

Parents, 2 juveniles arrested after fight at FHS

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Four people were arrested at Farragut High School Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 15 — including two FHS students and both parents of one of those students — following a fight in the school parking lot after school had dismissed for the day.

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, and were set to appear in court on those charges ear-

lier today (Thursday, Sept. 23).

The two juveniles charged are not being named, and their disciplinary/legal status in the matter has not been made available.

Knox County Sheriff's Office Patrol Officer Wesley Chad Coleman, who is assigned to the schools' division according to KCSO communications director Kimberly Glenn, said 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 yell-

ing/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 encour-

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Under the Stars — sort of: FWK Chamber Auction



'Campfire fare' helps simulate outdoors in FWKCC major f'raiser

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members and guests enjoyed "An Evening Under the Stars" with campfire fare, including a s'mores station, and bidding for silent and live auction items at The Auction held at The Venue in Lenoir City on Thursday, Sept. 16.

"First and foremost, we are more grateful than words can say to everyone who made this event's comeback not just a possibility, but a success," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock stated in a subsequent e-mail. "An event like this has so many moving pieces, and it depends on a lot of individuals coming together to support it, otherwise it falls flat easily."

After two fiscal years of being unable to hold its annual auction — its signature fundraiser — the event benefited two non-profit organizations: the American Cancer Society and Volunteer Ministry Center.

As the Chamber staff still is doing post-event processing, including additional item "sales" for things not picked up, Blaylock said she hopes to have an official total soon of the donations.

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Photos by Tammy Cheek

(Top left) Dana Murphy wins the bid on four tires provided by Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair. (Top Right) Andrew Pankratz and Karen Hancock look over auction items. (Above) Terry Smiley is about to enjoy dessert.

Hospital leaders meet virtually, exchange stats, ideas, warnings

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Because Knox County hospitals in general, and their emergency room departments specifically, are in a backlog trying to treat patients with COVID-19, those experiencing mild symptoms of any kind are encouraged "to seek alternative places to get your care" instead of an ER, said Dr. Mark Brown, senior vice president and chief medical officer of Covenant Health.

"If you come to the emergency room with milder symptoms, your wait is going to be longer," he added while pointing out those seeking a COVID test should not go to any hospital emergency room.

Brown joined leaders from University of Tennessee Medical Center, Tennova Healthcare, Blount Memorial Hospital and East Tennessee Children's Hospital in a COVID-19 virtual roundtable Wednesday, Sept. 15, to discuss and share the most recent, and distressing, local COVID statistics.

"What we're seeing this time around, over the last 30 days, is a much steeper rise," said Dr. James E. Shamiyeh, senior vice president and chief operating officer at UTMHC. "Actually, that's extended well before the last 30 days."

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Sidewalk, greenway extensions planned

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Two long-discussed Town projects were given the green light for design work by the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen Sept. 9.

BOMA approved two professional services agreements with Urban Engineering Inc. to design both the Sonja Drive sidewalk extension and the Evans Road Greenway connection.

Design costs approved were \$58,975 for Sonja Drive and \$28,050 for the Evans Road Greenway.

BOMA had discussed both projects earlier this year during 2021-22 budget talks.

The Sonja Drive project, advocated by Town Vice Mayor Louise Povlin because the road lies within the parent responsibility zone, will ultimately extend the sidewalk from Admiral Road to Oran Road, pro-



Smith

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business

"Two years ago, when we were still in Seattle, when I was doing alterations, I started noticing ... horror stories. ... Anyone over street-size 14 can come over and have that magical experience,"

Mimi Wolfe, who has come to the Farragut area to fill a much-needed niche in a sentimental industry. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

community

"The national award is given to the school that has shown growth and gives back to the community. ... Furthermore, this award recognizes a Chapter that empowers their members to take leadership roles,"

Selom Bediako, a high school student and co-sponsor of a relatively new club that's hitting service home runs. (Read story beginning on page 4B)

sports

"The credit for this goes to the defensive side of the ball. It feels good to get a win. But this one is big for the kids because we don't get to play a lot of (region) teams in Knoxville,"

Dave Meske, head coach of a team that made a huge play late in the game that resulted in a vital region win. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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Town calendar

• **Tom Fine, a retired TVA attorney who has had a life-long interest in military history, will host a lecture on Adm. David Glasgow Farragut's** early life and his role in The Civil War, which begins at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, in Farragut Museum, located inside Farragut Town Hall at 11408 Municipal Center Drive. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Farragut Museum will open at 1 p.m. Sept. 26 for tours, and everyone is encouraged to visit the expanded Admiral Farragut exhibition, honoring the U.S. Navy's first commissioned admiral and Town namesake.

"David Glasgow Farragut .. went to sea with his foster father, David Porter, when he was a young teenager," a Town of Farragut press release stated. "He served bravely on Porter's frigate, the Essex, in the War of 1812. ... The Civil War gave Adm. Farragut the opportunity to display his planning and leadership skills at New Orleans, the Mississippi River and Mobile Bay."

Projects

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viding additional pedestrian safety for Farragut View and Stonecrest neighborhoods.

"The project also includes development of plans for improving the existing mid-block crosswalk behind the high school," a BOMA report from Town engineer Darryl Smith stated.

The Evans Road Greenway extension will connect the Cottages at Pryse Farm to The Farm at Willow Creek along the North site of the roadway.

In both reports, Smith noted design plans are expected to be completed by Spring 2022, followed by securing property easements, then construction to start in 2023.

KCSOreports

• **At 1:58 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 18, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office to report a burglary to a vehicle at Cotton Eye Joe, 11220 Outlet Drive.** Complainant advised she last saw her 2016 Chevrolet Sonic with all contents inside on at 9:15 p.m., Friday, Sept. 17, when she parked her vehicle. Complainant said when she and others with her returned to the vehicle, they noticed the vehicle had been broken into and \$761 combined in worth of items taken and damage done — including a \$250 estimate for a broken windshield. Complainant advised she does not know who broke into her vehicle and took the items, adding she will file an insurance claim to replace the busted window with her insurance provider, Progressive. Complainant and other victims were advised to call back if any other items are discovered missing.

• **At 916 a.m., Sept. 17, an officer responded to a two-vehicle accident at 11656 Parkside Drive in the Publix parking lot. Officer made contact with driver/eventual arrestee,** who was the sole occupant of a 1999 Ford Ranger. Driver was the at-fault party in the accident and failed to provide proof of insurance. He said he borrowed the vehicle from a friend and could not find insurance documents. Officers inventoried the vehicle,

and it was towed by Sutherland Avenue Wrecker. "During the inventory, officers located a clear vial containing white powder residue," the report stated. "Also present in the vehicle were items consistent with narcotics use, including cotton swabs and a butane torch." Driver was cited and released.

• **At 10:02 p.m., Thursday, Sept 16, an officer responded to a Campbell Lakes Drive hotel, Room 114, for a domestic matter.** "Upon investigation, the victim said she was standing outside Room 114, talking to the suspect's stepmother; when he came up behind her, drug her into the motel room, threw her onto the ground, kicked her, drug her into the bathroom, hit her head on the wall and struck her on her face," the report stated. "The victim said the suspect grabbed a plastic bag and threatened to kill her." The victim stated the suspect's father was inside the motel room when the altercation occurred and stated he would call 911, "at which point the suspect stated he would kill her right then if he called for police assistance," the report stated. "The victim had swelling on her face and a busted lip." Victim refused medical treatment on scene. Suspect fled the scene prior to officer's arrival. Victim was given a blue card and advised of her rights under domestic violence.

Hospitals, COVID

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Comparing Monday, Sept. 13, versus "the winter peak of COVID-19, "We have 61 more (COVID) patients in the hospital, 31 more patients in the ICU," Shamiyeh said. "We have 33 more people on the ventilator than we had at the winter peak."

As recent as July 10 at UTMC, "We only had five patients with COVID in the hospital," he added. "We had two COVID patients on the ventilator, and 31 non-COVID patients on the ventilator."

Slightly more than two months later, Sept. 13, "We had

35 with COVID on the ventilator and 29 (COVID) not on the ventilator," Shamiyeh said. "Right now, 70 percent of our ICU beds house patients who are on a ventilator or breathing machine. When we didn't have this amount of COVID, it was 36 percent."

As a result, "sicker patients than normal are outside the ICU," he added. "It's harder to create extra ICU beds than it is to create extra regular beds because of the level of nursing expertise required to take care of critically ill patients."

Moreover, "We know that critically ill patients are more likely to develop kidney failure, and so they may need tem-

porary dialysis," Shamiyeh said. "... You don't hear people talk about dialysis access."

Also on July 10 at UTMC, out of that hospital's 480 regular bedded rooms, "Only 1 percent of those beds were taking care of patients with COVID-19," he added. "Then, just a few days ago, it was 28 percent of those beds."

"... We're experiencing, on average, more than a death per day from COVID-19."


Brown said, "Not only are we as full as we've ever been, some of our hospitals are seeing two times as many emergency department patients as they routinely see."

"We are also experiencing

longer wait times in our emergency departments, not only for patients to be seen because of the volumes, but also for patients to be transferred upstairs," he added. "... It is taking much longer for all of our health systems to get patients out of emergency department that normally we would transfer out in short order."

However, "If anyone is experiencing severe symptoms — you're having chest pains, if you're having stroke-like symptoms, if you're having shortness of breath —" among other severe symptoms, "We want you to come to the emergency department," Brown said. "(Don't) delay your care."

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Lafayette Williams, 83, of Knoxville, Tennessee, a respected entrepreneur in the Southeast livestock industry, passed away Thursday, Sept 9, 2021.

Lafayette was a founding partner of Knoxville Livestock Center, which became the largest stockyard east of the Mississippi River within the first three years of operation. He was a charter member of Tennessee Cattlemen's Association and the Knox County Cattlemen's Association.

He also was a Founding Member of TCA, helped organize its business structure, recruited members, and served as its third president. In recognition of his leadership and influence, TCA established the annual Lafayette Williams Businessperson of the Year Award.

At their RiverView Family Farm, a seventh-generation farm serving local beef consumers since 1801, the Williamses delighted in welcoming guests, who were fond of Lafayette's stories about local history, Tennessee agriculture and the family farm.

Lafayette and his wife, Janice, were advocates and supporters of 4-H and FFA activities. Beginning with his two sisters, he taught the art of showing livestock and stockmanship to many, including his own children and grandchildren. You would never have to ask him twice to attend a cattle show or sale — the call of the auctioneer rang in his heart.

From an early age, he exhibited at the Tennessee Valley Fair as a child, and has served on its board for many years. He was instrumental in the Knoxville Finished Cattle Show.

He graduated first in his class from the University of Tennessee College of Agriculture, followed by earning a Master's degree, both in animal science. While a student at UT, Lafayette was a member of

the Livestock, Dairy and Meats Judging Teams.

In the 1960s, Lafayette was the first person to earn a perfect score at the National Collegiate Meat Judging competition in Chicago. He continued to share his passion and knowledge for quality meat with his beef customers for more than 65 years. Getting to know his customers, their families and educating them about beef was something he considered an honor.

The treasured friendships formed in agriculture were a vital cornerstone in Lafayette's life. Colleagues in agriculture and other sectors sought out Lafayette's respected counsel as they began new ventures and organizations.

A son of Walton and Garnette Williams, of Concord, Tennessee, Lafayette was born on May 18, 1938.

Growing up in Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church, he served as an elder. Sunday School and church fellowship were a foundation of his love for Christ. Later, he attended Central Baptist Church of Bearden.

To remember him, he leaves behind his wife, Janice, whom he loved dearly, and was married to for more than 52 years.

He is survived by his son, Byron Williams (Stacy Johnson), daughter Rachel, her husband Chris Samulski, their daughters Iris and June.

Additionally, he leaves two sisters, Sarah Williams Stewart (Dr. Jack Stewart), Gail Williams Welch (Ronald Welch), brother, Wendell Williams; brother-in-law,



Mr. Williams

John Hurst (Becky), several nieces and nephews, and a wide circle of friends and neighbors.

Memorials may be sent to: The Williams Agriculture Legacy Fund c/o AgCentral Farmers Co-op, 920 N. Congress Parkway, Athens, TN 37303. Funds will be utilized for a project to benefit the Southeast production agriculture industry.

The family was served by Click Funeral Home, Farragut Chapel.

Friends remember Mr. Williams

Harry Bryan, a retired county extension agent who was Knox County Extension director for 27 years, said LaFayette "was a close, personal friend I've known for over 50 years. ... I supported him in some endeavors and he supported me in endeavors, also. It was a very good relationship I had with him through the years."

Tom Howard, former president of Antique Automobile Club of America and a national judge, said he "met the Williamses in 1998; they had bought their first antique car, a 1957 Chevrolet. ... In Farragut. ... I gave him an application to the Club, and Janice and Lafayette have been good friends (with us) ever since, just wonderful people. He had a very outstanding collection of Chevrolet cars. ... He was a very active member in our national club as well as our local club (former local club president)."

Doug Horne, prominent area developer and owner of Republic Newspaper, Inc., parent company of farragutpress, said "I've known LaFayette for probably 60 years ... he was probably the most expert cattleman in the state of Tennessee. ... In the last three or four years he would call friends of his and say, 'I just wanted to call you and tell you how important you are to me.' ... I thought that was real impressive. He was a man of great integrity and character."

Arrest at FHS

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aged their son to engage in a fight," the warrants report continued.

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

All parties were arrested and transported to jail. Juvenile Detention and Major Crimes detectives were notified, and the warrant stated the Department of Child Services also would be notified.

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

Chamber Auction

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"I can tell you right now that based on projections, each one will be pleased," she stated.

"If we decide we really like the early fall, we'll be doing this again probably next

September," Blaylock added.

"However, if we want to return to its normal spring schedule, you won't see the 34th auction until spring 2023.

"We had a lot of fun with the live auction this year as well. And there was the added surprise of our board member,

Matthew Bryan, offering a ninth item up for bid at the end, which we ultimately decided should benefit our two non-profits 100 percent ... they'll receive 10 percent each of all other item and ticket sales.

Saying "everything end on an even higher note," Blaylock

added, "Even during checkout, folks were very patient and cheerful. "

She said the auction committee exceeded its goal of about \$40,000 in retail donation values. "They exceeded that goal and raised \$48,533 (worth of items)," Blaylock added.



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Vice mayor challenges some FCRGD beliefs

The goal of the Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development (FCRGD) citizen group is to “engage Town leadership respectfully with a spirit of collaboration.” The leaders of this group should strive to be accurate when discussing how our local government functions and the constraints of both state laws and the constitution (state and federal) regarding what a local government can and cannot do.

Regarding the idea of electing planning commissioners, according to state law, this is not a possibility. TCA 13-4-101(a)(1) states the chief legislative body of any municipality may establish a municipal planning commission (MPC). One of the members shall be the mayor, one of the members shall be a member of the chief legislative body selected by that body. All other members shall be appointed by the mayor.

Further, according to social media, it has been contended that the Mixed-Use Town Center (MUTC) portion of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) was adopted into the C-1 zoning ordinance. This is inaccurate. In January 2015, the Board of Mayor and Alderman (BOMA) adopted ordinance 14-22 adopting the MUTC portion of the CLUP. In a separate action, the BOMA adopted ordinance 14-21 to amend the C-1 zoning district to include restrictions for properties zoned C-1 in the MUTC.

Those requirements only apply to property zoned C-1. Property zoned office and residential currently exists in the MUTC to which these restrictions do not apply. Also, there are no limitations that prevent landowners from requesting rezonings to other zoning districts in the MUTC.

FCRGD leadership misinformed folks about the Planned Commercial Development (PCD) zoning district, describing it as “use by right” (meaning once rezoned to PCD a landowner can build whatever is allowable in that zoning district). From this misunderstanding, a faulty assumption was made that up to 1,200 apartments

could be built in the town center.

This is not true. A rezoning to PCD requires a development plan (be) approved by FMPC and BOMA. If the landowner wishes to change the approved plan, they must request approval from the FMPC and BOMA. The BOMA did not leave the Town vulnerable to the construction of up to 1,200 multifamily units in the town center.

FCRGD leadership led an effort requesting the BOMA table the vote regarding the Biddle project. This action would have violated the landowner's constitutionally-protected right to due process. Landowners have the right to exercise their property rights at their discretion; one of those rights is to request a rezoning.

The Town has a duty to provide a fair and timely process through which landowners can exercise their right to request a rezoning. The landowners, through their representative, formally began the rezoning process in June 2020. The Town was obligated to follow well-established procedures for hearing that request.

In 2017, I requested we open the CLUP for public review and amendment. Overall goals of the plan are good, but some areas needed refinement. Mayor Ron Williams, Alderman Ron Pinchok and I along with several citizens have served on the committee to guide the update. We were successful in working with the community to update a few corridors and introduce amendments.

Due to COVID, that work was stalled in March 2020 when the FMPC was prepared to amend the medium density land use designation. We have since restarted the process, approved text amendments last week, so we can prepare for community workshops for the remaining areas of concern on the future land use map.

The CLUP should not be adopted by the BOMA until public review is complete.

Vice Mayor Louise Povlin
Town of Farragut

Horn no-mask mandate vote ripped twice

As I read Alan Sloan's "‘Impact on learning’ among Horn reasons against mask mandate" in the farragut-press (page 1A, Sept. 9 issue), I could not help but wonder how Knox County Schools is going to get out of the mess created by Susan Horn and the rest of the KCS Board of Education.

I live in District 5, the district for which Susan Horn serves on the BOE. When I contacted her before the school year started to say that the mitigation measures recommended by the CDC and the Tennessee Department of Health must be implemented in Knox County Schools, she responded with misinformation about the results of a legal case in Williamson County that had been circulating on the Internet since it was first produced by Republican Tennessee State House Rep. Bruce Griffey in May 2021.

Based on that misinformation, Ms. Horn compounded the error by asserting incorrectly that the KCS BOE was unable to implement the measures. When I received her e-mail on July 28, 2021, I immediately knew she was being disingenuous. I soon learned from another KCS BOE member that that misinformation had been discussed by the KCS BOE and that all members knew it to be incorrect.

In reply to Sept. 9, 2021 article by Alan Sloan (page 1A), as a constituent on the 5th District and the mother of a Knox County child that was infected by COVID after two weeks of school, I was very disappointed in the response giving by Susan Horn, the 5th District representative and outgoing BOE chair.

If she had concerns about the mask mandate, there were many other things she could have done to attempt to stop the spread in our schools and our community.

Rigorous contact tracing and testing requirements would do a lot. The (Knox County) Health Department is

Town ways getting better

Reading the farragutpress Opinion page in recent weeks has been enlightening. In the Aug. 26 farragutpress, I shared the Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth (FCRGD) and Development support for the Planning Commission and their proposed changes to the High- and Medium-Density Land Use Descriptions.

I applauded the Town for conducting this outreach, in particular Mayor (Ron) Williams comments calling for further community involvement. This is something FCRGD has been asking for during the last eleven months.

Readers probably expected a Town leader to discuss the future of the proposed changes, what it means for the Town and the opportunity for citizens to provide input to these changes.

Opening the Sept. 2 farragutpress, you saw two Letters to the Editor from Town officials. The main theme of the first article is that the Town leaders are volunteers with good intentions. This is true.

Those in FCRGD have good intentions and seek the same ends — a better Farragut that treats all those coming before the Town fairly. As Mr. (Tom) Hale (Town attorney) affirms the first group's intentions, he uses derogatory language towards Town residents that question and challenge the Towns' decisions calling them "sore-losers," not engaged enough to know what is going on, and implying they are children throwing a fit.

The second article rehashed the Biddle Farm discussion again, mentioning those that provide misinformation on social media. Alderman (Scott) Meyer notes that the “CLUP language does not restrict town center mixed use to only vertical design.”

While that is true of the

CLUP, he failed to mention that the Mixed-Use Town Center portion of the CLUP was adopted into the C-1 Zoning Ordinance.

Prior to the January approval of text changes to the C-1 Ordinance, the apartments going in on the Biddle Farm were not allowed. Surely the Alderman knew this fact as he voted in favor of the changes.

The Town has moved in the long-term direction FCRGD was pushing them. Over the last 11 months, FCRGD and I have called for the Town to do one thing; follow the agreements made in 2012. On Bid-dle Farm, we asked that they follow the significant public outreach process to collaboratively remake the entire Town Center area.

On the Ford property and land north of the old Ingles, I again argued that they should act consistent with the CLUP. While several Town leaders saw me as supporting these apartments, I was simply calling for all developers and landowners to be treated fairly under our plans and ordinances.

I believe one Planning Commissioner recognized this fact and voted in favor of the most recent item. Finally in July, I advised that the Town had failed by not creating a High-Density Land Use Description beyond setting a density requirement for over three years.

After this discussion, the Town placed that topic on the next Staff/Developer Meeting Agenda and held a public workshop before the next Planning Commission meeting.

We embrace these discussions and encourage all citizens to participate in shaping our future.

**Michael Wilson,
Farragut**

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‘Happy place’ at Painting With a Twist

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The new owner of Painting With a Twist has found her “happy place” and is excited to share it with the rest of the community.

“I already liked art and had been to the studio before, so when I found out it was available we dropped everything and jumped at the chance to buy it,” said Farragut resident and artist Juliana Hammett, who bought the already-established Painting With a Twist from Patty Walden earlier this year.

Initially, the mother of five was “just looking for something to do — for something of my own,” when the opportunity arose, but it has become much more than that.

Juliana’s art background certainly figured into the decision as well, with Heath Hammett praising his wife’s “creativity.”

“This place is all about fun,” Juliana said. “Everyone leaves here happy. I love being here, and it is much more than a job.”

The artists who work for her also enjoy what they do.

“My artists love it,” she said of the seven regular instructors who work at the Farragut location. “They already have other jobs, but they work here because they love it. They are awesome and talented.”

Tucked away in Concord

Square, 11000 Kingston Pike, Juliana is building on a reputation already established by Walden — who owned the business for 11 years.

The location (one of three from the franchise in the Knoxville area) offers two large classrooms where artists teach budding painters from an inventory of more than 17,000 different finished product options.

“We are the leaders in the sip and paint industry, with the ‘twist’ being ‘BYOB,’” Juliana said.

“‘Paint Your Pet’ is very popular, along with ‘Date Night,’ ‘BFF Night’ and ‘Family’ classes,” she added, pointing out moonlight, mountains, seasonal, landscape and beach options among the many offerings that decorate the walls.

“We have open public classes, mainly in the evenings and on weekends,” Juliana said. “We also offer private parties to celebrate birthdays, Team building, bachelorette parties, family reunions, anniversaries and all other life events.”

“Ninety percent of our classes are made up of women,” she added. “It is a nice, safe and clean place where they can come in, have a good time and let loose a little bit, without husbands or kids and celebrate friendship.”

Artists may choose from different painting surfaces, including canvas and the recently introduced wood. Another



Michelle Hollenhead

Painting With a Twist’s new owner Juliana Hammett is pictured with just one of the thousands of painting projects that await budding artists inside the Farragut studio.

fairly new addition has been wooden “porch leaner” signs.

All class options are listed online at www.paintingwithatwist.com/knoxville. All supplies are provided.

“Guests don’t need to bring anything, but are welcome to bring wine, beverages or snacks,” Juliana added.

Basic price per class is \$38 each and \$30 for children.

“Upgrades for different surfaces are a little higher,” she said.

Typically, 10 to 15 classes are offered per week, each having a capacity of 34.

“It’s really a great thing,” Juliana said. “People come out for

the fun and they make friends, but also have something personalized to take home as part of the experience.”

Painting With a Twist also offers an at-home party option, for those who would rather paint from home.

For more information, call 865-675-2500.

businessbriefs

• **Tanika Harper, founder/president of Shora Foundation and The Women Foundation**, recently was chosen as recipient of Knoxville Association of Women Executives’s 13th Annual Lucy Gibson Notable Woman Award during a KAWF luncheon meeting.

• **Allie Clouse recently joined Moxley Carmichael as a public relations specialist** and will support strategic communications needs of all the firms’ clients.

• **Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, a U.S. top 20 professional services firm, recently announced the professionals of Burkhart & Company, P.C., joined DHG.**

Burkhart & Company’s 20-person team in Knoxville diversifies and strengthens DHG’s offerings by adding family office services, which provides full-service professional management and personal CFO capabilities for



Clouse

affluent families encompassing multi-generations.

* **Arlen Homer recently joined Weichert, Realtors – Advantage Plus in Knoxville.** He will be assisting clients in Knox and surrounding areas.

• **Brent Waugh has resigned as CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Tennessee**, yet his accomplishments during seven years at the helm were listed in a BBBSET press release.

He was nationally recognized by Big Brothers Big Sisters of America each year as a Quality Award winner (2018, 2019, 2020), Pinnacle Award recipient (2017), National Agency of the Year semifinalist (2018) and national Agency of the Year (2019). Other highlights include: becoming the largest agency, in terms of children served, in the state of Tennessee in 2021 and achieving record-breaking fund-raising during the past two years.



Homer

Belamour Bride places its focus on plus-sized brides

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As a master seamstress and award-winning designer, Mimi Wolfe saw a need to give plus-sized brides a special experience in choosing their wedding gowns.

So, she launched Belamour Bride at 10670 Parkside Drive, Suite 103, across from Grayson BMW near Farragut.

Wolfe said she is open now, but has scheduled a grand opening starting at 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 9.

And, with bridal sales generally occurring in the fall and winter, she noted, “I’m definitely getting open at the right time.”

“Anyone over street-size 14 can come over and have that magical experience,” Wolfe added.

Wolfe carries 120 samples in every style in sizes from a bridal size 18, which is a street size 14-16, all the way up to a bridal size 38.

“Even on the larger end of



Photo submitted

Master seamstress and award-winning designer Mimi Wolfe has the plus-sized bride’s special experience in mind with her new business, Belamour Bride, 10670 Parkside Drive Suite 103 across from Grayson BMW near Farragut.

the scale — for a girl who’s somewhere between a 32 and a 36 — I have probably 20 dresses they can try on,” she said.

Additionally, brides will find such labels as Maggie Sottero and Sottero & Midgley, as well as four private label collections, where Wolfe works

closely with the companies so she can get the best fabrics and laces.

“The labels that I carry I’m very familiar with and I love them,” she said. “They’re good quality; they’ve been around

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for a long time, and I really believe in what I'm doing.”

Formerly residing in Knoxville, Wolfe and her family moved to Seattle but relocated last year to Blount County to be closer to the parents of her partner, Benjamin.

Wolfe had an alterations business both in Knoxville and in Seattle and has about 30 years of experience in working with brides and bridal gowns.

“Two years ago, when we were still in Seattle when I was doing alterations, I started noticing that a lot of larger-sized girls were coming in with just horror stories,” she recalled.

“They couldn't find a dress; they only

had a couple to try on; (and) sometimes they could only just hold a dress up in front of them, instead of actually having something they could try on,” Wolfe added.

“For larger sizes, it's sometimes downright disappointing and sad.

“Shopping for a wedding dress is supposed to be amazing. ... “For me, (it's about) selling to a group of brides that have been almost ignored.”

While terrified about opening a business, Wolfe said about her decision, “I know it's the right thing (to do).

“It has taken a little bit longer than I thought, but everything has just fallen together so well,” she added.

For more information about Belamour Bride, call 865-535-5353. The website is www.belamourbride.com, and brides can book appointments online.

Carniello letter
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In the article by Alan Sloan, Susan Horn says that her votes on Aug. 11 and Sept. 1 against implementing mitigation measures were based on “several reasons,” including her reading of “a lot of studies” and her assessment of the feedback she was getting from parents.

Horn neglected to mention that the KCS BOE had already decided in April 2021 to follow the mitigation measures recommended by the CDC and the Tennessee Department of Health and be implemented in Knox County Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.

It's unclear what research she did prior to her decision to renege on that April 2021 decision, but the KCS BOE's flip-flop has had disastrous consequences for our school district already in the first month of school.

These include thousands of students and hundreds of teachers being absent each day by the end of August, teachers resigning over the unsafe work environment, a teacher and a bus driver in Knox County dying from COVID-19 (recently), and 23 children with COVID-

19 admitted to East Tennessee Children's Hospital (four of which were in the ICU).

Horn said that the feedback about the mitigation measures from parents in District 5 and from across the county was about 50-50.

It is unbelievable to me that she was assessing whether the feedback was 49-51 for or 51-49 against implementing the mitigation measures recommended by the CDC and the Tennessee Department of Health rather than simply listening to the public health officials, particularly when the KCS BOE had already decided to do just that in April 2021 and told parents that that's what they were going to do.

In short, the moment she allowed this public health crisis and her response to it as a member of the Board of Education to become political in her mind, she failed as a leader.

Too many have already suffered the consequences of such failure. How much more will it take before Susan Horn and the rest of the Knox County Schools Board of Education come to their senses?

Brian R. Carniello,
5th District

Parker letter
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overwhelmed. I received a text from KCHD nine days after my child tested positive to find out who our contacts were. Completely useless to stop the spread.

I only found out about other

positive children in my child's class via Facebook. The schools need to be notifying parents of positive cases in our child's classes. It is just common sense. How else will parents know when a runny nose is not just allergies?

Susan Horn has failed our community, she has shown

she is not up to the challenge of leadership. She needs to resign or be recalled from the school board.

We need someone that can use common sense and keep our children safe.

Christine Parker,
Knoxville

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Schumann’s march through Cleveland



Schumann Xie, Farragut senior runningback, found lots of room to run against the Cleveland defense — 225 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries — Friday evening, Sept. 17, at CHS. Eighty of Xie’s yards came on the last play of the first half for a score, giving the Admirals huge momentum and a 21-14 lead at the break. But the Blue Raiders rallied for a 27-24 Region 2-6A victory.

Xie vs. Boyd ground battle special in loss



Photos courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

Jack Alley, Farragut sophomore linebacker, looks over the Cleveland offense trying to anticipate the Blue Raiders play calling during this Region 2-6A battle at CHS Friday evening, Sept. 17. The home team edged the Admirals 27-24.

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CLEVELAND — In a battle between outstanding runningback performances, Cleveland senior Tetoe Boyd got the last laugh — meaning the last few critical carries of a 332-yard performance to eat clock and give his Blue Raiders a hard-fought 27-24 Region 2-6A win against Schumann Xie and the Farragut Admirals Friday evening, Sept. 17, at CHS.

Xie, a senior runningback, rushed 20 times for 225 yards and two touchdowns, the most dramatic of which came from 80 yards out on the final play

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Two-meet CC sweep for FHS varsity, JVs

STAFF REPORTS
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Two meet events featuring Farragut High School’s girls and boys varsity cross country teams — one of which also hosted junior varsity boys and girls meet also including FHS — resulted in an Admirals sweep.

At the Five Tower Project 5K at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, Saturday, Sept. 18, the Farragut boys varsity finished in the nine top spots in this order: junior top finisher Trevor Coggin (15:46.55), followed by sophomores Braden

Ebbert (15:52.60) and Harrison Cunningham (16:26.74); juniors Riley Hanson (16:38.34), Jarek Morton (16:40.35) and Quinn DeGuira; and seniors Jacob Nieman, Jake Radtke and Tyler Ebbert.

Six of the top 10 girls finishers were Lady Ads, led by senior champ Camryn Johnson (18:57.22), senior Grace Lathrop second (19:01.46), senior Kendall Johnson fifth (19:10.85), junior Kennedy Reynolds sixth, senior Lexi Foley seventh and sophomore Melanie Hayman 10th.

At Annual Cherokee Clas-

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Farragut senior runner Jake Radtke (**above right**) and Lady Admirals sophomore Laura Cunningham (**left**) helped the FHS girls and boys teams finish first in a warm-up 2-mile Cherokee Farm Meet Saturday, Aug. 26, in preparation for regular season meets. As for those meets, Farragut’s varsity and junior varsity teams have finished first in both. See story above.

Photos by Tony Cox

Cameron pick-6 late trumps McNeil-Harrison 3 INTs: Webb edges CAK

KEN LAY
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Cedar Bluff area rivals Webb School of Knoxville and Christian Academy of Knoxville renewed acquaintances on the gridiron Friday night, Sept. 17, and it was a late play sealing victory for the Spartans.

Trailing by two scores heading into the fourth quarter, Webb stepped up on defense and notched a 24-23 Division II-AA East Region win versus the Warriors in the latest chapter of the Dutchtown Showdown before a packed and spirited house in Warrior Stadium.

And as is often the case, the game

went down to the final moments and on a night featuring multiple big plays, it was Webb sophomore linebacker Cooper Cameron that made the biggest play of the night as he intercepted a pass from CAK quarterback Luke Simpson and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown with 2 minutes, 47 seconds remaining in the contest.

It was the biggest play of the season for Cameron and Webb, which over-



Meske

came a 23-12 deficit in the contest.

The Warriors (2-2 overall, 1-1 in Division II-AA East Region) had won the last two games in the West Knoxville rivalry, and they looked to be poised for a third consecutive victory against the Spartans (3-1, 2-0).

Webb, which was clinging to a slim 12-10 lead at halftime, endured a disastrous third quarter as quarterback Charlie Robinson was intercepted four times in the frame. CAK also executed an onside kick to open the third quarter.

The Warriors’ Chi McNeil-Harrison picked off Robinson three times in the third quarter. His first came on the

Spartans’ first offensive play of the second half. Grant Sterchi, who had a game-winning touchdown on an interception in the annual meeting last year, also picked off a pass in this one.

The Warriors scored 13 points off Webb’s miscues. But the Spartans didn’t fold. They couldn’t, according to Cameron.



Sherchi

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‘Proud’ of Lady Ads ‘fight,’ Madden takes positives from v’ball loss

KEN LAY
Correspondent

A two-match winning streak came to an end for the Farragut High School volleyball team last week.

The Lady Admirals, who had recent victories over Knoxville Catholic Wednesday, Sept. 8, and District 4-AAA rival Bearden Tuesday, Sept. 14 — both on the road — didn’t find their home floor too friendly Thursday, Sept. 16.

Farragut came up on the losing end of a 25-12, 25-17, 25-21 decision against Maryville in Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

The Lady Rebels (15-6 overall, 5-0 in District 4-AAA) set the tone early as

they jumped out to a 13-2 lead in the opening set and cruised to an easy victory in the opener. Maryville spotted FHS a 1-0 lead in the opening game before reeling off 11 of the next 13 points thanks to a nine-point service run by libero Delaney White.

Farragut made things a bit more interesting in the other two sets, which gave second-year head coach Jo Madden and the Lady Admirals (7-5, 3-2) something to build upon as the 2021 season continues to unfold.

“They fought back hard and I’m proud of them,” she said of her squad, which had early leads in all three sets.

Maryville head coach Chris Hames said the Lady Rebels’ service game was

the difference on this night.

“We had six aces and we didn’t make a lot of errors,” said Hames, who formerly coached at Webb School of Knoxville, where she guided the Lady Spartans to six consecutive Division II-A State Championships from 2013 through 2018. “We’ve got a decent team and we played well tonight.”

“They (the Lady Admirals) have kind of been on a roll, so for us to come over here and control our side of the court



Madden

was really good,” she added. “I think one of the things that you don’t see in the stats is that we served really well.”

Defensively, “We were digging everything,” Hames said.

However, on the Navy blue side, “Our defense struggled a lot,” Madden said. “Maryville runs a quick offense, so we’ve got to get our defense where they need to be quicker so they can make the reads quicker.”

“Maryville was on it. They picked up everything and we just weren’t there tonight,” she added.

Farrgut’s seniors were the leaders in its hitting attack. Ellie Ackermann had six kills while Kate Priest and Meg Frank finished with five kills each.

Webb-CAK

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“Just because a few things go bad in one quarter doesn’t mean the game is over,” he said. “There’s four quarters for a reason.”

Webb head coach David Meske credited his defense for the victory.

“The credit for this goes to the defensive side of the ball,” Meske said. “Our defense played well.”

“CAK is a good team, OK. They won the region last year. It feels good to get a win. But this one is big for the kids because we don’t get to play a lot of (region) teams in Knoxville.”

The Warriors started fast in this game, scoring on their first possession on J.D. Dunn Jr.’s 5-yard run with 8:31 remaining

in the first quarter. Jack Britton added the extra point to make it 7-0.

The Spartans answered five minutes later as Robinson connected with Markeis Barrett on a 12-yard scoring strike. Webb, however, wasn’t able to tie the game as CAK’s Maddox Mozingo blocked Otto Nien-dorff’s point-after attempt.

Britton kicked a 30-yard field goal late in the frame to make it 10-6.

Webb rallied to take a 12-10 lead at halftime when Robinson threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Ford Wagner in



Carnathan

the waning moments of the first half.

In the third quarter, Dunn, who had 190 rushing yards, and Dario Love had rushing touchdowns to give the Warriors a 23-12 lead.

The Spartans pulled to within 24-18 with 4:20 left to play on a 1-yard TD plunge by Garrett Carnathan, setting the stage for Cameron’s late game heroics.

CAK had a chance to win but failed to convert a fourth-down play a short time later.

Chattanooga Christian (2-3, 1-1) comes to CAK this week.

“We have a lot of games left and we have a lot of region games left,” Sterchi said. “This one’s over. We just have to learn from it.”

“We have to get these kids to bounce back,” CAK head coach Travis Mozingo said.

FHS sweep

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sic along Cherokee Boulevard Saturday, Sept. 11, the FHS boys won 45-108 versus runner-up Knoxville Catholic in a field of 313.

Irish freshman Keegan Smith ended up winning individual honors (15:47.00), followed by Admirals Coggin as runner-up (16:02.00) and Braden Ebbert sixth, Bearden freshman Cade Crum eighth, KCHS senior Spencer Stovall ninth and FHS’s Cunningham 10th.

Among a field of 229, Farragut’s varsity girls edged past Knoxville West 75-91 led by Camryn Johnson in fifth (19:05.00) and Lathrop ninth.

Farragut JV champs

In Cherokee Classic’s JV Girls race, the Lady Ads had

five of the top 10 finishers to win 23-57 versus runner-up Signal Mountain in a field of 88: FHS sophomore Molly Golebiewski was individual winner (21:47.00), followed by sophomore teammates Kate Moss, runner-up (22:17.00), and Laura Cunningham in fifth (23:00.00) followed by freshman Lydia McFall in sixth and senior Esther McFall ninth.

On the boys JV side, Farragut easily outdistanced Science Hill 20-66 in a field of 113 thanks to having five of the top eight finishers, led by junior Carlos Montova finishing first at (18:44.00).

FHS freshman Evan Beeler was runner-up (18:45.00), followed by senior Nathan Stewart in fourth (19:09.00), freshman Jace Morton fifth (19:14.00) and freshman Ross Tootle eighth.

Ads-Cleveland

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of the first half, giving FHS huge momentum going into the break with a 21-14 lead.

He also broke loose on a 47-yard scoring scamper midway into the second quarter that tied the game 14-14.

“Schumann picked it up; and we got positive yards when (junior runningback Elijah) Gibbs got in there,” Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney said, as Gibbs finished with 33 yards on 12 carries.

“I think we played well, certainly in the first half,” the Admirals skipper added. “I thought our offensive line did a good job — probably their best game this year.”

But the 5-foot-11, 206-pound Boyd and the Blue Raiders running attack kept punishing a stout, yet tiring, FHS defense in the second half.

The senior ended with his career-high 332 yards on 36 carries and second-half touchdown runs of 4 and 1 yards.

“We really could not tackle him; he did a really good job,” Courtney said of Boyd, who

also, as a linebacker, recovered an FHS fumble at the Cleveland 33 early in the fourth quarter.

“He’s a state champion wrestler and a hard-nosed football player,” Blue Raiders head coach Marty Wheeler said about Boyd. “He doesn’t mind putting the team on his back in the fourth quarter.”

As for the game, “It was like a heavyweight bout,” he said. “We were able to make a couple more plays than they did.”

“One heck of a football game,” as Wheeler’s team is 4-1 overall, 1-1 in region.

“We didn’t answer things; we made mistakes offensively, got out of sync,” said Courtney, whose team fell to 1-4, 0-2.

Ads senior quarterback Dawson Moore’s 1-yard TD run tied it 7-7 late in the first frame, coming after Blue Raiders quarterback Drew Lambert hit a wide open Destun Thomas for a 75-yard TD pass on Cleveland’s first play from scrimmage. He also fired a 17-yard scoring pass to put CHS up 14-7 in the second quarter.

While senior kicker Reese Keeney’s 38-yard field goal would be the lone Farragut points in the second half, his 19-yard run on a fake punt put the Ads at midfield with less than six minutes to play.

But that drive stalled when “we got a holding penalty, that killed us. ... We should have gone down there and scored,” Courtney said.



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An Evening Under the Stars

Hundreds of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members and their guests gathered to enjoy “An Evening Under the Stars,” The Auction, with campfire fare and a silent and live auction, at The Venue in Lenoir City Thursday night, Sept. 16.

The auction, the Chamber’s main fundraiser, this year benefited American Cancer Society, which supports cancer patients in Knox County, and Volunteer Ministry Center, which helps the homeless.

The cozy gala started with a silent auction, followed by dinner featuring food stations and s’mores, before it culminated in the main event, the live auction.



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U.S. Constitution Day marked at FIS

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Farragut Intermediate School's third- and fourth-graders learned more about the framing of the U.S. Constitution while observing Constitution Week with an assembly in FIS's cafeteria Friday morning, Sept. 17.

Organized by fourth-grade social studies teacher Lora Pope among others, "We are here to celebrate a very special day ... Constitution Day," FIS principal Deborah Adorante said. Adorante noted the day was important "because we are here to celebrate the forming and the signing of the U.S. Constitution."

Two hundred thirty-four years ago, "there were 39 brave men, on Sept. 17, 1787," she said. "The Constitution is, like, the basic framework of our system of government. It separates the powers of our government into three branches (legislative, executive and judicial)."

She then asked students what they thought those branches were.

"It starts with an 's,' one student called out while another called out "the White House."

"We know the legislative branch makes the laws, the executive branch executes or makes sure those laws are put into place and the judicial branch interprets the laws," Adorante summarized. "Another thing the Constitution does for us is it protects the rights of citizens."

"Usually, we think of adults as citizens, but you guys have an

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Tammy Cheek

Farragut Intermediate School third-graders ring out Constitution Week with miniature Liberty bells during a special assembly commemorating Constitution Week at FIS Friday morning, Sept. 17.



Michelle Hollenhead

Farragut High School JSA Club members who competed over the last school year, contributing to the club winning both the National Civic Impact Award and the Ernest A. Rogers Chapter of the Year Award include, front row from left, co-president Selom Bediako; Maggie Lamons; co-president Rena Liu; Ridhima Singh; and Emma Cabage. Back row from left are club sponsor, FHS history teacher Shasta Todd; Leo Davis; secretary Raymond Jin; treasurer Mike Qi; and David Alsobrooks.

Impactful service earns FHS's JSA Club national, region awards

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD

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A relatively new Farragut High School club won big over the summer for its community service and impact.

The FHS chapter of Junior State of America Club won both the National Civic Impact Award and the Ernest A. Rogers Chapter of the Year Award for the Ohio River Valley Region, awards given for its overall previous year of service.

"The national award is given to the school that has shown growth and gives back to the community," said Selom Bediako, who is co-president and club co-founder with Rena Liu.

It also came with a \$2,500 scholarship to not only help grow the club, but Bediako said the funds also will be used to attend in-person conventions next semester and help other East Tennessee schools start chapters.

"JSA also recognizes the chapter that has the

biggest impact on increasing the level of civic awareness and engagement of their school and community," Liu said. "JSA chapters who win this award are chosen as their state's Ernest A. Rogers Chapter of the Year."

"The criteria for the two awards are the same, one is just limited to the region and the other one is national," she added.

"This award recognizes JSA Chapters that display strong connections to their community," Bediako said. "At Farragut, we held many events for our school, including a voter registration drive and a Black History Month social media initiative."

"Furthermore, this award recognizes a chapter that empowers members to take leadership roles, has a collaborative relationship with their teacher advisor and encourages members to be involved in JSA at the state and national level."

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TN Educators Color Fellowship to HVA teacher

TAMMY CHEEK

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Hardin Valley Academy English language learners teacher Verónica Calderón-Speed recently learned she was one of a dozen Knox County Schools' educators to be awarded this year's Tennessee Educators of Color Fellowship.

When she learned she was chosen, Calderón-Speed recalled, "I was excited."

"I love learning, and I love growing," she added.

"We receive yearly professional development, but as far as having intensive courses or work that allows me to grow professionally, it has been a while."

"So, I was really looking forward to getting started with this program," Calderón-Speed said.

Knox Education Foundation sponsors the work of the Tennessee Educators of Color Alliance on the program, which aims to retain, elevate and support teachers of color in Tennessee.

Calderón-Speed, who teaches English to non-English

speakers, said the fellowship is an application process through the Tennessee Educators of Colors. When she heard about it from her ELL supervisor, she applied.

Calderón-Speed, a first generation Latin American born in the states, has been an educator for 21 years. She joined HVA as a Spanish teacher in 2009, and began teaching ELL in 2016. Prior to teaching in Tennessee, she taught in south Texas.

While the fellowships were awarded in early summer, Calderón-Speed said she just received word she was a recipient.

"Originally, it was supposed to be out of Nashville, but it turned out we had a big enough number of teachers from Knox County and other community members who had applied to (the fellowship), and through the partnership with (University of Tennessee), we were able to keep the Knoxville fellowship (presentation) in Knoxville, instead of us having us to go to Nashville and merge with them," she said.

"So, the 2021 Cohorts is the first time here in Knoxville," Calderón-Speed added, explaining the Cohorts are a group of 12 teachers chosen to receive the fellowship.

"They are addressing the

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Calderon-Speed



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Paul Harris Fellow + 8



Tammy Cheek

Rotary Club of Farragut's Bill Nichols, left, chair of District 6780 Rotary Youth Exchange Outbound students program for 65 clubs, received the pin as a Paul Harris Fellow + 8 member, from Bill Rice, Rotary Foundation chairman and a sergeant-at-arms, during the club's regular meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, Sept. 1. The pin signifies the highest level of Paul Harris Fellowship and that Nichols has contributed \$9,000 during the 25 years he has been an RCF member.

JSA Club

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"To earn the National Civic Impact Award, the Chapter encourages members to participate in local government, and many of our members are active at school board meetings and are interning with local campaigns," Liu said.

Additionally, 10 FHS members participated in virtual conventions throughout the year, including Bediako and Liu, secretary Raymond Jin; treasurer Mike Qi and members Maggie Lamons, Ridhima Singh, Emma Cabage, Leo Davis and David Alsobrooks.

Additionally, they have excelled, accumulating numerous speaking awards with Cabage, Davis and Liu winning Best Speaker Gavels.

"These were won at various conventions throughout the year including Fall State,

Spring State and Winter Congress," Bediako said. "As a chapter, we were the Spring State Chapter Debate Tournament Semi-Finalist."

Bediako and Liu, both seniors, founded the club at Farragut two years ago with Shasta Todd and Cathryn Maye as teacher sponsors. While Maye currently is out on maternity leave, Todd remains club sponsor.

"Over the last two years, the club has grown from five members to over 20," Bediako said.

She also explained two draws for club members are offering "direct opportunities to impact your community through the leadership positions it offers and its focus on community service."

Prospective members may call Bediako at 865-244-5426 or Liu at 865-585-3073, or e-mail farragutjsa@gmail.com.

Constitution

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important role to play, too," she said.

Before reading a Town proclamation, Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin stated, "This is a very important document, the Constitution.

"As a local government, we have a Constitution from the State of Tennessee, as well, that we (Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen) have to follow to make sure we are preserving the citizens' rights to do what they are allowed to do in our country," she added.

In the proclamation, Povlin read, "Whereas September 17, 2021, marks the 234th Anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Con-

stitutional Convention;

"Whereas, it is fitting and proper to read, study and preach the greatest document of human liberty and to protect the freedoms set forth in the Bill of Rights ...

"Whereas, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the president of the United States of America designating September 17 through the 23rd as Constitution Week.

"...Now, therefore, I, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, do hereby proclaim that I will read and study the Constitution of the United States of America during Sept. 17-23, 2021, known as Constitution Week, and confirm I will abide by the above endorsements and reaffirm the ideals the framers of the Constitution had in 1787."

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• **Learn about substance misuse and prevention during Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies week at Pellissippi State** Community College, Sept. 27-30. The programming, which touches on everything from suicide prevention techniques to human trafficking, is sponsored by All4Knox, a joint effort of Knox County and the City of Knoxville with support from Metro Drug Coalition, the Knox County District Attorney General's Office and Knox County Health Department.

All sessions are free and open to the public. Pellissippi State encourages all individuals to wear masks in indoor spaces. Sessions planned for Tuesday-Thursday, Sept. 28-30, will touch on a variety of topics. Sessions on the Hardin Valley campus will be held in the Goins Auditorium in the Goins Administration Building. The Hardin Valley Campus is located at 10915 Hardin Valley Road.

For more information about Healthy Minds, Healthy Bodies week, contact Courtney Niemann at cnemann@metrodrug.org. To request accommodations for a disability for any Pellissippi State event, call 865-539-7401 or email accommodations@pstcc.edu.

• **Because of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the board of Oak Ridge Philharmonia has decided** to cancel its concerts on Sunday, Sept. 26, and Sunday, Oct. 3. "We apologize for the false alarm, but we must take into account the health of our members and any attendees," a board release stated.

• **Knoxville Children's Theatre, 109 E. Churchwell Ave., in partnership with the Clayton Foundation will present** a live production of "Disney's The Aristocats, Kids." The play, based on the 1970 animated film produced by Walt Disney Productions, will be performed through 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3 (3 p.m., each Sun-

day) and beginning at 7 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays; and 1 and 5 p.m., Saturdays. Masks are currently required inside the theatre. Ionopure air sanitizers are used throughout the theatre.

• **Smoky Mountain Blues Society presents Few Miles On at Ijams Nature Center** from 4 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, at Ijams Nature Center, 2915 Island Home Ave. in Knoxville. Gates open at 3 pm.

• **Farragut branch of Knox County Public Library will host various children's Outdoor Storytimes now through late October.**

Preschool Storytime begins at 10:30 a.m. each Monday through Oct. 25; Ready, Set, K! Storytime begins at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday through Oct. 26; Baby Bookworms begins at 10:30 a.m. each Wednesdays through Oct. 27; Toddler Storytime begins at 10:30 a.m. each Thursday through Oct. 28. Families are welcome to bring a blanket and/or chairs to comfortably enjoy the program. In the event of inclement weather, the Storytime will be canceled or rescheduled. They will not be moved indoors.

• **Knoxville Opera is accepting submissions from Friday, Oct. 1, through Sunday, Oct. 31, for a Mefistofele Poster Competition.** The winner will have his/her work featured as the official poster of Knoxville Opera's March 4 and 6, 2022 production of Mefistofele, in addition to a \$750 cash prize. Visit the competition website <https://www.knoxvilleopera.com/postercontest/> for submission guidelines and eligibility requirements.

• **Knoxville Bar Association announces a Faith and Justice Legal Advice Clinic** will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Oct. 23, at Lennon-Seney United Methodist Church, 2084 Dandridge Ave. in Knoxville.

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Tagging butterflies is O’Brien’s hobby

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“I learn a little bit more about them every year,” Diane O’Brien said about the Monarch butterflies she tags outside of her residence at Park Place of West Knoxville. “I learned some new things this year, too,” she said. O’Brien places tiny stickers on the wings of the monarchs that leave their chrysalis (cocoon) at her home, so when they head for Mexico, where they winter, researchers in Mexico can identify from where they came. “They live for about three or four months before they return to Mexico,” she said. “They look for the tags in Mexico ... they record it ... and then they get put into a computer system.” O’Brien started tagging the butterflies this year, but her interest in butterflies began when she was a child. “I saw my first Monarch chrysalis, when I was 10, hanging underneath a leaf,” she recalled. “I thought it was the most beautiful, oddest thing I had ever seen, and I couldn’t imagine something in nature could have gold on it.” O’Brien’s next encounter with the winged creatures was in the 1970s, when her husband, Jim, was stationed in Omaha, Nebraska, and she planted zinnias. “Little did I know that monarch butterflies love zinnias,” she said. “Our daughter was 4 years old at the time, and all the kids would come (to see the butterflies). There were hundreds of Monarch butterflies on (the zinnias) every day. “I wondered where these guys are going because they are coming back every day” O’Brien added. “I discovered they were going to a tree next

door and hanging onto the leaves. “I didn’t realize when they would (leave, they would) go to Mexico until years later,” when she read a National Geographic article. In 2017, O’Brien recalled reading a newspaper article about growing milkweed, which Monarchs eat, and decided to grow the plant at her Lenoir City home. Since milkweed is an invasive plant, it had to grow in tubs. “The very first caterpillar (on the milkweed) I saw was caught in a spider web,” O’Brien recalled. She realized to protect them, she had to capture the butterflies, place them in a bucket with a screen fabric over the top and feed the creatures milkweed leaves. “They went up top and formed their chrysalis,” O’Brien said. “We got to watch them. “I saw one of them form into a chrysalis, and the very last one I saw it turn into a butterfly. That was exciting.” When the O’Briens later moved to Park Place, she continued to raise Monarch butterflies. O’Brien planted milkweed in half tubs under her bedroom window, and the caterpillars were placed in a screened enclosure on a table in the activity room, where everyone could watch their transformation. This year, O’Brien decided to tag the butterflies and the activity director ordered the tags. “You have the numbers, the months they emerged, whether they are male or female, and where (her location),” she said. “We named a lot of them for some of the people who died from COVID and others who passed away. To learn more about tagging, visit monarchwatch.org



Tammy Cheek

Park Place of West Knoxville resident Diane O’Brien removes a Monarch butterfly from its netted home in the independent senior living community’s Activity Room so she can tag it before she releases it outside.

FDCC a Red Cross blood hub



Alan Sloan

Wahtawah Battle was one of 55 blood donors at Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, Sept. 1, during a six-hour drive benefiting American Red Cross. Battle’s donation was labeled “Power Red” because, unlike most blood donations, hers took red blood cells, yet circulated some of Battle’s blood back into her body while adding a saline solution to assure proper fluid restoration.

Fellowship

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equitable teaching practices and opportunities for teachers of color (and) students of

color within the public school system,” she said. “It exposes us, the 12 cohorts, to talk about different leadership opportunities — locally, statewide or nationally — it’s being able to

help us, teachers of color, to grow professionally. “We meet once a month,” Calderón-Speed said, adding future meetings will be virtual.

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Autumn Care Farragut residents and staff who helped with a recent yard sale to benefit St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, seated from left, are Shirley Parrott, Alice Keck and Linda Wilson. Standing from left are Ann Wilkerson, dining room attendant Maria Proffitt, activities director Adriane Shakir and Brian Neville. Not pictured: Dorothy Griffith and Carol Baker.



Photos by Michelle Hollenhead
Brian Neville, an Autumn Care Farragut resident who helped raise the donation funds, is pictured with an oversized copy of the \$713 check the group presented to St. Jude’s.

Autumn Care residents help raise \$713 for St. Jude Children’s Hospital

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Helping the community is one thing staff and residents of Autumn Care Farragut enjoy, and under the direction of activities director Adriane Shakir they recently raised money for children in need.

A small group, comprised of residents Shirley Parrott, Alice Keck, Linda Wilson, Ann Wilkerson, Brian Neville, Dorothy Griffith and Carol Baker, along with dining room attendant Maria Proffitt, volunteered to help Shakir with organizing and planning a community yard sale Aug. 6, with the \$713 raised going to St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis.

“Our residents and their families were great about donating,” noted Shakir, adding, “We do a lot of community service, Previously, Autumn Care residents banded together to clean vases and donate them to Random Act of Flowers, made toys for local animal shelters and cards for hospitalized children and donated items to Knox Area Rescue Ministries.”

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FARRAGUT TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 • 7:00 P.M.

1. Approval of minutes for the August 24, 2021, meeting.

2. Review of new permanent ground mounted subdivision signs for Sugarwood Subdivision, located off Kingston Pike at Sugarwood Drive.

3. Review of a primary ground sign (monument type) for the Marathon Station, located at 10855 Kingston Pike.

4. Review of a revised plan for a permanent ground mounted subdivision entrance sign located along Olympic Drive, Fox Den Homeowners Association.

5. Review of a revised plan for a permanent ground mounted subdivision entrance sign

located along Saint Andrews Drive, Fox Den Homeowners Association.

6. Review of a menu-board ground mounted sign for the Hardee's, located at 639 (609) North Campbell Station Road.

7. Review of a primary ground sign (monument type) for the Hardee's, located at 639 (609) North Campbell Station Road.

8. Discussion and input regarding a requested ordinance amendment to permit canopy mounted signs in certain locations/circumstances, requested by Topgolf, 11400 Outlet Drive.

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN AGENDA
Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive
September 23, 2021 • BMA MEETING 6:00 PM

I. Roll Call

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. September 9, 2021

IV. Mayor's Report

A. Proclamation for Dysautonomia Awareness Month

B. School Donation Presentation

V. Business Items

A. Approval of Resolution R-2021-08, Resolution to adopt a Special Event Co-Sponsorship Policy

B. Approval of the special event directional signage for 2021 Parade of Homes

VI. Town Administrator's Report

VII. Town Attorney's Report

VIII. Citizens Forum

This meeting can be viewed live on the Farragut YouTube Channel and the Town of Farragut website www.townoffarragut.org/livestream.
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President's List, Dean's List honors told

Victoria Barry of Farragut has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2021 President's List. Eligibility for the President's List requires that a student accumulate an academic grade-point average between 3.7 and 4.0 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Todd Thomson of Farragut has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Summer 2021 Dean's List. Eligibility for the Dean's

List requires that a student accumulate an academic GPA between 3.5 and 3.699 and earn 12 credits for the term.

Morgan Carbaugh of Farragut earned Spring 2021 Dean's List recognition at Lee University in Cleveland. Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, on-campus students with a semester GPA between 3.7 and 4.0.

Planner

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Final arrangements can be found at greekfesttn.com.

obituary

Peggy (Peg) Gobbel Henderson passed away March 14, 2021 in Earlysville, Virginia.

Peggy was born June 17, 1930 in Spencer, North Carolina, the daughter of the late Carl G. Gobbel and Ethel Lanning Gobbel.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church Concord, Farragut, Tennessee, for many years. She enjoyed traveling and hiking. She retired from the Town of Farragut, where she worked as Clerk of Court and in Building Permits for 12 years.

Those left to cherish her memory are son, M. Scott (Susan) Henderson of Oak Ridge Tennessee, and daughter, Caren (David) Roper of Earlysville, Virginia; sister, Patricia Gobbel Monroe of Spencer; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and nephews with one niece.

She was interred Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, in Rowan Memorial Park in Salisbury, North Carolina, where her late husband, Maurice Henderson, also is buried.



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Knoxville Catholic	(3-1)	153-72	+81
Webb	(2-2)	106-63	+43
CAK	(2-2)	114-110	+4
Bearden	(2-3)	71-108	-37
Farragut	(1-4)	118-160	-42
HVA	(0-4)	28-115	-87

A ‘green’ tie, record-wise, at the top

The green-clad Webb School of Knoxville Spartans have pulled even, record-wise, with the green, blue and gold of Knoxville Catholic in the PureMagic How the West Was Won Scoreboard Week 5 standings.

With its rally to slip past Division II-AA East Region rival Christian Academy of Knoxville 24-23 at CAK Friday, Sept. 17, Webb improved to 3-1. (Read story beginning on page 1B).

Though the Irish retain the No. 1 spot in the standings thanks to point differential, KCHS fell hard in Chattanooga last Friday versus unbeaten McCallie (4-0), losing 44-7 in a battle of the state’s top two-ranked Division II-AAA teams.

Out-gained 476-169 in total yards, Catholic’s touchdown came on freshman quarterback Jayden Neal’s 65-yard scoring strike to Braylon Harmon, plus Brock Taylor’s extra point.

Defensive lineman Trevor Duncan’s seven solo tackles and nine total with one tackle-for-loss, and linebacker Eli

Jones’ seven solo tackles led the Irish defense.

Facing a hard task despite playing at Bearden’s Bill Young Field, Morgan Shinn-lever’s Bulldogs (2-3, 1-1) lost 42-6 to Division I-6A power, and Region 2-6A rival, Maryville (5-0, 2-0) Friday.

While the Bulldogs managed to play turnover-free football, freshman quarterback Drew Parrott’s 1-yard scoring pass to Max Giesecke provided the BHS points.

Defensively, Kai Young, Ethan Ford and Cody Clough led Bearden in solo tackles with six each, followed by Sam Tummins with four.

In a back-and-forth battle of standout runningbacks, the Farragut Admirals suffered yet another close game setback, this time at Region 2-6A rival Cleveland (4-1, 1-1) 27-24. The Admirals’ tough schedule has left Eddie Courtney’s team 1-4, 0-2 (read story beginning on page 1B).

A trip to unbeaten Bradley Central was expected to be a gigantic challenge for Mike

Potter’s winless Hardin Valley Academy Hawks.

Though the HVA defense held the unbeaten Golden Bears (5-0, 2-0) to just 28 points, it was plenty for the hosts in a 28-0 victory.

Week 6 games

The Admirals road challenges continue this Friday, Sept. 24, at what might be an angry South-Doyle team. Clark Duncan’s Cherokees (4-1) lost their first game of the season last week, dropping a 31-28 heart-breaker versus perennial Class 4A power Anderson County at SDHS.

Opening kickoff is 7 p.m.

While Hardin Valley stays on the road to face another tough task, this week at Knoxville Central’s Ben Y. Boring Stadium against the Bobcats (2-2), Bearden’s home stand continues, but against still another top East Tennessee team. Fulton (3-2) travels to Bill Young Field on BHS Homecoming Night. Opening kickoff for both games is 7 p.m.

The Spartans will defend their PureMagic Scoreboard



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Junior runningback Elijah Gibbs looks to break a tackle and power ahead for Farragut. The Blue Raiders beat FHS 27-24.

No. 1 position by default, if you will, thanks to an open date this Friday before they host region rival Grace Christian Academy Friday, Oct. 1.

Catholic will enjoy a second bye week in the last three Fri-

days Sept. 24 before traveling to Father Ryan Friday, Oct. 1.

Christian Academy looks to rebound at CAK against region rival Chattanooga Christian (2-3, 1-1), with opening kickoff at 7:30 p.m.

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