

Clarification with McFee court hours

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen restricted which schools may use McFee Park's tennis/pickleball courts to allow more play for Town residents and extended the latest renting time to 9:30 p.m.

After hearing recommendations from Lauren Cox, Town Parks manager, the board unanimously approved changes to McFee Park Court Rental Regulations, which include prohibiting any schools

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KCS Constitution Week



Photos by Tammy Cheek

As part of a Constitution Week program at Knoxville Christian School Monday, Sept. 19, Julius Hite, **left**, Stephen Holston Sons of the American Revolution Chapter member, shared American Revolution facts with classes. Sandra Fuller, **right**, Andrew Bogle Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter member, talked about life in the 1700s. (See related story below)

Shielding Virtue walkers 'fore' safety? BOMA listens

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen plans to reach out to Willow Creek Golf Club about providing a barrier to keep golf balls from landing on Virtue Road.

Farragut resident Marion Seaton voiced his concerns to the Board during its meeting Thursday, Sept. 22, about golf balls posing a threat to pedestrians on the walking path near Virtue Road.

"I'm here to represent the voice of the voiceless here in our community," said Seaton, who moved from Franklin to Farragut 16 months ago. "There was an incident involving a matter of public safety — pedestrian safety, specifically."

He related that on Aug. 20, one of his neighbors "reported to me that they had been walking along Virtue Road, with their child in a stroller, and that child was struck in the head with a golf ball.

"That golf ball, they presume, originated from tee box No. 5 at Willow Creek," Seaton added. "The ball, fortunately, hit the stroller first before striking the child."

He presented photos of the child's injuries to the Board.

"The fortunate circumstance was it did not hit her in the eye," Seaton added. "What's odd about this particular situation is the parents, who actively use the Virtue Road pedestrian walkway, have always walked on that path, and they actually had an incident occur where the child was not hit.

"My chief concern, as a resident of Farragut, is ... I walk along that path and other people walk along

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Nine straight: Town, Myers, Hall earn GFOA Distinguished Budget Award

STAFF REPORTS
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For the ninth year in a row, the Town of Farragut received the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its Fiscal Year 2022 budget. Town administrator David Smoak attributed the win to finance director Allison Myers, who also serves as Town Recorder, and accounting clerk Pam Hall.

"Approving the annual budget is one of the most important decisions the Board of Mayor and Aldermen make each year," Smoak said. "Having a quality budget document that prioritizes our objectives for the year and focuses our limited resources to meet

those objectives has been a key to the Town's success. Finance director Allison Myers and Accounting clerk Pam Hall do a tremendous job in preparing the budget each year and deserve the credit for receiving this great award."

"The GFOA award reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting," a GFOA press release stated. "... The Town's budget was judged as a policy document, a financial plan, an operations guide and a communications device."



Myers

In period attire, local DARs celebrate Constitution



Photo submitted

General William Lenoir Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution joined other DAR chapters, as well as Sons of the American Revolution and Children of the American Revolution, to observe Constitution Week with a DAR Luncheon in Fox Den Country Club Friday, Sept. 23.

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About 80 Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution and guests gathered for a Constitution Week Luncheon in Fox Den Country Club

Friday afternoon, Sept. 23.

The event, hosted by the General William Lenoir Chapter of National Society of DAR, was one of at least four observances to the Constitution in Farragut since last week, with three held in Farragut Intermediate and Farragut Middle schools along with Knoxville Christian School.

Many attendees, which included state dignitaries and members of other chapters, wore Revolutionary War-era attire, complete with gowns and uniforms. "This is wrapping up Constitution Week for our chapter," said Renee Hamilton, Tennessee State DAR

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voter registration deadline

"Knox County residents must register to vote by midnight on Tuesday, Oct. 11, to be able to cast a ballot in the Gubernatorial and Federal/State Election on Nov. 8," a Knox County Election Commission press release stated.

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with the Secretary of State's online voter registration system," the release further stated.

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towncalendar

• **Farragut Community Center will feature Israeli folk dancing classes October through December.** Israeli folk dance is a community-building style of dance for girls and boys. It consists of circle and line dances. Most of the songs are in Hebrew and the choreography is used around the world.

Each class date will feature a time slot for each level of experience. There is a Junior class for participants ages 7-10, a Level 1 class for ages 10-18 and a Level 2 class for ages 10-18. Level 1 prerequisite is encouraged for the Level 2 class, but not required. Pre-registration is required for all classes.

The October session takes place from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m. each Thursday, Oct. 6-27. The four-week session is \$40.

Juniors (ages 7-10) from 2:45-3:30 p.m.; Level 1 (ages 10-18) from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Level 2 (ages 10-18) from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The November session takes place from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m., Thursdays, Nov. 3-17 (the same time frames for each age group as in October). The three-week session is \$30.

The December session takes place from 2:45 to 5:30 p.m., on Thursdays, Dec. 8-22 (the same time frames for each age group as in October and November). The three-week session is \$30.

• **Due to the popularity of pickleball and basketball, Far-**

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McFee courts

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other than Farragut's to use the courts, during its meeting Thursday, Sept. 22.

Cox explained McFee Park tennis and pickleball courts currently have been available to reserve during the field/court allocation process by any organized group or field.

"Field court allocation happens in January for the spring/summer season and June for the fall/winter season," she said. "At the Aug. 11 Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting, a recommendation was presented from Park & Athletic

Council that would prohibit anyone other than schools located in the Town of Farragut from renting the courts through this allocation process or the pre-pay process and that they schools could rent no later than 6:30 p.m. each day to allow for community use in the evenings."

However, during the citizen forum section of the Aug. 11 meeting, citizens requested the 6:30 p.m. deadline be reconsidered because "home tennis matches cannot be finished by 6:30 p.m. ... due to the limit of four courts of play. They asked the deadline be extended to 9:30 p.m. for school matches.



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KCSOreports

• **At 12:41 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report a motor vehicle theft** from a storage facility along Jim Jones Road. Complainant stated between 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20, and noon, Wednesday, Sept. 21, a 1987 Nissan Kingcab was stolen from the parking lot. Complainant said the manager is aware of the situation and would attempt to locate video footage of the incident. Complainant said the vehicle does not lock and a code is not needed to enter or exit. Value of loss was listed at \$5,000.

• **At 12:31 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23, a complainant called KCSO North Precinct to report fraud that occurred** at Campbell Station Wine & Spirits, 707 N. Campbell Station Road. She advised on Sunday, Sept. 11, the suspects made three purchases of alcohol totaling \$2,083.28. She advised they paid with a cellphone that was connected to a payment app. She stated the charges went through. Then, at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 21, she received an e-mail saying the charges were chargebacks and the customer was disputing the charges.

"She advised she is unsure if the suspects used a stolen credit/debit card or if the suspects are disputing the charges themselves," the report stated. She is filing the report due to the business/victim being out \$2,083.28 of alcoholic beverages. She stated the employee working that day was able to get a license plate number for the vehicle, but nothing else. She stated the

suspects have done this to several other liquor stores including Northshore Wine & Spirits.

• **At 2:33, Thursday, Sept. 22, a complainant called KCSO to report an identity theft at a Southwick Circle address.** Complainant advised she received a letter advising she purchased two iPhones and opened two phone lines with AT&T. She advised she did not do this. She then received a letter about purchasing a vehicle in Greenville, North Carolina. She advised she did not purchase a vehicle. She then found several hard inquiries on her credit report. She is unsure how her information was obtained.

• **At 12:37 p.m., Monday, Sept. 19, a victim called KCSO East Precinct to report an identity theft** at a Southwick Circle residence. According to the victim, around 9 a.m., Sept. 19, she saw two e-mails from Bank of America, which came in at 7:56 a.m. and 7:59 a.m. Victim said the e-mails were verifying her application for a checking account and a loan.

According to the victim, the employee at Bank of America advised her the application was under the name of a male applicant, but this person had used her Social Security number, date of birth, home address and e-mail address on the application. Victim said she was told no money had been deposited into the checking account, so they were able to close it.

She said they told her the loan was still in process and she would have to talk to a different department regarding the situation.

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(Above left) Liz Logan, General William Lenoir DAR first vice regent, donned 17th-century period attire for the DAR Constitution Week Luncheon in Fox Den Country Club Friday, Sept. 23. (Above right) GWL Children of the Revolution brothers, from left, John, Luke and Andrew Gentry, provided a program.

DAR salute

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registrar and General William Lenoir DAR honorary regent. “We had many activities through this week (but) today is a fellowship day.” Constitution Week, which took place Sept. 17 through Sept. 23, was enacted on Aug. 2, 1956, by then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower from a Congressional resolution petitioned by DAR. However, former U.S. President George W. Bush officially declared the inception of the week in September 2002. “The week’s celebration is three-fold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution Sept. 17, 1787; to remind the public that the

Constitution is the basis of America’s great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens’ responsibilities to protect, defend and preserve the U.S. Constitution,” said April McCroskey, GWL DAR chapter regent. During the week, DAR chapter members from Emory Road DAR chapter sponsored an event observing Constitution Day (Sept. 17) with a proclamation read and signed by Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. School superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyck, FIS principal Suzanne Parham, Susan Horn, 5th District Knox County Board of Education representative, and FIS students, after students learned about the importance of the Constitution.

Similar programs were held at FMS and Knoxville Christian School, presented by the Andrew Bogle DAR chapter. At KCS, AB DAR member Sandra Fuller and Julius Hite, Stephen Holston Sons of the American Revolution chapter member, as well as KCS vice principal Kay Wellons, dressed in period attire as they talked about how things were in the 1780s, when the Constitution was signed. Of the 3,000 DAR chapters in the United States, Knoxville has five chapters — Andrew Bogle, Bonny Kate, Samuel Frazier, Cavett Station and Emory Road — and two in Loudon County — General William Lenoir and Hiwassee, said Mona Isbell Smith, a member of General William Lenoir Chapter.

Golf ball issues?

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that path. People in our community are aware of this particular incident, so as a consequence, they have reduced the amount of pedestrian traffic on that very vital greenway.” As for other concerns, “As we approach the opening of the Little Turkey Creek greenway, the volume of traffic along that road will be subject to potential ball strike,” Seaton said. “Now, the ball strike on this little child was pretty good evidence that a golf ball traveling at roughly 45 (mph) ... can do some fairly significant damage to an individual. “Thank God, in this particular case, this child was not irreparably damaged,” he added. “I wanted to make sure that, when I talk to members of my community again, they will have known we have presented

this to the government ... and whatever action we can take to help preserve and protect our pedestrians as we walk on Virtue Road be assured, in some way, shape or form. “I’ve heard of other situations like this of golf balls traveling Virtue Road.” Another resident, Jeanne Brykalski, said she read on the Next Door site of an incident of a woman driving along Virtue Road when a golf ball shattered her windshield. “And (on Next Door), several other people posted on there how they had near misses, where they had been walking, driving a car or riding a bicycle,” she added. “I think it brings up a very, very good point,” Alderman Drew Burnette said. “Can we reach out to Willow Creek and discuss the incident, even talk to Fox Den about what they do to minimize it?” he added.

“Maybe there’s tee placement or placement where you’re closer to more mature trees and less likely to slice that far?” “It probably helps to know exactly where the location was — the angle trajectory, things like that — to see if there’s a gap there,” Town administrator David Smoak said. “I know Willow Creek planted a lot of trees whenever the road construction was done. I know they take some time to grow, but certainly that’s one of the best things — natural landscape — that blocks things from going out. “We can certainly talk to Willow Creek and talk to the parents and find out exactly where that was at,” Smoak added. “The stroller was on the Little Turkey Creek bridge,” Seaton said. “It’s roughly 400 feet from the black tees on the No. 5 tee box.”

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• I watched the Sept. 22 (Farragut) Mayor and (Board of) Aldermen meeting, and a Farragut resident spoke in Citizens Forum that on Aug. (20) a neighbor of his was walking along Virtue Road on the walking trail with his child in a stroller, and the child was struck in the head by an errant golf ball from the No. 5 tee on Willow Creek Golf Course. ... (At issue is) the height of trees that were not removed by the road construction on Virtue Road (and) the size of the replacement trees. You can see the replacement trees will offer no protection for drivers and pedestrians from errant golf balls for at least 10 years, if not longer. Another speaker in Citizens Forum spoke of a person with a new car whose windshield was destroyed by an errant golf ball at the same location. A net needs to be put up to protect the public from golf balls. In the same Mayor and Aldermen meeting, \$258,156 was approved for a colored crosswalk on Kingston Pike in front of the baseball field at Farragut High as a public safety issue. The Town of Farragut has an \$18 million surplus. Can some of that money be used to protect the people who use Virtue Road? This is a public safety issue that needs to be corrected. We do not have a walkable community yet on Virtue Road. I hope the Town will respond and fix this. • I was calling in reference to the article about Town light codes (page 1A, Sept. 21 issue). There was this comment in there from one of the (Farragut Municipal Planning Commission) Commissioners (who) was concerned that the proposal brought by the Farragut Neighborhood Preservation Partnership would prohibit businesses like Topgolf (from necessary lighting). From day one, the Partnership has stated, “We are only trying to protect eventual homes, families and neighborhoods; that there should not be lighted ballfields in residential areas. We have never tried to keep anything out of a commercial area — and never would try to keep anything out of a commercial area — because that’s an entirely different set of rules. And (the Commissioner) was (told) that during the meeting. I’m just sorry that was not mentioned in the article. • As far as Presstalk (last) week (Sept. 21 issue), someone called in and said, “We are all excited about the Hy-Vee store coming to Farragut.” I had to laugh, because when Hy-Vee had their little Town Hall-type meeting back in June, out of all the people who stood up to ask questions and speak, only one person wanted Hy-Vee to come in and move to (the site they have targeted along Kingston Pike about one-quarter mile west of the Pike’s intersection with Campbell Station Road). Everybody else felt it would be a major burden to the neighborhoods in the vicinity because of increased traffic, because of noise. It would be sitting, if that’s where they put it, right next to several neighborhoods. It would (require) an additional curb cut along Kingston Pike in an area that already has too many curb cuts too close together. Hy-Vee has the opportunity to come into Farragut and buy land down Kingston Pike — or even over on Watt Road, which would be a better fit. That is something that needs to be discussed. And if you don’t think it would bother residents near (the proposed site), you’re not one of the residents (inaudible) it would affect. (Editor’s Note: a few of those asking questions during Hy-Vee’s “Town Hall-type meeting,” which was held in Farragut Community Center, didn’t automatically say they were against Hy-Vee coming to Town, but did ask questions skeptical of Hy-Vee’s plans). Presstalk rules • No names of individuals will be used, including public figures; • keep calls to a 90-second maximum (call 865-671-8255 24 hours a day, seven days a week); • keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum (editor@farragutpress.com); • Libelous and malicious comments will not be published; • Profanity will be edited out; • Comments will remain anonymous; • Names of businesses may not be published depending on the issue.

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Town Calendar

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Farragut Community Center offers opportunities to enjoy these sports indoors during Open Gym hours.

Pickleball Open Gym takes place from noon to 2 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays,

and from 4 to 6 p.m., Thursdays. Cost is \$4 per person, or two punches on a punch card, per session. No need to pre-register – just bring a paddle and a ball. Limited equipment is available for checkout but nets are provided. Games are played on the challenge-court system, played to 11 points and

winning by two.

Basketball Open Gym takes place from 2 to 9 p.m., Mondays; from 4 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays; from 2 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays; from 4 to 5 p.m., Thursdays and from 2 to 4:45 p.m., Fridays. Cost is \$4 per person per session or two punches on a punch card. There is a special

Tuesday and Thursday rate of \$2 per person, or one punch on a punch card. No need to pre-register – just bring a ball. Limited equipment is available for checkout. Users may experience wait times or be asked to restrict play to half court.

No Open Gym activities on Oct. 28, Nov. 24, Nov. 25, Dec. 9,

Dec. 23, Dec. 26 and Dec. 30.

Everyone must sign up for a free membership the first time they use the Community Center; this is a simple process that requires just a few minutes.

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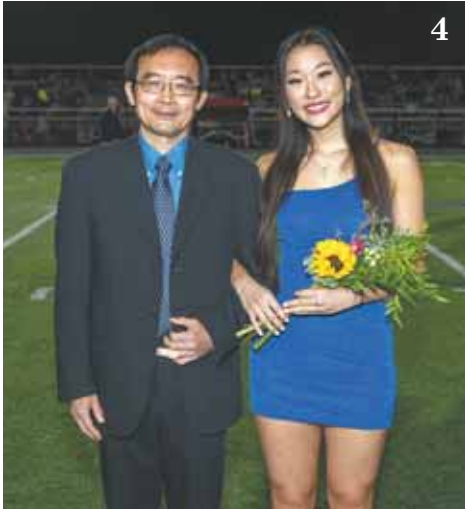
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Homecoming Night for Farragut High School football featured seven Homecoming Court candidates — four senior candidates from the Class of 2023, and one each from the Class of 2024 (junior), Class of 2025 (sophomore) and Class of 2026 (freshman). Each of the seven were presented by their fathers.

The festivities, during halftime of the FHS Admirals varsity home game versus South-Doyle at Eddie Courtney Stadium/ Bill Clabo Field Friday evening, Sept. 23, ended with the announced 2022 FHS Homecoming Queen: senior Lily Plewniak.

Crowning the new queen was FHS alumnae Megan Ramsey, 2021 Football Homecoming Queen.

FHS's Marching Admirals band assisted in the ceremony.



1. Lily Plewniak, center, was named 2022 Farragut High School Football Homecoming Queen. Plewniak is joined by her father, Michael Plewniak, who presented his daughter during the Court ceremony (mother, Elizabeth Plewniak), and Megan Ramsey, 2021 FHS Football Homecoming Queen.
2. Freshman Audrey Rust is presented by her father, Adam Rust (mother, Cheyenne Rust).
3. Sophomore Tori McNair is presented by her father, Wade McNair (mother, Erika McNair).
4. Junior Michelle Lin is presented by her father, Jun Lin (mother, Ying Wang)
5. Senior Cathy Horwege is presented by her father, Chris Horwege (mother, Christine Horwege).
6. Senior Katelyn Kramer is presented by her father, Timo Kramer (mother, Katie Kramer).
7. Senior Madelyn Snow is presented by her father, Justin Snow (mother, Buffy Snow).



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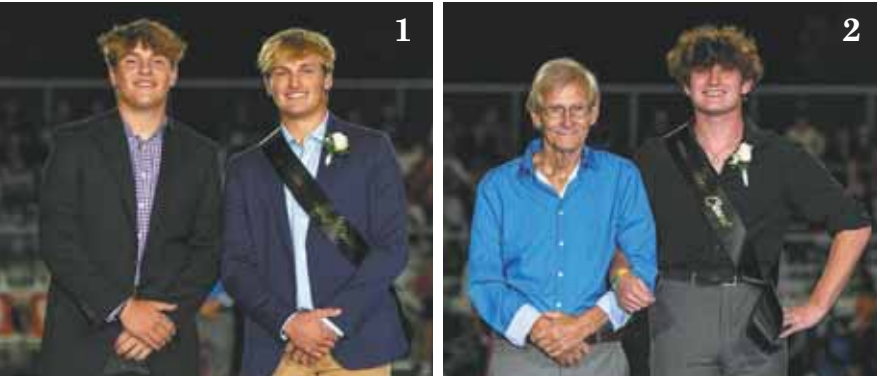
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2022 Hardin Valley Academy Football Homecoming King, Joey O'Neil, and Queen, Daisy Arnwine

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Fourteen Homecoming Court candidates highlighted 2022 Hardin Valley Academy Football Homecoming Night Friday, Sept. 23. Eleven of those candidates were for Homecoming Queen, while three were seeking to become Homecoming King. The ceremony, with help from members of HVA's Spirit of the Valley Marching Band, took place during halftime of the Hawks varsity game versus Knoxville Central. Senior Daisy Arnwine was chosen 2022 Football Homecoming Queen, while Joey O'Neil earned the crown as 2022 Football Homecoming King. Returning to their alma mater to bestow the honors were 2021 Homecoming Queen Alee Hyatt and 2021 Homecoming King Jacob Greene (both Class of 2022).



1. Ty Denton, escorted by his younger brother, Colton Denton (parents, Brad and Shaun Denton).
2. Joey O'Neil, escorted by his great-grandfather, Clarence Hayes.
3. Jeremiah Tyes, escorted by his girlfriend, Tatum (parents, Jennifer Griffin and Robert Tyes)



Daisy Arnwine, escorted by her father, Jeremy Arnwine (mother, Whitney Petree)



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farragutpress account executive promoted to advertising manager

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Charlene Waggoner, an award-winning sales account executive in farragutpress’ advertising department since 2017, has earned a promotion. “I am excited to announce that Charlene is being promoted to the ad manager’s position effective today, Monday, Sept. 27,” announced publisher Tony Cox, president of Repub-

lic News-papers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress. “Charlene has been a part of our sales team for five years and is very familiar with the newspaper,



Waggoner

our sections, our niche products and our customers,” Cox added. “This familiarity, along with a high level of sales performance, should enable Charlene to lead our sales team’s current revenue growth pattern while she is getting accustomed to her new responsibilities as our ad manager. “I am confident Charlene will be able to lead our sales department to a strong finish” to close 2022 and beyond.

For roughly the past five years, Waggoner has enjoyed much success handling real estate advertising — including agents, agencies, new construction, apartments and lenders — along with the Hardin Valley area and all of Loudon County. “I am thrilled to be offered the opportunity to manage the farragutpress advertising department,” said Waggoner, who has worked in Knox-area

newspaper sales for the last 12 years. “The Farragut area is such a unique and community-involved area, and to be a part of helping businesses thrive and grow is very exciting. “Our sales team is the best around and works to stay involved and informed so that we can be an asset to the clients who trust us with their advertising,” she added.

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Gardenia Cottage Interiors

Home interior decorating/retail biz provides a path to share Christian faith

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Laurie Davis of Farragut has found a new home for her business, Gardenia Cottage Interiors, at 11416 Kingston Pike, Suite A, the former Adorable Child location. “The name, Gardenia, is in honor of my mother-in-law, who just accepted me into the family right away,” Davis said. “She was just so kind and so warm.” So, when Davis’ mother-in-law passed a few years ago, she was memorialized in the shop’s name. The retail shop, which opened Thursday, Sept. 8, sells home décor — furnishings, kitchenware, doormats and more — along with specialty food and children’s items. “I try really hard to source a lot of the items in the store locally,” she said. “I don’t like to ask people to shop local and not source local myself, so our honey here is made in Tennessee. “The same with our candles, and our potpourri is made by a local family business,” Davis added. “(The potpourri is) apple jack and orange blossom, and they actually slice up the fruit and dry it ... it’s a generational family-run business.” She also locally sources Tennessee-based books, a bar-



Tammy Cheek

Laurie Davis, owner of Gardenia Cottage Interiors, displays her store’s prayer tree.

becue sauce and other Tennessee-related products including tumblers, canisters and etched cutting boards. In addition to retail, Davis also decorates homes in Farragut. “I have been decorating homes since 2008,” she said. With that, she has a four-year Bachelor of Science degree, along with additional training. “My style leans more traditional,” Davis said. “What I love most about traditional design is how warm it is. It’s multifaceted with layers. “Instead of just being a couch, it’s a couch with a throw and throw pillows,” she added. “It just makes a room feel very warm, so when you walk into a room you feel like you’re receiving a hug.” The shop also provides a deeper meaning with a prayer tree. After the second year of business, Davis said the Lord laid it on her heart to give her business a deeper meaning

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Event returns to Pinnacle Oct. 8

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Canceled for a couple of years, Pinnacle at Turkey Creek once again is hosting Taste of Turkey Creek from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, in the Alumni Hall parking lot area of the shopping center along Parkside Drive. “We have a twist this year with ‘Barbecue, Bacon and Bourbon (theme),” Pinnacle marketing associate Gabi Abbatemarco said. “We’ll have some bourbon tastings. “Our food vendors that are participating will have some sort of barbecue or bacon in their dishes they are going to be sampling,” she added. “It’s just going to be a fun event. We’re really excited to help the Pat Summitt Foundation raise money and awareness for their cause.” In past years, “We’ve had about 1,500 to 1,700 attendees,” Abbatemarco said. “We’re hoping to see that same number. “We’ve had a lot of response from people that they’re so happy this event is back,” she added. “They’ve been waiting for this. We’re ready to go. “We’re looking at up to 20 food vendors and then some other vendors. We’ll have a silent auction items, and hope-

fully have the football game (Tennessee at LSU TV broadcast) involved. We’re hoping to stream the game, depending on the schedule ... on an inflatable screen. But if that is not the case, we’ll have music throughout the event.” Tickets are \$25 per person for a general admission ticket, with which an attendee gets four drink tickets and all-you-can-eat food samplings. The event also offers a VIP ticket for \$100, which provides early admission, VIP seating, four drink tickets and all-you-can-eat food samplings. “We’ll have a VIP tent that VIP ticket holders can go to,” Abbatemarco said. Tickets can be purchased through Event Brite, “which is through our social media on Instagram and Facebook. We have a Facebook event page, which has all the links there,” she said. “And if people can’t find it, they can message our Pinnacle Turkey Creek Instagram or Facebook or call us (865-675-0120). “And, we’ll have some things for kids,” Abbatemarco added. “We’ll have a coloring area, a fun center and things like that.” This is the event’s seventh year. “We lost two years because of COVID,” she said.

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than simply selling home décor and decorating homes.

“People can come into our store and write in our book if they want to share where they’re from, and they can fill out a prayer request and hang it on the tree,” she said. “And if the Lord leads them, they can also take a prayer request with them on their journey and pray for that person.

“In Ephesians, we’re told to

bear one another’s burdens,” Davis added. “That is a great way to bear burdens.

“It also has created an environment where people recognize our family, who owns this business, that we are Christ followers, and it allows them to feel comfortable to share verbally what they’re going through.

As a result, “It is nothing for us to stop and pray share and hug them,” she said.

Davis and her family had been living in Sevier County

since 2017, having two stores in that county — but her husband worked in the Farragut area.

“As the (three) children got older and more active in sports, we just needed to consolidate, so we moved down our family last year and then moved the business here,” she said.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday; and closed Sunday.

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“As the leader of this group I hope to continue to give the team all they need to help busi-

nesses reach their full potential here in Farragut, as well as celebrate them on those milestone anniversaries and major accomplishments.”

Waggoner and her husband

of 26 years, Tony Waggoner, moved to Knox County from Northern Indiana 12 years ago.

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Homecoming: 40+ points to spare

Cherokees dumped; Ads host rival HVA

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When Farragut High School's football team started 1-2 this year, it could have been argued the Admirals' ship was adrift. Then again, the two losses were to state powers Knox West and Maryville.

Three games — and three wins — later, including a 58-14 thrashing of South-Doyle at Bill Clabo Field on Homecoming Night at FHS Friday, Sept. 23, the Blue and Gray is by any standard trending in the right direction.

The cumulative score of the last three games: Admirals 124, Opposition 27.

"We had to do it in all three phases," FHS head coach Eddie Courtney said. "We challenged our offense to score and the defense to get turnovers ... to get sacks and be aggressive. We gotta get a block and we did ... we got a blocked kick."

The blocked punt came with 1:31 left in the first period when linebacker Jay Smiley broke through and not only blocked the punt, but recovered it in the end zone. The score made it 21-0, and the Admirals would have all the points they'd need.

The first two scores came from a pair of first-quarter touchdown passes from quarterback Luke Johnson to receiver Ashton Auker. The first



(Above) Jay Smiley, Farragut senior linebacker, blocked then recovered a punt in the end zone to help the Admirals romp past South-Doyle 58-14 Friday evening, Sept. 23, during FHS Homecoming Night. (Right) Landis Davila, Farragut junior receiver, makes a nice catch in traffic against the Cherokees.

was for 16 yards with 4:43 left; the second for 35 yards with 2:33 remaining.

Johnson was eight of 11 passing for 148 yards and the two scores in limited action.

"They're really good, well coached," said Paul Shelton,

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Late rally ties Bobcats before HVA falls 17-14

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HARDIN VALLEY — Inching closer to a victory — this time getting even late in the fourth quarter — Hardin Valley Academy still fell a tiny bit short on HVA Homecoming Night Friday, Sept. 23. A Knox Central 26-yard field goal with 2:06 to play eventually gave the Bobcats (3-3) a hard-fought 17-14 victory.

Senior quarterback Caleb Smith led the Hawks on a 65-yard scoring march to cut a 14-6 deficit to 14-12 after his 4-yard TD run with 4:53 left to play. Smith's two-point pass to AJ Gray, perfectly placed on a sideline route, tied the game. A 38-yard Tayvon Mo-

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Photo courtesy of Jeremy Wiggs/Jeremy Wiggs Photography

Nathan Holbrook, HVA sophomore tight end, makes one of his big first-half catches against Knox Central Friday, Sept. 23.

BHS, Farragut close, but no boys golf state

Bearden's Harmon, Larmee, qualify for Division I-AA state golf individually

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BLOUNT COUNTY — Bearden and Farragut boys golf teams were extremely close to earning a TSSAA Division I-AA golf state tourney berth in Sevierville next week, falling just two and three strokes short, respectively.

District 3-AA power Halls swept both the girls and boys Region 2-AA championships Monday, Sept. 26, at Green Meadow Country Club. The Red Devils boys finished at 308 for 18 holes, two strokes better than the runner-up Bulldogs (310), who tied Maryville for second place. (Only the region champ advances to state).

Farragut finished a close fourth (311), led by Brady Harville (76), Owen Queener (77), Hudson Capps (79) and Teague Recter (79).

Bearden's Bryce Harmon earned a state berth individually, firing a 74 (a top three finisher other than the region champs). Other Bulldog top performers were Jaden Morrell (78), Adam Moss (78) and William Loftin (80).

Though the Bearden girls finished a distant third to the Lady Red Devils (153 versus 169), Tessa Larmee's 83 earned her a Division I-AA individual state berth. Teammate Maya Hira shot an 86.



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Dan Bland:

from a Miss. St. Bulldog to beating BHS Bulldogs at Farragut



Photo submitted

Head coach Dan Bland, middle, with his 1981 Farragut High School varsity football coaching staff. His assistant coaches, from left, are Jeff Bain, Joe Gaddis, Tim Harris and David Tucker. Not pictured are Bobby Henry and Scott McKenzie.

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An All-SEC punt and kickoff returner/defensive back at Mississippi State in the mid-1960s, Dan Bland — drafted by the San Francisco 49ers — spent three years on NFL and AFL scout teams before making a decision to coach and teach.

With the Houston Oilers' scout team in the late 1960s, Bland said he told a coach, "I need to get on and go to work."

This Jackson, Tennessee, native's career as a high school assistant-turned head coach led from West Tennessee to Tullahoma High School to Farragut High School, where he was Admirals skipper from 1980 through the 1986 season.

"Coach Bland had good success wherever he went," said Dennis Payne, offensive coordinator at FHS under head coach Ken Sparks in 1978 and 1979 who became "passing game coordinator" under Bland in 1980. Payne later became his offensive coordinator from 1983 through 1986.

Bland's connection with FHS began while he was head coach at Tullahoma in the late 1970s, knowing coach Sparks, which led to the teams scrimmaging during a camp in the summer of 1978.

"Jim Dyar (former Tennessee Volunteers assistant coach) recruited Tullahoma, and I think he put my name in the pot (for the FHS job)," Bland recalled, saying he came to Knox County for an interview with his wife, the late Martha Bland, who became a teacher at Farragut Primary School.

Although "we liked it" at Farragut,

"I was happy in Tullahoma ... we decided not to go," the ex-Admirals skipper said — until program expansion plans were nixed.

When an opportunity to build special facilities for football at Tullahoma — privately funded — met with "a little bit of a conflict there with other sports. ... I said, 'I'm out of here.'"

Upon taking the Farragut job, "Expectations were high," Bland, also a history teacher, said, bringing along talented quarterbacking sons Mike Bland (Class of 1983) and John Bland (Class of 1985). John went on to play quarterback in the big-time college football world at Arkansas (1985-88).

Bland led his Admirals to three special seasons: 11-2 in 1981 (reaching the Class AAA state semifinals), and back-to-back 8-2 seasons in 1984 and 1985. He finished 5-2 versus Bearden, while leading the Admirals to victories against perennial Class AAA state power Oak Ridge in 1981 (35-7) before avenging a regular season loss to the Wildcats with a 10-7 playoff win in 1983.

"Oak Ridge was the big rival," the former coach said. "... And the Bearden game was always a big game."

Mentored quite early in his football career by Bland was Joe Gaddis, longtime head coach at Oak Ridge (1988-1998, 2013-2021) who led the Wildcats to the 1991 TSSAA Class AAA state title (before the private-public split) while also leading ORHS to a runner-up Division I-5A state finish in 2020.

"He was actually my position coach in high school — I played high school football at Jackson High School, so I've known him since 1968," said Gaddis, now the athletic director at Oak Ridge,

who was Bland's offensive coordinator at FHS from 1980 through 1982.

Moreover, "He hired me to coach at Tullahoma back in 1976 as an assistant," Gaddis added, becoming offensive coordinator there for two seasons beginning in 1978. "When he left Tullahoma to take the head job at Farragut, I came up with him."

With Bland now residing in Jackson, "We're still, to this day, best friends," Gaddis said.

As for his qualities, "Coach Bland was a great, great motivator," the former ORHS head coach said. "He did a great job of making adjustments during the course of the game; as well as anybody I've ever been around. Knew football inside and out.

"First of all, he's a great individual," Gaddis added. "A great person; hard to beat ... a wonderful human being."

In terms of style, "Coach Bland was very power-oriented," Payne said. "We ran a power-I (offense). He was hard-nosed. He expected the players to be tough. Everything we did was kind of geared toward creating a tough, physical football team who could dominate the line of scrimmage and run a lot of power football."

The bottom line? "We were usually ready for a fight on Friday nights," Payne said. "We took it to a lot of people, and it was a punishing brand of football."

Current Admirals skipper Eddie Courtney, linebackers coach under Bland his final five seasons at FHS, echoed the "physical" aspect.

"I enjoyed working for coach Bland," Courtney said. "It was about physicality, and our teams were hard-nosed and very physical on offense, control-

ling the football.

"And on defense it was about being aggressive," he added. "It was all about toughness."

"The weight room was really big to him. We did a lot in the weight room back then when a lot of people didn't."

His staff, in seven years as Admirals skipper, also included Bobby Henry, Scott McKenzie, David Tucker, Jeff Bain and Tim Harris.

Bland's FHS career record of 52-25 is a bit misleading.

"I don't think we would have ever left, but our oldest son (Mike) was killed in a wreck" before the 1986 season, the coach said.

The team's 4-6 finish in 1986 was understandable.

"I couldn't tell you a thing about that football season," Bland said. "I couldn't tell you any scores, what teams beat us."

Moving back to Jackson to become head coach at Jackson Central-Merry "was hard, but it was a good thing," the ex-Admirals head coach said. "... We stayed there for four or five years."

Only looking to be an assistant coach by the 1990s, "I would go to these places, and then the (head) coach would leave and then they'd hire me, wanting me to be the head coach," Bland said about coaching stints in West Tennessee and in Mississippi after FHS.

His highly successful coaching career finally ended with retirement in 2014.

Looking back, however, "We loved it at Farragut," Bland said.

Moreover, "Knox County (Schools) and Farragut administrators were outstanding," he added. "They supported teachers; they were just good."

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Though fighting hard, Lady Ads fall in M’ville

(Right) Kennedy Dade of Farragut, a freshman defender, fights off Maryville Lady Red Rebel Kayla Barr for possession of the ball during this girls soccer showdown in Maryville Thursday evening, Sept. 22. (Below) Surrounded by teammates, Lady Admiral Rowan Unger (24), a freshman defender, battles the same MHS player, Barr, for the ball. In the end, the Lady Red Rebels managed to slip past the Lady Admirals for a 2-0 victory.

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Art Fest

About 750 children and their families enjoyed the creative process when Farragut Arts and Beautification Committee presented Art Fest on the grounds of Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., Sunday, Sept. 18. “Art Fest was amazing,” Town Recreation and Event manager Merritt Piper said. “It was great to see children having fun and showcasing their creativity.”

The event consisted of nine craft stations, where children could make visors, paint from an easel or do squirt gun art, dauber stamping, blow art, spin art and more. They displayed their art on hanging wires. “We received a lot of feedback from parents and children,” Piper said. “One man stated he loved that the event brought so many aspects of the community together — Town employees, Town committee members, volunteers and participants. “He and his family enjoyed the event so much, he asked how he could get involved with events in the future,” she added. “This is fun,” said Shirin Pagels, a mother of four. “It’s nice the community does this kind of stuff.”

Photos by Tammy Cheek



Jenny Trussell with Julianna Snelling, 5



Bryson Repka, 5, front, and Madilyn Stites Diaz, 5



Biagio Castiglione, with mom, Quilla Castiglione and sister, Bella



Dean Powell, 2, and sister, Madeline Powell, 4



Genesis Ervin, 6, and sister, Melody-Zae Ervin, 5



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Victoria Melchenko, 2, with dad, Alex Melchenko



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Carnegie Hall on tap during FHS music tour

Department's fall calendar also features 'Georgia Tour'

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD
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Farragut High School's music department has a lot to sing about this school year, from community concerts to a planned "Georgia tour" and even a performance at Carnegie Hall.

"We are doing some really big things this year," said FHS's choir director Mitchell Moore, who is in his third year leading the program while also co-teaching musical theater. "We are finally coming out of COVID, and students have been working very hard, as we are able to do more."

"They have also been invited to more events, and we want the community to know what our students are doing because we need their support to make it all happen," he added. "We want them to attend, advocate and financially contribute in any way, shape or form."



Moore

First up will be the first of four community concerts starting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, in FHS's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium.

"We have four 'normal' concerts during the year," explained Moore, noting the others will be Dec. 15, Feb. 23 and May 9. "But we almost always have some others off campus, too."

Knox County Coupon Book sales are under way, running through Monday, Oct. 3, which helps with program funding.

Moore said they can be purchased from various members of the school's choral groups, with proceeds specifically going toward upcoming projects, including the Advanced Women's Chorus's visit to Georgia Nov. 6-8.

The 30-member group will be performing with the Mercer University Women's Choir and the regionally renowned Mary Persons High School choir, and also has been invited to compete in the Southern Invitational Choral Competition at Georgia Southern University.

"(The latter) is a very prestigious event, by invitation only, and we are the only representatives from Tennessee who



Photo submitted

Farragut High School's Advanced Women's Choir will be performing and competing in Georgia Nov. 6-8, and is among groups in the school's music department currently fundraising for upcoming events.

have been asked to attend," Moore said with excitement, noting his own Southern Georgia roots helped open the door for the opportunity, having taught at Mary Persons High School while also teaching at Howard High School in Macon, where Mercer is located. "The Southeast's best high school choirs will be taking part, from Florida, Georgia and North and South Carolina."

In addition to competing and performing, the group also will take the opportunity to visit Sa-

vannah, Georgia, for a day trip and enjoy a riverboat cruise. Cost of that trip is \$13,500.

Another big upcoming event will be the March 25-28 trip to Carnegie Hall for the school's advanced mixed choir.

"It is another invitation we received, and we had to audition," the choir director said. "We are hoping to take 49 students on that trip."

"We will be flying up there, rehearsing and performing, and hope to see a Broadway show and do some sightsee-

ing," the FHS director added.

Cost of that trip is \$81,830, Moore added, noting other fundraisers will include selling popcorn Monday through Thursday, Oct. 1-4, and poinsettias Oct. 24-Nov. 16.

Pick up for poinsettias will be Nov. 21. "It's the same day as (Farragut's) Light the Park, and we will be performing there, too," he added.

For more information, or to donate to the program, contact Moore at mitchell.moore@knoxschools.org.

World Grand Champ



Photo submitted

Rotary Club of Farragut member Ron Lawrence rides with his prize horse, In Ted's Image, which won his third consecutive world grand championship at Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration in Shelbyville. He now is a nine-time world champion and three-time world grand champion, having won in Preliminary Class Aug. 29 and Championship Class in Fine Harness Friday, Sept. 2. Lawrence said In Ted's Image is the first horse to win three straight world grand championships in fine harness — and has been named "Horse of the Year" for the past four years.

Second-generation RYE to experience overseas

TAMMY CHEEK

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Bearden High School senior Valerie Kinson is following in the footsteps of her father, Tory Kinson, a Rotary Club of Farragut member, as a world traveler through the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Valerie is the 2023 RCF-sponsored outbound exchange student.

"My dad actually was an exchange student with the Rotary Club when he was my age," she said. "When we moved to Tennessee, he got involved with the RYE program. He told me 'this is an experience you need to have.' He wants my brothers and I to do it."

"I was so excited," Valerie added. "I love international travel. It was through my dad and Farragut Rotary I was able to have this opportunity."

"It will be the longest I've ever been away from home. I hope I'll make a lot of memories and have a great time."

"What's not to love about this?" Tory Kinson asked. "Monica and I feel great because we know



Tammy Cheek

Rotary Club of Farragut member Tory Kinson introduced his daughter, Valerie Kinson, as an upcoming RYE exchange student to RCF during its meeting Wednesday, Sept. 22.

what this experience is going to do for her.

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Watch for dry eye problems with dogs, cats

This is a special Ask Vet column from Dr. Stephanie Myers of Lenoir City Animal Clinic. Her regular "second issue of the month" column returns for our Wednesday, Oct. 12, issue.

Q: "Mae" is our English Bulldog. She has always had runny eyes, and it seems to be getting worse. I just thought she had allergies, but the vet wants to check her for dry eye. I didn't know dogs could get dry eye. Are there eye drops for that? Is the test painful? T.H., Farragut

A: Yes, dogs (and cats) can

get dry eye, the common name for keratoconjunctivitis sicca. Although any dog can have dry eye, it does run in certain breeds, including Bulldogs. Dry eye occurs when dogs do not produce enough tears.

The most common reason is an immune reaction in the lacrimal tissue (tear ducts) that changes the pet's ability to produce their own tears. Other causes include viruses, trauma, certain medications and

abnormalities in the nerves that supply the tear ducts. The test for KCS, called a Schirmer tear test, would not be painful for Mae. It would

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Stephanie Myers Ask the Vet



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ways we could never design, and she will come out of it a changed person with a much broader view of the world,” he added.

“And most of all, she’ll really appreciate how great the United States is. She will get to see this from an outsider’s perspective.”

With most parents, “it’s not easy to send your child someplace far away. But since this is administered through a worldwide organization like Rotary, we know how much goes into making sure she’s going to be safe and with a good family,” Tory said. “I was a Rotary exchange student myself back in 1989 and even though it’s a one-year experience, it actually begins one year before and ends one year after the trip.

“Rotary prepares the students for the culture and language shocks well before they leave,” he added. “They also vet the families and support network where they are going — just like we do here when we receive a foreign student.”

While in high school, he spent a year in Ecuador with the Velez family.

“Even though it’s been over 30 years, I still feel very close to them,” Tory said.

Valerie expects to depart in July 2023 and will find out which country she will be going to in February 2023.

Her first country of choice to visit is South Korea.

“It’s the one I really want to go to,” Valerie said. “I do love the culture. I know a pretty basic amount of the language.

“I have a lot of friends, actually, from that country,” she added. “I love their food, I love their culture, I love their music, I love their TV shows, their movies, and I really just think it’s a beautiful country.”

Other choices include Japan, Thailand, Italy and Taiwan.

However, just to live in one of those countries, “I’m excited for the experience because I’m going to be in a high school, basically, doing senior year again in a foreign country, which is pretty exciting,” Valerie said. “I’m going to be learning a new language, going to try some new foods, meet a lot of new people, make a lot of new friends.

“The fact that it’s a year away just amazes me in that I get to do it before I go to college,” she added. It’s just a really awesome experience to have.”

While at BHS, she writes for the school newspaper and is an aspiring screen writer and computer coder.

obituary

Joseph Hunter Haynes, age 88, passed away Sept. 22, 2022, at Turkey Creek Medical Center in Farragut.

Joseph proudly served in the U.S. Army. He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Hunter Haynes Jr.

He is survived by his wife, Libbie Haynes. Per his wishes, there are no services planned at this time.

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Ask Vet

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just take a few minutes. Clinical signs that veterinarians look for (which I assume Mae has) include yellow or green discharge, red eyes and/or corneal dullness. Some dogs are so itchy and uncomfortable that they rub or paw at their eyes. Secondary infections and/or conjunctivitis can occur.

There is medication for KCS. In some mild, early cases, over-the-counter human eye

drops for dry eye can be used every four-to-six hours. This will help replace the tears that aren’t being produced.

There are also prescription eye medications, typically used twice daily, to help Mae produce more of her own tears.

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Tuesday, October 4, 2022 • Back of Board Room – Farragut Town Hall

9:00 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a final plat for Grigsby Park, Phase 1, Parcel 96, Tax Map 142, 4.64 Acres, 17 Lots, Zoned R-4 (Belle Investment Company, Inc., Applicant)

9:30 a.m. **REMOVED FROM AGENDA.** Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for the addition of two loading docks and minor grading at the Outlet Mall at 11221 Outlet Drive, 15.47 Acres, Zoned C-2-R/W (Kodak Properties, Applicant)

10:00 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a final plat for the Ivey Farms Subdivision, Phases 2 and 3, Parcel 54.01, Tax Map 151, 30.39 Acres, 101 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSR (Goodall Homes, Applicant)

10:30 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a preliminary plat for the Westerly Subdivision, Parcels 8.01, 9, and 10.02, Tax Map 152, 8.74 Acres, 12 Lots, Zoned R-1 and R-2 (BHN-P, Applicant)

11:00 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a final plat for the Grove at Boyd Station, Phase 1, Unit 2, 27.63 Acres, 66 Lots, Zoned R-1/OSMR (Lynch Surveys, LLC., Applicant)

1:30 p.m. Discussion on a request to amend the Future Land Use Map in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update 2012 for 11500 Kingston Pike, 68.31 Acres, from Mixed Use Town Center, Open Space, Medium Density Residential and Low Density Residential to Commercial, Parks and Recreation, Low Density Residential, and Very Low Density Residential (John Brehm, Hy-Vee, Applicant)

2:00 p.m. Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for 11500 Kingston Pike, 68.31 Acres, from C-1, O-1, B-1, R-1, and R-2 to C-1, OS-P, R-3, and R-4 (John Brehm, Hy-Vee, Applicant)

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• **Celebrate October Fest with Mind Yer Ps & Qs**, 12744 Kingston Pike, a family event with large tents along its Kingston Pike lawn just east of Watt Road runs 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.). Tickets are \$10 per day. Children 10 and under are free.

• **SouthEast Bank is helping needy moms and their children during National Diaper Need Awareness Week**, which is under way and runs through Monday, Oct. 3. It is working with the local non-profit Helping Mamas in collecting diaper donations during that time frame at all

its locations: Farragut (12700 Kingston Pike), Bearden (4960 Kingston Pike), Hardin Valley (10870 Hardin Valley Road), Lenoir City (596 Town Creek Parkway) and Fountain City (4924 N. Broadway St.). For more information, visit southeastbank.com/helping-mamas.

• **Tennessee Valley Machine Knitters Club will hold its next monthly meeting** beginning at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 4, in Alcoa First United Methodist Church. Visitors are welcome. For more information, contact Marie Hickson at 865-457-0960.

• **Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its next monthly meeting** beginning at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, in Faith Lutheran Church, Jamestowne Boulevard in Farragut. Social

time and book exchange begins at 10:30 a.m. Published authors are invited to attend. Serious authors only. In the event of inclement weather, check AGT website: authorsguildoftn.org.

• **Saint Elizabeth's Church, 110 Sugarwood Drive in Farragut, has started a program, Meet the Artist**, where various artists, professional and amateur, will have an opportunity to showcase their works in the church's Gathering Hall. Viewing is open to the public. Carla Sanchez's oil paintings currently are on display through mid-November (can be viewed after Sunday services, from roughly 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). "... Her oil-painting style tends toward Classical Realism," a church press release stated.

Ads-South-Doyle

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S-D's first-year head coach. "They did a good job up front. They're just really good schematically ... offensively, defensively."

Farragut made it 28-0 early in the second when running back Elijah Gibbs went around right end for a 3-yard score. A pass-interference penalty on SDHS gave the Admirals a first and goal on the Cherokees 2.

Gibbs scored three times while rushing for 124 yards on 15 carries — though, like Johnson, the senior played less than a full game.

"Our offensive line did really good today," Gibbs said. "The last couple of games

we've been having a little bit of trouble. But I feel like it really showed up today."

A 49-14 halftime lead led to a continuous-clock run for the entire second half.

Backup running back Wyatt Drummy rushed 12 times for 87 yards and a score. Back-up quarterback Barrett Smith threw a touchdown pass, completing four-of-five passes.

Jack Alley had seven tackles, six solo, for the Admirals. Linebacker Daniel Williams had three solo stops, five total. "You gotta want to win it," Williams, a senior, said.

Hawks next at FHS

The Admirals host rival Hardin Valley Academy (0-5) in a Region 2-6A match-up starting at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30.



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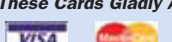
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CAK	2-4	88-127	-39
HVA	0-5	61-138	-77

Admirals closing on Spartans, Dawgs still in the hunt

While Bearden hit the road Friday evening, Sept. 23, the Bulldogs also hit the Fulton Falcons hard on the field, improving to 4-2 on the season with a resounding 43-19 victory.

While avenging a 2021 home loss to the Falcons (2-3), BHS stays near the top on the PureMagic How the West Was Won Scoreboard (game details later in this story).

However, rival Farragut was even more dominant in victory, crushing South-Doyle 58-14 at FHS’s Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field last Friday.

By a mere 11 points tiebreaker-wise, the Admirals (4-2) pass Bearden and move into second place on the PM Scoreboard. (Read story, see photos beginning on page 1B).

While Scoreboard leader Webb (5-0) enjoyed last week off, Knoxville Catholic (2-2) has been able to recharge its batteries even more — enjoying its second week off since Sept. 9 during Week 6.

As for Christian Academy of Knoxville (2-4 overall, 0-3 in Division II-AA East Region), it was rough sledding at a region contest in Hamilton County, falling 44-14 at Chattanooga Christian (5-1, 3-0). (Top Warrior performances, stat-wise, later in this story).

Though Hardin Valley Academy remains winless, the Hawks once again fought to the bitter end. Overcoming a 14-6 deficit late with a touchdown and two-point conversion, HVA saw the Knox Central Bobcats nail a late field goal to win 17-14 (Read story and see photos beginning on page 1B).

Bearden, CAK stats

For Bearden, “Our overall offense had a good night, and was balanced — 224 rush yards and 204 pass yards,” BHS head coach Josh Jones said. “We got lot of players involved: seven different players ran the ball and seven different players caught a pass.

“Drew Parrott (sophomore quarterback) was sharp most of the night,” the first-year Bulldogs coach added. “He continues to get better every week. Our offensive coordinator, Clark McMillan, has done a fabulous job with him getting him ready each week. Offense is improving each week at all units.”

Sophomore Kai Ironside (11 carries, 95 yards) and senior running back Presean Brown (12 rushes, 77 yards) each rushed for two touchdowns, while freshman Jayzon Thompson hauled in a 10-yard touchdown pass from Parrott, as did senior receiver Ethan Ford (17 yards). Yet another freshman re-

ceiver, Tory Beaufort, had four catches for 72 yards. Parrott, meanwhile, finished 17-of-23 passes for 204 yards and the two scoring strikes.

The Bearden defense “had a tough job ... tackling the best player with ball in his hands in the area is not easy,” Jones said of Fulton standout senior receiver Marcellus Jackson. “... If you miss a fit, miss a gap, take a wrong step, he makes you pay. He’s special.

“We corralled him most of the night, but he got free a few times,” Jones added. “Our defensive staff had a great plan and most of the night we executed it.”

Senior linebacker Sam Nicaud had five tackles and two sacks to help lead the Bulldogs defense. Bryce Chesney grabbed an interception.

As for CAK, Sloan Helton, junior receiver/kick returning, hauled back a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown while catching eight passes for 53 yards.

Defensively, defensive back Caleb Hoke ended with 11 total tackles, including one for lost yardage, while linebacker Eli Etherton added 10 total stops, including two tackles-for-loss, one sack and a blocked extra point.

Week 7 action

(All games begin at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30, unless otherwise noted.

Dave Meske’s undefeated Spartans face a tough road task Thursday evening, Sept. 29, as Webb (2-0 in region) visits Grace Christian Academy

“Our overall offense had a good night, and was balanced — 224 rush yards and 204 pass yards,”

~ Josh Jones
BHS head coach

(3-2, 1-0).

Farragut will host rival HVA in a Region 2-6A contest, while Bearden returns from a three-game road trip to enjoy BHS Homecoming while hosting undefeated region foe Bradley Central (5-0, 2-0).

CAK will play out of region against an undefeated Upper East Tennessee foe, hosting Daniel Boone (5-0), with opening kickoff at 7:30 p.m., Friday.

The KCHS Fighting Irish, meanwhile, seek their first Division II-AAA East Region victory when hosting Father Ryan (2-4, 0-2) on Catholic’s Homecoming Night. Opening kickoff is 7:30 p.m., Friday.

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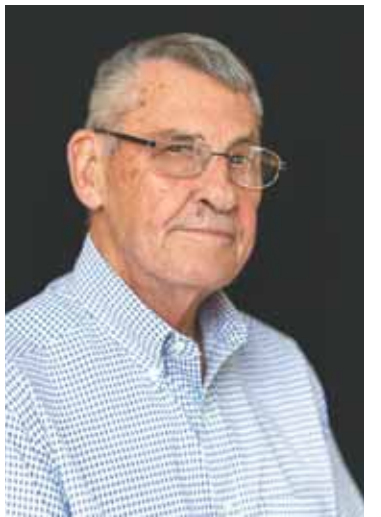
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*Long-time
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Get ready for fall fun in Farragut!

There's no better time to be in Farragut than in the brisk, beautiful autumn months. Don't miss these free, annual events that are sure to delight the entire family.

Freaky Friday Fright Nite

Experience family-friendly chills and thrills at the 26th annual Freaky Friday Fright Nite! This fall favorite takes place from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Children ages 12 and under are invited to "trick or treat" on the walking trail while local businesses, community groups and Town of Farragut volunteers hand out treats and provide games with prizes and cookie decorating.

This is a free event, but participants are asked to bring items to benefit the local Ronald McDonald House. See farragutparkasandrec.org/freakyfriday for more info.

Celebrate the Season

Get in the holiday spirit at Celebrate the Season from 4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Farragut Community Center. Kids can have photos taken with Santa and enjoy cookie decorating, crafts and a holiday-themed movie during this free evening of family fun. It's a great way to start the holiday season!

Light the Park

From dusk to 10 p.m. nightly from Tuesday, Nov. 22, through Monday, Jan. 2, thousands of holiday lights will twinkle along Campbell Station Road from the I-40 commuter lot to Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn as part of the Town's Light the Park event.

Santa will kick off this holiday spectacle by flipping the switch for the lights at the Countdown to Light the Park event on

See **FALL FUN** on Page 3

David White, who has lived in the Farragut area for over 70 years, was recently elected Ward 2 (South Ward) alderman. He was sworn in on Thursday, Aug. 25, along with Mayor Ron Williams and Ward 1 (North Ward) Alderman Scott Meyer, who were both re-elected.

White was part of the community before the Town of Farragut existed, and he's looking forward to having a role in Town government.

"It will be very interesting," he says.

He grew up in an era where hard work was expected from every member of the family. He was one of seven children, and he recalls walking with his mother to Noce's General Store so he could ride the school bus and she could catch a bus to her job in the Bearden area.

He can't remember how many places he's lived in the Farragut area.

"I used to tell people that we moved every time the rent was due," he says with a laugh.

White and his girlfriend, Sandy, graduated from Farragut High School in 1964. He was the captain of the football team and she was co-captain of the cheerleaders, so naturally, they were named Mr. and Mrs. Farragut High School. They were married in 1966.

He worked as a machinist at Y-12 in Oak Ridge for 17 years, then took a job with a local developer. He spent 13 years developing shopping centers be-

See **WHITE** on Page 3

Farragut receives \$25,000 grant for dog park at McFee Park

Town of Farragut staff and elected officials were on hand to accept a \$25,000 check from Harrison Forbes, lead grant coordinator for Dog Park Dash, on Thursday, Sept. 8. The ceremony took place at the back of the new section of McFee Park, where the future dog park will be constructed.

The town was notified that it would receive the Dog Park Dash grant from the Boyd Foundation in July. Ten winners from across the state received grants this year. The Farragut community helped secure the grant by posting photos of their favorite pups on social media



See **DOG PARK** on Page 2

Recent numbers show strength of tourism in state and county

The Tennessee Department of Tourist Development (TDTD) recently released data showing the strength of the tourism industry in the state. Travelers in Tennessee spend an estimated \$66 million per day, according to economic impact data from U.S. Travel Association and Tourism Economics.

County data shows that Knox County is one of nine counties that experienced more than 40% growth in year-over-year travel spending. Numbers also show that 2021 visitor spending in Knox County is up 42% from 2020 and is just shy of the record spending recorded in 2019.

Key highlights from the TDTD report include:

- Tennessee tourism generated a record \$24 billion in domestic travel spending
- The travel and tourism industry was the third largest employer in Tennessee in 2021
- 51 counties fully recovered and exceeded their 2019 visi-

See **TOURISM** on Page 2

Community participation was key to land use plan update for Boring Road area

The Town of Farragut will soon update the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to reflect community feedback about desired future development along Kingston Pike and the Boring Road corridor.

The FLUM is a planning document meant to guide development toward what the community wants. In recent years, a steering committee made up of elected officials, staff members and the community has solicited feedback about developing areas along Watt Road, Outlet Drive and McFee Road. Each of those studies has resulted in changes to the FLUM. The map now needs to be updated to reflect

current development patterns in the Boring Road corridor area, says Community Development Director Mark Shipley.

When the land use plan was updated in 2012, the former Ingles building was in poor condition and the area was considered a good location for a mixed-use neighborhood if the building was demolished. It has since been renovated and remains a commercial property. Also, other higher density residential housing was approved in Farragut, reducing the need for such development. Tracts that front on Boring Road have recently been purchased for estate lots, even though the current FLUM

shows low and medium density residential, rather than very low density residential.

Community input on a FLUM update for this area was solicited starting in November 2021. A drop-in input session allowed participants to share the types of development they'd most like to see in the area, which also includes the NHC campus and the CVS site south of Kingston Pike. In March, the community was invited to attend one of two workshops where staff shared feedback from the input session. In May, the steering committee held a

See **FLUM** on Page 3

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New greenway segments connect Farragut neighborhoods

Farragut’s greenways are a favorite amenity, and the town continues to add greenway segments with the goal of connecting all neighborhoods. Staff have begun the process of extending the current greenway from Brookmere subdivision to Sheffield subdivision, and when it is complete, there will be continuous pedestrian connection from Sheffield to Kingston Pike.

The Board of Mayor and Alderman recently approved a contract for the purchase of easements for the construction of the 1,400-foot Little Turkey Creek greenway extension. This segment will provide a view of the historic Virtue Mill site, which is the former location of a mill as well as the site of a skirmish between the 17th Michigan Volunteer Regiment and Confederate forces on Nov. 16, 1863. The Confederates were stopped, and two Union officers were awarded the Medal of Honor for their actions. Greenway plans include a historic marker at the site.

Construction is expected to begin in spring 2023 and be completed in fall 2023.

When new Farragut neighborhoods are developed, they must either connect to an existing greenway or provide a new segment at the front of the subdivision. A new segment in The Grove subdivision will connect McFee Road to Virtue Road, and The Meadows at McFee added a stub at the back of the subdivision that will connect to a future greenway.

Each of these new segments brings Farragut closer to being a fully walkable community.

“The construction of additional greenways, along with the construction of links between current greenways, has consistently been the number one priority with our citizens,” says Parks & Recreation Director Sue Stuhl. “We know this from the years of citizen involvement through surveys and master planning.”

Veterans’ reception and “A Day of Infamy” presentation on Dec. 5

A reception for veterans will precede a presentation about the events leading up to World War II on Monday, Dec. 5, at Farragut Town Hall. Veterans can enjoy light refreshments and tour the Farragut Museum’s special exhibition, “World’s Fair 40th Anniversary,” beginning at 6 p.m. The presentation begins at 7 p.m.

Frank Galbraith, retired Farragut Middle School history teacher, will discuss the end of World War I, the roaring ’20s, organized crime, the Great Depression, Hitler coming to power and the attack on Pearl Harbor. WWII veterans will be present to answer questions.

All veterans, especially WWII veterans, are encouraged to participate. The presentation is free and no registration is required. For more information, contact Historic Resources Coordinator Julia Barham at 865-218-3377 or jbarham@townoffarragut.org.

2022 Shop Farragut Holiday Campaign

The 16th Annual Shop Farragut Holiday Campaign begins Friday, Nov. 18, and continues through Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023. In addition to the free and reduced-priced advertising available as part of the campaign provided by Shop Farragut, the town will offer businesses registered through the FBA the opportunity to have an extra temporary sign for the entire campaign period and waive the \$25 special event fee. (This is in addition to the four special events/year allowed to Farragut businesses as per the town’s zoning ordinance). Remember that other special event signage will be suspended Nov. 11-17 in order to highlight the Shop Farragut campaign!

Details about how businesses can participate in the campaign will be distributed by Shop Farragut in October. For more information: 865-307-2486 or shopfarragut@gmail.com.

Tourism
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tor spending record

- Nine counties experienced more than 40% growth in year-over-year travel spending, including Davidson, Cheatham, Sevier, Union, Polk, Grundy, Knox, Blount and Hamilton
- Travel in Tennessee generated \$1.9 billion in state and local tax revenue in 2021

Leisure and hospitality industry highlights (source: Tennessee Department of Revenue/Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development)

include:

- Leisure and hospitality industries supported 317,000 jobs in 2021, an 8% increase from 2020 and 91% of 2019 levels
- Leisure and hospitality revenues have recovered to record levels and outpaced inflation

“When you are asked why tourism is important to me and my family in Knox County, the answer is that visitors generate more than \$130 million in state and local taxes each year, which equates to a \$693 tax savings for every Knox County household,” says Farragut Tourism Manager Karen Tindal.

Dog Park
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with the hashtag #DogParkDash2022.

The entrance of the dog park will be located at the former site of the Dimmick house, which was razed in late August as part of McFee Park Phase 3 improvements. Ralph Dimmick sold the house and the surrounding Christmas tree farm to the town in 2010, and the house was primarily used for storage.

A new 2,000-square-foot metal building at Farragut Public Works headquarters will now meet the town’s storage needs. The project was completed by Holston Construction.

FALL EVENTS

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

ATHLETIC LEAGUES

Adult Indoor Doubles Pickleball League

5:30-9 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 6-Dec. 15. Cost: \$50 per team. Registration deadline: Monday, Sept. 26. Seven weeks of regular season games take place Oct. 6-Nov. 17. An end-of-season, single-elimination tournament will follow on Dec. 8 and 15. Teams are mixed doubles consisting of any combination of male and female players. Games will be self-officiated. Open to all skill levels, but participants must be 18 years or older. Pre-registration required. There will be no regular season or tournament play on Thursday, Nov. 24, or Thursday, Dec. 1.

FITNESS

Pickleball Open Gym

12-2 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Cost: \$4 per person, or two punches on a punch card, per session. No need to pre-register – just bring a paddle and a ball and get ready to play. During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 11 points, winning by 2. Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To serve all and maximize community use, users may experience wait times. No pickleball open gym activities on Oct. 28, Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Dec. 23, Dec. 26 and Dec. 30.

Basketball Open Gym

2-9 p.m. on Mondays; 4-5 p.m. on Tuesdays; 2-5 p.m. on Wednesdays; 4-5 p.m. on Thursdays; 2-4:45 p.m. on Fridays. Cost: \$4 per person per session or two punches on a punch card. Special Tuesday/Thursday rate: \$2 per person or one punch on a punch card. No need to pre-register – just bring a ball and get ready to play. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in

and get your free community center membership. To serve all and maximize community use, users may experience wait times or be asked to restrict play to half court. No basketball open gym activities on Oct. 28, Nov. 24, Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Dec. 23, Dec. 26 and Dec. 30.

Toddler Takeover

10-11 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost: \$2, or one punch on a punch card, per child; adults are free. Participating children must be walking to 5 years old. Join us for this guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment! Pre-registration is not required. No Toddler Takeover on Thursday, Nov. 24.

Total Fitness Classes

8:30-9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost: \$4, or two punches on a punch card, per session. Pre-registration required; spaces are limited. Join Rachel Piotrowski, certified group exercise instructor and personal trainer, for a total body fitness class! This class is tailored to individuals of all fitness levels and focuses on functional exercises to improve overall strength and balance. A variety of body weight and hand weight exercises will be utilized to build upper and lower body strength, improve balance and strengthen the core. Low impact aerobic conditioning and stretching are also incorporated. Please bring hand weights or other weighted objects for your workout. If you do not have any, just bring yourself! Don't forget water and a mat.

Sunrise Stretch

8:15-9:15 a.m. on Wednesdays. Cost: free. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. the Tuesday before class. Start your day off right with a sunrise yoga session! This 60-minute class is the perfect way to start the day for beginning to advanced yogis with registered yoga teacher Jenny Trussell. The

class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork, and a brief meditation set to relaxing music. Bring a mat (blanket and props are optional) and a smile for each participant. The instructor is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone new to yoga.

Rise and Shine Yoga

8:15-9:15 a.m. on Mondays and Fridays. Cost: \$4, or two punches on a punch card, per session. Registration deadline: 5 p.m. the day before class. Rise and shine! Start your day off right with a morning yoga class led by registered yoga teacher Mindy Wise or Jenny Trussell! Bring a yoga mat, water and a positive attitude! No class on Nov. 18, Nov. 25, Dec. 23 and Dec. 26.

Israeli Folk Dancing – October Session

2:45-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Oct. 6-27. Israeli Folk Dance is a community-building style of dance for girls and boys. It consists mostly of circle and line dances. Most of the songs are in Hebrew and the same choreography is used around the world! Classes are held in a four-week session where students learn different dances. Cost: \$40. Pre-registration required. Level 1 prerequisite is encouraged for the Level 2 class, but not required. Juniors (Ages 7-10) – 2:45-3:30 p.m. Level 1 (Ages 10-18) – 3:30-4:30 p.m. Level 2 (Ages 10-18) – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Israeli Folk Dancing – November Session

2:45-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Nov. 3-17. Israeli Folk Dance is a community-building style of dance for girls and boys. It consists mostly of circle and line dances. Most of the songs are in Hebrew and the same choreography is used around the world! Classes are held in a three-week session where students learn dif-

ferent dances. Cost: \$30. Level 1 prerequisite is encouraged for the Level 2 class, but not required.

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

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Level 1 (Ages 10-18) – 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Level 2 (Ages 10-18) – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Israeli Folk Dancing – December Session

2:45-5:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Dec. 8-22. Israeli Folk Dance is a community building style of dance for girls and boys. It consists mostly of circle and line dances. Most of the songs are in Hebrew and the same choreography is used around the world! Classes are held in a three-week session where students learn different dances. Cost: \$30. Level 1 prerequisite is encouraged for the Level 2 class, but not required.

Juniors (Ages 7-10) – 2:45-3:30 p.m.

Level 1 (Ages 10-18) – 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Level 2 (Ages 10-18) – 4:30-5:30 p.m.

EDUCATION

Making Medicare Easier

6-7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 3. Cost: free. Registration deadline: Friday, Sept. 30. Instructor: Bruce Landis of Providence Advisors Group. Learn about enrollment periods, overview of parts A, B, C and D and supplements.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

12-5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16. To schedule an appointment, log on to redcrossblood.org and search by ZIP code 37934.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Freaky Friday Fright Nite

5-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 28, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park (more details on page 1)

Veterans Salute Races

7:30 a.m. start at the Farragut Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 12. This event (1 mile fun run/5K/10K) honors military personnel with signs displayed along Founders Park at Campbell Station. A portion of proceeds are donated to the Wreaths Across America program. For more information: fleetfeetknoxville.com.

Countdown to Light the Park

5:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21, at Founders Park at Campbell Station (more details on page 1)

Light the Park

Every night Tuesday, Nov. 22, through Monday, Jan. 2, at Founders Park at Campbell Station (more details on page 1)

Celebrate the Season

4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, at the Farragut Community Center (more details on page 1)

'Twas the Night with No Parents

6-9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 16, at the Farragut Community Center. Cost: \$10 per child. Get your holiday shopping done or just relax when you send your children (kindergarten through 5th grade) to the community center for the evening! For just \$10, your kids will enjoy an evening of pizza, games, a craft and a holiday-themed movie. Please be aware that not all food allergies can be accommodated.

New Years at Noon

11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 31 at the Farragut Community Center. Cost: \$2 per child; adults are free. Join us for a New Year's celebration at noon! Enjoy dancing, NYE snacks and child-friendly bubbly drinks while celebrating the new year at an easier time of day. Pre-registration required.

McFee Park basketball, pickleball and tennis reservations

With the recent completion of the basketball court lighting at McFee Park, the court has joined the roster of rentable facilities for parkgoers to enjoy.

There have been changes to court reservation policies. Basketball and tennis/pickleball courts are now available for hourly rentals from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m., seven days a week. Pickleball courts are \$5 an hour and tennis and basketball rentals are \$10 an hour. Reservations for tennis should be made by reserving two pickleball courts together, either pickleball courts 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, or 7 and 8. Online reservations

must be made at least one day in advance, but if courts are available, same-day reservations can be made by calling 865-218-3376 before 3:30 p.m.

If courts are not reserved, they are available for free, drop-in use on a first come, first served basis. To check if a court is reserved or to make a reservation, scan the QR code located in the kiosks at the courts or visit farragutparksandrec.org/tennis or farragutparksandrec.org/mcfee-basketball. Lights for all courts will only be turned on if there is a paid reservation.



FLUM

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public meeting to collect citizen input on proposed changes to the FLUM.

The August Municipal Planning Commission meeting included a workshop to discuss the changes and commission is scheduled to vote to approve the update at its October meeting.

"If circumstances have changed, we need to update our land use plan," says Shipley. "It's not a static document, but a dynamic one. We need to recognize the changes that are happening in the larger community."



Fall Fun

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Monday, Nov. 21.

Children are encouraged to drop their wish lists for Santa in the giant mailbox at Founders Park at Campbell Station by Monday, Dec. 19. Be sure to include a return address—you may get a response from the big man himself! There will

White

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fore starting his own business as a general contractor. He retired after working for himself for

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

To sign up to provide giveaways, carol or bring a food truck to Light the Park, contact the Parks & Recreation office at 865-218-3376 or parksandreinfo@townoffarragut.org.

24 years.

The Whites had three children, and they now have three grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Parks & Recreation



Notes for fall/winter park use

Restrooms at the four Town of Farragut parks and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza are open year-round. Beginning Thursday, Nov. 1, through Wednesday, March 1, 2023, restrooms at Anchor Park, Mayor Bob Leonard Park (lower restroom), McFee Park, Founders Park at Campbell Station and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The upper restroom at Mayor Bob Leonard Park and the Great Pavilion restroom at McFee Park will be open past 4:30 p.m. on days with scheduled field/court use on the synthetic turf fields and courts.

The restrooms at Founders Park at Campbell Station and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza will be open until 10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, through Friday, Jan. 2, 2023, to accommodate those viewing holiday lights. Restrooms will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 24, and Sun. Dec. 25.

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

The town will close all natural turf playing fields at parks on Thursday, Nov. 1. The field closures allow the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments to perform fall and early spring maintenance and protect the fields during wet and cold weather. Fields will reopen on Wednesday, March 1, 2023. Farragut's synthetic turf fields at Mayor Bob Leonard Park and sports courts at McFee Park are open for year-round use.

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



Field use requests for spring/summer 2023

Application packets for athletic organizations requesting field use at any Farragut park for spring and summer 2023 will be available on the Farragut Parks & Recreation website (farragut-parksandrec.org/fielduse) or at the Farragut Community Center beginning Saturday, Oct. 1. Tournament applications are also available and can be requested through the winter of 2023. Town fields will open for the spring season on Wednesday, March 1, 2023.



The deadline to return completed field use packets is noon on Wednesday, Jan. 4. One representative from each group requesting field use for spring/summer 2023 is required to attend a meeting of all user

groups at 6 p.m. and the Parks and Athletics Council field allocation meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 10. For more information or to request a packet,

please email the Parks & Recreation office at athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org or call 865-218-3376.

Make plans for your 2023 park rentals today!

When the weather gets cool, it's hard to think ahead to next summer. But if you are considering having a birthday party or gathering at one of the town's pavilions, get your reservations in soon as spots fill quickly. Pavilions are located at Founders Park at Campbell Station, Anchor Park, McFee Park and at the new BlueCross Healthy Place at Town Hall.

Pavilions may be reserved through 2023 by registering online at townoffarragut.org/register or by calling Arleen Higginbotham at 865-218-3375. Pavilions may also be used on a first come, first served basis if they have not been reserved.

Specific information about Farragut parks and greenways, including pavilion reservation guidelines, can be found at farragutparksandrec.org/facility-rentals. Questions? Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376.

Community Center Corner

As the temperatures start to cool and the days get shorter, Farragut residents begin to anticipate the fun that fall brings. This time of year, we look forward to participating in local running events, taking walks in one of our amazing parks to enjoy the fall colors, and dressing up for early trick-or-treating at Freaky Friday Fright Nite!

We are fully aware of the outdoor fun that fall brings in Farragut, but there is also a lot going on inside at the Farragut Community Center!

Are you looking for ways to stay active and have fun this fall? We are pleased to bring back Saturday open gyms for both pickleball and volleyball beginning in October. All skill levels are welcome for both sports, and each costs just \$4 (or two punches on a card) per session. Grab your friends for volleyball open gym and get ready to bump, set and spike from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Oct. 1 and Nov. 5. Why not also try one of the fastest growing sports

in the country by coming out to pickleball open gym from 8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on Oct. 15 and Nov. 19? Mark your calendar so you don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities for indoor fall fun!

If you've already developed an interest in pickleball and are looking for a way to put your skills to the test, we're offering an adult indoor doubles pickleball league this fall. The league, based out of the community center, features a seven-week regular season that begins on Thursday, Oct. 6, and ends on Thursday, Nov. 17. The season concludes with a single-elimination tournament on Thursday, Dec. 8, and Thursday, Dec. 15. The cost for this 18+ league is only \$50 per team, and all levels of skill are welcome. Register online at townoffarragut.org/register or by calling the community center at 865-218-3376. More information will be posted on Parks & Rec social media and at farragutparksandrec.org.



Come by the community center during regular hours to learn more about these exciting opportunities and to see what

else we've got going on. Visit us Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday

from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. We hope to see you at the community center this fall!