to see the Lady Irish cut the lead to 23-17. FHS then closed it out.

Farragut led 11-10 in the second, but Catholic then went on an 11-4 run to lead 21-15. The Irish won it 25-18 to tie the match at a set

Streaky scoring — so common in volleyball — continued in the third set. Down 18-15, the Lady Admirals ripped off the final 10 points of the set to win 25-18 and lead two sets to

Back and forth scoring characterized the fourth set. FHS led 23-22 to pull within two points of the match. Two in a row by Catholic gave them a set point at 24-23.

Farragut tied it at 24, only to lose the next two points and the set. The fifth set would decide the match.

KCHS jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead, but the Lady Admirals tied it 6-6. The Lady Irish led 14-11 and had three set points. Four in a row by Farragut gave them a match point at 15-14. Catholic tied it at 15 but Far-

ragut then scored the final two points to win the set, and the match, 17-15.

"We were down 14-11 (in the fifth set) and we only gave up

one after that," Alves said. "That shows my leadership of my seniors."

Trinity Rye led FHS (6-1) in kills with 21. She also led in digs with 15; Bella Ekeler had 13 digs. Ekeler led in assists by far with 41.

Mia Kinney led Catholic (4-3) in kills with 13. Car-Calloway had digs while Nora James had 33 assists.

Tuesday, Aug. 27, the Lady Admirals beat Anderson Co. on the road in a three-set sweep: 25-16, 25-23 and 25-18.

Victor Ashe XC Classic locals

KCHS, HVA, FMS have team champs





(Top far right) Garrett Hawkins, Hardin Valley Academy senior (3227) edges Asheville senior Michael Haskins by just .02 of a second to win the Boys High School Varsity 3-mile run during annual Victor Ashe Cross Country Classic Saturday morning and early afternoon, Aug. 31. (Above left) HVA freshman Zarah Enbom captures first place in the Girls High School Junior Varsity race. (Above right) Cullen Brewer, Farragut High School sophomore, takes second in Boys JV race.



STAFF REPORTS

KNOXVILLE — Once again, many Far-

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ragut area cross country teams were at or near the top during annual Victor Ashe XC Classic, in Victor Ashe Park, Saturday morning and early afternoon, Aug. 31. On the high school varsity level, Knox-

ville Catholic swept the girls and boys team championships, as the top three teams were in the same order for both genders: the Lady Irish finished at 63, followed by runner-up Hardin Valley Academy at 121 and third-place Farragut scoring 194.

The KCHS boys varsity finished with 61, followed by HVA at 78 and the Admirals with 127. Highlighting this race was individual champion Garrett Hawkins of HVA,

a senior, edging senior Michael Haskin of Asheville, North Carolina, by just .02 seconds (15:45.73 versus 15:45.75).

At the Junior Varsity Boys level, it was the Hawks flying high, winning with 21 points. Farragut took second at 56, with Catholic third at 124.

Hardin Valley's JV girls were the top local finisher, grabbing fourth place (70).

At the Middle School level, the Farragut Middle School girls edged out Hardin Valley Middle 92 versus 111. Webb School was seventh and West Valley took ninth.

FMS also was the top local Boys Middle School finisher, placing fifth (146), followed by Concord Christian School in seventh and HVMS taking 10th.

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Photos courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com (Above) Noah Haag, Farragut High School junior quarterback, hands off to junior running back Charlie Noble during the Ads' game at Powell Friday evening, Aug. 30. (Far right) Grady Brown, FHS

senior outside linebacker, tackles a Pan-

thers running back.

Rebound for FHS football?

Powell rolls; West for home opener

ALAN SLOAN

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POWELL — With its size advantage along the defensive line and at quarterback, plus Powell's skill position speed along the boundaries resulting in huge gains at opportune times, Farragut had a super tough task Friday night, Aug. 30, on the road.

The scoreboard reflected that challenge, as the Panthers (1-1) rolled to a 35-7 win to leave the Admirals still winless at 0-2

Among the bright spots for Farragut was back-up quarterback Noah Haag, who led the team's only scoring drive, 72 yards in six plays, which ended with his on-target 52-yard touchdown pass to senior receiver Robbie Jacobs with 3:04 left in the third quarter. Another Haag to Jacobs connection just three plays be-

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It's a new, impressive BHS girls streak

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BEARDEN — No Bearden Lady SoccerDawgs varsity player had ever tasted defeat wearing the Maroon and Gray during a 73-match unbeaten run (70-0-3) enjoyed by many of the team's seniors and spanning more than three seasons. And though the three-time defending Division I-AAA state champs — and 2022 national champs — finally lost, to state power Houston, a new streak began in impressive fashion during the annual BHS Invitational the team hosted last weekend.

After taking down another Class AAA state power by shutting out Collierville 2-0 — MaxPreps' previous AAA No. 1-ranked team — Thursday, Aug. 29, Ryan Radcliffe's talented girls (3-1-1 starting the week) closed their Invitational play be blanking Hendersonville 5-0 Saturday, Aug. 31, at the Radcliffe-Kelly Soccer Complex on Turner-Allender

"Anytime you can look at a ranking and beat a team that's up there at No. 1, it helps," Bearden head coach Ryan Radcliffe said. "Even if it's just morally."

About the pressure being off concerning the three-plus year unbeaten streak, "You hope that it's a positive," Radcliffe said. "That's been our message, is this can be the best thing to happen to you if you let it be, if you learn from it, if you improve from it ... and you understand that you're beatable.

"That was the biggest thing: you understand you're beatable and you're not invincible," he added.

Three goals from Jayla Blue, star junior forward, and two others from BHS standout Halle Bibee provided plenty of scoring against the Lady Commandos Saturday. Three assists came from Maci Ritzman plus one each from Rylie Lucas and Brooklyn Major.

Ritzman taking charge in a post-match huddle, "She's a vocal leader for us and steps up for us and has been a really good presence," the coach said. "Obviously, she' a player that's been on the field the past couple of years in state championship moments, and so she understands the magnitude of it and understands what it takes to get there, too.

"Maci and Natalie (Heinig) and Halle, all three of them obviously returning starters, returning seniors for us and captains of our team that we expect to do a good job of leading us," the coach added.

66 Anytime you can look at a ranking and beat a team that's up there at No. 1, it helps. Even if it's just morally,"

Ryan Radcliffe

- BHS Lady SoccerDawgs head coach



Photos by Alan Sloan

(Left) Jack McDonnell, Farragut Middle School eighthgrader, finished ninth. (Above) A Concord Christian Middle School girls runner at the finish line.

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Individuals, varsity girls Second-place, Drew Gerken, KCHS freshman (19:31.19); fourth, Alexandra Vesser, HVA sophomore (20:12.91); seventh, Livi Ray, KCHS freshman; 11th, Elizabeth Wolski, KCHS junior; and 14th, Caitlin Daniels, KCHS freshman.

Boys varsity

Fifth, Gabe Allen, HVA senior (16:37.02); sixth, Tanner Coggin, FHS senior; seventh, Tony Ortega, KCHS senior; ninth, Josh Hunt, HVA senior; 12th, Radek Molchan, KCHS junior; 13th, Cade Duncanson, KCHS sophomore; 14th, Reid Banninster, KCHS freshman; and 15th, Evan Van DeGriff, KCHS freshman.

JV girls

Champ, Zarah Enbom, HVA freshman (24:01.39); third, Katherine Evans, FHS junior (24:33.10) and fifth, Emma Dolynchuk, HVA freshman (25:35.41).

JV boys

Champ, Andrew Parks, HVA senior (18:13.26); second, Cullen Brewer, FHS sophomore (18:21.59); third, Brody Van Meter, HVA freshman (18:35.60); fourth, Cody Colomac, HVA sophomore (18:55.60); sixth, Joshua Watkins, HVA senior; seventh, Dakota Gillen, HVA freshman; eighth, Zathan Socha, HVA junior; 10th, Liam Hurst, HVA freshman; 11th, Nate Carr, FHS junior. 12th, Anders Kofed, FHS freshmen; 13th, Levi Sprecher, KCHS junior; 14th, Wyatt Socha, HVA freshman; and 15th, Noah Rile, KCHS junior.

Middle School girls (2 mile)

Third, Linley Lawhorn, eighth grade, HVMS (13:53.29); sixth, Ava Brinley, 8th grade, FMS; ninth, Julia Joyce, 8th grade, WVMS; 11th, Amelia Allen, 6th grade, HVMS; 14th, Sophia Leili, 8th grade, HVMS.

Middle School boys (2 mile) Fifth, West Areheart, sixth

grade, CCS (12:21.82); sixth, Scout Areheart, sixth-grade, CCS; ninth, Jack McDonnell, eighth grade, FMS.

Elementary girls (1 mile)

Champ, Serphina Kapaya, fifth grade, St. John Neumann (5:59.17); 12th, Lydia Cox, fifth grade, FMS.

Elementary boys (1 mile)

Champ, Bear Areheart, fourth-grader, CCS (5:51.17); third, Myers Slagle, fifth grade, Blue Grass (5:58.80); and fourth, Joey Nelson, fourth grade, West Hills (5:59.80).



(Above) Jayda Blue, Bearden Lady SoccerDawgs standout junior forward, left, looks to make a move on a Hendersonville defender during BHS Invitational play at the Radcliffe-Kelly Soccer Complex/Turner-Allender Field Saturday evening, Aug. 31. (Below) Farragut's Ava Upshaw, right, fights a Father Ryan player for possession during this BHS Invitational game Saturday afternoon.



Bearden **Invitational:** 2 wins for **Lady Ads**

ALAN SLOAN

editor@farragutpress.com **BEARDEN** — A presti-

gious annual tournament,

the Bearden Invitational, is where the Farragut Lady Admirals soccer team got above water record-wise, improving to 3-2 on the still young season with a pair of victories. First-half goals by Gabby Mendez and Leana Maier

stood up in a 2-1 win against Father Ryan Saturday, Aug. 31. This triumph came a day after Jessie Burkhart's team beat Lincoln County.

"Third game in three days in this heat that we've had (also a loss to Baylor School), so obviously legs are tired, but I think they did a great job coming out and trying to execute what we were doing, coach Burkhart said. "We had to keep a rotation going, and each one came out and put forth their best effort. So I can't complain about any of

'From the back, Kennedy (Dade), Rowan, and I've got Ada Becker and a couple of freshmen, Reagan (Louchart) and McKena (Bishop) coming in and playing in the backline, and they're doing a really good job. My midfield, they're staying strong and solid, and they're working," the coach

Then we've got a rotation of three front runners that are giving a lot of effort and pushing, and they're just coming in and playing as hard as they can for 10 minutes, and then we cycle back in with another





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Summer's closing acts in Town

Dog Daze another big Farragut hit: Krempasky

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Competitors and dog lovers alike gathered in Village Green shopping center's parking lot Friday through Sunday, Aug. 9-11, to witness canines' jumping skills and enjoy what vendors had to offer during Shop Farragut's Dog Daze VIII at Village Green.

"It went great," Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance's executive director Steve Krempasky said after Sunday's competitions. "People can't wait to do it again.

"Every wave was full," he added. "The crowd was steady all weekend long, and everybody enjoyed it."

Krempasky estimated about 6,000 attended throughout the weekend that featured the DockDogs' sanctioned event.

Emily Fox, DockDogs event administrator, said 17 dog breeds competed, with the most popular being a Belgian Malinois.

"Teams traveled to compete from all over Tennessee, as well as from North Carolina and Georgia," she added. "We had two youth handlers competing: Robert Miller, 16, with Poseidon, an 11-month-old English Springer Spaniel, and Brock Whitt, 12, with Lily, a

weekend was 3 feet, 4 inches, by a 12-year-old German Shepherd dog named Cinder."

tor of the world's premier dog aquatics competition that welcomes all breeds and sizes and their equally diverse human counterparts," said Fox, noting the organization is 'celebrating 25 years of deliv-



Lawn Chair Concert, Founders Park, ends with big turnout

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With Labor Day having ushered in the unofficial start of fall, we look back at the last show of the summer in the Town, holding on to just a bit more of the fun, as the heat holds on a bit longer as well, before we close the book officially on another summer down in Farragut.

Despite the somewhat ominous forecast predicted for the evening, the skies chose rocking over rain Saturday, Aug. 17, for Farragut's Lawn Chair Concert in Founders Park at Campbell Station, and folks apparently anticipated as much and poured in.

Clearly boasting the best turnout of the Town of Farragut's Summer Concert Series, people arriving an hour early had to park at Westgate Church or elsewhere, with the park's lot packed with vehicles still streaming in, folks unloading kids, dogs and chairs and making their way to the grounds to soak up the music, food and fun that prevailed over an evening that earlier was shaping up to be a meteorological bummer.

Kicking things off was Farragut High Marching Admirals, lining up at the deep end of the park's meandering sidewalk, marching to and around the stage to give the crowd a performance before Ms. Nikki and the UpTown Players took over to flood the atmosphere with a soulful mix of blues, jazz and R&B.

Shandy Dixon is a personal community event organizer and has been the key in which the Town's concert series is played. With her whole family, she essentially rolls up her sleeves to make this particular series ending happen. This was her ninth missing one due to COVID-19 sickness a few years ago.

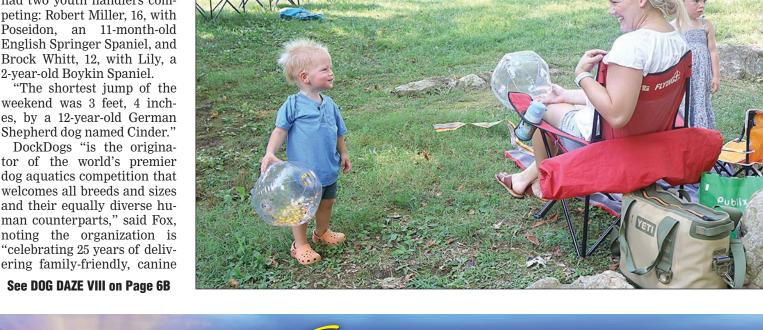
"As far as the bones of everything, it's myself and my family," she said. "So if you go around, my mom is working the lemonade stand. These girls," pointing to an adjacent tent, "we've known since they were children, like infants. My family is playing in

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(Above) Among the dogs and their owners participating in Dog Daze VIII's opening act, Pooch Plunge where local dogs get a chance to sample the experience of jumping into a pool — are Tara, 2, and owner Sherrie Girty Friday afternoon, Aug. 9. (Left) Ford Howell, 1. plays ball with his mom, Jani Howell, and his sister, Townes, 3, in Founders Park at Campbell Station during Lawn Chair Concert, the finale to the Town of Farragut's Summer Concert Series, Saturday, Aug. 17.

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Natalie Hess of Farragut will attend the Honors College at the College of Charleston starting this fall. Hess joins an inspired learning community within the Honors College. Honors students enjoy personalized mentorship, unique opportunities and small, seminar-style classes.

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A 2024 graduate of L&N STEM Academy, Hess plans to major in English.

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• Join Farragut business owners, managers and their employees in an exciting and informative networking opportunity Tuesday, Sept, 17, between 4 and 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, at Current Watersports, 11221 Outlet Drive.

"This Fall Mixer will feature the story and beautiful boats of Current Watersports plus updates on upcoming promotional opportunities and activities from Shop Farragut and Visit Farragut," a SF/Farragut Business Alliance press release stated.

Food and beverages will be provided by Farragut favorites Island Fin Poke (Turkey Creek) and Water Into Wine bistro and lounge. This Biz Mixer is free to all representatives of the Farragut business community. Bring a door prize and get your business recognized

RSVP at steve@shopfarragut.com with the number in your party for an accurate account to plan for food and beverage. For questions, call 865-307-2486.

 Avalon Veterans and First Responders group is looking for golfers and sponsors to support a fundraiser benefitting veterans and first responders.

Second Annual Avalon Veterans and First Responders Golf Tournament is slated to start at 8 a.m., Friday, Sept. 13, and projected to end around 4 p.m., at Avalon Golf and Country Club, 700 Turnberry Circle off Highway 70, between Farragut and Lenoir City in Loudon County.

"We need players, sponsors and donors," said Barry Miller, tournament chair and nonprofit organization rep. "Players sign up, and that helps the golf course support us.

"The donors and sponsors help us gain money for the distributions to what we want to do under our 501(c)3," he added. Signups to play are \$150 per player.

Donation and sponsor opportunities include: hole sponsors, \$500; silver sponsors, \$1,000; gold sponsors, \$2,500; platinum sponsors, \$5,000; tournament sponsor, \$10,000; and presenting sponsor, \$15,000.

To sign up for this fourperson scramble tournament, contact Avalon Golf & Country Club at 865-567-7668, visit online at avalonvets.com or send a check to 1090 Oak Chase Blvd., Lenoir City, TN 37772.

For more information, contact Miller, 865-816-0155, or Beau Hollin at Avalon, 865-567-7668, ext. 1.

• First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733 Kingston Pike, will host three Hope Rises events this fall for youth and adults. The Addicted Mind/Belief System, from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 22, is led by Ashlee Crouse, CPRS, RCPF, Metro Drug Coalition, Regional Faith-Based coordinator,

Hope in an Anxious World, from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 20, is led by Scott Payne, M.Div., Contact Care Line, Outreach and Support manager

Loss and the Holidays, Sunday, Nov. 17, is led by Samantha Pitkin, LCSW, The Middle Path

For more information, or to register, visit Register online at www.ffumc.org/event or call the church office at 865-966-8430.

• Eleventh Knox Asian Festival will make its return to World's Fair Park Sunday, Sept. 8, with a special "Friends of the Festival" VIP event from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Sept 7.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by visiting www. asianculturetn.org. Cost of admission includes a festival T-shirt and all-day access to the festival the next day.

On Sept. 8, the Festival will run from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission will be \$3 for visitors 12 years and up and free for children under 12. All entry gates will be cashless, so visitors are encouraged to purchase tickets ahead of time.

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FAFSA statewide honor given to Hardin Valley Academy

Hardin Valley Academy was among 117 high schools across

Tennessee to be recognized as a Free Application for Federal Student Aid champions for the Class of 2024. Tennessee Higher Education Commission and Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation "award the designation of FAFSA Champion to schools whose Tennessee Promise FAFSA completion rate exceeds 90 percent or increased by 5 percent or more over the previous year," a FAFSA press release stated.

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"THEC/TSAC partnered earlier this year with dozens of education and community partners across the state to launch a special FAFSA Frenzy campaign to strongly encourage and support all students and families in completing the FAFSA," the release further stated.

Little known citizen rights told to RCF by Hammond



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Rotary Club of Farragut president Scott Bertini, left, and member Candace Viox, second from right, welcome Knox County Criminal Court Clerk Mike Hammond (keynote speaker) and Kasey Stone, director of operations for Knox County Criminal Court and specialist court liaison, to an RCF meeting in Farragut Community Center Wednesday, Aug. 21.

TAMMY CHEEK

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A lot of people do not know there is a way to get their Knox County driver's license reinstated or a process of expunging a low-level crime from their record.

Mike Hammond, Knox Count Criminal Court clerk, told Rotary Club of Farragut members "there is," during the club's meeting in Farragut Community Center Wednesday, Aug. 21.

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FHS APAC End of Camp performance: elementary to high school



Ferguson Theater hosted four performances, featuring four age levels, in front of parents, grandparents, siblings



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Farragut High School Admirals Performing Arts Company's Drama Camp 2024 performance for parents and other family members came recently in a full FHS Ferguson Theater, featuring four age levels and scores of performers,

With the Yellow group, ages

6 through 8, they performed "Dorothy's Magical Adventure in the Land of Oz" (see above photo).

Next came the Red group, ages 9 and 10, who performed "Cinderella."

That was followed by the Green performers, ages 11 and 12, who presented "Middle

School Brain." The final performance, featuring the Blue group, older middle school and high school (ages 13-plus), was "Alice in Paris Land" (see top photo).

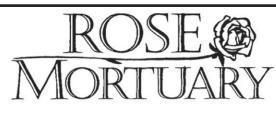
"Yellow and Red also did a musical number to 'Be Our

Guest' from Beauty and the Beast," an APAC press release stated. "Green and Blue did a musical number to 'We're All in This Together' from the

(Top left) Blue "13-plus" age group performs "Alice in Paris Land." (Above) Yellow age 6-thru-8 group in "Dorothy's ... Land of Oz."

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Dog Daze VIII

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aquatic activities with a quality entertainment experience for all involved."

Canines can compete in DockDogs in three disciplines: Big Air, Extreme Vertical and Speed Retrieve, she said, explaining Big Air is "long jumps for dogs," where the dogs run down a 36-foot dock and to try and jump as far into the 40-foot long pool as possible.

"The distance is judged from the end of the dock to where the tail set breaks the water's surface," Fox added. "Extreme Vertical is the 'high jump' competition. Dogs have up to 20 feet of the dock to run and jump up to grab a bumper toy that is extended 8 feet from the end of the dock and starts at 4 feet, 6 inches.

"The bumper is raised by

2-inch increments as the competition progresses."

In Speed Retrieve, dogs race to see how fast they can retrieve a bumper that is suspended at the end of the pool.

"Using a laser start line and tree light, handlers watch the lights go from red, then yellow — and at green they release their dog," Fox said. "For teams that want to push themselves even further, they can sign up for the Iron Dog Chal-

"Iron Dogs must compete in all three disciplines to accrue points, aiming to earn as many points as possible," she added.

Dog Daze VIII winners:

• Pro Big Air: Charlotte Blake and Aegon, an 8-year-old male Belgian Malinois, first place at 26 feet, 6 inches; Michael McGrew and Malcolm, a 3-year-old male, second place at 25 feet, 8 inches; and Chuck Grove and MCs Inferno. a 9-month-old female, place at 23 feet, 11 inches. · Semi Pro Big Air: Jamie

Dukovac and Zoltar, a 5-yearold male Belgian Malinois, first place at 23 feet, 5 inches; Charlotte Blake Mc's Salty, a male 6-year-old mixed breed, second place at 23 feet, 1 inch; and Jennifer Belle and Rogue, a 3-year-old male, third place at 21 feet, 5 inches.

 Contender Big Air: Garrett Chandler and Scout, a 3-year-old male chocolate Labrador Retriever, first place at 18 feet, 4 inches; Becky Jones and Freddie, a female 5-yearold English Springer Spaniel, second place at 18 feet, 1 inch; and Amber Chapin and Banks, a 1-year-old male Poodle, third place at 17 feet, 1 inch.

· Amateur Big Air: Melanie Lake and Allura, an 8-year-old female mixed breed, first place

two shows of its new Summer

at 12 feet, 1 inch; Cody Reneau and Amber, a 5-year-old female, second place at 12 feet, 4 inches; and Donna Long and Sabre, a male 7-month-old, third place at 12 feet, 4 inches.

· Extreme Vertical: Charlotte Blake and Aegon, an 8-year-old male Belgian Malinois, first place at 7 feet, 4 inches; Timothy Lake and Earnhardt, a 5-year-old male mixed breed, second place at 7 feet, 2 inches; and Trent Steele and Camille, a 4-year-old, third place at 6 feet, 8 inches.

· Speed Reprieve: Charlotte Blake and MC's Salty, first place at 5.501 seconds; Lisa Williams and Qasim Koneg von Cedkaley, a 7-year-old male, second place at 5.955 seconds; and Reagan Peerman and Cato, a 5-year-old male,

third (6.002 seconds). Iron Dog: Charlotte Blake and Aegon, first place with 3049.67 points; Michael Mc-Grew and Malcolm, second place with 3043.18 points; and Jamie Dukovak and Zoltar,

third place with 2975.4 points.

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Final '24 Concert

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one of the bands. My son is in the marching band. It's a family affair for sure," she laughed. In days past, Dixon was the

lone organizer, from getting the event on the calendar to acquiring sponsorships to finding the bands that wanted a place to play.

"This year is the most I've ever been involved with the Town of Farragut," Dixon

Hammond at RCF

"A lot of people don't real-

ize we have a division that

helps people get their driver's

license reinstated," he said.

"We have 70,000 people in

Knox County who are driv-

ing on revoked or suspended

"We're No. 2 in the state, but

we have developed a division

to help them get their license

However, "it's not an easy

thing where people can come

in and say, 'Oh well, I want to

come get my license;' no - you

have to go through a process,

and a judge has to approve it,'

"The second thing we do is expungements," Hammond

added. "People who have done

something 10, 15, 20 years ago — everybody makes mistakes

we now have expungement

court every Thursday, and

anybody can come down and

pull their record if its eligible, and we help them do that.

"That's important because

if people (are) getting a job

and they do a criminal back-

ground check, if it shows up

on your background check,

that might hinder you. But, if

it's expunged, your record's

He noted these expungements are not eligible for people facing more serious crimes, such as sexual offens-

"There are cases that are not eligible," Hammond said, adding cases that are eligible are mainly misdemeanors and lower level-type crimes, such

"So, we do all those things in addition to the regular courts," Hammond added. Most people "are scared

to death when they come to court because usually in their mind, they've done something

wrong ... that's natural," he observed. "What we try to do

is we have videos for people to

Before becoming Criminal

Court Clerk, Hammond was

a radio personality who also

was the public address voice

of Food City Center (formerly

"I tell people that when I was

in the radio business, I saw the

best of Knox County — people

like you, very interested in

their community; they wanted

to see their community do bet-

ter But "Since I have been

the Criminal Court clerk, I

have seen the worst of Knox

County," he said. "I had no

idea the extent of crime and criminals in Knox County."

The Criminal Court sees

from 500 to 700 cases every

day, according to Hammond.

Thompson-Boling Arena).

help them get through that."

as public intoxication.

back," Hammond added.

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licenses.

he said.

clean."

said, with the Town being the principle sponsor for this last show of the season, helping more on the sponsorship side.

"They let me keep creative control," she added, "so I was happy about that.'

Dixon used to do three of these Lawn Chair Concerts a summer in the park, but her help moved on, so she had to pull back on the reins a bit. She was able, though, to keep it rolling last year, but the Town had to take on the first

Concert Series, creating the Bluegrass Summer Solstice Concert and Party in the Park, with Dixon keeping the Lawn Chair Concert to bookend the series and the season.

echoing Assuredly words of those in attendance at the end, Dixon remarked, "It's been fun," which could go for all the Town's summer events, as well looking back as we move on to another season and, hopefully, some more fun.

In Family Court, "we will have anywhere from 80 to 100 (order of protection) cases every single Thursday involving domestic violence," Hammond said. "There is a domestic violence call in Knox County ev-

ery 28 minutes. 'So, that court stays extremely busy," he added.

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Hammond said those cases involve everything from littering on the sidewalk to firstdegree murder.

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Starring down a Powell punt coverage player is Ethan Farhat, left, Farragut sophomore kick/punt returner, looking to spark the Admirals' momentum with a nice return during this game at PHS Friday evening, Aug. 30. The Panthers rolled to a 35-7 win.

Photo courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com



Ads-Powell

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fore covered 29 yards and helped the Ads overcome a near disasterous minus 9-yard fumble to start the drive.

"Noah has earned the right to get in there and contribute and play; he's right there in the mix of what we're trying to get done at quarterback, FHS head coach Geoff Courtney said. "We continue to look for consistency."

sophomore Along with quarterback Corbin Hobson, "either guy has got the ability," the coach added. "They've both got the ability to lead this team. Noah ended up being productive tonight, so we rode with him there in the second half, and he made the most of

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"Last couple of turnovers there aren't really on (Haag). First one's on me, making a bad play call. Next one, he's just trying to make a play, trying to do something for his team, so you can't fault him for that."

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Down 21-0 at the half, "we can't come out in the first half against a good football team, against any football team, without the type of intensity, focus and style of play that we need to try to play," Courtney

Overall, "We got to improve in all areas," the Ads skipper added. "We got to improve as coaches. ... We got a lot of areas we can get better at, and I think we will this week."

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HVA	0-2	31-60	-29
Farragut	0-2	27-62	-35

Dramatic win, heartbreaking loss leave clear P-Magic No. 1

A dramatic win thanks to some last-second thievery, plus a heartbreaking kickoff coverage breakdown at the worst possible time were the lategame plays giving the PureMagic-How the West Was Won Scoreboard Contest a clear No. 1, record-wise, after Week 2.

Holding the Brevard, North Carolina, offense to just 207 total yards, No. 4 state-ranked Knoxville Catholic (Division II-AAA) forced its only turnover at the perfect time to become the only 2-0 PureMagic Scoreboard team.

A 36-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Mack Bartholomew to junior receiver Casen Jenkins late in the third quarter proved to be an Irish game-winning score.

Brooks Johnston's interception late in the game sealed a 19-14 Irish victory against its Tar Heel State opponents in KCHS's Blaine Stadium Friday night, Aug. 30.

Receiver/kick returner Tyreek King brought back a Brevard punt 84 yards for the game's first points. Gavin Menard converted the kick for a 7-0 Catholic lead with 4:36 left in the opening quarter.

Jaylen Wrancher, who rushed 11 times for 52 yards, had 5 of those to put the Irish up 13-0 at the 8:06 mark of the second quarter.

A pair of Brevard TD runs gave the visitors a 14-13 lead, the last coming with 4:11 left in the third quarter.

Bartholomew finished 11-of-21 passing for 195 yards and the one touchdown with one interception. Jenkins led KCHS in receptions and yardage (7 for 134), followed by King's four for 61 yards.

Individually on defense, defensive back Shannon McKinney finished with nine solo tackles, followed by a trifecta of Irish defenders with seven solo stops each: Dominic Daddabbo, including two tackles for loss and one sack; Gavin Jones, including one tackle for loss; and Jet Tegelaar, plus two pass breakups.

Meanwhile, Bearden's offense provided late-game drama for a second straight week that, seemingly, would have the Bulldogs also at 2-0 on the Scoreboard.

Subbing for injured quarterback D.J. Hunter, former BHS starting quarterback Drew Parrott led Bearden (No. 6-ranked statewide in Class 6A) down the field late trailing 3A state superpower Alcoa 21-14. On fourth-and-2, 6 feet from a touchdown in the closing seconds, Bulldogs senior Torian Riggins bulled in to make it 21-20.

Going for 2 and the apparent win, Parrott raced around the left side, dove inside the pylon and made it, electrifying Dawgs Nation for a 22-21 BHS lead with just 14 seconds to play.

But the Tornadoes took a shortened kickoff at the Alcoa 34 and raced 43 yards to the Bearden 23 with still three seconds showing. A 40-yard AHS field goal broke a lot of hearts, 24-22, as Bearden stands at 1-1.

Elsewhere, Christian Academy of Knoxville used two defensive TDs and a huge evening from a running back to blow past The Kings Academy (0-2) 42-19 in the Warriors' home opener Friday, leading the way to bringing CAK its first 2024 victory (1-1).

Lincoln Rich rushed 30 times for 218 yards and four touchdowns. Quarterback Shepherd Strange was 19-of-40 passing for 205 yards. Will Kelley caught nine passes for 59 yards followed by Ward Sterchi with 52 yards on six catches.

Defensive scores came from linebacker Maddox Mozingo with a 30-yard fumble recovery score while also tackling a TKA ballcarrier for a safety.

six points. Alex Gilmer also had a hit for a safety, blocked a punt and had two tackles for loss. Elijah Hoke and Jac Phillips also had four solo tackles each.

One of Alexander Glass' two interceptions went for

Morristown East traveled to Hardin Valley Academy for the Hawks home opener and won 31-17 Friday, as HVA fell to 0-2.

Farragut also fell to 0-2. (See story/photos, page 1B) Week 3 games

(7 p.m starts., Friday, Sept. 6, unless otherwise told) Farragut finally comes home, hosting West (1-1), No. 3-ranked statewide in Class 5A.

Bearden hits the road for the first time — with a tough task: Anderson County (2-0), ranked No. 4 statewide in Class 4A, will host BHS in Clinton starting at 7:30 p.m.

Hardin Valley may have a good chance for a win, traveling to winless Cocke County (0-2).

On the private level, Catholic welcomes another out-of-state opponent, as a team from Winter Haven, Florida, visits. Opening kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

In its first Division II-East Region game, CAK hosts unbeaten Boyd-Buchanan (2-0), No. 4-rankedstatwide in Divsion-II-AA

After a week off, Webb School of Knoxville (0-1) returns to action by hitting I-75 South to Chattanooga to face region foe Silverdale Baptist Academy (1-1).

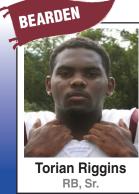


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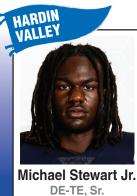
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Freaky Friday Fright Nite

Don't worry about tricks, you'll just find treats from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at Freaky Friday Fright Nite at Mayor Bob Leonard Park! Suit the family up in favorite costumes and burn those sugar calories walking the trails while local businesses, community groups and Town of Farragut volunteers fill your bags with Halloween goodies.

This is a free event, but participants are asked to bring items to benefit the local Ron-



ald McDonald House. See townoffarragut.org/townevents for a list of needed items.

Light the Park

From dusk to 10 p.m. nightly Nov. 25-Jan. 1, thousands of holiday lights will twinkle along Campbell Station Road as part of Light the Park. The fun begins with Countdown to Light the Park from 5:30-7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 25. Stick around to see Santa flip the big switch, illuminating thousands holiday lights! Live entertainment, crafts and refreshments will precede this joyous occa-

A new addition to this year's event is a 53' by 33' synthetic ice rink that will operate from Nov. 22 to Jan. 4 at Mayor Ralph

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Presidential and Federal/ State General Election on Nov. 3

The Presidential and Federal/ State General Election on Tuesday, Nov. 5, will fill the offices of President and Vice President of the United States, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives - District 2, State Senate - District 6 and State House of Representatives - Districts 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 89 and 90. Farragut Middle School, Farragut High School and Faith Lutheran Church (225 Jamestowne Blvd.) are all voting precincts on Nov. 5.

Early voting is Oct. 16-31. Oct. 7 is the final day to register to vote in the Nov. 3 election;

See ELECTION on Page 4





Cain is new North Ward Alderman, Burnette re-elected as South Ward rep

Alex Cain was sworn in as a new North Ward (Ward 1) Alderman on Thursday, Aug. 8. He was elected on Thursday, Aug. 1, along with Drew Burnette, who was re-elected as South Ward Alderman. The Town of Farragut thanks Louise Povlin, who vacates the seat after serving as North Ward Alderman since January 2016. She was term limited.

Cain has lived in Farragut for 25 years. He owns an executive services company that specializes in security and concierge

transportation.

He is a volunteer Farragut High School football coach and has taught criminal justice at both Farragut and Gibbs High Schools. He is an active member at First Baptist Concord

"As a member of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, I'd like you to know that I'm here for each and every one of you," Cain says. "Please feel free to contact me any time at acain@ townoffarragut.org.'



Town Hall expected to reopen in spring 2025

Farragut Town Hall has been closed to the public since January 2024 for interior renovations, and work has progressed steadily since then. The building is expected to be open to the public in spring of 2025.

Renovations were needed to make the space more efficient for staff as well as the public. Changes will include creation of a single point of contact for Town staff, who will be located on the second floor. The Knox County Clerk/Trustee office will be relocated to the first floor of Town Hall.

Significant upgrades to the boardroom are also underway, along with an improved fiber network. New walls have been built and painting is underway. New windows are being installed and a new, safer staircase is under construction in the rotunda.

During construction, Town Hall staff is working from the Far-

ragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.).

More fall fun in Farragut

In addition to the Town's regular lineup of fall events, Farragut Parks & Rec has new festivities for you and your family to enjoy! Be sure to mark your calendar for these events there's something for everyone. For events that require registration, visit townoffarragut.org/ register.

The first Glam Night Gala is 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at the Farragut Community Center. Participants ages 5-15 can get glammed up, sing karaoke and dance the night away! Registra-

tion is required for this event. Howl-O-Woof, a Halloween event for our four-legged friends, is 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, at the McFee Park Great Lawn. This free event offers a canine costume contest, dog-friendly activities, treats and vendors. Registration is required for the costume con-

Marshmallows and a Movie is

a new family event from 5:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, that's sure to give you all the cozy fall vibes! A firepit, crafts, games and an outdoor movie at the community center will make this evening unbe-leaf-ably fun. Be sure to bring a blanket or chair to sit on! No registration

is required. From Nov. 18-22, help Farragut Parks & Rec catch our feathered friend in the Great Turkey Hunt! Each day, the turkey will move to a new park and post a clue about its hiding place farragutparksandrec.org/ townevents. If you find the tur-

key at least three times throughout the week, you can pick up a small prize at the community center!

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Social Media

Facebook: Town of Farragut, Visit Farragut, Farragut Parks & Rec, Farragut Stormwater Matters Instagram: town_of_farragut, visitfarragut, farragutparksandrec

X: townoffarragut, ToFFieldUpdate (athletics/field information), ToFVolleyball (volleyball league), FarragutParks

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Community Center rentals: Community Center Rentals@townoffarragut.org

Farragut Community Center

Open 8 a.m-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday 239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut, TN 37934 Website: farragutparksandrec.org

Anchor Park: 11730 Turkey Creek Road

Founders Park: 405 N. Campbell Station Road

Mayor Bob Leonard Park

Main Entrance: 301 Watt Road, Farragut; West Entrance: 700 Harrison Lane, Loudon

McFee Park: 917 McFee Road

Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza: 11409 Kingston Pike

BlueCross Healthy Place at Farragut Town Hall: 11408 Municipal Center Drive

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For more information about this publication, please contact Wendy Smith at 865-966-7057 or media@townoffarragut.org.

Tourism Talk



Stay Tuned!

This quarter, the Visit Farragut team is excited to introduce a new trail each month, designed to help residents and visitors explore all over town. Follow Visit Farragut on social media for announcements about these trails and details on how to participate. If you'd like your business to be featured in one of our trails, please use the QR code below or email hriddle@townoffarragut.org.

A new blog section will launch later this quarter on visitfarragut.org. Find info on events, seasonal itineraries and everything fun happening in Farragut!

It's now easier than ever for our business partners to connect with Visit Farragut! Use the QR code below to sign up for social media features and our newsletter, or to be added to the website. Tourism staff are also working on a partnership guide, packed with important dates, details on collaboration and helpful tips for our busi-

Mark your calendar for these fall events:

- 9/28: Car Cruise-In
- 10/3: Taste of Turkey Creek
- 10/18: Harvest Jam
- 10/27: Harvest Fest

For more information about these events, see VisitFarragut.org. For all things #FunInFarragut, be sure to follow Visit Farragut on Facebook and Instagram!





Shop Farragut hosts 2024 Harvest Fest

Mark your calendars to come out and support local Farragut businesses with Shop Farragut's 2024 Harvest Fest from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 27, at the Village Green

The festival features over four dozen local retail and promotional booths, including food trucks and beverage vendors, plus live entertainment taking place underneath a large festival tent. This free event takes place rain or shine.

Guests are encouraged to attend in their Halloween costumes and get goodies while visiting the vendor booths. There will be a costume contest with categories including Best Baby, Under 12, Pet, Group, Over 50, Best of Festival and Judges' Choice!

Holidays

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McGill Plaza!

East TN PBS will once again film a behind-the-scenes special about preparations for Light the Park, including installation of lights and the ice rink. The special will include this year's musical entertainment and interviews with Town staff. It airs Dec. 14 and 24.

Children can get their wish lists directly to Santa by using the giant mailbox at Founders Park. Letters must be mailed by Monday, Dec. 16. Be sure to include a return address—you may get a response from the big man himself!

There will be giveaways, food trucks and caroling scheduled throughout Light the Park. Learn more by following Farragut Parks & Rec on Facebook, Instagram and X.

Celebrate the Season

Start the holiday season off right with Celebrate the Season from 4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the Farragut Community Center. Families can have portraits made with Santa and enjoy cookie decorating, crafts and a holidaythemed movie during this free evening of family fun. It's a great way to start the holiday season!

FALL 2024 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

- Unless otherwise noted, register for classes and special events at townoffarragut. org/register, in person at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) or by phone (865-218-3376). All classes held at the community center require a free membership. Farragut residency is NOT required for membership. Please stop by the community center during regular hours or arrive for class early to
- Payment is due at the time of registration. Credit card payments (Visa, Mastercard and Discover) - whether online, in person, or by phone - will incur a 2% transaction fee. Cash and check payments are also accepted.
- The Town of Farragut is not responsible for costs associated with the purchase of
- supplies when a class is canceled.

updated information.

- All events are held at the Farragut Community Center unless otherwise noted, and all league sports are held at Mayor Bob Leonard Park unless otherwise noted. • Some events may be canceled or postponed in the event of inclement weather. Please see Farragut Parks & Rec social media (Facebook, X and Instagram) for
- Punch cards for community center gym programs may be purchased at the recreation office. Twenty punches are just \$30, and punch cards may be shared by family
- No refunds are given for programs and classes.

ADULT

Book Club

Tuesdays, Oct. 15-Nov. 19, 7-8 p.m.

Ages 16 and up Open the page on a new hobby, meet new people and read a great book! Pre-registration is required for this program, and the book is

Loose & Limber

Tuesdays, Oct. 15-Nov. 19, 6-6:45

Cost: \$2 per class

Ages 16 and up If you're looking to improve your mobility or flexibility, join the Loose & Limber class at Farragut Community Center! We will target flexibility, mobility, recovery and how to live a healthier lifestyle.

FAMILY

Mahjong and Gaming Club Every other Tuesday, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Cost: Free Join us to learn new games! There

will be special classes to learn mahjong, tong-its, chess, checkers and other organized board games. Participants may bring their own games and snacks to share. For the full schedule, visit farragutparksandrec.org.

Family Volleyball Mondays, 4-6 p.m.

Cost: \$2 per person Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. This session is specifically for youth and families to hit around and play without the intensity of pickup

Family Basketball

Thursdays, 4-6 p.m. Cost: \$2 per person

No need to pre-register - just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. This session is specifically for youth and families to shoot around and play without the intensity of pickup open gyms.

Family Art Night

Thursdays, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, 6-8

Cost: \$8 per person

Families and adults of all ages are invited to get crafty at this monthly art night! Find details about the planned projects for each session at townoffarragut.org/register. Registration is required and will close the Friday prior to each class.

DIY Gift Series

• For the Self-Care Lovers – Monday, Nov. 11 6-8 p.m.

Ages 12 and up, \$10 per participant Sign up for a night of making unique gifts for the self-care lovers you know! Supplies will be provided. We will make "homemade" bath bombs, body scrub and more.

• For the Sentiment Lovers – Wednesday, Nov. 13 6-8 p.m.

Ages 12 and up, \$10 per participant Sign up for a night of making unique gifts for the sentimental

people in your life! Supplies will be provided. We will personalize a variety of items for your loved one

 For the Board Game Lovers – Wednesday, Dec. 4 Ages 12 and up, \$10 per participant Sign up for a night of making unique gifts for the game night lovers you know! Supplies will be

provided, but if you have a board

want to personalize, bring it in!

game, card game or puzzle that you

• For the Snack Lovers – Monday, 6-8 p.m. Ages 12 and up, \$10 per participant

Sign up for a night of making bundles of personalized snack kits for the snack lovers you know! Supplies will be provided.

How-To Series

• Finger Knitting – Wednesday, Oct. 23 6-7:30 p.m.

Ages 8 and up, \$10 per participant Learn how to finger knit! In this class, you'll learn the basics of finger knitting. Supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your own bulky

• Wrapping Gifts - Wednesday, Dec. 11 6-7:30 p.m.

Ages 14 and up, \$5 per participant Learn how to wrap gifts and tie bows for the holiday season!

Youth

Art Adventures

Tuesdays, Oct. 1-Nov. 26, 2-3:30 Cost: \$4 per child

Ages 6 to 12

Each week, our school-aged artists will create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not

*There will be no class Oct. 8

Afterschool Art

Wednesdays, Oct. 2-Nov. 27, 3:30-

Cost: \$4 per child

Ages 6 to 12 Each week, our school-aged artists will create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not

*There will be no class Oct. 9

Homeschool PE

• Ages 6-12 Tuesdays, Aug. 13-Dec. 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Aug. 14-Dec. 18, 1-2

• Ages 10-16 Wednesdays, Aug. 14-Dec. 18, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Cost: \$2 per child These Homeschool PE classes feature sports and group games that emphasize teamwork, good sportsmanship, physical activity and fun! *There will be no class Oct. 8 or 9.

Toddler Takeover

Tuesdays, 10-11 a.m., 5-6 p.m. Thursdays, 10-11 a.m. Cost: \$2 per child Ages walking to 5 years Join us for this guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, ageappropriate equipment!

Fall Break Camp

Oct. 7-11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost: \$75 per camper Ages 6 to 12 Join us for a week of camp at the community center! Each day, we will engage your camper in a variety of activities, from sports and games to crafts and movies. Space is limited to 30 campers. Please pack a lunch for your camper each day. Registration is required and opens Sept. 1; deadline is Oct. 3.

How-To: Silly Slime Time

Wednesday, Oct. 16 6-7:30 p.m.

Ages 6 to 12, \$5 per child It's silly slime time at the Community Center! We will make two kinds of slime for you to personalize and take home with you. Supplies are provided. Parents are welcome to stay or drop off.

Beginner Ballet (Level 1)

Thursdays, 3-4 p.m. Ages 4-6, \$30 per month Beginner Ballet teaches the fundamentals of ballet and focuses on grace, flexibility, teamwork and creativity. Please come to class with hair pulled back, tights, leotard, ballet shoes and a smile!

Beginner Ballet (Level 2)

Thursdays, 4-5 p.m. Ages 7-12, \$30 per month Beginner Ballet teaches the fundamentals of ballet and focuses on grace, flexibility, teamwork and creativity. Please come to class with hair pulled back, tights, leotard, ballet shoes and a smile!

FITNESS

Total Fitness

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 Cost: \$4 per person Join Rachel Piotrowski, certi-

fied group exercise instructor and personal trainer, for a total-body fitness class! This class is tailored to individuals of all fitness levels and focuses on functional exercises to improve overall strength and balance. A variety of body weight and hand weight exercises will be utilized to build upper and lower body strength, improve balance and strengthen the core. Low impact aerobic conditioning and stretching are also incorporated. Please bring hand weights or other weighted objects for your workout. If you do not have any, just bring yourself! Don't forget water and a mat.

Zumba Tuesdays, 6-7 p.m. Cost: \$8 per person Ages 18 and up We take the "work" out of workout with Zumba at Farragut Community Center! Zumba is a Latininspired dance class that makes getting fit fun!

Sunrise Stretch Wednesdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m. Cost: Free Start your day off right with a sunrise yoga session! This 60-minute class is the perfect way to start the day for beginning to advanced yogis with registered yoga teacher Jenny Trussell. The class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork and a brief meditation set to relaxing music. Bring a mat (blanket and props are optional)

and a smile for each participant. The instructor is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone new

Rise and Shine Yoga

Mondays and Fridays, 8:15-9:15

Cost: \$4 per person Rise and shine! Start your day off right with a morning yoga class led by registered yoga teacher Mindy Wise or Jenny Trussell! Bring a yoga mat, water and a positive at-

Moving into Stillness for Self-Care

Fridays, 9:30-10 a.m. Cost: Free

We will introduce ways for participants to connect more deeply with themselves and others. Each session will include a guided meditation or reading, some silent time to reflect in stillness and a time for optional sharing of experiences.

OPEN GYM

Pickleball Open Gym Mondays and Fridays, noon-3 p.m.

Wednesdays, 4-9 p.m. Cost: \$4 per person Ages 14 and up Grab a paddle and get ready to play! During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 11 points, winning by two. Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times.

Pickup Volleyball

Mondays, 6:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$4 per person Ages 14 and up Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times. This session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

Pickup Basketball

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m. Cost: \$4 per person Ages 14 and up

No need to pre-register – just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times. This session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Glam Night Gala Friday, Oct. 4, 6-8 p.m.

Cost: \$10 per participant Get glammed up with your friends, sing some karaoke and dance the night away! This is an event to make you look and feel stunning. Parents are welcome to stay for the event or drop participants off. Registration is required for this event.

Howl-O-Woof

Thursday, Oct. 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m. McFee Park Bring your furry friend to this

hound Halloween event! Vendors, treats, activities and a costume contest will be available for participating pups. Please note that online registration is required for the costume contest.

Freaky Friday Fright Nite

Friday, Oct. 25, 5-7 p.m. Mayor Bob Leonard Park Walk our treat trail, if you dare! This family-friendly event features booths of local businesses passing out candy to costumed children. Donations to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Knoxville will be accepted; a wish list will be posted on the Parks &

Marshmallows and a Movie

Friday, Nov. 1, 5:30-8 p.m. Farragut Community Center Enjoy fall festivities like s'mores, crafts and an outdoor movie! This free, family event does not require registration. Be sure to bring a chair or blanket!

Great Turkey Hunt

Monday, Nov. 18-Friday, Nov. 22 The turkey is back again for a fun, family scavenger hunt in Farragut's parks! Each day, the turkey will move to a new park and post a clue to its whereabouts on our website. For more information, visit townoffarragut.org/townevents

Countdown to Light the Park

Monday, Nov. 25, 5:30-7 p.m. Founders Park at Campbell Station Kick off the holiday season with the Town of Farragut at this beloved event! Free live entertainment and refreshments will be offered as we wait for Founders Park to be lit up with holiday cheer.

Celebrate the Season

Thursday, Dec. 5, 4:30-7 p.m. Farragut Community Center This Farragut family favorite will include photos with Santa, cookie decorating, crafts, light refreshments and a holiday-themed movie.

Twas the Night with No Parents

Friday, Dec. 13, 5-8 p.m. Farragut Community Center Cost: \$10 per child Ages 6 to 12 Get your shopping done or take a few hours to relax while your children spend the evening at the community center! This event will feature pizza, games, crafts and a holiday movie.

New Years at Noon

Tuesday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Farragut Community Center Join us for a New Year's celebration at noon! Enjoy dancing, NYE snacks and child-friendly bubbly drinks while celebrating the new year at an easier time of day.

Youth Art Show

Tuesday, Dec. 3, 4-8 p.m. Farragut Community Center Cost: Free, Ages 6-12 Family and friends are invited to come view the art projects of the Art Adventures and Afterschool Art classes. Aspiring artists interested in participating should attend Art Adventures or Afterschool Art to receive more information.

Request for Light the Park Vendors

A favorite Farragut event returns on Monday, Nov. 25, when Light the Park kicks off at Founders Park at Campbell Station. From Nov. 26 to Dec. 23, individuals, local businesses and organizations are invited to make the event more festive by providing giveaways, caroling or bringing a food truck. The time slot for vendors and entertainers is 6-8 p.m. daily.

To sign up, visit townoffarragut.org/townevents beginning Monday, Sept. 16. (Food vendors with a Town of Farragut permit will receive an email on Sept. 16 with signup instructions.)



Community Center Corner

Fall is fast approaching! The weather is cooling down, leaves are falling and Farragut residents are getting ready for everything the season entails. This time of the year we are looking forward to strolls in our beautiful parks, engaging with events in the community and preparing for some early trick-ortreating at Freaky Friday Fright Nite!

With so much going on outside this time of the year, we can't forget about what's happening inside! Check out what's happening at the Farragut Community Center this fall.

Our open gym schedules have changed quite a bit this summer. We will now offer family options of our pickup volleyball and basketball programs. Family volleyball will be held on Mondays from 4-6 p.m. and will be immediately followed by pickup gym volleyball from 6:30-9 p.m. Family basketball will be held on Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. and will be immediately followed by pickup basketball from 6:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Pickleball open gym will be held on Mondays from noon-3 p.m., Wednesdays from 4-9 p.m. and Fridays from noon-3 p.m.

We will also offer a wide range of new programs. Looking at new ways to recover after physical activity? Our Loose & Limber program focuses on recovery and stretching. Book Club is also back this fall. Our How-To series will also return: learn how to finger knit, wrap gifts, make silly slime for the

Come by the community center during regular hours to learn more about these programs and see what else we have to offer! Visit us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. on Sundays. We look forward to seeing you at the community center this fall!



Parks & Recreation

Reservations now required for McFee Park tennis/pickleball courts



The tennis/pickleball courts at McFee Park now require a reservation made the day before play. Courts are reserved by the hour beginning at 8:30 a.m., seven days a week. The last session begins at 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per hour for pickleball and \$10 per hour for tennis. Reservations can be made until midnight the day before. To make reservations, visit townoffarragut.org/ register.

The south courts (closest to the Great Lawn) are reserved for pickleball only. The north courts are reserved for tennis only. All courts will remain locked when there are no reservations.

When the courts first opened in the spring of 2022, a reservation system was created to allow players to reserve courts for a specific time. When there were no reservations for a court, the public was invited to play at no charge.

Not long after the courts opened, it was brought to the Town's attention that pickleball was creating unwanted noise for nearby neighborhoods. To address this, a rule limiting pickleball to the south courts was put in place and a discussion began about building pickleball courts at Mayor Bob Leonard Park (MBLP). Unfortunately, the rule was not followed and the north courts continued to be used for pickleball. As a temporary solution, all courts have been moved to a reservation-only system.

The long-term solution is the construction of dedicated pickleball courts at MBLP so the courts at McFee Park can be dedicated to tennis. The Town of Farragut is committed to providing desired amenities at our parks while respecting the needs of our residents, and we ask for patience as we work toward this goal.



Notes for fall/winter park use

Restrooms at five Town of and courts. Farragut parks and Mayor Park, Mayor Bob Leonard Park (lower restroom), McFee Park, Founders Park at Campbell Station, Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn and BlueCross Healthy Place at Town Hall will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The upper restroom at Mayor Bob Leonard Park and the Great Pavilion restroom at McFee Park will be open past 4:30 p.m. on days with scheduled field/court use on the synthetic turf fields

The restrooms at Founders Ralph McGill Plaza are open Park at Campbell Station and year-round. Beginning Friday, Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza will Nov. 1, through Friday, Feb. be open until 9 p.m. Monday, 28, 2025, restrooms at Anchor Nov. 25, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025, to accommodate those viewing holiday lights. Restrooms will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24, and Wednesday, Dec. 25.

During the winter, park trails, picnic pavilions and playgrounds at all Farragut parks will remain open for public use. Pavilions may be reserved at townoffarragut.org/register or by calling 865-218-3375, and may be used on a first come, first served basis if they have not been reserved.

Make plans for your 2025

park rentals today!

The Town will close all natural-turf playing fields at parks on Friday, Nov. 1. The field closures allow the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments to perform fall and early spring maintenance and protect the fields during wet and cold weather. Fields will reopen on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Farragut's synthetic turf fields at Mayor Bob Leonard Park and sports courts at McFee Park are open for year-round use.

For information regarding the rental of synthetic turf fields or courts, contact the Parks & Recreation office at athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut. org or 865-218-3376.

Field use requests for spring/summer 2025

Application packets for athletic organizations requesting field use at any Farragut park for spring and summer 2025 will be available on townoffarragut. org/fielduse or at the Farragut Community Center beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1. Tournament applications are also available and can be requested through the winter of 2025. Town fields will open for the spring season on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

The deadline to return completed field use packets is noon on Tuesday, Dec. 31. One rep-

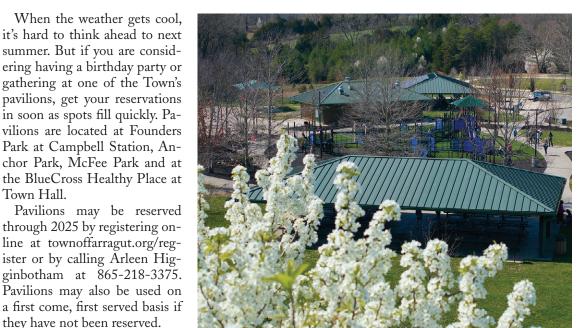
resentative from each group ation office at athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org or call 865-218-3376.

requesting field use for spring/ summer 2025 is required to attend a meeting of all user groups at 6 p.m. and the Parks and Athletics Council field allocation meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7. For more information or to request a packet, please email the Parks & Recre-

Pavilions may be reserved through 2025 by registering online at townoffarragut.org/register or by calling Arleen Higginbotham at 865-218-3375. Pavilions may also be used on a first come, first served basis if they have not been reserved.

Town Hall.

Specific information about Farragut parks and greenways, including pavilion reservation guidelines, can be found



townoffarragut.org/rentals. Questions? Call the Parks &

Recreation Department at 865-218-3376.

Election

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