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T-homes, apartments are closer to reality

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Developers of Kingston Pike Villages apartments and Watt Road Townhomes can proceed with their developments providing they meet Town staff's conditions.

During its meeting Thursday, Sept. 15, Farragut Municipal Planning Commission approved SITE Inc.'s site plan for Phase 1 of Kingston Pike Villages and Robert Campbell & Associates' concept plan for the townhomes, both with conditions attached.

Kingston Pike Villages, which is zoned Planned Commercial Development, is planned for property across from Cool Sports Home of the Icearium near the South Watt Road-Kingston Pike intersection.

Shipley

The main concern was the developers' request to amend its plan, replacing areas from the approved curb and gutter to extruded curb.

"Since this was considered a lower-aesthetic product, the Town engineer (Darryl Smith) was not comfortable making the decision and asked that this be taken to the Planning Commission," Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

He added SITE Inc. also wanted to reduce the number of bicycle parking spaces and remove some sections of retaining walls "by grading the affected areas to a finished slope that would not exceed 2.5:1."

While FMPC approved the changed plan, Commissioners asked for more detail regarding the retaining wall and areas to be graded.

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Children's Art Fest work

(Above) Isabella Ragal, 6, takes aim to create squirt gun art during Town of Farragut's Art Fest Sunday, Sept. 18, in Farragut Community Center parking lot. "Art Fest was amazing," said Merrit Piper, recreation and event manager. "It was great to see children having fun and showcasing their creativity. We estimated the crowd was around 750 people. We received a lot of feedback from parents and children. One man stated he loved that the event brought so many aspects of the community together. ... He and his family enjoyed the event so much, he asked how he could get involved with events in the future." **(Right)** Aurora McBride, 3, shows her work of dauber stamping art; **(Below)** Killian Jones, 5, tries his hand at easel painting.

Photos by Tammy Cheek

Not following Town light code still legal: Hale

Answers new alderman's claims of 'illegal' park lights

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With new Town of Farragut Alderman David White (Ward II, South) repeatedly vocalizing his claim in recent months that Town park lighting at Mayor Bob Leonard and McFee parks are "against code" and therefore "illegal," that charge was answered.

Hale

Before Farragut Municipal Planning Commission's Thursday, Sept. 15, meeting, where action on a proposed amendment to the Town's lighting ordinance concerning ballfield lighting was postponed, Town attorney Tom Hale explained the Town is not "illegal" with MBL and McFee park lighting.

"When a municipality is designing its own facilities, like a park, that is considered a governmental activity, like a park is, under the law of Tennessee it is not required to follow its own regulations," he said. "That's what the general law is in the state and across the United States, actually."

Back to drawing board

Town staff was sent back to the drawing board concerning the ballfield lighting amendment's language during the Sept. 15 meeting.

Povlin

"I'm not satisfied with the language," Commissioner Jon Greene said.

"I still think we need to work through that," said Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, also a commissioner.

While initially there was little discussion on the amendment, Jeanne Brykalski, spokesperson for Farragut Neighborhood Preservation Partnership, recommended changes to the proposal that would have restricted pole lights only to Mayor Bob Leonard and McFee parks, as well as Knox County Schools property.

"Our goal is to protect all residents, all homes and all neighborhoods from incompatible development, noise pollution light pollution, safety (hazards) and also to prevent loss of property value and a negative impact on our quality of life," she said.

"They're asking for no pole lights because they don't want to have nighttime play, noise and all the things that come with it," Povlin said. "They

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Parents file $5 mil lawsuit against FHS, Knox alleging son assaulted, no 'proper protection'

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Exactly one year after four people were arrested at Farragut High School — two FHS students and both parents of one of those students, which resulted following a fight in the school parking lot after school had dismissed — those parents filed a lawsuit asking for $5 million in damages.

The lawsuit stems from an alleged incident on Sept. 14, 2021 — one day before the parking lot fight — as Brent Pelusio and Monica Pelusio claim their son was assaulted, without the "proper protection" of Farragut High School and a deputy with Knox County Sheriff's Office, by "five athletes," according to federal court documents.

Knox County government, including its Board of Education, along with an FHS administrator and two school resource officers, also are named in the lawsuit, which was filed last Thursday, Sept. 15.

One day after the alleged assault, on Sept. 15, 2021, Knox County Sheriff's Office Patrol Officer Wesley

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business

• A 20-year celebration of a Farragut business, and an upcoming fall celebration open to the public and promising fun, both include lots of information about happy times.

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community

• A Farragut area teacher is perhaps inspiring his fellow educators with his military service, while a Farragut woman with physical needs has been inspired, by a special friend, to tell her story in print.

Read story beginning on page 4B

sports

• A high school sport already into its postseason action saw a consistent three-team finish in both girls and boys action — two of those teams being in the Farragut area.

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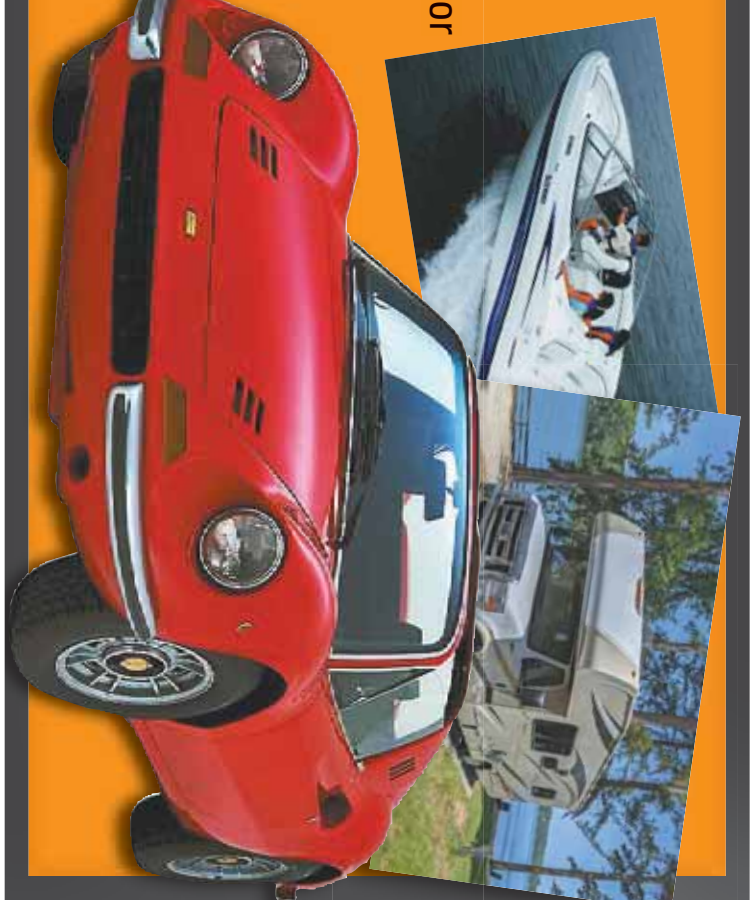

KCSOreports

• **At 5:58 a.m., Friday, Sept. 16, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report theft of $40 worth of merchandise** from O'Reilly's Auto Parts, 10870 Kingston Pike. She advised the suspect came into the store and proceeded to run out of the business without paying for the listed items.

• **At 8:24 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, an officer responded to 11644 Parkside Drive (Longhorn Steak House)** in reference to a disorderly person. "The complainant ... advised she only served one alcoholic beverage to the suspect. ... She said (the suspect) already was drunk when she showed up. She refused to serve her more drinks," the report stated. "(Suspect) was being loud and disruptive to the other customers in the restaurant, but (complainant) did not want her to drive, so she called (KCSO)."

Officer asked suspect to step out of business, and she complied. "She was unsteady on her feet and her speech was slurred. Her eyes were droopy, and I could smell the alcoholic beverage emitting from her expelled breath," the report stated. "As she was walking, she lost control and hit her face on the door (was not injured). She was having a hard time keeping her balance. (Suspect) was unable to take care of herself." She was transported to Knox County Jail without further incidents.

• **At 1:13 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a motor vehicle theft** from the parking lot of Buddy's BBQ, 121 West End Ave. Complainant said he left a 1995 Toyota Tacoma at his place of his employment overnight while he stayed at a friend's house. Complainant said when he returned to work, the vehicle was no longer in the parking lot. The complainant stated the vehicle was locked —he has a key — but a spare was hidden in the vehicle. Value of vehicle was listed at $5,000.

• **At 6:39 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 13, an officer responded to a Crown Point Drive residence regarding a theft.** Upon arrival, officer spoke with the victim, who said her daughter (suspect) had stolen her purse. Suspect had reportedly just moved out and had been staying with friends at an unknown location. A witness said he has been watching the suspect's dog while she was at work. The witness confirmed the suspect arrived at the residence at 5:38 a.m. to drop her dog off.

The witness said he went to the suspect's car to retrieve the dog. Victim said she was in the shower at the time of the suspect's arrival, and when she came downstairs she noticed her purse was missing from the kitchen counter. Both the witness and victim advised they never saw the suspect enter the home.

While on scene, the suspect called the witness and the officer spoke with her over the phone. The suspect said she was at the residence at 5:38 a.m. to drop off her dog but advised she did not enter the home.

Suspect said she has the code to the front door key pad and she had stolen items from the family in the past. However, she denied taking the purse. The Coach purse, valued at $300, reportedly contained $1,005 in cash along with the victim's credit card and drivers license.

• **At 3:24 p.m., Monday, Sept. 12, a complainant called KCSO North Precinct to report a vandalism** at a North Fox Den Drive

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Towncalendar

• **Registration is now open for Town of Farragut Adult Indoor Doubles Pickelball League** (mixed doubles) in Farragut Community Center. A seven-week regular season (each Thursday evening,(Oct. 6 through Nov. 17) is followed by a single-elimination post-season tournament Thursday, Dec. 8 and Thursday, Dec. 15. Any combination of male and female players is allowed. Cost is $50 per team.

Players of all skill levels are encouraged to join, but participants must be at least age 18. Register at http://ow.ly/AGu050KwQJU

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Surgery Made My Knee Worse, What Should I Do?

Question: *I saw an article in the Farragut paper about walking and bone on bone knee pain.*

My hubby, who is 61 y/o just had a torn meniscus knee surgery in July via scope surgery. He went for a follow up appt since his knee still hurts. Was told he has arthritis in his knee. He now is in more pain than he was prior to his surgery. Can you give us any advice?

- Venessa

Dr. John-Mark Chesney
Ask The Physical Therapist

Answer: Hey Venessa, Sorry to hear about your husband and his knee pain and issues after his knee meniscus surgery. There are different types of knee meniscus surgery, but the most common type by far is a meniscectomy. This where the surgeon athroscopically removes the frayed or torn part of the meniscus. This type of surgery is typically chosen when you are unable to repair the torn meniscus. Most people tear the part of the meniscus that does NOT have good blood supply. Without good blood supply the tissue won't heal or respond to a surgical repair, but instead the best option is to have a meniscectomy to remove the torn part of the meniscus. The good thing about a meniscectomy surgery is that your recovery time is much quicker compared to a repaired meniscus. You may be on crutches for a short period of time, but this is more for pain control with instructions to use the crutches as needed and to resume normal walking as your able to.

Other factors that influence your husband's recovery or anyone else for that matter is your age, weight, and overall health.

Excessive weight contributes to developing knee arthritis. When your knees are under more load due to weight, the cartilage tends to wear out faster.

There can also be a genetic predisposition for developing arthritis as well.

Other factors that contribute to wearing out your cartilage and developing arthritis is any prior injury to your knee or any prior surgery. It could have been a sports injury when you were younger such as a MCL sprain, or meniscus tear. Any surgical procedure for the knee, unfortunately, increases your risk of developing arthritis. Multiple surgical procedures only increases this risk even more.

Venessa, with your husband having knee surgery in July, I'd anticipate that he is still in the recovery period. Arthritis develops over time, so I would expect that the arthritis was there prior to when he tore his meniscus. The arthritis itself may have even contributed to the meniscus tearing.

First of all, be sure to communicate with your surgeon how your husband's recovery process is going and the extent of his pain. The surgeon will know the most in regards to expected recovery time as the surgeon has literally seen the knee joint and its condition while in surgery.

His knee symptoms should not be getting worse, but should be gradually improving. That doesn't mean he still won't have some "bad days".

I find that people can have exacerbations of pain during recovery if they are trying to do too much or if they have pushed themselves more than normal. So track things like your step count and length of time on your feet so you can better determine if any increase in symptoms are easily explained due to an increase in activity level.

Some surgeons prescribe physical therapy after having a knee meniscectomy, while other surgeons don't recommend physical therapy. If you have NOT been prescribed any PT, your health is ultimately your decision, so you can talk to your surgeon about physical therapy or even talk to a physical therapist yourself.

I have written a pain guide **"8 Best Tips For Recovering From A Knee Meniscus Tear"** and I also have another guide: **"8 Simple Ways To Stop Knee Pain."** You can call the office to request this tip reports at (865) 351-0615 and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

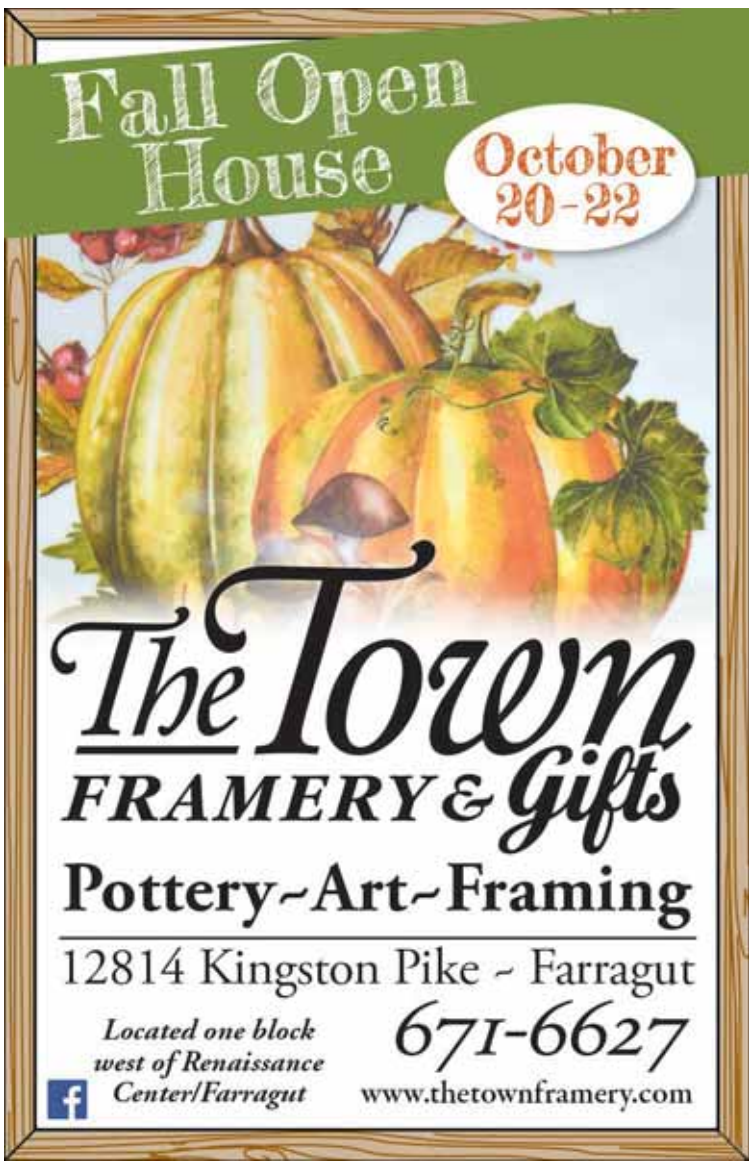
If you are looking for some more specific help. We are happy to offer a free Discovery Visit, to see if we can help your husband, and talk more about what that process would look like, please just call the office or visit www.simplypt.com/free-discovery-visit/ to find out more.

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

FIS Constitution Day draws Jacobs, new superintendent, Horn from Board of Education

From left, Farragut Intermediate School principal Suzanne Parham, Knox County Schools superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk, 5th District Knox County Board of Education representative Susan Horn and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs faced fourth- and fifth-graders participating in Constitution Day, Saturday, Sept. 17, which the school celebrated Friday, Sept. 16, with a proclamation signing and bell ringing. This was one of numerous Constitution Day activities not only in Farragut and Knox County Schools, but in various celebrations throughout the area.

Tammy Cheek



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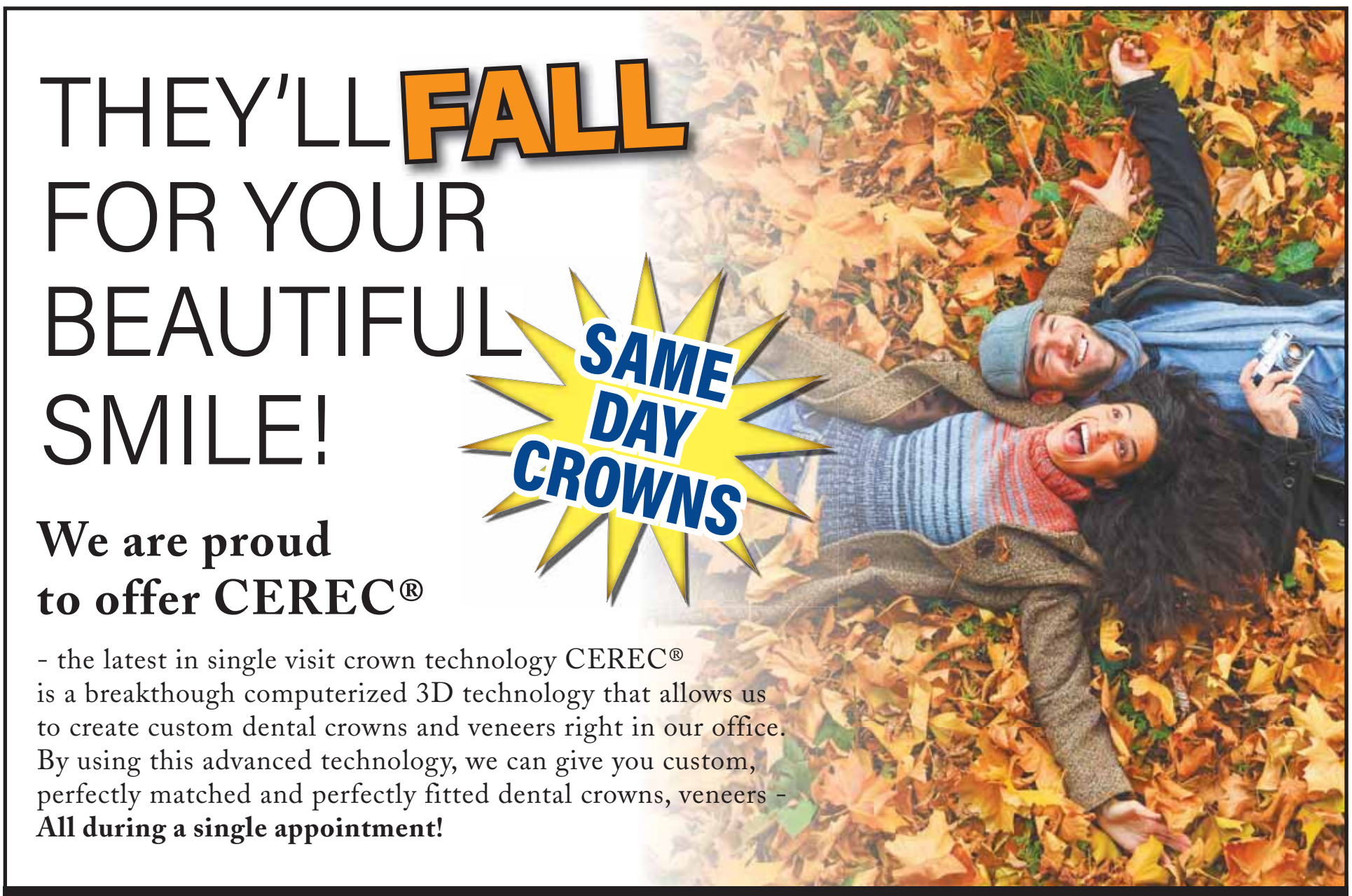

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opinion

$5 million suit

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Chad Coleman, who is assigned to the schools' division according to KCSO communications director Kimberly Glenn, stated in the warrant he was called to the school by Sandra Rodgers, Knox County School Security officer, who was working at FHS.

Rodgers told Coleman she had been outside directing traffic when she "heard and observed numerous juveniles and (eventual) arrestee Monica Pelusio yelling/screaming and causing a disturbance in the parking lot."

Rodgers also stated she believed "there was about to be a fight, so she ordered them numerous times to stop, but they refused her orders."

At that time, Brent Pelusio became involved, according to the warrant, with Rodgers stating he "was yelling for his son to fight" the other juvenile involved.

"Officer Rodgers ordered both parents to return to their vehicle three separate times, but they refused and continued to escalate the situation and encouraged their son to engage in a fight," the warrants report continued.

Rodgers then used pepper spray on the juveniles, who were fighting.

Knox County Juvenile Detention and Major Crimes detectives were notified, and the warrant stated the Department of Child Services also would be notified.

According to Knox County General Sessions Court warrants, Brent Pelusio and Monica Pelusio were charged with misdemeanor offenses of contributing to the delinquency of a child and disorderly conduct.

According to a KCGSC official, the Pelusio parents' case will not be heard until May 25, 2023. Charges against their son and one other student were dropped.

When asked about the Sept. 15, 2021, incident just after it happened, FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett said he "was aware of the situation" and the "matter is a Knox County Sheriff's (Office) issue."

Concerning the lawsuit, County Law Director David L. Buuck said his office "never comments on pending litigation."

Town lighting

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want no ballfield lights."

"We had (FNPP's proposed language) very specific," Brykalski said.

"That's where maybe Town attorney Mr. Hale can elaborate on," Commissioner Noah Myers said. "There may be some things that I'm not thinking about that we may be in violation of the TCA, or there's case law out there that would render this useless."

Myers also introduced a fly in the ointment with the staff's and Brykalski's proposed amendments when he pointed out the language would prohibit businesses, such as Topgolf and miniature golf businesses, from having pole lights, even when they are in the Entertainment district.

"I envision we would be on a slippery slope," Myers said. "Either drafts would have prohibited Topgolf from having lights because of the way they are worded … I'm not ready to vote on this tonight."

Other voices heard

Hale voiced his concerns as well.

"I'm understanding what the desire is, (but) my sense of it is if we have ballfields, we're treating them differently than every other use," the Town attorney said. "Even though they comply, and we're not looking at whether there's a rational basis for treating them differently. We could get into some difficulty.

"You cannot treat similar uses differently without a rational basis for them," Hale added. "What we're doing here is we're taking one particular use and we're treating it differently without consideration of whether or not there is a reason to do so.

Myers

Continuing, "My general approach to that kind of thing is I would rather let the regulations apply the same to every use that it's required to apply to. In my mind it's easier to defend if all uses treated the same unless there's rational basis to treat them differently," Hale said.

The proposed amendment states: "… the following requirements shall apply to all developments and/or facilities, excluding single-family and two-family dwellings, street lighting (unless governed by Subdivision Regulations) and lighting associated with public outdoor recreational field and court lighting as defined in this ordinance.

"These are the only locations where field and court lighting are permitted that would not otherwise comply with the pole_mounted light provisions of this section."

It was prompted by a request from FNPP, which wanted to restrict ballfield lights.

"This item has been discussed as a workshop for the past two Planning Commission meetings," Community Development director Mark Shipley said.

"Basically, the ordinance before you would exempt ballfield lighting … associated with Mayor Bob Leonard Park, McFee Park and Knox County Schools," he added. "That's where they already exist, so we're really just codifying current conditions.

"I think it's my understanding that the applicant would like to prohibit any kind of ballfield lighting."

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• **Homeowners on, and subdivisions near, Everett Road are desperately needing help in traffic control on this road.** There have been numerous attempts to the Sheriff's (Office) to try and gain control of speeders, horrendous traffic (a cut-through for many) — and might I add numerous wrecks at the intersection of Union and Everett roads.

There is a speed limit of 30 mph on this particular road, and we have witnessed exceeding speeds double that. Why have a digital sign saying that the speed limit is 30 but the officials are not controlling this area? That's a humongous joke. We need a roundabout or calming island on this road before someone gets seriously hurt — or worse, gets killed. Please help in this area of Farragut, it's ridiculous. This is not Everett Speedway.

• **We are all excited about the Hy-Vee store coming to Farragut; that's good work by Farragut officials to entice Hy-Vee to come to Farragut.** That's good economic development work on Farragut's part. I'm sure (certain representatives of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen) were involved in that, getting Hy-Vee to come to Farragut. I'm sure (these representatives) are 100 percent behind getting this new economic engine to come to Farragut. The sales tax revenue will be great.

Sure, there's a few people who don't want it, but we all know you can't please all the people all the time. This is a big economic (inaudible) for Farragut. The Hy-Vee company is a great company. It has a big merchandise store that's coming to Farragut. It's exciting, and most of the people in Farragut will be highly pleased when the store gets open (apparent location would be roughly one-quarter mile west of the Campbell Station-Kingston Pike Intersection on the south side of the Pike). It's (also) great that (a high-ranking member) of the (Farragut Municipal) Planning Commission (also) wants a big retail store on this property. This a great thing; it's wonderful.

• **This is about the proposed Hy-Vee grocery store coming in: I think it's a horrible idea.** I think it will cause traffic snarl-ups; I think it will impact the surrounding neighborhoods negatively. I don't think it will bring in additional sales tax; I think it will just take sales tax away from the other grocery stores, which doesn't increase sales tax at all, it just redistributes it. I don't see it as being a positive in that regard for the Town of Farragut. I think it's a negative, and I don't think we need another grocery store. As nice as Hy-Vee might be, it's the wrong location.

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KCSO Report

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residence. He advised an unknown suspect threw white paint on the passenger side of a 2006 Toyota Land Cruiser. He stated he has video surveillance, but where the vehicle was parked was out of range for his camera. Value of damage was listed at $1,000.

Plan

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Similarly, Commissioners approved the concept plan for 30 townhomes, 25,000-square-feet of commercial/office space, a dog park, walking trail and rain gardens on a 9.2-acre tract at 421 N. Watt Road, near Harrison Road and Mayor Bob Leonard Park. The tract was rezoned in February 2022 from General Commercial (C-1) to Neighborhood Convenience Commercial. "The concept plan addresses different design objectives of the NCC district," Shipley said.

However, this concept plan also came with "subject to's" from staff, with which the developer is expected to comply. For instance, the plan must include crosswalks on one area and ensure boundaries with Loudon County are correct.

On another note, FMPC approved preliminary plans for Phase 4 of McFee Park improvements, which include permeable paver parking lots with 127 new parking spaces and a trailhead. Construction cost estimate is $1.9 million.

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Hardin Valley Academy

TOGA EVENING

Dozens of Hardin Valley Academy seniors were "Toga ready" while cheering on their Hawks varsity football team. The school's annual Toga Evening for seniors was celebrated at HVA Friday evening, Sept. 16, hosting undefeated Region 2-6A foe Bradley Central. With the Toga section leading the way in spirited support, the Hawks played perhaps their best game of the season — but fell just a bit short of victory, 24-17.

Photos by Alan Sloan

From left are Levia Fuqua, Caroline Martin, Jasmin Shah, Allie Stinson, Riley Estes and Bella Reeves.

From left are Kara Knight, Brooklyn Moore, Amarah Beebe, Emily Hayes, Canie Smith and Makenzie Monzell.

From left are Lexi Hall, Alyssa Brown, Lily Bagwell, Kate Blackston and Elena Faust.

Rob Ragonese, left, and D.J. Powers

Jacob McClaugherty

From left are Khalid Abead, Ty Denton and Adam Baker

Kaitlyn Mann and Dawson Daenzer

Morgan Smith and Jack Brewer

Brady Margo, left, and Connor Mast

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20 'Premier' years of service

Farragut Eyecare practice celebrates

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For the past two decades, Dr. Brent Fry has seen his practice, Premier Eyecare, 11111 Kingston Pike, next to Admiral Drive, grow.

"It's pretty amazing," the optometrist said. "Twenty years seems like a long time until you live through it. It seems like a blink of an eye."

Fry and his staff joined Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members and Town officials in celebrating that 20-year milestone with a ribbon cutting, hosted by FWKCC, at his practice Tuesday, Sept. 13.

"We're here to do one of our favorite things that we get to do for business members, which is to do a ribbon cutting to celebrate the anniversary of 20 years in business," said Julie Blaylock, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO.

"Having small businesses like this grow over time is what we love to see in the Town of Farragut," Town administrator David Smoak said. "I just really appreciate all the work and effort you put into your practice here. You do such a great job in our community, and we really appreciate that."

Fry, who initially came to Farragut when he was 1-year old, attended Farragut schools before earning his bachelor's degree from David Lipscomb University in Nashville in 1993 and his doctor of optometry degree from Southern College of Optometry in Memphis in 1998.

"I grew up here," Fry said. "My mother still lives in the same house I grew up in. … I just wanted to come back (after college) and practice in my hometown.

"I love this area and wanted to raise my kids here," he added.

Fry observed, "Farragut has changed tremendously since I grew up. It's a lot busier, but there're still a lot of faces from back in the day that are patients of mine.

"I run across classmates all the time," he added.

After working out of Town, Fry called local optometrists but found no openings, so he took a chance and opened his own office on Sept. 11, 2002, at the location next door to his current office.

"My daughter (Lily) was born about nine months later," he recalled. "My son (Mason) was 2 years old.

"We just opened up the doors cold, which was pretty hairy at the beginning," Fry added. "I had to moonlight a little bit at some of the different chain stores on the weekends, just to make a little money.

However, "we've gone from two employees to 10," he said. "I think all businesses take a leap of faith."

"We've got a great staff," Fry added. "Lot of new faces, too."

Dr. Taylor Greene joined his practice almost three years ago.

The practice eventually outgrew the former office, and Fry had his current office constructed a few years ago.

"You don't have to be a patient to buy glasses here," he said. "We wanted to build (the office) to be easy to come in and browse without feeling like you have to come in and schedule an appointment … We want to have it available to anybody."

"It's always incredible to watch a business grow, especially for you to start here and then come back to your roots," Blaylock said.

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Tammy Cheek

Dr. Brent Fry (with scissors) cuts the ribbon commemorating his 20 years in business at Premier Eyecare, 11111 Kingston Pike, during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event at his office Tuesday, Sept. 13. He was joined by his wife, Melinda (to his right); daughter, Lily (to his left) and Chamber members.

Octoberfest returns at Mind Yer Ps & Qs

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Mind Yer Ps and Qs, a local favorite small business with a big heart, is hosting its 2nd annual Octoberfest, a charity event, on the front lawn of Renaissance | Farragut, under the the big tents, which will include a stage for local musical groups from start to finish.

'There will be music throughout the event from 10 local bands, along with authentic German food for guests to enjoy," said Andrew Mungan, owner of Mind Yer Ps and Qs.

"Ten of our musical talents will be entertaining guests while they enjoy their authentic German food or beer or simply the music," he added.

Festivities will run from 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Sept. 30, and continue from 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday, Oct. 1, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2.

"Guests will enjoy authentic German favorites, such as schnitzel, bratwurst, Bavarian pretzels, beer cheese, German potato salad and red cabbage," Mungan said.

"We will have a variety of German beers to quench your thirst," he added. "We will have an entertainment area for children with bounce houses, slides and more, as well as hot dogs, juice and soft drinks for purchase."

There will be a $10 entry fee, and tickets can be purchased at Mind Yer Ps and Qs, 12744 Kingston Pike, Suite 104, in Farragut, as well as at the gate on the day of the event. Parking is free.

"Both parents and children can have fun in a great atmosphere for a great cause," Mungan said.

"This year, Mind Yer Ps and Qs has partnered with PJ Parkinson's Foundation, a local group that provides awareness support to victims of the disease, as well as Alzheimer's Tennessee," he added. "Octoberfest will provide a fun environment while raising funds that will allow these foundations to continue helping their cause.

"These diseases, though sometimes not talked about, cause suffering for both the patient and the caregivers. Having a family member affected by one of these diseases provides a different perspective and encourages a stronger commitment to raise awareness and support and cure."

According to the PJ Parkinson's website, about 60,000 Americans are diagnosed with the disease each year; however, that number does not reflect the thousands of cases that go undetected.

"It is important to hold fundraising events and provide generous donations to help find treatments and a cure,"

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businessbriefs

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• **University of Tennessee Knoxville recently was recognized as one of America's best employers for women** by Forbes magazine. UT was ranked sixth among businesses with headquarters in Tennessee and ninth among higher education institutions.

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Octoberfest

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Mungan said. "Last year's event brought 2,500 local neighbors from our community, and this year we hope to double that number."

Sunday, Oct. 2, there will be a PJ Parkinson's 5K run and 1K walk to benefit the local PJ Parkinson's Foundation, starting and ending at Renaissance | Farragut. Mungan said participants can get their welcome packages starting on Friday, Oct. 2, at the site from PJ Parkinson's volunteers. *(Read related story beginning on Page 11B).*

"This (festival) relies on hours of volunteer work from a group of caring individuals," Mungan said. "We should applaud them for their help with these causes.

"As the owner of Mind Yer Ps and Qs, I believe in these causes, and I want to be a partner in doing whatever I can to help," he added. "It is such a wonderful thing that our community has these people to get up and work to achieve a goal to help others. What a great satisfaction.

"I'm sure the community will want to help as well. We invite everyone to join us for this exciting event."

Grateful for help, "We should applaud all the volunteers who extend that help," Mungan said. "We invite everyone to join this exciting Octoberfest event.

"Donations will be appreciated."

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sports

A 68-1 edge in goals, 34 straight unbeaten for Bearden

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KNOXVILLE — They held a 34-match unbeaten streak entering this week — having not lost since 2020 — and held a 68-1 scoring advantage in 10 matches to begin the 2022 season.

As defending Class AAA state champs, they are No. 1-ranked in the nation.

But despite a 4-0 halftime lead in their final of two Bearden Invitational matches at BHS Saturday evening, Sept. 18 — against the defending Division II-AA state champions from Harpeth Hall — the head coach started his halftime address with criticism.

"I didn't think the first half was our cleanest half in terms of the way that they were playing against us," said Ryan Radcliffe, Bearden girls soccer head coach whose team went on to beat Harpeth Hall 9-0 (goal-ruled finish with more than 17 minutes left in the match).

"But when you've got some good forwards who can score, I guess even if you're not playing the greatest soccer, they still find ways," he added.

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Photo courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

In full extension while using his helmet to block a Cleveland extra point is John Duncan, Farragut senior cornerback. The Admirals rolled past the Raiders 42-13 at FHS Friday evening, Sept. 16.

Raiders of the lost cause

Admirals dominate region foe Cleveland to begin three-game homestand

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

Any football coach would have a tough decision to make if he had to choose between an efficient offense or a stout defense.

Friday night, Sept. 16, at home against Cleveland on Bill Clabo Field, Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney didn't have to make that choice: he got both.

The Admirals used big plays on both sides of the ball to jump to a quick 14-0 lead, and then cruised to a 42-13 win versus the Blue Raiders. The Region 2-6A win gave FHS a 1-1 Region record, 3-2 overall.

Courtney was asked after the game whether he was more pleased with his offense or defense. His answer was predictable.

"Both of 'em," he said. "I thought we built on some things we did last week (win versus Oak Ridge). I told 'em that was one game and we gotta keep building on it."

Build on it the Admirals did, and they did so on the game's second play from scrimmage. On second-and -eight from the FHS 29, quarterback Luke Johnson found Ashton Auker wide open over the middle. The 71-yard touchdown pass put Farragut up 7-0 65 seconds into the game.

It was 14-0 fewer than five minutes later when, on first and 10 from CHS's 24, Johnson scrambled left then threw over the middle to Landon Collins for the touchdown.

For the game, Johnson's efficiency was eye-popping: 19 completions on 22 attempts for 312 yards and four touchdowns. Auker caught nine of his passes for 159 yards and two scores.

"Luke threw a great ball; O-line, great protection," Auker said of the first score. "Every week we have a good opportunity to have a great passing game."

After Raiders' quarterback Drew Lam-

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Alan Sloan

Bearden defender Rylie Lucas (18) reacts to a Harpeth Hall attack during BHS Invitational play Saturday, Sept. 17.

Hawks fight unbeaten Bradley to the finish

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HARDIN VALLEY — Holding a highly potent Bradley Central offense scoreless in the first half, Hardin Valley's offense almost kept pace with a Bears second-half scoring spree, as the winless Hawks (0-4) put a scare into unbeaten BCHS (5-0), losing 24-17 Friday evening, Sept. 16, at HVA.

Recovering a Bears fumble to begin the third quarter, a Nathan Holbrook 32-yard field goal made it 3-0 Hawks. But Bradley cranked up its offense, largely behind the running of J. Allen Terry.

However, Hardin Valley twice cut two-score leads down to single digits thanks to a 5-yard touchdown run from senior runner Tayvon Morelan and a 12-yard end-around TD run by senior receiver Dolan Walker, the latter midway into the final quarter.

Walker also contributed a 36-yard reception from senior quarterback Caleb Smith.

Holbrook, with Jacob Wilson snapping, also converted both of his extra points.

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Hardin Valley Academy senior defenders Isaac Hillis (40) and Dolan Walker (5) make a stop versus Bradley Central.

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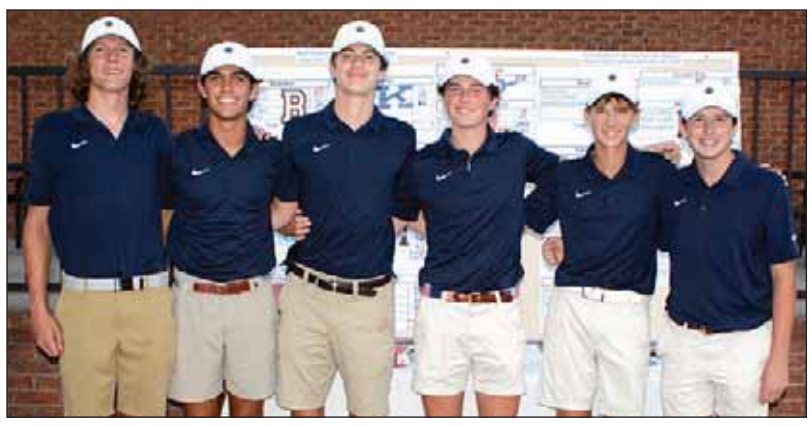
Bearden a double district golf champ in tight matches with M'ville

Farragut teams 3rd, also earn region berths

It was a double District 4-AA golf tourney win for **Bearden's girls and boys teams** (right) at Willow Creek Golf Course in Farragut Monday, Sept. 19, led by medalist **Maya Hira** (left in near photo), a junior who shot par (73), along with Tessa Larmee, center, (84) and Addison Kammann. Boys medalist **Jayden Morrell** (fourth from left in far photo), a junior who shot a 4-under 67, is joined by teammates, from left, Ethan Gray (76), William Loftin (75), Adam Moss (80) and Bryce Harmon (72). While the Bearden boys tied Maryville after playoff holes failed to brand a winner (darkness), the Lady Bulldogs edged the Lady Red Rebs (157-158). **Both Farragut teams** (below right) finished third, allowing them to also advance to the Monday, Sept. 26, Region 2-AA Tournament at Green Meadow in Blount County. Leading the boys was junior **Owen Queener,** fourth from left (69), who is alongside teammates, from left, Lincoln Hicks, Brady Harville (76), alternate Will Loveday, Hudson Capps (77) and Teague Recter (80). FHS Lady Admirals were led by **Ria Pahye,** second from left (85), and Riley Lydon, far left, (86) Other FHS girls, from left, are Sydney Romer and alternate Ava Shafe. Hardin Valley Academy had two region individual qualifiers: Leona Patel, right, who shot 84, and Hawk Griffen Shipley, not pictured, who shot 78.



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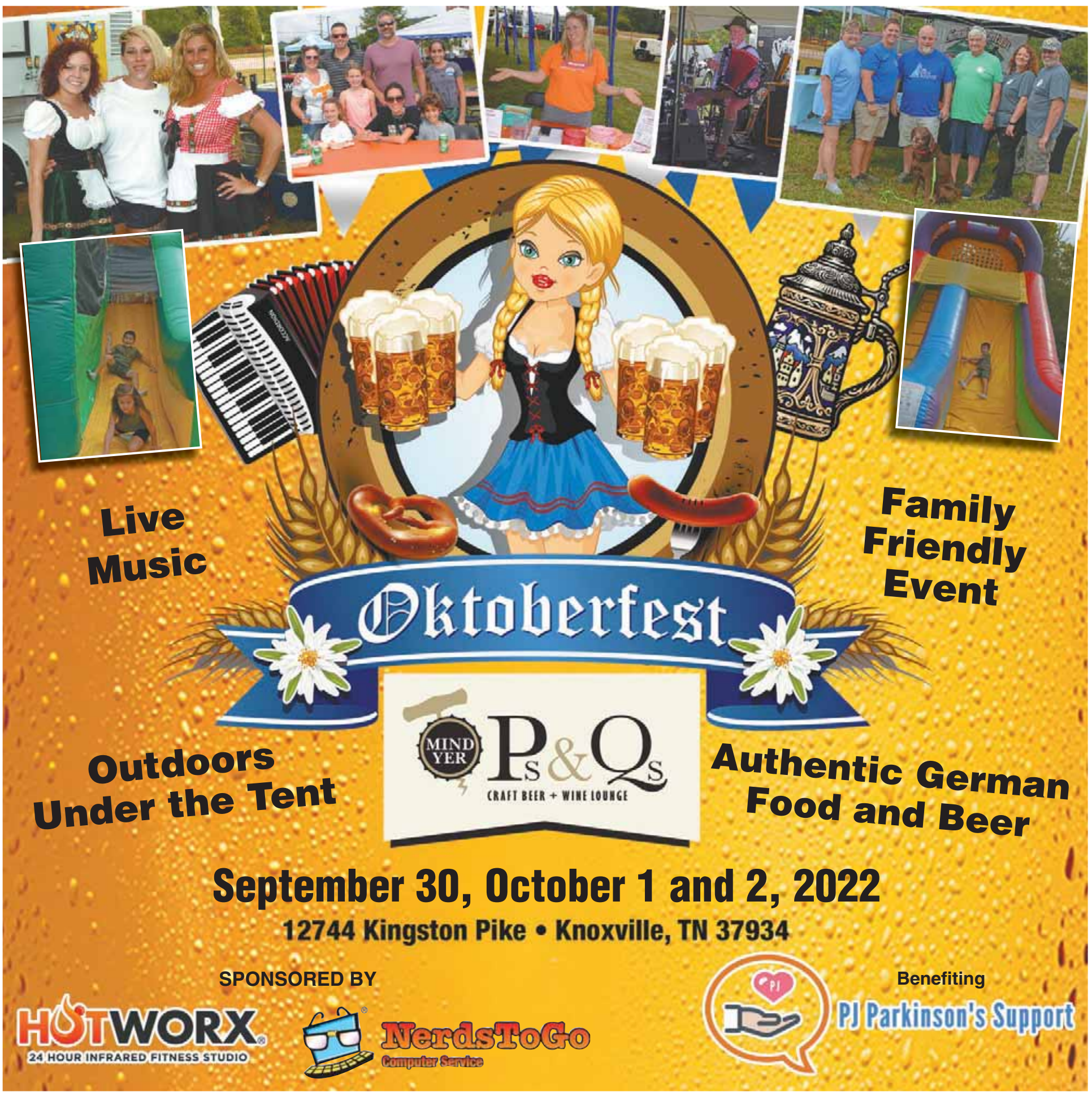

It's win plus a tie for Farragut at Bearden Invitational

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Farragut junior Lauren Leslie **(8, far left)** battles versus Knox Catholic during Bearden Invitational play at BHS Saturday, Sept 17. This match ended 3-3. Brittany Crafton **(16, left)** and Brooklyn Dailey **(29, above)** get physical versus Science Hill in a 1-0 FHS win Sunday, Sept. 18.

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"We've got some special individuals."

"I think coming out and mercy ruling them is a big statement for us," said junior Alivia Scott, who scored two goals while adding a pair of assists.

Senior star forward Brinley Murphy finished with a hat-trick, as her three goals makes 87 for her career (18 this season), which tied her for fourth in program history, trailing only Casey Reimer (88), Amy Porter (93) and all-time leader Samantha Turner (94).

Freshman forward Jayla Blue continues to impress, adding two goals Saturday for 16 on the season. She also contributed two assists.

Another standout freshman, Tyler Roth, led in assists with three. Junior Breana Mendoza also booted home two goals.

Add stellar defense and timely saves from Lady Bulldogs senior goalkeeper Peyton Huber, who had a nice diving save late in the first half.

"Peyton doesn't get a lot of credit because she doesn't get a lot of shots — you saw the save she made," Radcliffe said.

Despite having only one defensive starter returning, "I definitely give a lot of credit toward my defense," Huber said. "… It definitely helps when you communicate with the whole team, that's how I stay focused" despite facing few opponents' scoring chances.

Among the top defenders is junior Rylie Lucas. "I think we're getting a lot better as the season goes along," she said.

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Webb in control vs. CAK

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With balanced scoring and tenacious defense, Webb School of Knoxville maintained its perfect 2022 record Thursday, Sept. 15.

At home at David Meske Stadium against regional rival Christian Academy of Knoxville, the Spartans scored touchdowns in each quarter and won 28-3. The "Battle of Dutchtown" win kept Webb undefeated at 5-0 overall, 2-0 in Division II Class AA East Region. The loss dropped CAK to 2-3, 0-2.

In their first four games the Spartans had averaged almost 47 points. "Defensively we played really well; offensively I didn't think we got our best," Webb head coach Dave Meske said.

Linebackers Joey Bonifacio and Cooper Cameron each had monster games on defense with 18 and 17 total tackles, respectively. Twelve of Bonifacio's were solo, and 10 of Cameron's.

The Spartans took a 7-0 lead with 6:14 left in the first quarter on junior running back Jalen Hill's 6-yard run. The drive started on CAK's 28 because a punt was partially blocked. For the game, Hill gained 91 yards on 15 carries and scored twice.

CAK cut it to 7-3 with 4:04 left in the quarter when kicker Shepard Gaston converted a 26-yard field-goal attempt.

Webb made it 14-3 late in the half after Hill's 23-yard scoring run. Spartans Quarterback Charlie Robinson hit freshman Shavar Young for 37 yards, setting up the TD. Webb got the ball when CAK failed on a fake punt attempt.

Robinson's 23-yard TD run — he had 65 yards rushing for the game — with 5:59 left in the third made it 21-3. Hal Niendorff returned an interception 19 yards for a TD with 7:23 left to play.

"They're a very good team, very well-coached, very disciplined on all ends," Warriors' quarterback Aiden Troutt said.

"I'm proud of our players, they battled," CAK head coach Travis Mozingo said. "Our players are gonna give everything they've got. ... They believe in what we're doing."

Ads dominate

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bert scored on a 1-yard keeper to make it 14-6, FHS answered right back to make it 21-6 at half, when Johnson capped a 12-play, 82-yard drive by connecting with Auker for a 12-yard touchdown pass on first-and-goal.

"They did a lot of press coverage and our receivers got off the press and got open down the field and made some plays," Courtney said. "We had to come out in the first half and establish some things."

A crucial defensive play by the Admirals in the third quarter likely changed the tenor of the game. Down 21-6, Cleveland went for it on fourth-and-two on the Admirals 34. Lambert was sacked, and the ball went over to Farragut with 5:24 left in the third.

Two plays later, Johnson connected with Landis Davila for a 53-yard touchdown, and the score was 28-6. The game was long over.

"Our offensive line did a good job of protection and gave Luke and (back-up quarterback) Barrett Smith a lot of protection," Courtney said. "The defense stepped up on third downs and fourth downs."

Mathew Purvis and Jack Alley each had 10 tackles for the Admirals, seven solo for Purvis, five for Alley. Five of senior free safety Jackson Fisher's six tackles were solo.

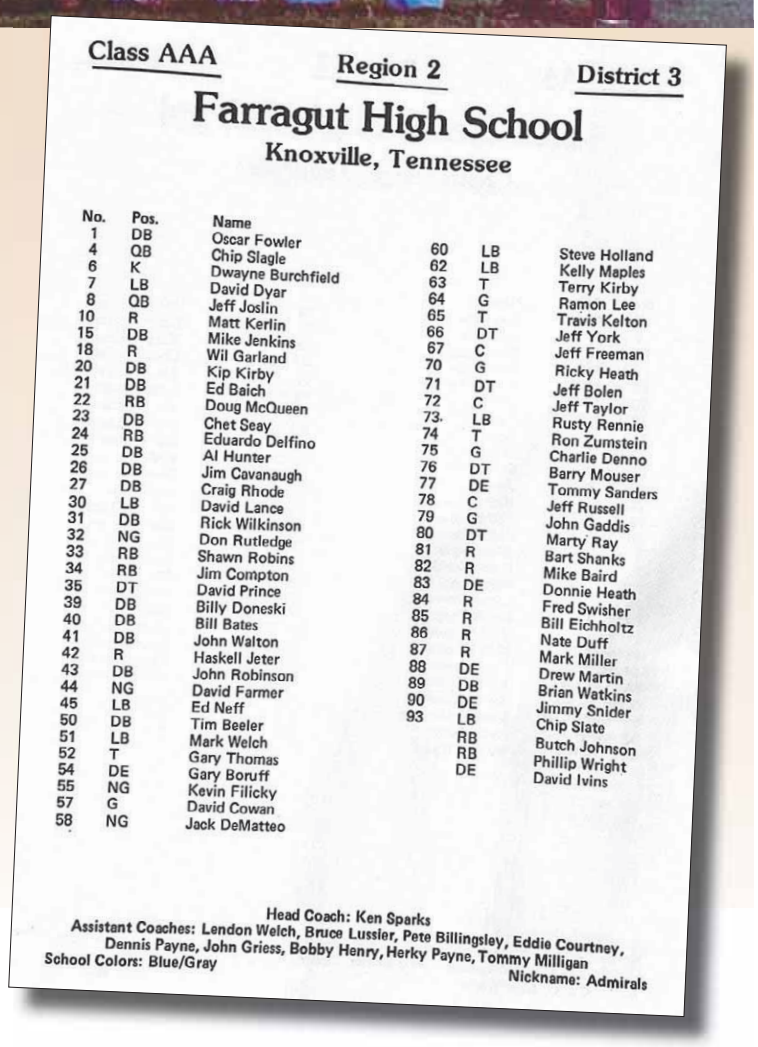
"Last year we lost to them in a really close game," Fisher said. "We wanted to show them what we could do."

Running back Elijah Gibbs's 25-yard run made it 35-6 early in the fourth. Smith completed FHS's scoring when he connected with Hank Devault on a quick strike 47-yard touchdown over the middle.

Smith was 3-of-4 passing for 65 yards and the touchdown. "When we're up like that (35-13), coach can put me in," Smith said. "Luke and I are brothers out there."

Farragut will host South-Doyle (2-3) on FHS Homecoming Night starting at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23.

These senior stars on the 1978 Farragut High School football press guide cover are, from left, receiver Mike Baird; running back Doug McQueen; linebacker Rusty Rennie; defensive back Bill Bates; defensive lineman Jeff York; offensive lineman David Cowan; quarterback Stan Cotten; receiver/quarterback Wil Garland; and defensive lineman Jack DeMatteo.



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6	K	Dwayne Burchfield
7	LB	David Dyar
8	QB	Jeff Joslin
10	R	Matt Kerlin
15	DB	Mike Jenkins
18	R	Wil Garland
20	DB	Kip Kirby
21	DB	Ed Baich
22	RB	Doug McQueen
23	DB	Chet Seay
24	RB	Eduardo Delfino
25	DB	Al Hunter
26	DB	Jim Cavanaugh
27	DB	Craig Rhode
30	LB	David Lance
31	DB	Rick Wilkinson
32	NG	Don Rutledge
33	RB	Shawn Robins
34	RB	Jim Compton
35	DT	David Prince
39	DB	Billy Doneski
40	DB	Bill Bates
41	DB	John Walton
42	R	Haskell Jeter
43	DB	John Robinson
44	NG	David Farmer
45	LB	Ed Neff
50	DB	Tim Beeler
51	LB	Mark Welch
52	T	Gary Thomas
54	DE	Gary Boruff
55	NG	Kevin Filicky
57	G	David Cowan
58	NG	Jack DeMatteo
60	LB	Steve Holland
62	LB	Kelly Maples
63	T	Terry Kirby
64	G	Ramon Lee
65	T	Travis Kelton
66	DT	Jeff York
67	C	Jeff Freeman
70	G	Ricky Heath
71	DT	Jeff Bolen
72	C	Jeff Taylor
73.	LB	Rusty Rennie
74	T	Ron Zumstein
75	G	Charlie Denno
76	DT	Barry Mouser
77	DE	Tommy Sanders
78	C	Jeff Russell
79	G	John Gaddis
80	DT	Marty Ray
81	R	Bart Shanks
82	R	Mike Baird
83	DE	Donnie Heath
84	R	Fred Swisher
85	R	Bill Eichholtz
86	R	Nate Duff
87	R	Mark Miller
88	DE	Drew Martin
89	DB	Brian Watkins
90	DE	Jimmy Snider
93	LB	Chip Slate
	RB	Butch Johnson
	RB	Phillip Wright
	DE	David Ivins

Head Coach: Ken Sparks
Assistant Coaches: Lendon Welch, Bruce Lussler, Pete Billingsley, Eddie Courtney, Dennis Payne, John Griess, Bobby Henry, Herky Payne, Tommy Milligan
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1978 Admirals: 'I couldn't believe how fast and how strong we were'

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Perhaps Farragut High School's 1978 Admirals were the most talented FHS football team during the program's first 75 years.

The starting quarterback, who went on to become an All-state honoree before winning a pair of small college national championships alongside his high school coach, speaks like a kid remembering his candy store raid 44 years before.

"For me personally, as an athlete, I couldn't believe how fast and how strong we were," said Jeff Joslin, then a junior quarterback who actually was elevated from third string — due to injury and a position change — to lead this special bunch behind center. "Defensively, they would punish people.

"And seeing these guys, it doesn't even seem real that I was a part of that team," Joslin added.

"I'm a little biased, but knowing athletes and knowing high school teams, we had to have been one of the top teams in the country."

Starting out 12-0 (a perfect 10-0 record season and two playoff wins), these Admirals reached what was then the Class AAA state semifinals (no public-private split then). A crushing double-overtime loss to Chattanooga Red Bank, at FHS, ended that memorable season short of the obvious goal.

But there are plenty of fond memories.

Special victory

While beating rival Bearden that season, the most prized regular season victory came against nemesis and Class AAA power Oak Ridge, the only team to beat the Admirals during an outstanding 10-1 season in 1977.

While the Admirals switched to "tear-away jerseys like Tennessee (then) had … so we were hard to tackle," Joslin added.

But the Oak Ridge coaches had a plan to reduce Joslin's number of plays.

"They would have their players tear off my jersey every play, then I'd have to come out of the game," he said.

Such tactics we're enough to prevent Farragut from a breakthrough 17-14 win against the Wildcats. "The Oak Ridge win that year was huge because they were so hard to beat," Joslin said.

Hard-hitting defense

With the likes of senior safety Bill Bates, future Tennessee Volunteer standout who went on to earn two Super Bowl rings as a special teams star with the Dallas Cowboys, Farragut's 5-2 defense was loaded with talent.

That bunch also included linebacker Rusty Rennie; defensive tackles Jeff York, Tim Beeler, Jack DeMatteo and Jeff Bolen; defensive ends Tommy Sanders and Jimmy Snider; and defensive backs Kip Kirby, Oscar Fowler and Haskell Jeter.

Bates "wasn't fast, but he was the hardest hitter," Joslin said. "… I remember hearing about Bill in CBFO (youth football) as 'this guy who was just punishing people'" with hard hits.

How tough was this 1978 defense?

"The South-Young playoff game (before South-Young and Doyle high schools were merged into what is now South-Doyle High) was huge," Joslin said.

Cherokees running back Todd Green was a 6-foot-2, 230-pound star. "I think the paper said that Farragut was going to have trouble with South-Young, and that nobody could bring (Green) down," Joslin recalled.

However, "This guy was hit so hard, like (from) Bates and York. … I think coach Sparks said, 'Let's make sure he's not ready for the second half;' not to hurt him, but just punish him.

"In the second half, this guy was sitting (on the bench) with a towel around his neck," the ex-FHS star added.

Flexible veer offense

"In coach Sparks' (veer) offense, I could change the plays; he trusted me," Joslin said, which happened "probably 30 to 40 percent" of the time.

However, in a run-oriented attack "we probably only threw the ball 12 to 15 times a game," he added, yet had reliable receivers including Wil Garland, moved from being the back-up quarterback, along with Mike Baird, Mark Miller and Fred Swisher.

However, between star running back Jim Compton, stellar fullback Doug McQueen and Joslin, "I think all three of us had 1,000 yards each that season," the ex-quarterback said.

Helping make that possible were offensive linemen that included David Cowan.

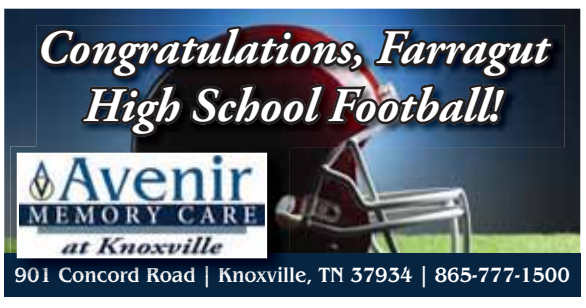
All of this was done in 1978 without star quarterback Stan Cotten, a senior whose final season — and his football career, as it turned out — was ended during a severe "fall camp" knee injury "at Sewanee" just weeks before the 1978 season began, Joslin said.

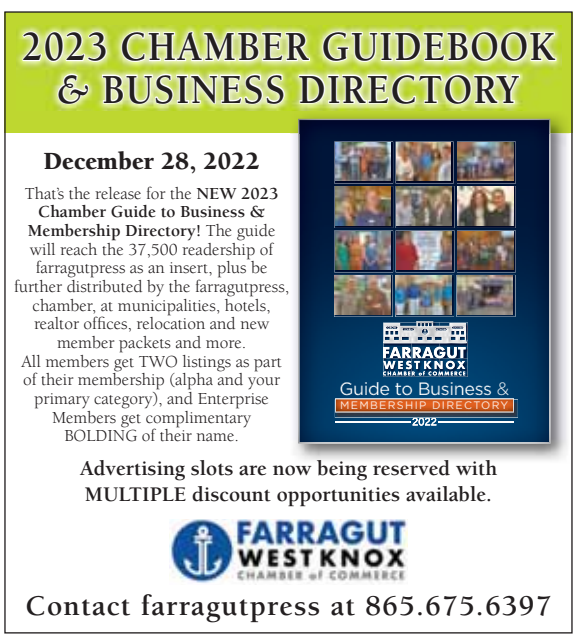
"Coach Sparks pulled me aside and said, 'Let's do it; you're ready for this,'" the ex-quarterback added.

Cotten landed on his feet quite successfully — in the broadcast booth — as the Voice of Wake Forest University Football and Men's Basketball.

Joslin landed on his feet as a actor-turned-film producer.

The FHS football program landed quite a few memories from 1978.





Farragut Ladies Society Cotillion

Raising more than $12,000 for Helping Mamas, Farragut Ladies Society more than met its fundraising goal during annual FLS Cotillion — as scores of FLS members were joined by their husbands for this black tie event — in Fox Den Country Club's main ballroom, Saturday evening, Aug. 27.

"Farragut Ladies Society is a nonprofit organization designed to recognize involved women in the Farragut community," an FLS press release stated. "The cotillion is a time to celebrate while supporting local charities. …This year Helping Mamas Knoxville was nominated as our 2022 charity.

"Helping Mamas Knoxville supports over 60 East Tennessee agencies," the release further stated. "They are the only registered diaper bank within two-and-half hours of Knoxville. Helping Mamas collects donated items for birth to 12. These items are distributed to partner social service agencies serving low-income families. One in three families has to choose between diapers and food. …"

The gathering heard an address from Tess Frear, Helping Mamas executive director, while presenting 15 new FLS Patrons for 2022: Amy Coulter, Elizabeth Greene, Cathy Gurley, Cecille Skeens, Elizabeth McGill, Emily Watson, Erin Dustin, Jennifer Shuler, Jillian Pacelli, Kelley Tafazzoli, Kelly Johnson, Lauren Ladd, Melanie Hall, Michelle Russ and Sarah Lambert.

Directors are Arrington Russell, also FLS president, along with Ashley Holmes, Kathryn Phillips and Stacey Hall.

Top: From left are Jenny Martinez, Emily Johnson, Ashley Swor, Wendy Stiles, Allison Prosan, Meredith Whitehead and Cammy Kromer.

1. John and Kelsea Walters

2. Kevin Franklin and Suzi Kiger

3. Michael and Kimberly Goldsborough

4. Chris and Julie Goodrich

5. Dave and Tricia Stevens

6. Arrington Russell, left, Farragut Ladies Society president, with Jenny Martinez

7. Ray and Julie Parrish, left, and Lauren and Tommy Morgan

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‘Betty Grable’ inspires Farragut duo to write children’s book

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A 5-year-old Black Labrador has inspired Farragut woman Gloria Gorss and her granddaughter, Maya Alves, to write a children’s book about Gorss’ experiences with her service dog.

“She is my constant companion and helper,” said Gorss, who acquired Betty Grable three years ago.

As such, Alves encouraged her grandmother to write the children’s book, “Game Day with Grammy,”

“Maya came up with the idea we should write a book about grandma with disabilities, and maybe try to help little kids,” Gorss said.

“Sometimes kids may not understand why grammy and grandpa cannot do certain things or go certain places,” said Alves, a University of Tennessee junior majoring in early childhood education. “Kind of the whole service dog idea was really cool to bring into the story.”

Gorss said sometimes children are afraid of the oxygen tanks and wheelchairs.

“Hopefully, (the book) will inform and entertain at the same time,” she added.

The book is available through Amazon for $10.99.

Gorss was diagnosed with an auto-immune disease, chronic inflammatory demyelineating polyneuropathy, a form of muscular sclerosis, 10 years ago.

“My muscles are slowly wasting and giving out,” she said. “I’m struggling more and more to walk, and I don’t have any feeling in my feet.

“A lot of stuff is going on,” added Gorss, who also is diabetic.

“A doctor suggested a service dog might help, so I applied five years ago. I checked around a lot of different places, and we found a place called Duo Dogs in St. Louis. It’s a non-profit. You can apply … it’s a scholarship. It’s based on your physical needs.

Tammy Cheek

Gloria Gorss of Farragut and her granddaughter, Maya Alves, with Betty Grable, a certified and trained Duo service dog.

After several of her doctors wrote letters, “I had to fill out all these applications and a background check,” Gorse recalled. “I didn’t hear anything until probably a year-and-a-half. They called one day and said, ‘we’ve got a dog for you.’

She went to St. Louis to meet her new dog, Betty Grable, and train with her.

“The reason she’s called Betty Grable is … the litter of pups she was with, (the owners) named them after famous celebrities from St. Louis,” Gorss said. “The litter now they’re naming after cars.”

She pointed out Betty Grable is a service dog, not an emotional support dog.

“She can’t be denied access,” Gorss said. “Aside from being

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Photo submitted

2nd Lt. Matthew Riddle, Tennessee Army National Guard who also is a Hardin Valley Academy math teacher, with his wife, Jillian Riddle.

TN Army National Guard 2nd Lt. an HVA math teacher

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HARDIN VALLEY —Hardin Valley Academy math teacher Matthew Riddle recently graduated from Tennessee National Guard Officer Candidate School and earned his commission as a second lieutenant in the Tennessee Army

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Masks tell the story during Farragut Primary Zoo Day Sept. 16

Photos submitted

Farragut Primary School teachers and administrators dressed up for Zoo Day Friday, Sept. 16, at the school. **(Above)** FPS students “in disguise” are, from left, Avira Aravind, Adelyn Hawk, Reagan Daigle, Maddie Ashley, Lindy Lawson, Elle Green, Holland Finck and Baylor Mason. **(Left)** Wearing their favorite masks are Lucille Moehlen, left, and Erica Powell.

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Children in the Arts "The Arts Tell My Story" is a part of the Penny4Arts Program, which allows every child in Knox and surrounding counties an opportunity to attend arts and cultural events/activities at the maximum cost of just one penny when accompanied by a paying adult ($7).

• **Friends of the Knox County Public Library returns to Central United Methodist Church,** 201 3rd Ave. in Knoxville, with its first Fall Used Book Sale from Thursday, Sept. 29, through Saturday, Oct. 1. The purpose of the sale is twofold: to raise funds for the Knox County Public Library and to offer affordable books to the community.

Current members of Friends of the Library will be the first to shop the sale during Members Preview Day from 3:30 to 7 p.m., Sept. 29. Memberships can be purchased online or renewed at the door. The sale will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, with Saturday designated as half price day. Face masks are encouraged during the sale.

• **45th Knoxville Shrine Circus will present five shows Friday, Sept. 30, through Sunday, Oct. 2,** in Thompson Boling Arena. Five shows feature The Flying Cortes - flying trapeze; Chicago Boyz - America's Got Talent Stars; The Upside-Down Man - he lives upside down; The Shrine Circus Elephants; and Kerbela Shrine Clowns. Shows begin at 6 p.m., Sept. 30, and run

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Moved up a few weeks,
FPS Fall Festival set for Oct. 1

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Farragut Primary School's annual Fall Festival is being held earlier this year, but organizers and sponsors are promising even more food, fun and festivities than ever before.

Sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization, the event, held in previous years near the end of October, will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, both inside the school and on school grounds, 509 N. Campbell Station Road.

It is the PTO's largest fundraiser, offering games, inflatables, a silent auction, a raffle, bake sale, a performance by second-graders and crafts for students and their family members.

"It's so early this year because we try to look at the football schedule (mainly University of Tennessee Football) to avoid mass conflicts, although we know we can't avoid everything with kids' sports schedules too," FPS PTO president Megan Wood said.

While the Festival itself is free to attend, wristbands are being sold for $15 each in advance, giving those attending unlimited access to all the planned attractions, including four large inflatables, carnival games, arts and crafts and photos with FPS's dolphin mascot, Finley.

However, the wristband will not include food sold at the event. Chick-fil-A and concessions will be sold separately. Wristbands are only being offered online in advance by visiting www.fpspto.org by Thursday, Sept. 29.

"Urban Air is a sponsor who will be giving basic passes for the first 300 wristbands sold during our pre-sale event," Wood said. The day of the event, festival-goers who did not buy wristbands may choose to purchase punch cards for $10, which will be good for 10 events each.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the bake sale may sign up on the FPS PTO Facebook page or at fallfestbakesale@fpspto.org.

Fall Festival Platinum and Gold sponsors include: Angela Floyd School for Dance and Music; Blaze Pizza; Baby Otter Survival Swim Academy; Cool Sports Home of the Icearium; Concord United Methodist Church; Josh Hemphill State Farm; Karli Pritchard, Realtor; Knoxville Academy of Martial Arts; ORNL Credit Union; Premier Martial Arts; Pro Vision Hockey Academy; Pryor Priest & Harber Attorneys at Law; Reissing Health Family Chiropractic; Smoky Mountain Pediatric Dentistry; TEG Gymnastics; The Allergy, Asthma and Sinus Center; Urban Air; and Zaxby's.

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‘Almost in Farragut’ Food Truck Rally Series under way

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The launch of the “Almost in Farragut” Food Truck Rally Series kicked off Tuesday, Sept. 20, at Riverside Coffee Shop at Dixie Lee Junction for what is planned as a three-week event, according to organizers.

The next “Almost in Farragut” rally will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, and the final event will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4, during the same time frame.

Riverside Coffee Shop will be offering soft drinks, iced coffee and other beverages to supplement the wares of the planned food truck vendors, which Sept. 27 are set to feature Deep South Fish Shack, Smoked Pickle Barbecue, Kennedy Grill, Good Hombres, Bayou Bites, Top Bun and Smiley Swirl ice cream.

Riverside Coffee Shop has the mission of “Coffee with a Cause,” and provides employment opportunities for special-needs young adults.

“It’s an honor to support their mission,” said event organizer and Choto resident Dale Akins of The Chef’s Workshop, which has been hosting similar food truck rallies in Choto, Hardin Valley, Clinton and other locations as the program has grown.

Visit https://thechefsworkshop.com/location/almost-in-farragut/ for more information.

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from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Oct. 1 and Oct. 2.

• **Celebrate October Fest with Mind Yer Ps & Qs, 12744 Kingston Pike.** The Farragut pub once again will set up a German-inspired festival with large tents along its Kingston Pike lawn just east of Watt Road for a three-day family-friendly event starting Friday, Sept. 30 (from 4 p.m. to midnight), Saturday, Oct. 1 (from 11 a.m. to midnight) and Sunday, Oct. 2 (from noon to 6 p.m.). This year’s event features live music on stage throughout the weekend with an exciting line-up of talented local bands, including K-Town.

Tickets are $10 per day. Children 10 and under are free. A portion of proceeds will benefit Alzheimer’s Tennessee, a locally-headquartered not-for-profit committed to research and helping families live with dementia since 1983, and PJ Parkinson’s Support, which serves about 1,200 with Parkinson’s in East Tennessee. Visit www.oktoberfestfarragut.com for more information.

• **A chili supper and silent auction fundraiser for Christ Covenant Church’s ACE program for adults with disabilities** will be held from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 1, in the church, 12915 Kingston Pike. Cost is $15 per person, which covers supper (chili, sides and dessert) and an illusionist show by Joseph Young. For more information, contact the church at 865-671-1885.

• **Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its monthly meeting beginning at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, in Faith Lutheran Church,** in Farragut. Social time and book exchange begins at 10:30 a.m. Published authors are invited to attend. AGT is now accepting applications for associate membership from authors who have written a book, but are not yet published.

Serious authors only. In the event of inclement weather, check the AGT website for updates and information: authorsguildoftn.org.

• **Farragut HarvestFest is a “spooktakular” event that will include food trucks, adult beverages, live entertainment, a Trick-or-Treat aspect and Halloween Costume Contest**. Between 2 and 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 30, Shop Farragut will assemble vendors from all across the Farragut business community to celebrate the kick-off of the holiday season. The festival will take place outdoors in Village Green shopping center.

“We are currently seeking vendors and sponsors for this unique opportunity,” a Shop Farragut press release stated. “An opportunity to showcase your business, sell your products and demonstrate your commitment to the community. We will ask vendors to have treats available for the costumed kiddos.” Basic booth fees begin at $100 and discounts are available for those with a Farragut business license. For more information, call Stephen F. Krempasky, Shop Farragut executive director, at 865-307-2486 or http://www.farragutbusiness.com

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Riddle

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National Guard.

Riddle, an officer candidate, completed the 18-month traditional OCS program, which is designed to turn officer candidates into platoon leaders in the U.S. Army.

Earning the commission is “fantastic,” he said. “It was a really hard course, but I’m definitely pretty excited I finally got it.”

“The program is broken into four phases and is completed through monthly weekend drills and two 15-day training sessions held in the summer,” said Darrin Haas, with joint public affairs office of Tennessee Military Department. “Officer candidates are tested mentally and physically to develop their leadership skills in a high-stress environment.”

“OCS was the most challenging program that I have ever been a part of,” Riddle said.

Now, he will serve as a platoon leader for the 278th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

“I’ve always had a strong desire to serve and wanted to join an organization that allowed me to fulfill that desire while being able to maintain my civilian job,” Riddle said.

This is his fourth year at HVA. He is teaching geometry and bridge math this year, but he has taught “pretty much any math you can in high school” through the years.

Before joining HVA, he spent two years teaching at Jefferson County High School and has been with Tennessee National Guard almost three years.

Riddle currently is pursuing his Ph.D. He graduated from Merrol Hyde Magnet School in 2013 and graduated from Carson-Newman University in 2017 with a bachelor’s degree in mathematics. He earned a Master of Education degree in curriculum and instruction.

Tammy Cheek

RCF scholarship $ to Pell St. trio

Rotary Club of Farragut member Peggy Wilson, far right, welcomed Pellissippi State Community College Rotaract members, from left, Cam Lloyd, Vic Rutherford, sponsor Stephanie Markowitz, Emily Larch, Jonathan Kostamayer and Fabrice Kanda to a recent RCF Wednesday club meeting. Of those Rotaract members, RCF presented the following scholarships to Lloyd, $700; Kanda, $800; and Kostamayer, $500.

PJ Parkinson's Foundation, Mind Yer Ps and Qs team up for 5K Run,1K Walk Oct. 2

TAMMY CHEEK
tcheek@farragutpress.com

PJ Parkinson's Foundation is giving area runners a chance to do what they love most when it presents the P.J. Parkinson's 5K Run and Walk Sunday, Oct. 2, as part of Mind Yer Ps and Qs 2nd Annual Octoberfest at Renaissance | Farragut.

"I think we're going to have a great turnout," said Drew Degges, race director and PJ Parkinson's Foundation board of directors member. "We've got about 140 people signed up right now, and we're hoping to see those numbers grow in the next couple weeks as we near the race."

Octoberfest will be taking place from 4 p.m. to midnight, Friday, Sept. 30; from 10 a.m. to midnight, Saturday, Oct. 1; and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 2, at Mind Yer Ps and Qs, 2744 Kingston Pike in Renaissance | Farragut.

"We're partnering with Octoberfest," Degges said. "The Foundation is the primary beneficiary of (the event)."

The 5K run and 1K walk will both kick off at 2 p.m., Degges said.

"The race will leave the Renaissance and travel up through the Old Stage Hills neighborhood, go down McFee Road, wind back through the greenway behind Wentworth subdivision, back through Old Stage Hills to finish at the Renaissance," he said. "Race recipients will receive awesome goody bags with T-shirt, lots of giveaways and a limited-edition Gatorade bottle."

Degges anticipates the race will last between an hour and an hour-and-15 minutes *(read related story staring on page 6A).*

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Overall, "She is my very own 'Life Alert,' Gorss said. "Because I have limited mobility issues, my husband walks and exercises Grable daily. They are a pretty good Frisbee team."

Gorss has to get recertified with Betty Grable annually to ensure the dog receives care. "At home, she's a goofy lab, but when she puts her little vest on, she's a working dog."

Run-Walk

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"There are no major road closures," he added. "We've coordinated with the Town of Farragut and other authorities to get a route that is not only nice but doesn't affect the flow of traffic.

"You can sign up for the event up until the day of. We will be taking registration at Octoberfest."

Packet pickup will also be held Friday and Saturday at Octoberfest.

The cost to sign up in advance online is $35 while the cost the day of the race is $40.

To register online, visit www.runsignup.com and look up PJ Parkinson's 5K or visit www.pjparkinsons.org.

"Being that we're partnered with Octoberfest — while the race is on Sunday, (the festival) will be a three-day event starting Friday, Sept. 30, through Oct. 2 — attendees can come early to the race; they can stay late.

"It will be a true celebration this year," Degges said about Octoberfest. "There will be lots of German beer and food, a kid's play area, live music and a health exhibition.

"A lot of Parkinson's support groups will be coming together in support of this one event focused on Parkinson's awareness," he said. "We will be united for the cause, and the goal of the fifth annual walk and run is to better understand the progressive nervous system disorder and to bring family, friends and those affected by the disease together and connected with an environment full off support."

Originally held in South Knoxville, "we were growing so we decided it was time to transition to the Farragut area," Degges said.

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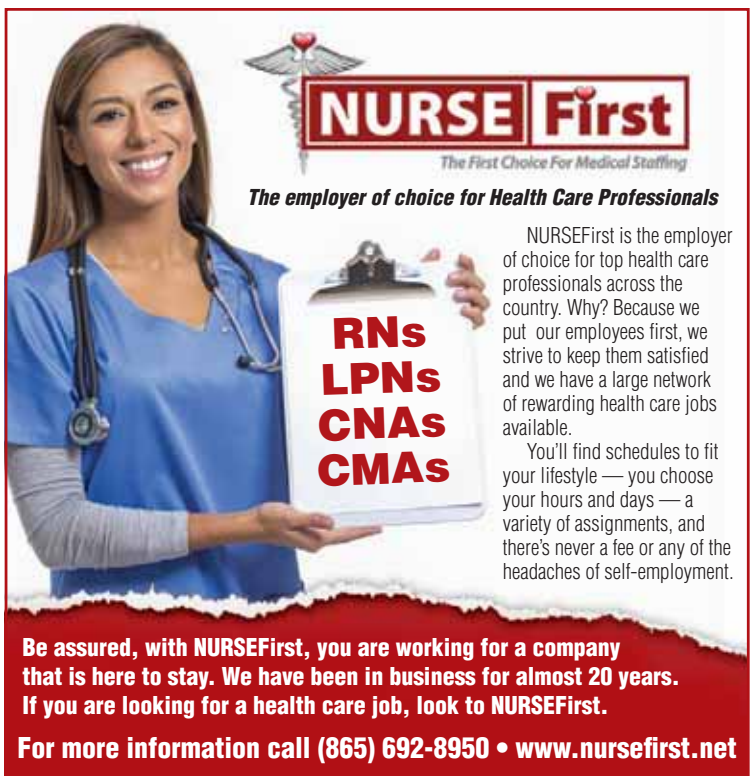

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FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD AGENDA
Farragut Town Hall Board Room • Tuesday, September 27, 2022 7:00 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes for the August 23, 2022, meeting.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Staff report - wall signs approved in the past month.
4. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for QC Kinetix, located at 11653 Parkside Drive.
5. Review of a large individual tenant panel sign for Lee Company, located at 12500 Kingston Pike.
6. Review of a primary ground mounted sign for Fairfield Inn, located at 11763 Snyder Road.
7. Review of a second ground mounted sign for Fairfield Inn, located at 11763 Snyder Road.
8. Review of a peripheral accessory (entry directional) freestanding sign for Fairfield Inn, located at 11763 Snyder Road.
9. Review of a tenant panel sign for Jessica Phillips, CPA & Circle Salon, located at 102 Chaho Road.
10. Review of a landscape plan for the Grove at Boyd Station Subdivision's Amenities/Clubhouse Area, located off Iron Plow Drive (proposed).

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AGENDA
September 22, 2022
BEER BOARD MEETING 5:55 PM

I. Approval of Minutes
A. August 25, 2022
II. Beer Permit
A. Approval of Class 6 Permit for Farragut Business Alliance, Harvest Fest

BMA MEETING 6:00 PM

I. Roll Call
II. Approval of Agenda
III. Approval of Minutes
A. September 8, 2022
IV. Mayor's Report
A. SchoolsDonationPresentation
B. Advance Knox Land Use & Transportation Plan Update
V. Business Items
A. Approval of Annual Contract for 2023 Tennessee Vacation Guide print and digital advertising
B. Approval of Field Allocation Requirements for Tennis Court Rentals
C. Approval of Contract 2023-06, Kingston Pike pedestrian crosswalk improvements
D. Approval of Agreement with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for Virtue Road Phase II
E. Approval of Appointment to the Education Relations Committee
VI. Town Administrator's Report
VII. Town Attorney's Report
VIII. Citizens Forum

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School	Win-Loss	Points	Net Difference
Webb School	5-0	215-38	+177
Bearden	3-2	119-86	+33
Farragut	3-2	146-122	+24
Knoxville Catholic	2-2	111-104	+7
CAK	2-3	74-83	+9
HVA	0-4	47-121	-74

Almost dead heat for 2nd behind Meske & Co.

Dave Meske is going out in style — at least five games into his 38th and final season as Webb School of Knoxville football head coach.

Once again dominant in victory, the Spartans (5-0) picked up a huge Division II-AA win in Dave Meske Stadium againt rival Christian Academy of Knoxville, 28-3, Thursday, Sept. 15.

Enjoying a well-deserved week off, as Week 6 approaches, Webb has built a two-game lead on the PureMagic How the West Was Won Scoreboard after Week 5 action completed Friday, Sept. 16.

With two consecutive wins, Farragut has practically tied Bearden for second place in the PM-HWWW contest (each 3-2), though the Bulldogs remain No. 2 with a slight edge in point differential. *(Read Admirals story, a 42-13 home victory against Region 2-6A rival Cleveland, beginning on page 1B).*

Josh Jones' Dawgs lost at mighty Maryville 28-7 in another Region 2-6A showdown last Friday, scoring on a Presean Brown 1-yard run — on fourth-and-goal — late in the first half. But the Bulldogs let other great chances slip away.

"We were inside the (Maryville) 2-yard-line on two different drives, but couldn't finish either drive; came up with no points," Jones said. "Got to finish drives."

Overall, "The boys fought hard, but made too many mistakes to win versus a good team like Maryville," the Bulldogs boss added. "We've got to get back to work, dive into the film and work to clean up some things.

"A lot to learn from this game."

Individually stat-wise, junior Sam Tummins stood out on both sides of the ball for Bearden: two interceptions while grabbing seven passes for 75 yards.

Still in the Scoreboard hunt, Knoxville Catholic (2-2) hosted Chattanooga McCallie, three-time defending state champion in Division II-AAA, and held its own for more than a half against the powerful Blue Tornado.

But the Chattanooga guys pulled away in the fourth quarter, winning 38-7. Junior receive Braylon Harmon's 49-yard scoring reception from sophomore quarterback Jayden Neal, midway into the first quarter, actually gave the Fighting Irish a 7-0 lead. Harmon also grabbed an interception and added two pass break-ups as a defensive back.

Top three KCHS tacklers were Connor Ruth, junior defensive back (12, 10 unassisted); Jaren Sensabaugh, junior defensive back (10, eight solo); and Sam O'Leary, senior defensive back (nine solo).

Though winless, Hardin Valley Academy put a scare into undefeated Bradley Central, No. 7 state ranked in Division I-6A (5-0). The Bears managed to hold off the Hawks 24-17 in a Region 2-6A battle at HVA. *(See story on page 2B)*

Week 6

(All opening kickoffs are at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, unless otherwise stated)

Alan Sloan

Neal Henley (52), Hardin Valley Academy sophomore offensive lineman, prepares to block a Bradley Central defensive end as Hawks fellow linemen Josh Lay (54), a junior, and Evan Clarke (56), a sophomore, prepare to pull block.

Knoxville Catholic will enjoy its second week off in the past three, and joins Webb among the PureMagic 6 not playing this week.

Meanwhile, Farragut and Hardin Valley will hold their homecoming celebrations this Friday, Sept. 23, as the Admirals host South-Doyle (2-3), while the Hawks invite Knoxville Central (2-3) to HVA.

Bearden travels to Fulton to face a Falcons team (2-3) coming off a 61-55 victory against Gibbs. The Bulldogs look to avenge a 2021 home loss to Fulton.

Travis Mozingo's Warriors (1-1 in East Region) stay in region play, traveling about 100 miles south to face a red-hot Chattanooga Christian School team (4-1, 2-0).

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