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Town’s annual \$22,000 to Farragut public schools



Photos by Tammy Cheek

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen presented the Town’s annual \$22,000 checks to each of Farragut’s four public schools during a brief ceremony at each school Wednesday, Sept. 30. **(Above)** Mayor Ron Williams, right, and Alderman Ron Pinchok presented Farragut Primary School’s check to principal Gina Byrd. **(Below)** Williams and Alderman Drew Burnette presented Farragut Intermediate School’s check to principal Debbie Adorante. Vice Mayor Louise Povlin also was on hand at FPS and FIS, while Farragut Middle School (principal Weston Edmonds) and Farragut High School (principal Dr. John Bartlett) also were presented checks by Williams, Povlin, Pinchok and Burnette.



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- At 7:19 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 19, a Knox County Sheriff’s Office unit responded to 10704 Kingston Pike (Sonic) due to vandalism. Complainant said when they opened at 7 a.m. he found the drive-thru window broken and glass laying everywhere. However, he said nothing was missing. There were no suspects at time of this report. Value of damage was listed at \$200.
- At 2:45 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 17, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a vehicle burglary at a Farr Drive residence. Complainant advised the 2019 Nissan Altima may have been unlocked due to the spare key fob being in her purse, adding the incident occurred while she was at a friend’s house during the burglary. Complainant advised no signs of forced entry. She stated no one had permission to remove the items in the vehicle. Total value of loss was estimated at \$540.
- At 6:38 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 13, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a theft from Walgreens, 10701 Kingston Pike. He stated an unknown witness notified the staff of two suspects who she saw putting merchandise into their bags before leaving the store. Retail value of loss was listed at \$96.24.

Early voting under way

Early voting for the Tuesday, Nov. 3, state and federal General Election is under way in Farragut and Knox County as of Wednesday, Oct. 14. Early voting continues from Monday through Saturday through Thursday, Oct. 29. Tuesday, Oct. 27, is final day to request an absentee ballot. For more information about voting and the upcoming Election, contact Knox County Election Commission by phone at 865-215-2480 or visit the KCEC website at www.knoxcounty.org/election/

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Back Pain and Sciatica: Have You Tried Everything?

By Leading Physical Therapist, Dr. John-Mark Chesney

Six weeks ago Tom reached out to me because of his back pain and sciatica. Now he had suffered for some time- but last year was literally the first time he had to stop going to cheer on the Vols because he **literally couldn’t walk far enough to get into the stadium** due to his back pain and sciatica. He was a season ticket holder for years- and now he feared that he could no longer enjoy the experience, the thrill, the excitement of being in Neyland Stadium to cheer on the Vols.

Tom had tried previous physical therapy, injections, pain medication, and yet he was still suffering. He thought his **only option left would be surgery** if he had any chance of making it back into Neyland Stadium.

Now Tom was skeptical and doubtful- and you know what his 1st step was? He called the office and requested my Pain Guide - “**8 Secrets For Eliminating Back Pain Without Pain Killers, Injections, or Surgery.**”

If you want to take a hike in the Smokies, walk your dog, get through the grocery store, or simply to get rid of your back pain so you don’t have to slow down and suffer any longer- then **KEEP READING.**

I’m confident that Tom is going to make it back into Neyland Stadium this Fall. You see despite his past disappointment he hasn’t given up. He kept searching for something other than surgery or pain pills. The Low Back Pain Guide you can request is designed to give you my best tips and recommendations that I give all my clients who also suffered from back pain and sciatica.

If this sounds like you, If you’ve already tried things like physical therapy, chiropractic, massage therapy, acupuncture, yoga, etc. please keep searching for the right treatment, the right fit. Have you considered aquatic therapy or even changing your diet or stress management? These are tough questions to ask, but I can guarantee you that **your body is trying to recover**- it just needs the right environment, the right “fit”. Injections and surgery should be your absolute last resort when it comes to eliminating lower back and sciatic pain. And there are certainly situations where you need surgery immediately, especially if you have instability in your spine or a disc rupture that cannot be healed.

If you’ve tried physical therapy (or chiropractic), did you stick with the advice you were given? Keeping in mind that not all healthcare providers are created equally?

You’d be surprised by how many of our patients tell us “*I’ve tried physical therapy before and it didn’t work for me.*” My next question goes like this: “What did you do with your PT?” These people were very often given generic exercises with little to no hands-on treatment. So it’s understandable why so many of them drop out of PT early, especially when the exercises are making them feel worse.

I have one more resource I want to share with you today: my **FREE REPORT on how to eliminate back pain.**

The report is titled “**8 Real Solutions To Eliminate Back Pain Before It Stops You From Enjoying Your Life.**” As the title implies, this report includes 8 tips that you can use to start reducing your back pain right away.

I designed this report as a starting point for people who are looking for ways to naturally experience pain relief, without having to rely on pain medications. The 8 tips won’t be an end-all solution to your back pain, but it’s very likely they’ll help you get the ball rolling and ultimately give you hope that there is a solution to your pain. It’s just a matter of figuring out what will work best for you. To claim your copy of this FREE report, **call the office at (865) 351-0615** or visit **www.simplyphysio.com/back-newspaper**

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I hope today’s article has inspired you to explore every possible solution to help you relieve your pain and avoid having injections or surgery. As always-please don’t hesitate to call or email me with questions.

John-Mark Chesney is a Doctor of Physical Therapy and owner of Simply Physio. To get in touch, or to get a free copy of his “Guide To Getting Rid Of Back Pain”, call Simply Physio at (865) 351-0615 or email him at john-mark@simplypt.com

Apartment
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Street, which is the location currently pinpointed for The Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms development.

Developer Budd Cullom has received conditional approval from Farragut Municipal Planning Commission for his concept plan of the Biddle property, which formerly housed Kroger.

Plans are still being developed, but early renderings have shown a main street entrance across from Farragut High School, an Aldi's, several commercial buildings, a great lawn, sidewalks and plans for high-density apartments behind the development itself. No site plan has been approved, and Cullom currently is overseeing several studies regarding the property and traffic before moving forward.

The ordinance would amend the text of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan as it relates to Mixed-Use Town Center land use descriptions.

"This is designed to afford residents more protections from high density residential," explained Town Community Development director Mark Shipley. "A number of areas could be proposed and be consistent with text of the plan, but we are wanting to focus it in an area where there are no existing residential areas."

While the ordinance only dealt with changing the wording, the 50 e-mails sent to BOMA primarily complained about the proposed Biddle Town Center development itself, with most taking issue with the possibility of 280 apartments, citing overcrowd-

ed schools and a potential for crime and increased traffic, among their reasons.

Jim Froula of Concord Hills stated, "I do not want the 'Town Center' if it includes a 280-unit apartment complex that will be four stories high. The additional traffic this would cause in the middle of the most congested intersections of our area would be a major negative impact. All I ask is for our elected representatives to seek significant community feedback, honestly and without bias, instead of telling us what they want/need."

Five letters did not oppose the development, but praised officials and the developer for the plans discussed thus far.

"The Farragut CLUP is being discussed to death on social media; the NextDoor site; and even in my own Concord Hills neighborhood, with a flyer containing 'information' illegally stuffed into our post boxes," Victoria Kwasiborski stated. "Much of the commentary, unfortunately, is speculative and factually untrue."

"If thoughtfully considered and data-driven, the Town of Farragut will succeed with this development and create a gathering place for our community," she added.

Povlin, Burnette, Williams

After the e-mails were read, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, who took the opportunity to present a brief primer on the CLUP, said, "There seems to be a lot of confusion about this agenda item and the text amendments we are discussing tonight."

"So before I begin my discussion ... I want to make this clear: tonight's discussion concerns the Comprehensive Land Use Plan; a high-level,



Povlin



Shipley

visionary document developed with extensive public input in 2012," she added.

"This discussion is not about 280 apartments, building heights, traffic, sinkholes, flood zones, stormwater management; student populations or building codes; those specific concerns are about a specific project that has only been conditionally approved by the Planning Commission."

"The developer has a lot to work out before he can apply for rezoning; many of the issues listed above can be discussed during that time or during site plan review approval."

Further clarifying the situation, "The text amendments we are discussing tonight are

intended to protect the residential neighborhoods, which directly about land designated for the Mixed Use Town Center on our Land Use Development Plan," Povlin said.

"This is not about the Biddle Farm, it's about protecting existing neighborhoods," she added.

"We have heard a lot of things (tonight), but we didn't have a lot of input on the Land Use Plan itself."

"I only see benefit from this protecting residents of Glen Abby and Park Place," Alderman Drew Burnette said. "There are no negatives whatsoever."

Town Mayor Ron Williams said, "First off, to all my Far-

ragut neighbors, I've heard you opinions and now I have a request — instead of depending on fear and false narratives, which seems to be the goal of a few on social media, please take the same amount to time that you spend for tonight's meeting to e-mail me your questions."

"I spent this past week (replying) to as many request as I could possibly get out, and will continue to do so," he added.

After making a motion to reinsert "Mixed Use under Town Center Development" within the ordinance, the motion unanimously was approved.

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‘Bedroom communities’ must evolve

In a previous life we purchased a home in a 1940’s “Bedroom Community” not too dissimilar in demographic from the Town of Farragut. For at least 30 years prior to our purchase, the city considered proposal after proposal to develop a Mixed-Use Town Center, a destination development at the major intersection to include residences, dining and shopping.

Proposal after proposal failed because of the NIMBY trinity: “traffic;” “crowded schools;” and “crime.” Over the 16 years we lived in that city, communities around us planned and built Town Centers while ours dragged feet over the trinity. The Town Center concept eventually gave way to “Planning Opportunity Areas (POA);” that is, parcels built out piecemeal and with little to no walkability between them. Fifty-four years since the Town Center idea was first pitched the city is a patchwork of POAs and largely a cut-through for others on their way to walkable Town Centers.

One POA in particular, the proposed development in 2007 of a 250-unit mixed-use luxury apartment complex, drew extensive criticism for the assumed “crowded schools” and “increased crime.” We soft-landed in our former city last summer after nearly a decade overseas; specifically, renting an apartment in that complex.

The “Student Ratio per Dwelling Unit” data for that complex ranges from 0.4 to 0.56, depending on the year; and contributes approximately 8 percent of the total pre-K to 12 student population in a desirable and certified IB school system.

Crime? The lot upon which the mixed-use apartment complex and adjacent trail was where the privileged brats from the city would go for underage drinking and drug purchases. The adjacent trail now free of the drug dealers provided me and our doggo (and many others) a space to enjoy walks.

Traffic? No need to get into the car unless we desired. We could walk to a grocer, and to the

Advice on how Town should address ‘major change’

I am writing in response to the Oct. 1, 2020 article, ‘It was by all means ethical:’ Williams, Hale on FMPC public voice consideration.” I don’t intend to address the ethical nature of the vote and the issues surrounding the vote. I would like to address some of the information in the article and how the Town should address a major change like this one.

There are several quotes in the article that are concerning. The article states, “Hale emphasized the Town adopts CLUP as guidance or as a vision for the development of the Town.” While this is true of the CLUP in general, it is a well-known fact that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen adopted the Mixed Use Town Center portion of the plan.

It can be found in Chapter 3, Section XII, Paragraph F of the Zoning Ordinance. Later the article quotes Mr. Hale as saying, “Keep in mind, that was a resolution not a rezoning. It was not an amendment to an ordinance; it was simply the Planning Commission adopting a resolution saying we accept these changes to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which is not a legislative document.” Mr. Hale knows or should know that in order for this change to be

diversity of restaurants and shops that now surround the complex.

The CLUP is being discussed to death on social media; NextDoor; and even in my Concord Hills neighborhood. A flyer containing “information” was illegally stuffed into our post boxes; and two neighbors abused the resident directory with blast e-mails of their opinions. Much of the commentary is speculative and lacking evidence but is solid NIMBY trinity.

Some of the commentary is outright uncharitable. A resident in my own development remarked, “If you can’t afford to buy a home in Farragut, then you should live somewhere else.” That comment so begs the question, “What if one can afford to purchase a home in Farragut, but does not want to?” We moved into Farragut one year ago as empty nesters; quite simply, our priorities are no longer a large home with an expansive yard. A luxury apartment in a walkable environment with amenities would have been an ideal alternative.

Overseas we owned one vehicle and a Vespa. I would not dream of driving a Vespa along that soulless beast, Kingston Pike, out of fear for my life. Concord Road and Campbell Station are not much better, thanks to those drivers for whom the posted tempo is merely a suggestion. But to think about hopping on a Vespa or bicycle over to a Town Center makes me hopeful.

“Bedroom Communities” like those in Farragut must evolve lest they become irrelevant pass-throughs that ultimately lower property values. With many of us balancing reimagined office lives and school days; and new schema for accessing goods and services, a sense of community space is more important than ever.

If thoughtfully considered and data-driven, the Town of Farragut will succeed with this development and create a gathering place for our community.

Victoria Kwasiborski, Farragut

completed, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen would need to either adopt the changes placing them in the Zoning Ordinance or remove the existing language from the Zoning Ordinance. These speak directly to the second point.

There is a larger issue in play that hopefully the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will address: ... The Comprehensive Land Use Plan states, “Major updates should include substantial public outreach to help ‘check’ that the plan reflects current attitudes. ...” Major updates are defined as “... one that substantially changes the land uses, goals or intent of the plan.”

It is clear that these proposed changes are “major” and should be discussed with the community just as the Town did with the Future Land Use Plan updates for the Watt Road Corridor and Outlook Drive in recent years.

While the proposed language might be in the Town’s best interest, it should be discussed with citizens. Failure to do so breaks the trust citizens have in their elected officials.

Michael Wilson, Farragut

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lettertotheeditor

Pro-Center, pro-apartments view

The Mixed Use Town Center on the Biddle property definitely has my approval. I specifically like the idea of the apartments behind the main complex.

This development will make a wonderful walkable Town Center. The (Farragut) Municipal Planning Commission has unanimously voted for this concept. The Mayor and the Board of Aldermen will do likewise.

I commend the Mayor and Board of Aldermen for their leadership and integrity.

Dot LaMarche,
Former Vice Mayor, Town of Farragut

Double down

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social media posts.

Brixworth resident Mike Mitchell has been one of the most vocal during the last few months, as he continues to accuse both BOMA and the FMPC of violating a variety of laws, including the Tennessee Open Meetings Act.

His e-mail submitted for the Oct 8 meeting concluded, “I have warned the Town of Farragut in writing three times they are violating the Tennessee Open Meetings law. This may involve a court case against the town if you refuse to stop breaking state law.”

Hale, who had addressed the concerns at the Sept. 24 BOMA meeting, said, “Let me start by saying for those of you were on the last meeting where we had this discussion, about there being some illegal activity or failure to follow the law at the Planning Commission level — I addressed that at the time, and have reviewed the communications that have come in recently, where citizens expressed issues about the legality of the procedure.

“What happened at FMPC that still seems to be a big issue is the accusation of violating the Open Meetings Act. A violation is where decisions are made by governing bodies in secret, without being in public,” he added. “The Planning Commission gave proper notice of their meeting, dis-

cussed the matter in public and voted. That is what the open meetings act is supposed to deal with — it has nothing to do with whether people can voice their opinions or the sequence of when they can provide input — there is no legal requirement for that to be done.

“The Planning Commission’s resolution approving these amendments was done in a public meeting.”

In conclusion, “I’m comfortable that the way the Planning Commission and BOMA has handled this issue is completely in the bounds of the law,” Hale said.

“To the extent that people still believe that is not true, I ask that they have the lawyer who is advising them to call me and explain to me why they think the way this was handled was unlawful, based on the law,” he added. “I am not going to get into a debate with a non-lawyer about how you interpret the statute, but will be happy to talk to their representative, if they have one, who thinks I am wrong about that.

“... I hope we can get out of the name calling and accusations, and spend time studying what is being proposed.”

As of Sunday, Oct. 11, Mitchell said he and others are exploring the option of filing a lawsuit with a Knox County Chancellor for a ruling, but are waiting to hear from Mayor Ron Williams and Hale.

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Elise
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circumstance with a warning. “This past weekend she (apparently) took her own life,” he said. “We believe it was because of the stress of virtual school, isolation, lockdown and limited volleyball. “In addition to asking us (to continue with) social distancing and washing hands, I urge every parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, cousin — anyone with a teen in their life — please, please know what is going on with them,” he added. “Know what is going on in their hearts. Be persistent, keep asking and be annoying.” Meyer also was one of several in the Farragut community who had posted about Elise earlier in the week on Facebook. “Over the next days, all who knew Elise should take solace in knowing that although she did not change the world like she had dreamed, this amazing young woman changed the world nonetheless, and we are better for it,” Meyer wrote.

HVA reactions
HVA principal Dr. Rob Speas also had posted about the tragedy on social media, noting late last week how the school’s “Spirit Rock” — installed earlier this year near the campus’ main entrance to be painted for promotion of various activities, causes and individuals — had been transformed into a memorial for Elise. “I know we are hurting as we mourn and grieve for our sweet Elise,” Speas stated. “She was truly a star that burned bright and shared her light on all around her. Her impact will be felt by all for the days that come. Much has been said about the incredible memorial created by students to honor Elise. While we hurt, we must begin to heal. “A difficult part of healing is moving forward and returning to normalcy,” he added. “We don’t forget our love for Elise and we focus on our love for one another and remember. We remember by the way we live, by the way Elise lived — full of excitement, energy, passion and love. The HVA rock will be painted on Thursday of Fall Break as we heal together.” **Remain a memorial?** While Speas made note on Twitter the rock would be repainted this week during Knox County Schools’ Fall Break,

that Friday, Oct. 9, announcement was met with outcry on social media asking the rock to remain a memorial. “Painting over the rock isn’t gonna make us turn to normalcy,” Nyla Marie (@nylamarie215) stated. “The fact that she’s gone is still going to sit with us. Why can’t we honor her? I don’t understand.” HVA student Kaycie Hawkins responded, “We got over 3,500 signatures. That’s EVERYONE in the school and over 1,000 more people. The whole school loves Elise. You can paint the rock but that isn’t gonna ‘help us move on,’ it’ll just make us angry.” Hawkins was referring to a petition that was started by HVA student Laila Simone on change.org, asking for the memorial rock to remain. It had garnered 3,631 signatures as of this past weekend. Hardin Valley community leader Kim Frazier, whose two sons attend HVA, serves on the HVA Foundation Board. She had secured the “Spirit Rock” for the school earlier this year, and has since offered to secure another one, which would allow Elise’s memorial to stand. “I will absolutely do whatever is needed to help the students, teachers and families in our community honor Elise,” she said. Speas also stated, “We have received many questions and inquiries about the rock at HVA ... e-mail me for questions at rob.speas@knoxschools.org.” He had not yet responded to a farragutpress e-mail for clarification on the matter as of deadline Tuesday, Oct. 13. **Celebration of Life, Legacy** Elise’s obituary also enumerated the many accomplishments in her too-brief life. A Celebration of Life service was held at Click Funeral Home in Farragut Wednesday, Oct. 7, at which the HVA and K2 Volleyball players served as honorary pallbearers. To honor the memory and dedication to the sport Elise Kersch loved, Volley4life has created a Memorial Scholarship Fund, which will provide one or more scholarships to deserving athletes every year who normally could not afford to play club volleyball. Donations, which were up to \$8,500 as of Monday, Oct. 12, may be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/elise-kersch-memorial-scholarship-fund>.

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Friends re-open Pelican’s SnoBalls

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Sugarwood subdivision neighbors and best friends Tanya Morrison and Nikki Sprow recently partnered in a Bearden venture to bring the community together.

After buying the Knoxville franchise for Pelican’s SnoBalls, Morrison teamed up with Sprow to open the business at 5900 Kingston Pike across from Food City.

“It’s so exciting to see smiles on kids’ faces again, finally, and the families posting on Facebook how much they love it and how much they appreciate that kind of service,” Morrison said.

Conceived in New Orleans 20 years ago by a 12-year-old girl, the Pelican’s SnoBalls’ New Orleans-style shaved ice combines smooth, fluffy snowy ice covered in bold flavors.

“The syrups are all pure, and the dyes don’t stain clothes,” Morrison said. “They don’t have allergens or glutens. We even have Kosher syrups.”

Although it has nine signature favorites, Pelican’s SnoBalls serves more than 100 flavors, she said.

However, “It’s more than just ice and sugar,” Sprow said. “It’s going to be like our ministry, too.

“We want it to be a fun, safe place for kids and families and really be known in the

community as ‘this is where you can go.’”

“It’s a Christian-based company,” Morrison added. “We want it to be more of a ministry for people to come ... after church and get together and fellowship. We are open on Sundays only because it’s part of the ministry.”

They took over the business from the previous owner on Sept. 25, starting with a soft opening. As Pelican’s SnoBalls is seasonal, they will close Oct. 31, but Morrison said they are planning a grand opening on the first Saturday in March, when the season begins again.

“This was our driveway vision during the pandemic,” Morrison said about the business.

Sprow remembered that vision came about while she and Morrison were sitting in the driveway one day, as they have many times before, thinking about the community and families affected by the pandemic.

“Obviously we were in the middle of that,” she said. “We’re like, ‘Kids need something to do,’ and (Morrison) took me to Pelican’s for the first time.”

“We were just desperate to try to find something for the kids to do to be excited about,” Morrison said. “Everybody was just so down, and we sat in the driveway together almost every day, just talking and praying.



Pelican’s SnoBalls new owners, Tanya Morrison, left, and Nikki Sprow, along with Morrison’s son, Chase, relax with a SnoBall at their business, 5900 Kingston Pike in Bearden.

“We just wanted something to bring the community together, so I said, ‘Let’s go get a SnoBall,’” she added.

“We packed up all the kids in the car and went to Pelican’s, which was 25 minutes away. I told (her the drive) would be worth it. The kids loved it.”

Days later, they again met in the driveway, talking about Pelican’s and how fun it was.

“We went back a few weeks later, it said ‘Business for sale,’” she said. “Our brains were about to explode.”

But they got an epiphany.

“We decided, ‘What if that was something we could do,

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businessbriefs

• **Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville announces** its top performing agents for Top Agent of the Month, Top Selling Agent and Top Listing Agent for September. Realtor **Steve Mount** achieved Top Agent of the Month status while Realtor Sandra Sugarman was Top Selling Agent and Realtor Brian Yearicks was Top Listing Agent.

• **The Trust Company of Tennessee has hired Concord resident Sheryl Linck** as a senior vice president and relationship manager in the firm’s Knoxville office. Based in Knoxville,



Mount



Linck

Linck has nearly three decades of financial experience and most recently was managing director at BNY Mellon Wealth Management and Mellon Capital Management.

• **For a second consecutive year, Tennova Healthcare’s Turkey Creek Medical Center** recently received the American College of Cardiology’s NCDR Chest Pain — MI Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award. Turkey Creek Medical is one of only 124 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor.

• **Dr. Kimberly Fortner recently was named vice president** of the University of Tennessee’s Center for Women & Infants, one of the medical center’s seven Centers of Excellence. Fortner’s new role takes effect Jan. 1, 2021. She replaces retiring vice president Dr. Robert Elder, who has been with the medical center since 1988, and is



Fortner

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Ribbon cut for Signature Self Storage

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Signature Self Storage at Choto, LLC., celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting Friday, Oct. 9, and festivities Saturday, Oct. 10, at its newly constructed facility at 12366 S. Northshore Drive beside the Weigel’s store next to Markets at Choto.

“On behalf of the (Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce) board and the ambassadors that are here, I want to thank everyone that came to support this,” said Terry Rutherford, board chairman of FWKCC, which hosted the ribbon cutting.

“It’s been a long road out here,” said John Huber, Sig-

nature Self Storage developer, owner and chief manager. “We’ve been under construction for about two years. We’ve had a good time and we just opened up, did a soft opening just a couple months ago, but we already have 100 units filled up out of the 400-plus that we have.

“We’re excited about helping the folks out here in Choto with their storage needs,” he added. “I really appreciate all the support.”

“I’d like to thank John and his group for everything they’ve done,” said Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, who joined At-large Seat 10 Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay, State Sen. Dr. Richard Briggs (R-District 7) and

other officials in supporting the opening. “This all means jobs for this area and services for the people who live here.

“Basically, to turn on the lights and have a hundred units already shows that there was a need for a facility like this out in this area,” Jacobs added. “It’s wonderful to see businesspeople satisfy those needs and provide people jobs and contribute to our community.”

Briggs said he remembers 10 to 12 years ago, when “this was nothing more than a big, overgrown lot.

“John came down and said he wanted to develop this (lot), he was going to make it nice,

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Pelican’s

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and bring the community together and bring families back together?” Morrison said.

Still, she added, “I wouldn’t have bought (the business) without (Sprow).”

“Sidekick for life,” Sprow added and smiled.

Then, the business “just fell into our laps,” Morrison said. “Everything went absolutely perfect.”

The business currently is open from 1 to 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 1 to 8 p.m., Friday through Sunday, but Morrison noted hours are expected to change in March.

For more information about Pelican’s SnoBalls, check out Facebook and Instagram at Pelican’sSnowballsKnoxville, as well as its website at pelicanssnowballs.com

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retiring at the end of this year.

- **MEDIC Regional Blood Center**, which has an office in Farragut, recently earned American Association of Blood Banks accreditation for Donor Center Activities. Accreditation follows an intensive on-site assessment by specially trained AABB assessors and establishes that the level of technical and administrative performance within the facility meets or exceeds the standards set by AABB. By successfully meeting those requirements, MEDIC Regional Blood Center joins similar facilities located throughout the United States and around the world.

Heritage Investors moves for growth

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Heritage Investors, LLC., recently moved its location from Turkey Creek to 10641 Deerbroke Drive, just off Lovell Road, near Farragut.

“With all of the growth occurring within our team, we moved from our prior location on Parkside Drive in January 2020 to better accommodate our growing team and enhance the service we provide our clients,” said April Damron, Public Relations coordinator with Heritage Investors, LLC.

The company has been operating since 2009 and has been a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce member since September 2019.

Since 2009, Damron said, “We have grown our team to include highly qualified individuals in the fields of financial planning, business growth, operations and marketing.

“Throughout this time we have continued to enhance the level of service we provide to our business owners with

an individualized, business owner-centered approach, she added.

“Although we have a small number of personal financial clients, most of our clients are business owners who see their business and personal finances as heavily linked. We work with both aspects to increase a client’s net worth.

Heritage Investors and Heritage Business Advisor are “unique because our advisors have been in that exact position, and they were able to change and/or create processes in order to see new results,” Damron said.

“Our team takes a holistic approach — each client’s organization is different, each set of customers are different — and so our team takes the time to address each client individual-

ly with potential solutions and action plans to make measurable change in their company,” she added.

“Heritage Investors, LLC., also is unique because we personalize our approach for wealth growth to business owners by business owners. Within our team, we have both past and present business owners.”

Damron said Heritage Investors, LLC., recently restructured and has “applied the value growth method — a concept we teach our clients — and have seen exponential growth.

“In the last 24 months we have more than doubled our number of team members and moved locations to accommodate the growing number of clients and staff,” she said.

“We are thrilled about the growth we are continuing to experience,” she added.

Justin Goodbread, CFP CEPA, CVGA, owner and CEO of Heritage Investors, Heritage Business Advisor and Financially Simple “with the vision

to help business owners grow their most valuable asset, the business,” Damron said. “The education and personalized services Justin and his team provide are centered under one singular goal: to set business owners up for success in their future goals.

“Justin uses several platforms to educate business owners, including his book ‘The Ultimate Sale,’ as host of a podcast, ‘Financially Simple,’ and as a keynote speaker,” she added.

“Justin is set to release his second book, ‘Your baby’s Ugly,’ in early 2021 and produces podcast episodes released every Tuesday and Thursday.”

Heritage Investors’s office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and closed weekends.

To schedule with Heritage Investor’s team, visit <https://heritageinvestor.com/schedule-a-meeting/>, connect through social media via @FinanciallySimple or @Justin-goodbread, or call the office at 865-690-1155.



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be convenient for the community,” said Briggs, who resides in the Choto community and previously served on Knox County Commission for District 5.

“I was very much for this (Markets at Choto development),” he added.

However, “There was a fight on the County Commission.”

“When we first zoned this property back in 2010, some people were for it, some people were against it,” Huber recalled.

“I knew that John would do a good job,” Briggs said. “(Huber) has one of the best reputations as a developer in the whole county.”

Briggs said Markets at Choto improved the community and provided services to neighboring residents so they would not have to drive 5 miles or more, and it improved traffic with the installation of the roundabout at the intersection of Choto

Road and Northshore Drive.

Signature Self-Storage at Choto, LLC., developed by John Huber Construction Inc., is a secured, locally owned and operated self-storage facility with both climate-controlled and non-climate-controlled units.

“We pride ourselves on having a safe, clean, accessible facility, serving both residential and commercial clients,” Huber stated on his website. “Signature Self-Storage at Choto wants to help our customers keep their belongings safe and secure, whether it be grandma’s furniture or your business records.”

The self-storage facility, developed by Huber, who also developed Markets at Choto, has 436 units on 60,000 square feet.

Signature Self-Storage at Choto office is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and closed weekends, but gate hours are open 24/7.

For more information, call 865-500-3111 or visit online at signatureselfstorage.com

John Huber (with scissors), principal manager of Signature Self Storage at Choto, LLC., cuts the ribbon for his self-storage facility. Joining Huber were Stacey McDonald, Signature manager, third from left; Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, fifth from right; state Sen. Dr. Richard Briggs (R-District 7), fourth from right; Knox County Commissioner Larsen Jay (At-Large Seat 10) far right; and FWKCC members and other supporters.

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‘Perfect’ KIL for Brown’s HVA XC boys

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KNOXVILLE — Led by junior individual champ Kaden Keller’s 16:24 5k time, Hardin Valley Academy’s cross country team pulled off a rare feat in light of already being a dominant Knox-area program.

“I don’t remember (a perfect score) in the last 13 years,” head coach Bryan Brown said after the top five KIL Cross Country Boys Meet finishers were all Hawks (perfect team score of 15) at the new Tommy Schumpert Park course Friday morning, Oct. 9.

Senior Andrew Schultz took second (16:37), followed by senior Alex Brittain (16:40), junior Mitchell McCown (16:44) and junior Nathan Hillis (16:44).

Trevor Coggin, Farragut

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Junior duo, frosh lead FHS girls to KIL XC crown

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KNOXVILLE — With five of the top 10 finishers during the KIL Cross County Girls Meet, Farragut reigned supreme at the new Tommy Schumpert Park course Friday morning, Oct. 9.

“Obviously we’ve got a good girls team, but I really challenged some of the girls to work on cutting our gap down,” FHS head coach Chelsea Osborne said.

“We had a group of four or

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Alan Sloan

Members of the TSSAA Division I-Large state champion Farragut Lady Admiral golf team joined head coach Jon Higgins (not pictured) and assistant coach Jason Mayfield, far right, to be honored during halftime of the Admirals home football game versus Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett Friday night, Oct. 9. Team members, from left, are senior Cooper Simpson, freshman Brady Harville, junior Carter Mayfield, freshmen Owen Queener, seniors Connor Price, Lance Simpson and A.J. Rinehart, junior Houston McKay and freshman Danny Orrico. Not pictured is sophomore Sebastian Costales.

Sizzling Simpson + other steady Ads = state champs

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MANCHESTER — What better way to end your high school golf career: shoot 13-under-par for 36 holes — with just one bogey — during the pressure-packed situation of also attempting to lead your team to a Division I Large state tourney title?

For Farragut High School senior Lance Johnson, “It’s the best I’ve even seen

Lance play, and I’ve seen Lance play well a lot,” said FHS head coach Jon Higgins, as Johnson — tourney medalist — indeed led the Admirals to the Large state title (583, 7-over par), beating runner-up Ravenwood by 12 strokes at WillowBrook Golf Club Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 6-7. “He was very focused and dialed in all week.”

A team victory

But it also took the consistency of Johnson’s teammates to claim the crown — with

four other Admirals having at least one stellar round: freshman Brady Harville’s 2-over-par Tuesday, with even par efforts from senior Connor Price and freshman Owen Queener during the final 18 holes.

Bouncing back from rough opening rounds, Price and Queener “were the first two out (Wednesday) and they really set the tone for us,” Higgins said. “They

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Top 3 in state yet again for FHS golf girls

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MANCHESTER — Though Lexanne Halama didn’t play her best rounds of golf during the Division I Large State Tournament at WillowBrook

Gold Club last week, according to Farragut High School head coach Jon Higgins, the senior standout has helped lead FHS girls golf to a trio of top-three state finishes during her stellar career.

Farragut finished third this

time around, with Halama grabbing eighth-place individually (5-over-par), junior Vivian Wang (13-over par) tying for 20th and senior Lindsay Ott finishing 26th (20-over-par), as the trio combined for a 306 team score, ending 12 strokes

behind state champion Station Camp.

“The girls were very good, but it wasn’t Lexanne’s best week,” Higgins said. “I’m sure she would tell you the same

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2nd-half surge lifts Lady Ads 3-0; HVA season ends



Girls soccer photos courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

Annabelle Ekern, Farragut midfielder (white jersey), fights for the ball against Hardin Valley Academy defender Jillian O’Dell during this District 4-AAA tourney semifinal showdown of rivals at HVA Tuesday night, Oct. 13. Ekern’s free-kick goal from about 35 yards out with 19:17 to play iced a 3-0 Lady Ads win. FHS advances to the tourney title game at Maryville versus the top-seeded Lady Red Rebels tonight, Thursday, Oct. 15.

ALAN SLOAN

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HARDIN VALLEY — While Farragut girls soccer head coach Kristen Lyons said she respected Hardin Valley Academy’s “deep defenders,” she also stressed the importance of how the Lady Ads junior combo of midfielder Emmie Harville and forward Lexi Foley successfully broke through that defense.

“Once that first one went in, that made us believe everything else on the field was working,” Lyons said about Harville’s work advancing deep down the middle of the HVA defense before her diagonal pass right to Foley resulted in the game’s first goal, from about seven yards out, in the match’s 48th minute.

With that momentum, No. 3-seed Farragut went on to blank the homestanding and No. 2-seeded Lady Hawks 3-0 in the District 4-AAA Tournament semifinals Tuesday night, Oct. 13. Hardin Valley’s season ends 6-7-3.

“Emmie played the ball through into me, behind their center-backs, and I just had to slot it (past) the keeper,” Foley said. “We’ve been working on it in practice.”

About the victory, “This feels amazing after two hard seasons,” added Foley, who advances to her first 4-AAA tourney title game.

The Lady Ads (11-3-3) stay on the road against top-seed Maryville tonight, Thursday, Oct. 15 (gametime not set at deadline).

A pair of long-range goals provided insurance. Off a nice feed to the middle from teammate Chloe Chase, freshman midfielder Lauren Leslie’s laser-beam shot from about 30 yards out, landing inside the top back of the



net, made it 2-0 in the 60th minute.

“She scored a really great goal,” said Chase, a junior midfielder/forward.

A free-kick goal by Annabelle Ekern, sophomore midfielder, came from about 35 yards out near the left sideline in the 61st minute.

Meanwhile, junior goalkeeper Caroline Ekern’s shutout was aided by defensive leaders including Shayne King, a senior, and Maddie Blum, a junior.

“We really put in a bunch of effort and it paid off in the end,” Chase said.

HVA head coach Jessie Stephens praised the efforts of Lady Hawks Erica Wilson, senior defender; Claire Palya, midfielder; and forwards Norah Jacomen and Reese Wilson.

After the game’s first goal by FHS junior forward Lexi Foley (11) on a pass from Emmie Harville (8, second from left), teammates Chloe Chase, far left, and Lauren Leslie, far right, also celebrate at HVA Tuesday night, Oct. 13.



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Livi Holley, Farragut junior outside hitter, serves versus Heritage in the District 3-AAA Tournament loser's bracket final at HHS Friday, Oct. 9. The Lady Ads survived season-ending elimination by winning 25-22, 25-22, 16-25, 25-22.

On to substate for Madden's Lady Ads after beating HHS in 3-AAA, O-Ridge in region

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MARYVILLE — Surviving season-ending elimination at the District 3-AAA level thanks to three close-game victories at Heritage against the Lady Mountaineers (all 25-22), Farragut's next season-on-the-line game came against a "Pink Out" rival Monday night, Oct. 12, at Maryville High School.

With its annual regular-season match versus Oak Ridge a "Pink Out" Breast Cancer Awareness cause, this Region 2-AAA semifinal showdown versus the Lady Wildcats, District 2-AAA tourney champs, started rough for the Lady Ads — but ended with a dominant performance.

Holding a two-hour practice prior to the game to work on "blocks and tips" according to FHS head coach Jo Madden, a 19-25, 25-18, 25-8, 25-14 victory was the result against ORHS.

In fact, using the tips — a finesse shot at the net to catch the opponent off guard, thinking the shot likely would be a hard-hit kill attempt — "we got Oak Ridge quite a bit on those," the Lady Admirals skipper added. "... I said, 'You've got to out-smart them. Look at what's open and just go for the easy points.'"

The win puts FHS in the substate — one match victory from the Class AAA State Tournament in Murfreesboro starting next week.

"The girls were on a mission. They decided they wanted the opportunity to try to go to state this year," Madden said.

However, after losing the first game, "I brought everybody together and we just basically talked about what we weren't doing on the floor — and the key thing they said was, 'We weren't talking.'"

Individually versus Oak Ridge, "Our libero played excellent, Ira Au," Madden said about the senior. "She had 24 digs."

Livi Holley, FHS junior defensive specialist, added 13 digs.

Freshman Kennedy Holley, right-side hitter who Madden said "was the glue when we beat Oak Ridge (in the regular season)," had 15 kills against the Lady Wildcats Monday.

"They couldn't figure how to stop her then, and they had trouble with her tonight because she's a lefty," the FHS coach added. "She was on fire. She was unstoppable."

Ellie Ackermann, Farragut junior middle blocker, added 10 kills.

"We had good play for Kate Priest," Madden said about the FHS senior outside hitter who added six kills.

Finishing the regular season as the No. 3 seed in District 3-AAA behind league and district tourney champ Maryville and league runner-up Heritage, Madden's girls took a 15-9 overall record into the Region 2-AAA title game Tuesday evening, Oct. 13 (after deadline) against the homestanding MHS Lady Red Rebels.

With a 3-0 match record against Farragut during the regular season and 3-AAA tourney, Maryville was the heavy favorite to host the Region 1-AAA runner-up during substate action tonight (Thursday, Oct. 15).

A loss versus the Lady Red Rebels would send Farragut to the Tri-Cities to play the Region 1-AAA champ, either Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett or Johnson City Science Hill. If the Lady Ads pulled the region title game upset Oct. 13, FHS would host the Region 1-AAA runner-up tonight.

Indians in control at FHS

KEN LAY
Correspondent

On a night when the Farragut High School football team welcomed its head coach back to the sideline, it had no trouble scoring points.

But the defense had its issues all night.

Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett gashed the Admirals, amassing 537 yards of total offense in a 56-35 Region 1-6A victory Friday night, Oct. 9, at FHS's Bill Clabo Field.

The Indians scored early and often against Farragut, tallying points on their first four drives en route to a crucial road regional victory.

Using a balanced attack featuring a powerful running attack, KDB (7-0 overall, 4-0 in region) darted to an early 21-0 lead and never looked back.

Farragut (4-3, 2-1) got on the board when Dawson Moore connected with Matt White on an 11-yard scoring strike. Simeon Sharp's first of five extra points pulled FHS to within



Photo courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

Max DeVault (7), FHS senior receiver, goes for yards after the catch against the Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett defense.

21-7. Moore's 8-yard touchdown pass to Mason Collins late in the second stanza kept Farragut within 28-14.

"We didn't show our real selves tonight," said Collins, who had two TD receptions.

"They have 10 seniors starting on offense and nine on defense, and they're a good

team. We just weren't physical enough," Admirals skipper Eddie Courtney said.

Moore went 18-for-30 through the air for 279 yards and five TDs — also to White, Trace Corum and Zach Keasling — and one interception. He also was the Ads' leading rusher (71 yards on 14 carries).

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Good start for Lady Warriors in Div. II girls soccer playoff

KEN LAY
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Christian Academy of Knoxville girls soccer darted out to an early lead in its Division II-A East Region quarterfinal match against Chattanooga's Grace Baptist Academy on a rainy Saturday afternoon, Oct. 10. So Lady Warriors' head coach Ried Estus took the opportunity to get some younger players some postseason action.

"We got up 3-0 in the first half and we were playing on a muddy and cruddy field, and the last thing you want is to have somebody turn an ankle," Estus said after CAK notched a 3-2 victory over the Lady Golden Eagles. "I had two goals to play with, and when you have two goals to play with, I did what you do."

With the victory, the Lady Warriors improved to 14-1-1 and advanced to the regional semifinals. CAK played Silverdale Baptist Academy Tuesday night, Oct. 13, after press deadline.

Against the Lady Golden Eagles, CAK got

goals from Reece Campbell, Ainsley Patterson and Kendal Forrester.

The Lady Warriors are in the midst of a magical season. The only blemishes are a 3-3 draw against Farragut and a loss to Powell.

District crown versus Lady Rams

CAK won the Division II-A East Region District 1 title Thursday, Oct. 8, when it defeated Grace Christian Academy 2-0 at home.

A hard-fought match, that win against the Lady Rams came about a week after the Lady Warriors captured a 3-2 win in the schools' annual regular-season showdown.

With the win in the district championship match, the Lady Warriors avenged last year's title game to the Lady Rams. Lia Schreuder scored both of CAK's markers late last week.

After both squads slugged through a scoreless first half, the junior midfielder tallied on a penalty kick in the 57th minute.

"We're doing well. This was a tough game," said Schreuder, who scored an insurance goal in the game's final minute.



Alan Sloan

Kaden Keller, HVA junior, crosses the finish line at 16:24 to win the 2020 KIL Cross Country Boys Meet Friday, Oct. 9, at Tommy Schumpert Park.

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sophomore, was sixth followed by teammate Tyler Ebbert, a junior, HVA junior Daniel Blackston and the Knox Catholic duo of senior Riley Smith and junior Spencer Stovall.

The Admirals finished runner-up as a team (53), followed by Catholic (88) and Webb School of Knoxville (122).

Keller's season

Saying he wasn't especially consumed about running a great time at the KIL meet, Keller added he "ran a 16:05 about a week or two ago at Cherokee Boulevard" while also winning that meet.

As for the new Schumpert course, which is scheduled to host the Division I Region 2 Large meet Tuesday, Oct. 27, "I like it a lot," Keller said.

In comparison to the relatively flat Cherokee course, "Even the hills (at Schumpert) are nice because you get that downhill coming back."



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Alan Sloan

Members of the TSSAA Division I-Large third-place girls golf team in the state, the Farragut Lady Admirals, joined head coach Jon Higgins to be honored during halftime of the Admirals home football game versus Kingsport Dobyys-Bennett Friday night, Oct. 9. From left are senior Lindsay Ott and sophomores Riley Lydon and Ria Padhye. Not pictured are senior Lexanne Halama, juniors Vivian Wang and Gabby Starling, and freshman Sydney Romer.

3rd in state

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thing.” However, “What more can you say about Lexanne, she’s been a rock for us the past three years,” he added. “A four-year state participant and also having two (state) runner-up finishes. “You can’t say enough about Lexanne.” Meanwhile, “Lindsay had a good 79 on the first day,” Higgins said. “And Vivian had a great 78 on the second day. “But Station Camp and Tennessee High (runner-up, one stroke behind), they were difficult, they played really well,” he added. “They played consistent. “

State champs

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played extremely well all day. “Shooting 72 for them was especially good after bouncing back from Tuesday,” he added. Senior Aaron Rinehart was the most consistent of the four, firing a 5-over Tuesday before shooting 3-over Wednesday. “He’s been very good all year,” Higgins said of Rinehart. “He’s been one of our top two golfers all year.” Helping lead the Admirals to the state championship was especially sweet for Rinehart according to his coach. “He had a tough (state) tournament last year,” Higgins said. “To see him come back

and play that well this year is very good.” Though Harville struggled during Wednesday’s final 18 holes, “Brady played extremely well for us on Tuesday,” the coach said. Moreover, “We wouldn’t have been in the position we were in going into Wednesday if wasn’t for Brady,” he added, as the top four individual scores for the boys are recorded as that day’s team score during each 18-hole round. As a team, “They were playing really well going into (Willowbrook),” Higgins said. “Being around them for the last few weeks they were really focused and they were really getting dialed in.”



Photos by Alan Sloan

(Above) Maddie Archdale, HVA freshman, gets a hug from her mother, Debbie Archdale, after winning the KIL varsity girls meet. (Below) Camryn Johnson, FHS junior, took third.



Girls XC

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five, and then we had a gap.” Junior Camryn Johnson was the top Lady Admiral, finishing third (20:28), followed by junior Lexi Foley in fifth (20:32), freshman Bridget Ebbert seventh (20:34), senior Cathy Hu eighth (20:38) and sophomore Kennedy Reynolds 10th (20:48). While Farragut’s 33 was No. 1, Hardin Valley Academy was KIL runner-up at 50, led by individual champ Maddie Archdale, only a freshman, (19:12). Lady Hawk Avery Holdsworth, a junior, finished fourth (20:30). Webb School of Knoxville placed fourth as a team (95), led by individual runner-up Anna Graves (19:51). Bearden placed fifth (133). Archdale reflects “I think I ran pretty good, but it was a tough race at the beginning,” Archdale said. “The hills kind of tired me out a little bit. ... But it’s not the toughest course I’ve run this year.” However, “I like this course a lot,” she added. “I like how it has various (grades), some hills, some flat.” As for her freshman season as a whole, “So far I’ve done pretty good,” Archdale said. “I’ve gotten either first or second place.”

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Though 7-0, CAK takes back seat to Ads-Dawgs

While Christian Academy of Knoxville (7-0) looks to wrap up the PureMagic How the West Was Won Scoreboard crown this Friday, Oct. 16, with its trip to Chattanooga versus Division II-AA East Region foe Boyd-Buchanan (2-2, 0-2), the annual “Battle of West Knox County” takes center stage.

Though Farragut takes a better overall record into Bearden’s Bill Young Field this Friday (4-3), the Bulldogs own a two-game winning streak despite a 2-4 overall mark.

Also a key clash for playoff positioning in Class 6A, the Admirals and BHS both sport 2-1 records in Region 1-6A.

Opening kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Bearden rallied from a 21-12 halftime deficit to capture a region victory at winless Jefferson County 33-24 last Friday, Oct. 9 (read more details later in this story).

Farragut, meanwhile, had all kinds of trouble stopping Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in a region meeting of unbeatens at FHS’s Bill Clabo Field, falling 56-35 to the powerful, and

unbeaten, Indians (Read details and see photo on page 2B).

All-time as Admirals skipper, in his 25th season atop the FHS program, Eddie Courtney holds a huge 21-7 edge versus Bearden (3-1 in playoffs).

About the Bulldogs’ recent surge, “The last two weeks they’ve won, so they’ve gotten better,” Courtney said. “They’re very athletic and they’ve been making plays when they’ve had to make them.

“A very improved team from the start of the season,” he added. “Another key is they’re well-coached.”

About Farragut’s keys to victory, Courtney said, “We’ve got to be physical up front in the trenches. And we can’t turn the ball over; we’ve got to force them into turnovers.

“And I think the other thing is being relaxed and composed — don’t be too uptight,” he added.

Courtney said he was unsure at deadline Tuesday morning, Oct. 13, whether or not senior standout defensive end Trey Nesbitt (shoulder injury,

missed the Dobyns-Bennett game) or senior standout defensive tackle Joe Maine (knee, also out versus KDB) would be available for the Bearden game.

However, he did add, “We feel a little bit better” about Nesbitt’s chances “because it takes longer for a leg injury (to heal) than it does for a shoulder or arm injury.

“We really need them back,” the FHS skipper added. “But we’re going to be sure we take care of them, make sure they’re ready to play.”

About the Admirals, BHS head coach Morgan Shinlever said, “They’re good offensively. They’ve got some dudes that can really make things happen for them down the field.

“They’re also really balanced,” he added. “Defensively, they’re very sound. They’ve got some really good ballplayers over there on the other side, particularly at the linebacker position and a couple of d-linemen.

“And, as always, they’re a very well-coached ballclub.

It makes it difficult when you put good athletes with good coaches.”

As for keys to a Bulldogs victory, “We’re going to have to really work in the run game this week,” Shinlever said.

“... We’ve got to play disciplined football,” he added. “We’ve got to be able to play for a full 48 minutes, which is something we’ve struggled with this season.

“And for us to have success against a team like Farragut, we’re going to have to make those things a priority.”

While the Warriors look to stay unbeaten in Hamilton County (kickoff 7 p.m. versus Boyd-Buchanan), Webb School of Knoxville (3-3, 2-1) also travels to Chattanooga, with Silverdale Baptist Academy (4-3, 2-2) the Spartans’ Division II-AA East region foe (kickoff 7 p.m.).

Hardin Valley Academy comes back home to HVA looking for the team’s first win against the region’s other winless team, Jefferson County. Opening kickoff is 7:30 p.m.

Finally grabbing a victory (44-21 at West Greene last week) after murderous competition and COVID-19 helped prevent wins, Knoxville Catholic (2-3, 0-2) returns to Blaine Stadium and Division II-AAA East Region competition, hosting Baylor (3-2, 1-2) starting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 15.

BHS 33 Jeff Co. 24

Down 24-12 after a Patriots field goal early in the third quarter, Bearden went on a 21-0 run to win.

“In the first half we were very inconsistent with our execution,” Shinlever said. “In the second half the guys really played as one team.”

Griffen Oros, junior wide receiver/defensive back, racked up 169 all-purpose yards with three touchdowns, two on passes from sophomore quarterback John Carlevato and one rushing — plus an interception. “He had a big night,” the BHS coach said.

Carlevato, meanwhile, “threw for about 130 (yards) and ran for about 130 ... with a touchdown on the ground,” Shinlever added.


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Advising ‘a moderate lifestyle,’ Lura turns 100

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Enjoying “old Western movies and Alan Jackson videos” while living in her Fox Den subdivision home, Lura Hill McBride celebrated a special birthday last week with family and friends.

“I’ve never known anyone to live until 100,” stated Lura, who reached the century mark of life Thursday, Oct. 6. She shared details about her youth, married life, secrets to a long life and current joys during a re-

cent e-mail interview.

Lura married Clarence E. McBride — a 24-year vice president of Colonial Freight Systems before being elevated to president from 1976 into 1981 — in October 1949.

“I remember tarpon fishing (with Clarence), trips to Ireland and England, and traveling west in our motor home,” stated Luna, as the couple first lived in what is now Farragut from 1964 to 1984. They moved back to Town in 1993. Clarence passed away in 1996.

Growing up in Birmingham and Roberts-

dale, Alabama, Lura also has lived in Naples, Florida, and Corvalis, Montana.

In Robertsdale, “I remember going with my father to feed the new ponies and going to the farmers’ market,” she stated.

However, “The mosquitoes in Robertsdale were terrible, and they were plentiful.”

Lura’s secret to longevity is one simple phrase: “a moderate lifestyle,” she stated.

Mrs. McBride has a daughter and son plus six stepsons, “and lots of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and a few great-great-grandchildren,” she stated.



Lura McBride at 100



Photo submitted

The U.S. Capitol in the background was just one of seven prayer stops along the way for Farragut couple Mike and Susan Fleenor, who attended the Rev. Dr. Franklin Graham’s Washington Prayer March 2020 Saturday, Sept. 26.

‘God’s help is needed’

Fleenors travel to D.C. for Prayer March, find ‘peace in the city’

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Farragut couple Mike and Susan Fleenor recently joined thousands of Christians in the nation’s capital with the singular goal of praying for America.

They attended the Rev. Franklin Graham’s Washington Prayer March 2020 event, which took place Saturday, Sept. 26.

“Our nation is in trouble and we need God’s help,” explained Susan, who had seen the March advertised and asked her husband to attend.

“We just wanted to be part of that, to pray for our nation,” Mike said.

“It was something we could do, and prayer changes things,” Susan added.

The Fleenors, long-time members of Christ Covenant Church, traveled with friends Stan and Marlene Lambert of Fountain City, staying in downtown D.C. starting Friday, Sept. 25.

“We weren’t afraid, but we did have two concerns in attending,” Mike said. “One was the possibility of COVID-19, and the other was all the rioting and demonstrations that have been going on.”

“But all we found was peace in the city — peace over the city — when we got there,” Susan said. “Nobody was on the streets but Christians.”

Their first night in Washington, Susan felt a desire to visit the Supreme Court building and urged her husband and the

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‘Buy a tree, change a life’ sparks local church’s global mission

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Freedom House Church, 132 Lovell Road across from Costco, is ministering to children locally and across the globe with its Buy A Tree Change A Life ministry project.

“I feel like it’s a great way to give back,” said Brenda Starnes, church member and the project’s site director. “I was raised in rural West Virginia, and we did not have much, so I feel like this project is a great way for me, personal-

ly, to help others in need when I know how that feels.”

For the church, the Buy A Tree Change A Life project is a Christmas tree fundraiser, but “We don’t keep any of the proceeds,” Starnes said. “All the proceeds go directly to organizations to help children.

“We split (the money raised) between a local organization of our choice, which for the last few years has been Second Harvest Food Bank’s Food for Kids program,” she added. “Then the global portion goes to an organization called

People for Care and Learning. They help support a school in Israel, an orphanage in Guatemala and they helped build a city in Cambodia.”

Freedom House Church will hold its tree sales event, starting from around noon to 5 p.m., Nov. 21, the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

“We’re open until our trees

sell out, probably three to five days,” she said, noting people do not need to pre-order the trees.

“We will begin advertising on our social media ... and let people know what our hours are,” Starnes added. But she explained, “Our trees are delivered from North Carolina, so we’re never exactly sure

what time they’re going to be delivered until they call and say, ‘We’re on our way.’ Typically, we just put signage out and hope that people see us.”

Starnes expects to be getting 103 trees, which is less than the 300 the church usually gets.

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• **Concord United Methodist Church, 11020 Roane Drive, is hosting a drive-through Trunk or Treat** from 4 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 25, in the church's east parking lot. Families will be able to drive through a socially-distant line of decorated trunks with an optional photo booth set up for families who wish to enter a digital costume contest. Instead of candy being distributed at each trunk, every child will receive a huge bag of treats when exiting the parking lot, limiting person-to-person exposure.

• **Christ Covenant Church, 12915 Kingston Pike, will host drive-through Trunk or Treat for special needs families,** hosted by the Autism Society of East Tennessee, from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25. Reservations are required and may be completed at www.christcov.org

• **Knox County Community Action Committee is seeking volunteer drivers,** who will utilize agency-owned sedans while accompanying seniors or persons with disabilities to appointments, shopping and other errands. Training provided. Contact Nancy Welch: 865-673-5001 or nancy.welch@cactrans.org

• **At 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 17, Knoxville Opera will return to Ijams Nature Center** to perform a free concert. The program will feature popular selections from Broadway, film, operetta and opera. The concert will be hosted by Knoxville Opera's artistic director Brian Salesky, who will accompany Knoxville singers, soprano Jacquie Brecheen and tenor Wayd Odle.

Admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to 50 socially-distanced guests seated on the lawn in front of the Pavilion located near the front entrance of the Visitor Center. All attendees must reserve a ticket online to attend. Tickets may be reserved on the Ijams website: <https://www.ijams.org/event-details/special-event-another-afternoon-of-opera-at-ijams>

• **YMCA of East Tennessee invites the community to participate in a free six-week STRONG challenge** designed to help transform spirit, mind and body. Opt in to the free challenge by texting STRONG to 855-717-9622. Follow the prompts to sign up, and you will receive three texts a week filled with motivation, challenges, workouts and more. The program runs from Monday, Oct. 19 through Saturday, Nov. 28. Everyone in the community is invited to work out wherever you are, taking free YMCA online classes such as Boot Camp and Knoxville's Urban Wilderness. Visit the website <https://my.y.org/strong/challenge> to learn more.

GS Gold Award effort



Photo submitted

Putting in about 120 hours of work to install a Pollinator Garden at Farragut High School, Janda Atchley, an FHS senior, earned her Girl Scout Gold Award last summer — the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. The garden is used not only for environmental benefits, but also serves as an outdoor classroom to inspire her peers “to help the planet,” she said. In her 13th year as a Girl Scout, Atchley received a donated yellow rose bush from the Knoxville Women's Suffrage Association.



Photo submitted

Lives of children from as close as Greater Knoxville to those from across the globe, such as Cambodia, are changed through the proceeds raised from the Buy A Tree Change A Life project taken on by Freedom House Church as a Christmas Tree ministry. Freedom House will hold a Christmas tree sales event Saturday, Nov. 21, at the church, 321 Lovell Road, with all proceeds going toward the project.

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ple “devoted to breaking the cycle of poverty through a holistic approach by focusing on five areas: education, children, housing, farming and business,” she said.

“There are 77 sites across the nation that do this,” Starnes added. “We started doing it because we feel that it's important to take care of the community and take care of those

in need in the world.

“A lot of what these organizations do is to help feed children, teach children skills, make sure children get a good education, and that's part of something our church really cares about.”

Church office hours are from 9 a.m. to 2 or 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For more information about the Buy a Tree project, call Starnes at 1-423-368-9064 or send an e-mail to altobren@gmail.com

“Shall the Knox County Charter be amended to take away from the people the ability to vote for the Knox County Law Director by changing this elected office to an office appointed by the Mayor, subject to Commission approval, and subject to removal by majority vote plus one (1) of Commission for cause and reduce the duties of the office by allowing the Commission to hire its own attorney and allowing the School Board to hire its own attorney, effective September 1, 2024?”

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Grassy Valley Baptist ‘responds’ in kind




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(Above right) The Rev. Dr. Mark Martin, center, Grassy Valley Baptist Church pastor, is pictured with Knox County Sheriff’s Office Deputies Michah Phillips, left, and Chris Reichert, who were just two of many first responders who enjoyed complementary lunches Saturday, Sept. 12. While it was the first year the church provided this service, Martin said it may become an annual event — especially since it fell the day after the 19th anniversary of 9-11. “We really wanted to be a blessing for these people today and show our love and appreciation for all they do,” Martin said. “They run into danger every day while we run away, and we just wanted to show them how much we care.” **(Right)** Church members and volunteers, from left, Rachel Killaly, Mattie Brown (standing), Linda Ferrell and Lola McDowell were the first faces to greet first responders, as the church provided free lunches from noon to 3 p.m. in its parking lot at the corner of Lovell Road and Kingston Pike. **(Above)** Among those with KCSO taking advantage of Grassy Valley Baptist Church’s thoughtfulness was Sgt. Scott Greene.



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They were recognized during Senior Night activities on FHS's Bill Clabo Field Friday, Sept. 11, prior to the Admirals' varsity football game versus rival Oak Ridge.

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Mackenzi Dougherty with mother and stepfather, Sara and Craig Sutherland, right; father, Rick Dougherty, and brother, Dustin Dougherty



Shelby Faulkner and parents, Diana and Damon Faulkner, and sister, Darby Faulkner



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Carter Schuermann with parents, Brandi and Mark Schuermann, and brother, Mason Schuermann



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Lamberts to accompany her. Despite a lengthy walk and a downpour of rain, “I just felt like we needed to go there,” she explained.

When they arrived, they encountered a well-known Messianic Jew, Frank Amedia, who

was leading prayer in front of the Supreme Court building.

“We just stood there, mesmerized,” Susan recalled. “It was completely God-directed. Everyone was praying and we were able to join them, hold hands and pray with them.”

It was just a foretaste of the next day’s events, which began in front of the Lincoln Memo-

rial, with estimates of more than 50,000 Christians kicking off the march. Participants were given a card, laying out the stops along the Mall and topics for prayer.

“Franklin Graham spoke to all of us and said, ‘My prayers are just like your prayers, they are no different. And this is not about me, but it is about God

being glorified,’” Susan said.

“He certainly was.”

From the Lincoln Memorial, onward down the National Mall, participants were asked to stop seven prayer stations — the World War II Memorial, the Washington Monument, the White House, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, the Na-

tional Archives, and finally, the U.S. Capitol — and pray for specific needs outlined on an event lanyard.

“It was just amazing,” Susan said. “We were blessed beyond measure. .. I really think heaven will be just like that — the joy and the praying and the lack of fear. It was all about God and giving him the glory.”

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