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Emily Sunshine Hamilton, lead singer of the multi-genre band EmiSunshine, is being held up by group members, from left, family friend Jonathan Newman (guitar); her uncle, Bobby Hill (drummer); and her father, Randall Hamilton (base). EmiSunshine is scheduled to perform during HarvestFest from 2 to around 3:15 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 27, in the Village Green shopping center parking lot. Look for their outlaw country, Americana and Bluegrass tunes at the Fest. “We’re a little bit of everything,” said Emily, who also plays ukulele, guitar, tenor guitar “and a little bit of mandolin.”

## HarvestFest forecast Oct. 27: lots of EmiSunshine, more

ALAN SLOAN

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What’s the forecast for annual Shop Farragut-Farragut Business Alliance HarvestFest, a free admission event with lots of food/entertainment and costume contests from 2 to 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 27? Lots of EmiSunshine.

Emily Sunshine Hamilton, lead singer of the multi-genre performing and award-winning band EmiSunshine, is joined by her father, Randall Hamilton (base); her uncle, Bobby Hill (drummer); and family friend Jonathan Newman (guitar). EmiSunshine is scheduled to perform during HarvestFest from 2 to around 3:15

p.m. in the Village Green shopping center parking lot.

Look for their outlaw country, Americana and Bluegrass tunes at the Fest. “We’re a little bit of everything,” Emily said.

While having been the opening act for Loretta Young at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville during the early years of this 12-year-old band that performs regularly across the nation and Canada — and has performed in France, “We’ve been doing a lot of fun stuff locally recently, just trying to get back to home some,” said Emily, who along with her family live about 35 miles to the southwest in Madisonville.

“I play ukulele, I play guitar, I play

tenor guitar and a little bit of mandolin,” she added.

### Family influences

As for family influences on her career, Emily has benefitted from the separate talents of her parents.

For example, the vast majority of EmiSunshine songs are the work of Emily and her mother, Alicia Hamilton. “My mom is a writer, so I started writing when I was around 5 years old,” Emily said.

As for Randall’s influence, “My dad is a studio engineer and has been recording and involving me in music since I was about 5 years old as well,” she added.

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## Town asked to support ‘no parole’ for ‘95 double murderer

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Farragut residents Bob and Jeanne Dotts Brykalski lived through a nightmare almost 30 years ago.

That nightmare might take on new life if a convicted murderer of a Farragut couple is released on parole.

David Leon Scarbrough, one of the three men who were convicted of killing Jeanne’s parents — Les and Carol Dotts — Feb. 3, 1995, is up for parole.

The Brykalskis stood before Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen at its Thursday, Oct. 10, meeting and, during Citizens Forum, pled with Board members to sign a petition to deny parole for Scarbrough.

“We are here tonight to ask our neighbors, our community, to please go to change.org and to sign and share the petition, ‘Justice for the Dotts, December parole,’” Jeanne said. “Please ask the Tennessee Parole Board to deny David Leon Scarbrough parole, to keep a double murderer in prison.”

Brykalski and her husband related the story of her parents’ deaths and the grief they’ve had to endure.

Scarbrough, Thomas Gagney Jr. and Harley Watts had been driving through Village Green subdivision, “getting high and ringing doorbells of houses to find one where no one was home to break into,” Jeanne related.

They found the home of Les and Carol and commenced to burglarize.

“When my mom and dad came home from going out to dinner, (the three men) opened a 9mm gun into my parents, including an almost point-blank shot to my mom’s head,” she said.

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## ‘Best of Show’ top 3 gets Christen emotional about success

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With farragutpress’ Production department earning 194 Tennessee Press Association Ideas Contest awards for advertising, special promotions and special section design work dating back to 2018, Production manager Tony Christen hasn’t been one to get emotional, or cocky, about such enormous success in the category of Non-Dailies above 5,000 circulation.

His highest level of enthusiasm about such success has been to praise the talents — some he said surpass his own — of graphic artist

Cindy Wilfert, his colleague and close friend at this paper since 2007.

But then came the announcement Christen had been waiting for all seven of those super-successful years, when the 2024 Ideas Contest winners were broadcast early Thursday afternoon, Oct. 10.

Among the 24 they earned last week was one, by his own admission, that almost brought this talented newspaper designer to tears.

“To be one of the Best of Show and get an award for that is, I mean, that’s what we’ve been

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Tony Christen, farragutpress Production manager, and graphic artist Cindy Wilfert display their Loudon County 2023 Kickoff football magazine, which earned third-place overall for “Best of Show” in TPA Ideas Contest, as released Thursday, Oct. 10.

Alan Sloan

## Ex-Bulldogs star leads Cleveland to ALCS vs. Yankees

• A former Bearden Bulldogs high school baseball star had the big swing that helped keep alive the dream of a Cleveland World Series championship, which would be the organization’s first since 1948.

Guardians center fielder Lane Thomas smacked a fifth-inning grand slam — the difference in a 7-3 home victory against the Detroit Tigers in the winner-

take-all Game 5 of the American League Division Series Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12.

Lane helped lead Cleveland into the American League Championship Series, a best-of-seven battle against the New York Yankees that began Monday evening, Oct. 14, in Yankee Stadium (a 5-2 New York win. Game 2 after press deadline Tuesday, Oct. 15).

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# Town Sampler's latest champ: a publisher's dream comes true



**Photo by Stephen Krempasky/Shop Farragut executive director** Katrina Longmire, left, Farragut resident and publisher of the local Homes & Land magazine, is delighted to receive her bag of goodies as September winner of Shop Farragut's Town Sampler contest. Serving up a fresh donut and coffee to go along with Longmire's prize winnings is Status Dough employee Payton Paterson. Status Dough is located in Stonecrest shopping center next to Sir Goony's Family Fun Center along Kingston Pike. This month's prize package, a more than \$225 value, included \$25 gift cards from Status Dough, Elkmont Station, Ricki's Pet Depot, Dollar General, Longhorn Steakhouse, Fresh Market, JCPenney, Burlington and Domino's Pizza, "plus other great Farragut promotional schwag," a Shop Farragut press release stated. The October contest is well underway at [wfiv.com/contests/57/shop-farragut-october-2024](http://wfiv.com/contests/57/shop-farragut-october-2024)

## towncalendar

• **Howl-O-woof, a Halloween event for our four-legged friends, is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 17, at McFee Park Great Lawn.** This free event offers a canine costume contest, dog-friendly activities, treats and vendors. Registration is required for the costume contest. Visit [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register) to enter.

• **Town of Farragut continues to offer artsty activities with its new Family Arts Night.**

With a Family Arts Night in August and September, it will host another Family Arts Night from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 21, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. .

For the Nov. event, Design Your Own Puzzle, registration ends Friday, Nov. 15. Cost is \$8 per family member. Admission is pre-registration only.

# KCSO reports

• At 5:03 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 1, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit was dispatched to Farragut High School, as an unidentified male adult was on school property. The complainant, a Knox County Schools Resource Officer, said "he has seen (suspect) on campus on

prior occasions," the report stated, adding the suspect "was inside the men's locker room" and "has stolen property in the past and wanted (suspect) trespassed. (Suspect) did not have stolen property on him during this investigation. (He) was issued a criminal trespass warning."

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• This Thursday (Oct. 17) the Farragut Planning Commission will meet to vote on the Mixed-Use Town Center Vision Plan from consultants TSW. In that plan is Vertical Mixed-Use. Vertical-Mixed Use

is residential over retail or commercial over retail in multi-use buildings.

This Thursday the Farragut Planning Commission could simply remove residential over retail in the

Vertical Mixed-Use portion of the Mixed-Use Town Center Vision Plan.

That way the promise of no more apartments the Town has made can be kept.

## Award tradition

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working for,” Christen said about earning a second runner-up among all newspapers — 406 total entries. “That’s what I’ve been working for. That’s what I set out to do even before we began TPA (contests); from the point that I took over production (2007): that is, I wanted to take things to the next level.”

Finishing second runner-up in Best of Show for their production of the 2023 Loudon County Kickoff football preview magazine, “I mean, that to me is a win,” Christen said. “... The other awards are important — don’t get me wrong. I think we’ve accomplished a great deal. That’s not diminishing any of that.”

However, upon earning third overall in Best of Show, “you’re one of the best of the best,” he added.

In total, Christen and Wilfert — along with contributions from editorial and advertising staff — earned nine first-place awards, eight second and six third-place honors judged from work published in 2023. farragutpress earned the most awards of all newspapers in this year’s contest.

“It’s always exciting and rewarding to be recognized for the exceptional design work produced by the farragut-

press,” said Tony Cox, farragutpress publisher and president of Republic Newspapers, Inc., the paper’s parent company. “Tony and Cindy place great care in making sure that the advertisers’ message is creatively displayed so the message is clear and effective.”

“I am proud of the farragutpress and can tell that the staff — editorial, advertising, graphics and administrative — take great pride in this community,” Cox added.

Kathy Hartman, the paper’s general manager, said Christen’s and Wilfert’s 24 awards earned this year plus their seven-

year run of success “is a feat not to be taken lightly. We are incredibly proud of Tony and Cindy for their remarkable achievements.”

“... These accolades reflect the hard work, creativity and commitment to excellence that define the farragutpress team,” she added. “This year’s wins highlight the diverse skills and collaborative efforts that go into producing exceptional work ... and strengthen our connection with the community and our advertisers.”

Press professions from New York judged all TPA contest submissions from 2023, with TPA volunteers doing the same with New York contest entries.

See the list of farragutpress’ 2024 winning entries on page 8A of this paper.

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## FWKCC-sponsored ribbon cutting



Tammy Cheek

Schokolad Chocolate Factory's new owners, Matt and Stephanie Patterson (with scissors), join their daughter, Emily (black sweatshirt); son, Hayden (far right); and a host of Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members as they prepare to cut the ribbon during a FWKCC event for their shop, 10944 Parkside Drive, Wednesday, Oct 9.

# New ownership for Parkside Schokolad

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Schokolad Chocolate Factory has some new faces welcoming customers, as new owners Matt and Stephanie Patterson celebrated their buying into the sweet business with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting at the shop, 10944 Parkside Drive, Wednesday, Oct 9.

"We are here, not because it's a new business ... what we do have to introduce you to are new owners," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. "I did get to taste their chocolate-covered strawberries, and I'm here to tell you if you want to judge a chocolate-covered strawberry, you have to try theirs because it will take your standards to the next level."

While the chocolate-covered strawberries were the draw to open the shop, other treats include turtles — caramel and pecans dipped in milk, white or dark chocolate — chocolate and caramel-covered apples, chocolate-dipped potato chips, sugar-free chocolate.

"All the chocolate is gluten-free," Stephanie said. "The dark chocolate is dairy-free and vegan."

"We have 50 to 75 different chocolates," she added. Schokolad also makes and

sells Dubai chocolate, originally started in the United Arab Emirates. It is a chocolate bar filled with pistachio butter and knafeh, a sesame seed filling.

"We sell about 50 a week," Stephanie said.

Even after buying the shop, the Pattersons never heard of Dubai bars, but customers called and asked about it. Eventually, they got on Tic Toc and learned about them.

They started making the bars — and they took off.

"People really love it," Stephanie said. "We have that in pistachio and cookie butter."

For corporate business people looking for small gifts, they can place an order for chocolates with company logos. "It's just an edible paper that goes on chocolate," Matt said.

"If we don't have a mold, we have a company that can make a mold," Stephanie said.

The shop is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday and closed Sunday.

For more information about Schokolad Chocolate Factory, call 865-675-2626 or e-mail to [turkeycreek@schokolad.com](mailto:turkeycreek@schokolad.com)

The Pattersons' purchase started with a desire to open a business and a trip for chocolate-covered strawberries.

In December 2023, "we were talking with the kids at dinner one night," Matt recalled. "My

son (Hayden) just graduated, and my daughter (Emmily) is a junior. We wanted to encourage them to start their own business.

"Lo and behold, little did I know that in January (2024), one month later, we would start taking this business over," he added.

Moreover, "My kids (also oldest child, Ally) are also owners," Matt said. "They bought into the business themselves, so it is a family-run business."

The Pattersons were in Charleston, South Carolina, last December, but Stephanie works in Knoxville and Charleston.

"We bought strawberries here all the time, so she came in to buy strawberries while she was working (in Knoxville), for a co-worker, and saw that the shop was for sale," Matt said. "She called me out in the parking lot and asked, 'What do you think about buying a chocolate shop?'"

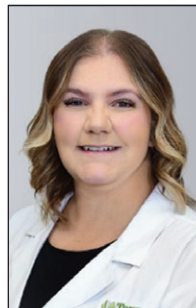
"His exact words were 'You have lost your mind,'" Stephanie recalled Matt, not originally a chocolate fan, telling her.

"Two months later we bought the shop."

## businessbriefs

• **Tennova Healthcare announces the recent addition of Corryne Hill, FNP-C, to its team of providers located at Tennova Primary Care - Hardin Valley.**

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Hill

"We are excited to welcome Corryne Hill to the Tennova Healthcare team," said Tony Benton, chief executive officer of Tennova Healthcare - East Market.

Hill completed her medical education at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City. She

is board-certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, in primary care, meeting the highest standards of the profession.

"I am excited to join Tennova Healthcare and work alongside a team that shares my passion for patient-centered care ...," said Hill, who is now accepting new patients.

• **More than 30 real estate professionals at Wallace Real Estate are setting themselves apart in the competitive luxury market by earning membership in Institute for Luxury Home Marketing.**

Membership is earned through participating in a rigorous two-day professional development session, which was held at Gettysville Country Club.

The Wallace agents who have recently completed the course are joining a select group of industry professionals who have demonstrated the knowledge and experience necessary to serve the unique needs of clients in the upper-tier real estate market.

## STAR networking



Tammy Cheek

Lynn Petr, executive director of Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding, chats with Ken Finster, co-owner of Cyan Insurance Solutions, 11826 Kingston Pike, during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking event hosted by STAR, 11800 US-11 East, Lenoir City, Thursday morning, Sept. 26.

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## Harvest Fest

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Going way back, “My great-grandmother (Wanda White) was a singer,” Emily said, with musical backgrounds also involving “my grandmother (Patsy Hamilton) .... and pretty much my entire family.”

“I just continue to blossom and learn all different types of music,” she added.

Having already played once at HarvestFest, “They called me, and I thought it was a beautiful festival, and I thought that we could do some good and play some music for some people and spread some joy,” Emily

said. “So to me, they’re good enough for me if they’re doing that.”

One indirect Farragut tie involves Emily’s manager, John Antus, who is a former Town resident.

**Other entertainment, more**  
Other local live entertainment features School of Rock (starting at 4 p.m.) along with “prizes and giveaways and our annual Festival Halloween Costume Contest,” a Shop Farragut/FBA press release stated. “Costume categories include Best Pet, Best Individual Under 16, Best Individual Over 16, Best Family/Group, Best Baby and Judges’ Choice.”

First round of Costume Judging begins at 3:30 p.m. with second round

of Costume Judging starting at 5:15 p.m.

“Shop Farragut will assemble vendors from across the Farragut and Knox County business community,” the press release further stated. “The Festival will feature 40-plus retail and promotional booths, including food and beverage vendors.”

Non-perishable food items will be collected for The Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry. Visit [www.faithloves.org/shepherd-of-hope-food-pantry](http://www.faithloves.org/shepherd-of-hope-food-pantry) for a list of needed items.

Media sponsors are [farragutpress](http://farragutpress.com) and 105.3 WFIV-FM.

For more information, visit [shop-farragut.com](http://shop-farragut.com)



Photo submitted

Emily Sunshine Hamilton, left, lead singer/performer with EmiSunshine, alongside her songwriting mother, Alicia Hamilton.

## Deny parole

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“I was the one who found their broken, bullet-ridden bodies, who had to call 911 and wait for the Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputies and

detectives to arrive and to take control of the horrible crime scene,” Bob recalled. “I was the one who had to tell my wife that her parents, two of the people that she loved most in the world, had been brutally murdered. I had to

watch her as she went into shock and just kept repeating, ‘No, No, No.’

“Later that night, when the reality of what happened hit Jeanne full force, I held her while her grief took over every inch of her body and her heart,

knowing there was nothing I could do to ‘make it better,’” he added.

Scarborough currently is incarcerated in Morgan County Regional Correctional Facility, but Watts was paroled in 2001. Gagne died Nov. 1, 2023, follow-

ing a long illness. “Despite what Scarbrough keeps saying, this was not just a ‘mistake;’ it was not an accident,” said Jeanne, adding Scarbrough has never shown remorse nor accountability for his part in the murders.

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## Hurdle cleared, FHS v'ball tourney No. 1

**BILL HOWARD**  
Correspondent

**BEARDEN** — After losing to Maryville three times this season — including in the second round of the District 4-AAA Volleyball Tournament Tuesday, Oct. 8 — Farragut High School's volleyball team had a chance at redemption against MHS in the tournament final Thursday night, Oct. 10.

Revenge accomplished — and it wasn't all that close.

Thirty minutes after defeating rival Bearden in four sets in the semifinal, the Lady Admirals dispatched the Lady Red Rebels in the championship match in three sets.

"We served them off the court tonight," FHS head coach Andre Alves said. "And our blocking was on point. When it counted, we got it."

The set scores were 25-17, 25-23 and 25-15.

"Feels so good; we've been waiting for this moment for a long time," senior outside hitter Trinity Rye said. "We were sick of losing (to them) and we came in with the mindset that we weren't gonna lose."

The Lady Admirals were never in danger of losing. In the first set, Farragut dominated to a 24-10 lead. Only a seven-point run at that point by MHS made the set semi-



Photo courtesy of Jack Tate/FHS director of Sports Information

Farragut celebrates a District 4-AAA Volleyball Tournament victory versus nemesis Maryville at Bearden High Thursday night, Oct. 10.

close. An errant serve by Maryville finished the set.

The second set was back and forth throughout. FHS led 22-18, but four straight by the Lady Red Rebels tied it at 22.

Two points later, an ace by senior outside hitter Elsa Mor-

risson made it 24-22. At 24-23, a kill by Rye closed out the set.

"Elsa refused to lose," Alves said. "She said 'hop on my back and we're gonna win this.' They just wanted it more."

The Lady Admirals jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead in the

third set, and the teams then traded points equally to a 19-14 FHS lead.

A 6-1 finish by Farragut gave the girls in blue and gray the District Tournament title.

Lady Admiral team leaders included Rye with 20 kills and

Morrison with 14. Loryn Neely had 12 digs while Morrison added nine. Setter Bella Ekeler, named Tournament MVP, led with 31 assists.

"It's an amazing feeling,"

**See HURDLE CLEARED, Page 2B**

## Big plays, tough runs fuel Dawgs' dominant 2-6A victory at ranked Cleveland 38-19

**STAFF REPORTS**  
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**CLEVELAND** — Big scoring plays and a big back to get the shorter-yardage touchdowns worked well for Bearden in a 38-19 Region 2-6A showdown win at state-ranked Cleveland Friday evening, Oct. 11.

The victory, improving the Dawgs overall record to 4-3, also upped their 2-6A record to 3-1, virtually assuring BHS of a first-round playoff home game.

On center again finding himself behind center in a big game, BHS senior quarterback Drew Parrott was 12-of-16 passing for 226 yards and two long touchdown tosses to receiver Deameion Leavell, a 67-yard scoring toss on the first Dawgs possession and a 61-yarder with 2:36 left in the third quarter. The junior had five receptions for 140 yards.

Torian Riggins, senior full-back, scored on a 4-yard run late in the first half and on a 5-yarder up the gut roughly one minute into the final quarter, the latter making it 31-19.

**See DAWGS ROLL on Page 2B**



Photos by Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com

(Above) Landon Collins, Farragut senior receiver, makes a tough catch among lots of Oak Ridge traffic. (Below) Harrison Kilpatrick, (on top), FHS senior defensive end, and Ads senior linebacker Bryce Thompson (below) make a tackle.



## Thunderous start allows Ads to sail smoothly, grab decisive win at Oak Ridge

**BILL HOWARD**  
Correspondent

**OAK RIDGE** — Six weeks into this season, Farragut High School's football team stood at 0-5, 0-2 in Region 2-6A. The season seemed lost.

A regional win at Bradley Central Friday, Oct. 4, gave the campaign a potential breath of life.

After playing Oak Ridge at Blankenship Field last Friday, Oct. 11, the Admirals just might have turned that proverbial corner.

Following a dominant 28-0 first half, FHS shook off the Wildcats' second-half comeback attempt and won 28-13. With the victory, Farragut improved to 2-5 overall, 1-2 in the region.

"We're continuing to get better," Admirals head coach Geoff Courtney said. "We're getting healthier, those are all good things. Just had to settle in and adjust."

The game couldn't have started any better for the Admirals. Sophomore Ethan Farhat, back from injury after missing three games, fielded the opening kickoff on the 5 and galloped 95 yards for the touchdown. Most of the run was up the right sideline.

Sixteen seconds into the game, FHS led 7-0. "Just found a way to make a play," Farhat said. "Coach talks about how we have to execute on special teams."

After forcing a Wildcats punt, Farragut took over on its own 24 with 8:09 left in the first quarter. On third and nine from the 25, sophomore quarterback Corbin Hobson hit senior receiver Landon Collins over the middle for a 75-yard touchdown and a 14-0 lead.

The Admirals were just getting warmed up.

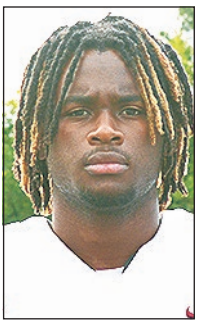
Another ORHS punt gave Farragut the ball on its own 31 with 4:57 left, still in the opening period. On the 12th play — first and goal from the Wildcats' 3 — Randon Miller ran it in for a 21-0 lead, three seconds into the second quarter.

Yet another punt by the Wildcats put FHS in business on its 33 with 8:50 left in the half. The 11-play scoring drive — which culminated with running back Charlie Noble's 29-yard touchdown carry — included a fourth-and-one conversion and a crucial 17-yard completion on third and 10 from the ORHS 46.

With 3:22 left in the half, the Admirals led 28-0.

"In the first half we were able to execute, we were able to throw the football," Courtney said. "We made some explosive plays, we were able to run the football."

**See QUICK START on Page 2B**



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## FMS softball JV 2nd in season-ending tourney

Photo submitted

Members of the Farragut Middle School junior varsity softball team, which earned Knox County's runner-up spot for the second year in a row during the recent end-of-season tournament, finished with a 17-4-3 record. Team members, front row from left, are Hadley Morgan, Sophia Watkins, Morgan Wilburn, Kenley Deitch, Ava Russell and Eva Quesenberry. Back row, from left, are Claire Somerville, Anna Bell, Josie Pacelli, Callie Buckner, Lydia Lane, Ellie Kennedy and Adisyn Ralston.

### Quick start

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Oak Ridge made it interesting with consecutive touchdowns starting late in the third quarter. Damillyan Porter's 5-yard scoring run with 24 seconds left was followed by a successful onside kick.

On the eighth play of the ensuing drive, Porter scored from the 21 to make it 28-13 with almost nine minutes still to play. The extra point was partially blocked. Another onside attempt was unsuccessful, and the Wildcats didn't threaten again.

"They got in there and put a drive together and got the extra possession, but I thought our defense responded and stopped 'em when we needed to," Courtney said.

For the game, Hobson was 11 of 18 passing for 220 yards and a score.

"I knew coming into this game we had the team that could beat this team," Hobson said. "We used our playmakers and we won. I think the next few weeks we're set up to go 4-0."

While Collins finished with four catches for 147 yards and the long TD grab, he also had four tackles and an interception in the Admirals' secondary.

Noble, a senior, gained 108 yards and a touchdown on 23 carries — his first 100-plus rushing performance of 2024.

Bryce Thompson, senior defensive end, finished with 10 total tackles, which included two sacks and three other tackles-for-loss.

The Admirals play their final road game of the regular season this Friday, Oct. 18, heading north to Jefferson County (4-3) in a non-region game. Opening kickoff is 7 p.m.

### Dawgs roll

From page 1B

Junior receiver Tory Beaufort took on split duties: while making five catches for 69 yards, Beaufort also ran the ball four times for 110 yards and one long touchdown — filling in for injured star running back Jayzon Thompson in the second half.

His 18-yard run and 20-yard catch set up Riggins' third-

quarter score. Beaufort's 79-yard scoring run right up the middle, with 7:12 to play in the game, essentially sealed the victory — coming one play after an interception at the Cleveland 21 killed a Blue Raiders scoring drive.

William Pendergrass nailed a 45-yard field goal in the first quarter, on top of all five of his extra-point tries.

Cleveland fell to 5-2 overall, 1-1 in region.

### Hurdle cleared

From page 1B

Ekeler said. "We wanted it so bad, and we wanted to prove that we can beat them. We got them when it mattered."

Morrison and Rye joined Ekeler on the All-Tournament Team.

"Big confidence booster (tonight)," Alves said. "These seniors wanted it really bad.

Feeling pretty good about (the region tournament)."

The Lady Admirals advanced to the Region 2-AAA Tournament where they hosted Oak Ridge in the semifinals Tuesday, Oct. 15 (after deadline). The winner advanced to the region title match later that night at FHS, while earning a Sectional berth Thursday, Oct. 17. The season is over for all region semifinal losers.

## Despite late rally to tie, Hawks fall to Bradley

### STAFF REPORTS

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**HARDIN VALLEY** — Forcing a pair of late turnovers, in addition to a trick play that worked, Hardin Valley Academy rallied late to tie Bradley Central 17-17 in attempt to win its first Region 2-6A game of the season Friday evening, Oct. 11, at HVA.

In the end, though, it was a 44-yard touchdown run by Bears star back Kenyon Phelps with just 1:25 to play in the fourth quarter that allowed the visitors to escape with a 23-17 victory.

After falling behind 17-0 roughly two minutes into the second quarter, the Hardin Valley defense held BCHS (3-4, 1-2) without a point for more than 32 minutes until Phelps' winning TD.

Ryder Dozier's 48-yard scoring run up the middle cut the lead to 17-7 with 6:55 left in the first half.

A nice open-field tackle by Hawks junior linebacker Samuel Mann stopped the Bears on a fourth-and-2 at the HVA 21 early in the third quarter. With Bradley looking to put the game away after driving to the Hardin Valley 25 early in the final quarter, a fumble recovered by senior defensive end Michael Stewart Jr. at the HVA 21 gave the home team life.

A drive to the BCHS 31 ended with a 48-yard Nathan Holbrook field goal, trimming the difference to 17-10 with 5:23 to play.

On the first play from scrimmage after Holbrook's boot, Bradley fumbled and Hawk Chance Sharp recovered inside the BCHS 30 with 5:15 remaining.

Aided by a pass interference call, HVA (1-6, 0-3) tied the game 17-17 with 3:15 left. Holbrook's 8-yard TD reception from wildcat formation quarterback Kaden Kutcher — who faked a run up the middle before stopping and tossing to the wide-open senior in the end zone — came on fourth-and-3.



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Thousands flocked to this year's Taste of Turkey Creek event, hosted by Pinnacle at Turkey Creek along Parkside Drive, Thursday, Oct. 3.

"Oh, my gosh, it's fantastic, and I haven't even been all the way around (the event grounds) yet," local resident Lisa Sharpe said. "This is my first time here."

Twenty-three vendors were on hand. The crowd enjoyed food samples from 18 of those vendors while learning about services of others. Meanwhile, Brand New Box of Matches and the band, True Blue, entertained everyone with bluegrass and country tunes.

All the while, festival-goers supported the Pat Summitt Foundation's focus to advance research on finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease. Named after the legendary late Tennessee Lady Vols' basketball head coach who contracted the disease and founded the foundation, it also creates detailed curriculum for caregivers, offers a comprehensive delivery approach to award grant funding for research and other non-profit organizations and is committed to finding the cure.

Tasty samples included popcorn from Regal Cinemas; vegetable and fruit cups and Buddha pasta salad from Earth Fare; Latin American bites from Condado Tacos; sandwiches from Jimmie Johns; succulent off-the-bone ribs and chicken from Texas Roadhouse; shrimp and grits and deconstructed s'mores from NHC Place; and so much more.

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## Senior scalp shave helps cut away at breast cancer



Thirteen Farragut High School male seniors have agreed to have their heads shaved to help boost fundraising to beat breast cancer on FHS Pink Out Night, which coincides with varsity football homecoming as rival Hardin Valley Academy visits Eddie Courtney Stadium Friday evening, Oct. 25. The shaving, to be performed by Studio 135 professionals from its Farragut location, will take place early in the third quarter. Keeping in tune with the school's Pink Out tradition — started by American Cancer Society volunteer Stephanie Thompson in 2018 in memory of her late sister, breast cancer victim Ashley Slagle Roback (FHS Class of 2000) — Thompson started the senior head-shaving fundraiser in 2019. The 13 boys are, from left, Juan Byas, Hayden Johnson, Rowan Floyd, Julian Schearer, Banks Duncan, Parker Akins, Grant Fields, Brayden Alexander, Trey Slagle (Ashley's son), Dom VanAcker, Blake Garibay, Zach Locke and Will Dodson. (See story, quotes on page 6B) Photo submitted

## Concerts for charity

Charloff & Purple Xperience Oct. 18; Here Come the Mummies Nov. 1

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The Concerts For Our Own series for charity is alive and well in the Farragut/Knoxville area in the next few weeks.

Three charities are the focus of promoter/founder/CEO Aaron Snukals' local concerts tours, which first features Marshall Charloff & Purple XPERIENCE, with Mike Snodgrass opening for this band at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 18. Two weeks later, Friday, Nov. 1, brings Here Come the Mummies — both concerts in Tennessee Amphitheater at Worlds Fair Park, downtown Knoxville.

Charities receiving the proceeds are Knoxville Pediatric Cancer Collaborative, Joy of Music School and The Love Kitchen.

What awaits music fans Oct. 18 "is a tribute to Prince," the promoter said. "... We try to bring in shows that will bring in an audience that can afford to donate money to these local charities."

As for Nov. 1, "It's a funk band out of Nashville," Snukals said of Here Come the Mummies, promoting "their brand of terrifying funk from beyond the grave since 2000," a band ad stated.

"They'll draw 800 to a thousand people," Snukals added. "They've been here probably four or five times; they're studio musicians out of Nashville. They all dress up like mummies. ... They're an unbelievable show band."

Tickets for both concerts, which start at \$35 and go up to \$75, can be purchased at [concertsforourown.org](http://concertsforourown.org) or at the gate (if not sold out).

However, for a VIP experience, "Whether you're a \$35 ticket or a \$75 ticket, you can upgrade another \$45, and that gets you a VIP area dinner, early entry, a private restroom, a semi-private bar, complimentary water and a place to hang out and watch the show," Snukals said.

### More about charity

With an annual goal of "at least \$10,000 for each charity, I do three charities a year. Last year, it was two different charities (and Love Kitchen), and we gave each one of them \$10,000," the promoter said about Breast Connect and Special Spaces. "And this year, I picked (two) new charities, and each one of them will get at least \$10,000."

Love Kitchen is a repeat beneficiary.

"They do such wonderful work, all their boots are on the ground, the majority of their folks are all volunteers and they feed people," said Snukals, looking to raise enough from these final two shows of 2024 to total \$30,000. "I produce all these shows. ... And if they all make money, which I hope they do, I divide up all the profits (equally) to the nonprofits that I work with."

See CONCERTS-CHARITY on Page 6B



Photos submitted

(Above) Marshall Charloff & Purple XPERIENCE is part of promoter/founder/CEO Aaron Snukals' Concerts For Our Own series for charity in Tennessee Amphitheater in the Worlds Fair Park, downtown Knoxville. This tribute to Prince starts at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct. 18. (Below) Here Come the Mummies, a funk band out of Nashville, also starts at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 1. Tickets for both concerts run between \$35 and \$75 — with an extra \$45 VIP upgrade available — and can be purchased online at [concertsonourown.org](http://concertsonourown.org) or at the gate on the performance day (if tickets remain available).



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• **St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 110 Sugarwood Drive in Farragut**, is requesting help from the community with its October Gift of the Month. On Christmas Day, Mobile Meals volunteer drivers will deliver gift bags to more than 1,000 senior citizens.

“Keep in mind that most, but not all, of those served are low-income, and they have no one to share Christmas with them,” a SEEC press release stated.

Drive By and Drop off the following items between 1 and 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 27: footie socks with tread, small lotion, a box of tissue, nightlight or small flashlight and magnifying glass or print magnifiers. Visit [stelizchurch.org](http://stelizchurch.org) for more information.

• **MEDIC Regional Blood Center's Support for Flood Victims marks the current period through Saturday, Nov. 30**, as “Skip the Gift” time for donors to support recent hurricane flood victims.

This month donors can “Skip the Gift,” which is an item or coupon given for blood donation incentives, as MEDIC will donate \$5 per blood donor to the Neighbors-to-Neighbors fund via East Tennessee Foundation.

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• **Some local seniors with dementia are trying to make a difference one pair of socks at a time.** In response to the devastating hurricane Helene, seniors at Concord Place, an Anthem Memory Care community, are hosting a sock drive through Thursday, Oct. 31.

Individuals are encouraged to drop off new socks of any color and size by 11 a.m., Oct. 31, at Concord Place, 901 Concord Road. Seniors will gather at 11 a.m. to make the final tally of the number of donated socks and will deliver the items to the East Tennessee Chapter of the American Red Cross in Knoxville.

“Having dementia doesn't diminish the desire to help others both near and far,” said Lorie Warren, life engagement director for Concord Place.

• **Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians partners with Young-Williams Animal Center to send shelter dogs a BarkBox.**

“Since dogs are also a girl's best friend, Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians is partnering with animal shelters across the region to treat pups and support local troops,” a GSSA press release stated. “Knoxville area donors can purchase a BarkBox to donate to a shelter dog at Young-Williams Animal Center. Proceeds stay local and benefit Girl Scout Troops across East Ten-

nessee, funding programming and the Girl Scout Leadership Experience.

The Girl Scout-themed BarkBox includes a Pose and

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### Concerts-charity

From page 4B

“My whole goal right now is just do these events to raise money for these local nonprofits that really need help.”

Always bringing in various musical genres among his four annual charity shows, “The first guy I had brought in (during 2024) was named Steve Augeri, and he was the lead singer for Journey for 10 years,”

Snukals said. “And then we brought in a reggae show, a tribute to Bob Marley.”

#### Personal note, amphitheater

On a personal note, “I tried to retire, but I sucked at it — I didn’t do very good at retiring,” said the promoter, who worked in the same capacity at a local radio station “for 10 years; I booked all the bands at Smoking Mountain Harley-Davidson for six years.”

“I’m 70, and I think once you

start getting (that) age, you realize why you were put on this Earth — and you are really put on this Earth to help other people,” Snukals added. “And that’s really what I’m able to do right now; I’m able to provide for these charities that need help. I’m blessed that I’m able to do it.”

Soon after 9/11, “I was able to go to New York to see the concert for New York, and I saw how they raised money

there by bringing in concerts and guest artists,” he said. “... Well, I’m thinking, ‘why can’t we raise money for local charities here in Knoxville the same way?’”

“When you go to see that right after 9/11, and you saw all the police officers and the firemen, and you saw all the people there raising money for New York, I thought, ‘Well, one day, eventually, I’ll be able to do that for Knoxville.’”

A little more than 20 years later, “I was able to put this Concerts For Our Own together,” Snukals said. “I’ve got some great sponsors who’ve helped me out, and because of the sponsors the ticket money gets to go to the charity. So it’s a lot to put on.”

“The Tennessee Amphitheater is a great place to see shows,” he added about the former World’s Fair site. “... We’re trying to bring it back.”

## Many of FHS Pink Out 13 speak

Stephanie Thompson, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and a Farragut High booster, started Pink Out at FHS as part of Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, in memory of her late sister, Ashley Slagle Roback (FHS Class of 2000) in 2018.

One year later, Thompson started the tradition where a handful of FHS senior boys annually volunteer to have their heads shaved during the late October Pink Out period in order to further boost the fundraising effort.

Yet another part of that October effort, Thompson makes and sells T-shirts for \$10 each — from which \$4.50 goes to American Cancer Society. “Over the last seven years, there have been more than 4,000 pink shirts sold,” she said.

What follows are various quotes from five of the 13 male seniors who will have their heads shaved during the third quarter of FHS Pink Out Night in Eddie Courtney Stadium, as the Ad varsity football team hosts rival Hardin Valley Academy Friday, Oct 25. Simply put, why are you doing this?

Though Banks Duncan had a grandmother who beat breast cancer, “I know a lot of people who have gone through this and lost people and relatives they know and love. ...”

Blake Garibay said he’s had “family and friends who have gone through it, and I’ve seen how it affected them. ...”

Dom VanAcker said, “I’m doing this for my buddy, Trey (Slagle, one of the 13), his mother (Ashley) died from breast cancer.”

Hayden Johnson said, “I’ve had a lot of friends and neighbors who have (had cancer), so I’m doing this to spread awareness.”

Julian Schearer said, “My grandmother had cancer and died.”

(See FHS 13 photo and more information, page 4B)

(Read quotes from other FHS 13 seniors in next week’s issue)

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Farragut Community Center  
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**Tuesday, October 22, 2024 • 7:00 p.m.**

1. Approval of minutes for the September 24, 2024, meeting.
2. Staff report - wall signs approved in the past month.
3. Review of an individual tenant panel sign for Nail Bakery Spa, located at 115 Lovell Rd.
4. Review of a landscape plan for a new Echo Suites hotel, located at 11244 Outlet Drive.
5. Discussion and approval of changing the normal meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
6. Discussion of November and December meeting dates and holiday schedules.

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1. Approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes for the September 19, 2024 meeting
3. Discussion and approval of moving the meeting time for the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
4. Discussion and public hearing on approval of a site plan for the Echo Suites Hotel, 11244 Outlet Drive, Parcel 154.02, Tax Map 130, west of the Cotton Eyed Joes, 3.1 Acres, Zoned OD-RE/E (Cox Universal Group, Applicant)
5. Discussion on a request to amend the text of the Farragut Zoning Ordinance to permit a second dwelling unit on an existing lot of record that is greater than 1.5 acres in the Rural Single-Family Residential (R-1) Zoning District (Tyler Butler, Applicant)
6. Discussion on a request for an amendment to the text of the Farragut Zoning Ordinance to allow a drive through lane to be permitted for a financial and real estate service in the Mixed-Use Town Center planning area of the General Commercial (C-1) Zoning District (Long, Ragsdale & Waters, P.C., Applicant)
7. Discussion on the Town's existing requirements and potential updates related to Customary Home Occupations, as provided for in Chapter 4, Section VI., of the Farragut Zoning Ordinance
8. Discussion on general plans, the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Mixed-Use Town Center area, and the adoption of the Mixed-Use Town Center Vision Plan
9. Approval of utilities
10. Citizen forum

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## Dawgs 'Raid' Cleveland, pull close to Webb

Two shifts were prominent — both featuring impressive road victories — after Week 8 of the PureMagic How the West Was Won Scoreboard Contest for best regular season record Thursday and Friday, Oct. 10-11.

### Key BHS 2-6A road win

Bearden traveled to Cleveland High School for a Region 2-6A showdown with the state-ranked Blue Raiders in a battle where the winner likely would finish the season as the No. 2 region seed for the Class 6A playoffs.

For the most part, the Dawgs were in total control, pulling away late in the third quarter for a huge 38-19 triumph last Friday that likely results in Josh Jones' Bulldogs (4-3, 3-1) having a first-round home playoff game.

The victory also lifted Bearden into sole possession of second place in the PureMagic standings, just a half game behind Scoreboard leader Webb at 4-2. (See more Bearden game details beginning on page 1B)

### Farragut shocks Wildcats early

Meanwhile, Farragut moved up another spot in the standings thanks to a sizzling start at a traditionally tough place to play: Blankenship Field in Oak Ridge against the Wildcats.

The Admirals took control from the opening kickoff, literally, and raced out to a 28-0 first half lead before winning 28-13 last Friday. Farragut improved to 2-5 overall while the Wildcats fell to 5-3 overall (see more game details and photos beginning on page 1B).

### Nice HVA comeback, but ...

Though remaining in last place on the Scoreboard, Hardin Valley Academy rallied late to tie Bradley Central 17-17 at HVA before giving up a 44-yard touchdown run to Bears star back Kenyon Phelps with just 1:25 to play in the fourth quarter last Friday.

The Hawks lost 23-17, falling to 1-7, 0-3. (See details on page 2B)

### With rough third quarter, Catholic falls

A rough second half — especially tough in the third quarter — turned a close game into a one-sided affair in Knoxville Catholic's Blaine Stadium last Thursday, as the Irish (3-4, 0-2) lost a key Division II-AAA East Region game against Brentwood Academy (6-2, 1-2), falling 63-26.

Junior receiver Tyreek King hauled in an 80-yard scoring pass from quarterback Mack Bartholomew for the Irish — while also returning a punt 29 yards — while Matthew Rogers added an 80-yard TD run.

KCHS quarterback Zach Pflanz connected with Brooks Johnston on a 78-yard touchdown hook-up on the game's last play.

Kicker Gavin Menard added field goals of 23 and 26 yards and converted on a pair of extra points for Catholic.

Dominic Daddabbo, a junior defensive back, led the Irish in tackles with 10 solo, including two stops for lost yardage and one sack.

### Despite high completion rate, CAK loses

Hosting a solid White County team at home last Friday, Christian Academy of Knoxville fell 28-7.

While the visitors improved to 6-2 overall, CAK dropped to 2-6.

Seaton Moffett, Warriors freshman quarterback, completed 20 of 25 passes for 220 yards and one touchdown. Senior Ward Sherchi had that TD catch, hauling in four grabs for 25 yards. Gabe Linkous led in receptions with nine (91 yards), followed by Eric Moore (four for 54 yards) and Alexander Glass (three for 45 yards).

Defensively for CAK, sophomore defensive back Sawyer Anderson had nine total tackles while senior defensive back Jac Phillips ended with eight stops that included one tackle-for-loss.

### Week 9 slate

The Spartans return to action this week, but have a rugged road test just a few miles from the Webb campus. The unbeaten and state-ranked Grace Christian School Rams (7-0, 4-0) host Don Mahoney's boys in a critical Division II-AA East Region contest.

(Unless otherwise noted, all opening kickoffs are at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 18).

It's Homecoming Week at Bearden, as the Bulldogs host Oak Ridge.

Farragut's final regular season road game finds the Admirals looking for a third straight victory away from home, as Jefferson County (4-3) plays host.

Knoxville Catholic hits the road in East Region play, as Lipscomb Academy (2-5, 1-1) awaits the Irish in Nashville.

Hardin Valley and CAK both have the week off.



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## Attendees Make Auction a Success for JoJo

Approximately 280 attendees joined together on October 3rd to make the chamber's annual auction a fun and successful fundraising event to support both chamber programs and, JoJo, the chamber's sponsored Smoky Mountain Service Dog in training! While final figures are being verified post event, the chamber is excited to soon announce the donation raised in support of the beautiful black lab who will one day serve a veteran in need.

Attendees spent the first 75 minutes bidding on 120 silent items; they also managed to purchase all 100 pairs of cubic zirconia earrings from jeweler, Rick Terry, in just 23 minutes! After enjoying appetizers, drinks and dinner, the program began with a heartfelt welcome from Haley Moody on behalf of presenting sponsor, First US Bank. It was then an exciting surprise minutes later for all to learn that Moody had actually purchased the pair of CZ earrings that also came with a pair of REAL diamond earrings! Moody was heard exclaiming that she'd never won anything before ever, a circumstance that the chamber was thrilled to change.

Remarks were also made acknowledging the recent and ongoing devastation of TN and NC communities nearby. Guests were asked to stand if they were involved in any way with a donation or support effort for victims in those communities; applause rose up quickly as attendees realized nearly ¾ of the ballroom were standing.

The chamber wishes to thank ALL who made the 2024 auction possible: Presenting Sponsor: First US Bank / Event Sponsor: Johnny Brusco's / Community Sponsor(s): AFS Foundation & Waterproofing, Centriworks, Cyan Insurance Solutions, IRS-865 Knoxville, Slamdot, Turning Knox Rental / Bling Sponsor: Rick Terry Jewelry / Decor Sponsors: Era Events, The Perfect Chair / Live Auction emcee John Goddard / Auction Committee Chair and Vice-Chair Stacy Madar (Pinnacle Financial Partners) and Ange Quist (AdSolutions Media). All members of the committee, and other chamber volunteers/donors are incredibly appreciated.

The 2025 Auction is scheduled for Thursday, October 2 next year; any businesses who'd like information now about getting involved to help make the event happen or support it are welcome to contact us!



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## New Member Lift-Off Next Tuesday!

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The event happens next Tuesday, 10/22 from 11:30am-1pm and will help attendees discover (or rediscover) all that the chamber has to offer as well as giving them a chance to network and meet new contacts! Please be sure to register yourself and any guests to provide a headcount for selected member caterer, Penne for Your Thoughts,

so they can be sure to have sufficient quantities on site. What are they serving? Some of owner/chef Geoff's favorites like their Caprese Skewers, Smoked Chicken Alfredo, Cajun Vodka Pasta, Turkey Meatballs with Mushroom Marsala Cream Reduction, and more! (Note: Attendees are WELCOME to bring their own brown-bag lunch if dietary needs/tastes are a concern)

Plan to meet members of the chamber's board, Ambassadors, West Young Professionals, and other partners who are all here to help your business be more successful.

Be sure to bring business cards for mingling and door prizes!

## West YPs' "PB&J" = Pints in October!

Join the West Young Professionals at Casual Pint Northshore on Tuesday, October 22 starting at 4:00pm for a hoppy hour that's as classic as a PB&J sandwich, and that ALSO has two ways for you to give back to our community and earn yourself a complimentary "pint" if you're one of the first 30 to bring one of two items to donate:

- BRING a jar of peanut butter or other shelf stable nut butter (plastic only)
- ... OR ...
- BRING a pair of JEANS, in GOOD useable condition (sizes 28" - 36" waist in MEN's are especially needed)

... And get a BEER/beverage on the West YPs! (One drink per individual donor.) Jars of peanut butter or nut butter are a widely loved and useable protein source that recipients of any age can use; these will go to help Second Harvest and the dozens of food pantries they serve—including many pantries currently aiding in Hurricane Helene recovery efforts. Jeans will go to Volunteer Ministry Center to serve their local clients who are currently experiencing homelessness.

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# Networkings

## eSpaces – September 12, 2024



(L-R) Rebecca Jacobs, Sales and Marketing Manager, and Kara Johnson, Location Manager, strike a pose for a team photo during the networking event.



(L-R) Mayreli Garcia of Express Employment Professionals and Jonathan Desai from Memorable Moments take a quick coffee break and flash smiles at the morning networking session.

## Boys & Girls Clubs Loudon County – September 19, 2024



(L-R) Director of Major Gifts Dean Deatherage and Executive Director Sarah Wilkerson share a smile during their morning networking.



(L-R) Calvin Sandidge of Abundancy LLC and Kelly Hanson from Kelly Hanson Wellness Coaching proudly show off their door prizes from the networking.

## Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (S.T.A.R) and Window Hero West Knoxville – September 26, 2024



(L-R) Hailey Viars, Communications Manager at S.T.A.R., Shawn Snyder, Development Director at S.T.A.R., Michael Brace from Gravity Networks, LLC, and Kristen Sanders, Director of Operations at S.T.A.R., gather for a fun team photo at the dual networking event.



(L-R) Charlene Waggoner, Servpro West Knoxville, Ben Brown, Owner of Window Hero, Whitney Kent, WVLT, and Kay Stroud, Southern Safety Supply enjoy coffee and smiles at the event.

# Main Events

## FWKCC Lunch N' Learn Series – Overtime Overhaul: What the Next Salary Threshold Increase Means for Your Team - September 5, 2024



(L-R) Chad Hatmaker from Woolf, McClane, Bright, Allen & Carpenter, PLLC, Becca Boyd of SmartBank, and Tab Burkhalter from The Burkhalter Group engage in a lively discussion at Servpro West Knoxville about the upcoming salary threshold changes under the Fair Labor Standards Act, effective January 1, 2025.

## West Young Professionals: Navigating Difficult Conversations Seminar - September 18, 2024



Up to 20 attendees joined the West Young Professional's for their Navigating Difficult Conversations Seminar where speaker Wil Davenport, owner of More Than Memories, discussed how working through misunderstandings doesn't have to be miserable but can actually be productive and significant conversations.



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# Ribbon Cuttings

## Andy's Frozen Custard – September 4, 2024



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## The Manor at Hickory Creek – September 10, 2024



Co-owner Chris Johnson, along with his wife and co-owner Amanda Johnson, and Property Manager Becca Hughes lead the ribbon-cutting ceremony with a warm celebration.

## The Casual Pint Northshore – September 17, 2024



Co-owner Lindsey Davis takes the honor of cutting the ribbon, joined by colleagues, family, friends, and Chamber Members to celebrate the new ownership of The Casual Pint Northshore.

## Corrective Chiropractic – September 25, 2024



Dr. Trent Hippard, holding the scissors, celebrates with his family, including office dog Eugene, and team as they cut the ribbon on their new venture at Corrective Chiropractic.

## Member Briefs

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As we enter the holiday season with bonfires, turkey frying, etc., **SERVPRO of West Knoxville** wants to increase awareness of fire safety and prevention. Join them for Customer Education Day on Friday, October 18th from 11:30AM – 2:00PM where they will be partnering with Karns Fire Department to do Fire Extinguisher and Turkey Burn Demonstrations. Refreshments will be served, and kids are welcome. Contact Charlene Waggoner, Business Development Specialist, for more information. 865-839-1839

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# Welcome New Members!

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