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Traffic options at Grigsby Chapel-St. John Court: Hay

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Concern over traffic at the intersection of St. John Court and Grigsby Chapel Road, particularly when families are arriving and leaving St. John Neumann Catholic School, brought resident Jennifer Hay to Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen's meeting Thursday, Sept. 26.

During the citizen comments' section of the meeting, Hay pleaded with the Board to secure a Knox County Sherriff's Officer to direct traffic at the Grigsby Chapel Road-St. John Court intersection between the hours of 7:40 and 8 a.m. during school days. She also asked for a traffic signal at the Smith Road-Grigsby Chapel Road intersection.

Representing St. John Catholic School both as a parent and member of the school's advisory board, she said both of those actions specifically were recommended in a professional traffic study commissioned by the Town in 2021.

"Our traffic problems have only worsened since then," Hay said. "The service at the intersection of St. John Court and Grigsby Chapel is unacceptable

for about 20 minutes every morning, when families are dropping off their students for school at St. John Neumann.

"With good intentions, people try to mitigate the problem by yielding the right of way," she added. "This is going to lead to accidents, especially since many of the drivers who drop off at St. John Neumann are high school students dropping off their younger siblings before they head off to high school themselves.

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A waiter at Don Delfis Pancake House and Restaurant in Farragut, 120 West End Ave., helps explain menu item choices to **Knox County Mayor Glenn** Jacobs (black shirt), who visited with a few Farragut constituents while enjoying lunch around noon, Friday, Aug. 30. Joining Jacobs for lunch included constituent Carol Rose. Also around the table were Dwight Van de Vate (blue suit), COO/chief of staff for Knox County Mayor's Office, and Brandon Keys, the office's Public Policy and Media coordinator.





Jacobs & Town: 'we have a great relationship'

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Coming to Don Delfis Pancake House and Restaurant in Farragut (120 West End Ave.) for lunch around noon, Friday, Aug. 30, Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs also visited with a few Farragut constituents.

Reflecting on his visit, and on Farragut, "We have a great relationship with the Town of Farragut, its citizens and Mayor (Ron) Williams, who is someone I talk to quite a bit," Jacobs stated in a press release Monday, Sept. 30. "In fact, our administration is the first to fund the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, and we continue to do so each year.'

See JACOBS-TOWN on Page 2A

'Proceed with Plan:' **BOMA**

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After hearing about the l'own's proposed Vision Plan for its Mixed Use Town Center (downtown) District in a workshop Thursday, Sept. 26, Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen gave Town staff directions to proceed.

While initially proposed as an ordinance, the Board, while taking no formal action, favored a resolution instead, especially after hearing from Town attorney Tom Hale, who advised against an ordinance.

Alderman Drew Burnette, South Ward, agreed keeping the plan as an ordinance keeps it consistent with what the Board has done in the past.

"A vision plan is concepts, not requirements?" Burnette

"What if we approve it by resolution, but then tie it back to needing to go through the Board of Mayor and Aldermen

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Dedicating Eddie Courtney Stadium



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Dedication of Farragut High School's football stadium as Eddie Courtney Stadium in honor of the 28-year FHS varsity football head coach (in front with Farragut Football sweater) came at midfield prior to the Admirals' Region 2-6A showdown versus rival Bearden Saturday evening, Sept. 28. Family members alongside the Greater Knoxville Sports and Tennessee Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame skipper (all in blue tops), who coached at FHS for 45 seasons while also a physical education teacher at the school. are Geoff Courtney (son), new Admirals varsity head coach; his wife, Taylor Courtney, and their daughter, Charley; and Eddie's wife, Anita Courtney. Others in front, from left, are South Ward Town of Farragut Alderman Drew Burnette, a former Admirals star kicker (Class of 1999 in plaid); the Rev. John Mark Harrison, senior pastor at First Baptist Concord; Lauren Morgan, District 5 Knox County Board of Education rep; and FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett. Back row, from left, are David Smoak, Town of Farragut administrator; Donald Dodgen, school athletic director; Dr. Jon Rysewyk, Knox County Schools superintendent; state Rep. Jason Zachary (R-District 14); Seth Smith, former FHS administrator; Farragut Mayor Ron Williams; and North Ward Alderman Alex Cain, a former FHS football coach.

Updated early voting times, locations; voter registration final day

 Farragut and Knox County early voting ending with the Tuesday, Nov. 5, federal and state Election Day, includes a clarification of early voting hours at the Village Green shopping center early voting location (11437 Kingston Pike) from Wednesday, Oct. 16, through Thursday, Oct. 31, according to

Chris Davis, AOE, APR, administrator with Knox County Election Commission: from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesdays; from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26; and closed Sundays.

- Other West Knox County early voting locations:

Downtown West, 1645 Downtown West Blvd, Unit 40; and Hardin Valley area, Karns Senior Center, 8042 Oak Ridge Highway (special hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday).

- Monday, Oct. 7, is final day to register to vote.



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In this 2021 traffic study according to Hay, "one of the specific recommendations was for a sheriff's deputy to direct traffic during morning drop-offs for the school," she said. "The cost for this is about \$38,000 per year. This is not a cost that St. John Neumann School can or should pay.

"The Town is in a better po-

sition than we are to negotiate this price with the sheriff's office, and we only need the deputy for about 20 minutes each morning," Hay added.

However, "the minimum shift is four hours. Perhaps the Town could use the sheriff's deputy for the remainder of that four-hour shift," she said.

'We don't exist in a vacuum," Hay added. "Our traffic problems at St. John Neumann are exacerbated by the upstream

is a great document ... it's got a lot of stuff in there that is not really conducive to being

"The reason that's important is because, in the statute that provides for the adoption of the general plan, not the zoning ordinance ... it provides that if a legislative body adopts the general plan as an ordinance, and for all land use decisions thereafter made by the legislative body, actions by the respective planning commission or Board of Zoning Appeals," he added. " ... All those (decisions) must be consistent with the plan.

"When it has to be consistent with the plan, as (Alderman) David (White) says, 'That's the law.' That's what you're re-

Hale said he was "thinking about it from a standpoint of how am I going to enforce this language that's somewhat vague and not really clear when a citizen comes in and complains about how it's applied because they interpret it one way and we interpret it

The Town attorney said he

stop sign at Smith Road.

"This stop sign makes it so there's never a break in traffic. It's a steady drip, drip, drip of cars, and this is what makes it so difficult to turn left from St. John Court, where the school is, onto Grigsby Chapel.

That same 2021 traffic study, Hay said, "specifically recommended a traffic signal at the intersection of Smith Road and Grigsby Chapel, but this has not been done."

likes to keep plans and ordinances completely separate. While the plan can be relied on, the attorney advised the Board put the important requirements in a zoning ordi-

"My thought is this (district) is the heart of our Town," Burnette said. "This (plan) is a second check over. It's not just Planning Commission that will decide something. You would also have the checks and balances of a Board of Mayor and Aldermen to go to as well."

"That's kind of like everything else in the Town right now," Hale said. "Still, you could certainly do that ... I don't think there would be anything wrong with (adding oversight)."

At the same time, Burnette said he would like to see language removed in the Vision Plan that would allow for more apartments in the MUTC District.

"The last four months, I have been hearing, constantly, 'we don't want more apartments

She noted the traffic signal "might be all we need."

In other business, the Board unanimously approved on second and final reading:

· an event permit for St. John Neumann Catholic Church and School's Mustang Miler from 8:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 26, from the school through the Grigsby Chapel Greenway and its Harvesting for Him Festival from 1:30 to 4 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 27, at 633 St. John Court.

..." the alderman added.

"There seems to be an oppor-

tunity for more apartments

(in the proposed Vision Plan),

even though the opportunity

is slim ...while we have the

opportunity, I would say why

don't we go ahead and remove

where that's shown as a con-

cept," Community Develop-

ment director Mark Shipley

said. "It's just there as an op-

fine tuning," Mayor Ron Williams said. "Really, the way

I looked at the visioning of

something along that line, (it)

would be multi-use, meaning

more of some sort of a com-

mercial shop on the bottom of

a two-story building and what

might be above it would be a

lawyer's office or something to

always have to be residential,"

man Alex Cain said. "(Allow-

"Vertical mixed use doesn't

"I agree with Drew," Alder-

"I think that's part of the

tion."

that effect."

Shipley added.

"There's only a couple areas

ing apartments) was my big concern. I'd like to see that removed also."

We apologize for the omis-

However, they should be

available for publication in

our Wednesday, Oct. 9 issue.

sion of Knox County Sheriff's

Office reports for this week's

issue.

"We'd have to run it by the Planning Commission, but that's a very easy change to make in the plan," Shipley said.

In the citizens forum portion of the subsequent regular Board meeting Thursday, former Vice Mayor Louise Povlin advised about removing the language in the Vision Plan regarding apartments.

"You're not just going to have to amend the Vision Plan, you're going to have to amend C-1, the zoning district, because it is a use-by-right for residential at least one story above commercial in the C-1 zoning district," she said.

"With regard to the land use plan, amending it to incorporate this new Vision Plan, I'm thinking that you may want to consider updating the entire plan at this point," Povlin added. "The last time it was updated was 2012. The Town has a history of updating their plans fully every 10 years or so."

Plan

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and have the coverage of both bodies?" he added.

"I think the difficulty of your suggestion is — I think you can do that — the problem, though, is what do you say in the plan versus what do you say in an ordinance?" Hale noted. "My whole issue of adopting it as an ordinance is what that means is you now have a zoning ordinance that has very specific requirements that everybody understands our requirements, and they are detailed and written in a way people can understand.

"Plans are usually not written in the same fashion," the attorney added. "They don't have specific requirements. They talk about, kind of, a vision and concept of what you want to do."

From a lawyer's standpoint, Hale asked, "how to we enforce a document that is not clearly written; that has, sort of, visionary kind of concepts."

Hale reminded the Board that was the problem he had before. While "the Vision Plan enforced.

quired to follow.

another way."

Jacobs-Town

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About the Town changing its original decision and, by a 3-2 vote, deciding to support the Knox County Growth Plan amendment (all three Knox governing bodies had to approve the plan for implementation), "The county had not updated its Growth Plan in more than two decades and it will not impact Farragut land use," Jacobs stated.

However, "the state requires that the plan be approved by the Farragut Board of Mayor & Aldermen, which it was. Skyrocketing prices have cre-

ated a serious housing issue in the county, and we hope the plan will help alleviate it," the Mayor further stated. "One of the ways to do that is to make it easier and less expensive to build here."

As for other benefits, "The plan also will help avoid sprawl, preserve natural areas and offer new checks on development," Jacobs stated.

"Again, we have been doing the same thing for more than 20 years and a lot of the problems we see in our county, like heavy traffic in the Hardin Valley area, are a direct result of our prior zoning, which had a negative impact on Farragut."



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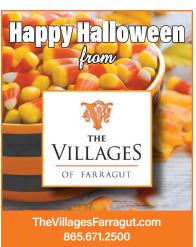
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lettertotheeditor

Thornton traffic-calming ways told

I commend the farragutpress for covering the speeding issues the residents of Thornton Heights have been experiencing. Speeding and careless driving within our neighborhoods is a pervasive and longstanding problem.

The tragic result of careless driving occurred in Thornton Heights on the first day of school when a child was struck by a vehicle. This tragedy was completely preventable had the driver exercised prudence while driving in Thornton Heights. I was made aware of how pervasive the speeding problem in our community is when I was walking the North Ward neighborhoods in 2016 and talking to residents.

In the years that I served on the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, I worked with residents to improve our traffic-calming policy to better serve the residents who are directly and negatively impacted by speeders. My fellow board members supported the amendments I brought to the Board to refine the traffic-calming policy.

Traffic-calming speed cushions are not imposed upon a neighborhood by the Town of Farragut. The neighborhood must apply for them. The neighborhood is encouraged to put together a traffic team to consult with the Town engineer.

The members of the traffic team understand the specific issues in their neighborhood and are in the best position to educate Town staff and elected officials about where problems exist so the speeding conditions in the neighborhood can be effectively analyzed.

It's not as simple as acknowledging that a speeding problem exists and installing speed cushions. There are several aspects of installing speed cushions that must be considered. For example, speed cushions cannot be installed on

stretches of road that have a grade above 8 percent — more ideally the grade should not exceed 6 percent.

is presented to the (Farragut

Municipal) Planning Commis-

sion for review and a vote of

recommendation to the Board

During my term of service

to the Town, every request for

traffic calming that came to

of Mayor and Aldermen.

the Board was funded.

Louise Povlin, Farragut

Former Town vice mayor

Further, to maintain speed along the length of a road, engineering guidance states that speed cushions should be installed approximately every 400 feet to 600 feet. The ideal number of speed cushions may be more than the neighborhood wants or believes to be sufficient.

Also, a speed cushion may be proposed to be located in an awkward location, which is the case on Thornton Drive where a speed cushion makes it difficult for a resident to pull his RV out of his driveway.

The neighborhood's traffic team plays a critical role in working through the many considerations to prepare a traffic-calming speed cushion installation plan. Ideally, the traffic team speaks to and educates their neighbors, and gathers resident input and feedback to formulate the speed cushion installation plan.

That plan is discussed during a public meeting to provide an opportunity to refine it. Once finalized, the speed cushion installation plan is then sent out to the residents who reside in the designated speed zone for a vote. A simple majority of 50 percent plus one is needed to approve the plan

Once a speed cushion installation plan is approved by the neighborhood, the plan





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• There are three ugly, dead trees at the entrance of (a business in Village Green shopping center) and Kingston Pike on the vacant lot.

They have been there for years. Farragut is such a beautiful community; why do these trees continue to stand? They are an eyesore and look horrible. What can be done?

Letter to Editor rules

• All Letters to the Editor from any citizen must have a minimum four-week period between publication — not to exceed 600 words — and must not have inaccurate information, such as wrong statistics, from which to form an opinion.

We also reserve the right to reject publication based on factors to include, but not be limited to, threats, name-calling and foul language.



with NHC's Memory Care Unit

Q: What got you interested in the culinary arts?

A: When I was a teenager, I loved watching Martin Yan cook. He made it look fun and exciting. Also, my mother would cook during the holidays for the whole family.

Q: What was your favorite dish or food growing up?

A: Asian food was my favorite food growing up because watching Martin Yan made it look so easy to make it. I had the honor to meet him this past American Culinary Conference.

Q: What would you consider your specialty, and what would be your go-to Sunday family meal?

A: Anything seafood. My wife and daughters love seafood. Seared mahi with citrus butter sauce.

Q: How long have you been doing this?

A: I've been with NHC Farragut for 25 years and over here at the Memory Care Unit for the last three. And this is where my heart is, being able to take care of our residents here.

Q: What do the residents of NHC love the most that you prepare regularly? **A:** My residents love southern comfort food. So, meatloaf and mashed potatoes with gravy are staples.

Q: As a chef, why NHC over any other career you could have in the restaurant industry?

was really a great way to become a chef. I'm very proud of that.

A: The hours were better for me and my family compared to the long hours of a typical restaurant environment.

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Q: What did you do before coming to NHC?
A: Chef Steve Smith, I was his first hire over there. I was 20 years old when I started.
I pretty much grew up here. This has been my passion. We had an American
Culinary Federation partnership, and I was one of the first graduates from that. ...It

Q: As a member of the Association of Nutrition and Foodservice Professionals and the ACF, along with being a certified sous chef and dietary manager, what would be your highest accomplishment in this field so far?

A: Being one of the first certified chefs from the ACF in a healthcare setting and winning our highest sanitation award in our company, the White Glove Award.

Q: Advice for up-and-coming chefs?

A: Never quit learning and find a mentor that pushes you and wants you to succeed in the kitchen and in life. My mentor is Chef Steve. He's not just my mentor, he's my best friend and brother.

Q: If you could do any other thing, what would it be?

A: I would not want to be anywhere else. My heart is where it belongs. It's home.



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· The Christman Company recently promoted Mike Elkington to director of project **planning** in the construction management and real estate development firm's office in Knoxville.

Elkington earned a bachelor's degree in construction management from Brigham Young

University and is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Profession-(LEED al



leading the estimating and pre-construction planning efforts for multiple project formats and has in-depth pre-construction experience on large, logistically complex and technically demanding projects.

Elkington joined The Christman company in 2016. He is relocatinge from Greensboro, North Carolina.

· Crystal Hicks, senior vice president of operations at Emory Valley Center, re-

cently was **selected** as a member of a senior executive peer advisory board in Knoxville by Vistage Worldwide Inc.



members. Hicks has been a leader in the field of intellectual and developmental disabilities for more than 25 years. With a master's degree in performance management and organizational training, she has played a key role in program development, quality improvement and advocacy for individuals with IDD.

Mona Blanton McNabb Center president/ CEO, recently welcomed two $new\ members\ to\ McNabb\ Center$ Board of Directors and four new members to Helen Ross McNabb Foundation Board of Directors. Amy Cathey and Randy Miller joined the McNabb Board and Ashley McManus, Larry Bodie, Laura Benton and Jay Moneyhun were appointed to the HRM Foundation Board.

business Iron24 goes mobile for 24/7

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West Knox County has a mobile way of getting fit with the opening of Iron24 Fitness & Recovery, 10420 Kingston Pike, in Lovell Heights shopping center.

Opening May 1, c-owners Lee Witt and Ken Hauck greeted the community with an open house Saturday, Sept. 28.

Iron24 Fitness & Recovery is a self-serve facility, with a 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-aweek access so its clients can work out anytime.

"The entire membership is managed through the Iron24 mobile application" on a smart phone, Witt said. "Your membership is literally in the palm of your hand.

"There are no sales people, no sales pitch," he added. "You can download the app and decide which membership offering works best for you.

"Because it's a self-serve facility, we have our customer service through our phone, email and social media. People can contact us and ask questions."

However, if someone shows up to the gym and wants to buy a membership, they can-

"It's all done on the mobile app," Witt said.

'Our main goals are convenience and member experi-



Co-owner Lee Witt welcomes clients to Iron24 Fitness & Recovery, a self-serve facility with 24-hoursa-day, seven-days-a-week access, so its clients can work out anytime using a mobile app.

ence at the highest level," he added. "A lot of gyms have old equipment ... it's very rare that you get to work on brandnew equipment.

"Our's is definitely not that (old equipment).'

Customers immediately feel good. "From the fixtures we have to the finishes on the walls and floors and the bathrooms, the equipment ... when you walk in, it's visually pleasing and it makes you feel good," Witt said. "You want to come back to the gym. It's not a standardized, run-of-the-mill gym experience. It's a luxury

gym experience." For the recovery part, "All of our memberships include infra-red saunas, which are more highly effective than the traditional steam sauna," he said.

Witt said they use a Sunlighten top-tier brand of saunas, which "are unique because they are individual use.'

For more information about the gym, call 865-339-3584.

Northshore Casual Pint cuts ribbon



Co-owners Lindsey Davis (with scissors) and her brother, Josh Robinette (to her left), get ready to cut the ribbon for The Casual Pint of Northshore - Craft Beerstro at 2045 Thunderhead Road Tuesday, Sept. 17, in a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event.

Laura Sayers

-BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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At the helm of *The Casual Pint of Northshore Craft Beerstro*, Lindsey Davis brings a dynamic blend of leadership, passion, and a commitment to the community. As the co-owner of The Casual Pint of Northshore and VP of Supply Chain and Logistics for The Casual Pint, Inc. Lindsey ensures that every pint served reflects the heart and soul of the Northshore community, while also maintaining the seamless operations behind the scenes with the franchise system.

The Casual Pint of Northshore is more than just a place to enjoy craft beer—it's a gathering spot that embodies connection, hospitality, and unforgettable experiences. With a mission centered on captivating customers and communities, Lindsey and her team have made it their goal to offer not just toptier beverages and beerstro-style food, but also a space where memories are crafted over great conversation and exceptional

From curating an ever-evolving lineup of craft brews to bringing special events including games, live music and partnerships with local non-profits, Lindsey and her team play an integral role in ensuring that every guest feels like part of The Casual Pint family. Her leadership guarantees that the experience isn't just great—it's consistently excellent.

As The Casual Pint Northshore Craft Beerstro continues to grow, Lindsey and her team remain focused on their mission: captivate customers and communities through memorable experiences.

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FARRAGUT PRIMARY SCHOOL'S

Fall Festival

A drizzle and earlier rains did not stop families from coming to Farragut Primary School's annual fall festival at the school Saturday, Sept. 28.

Hosted by FPS's Parent Teacher Organization, president Jhasta Tack said this year's event was "the best festival we've had yet."

She said the silent auction already raised \$7,000 before the doors opened at the school.

The festival featured inflatables, a photo booth, crafts, games, lunch by Chic-fil-A, a bake sale, a performance by second-graders, vendors' booths. martial arts demonstrations and spirit wear for sale.

(Right) Parker Waltman, 6, and mom, Carrie Waltman





Victoria Hollan-Davis, 7



Mimi Rust, left, and Tiffany Doyle



Kathryn Phillips



ORNL FCU talk with festival-goers



Marvin and Jhasta Tack with their sons, Joey, left, and Johnston, who are joined by Finley, the FPS mascot

Photo submitted



Gracie Hitson with Smoky Mountain Pediatric Dentistry talks to Kataleya Goin, 7



Victoria Boyle with Poppets Play Place



Abby Lu Eckles, left, and mother, Morgan Eckles with Concord United Methodist Church



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First CCS home football game, vs. NC team, in drizzle

Correspondent

Just eight days after making school history by winning its first-ever varsity football game, Concord Christian School made a little more history Saturday afternoon, Sept. 28.

The Lions hosted their first varsity game on campus in program history on a dreary and drizzly afternoon, but things didn't go in their favor scoreboard-

"I wish we would've put on a better show," Concord head coach Steve Matthews said after CCS dropped a 37-16 decision against Hayesville, North Carolina, before a spirited crowd on the campus of First Baptist Church, Concord. "Sometimes you need games like

"We're 5-1 in our games now and I think we can win four of our last five games, so we're looking at probably going 8-2, and that will be a pretty good year," the Lions coach added. "(Hayesville) is a very experienced team and they have a lot of juniors and seniors, and we're mostly freshmen and sophomores.'

CCS, which last attempted to field a varsity team in 2018, began this season with four junior varsity games and posted victories over Christian Academy of Knoxville, Kingston, Cocke County and Sequoyah.

The Lions took the field as a varsity team for the first time since 2017 on Friday, Sept. 20, and they outlasted Providence Academy, 34-27, at Daniel Boone High School in Gray. It was the school's first varsity win in 31 tries, so a spirited crowd braved some intermittent sprinkles and a little wind to watch the Lions play a true home game for the first time.

It was the only varsity home game scheduled, so CCS celebrated homecoming and honored its seniors before the game against the Yellow Jackets (1-4).

Things started on a high note for the Lions, who fielding the opening kickoff at their own 41-yard line and engineered a drive that landed them inside the Hayesville 20. They scored the first points of the game on a 27-yard field goal by Pedro Sabat, a sophomore kicker, with 8 minutes, 58 seconds remaining in the

Though stopped on downs inside the opponents' 10 yard-llne, the Lions took the lead early in the second

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Dawgs '2' streak

Big BHS win at FHS: 1st streak since 2001







Photos by Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

A resounding 38-14 Region 2-6A victory by Bearden at Farragut's newly dedicated Eddie Courtney Stadium Saturday evening, Sept. 28, was the BHS program's first consecutive win streak versus the Admirals since winning three in a row from 1999 through 2001 (see stats, scoring play rundown and FHS quotes on the PureMagic How the West Was Won page, 6B). (Top) FHS receiver Robbie Jacobs is chased by Bearden's Ashaunde Bowen after a catch. (Above) Ads defensive backs Kent Carbaugh, left, and Landon Collins tackle Dawg receiver Tory Beaufort. "It's awesome," senior Dawgs quarterback Jeremy Parrott said. "I credit this to a great week of prep. I think we were locked in at practice this week. I think that the O-Line was doing what they were supposed to do every single play. ... My teammates and my defense, we executed the way we were supposed to tonight, and the scoreboard shows." "I can't say enough great things about Drew Parrott, man," said Bearden head coach Josh Jones, whose team improved to 3-2 overall, 2-0 in region. "He's the ultimate teammate. He's going to do whatever he's asked for his team, and he's going to do it at a very high level. I thought he did really well tonight. Thought he played at a high level." Jones labeled big senior running back Torian Riggins and elusive junior running back Jayzon Thompson "Thunder and Lighting" for their different, yet quite effective, running styles. About the big guys blocking, "I'm so proud of our offensive line tonight. We told them we were going to put the offensive game plan on their backs. and they were good with that. ... You see us getting better every single week up front. Tonight, we had left tackle Charles Humphrey, left guard Karnell Mills, centers Isaiah Harvey and Jaxon Davis both of them played at center tonight — at right guard we had Reid Rowland, and at right tackle we had Eli Tolley. They just battled and competed, and I'm so proud of them. They put the game plan on their shoulders, and they and did well tonight." Rowland, a senior, said about he and his fellow offensive linemen, "We're family. ... We all are friends; we play as a team and we love each other."

A straight-set victory vs. Bearden 'Ads' to hot stretch

BILL HOWARD Correspondent

As district volleyball tournaments loom starting next week, Thursday night's District 4-AAA match between longtime rivals Farragut High School and Bearden High School was a major test

In FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, the Lady Admirals convincingly won the best-of-five match in straight sets Sept. 26. The scores of the first two sets were 25-19; the third was 25-22.

Improving to 18-2 overall, 6-1 in district, Farragut locked up the 4-AAA regular season crown and district tourney No. 1 seed.

"I told the girls 'don't let the moment be bigger than it is,'" FHS head coach Andre Alves said. "'Don't play nervous, be aggressive, not reckless.' We had a good game plan."

The Lady Admirals jumped out to an 11-5 lead in the first set, and then traded brief scoring runs after that. The closest the Lady Bulldogs got the rest of the way was 2, at 16-14.

In the second set, Bearden led 10-5 and appeared to be on its way to tying the match at a set apiece. The momentum wouldn't last long.

Four in a row by FHS, as part of a 9-2 run, made it 14-12 Lady Admirals. Bearden tied it at 14, but Farragut then scored nine of the next 13 points to lead 23-18 and closed it out



The match-clinching third set was back and forth from the outset. At 15-all, Farragut won eight of the next 11 points to lead 23-18. Four in a row by the Lady Dawgs cut it to one, but the Blue and Gray Girls finished it off with the final two points.

'We put a game plan together and executed," Alves said. Bearden head coach Kaitlyn Drew is eager for a rematch in the district tournament, which starts Monday, Oct. 7. Thursday's match was the Lady Bulldogs' first district loss (19-8 overall, 6-1 in 4-AAA).

"Farragut was on tonight; we didn't have our best night tonight," Drew said. "Can't wait to see 'em again.'

The Lady Admirals were led, as usual, in kills by their senior outside hitters: Trinity Rye with 21 and Elsa Morrison with 13. Junior setter Bella Ekeler led by far in assists with 34.

Rye and Ekeler led the team with 10 digs apiece; Teagan Williams had nine. Rye led the team with four aces.

"I think we all came in with just a really competitive mindset,"

Rye said. "Now we're in their heads." "(Bearden) is a really good team," Alves said. "A lot of fire-

power. I'm extremely proud of how we played tonight." The 4-AAA Tournament's first two nights are at Maryville High School, then the final two — Wednesday and Thursday, Oct.

vertime TD seals Webb home thriller vs. CAK



KNOXVILLE — It was a football game between Division I-AA East Regional rivals and Dutchtown Road neighbors. The game included bragging rights and playoff implications.

By any definition, it was a classic. On the second play of its first possession in overtime. Webb School of Knoxville's Baxter Johnson plunged in from the 2. The touchdown gave the Spartans a wild 27-21 win over Christian Academy of Knoxville in Webb's David

Meske Stadium Friday night, Sept. 27. The Warriors had first possession in OT, but a fumble on the first play was recovered by Webb's Bradyn Hooker. Johnson scored two plays later.

"Proud of this group," Spartans head coach Don Mahoney said. "Hats off to CAK; they had a really good game plan and they executed well. It just came down to some of those plays.

"Wonderful game," CAK head coach Chad Speck said. "We didn't give our kids a good enough plan in the second half; that falls on me. We had a great start, but a bad second half."

The Warriors, 2-4 overall and 1-3 in region), jumped out to a 14-0 first-quarter lead on touchdown runs by workhorse running back Lincoln Rich. The first was for 18 yards with 7:37 left; the second from 4 yards five minutes later.

"Rich works his rear end off," Speck said, as the senior carried 27 times for 154 yards and three scores.

Webb cut it to 14-7 when senior quarterback Cruise Cunningham connected with Greyson Webb for a 44-yard touchdown with 1:16 left

in the half, then tied it at 14 early in the third when Cunningham hit Shavar Young from the 2.

Cunningham had 13 completions in 23 attempts for 154 yards and three



Cunningham

said.

touchdowns for Webb (3-2, 3-1).

said. "We gotta get ahead sooner."

never got down on ourselves," Young The Spartans took a 21-14 lead with

"We've been down, but we've man-

"We always believe in ourselves and

aged to fight our way back," Mahoney

2:56 left in regulation on another Cunningham-to-Young connection — this one for 11 yards. Was CAK finished?

The Warriors had other ideas. Taking over on their own 20, freshman quarterback Seaton Moffett hit Will Kelley for a 32-yard gain on first down. Two plays later, Rich took the handoff and galloped 45 yards up the left sideline for the tying touchdown.

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1st home game

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stanza when sophomore linebacker Andrew Lumsdaine intercepted a pass and returned it to the end zone. Sabat added the extra point and CCS regained the upper hand, 10-8.

But it was all downhill from there. Concord freshman Oakley Helton had a 26-yard scoring dash early in the final frame.

The Lions next will travel to play Copper Basin starting at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11.

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World champ honors piling up: Lawrence & Ted

TAMMY CHEEK

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Rotary Club of Farragut member Ron Lawrence's Tennessee walking horse, In Ted's Image, continues on the global winning track after his recent victory as the 11th-time world champion and fourth-time world grand champion.

The horse competed in the Tennessee National Walking Horse Celebration, a 10-day show on the Celebration Grounds in Shelbyville from Wednesday, Aug. 21, to Saturday, Aug. 31.

'This is the first time for a performance horse to become a world grand champion," Lawrence said. "There's typically horses from about 40 different states, and there's usually between 3,500 and 4,000 entries every year.

"I think breeders bring their best horses, so that's not representative of the total number of horses in the walking horse breed," he added. "Most of the classes in this are pretty competitive. There are horses that come from Texas, California, Pennsylvania, Florida, Kansas, Utah (and) there's a lot of states in the lower 48 that have horses represented."

The Celebration Grounds, which is more than 100 acres, has an outdoor stadium that will seat 30,000 spectators, he added.

In Ted's Image competed in a qualifying event the first Monday night for the first seven classes.

'If you do well in that, then you can go on to the championship class," Lawrence said. His horse won the preliminaries, capturing his 11th World Championship.

Friday, Aug. 30, In Ted's Image competed in the amateur fine harness class and won his fourth World Grand Championship.

This class involves a very lightweight, fragile four-wheel buggy, on which Lawrence rode. This class only started five years ago, "so Ted has won four of the five (championships in that class)." he added.

Now 16, In Ted's Image was 2 years old when he first competed in an Under Saddle class.

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'You Slept Where?' definitely a best 'Sellers'

TAMMY CHEEK

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Brenda Prater Sellers, a Blount County resident with family ties in Farragut, found a way to laugh at herself while facing life's obstacles with her first book, "You Slept Where? Calamities of a Clumsy Business Woman."

While her fourth great-grandfather owned property "all the way from Lenoir City to Farragut," near Northshore, she grew up in Blount

Published by Simon & Schuster through Archway Publishing, the book was inspired by Sellers' father.

"I could hear my daddy's voice, 'You slept where?"" she recalled

when she told her father. Harold Prater, of the places she visited and unique sleep arrangements along the way.

"My daddy was a farmer, a (Great) Depression kid," Sellers added. "He could not believe I slept in an underwater hotel, an ice hotel — I climbed Mount Everest — and slept in a silo.

"All the different places I staved in are listed in the book."

With a love for photography, Sellers traveled around the world to photograph adventures.

She explained the publishers wanted conflict in the book; so with "the Clumsy Business Woman" in every chapter, "either I'm tripping, I'm falling, losing the camera, dropping the camera."

"You Slept Where?" is available through Amazon.

Mainly, Sellers said writing the book was a way to "laugh at myself and get others to laugh at me.

"I'm like Dorothy in Wizard of Oz," she added "I go all over the world, stay in all these bizarre places — including this big potato in Idaho — I circle back and I find "there's no place like home."

However, "really, the story is about my (late) dad (who had a brain tumor) and my (late) mother (Catherine Prater), who had dementia because it's about their story," Sellers said. "My book has raised

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Brenda Prater Sellers holding her "Slept" book.

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 Parents as Teachers' 7th Annual Roll & Read has been rescheduled to take place from 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, Oct. 4, at Safety City, 165 S. Concord St. Roll & Read is for children 5 years and younger and their families. Admission, parking and all activities at the event are free. You do not have to be a Parents as Teachers program participant to attend the Roll & Read event.

This year's theme is "Blast off Into Reading." Books will be read throughout the event, along with fun learning activities and free giveaways. "As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher," Parents as Teachers' Program manager Christel Crawford said. "When you read with your child, you are not only preparing them for school, but also creating a love of learning that will help them in all aspects of their life."

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World champion

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The horse was about 8 or 9 years old when he started competing in fine harness classes and also competing in under saddle classes at times.

"He's considered a classic horse," Lawrence said. "Classic horses are those who are 15 years and older, but Ted really competes with much younger horses. He's very active, muscular. He's in great shape."

Lawrence, who has been showing for the last 31 years with In Ted's Image and other horses, is a member of FAST Inc., a foundation for formation and protection of the walking horse, and Tennessee Walking Horse and Breeders Association.

Besides In Ted's Image, he also owns another horse, Sweet Lucy, a mare that lives at the farm with Lawrence.

"She's the aunt of Ted," he said. "Ted's mother died about three years ago. Her name was Picture's Perfection."

The sire was a Tennessee walking horse named Ted Williams, also a world grand champion horse in the under saddle class. "That's how I named my horse In Ted's Image," Lawrence said.

He noted the first horse with which he won a world championship, in 1997, was Jen's Picture Perfect, the grandmother of In Ted's Image.

"So, he comes from a lineage of very talented horses," Lawrence said.

In Ted's Image resides in Calloway Stables at Shelbyville, "the heart of the walking horse world," where the horse is housed and trained, he said.

Always an animal lover, Lawrence said his wife, Carolyn Lawrence, got him started with horses in 1992.

"Before we were married she took me with her family to the Celebration," he recalled. "I saw all these beautiful, talented horses in the ring. I thought to myself, 'I've got to have one.'

"So, after we were married the next year, I bought the first mare and showed her." Lawrence added.

However, this horse was a little temperamental to be a champion.

Still, "I ended up learning a lot because of her," Lawrence

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Best 'Sellers'

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over \$50,000 for non-profits, including Alzheimer's of Tennessee," Sellers said.

"I was dealing with dad who had a brain tumor and mama with dementia and my husband ("Big" Ed Sellers) has (post-traumatic stress disorder) and I raised 15 kids"—her own son and 14 other children whom she mentored.

"(Ed) sometimes goes on the adventures and sometimes does not," Sellers said. Her son, Dustin, also went on trips.

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- 1. Ordinance 24-15, an ordinance to rezone Parcel 191.1, Tax Map 130, south of Home Federal Bank off Parkside Drive, 1.57 Acres, from Office District, Three Stories (0-1-3) to General Commercial (C-1) (Turkey Creek Land Partners, LLC, Applicant)
- 2. Ordinance 24-16, an ordinance to rezone a portion of the property at 12715 Union Road from General Single-Family Residential (R-2) to Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1), 8.64 Acres (Wil Glafenhein, Applicant)
- 3. Ordinance 24-17, an Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Investment Program and ARPA Fund budgets, passed by Ordinance 24-07

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability, or veteran status pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodations due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting

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Bearden	3-2	144-104	+40
Knox Catholic	3-2	131-107	+24
Webb	3-2	155-134	+21
CAK	2-4	141-141	0
HVA	1-5	96-195	-99
Farragut	0-5	51-170	-119

Another 1st-place team — Dawgs roll at FHS

Bearden answered a brief charge from rival Farragut, coming late in the second quarter, by zooming down the field in the final seconds of the first half for a defining touchdown.

That built the Dawgs' lead back to 17, at 24-7, as the Maroon and Gray visitors never looked back — using a fumble recovery by senior defensive end Tra Dennard for set up one easy score to begin the third quarter, then a 44-yard interception-turned-touchdown by sophomore safety Kenny Simon to defeat Farragut 38-14.

"Their quick score right before the end of half, and then the two turnovers right away coming out of halftime, they just killed us," Ads skipper Geoff Courtney said about this Region 2-6A showdown, which came at FHS's newly dedicated Eddie Courtney Stadium (see page 1A) Saturday evening, Sept. 28. "But we're still continuing to fight, still continuing to compete."

As for Bearden, "They've got older players and they've got a senior quarterback," the FHS head coach said. "We're still trying to figure out who we are on offense and on defense.

This resounding victory by Josh Jones' team gave the Bearden program consecutive wins against its bitter rivals for the first time since winning three in a row from 1999 through 2001.

It also pushed the Dawgs back into first place in the PureMagic How the West Was Won Scoreboard Contest for best regular season record.

Though tied at 3-2 record-wise with Webb School of Knoxville, winning a dramatic 27-21 overtime Division II-AA East Region thriller versus rival Christian Academy of Knoxville (see story on page 1B) and Knoxville Catholic (open date in Week 6), Bearden reaches the top spot due to best point differential.

Game details

Dawgs senior quarterback Drew Parrott scored on a 66-yard run making it 17-0 with 2:49 to play in the first half. He also scored from 1 yard out, as Bearden rushed for 240 yards, while firing a 9-yard TD pass to iunior receiver Tory Beaufort.

Jayzon Thompson, BHS junior running back, rushed for 118 yards and one score from 3 yards out.

William Pendergrass added a 24-yard field goal and five extra points. (photos and BHS quotes on page 1B)

Farragut got back into the game thanks a to 30-yard scoring pass from sophomore quarterback Corbin Hobson to senior Robbie Jacobs with 1:18 left in the first half, as the Ads fell to 0-5. Ryan McCue added the extra point — and had a 56-yard punt.

Luke Finnegan, FHS senior running back, scored from 3 yards out with just 25 seconds to play to cap a 79-vard scoring drive in which Finnegan did most of the running. Julian Melendy added the extra point.

Young players give HVA hope

Meanwhile, Hardin Valley Academy felt the full wrath of Maryville's apparent resurgence in 2024, as the Hawks visited MHS Saturday and lost this Region 2-6A game 49-7, dropping to 1-5, 0-2. The top-5 stateranked Red Rebels improved to 6-0, 2-0.

However, "I think one of the biggest positives we could take out of it is some of our offensive leaders were some of our underclassmen, guys we'll have back next year," HVA head coach Tyler Wynn said.

"Riley Matz played the whole second half as a quarterback, a sophomore," he added. "I think Matz stepped in and played well, completing some passes and he really got the sticks moving for us.

"We had a lift from from a junior that's been playing a lot of defense, Sam Mann (linebacker), but we were able to bring him over to the offensive side (running back), and he had a few really good carries.

Mann scored the Hawks' lone touchdown on a 13yard run. Nathan Holbrook added the extra point.

"Cruize Furman made a few plays at receiver, along with Nic Rivers, the two sophomore receivers that had another decent showing, making some catches and doing some positive things," Wynn added.

Week 7

Speaking of Maryville, the Dawgs will host the Red Rebels in a huge 2-6A TV showdown at Bill Young Field to highlight Week 7 games Thursday, Oct. 3 (all games begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted)

Knoxville Catholic begins Division II-AAA East Region play by hosting Montgomery Bell Academy (2-4, 0-1) among the games Friday evening, Oct. 4.

Webb hits the road, Interstate 75 South to be exact, to play a non-region game at Chattanooga Brainerd (1-5). Opening kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

CAK returns home for a Division II-AA East Region game versus Chattanooga Christian (1-5, 0-4).

Hardin Valley also returns home — but faces another tough challenge, as Class 5A state-ranked and unbeaten Sevier County (5-0) travels to HVA.

Looking for its first win, Farragut also hits 1-75 South to play at 2-6A rival Bradley Central (2-3, 0-1).



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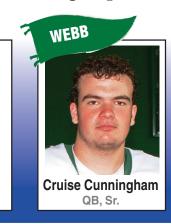














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