



From Northshore to Cooperstown — & back

Hall of Famer Helton honored with FB naming, recalls Farragut youth ball days

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Celebrating Todd Helton, a Baseball Hall of Famer and ex-UT Vols star in whose name Farragut Baseball, Inc.'s field complex (11705 Northshore Drive) is now named, Todd Helton Baseball Complex was celebrated Friday afternoon, Oct. 25, in honor of the ex-Colorado Rockies star first baseman (**above, right side in white**). Alongside, from left, are Sara Branson, vice president, FB, Inc.; Steven Branson, president, FB, Inc.; and board members Neil Owens and Joe Nenninger. (**Left side**) From left are FB, Inc. board member Shawn Bennett; Jeff Jansen, vice president of operations, FB, Inc.; and board members Blake Disher and Meghan Turvey. (**Right**) Helton is in position to autograph the back of Doug Barnes' replica Rockies No. 17 Helton jersey. A young Helton honed his skills on these fields while in Farragut schools from kindergarten through seventh grade.

The occasion was unveiling the sign declaring the fields as Todd Helton Baseball Complex in honor of the Rockies' all-leader in several career offensive marks while considered

by most that organization's greatest player of all time. As for bodily functions, Helton explained that after the ceremony, speaking to media between autograph sessions

and chats with old friends. Pointing to Field 1 (the sign is located between Fields 1 and 2), he said, "I was playing



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'New route' told for Town Xmas Parade Dec. 8

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While roughly 1,600 at 4th Annual HarvestFest were entertained by two popular bands while purchasing goodies from 58 vendors, six Costume Contest winners were recognized Sunday, Oct. 27. (**Above**) Best Group was (Old People) Alyssa Morrissey and children, from left, Nile 6, Peter, 4, Claire 2, and Hallie, 18 months (who also won Best Baby); Judges Choice, Kevin Walters (Darth), left; and Best 16 and Over, Fowler Patterson (The Joker); (**Right**) Best Under 16, Hunner Anderson, 12, (invisible Man); and Best Pet, Nellie (cow), 4, owned by Nathan Peterson.

'Fest' of Show

Top 6 HarvestFest costumes



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It's all in the details: MBLP pickleball plans have options touted

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Design plans for the Town's pickleball court complex at Mayor Bob Leonard Park is heading back to the drawing board after Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, in a workshop before its regular meeting Thursday, Oct. 24, voiced their "frustration" at the costs of the options presented.

"I suggest this goes back to the Parks and Rec (Council)," Mayor Ron Williams said. "We're not there yet," he added. "We need to go back and sharpen our pencils." Meanwhile, Vice Mayor Scott Meyer recommended using the option 2 with eight courts, a 25-space parking lot and be under budget by \$100,000.

"It's the same capacity we have currently," he added. Alderman David White recalled the Board sought to get "as many pickleball courts as we could afford, but somehow we got lost." "We tried to put too many pigs in a sack," he added. "We've gone from this option to that option to this option. I agree with Scott (Meyer)," White added. "Option 2 seems to accomplish what we wanted to accomplish in the first place — just give them as many courts as we could within the budget and everybody be satisfied. There's even some parking there ... some of these options don't have parking."

Brass Lantern subdivision resident George Ellis, during the Citizens Forum segment of the Board's regular meeting, asked

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Find Admiral Farragut month

Visit Farragut is partnering with local businesses for a Find Admiral Farragut trail in November. A cutout of Admiral David Glasgow Farragut — Town namesake and the U.S. Navy's first commissioned admiral in the early 1800s — about 6 inches tall and 3 inches wide, will be placed in participating businesses and restaurants. "Visitors and residents can pick up a 'passport' at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne

Bldv., or download and print a passport from the Visit Farragut webpage or the linktree on the Visit Farragut social media pages," a Visit Farragut Press release stated. "Eighteen locations will be listed."

When participants go to each location, they get a passport stamp recognizing Admiral Farragut has been found. If they collect 12 stamps from the 18 locations, they bring their passport to the Farragut Community Center for a prize. If they collect a stamp

for each location (all 18), they bring the passport back to Community Center for an additional prize.

The trail begins Friday, Nov. 1, and runs through Saturday, Nov. 30, "and is designed as a fun way to explore Farragut, to introduce participants to new locations and to learn about places to shop and places to eat for the holiday season," the VF press release further stated. "Some of the locations on the passport include some Farragut favorite" businesses.



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Highlighting the naming of Todd Helton Baseball Complex Friday, Oct. 25, at the Farragut Baseball, Inc. Northshore Fields, Helton (**above**) is behind his wife, Christy Helton (white) and their daughter, Tierney Faith Helton, who are alongside Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs. (**Below**) Also on hand were, from left, Farragut Mayor Ron Williams; Larsen Jay, At-Large Seat 10 Knox County Commissioner; Joseph Mack, Knox County Parks & Recreation senior director; and two Parks & Rec employees.



Helton Complex
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on that field and I had to pee real bad. The first pitch I saw, I hit it out, rounded the bases and then ran right up in the woods." Helton said. "There were no bathroom facilities down here at the time. The park had just opened." As for helping him develop into a Major League Baseball star and immortalization in Cooperstown, "a lot of memories were made here," the Hall of Famer said. "It's where I learned how to play the game of baseball."

"I can vividly remember coming here one Saturday morning, and it had rained the night before. I remember how defeated I felt not being able to play the game that day," he added. "It was like losing a loved one; I loved the game so much."

"A couple of these fields weren't here, but I grew up as a hitter here."

Living close by, "Me and my dad and my mom (Jerry and Martha Helton), we'd come over here and take batting practice all the time," Helton said. "It was the closest park to us."

"So not only did I play my Little League games here, I practiced here all through those years. ... Until I got to college, basically."

Those years included Helton helping Knox Central High win the 1990 Class AAA state title.

This Hall of Famer wasn't just a two-sport athlete as a UT Vol — also a back-up quarterback who, as a starter, led Phil Fulmer's UT team to victory against Georgia in Athens in 1994 before leading the Baseball Vols to the College World Series in 1995 as a key relief pitcher/first baseman.

"My dad would take me crappie fishing out on the lake here (Fort Loudoun), and me wearing my baseball uniform," he said about fitting in both sports back-to-back.

Having his name attached to the FB, Inc. complex is not just window dressing.

"We have big plans for this place," Helton said without giving any details. "I want to make it a lot nicer just for the local kids. It could be a place where a lot of big tournaments are held."

"I'd like the facility to get in the right shape first," he added. "And that's what I plan on helping out with."

KCSO reports

• At 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 26, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit was dispatched to 11220 Outlet Drive in relation to an alleged assault. Alleged victim said he was at Cotton Eyed Joe's when he was being kicked out for allegedly making inappropriate contact with an unknown female.

Alleged victim said he demanded his money be returned to him, saying "the money fell out of his hand and he attempted to kick the bill. When doing so, suspect/bouncer tackled him and pressed his legs into (alleged victim's) neck," the report stated.

Suspect/bouncer said that when "(alleged) victim was handed his money, he aggressively

charged at the owner," the report also stated, before being tackled. Alleged victim was trespassing from the property.

At 3:44 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 22, a victim called Knox County Sheriff's Office East Precinct to report an identity theft, which occurred at a Longstreet Place address.

"According to the victim, between Aug. 15 and Monday, Oct. 21, person(s) unknown used her identity to open credit card accounts with Capital One and American Express," the report stated. "Victim (said) she wasn't aware of this until she started receiving the credit cards in the mail." Victim was advised to visit Identity-Theft.gov and seek Federal Trade Commission.

Pickleball plans

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the Board to go with a simple design for the courts.

"We don't need a Wimbledon pickleball court off of Watt Road," he said.

However, Alderman Drew Burnette wanted to have 12 courts — but find ways to reduce the costs.

"Can we pinch (the fourth option) down to an acre?" he asked.

"I don't know that we can squeeze enough out of this option to get it down to your budget," answered David Craig, principal for landscape architecture with Ross/Fowler, P.C., and project manager on the courts project.

The workshop came about after John Ford, a Farragut pickleball player, asked for an update on the Town's designs for the pickleball courts during his comments at the Oct. 10 Board meeting.

"As you know in the initial discussions with Ross/Fowl-

er, I asked them to design a complex at Mayor Bob Leonard Park where the rectangle grass Field 6 currently exists along Harrison Road," Parks and Recreation director Ron Oestreich said. "I requested the following perimeters: 10 courts with north/south alignment, a parking lot adjacent to the courts, moving the must-go lights from Harrison Road to an area in between rectangle Field 5 and the pickleball complex, so a pretty simple ask."

He said the target budget at that time was \$1.45 million, based on design and current construction projections. However, the Parks and Recreation internal team asked designers to add some amenities requested by pickleball players.

As such, Oestreich presented four design options, ranging from eight courts to 12 with such amenities as shade structures, fencing between courts and seating.

With the additional amenities and courts, "Ross/Fowler

presented some potential challenges" affecting the budget and design. For instance "the new two-court design with the 25-stall parking lot, exceeds 1 acre of land, which requires the Town to include storm water mitigation," Oestreich said.

"As you would guess, this significantly increases the potential cost of the complex due to either digging a retention pond or adding brick pavers to the parking lot," he added.

"Both are very similar in cost. This 12-court design with all of the amenities (Option 3) exceeds our CIP budget by \$522,000."

Oestreich said Option 4 eliminates the parking lot, except for two Americans with Disabilities Act parking spots, but keeps the 12 courts.

"I would just say, very politely, that I'm very frustrated," Alderman Drew Burnette said. "We came out with some designs."

"Now, it's been changed in a big way again," he added.

Parade

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"I've had the privilege to work with this group for the last few years," Alderman Drew Burnette said. "They are absolutely amazing. They only have one big problem, which is they can't stop growing."

"It's a good problem," Goodrich replied.

"It's really an amazing event to have, and to grow so rapidly," Burnette said. "And to you moms who get paid nothing out of spending all this time ... we just want to say thank you ..."

"We love to do it," Goodrich added.

"I think it's just great to bring a community event to make Farragut feel like such a good community and small Town," Thompson said in a separate interview. "We have such a great group of moms who make it happen."

Santa's Village, taking place from 2 to 5 p.m., will be located in Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza behind Campbell Station Inn. It will feature food trucks, free crafts for children, pictures with Santa from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and multiple mini vendors.

Thompson and Goodrich join a whole team of mom volunteers who make the parade happen: Toni Scott, Michelle Morrow, Meg Brown, Sarah

Johnson and Taylor Clement. "It takes everybody," Thompson said. "It takes a village."

Individuals, organizations and businesses can apply to be in the parade or a vendor in the Village at www.farragutchristmasparade.com

However, "to keep up to date is to follow us on Facebook" by going to "Farragut Christmas Parade & Santa's Village," Thompson said.

Cost for a vendor spot is \$50 and \$25 to be in the parade. She noted there are limited vendor and parade participant spots.

They are shooting for 35 parade entries and 25 vendors.

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At Knox Stretch, owner/fascial stretch therapist Rachel Defendorf provides fascial tissue stretching.

“Long story short, you lay on the table and I do all the work,” she said and laughed. “Fascia is like cobwebs all over the body.”

Fascia is the thin casing of connective tissue surrounding and holding every organ, blood vessel, bone, nerve fiber and muscle in place, according to the John Hopkins Medicine website.

“So when you can lay on a table and relax, and I do all the work, your body can respond better than if you were to do it on your own,” she said. “It sounds like you can do it on your own, but your body is fighting against itself when you’re doing it yourself, and with the fascia and getting the traction in there ... you can’t pull on your own leg.”

“I can do that, and your body can relax with you just laying on the table,” Defendorf added.

And, no, the stretching does not hurt.

“It’s very relaxing,” she added. “I’ve had a lot of people fall asleep.”

Defendorf said there are a lot of benefits to fascial stretching.

“Everybody’s different, so it might mean less pain,” she said. “It might mean more sleep. It might mean that you can bend over and tie your shoe.”

And with sports, she said the therapy could help an athlete perform better, faster.

“It kind of depends on what’s going on in your body, what you need,” Defendorf said. “I have a lot of golfers. They hit the ball further. Velocity — speed — can be faster.”

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businessbriefs

Priority Ambulance has announced **Robyn Asher**, training and quality assurance manager for East Tennessee, recently was named a 2024 American Ambulance Association Stars of Life Award recipient.

The Stars of Life Award is a “prestigious honor highlighting EMS professionals who go above and beyond in their service to the community,” a Priority press release stated. “Asher has been an integral part of Priority Ambulance since its inception. As the training and quality assurance manager, she

leads EMT training programs, coordinates in-service and new employee training, manages the controlled medication program and ensures compliance with state regulations through her role in the state audit process.

“In addition, she liaises with the company’s medical director to maintain the highest standards of patient care,” the release added.

Asher began her career as a field EMT and critical care paramedic, reflecting her lifelong dedication to EMS. She continues to contribute to the broader EMS community by serving as an evaluator for Tennessee EMS practical testing.

Also receiving this award was **Amanda McQuistian**, director of Operations for Lifecare Medical Transports, among 13 from across the Priority family of companies to be selected.



Asher

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Super Chix is latest biz in Town Center



Tammy Cheek

Alfredo Huerta, left, general manager for Super Chix Chicken & Custard’s Farragut location, and Seth Stephens, area director, were on hand Thursday, Oct. 24, to celebrate the opening of the new restaurant at 116 Brooklawn St., the latest business to open in Town Center at Biddle Farms.

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Super Chix Chicken & Custard has opened its doors.

Its newest location at 116 Brooklawn St. in Farragut, which opened Monday, Oct. 21, is serving up chicken tenders, sandwiches, salads, its hand-cut fries and creamy frozen custard.

“We’re excited to be part of this community and be part of Farragut,” Super Chix area director Seth Stephens said.

“This concept is to make the freshest chicken and freshest custard,” he added. “The chicken is breaded and fried or grilled to order.”

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Chamber Networking at Topgolf



Julie Blaylock, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce president/CEO, chats with Aaron Gicking, Topgolf director of sales, during a Chamber networking hosted by Topgolf, 1400 Outlet Drive in Farragut, Thursday, Oct. 17.

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Super Chix

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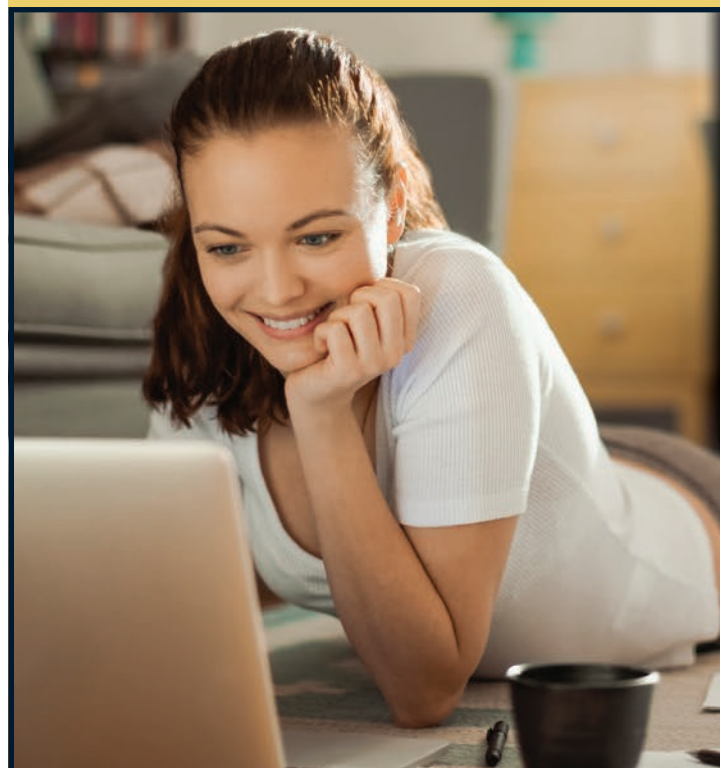
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1st - Makenna Ball; 2nd - Laura Clift; 3rd - Cameron Rice

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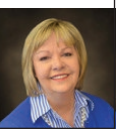
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A Pink-Out, Homecoming, playoff-earning success: Farragut 34 Hardin Valley 21

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Defense set the first-half tone for a Farragut team that turned a Pink-Out, Homecoming Night into a playoff guarantee night in FHS's Eddie Courtney Stadium/on Bill Clabo Field Friday night, Oct. 25.

Senior defensive back Kent Carbaugh's recovery of a fumble, after a failed Hardin Valley Academy fake punt, gave Farragut a short field and a quick touchdown against the Hawks (1-8, 0-4). The Ads "wildcat" quarterback, junior Noah Haag, scored from 5 yards.

Up 10-0 late in the first half, Connor Parris' nice grab of an interception allowed the FHS junior linebacker to ramble 39 yards for a 17-0 Admirals lead that would hold up. Despite a somewhat awakened Hardin Valley offense after halftime, Farragut locked up a Division I-6A playoff berth — while winning its fourth straight game after an 0-5 start — 34-21.

"A tough-minded group, coming from where we started the year to where we are now," Admirals skipper Geoff Courtney said.

After the Hawks used a muffed punt to break the scoreboard early in the third quarter, needing just eight yards but having to get a fourth-down, 1-yard TD run from Kaden Cutcher for the first HVA points. It was 17-7.

But sophomore kick returner/receiver Ethan Farhat brought back the ensuing kickoff 45 yards to mid-field, then hauled in a 48-yard touchdown pass (six catches, 111 yards) from sophomore quarterback Corbin Hobson (21 of 29 passing for 216 yards).

The Hawks would answer again, cutting the margin to 24-14. "I feel like our team showed some resiliency," HVA head coach Tyler Wynn said.

Back came the Admirals, as senior running back Randon Miller raced 38 yards for a touchdown — his third of 2024 despite limited carries. It was 31-14.

In addition to a pair of field goals, junior kicker Ryan McCue remained perfect both in extra points and field goal attempts for the season.

Back came HVA, driving 60 yards and scoring on sophomore quarterback Dylan Umansky's 1-yard sneak midway into the fourth quarter.

The Hawks' last-ditch effort to rally was crushed by an Landon Collins' interception inside the HVA 25 in the game's final three minutes. McCue's 36-yard field goal with less than one minute to play closed the scoring. He also nailed a 22-yarder in the first half.

After hosting state power and 2-6A region foe Maryville Thursday, Oct. 31, the Admirals — likely the No. 4 playoff seed from 2-6A — will travel to the winner of Friday's Kingport Dobyns-Bennett (7-2) at Johnson City Science Hill (8-1) 1-6A region title game.



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Connor Parris, Farragut junior linebacker, grabs a late first-half interception and returns it 39 yards for an Admirals touchdown against HVA Friday Night, Oct. 25.

Strong Farragut, area XC state efforts at middle, elementary levels

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KNOXVILLE — Local schools were well represented at Victory Ashe Park in Knoxville, the site for 2024 Tennessee Middle School and Elementary School Cross Country State Championship meets Saturday, Oct. 26.

In eight categories, Farragut-area middle school and elementary school teams produced one individual champion while 13 of these teams finished in the top 10, led by second-place finishes by Farragut Intermediate School in Elementary Junior Varsity Girls, Farragut Middle in JV Middle School Boys, Northshore Elementary varsity girls and NES's junior varsity Third-place finishes, statewide, came from Hardin Valley Middle School JV Girls, Rocky Hill Elementary in JV Boys and Northshore Elementary JV Girls.

Area individual state champ was fifth-grader Serephina Kapaya of St. John Neumann Catholic School (5:44.45), helping SJNCS Elementary varsity girls to a ninth-place team finish in the 1-mile run. FIS finished eighth as a team at this level.

Elementary Varsity

Other top 10 finishers in Elementary Varsity Girls were Evelyn Misra, NES fifth-grader who finished sixth (5:59.26) and Hardin Valley Elementary School's Brooklyn Harder, a fifth-grader placing ninth (6:02.22).

In Elementary Varsity Boys (1-mile run) team finishes, NES placed seventh and Rocky Hill ninth. FIS took eighth among Elementary Varsity Girls.

Individually, fourth-grader Bear Areheart of Concord Christian School placed third (5:28.35), while fifth-grade Myers Stagle of Blue Grass Elementary finished ninth (5:31.96).

Elementary JVs

Individually in Elementary JV Girls, Piper Porter, an FIS fourth-grader, earned second-place (6:47.30), while Annakate Gary, also an FIS fourth-grader, finished fifth (6:54.72). Sixth-place went to NES third-grader Grace Dickenson (6:57.28), followed by FIS third-grader Aubrey Martin placing seventh (7:00.17), NES third-grade Avery Allen grabbing eighth-place (7:05.33) and NES fifth-grader Keeton Lipsey finishing 15th.

Individually in Elementary JV Boys (1-Mile), NES fourth-grader Ethan Bisch was tops locally with a sixth-place showing (6:39.55), with Rocky Hill fifth-grader Clayton Davis right behind in seventh (6:46.60) followed by NES fourth-grade Cooper Without earning ninth (6:48.24) and third-grade teammate John Somerville placing 10th (6:49.03). Franklin Smith, Rocky Hill third-grader, finished 12th.

Other top varsity teams locally

Top finishes at the Varsity Middle School level (2-Mile), team-wise, found HVMS girls taking sixth and FMS girls eighth, while the Farragut Middle boys placed ninth.

Among Middle School JV Girls teams, FMS placed fifth.



FIS girls, boys enjoy state success



Photos submitted

(Top) Farragut Intermediate School girls cross country team members are joined by coaches. (Above) FIS boys cross country team is shown after competing in the state competition at Knoxville's Victor Ashe Park Saturday, Oct. 26.

High school regional XC meet Oct. 30 at Victor Ashe Park; Catholic, Webb runners aplenty at KIL top

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The two-time defending state champion Farragut Admirals boys cross country team looks to tune up for the state meet next week, hoping to have multiple qualifiers — as do the FHS Lady Admirals and boys and girls teams from Hardin Valley Academy and Bearden — during Section I-AAA meet at Victor Ashe Park starting at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 30.

Nine of the top 10 boys varsity finishers at the re-

cent KIL meet on Cherokee Boulevard Saturday, Oct. 19, were Farragut area runners — as expected led by Knoxville Catholic senior Keegan Smith, completing the 3-mile course in first place at 14:52.11.

Gabe Allen, HVA senior, took second place (15:08.05), followed by Farragut senior Evan Beeler (15:22.85) and KCHS Irish junior Radek Molchan (15:24.90).

Rounding out the top five was Josh Hunt, HVA Hawks senior (15:32.96). Admiral senior Tanner Coggin placed sixth (15:36.62) followed by three Catholic runners rounding out the top 10: sophomore Cade

Duncanson (15:41.81), senior Tony Ortega (15:48.77) and freshman Reid Bannister (15:56.75).

The varsity girls also placed nine of the top 10 locals, led by champ Jazzlyn Garmer, a junior, from Webb School (17:30.38). Following were Webb junior Carolina Areheart (17:53.98), HVA sophomore Alexandra Vesser (18:29.08), Webb junior Calysta Garmer (18:47.63), KCHS freshman Livi Ray (19:10.84), Lady Irish freshman Caitlin Daniels (19:19.68), Webb sophomore Ariana Vargas (19:32.17), HVA sophomore Ana Berkheimer ninth (19:45.36) and KCHS freshman Drew Gerken (19:52.81).

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Freaky Friday Fright Nite

Thousands of children, parents and grandparents lined up to form the route along Mayor Bob Leonard Park, where Town of Farragut hosted its annual Freaky Friday Fright Nite Oct. 25.

Children, donned in their favorite character costumes — from Mario to Superman and princesses — stopped at booths to get candy, play games or walk through the maze during the event.

Meanwhile, some adults got into the fun dressed as Wizard of Oz characters, Mario Brothers, vampires or witches — and even the Michelin Man.

Photos by Tammy Cheek



(Above) NHC Farragut representatives, from left, Sara Bell, Julita Farkas, Meghan Seurgenor (with dog, Trip) and Jennifer Morello

(Below) Amelia Rogers, 6



(Above) Julia Fulton with son, Ramsey Ranieri, 21 months



(Above) From left, Chesney Hill with daughter, Nyssa Hill, 2; and Vera Cho, 4, with mom, Lindsey Cho

(Left) Bill and Jenni Craddick



(Below) Mickey Mouse with Lawson parents, Sam and Whitney, and kids, from left, twins Archie and Ava, 2, and Lela, 6



(Above) farragutpress representatives, from left, Tony and Theresa Christen, Kathy Hartman and Laura Sayers



(Above) Tatums Barows, 5, left, and sister, Teagan Barows, 2

(Right) Naveena Simmons, 5, left, and sister, Raina Simmons, 3



(Above) Mario brothers Ryan Rhodus (Luigi), left, and Ron Oestreich (Mario)



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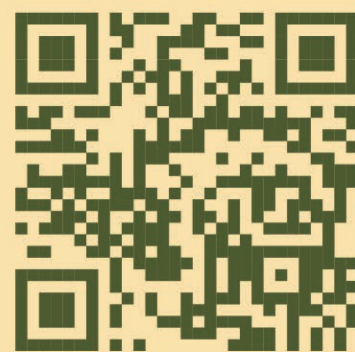
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A big 'Z' in 'Grammy's Kooky Spooky'

Time to bond, scare, impress with Zacharys' 9th Halloween display, dinner

ALAN SLOAN
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With her creative juices ever-flowing, Pam Zachary wanted to begin an annual family event that was fun — with a few special touches.

The result was “Grammy’s Kooky Spooky Dinner” to celebrate the fun that comes with Halloween.

Ninth Annual Grammy’s Kooky Spooky Dinner 2024 has been much more than a dinner, being the highlight of a roughly 10-day celebration leading up to Oct. 31, which is centered — every year — at the home of Pam and her husband, Richard Zachary, in Park Place subdivision behind Farragut Town Hall.

As for the inspiration to start this in 2016, “It’s a fun time of year. It’s kooky, it’s spooky and the grandkids were little. So I thought, ‘you know what? We’re going to start a tradition,’” Pam recalled.

“Traditions are a big deal to me,” she added. “And I wanted a tradition for them when my husband and I are gone, when they have their own families and memories.

“It’s so important for us to make memories with our family, and that’s what this is all about. ... And Halloween, It’s a big deal for the kids.”

Pam’s and Richard’s three children are sons, Jason and Justin, plus daughter, Jordan. They have six grandchildren.

The dinner, which comes the Saturday before Hallow-



Photos by Alan Sloan

(Above) Pam Zachary sits in back among her “Graveyard” creation alongside the family pergola area in her Park Place subdivision home in Farragut as the family celebrates Halloween, highlighted by 9th Annual Grammy’s Kooky Spooky Dinner. (Right) Richard Zachary, Pam’s husband, stands on the edge of the Kooky Spooky courtyard in front of the sign that greets invited guests.

een each year, is family only, “about 17 of us.”

However, even with family, “There are requirements to come to my Kooky Spooky Dinner,” Grammy said. “You have to dress kooky or spooky and you have to bring a spooky or kooky dish or appetizer.

“There’s another requirement for coming: you cannot share with any family member what you’re going to be dressed as,” Pam added.

Not even your husband or wife.

Always new touches
 And every year “it’s gotten

bigger and bigger and bigger,” Pam said. “And every year I think, ‘what can I do next year to out-do what I did this year?’

And so, she came up with “The Graveyard” next to the couple’s pergola, for 2024. “The first time I’ve ever done this.” And it lights up at night.

In fact, “it has gotten crazy, some of the stuff that we come up with,” Pam added. “They have gotten very creative.”

For example, “One of my first cookie dishes was an appetizer where you get a baby diaper and you put guacamole in the middle of the baby dia-

per,” she said. “An actual baby diaper because they’re sanitary.”

Having lived at their Park Place home for 17 years, Pam starts her annual Kooky Spooky planning roughly a week-and-a-half before Halloween.

The one Grammy’s Kooky Spooky Dinner celebration that wasn’t at Pam and Richard’s Park Place home came in 2022.

“We have a farm over off Everett Road and we had a hay-

See KOOKY SPOOKY on Page 5B



Helene help headliners include Farragut Lions filling ‘six trucks’



Photo courtesy of Farragut Lions Club

Farragut Lions Club — in collaboration with Pinnacle at Turkey Creek, City Wide Solutions and House Hassan Hardware Store — recently organized a successful donation drive to support communities in the Tri-Cities region affected by Hurricane Helene. “For two weeks a drop zone was set up at Regal (Pinnacle Stadium 18 IMax & RPX, 11240 Parkside Drive), where residents generously donated essential items for those in need,” a FLC press release stated. “The effort resulted in six trucks filled with supplies ... providing much-needed relief to families as they begin the recovery process. In addition to this support, “the Farragut Lions Club is proud to partner with PetSafe, a local pet-care leader, to distribute cat litter to shelters and affected regions. We are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming support from our community and our partners,” said Ashley Lynch, FLC member (third from right beside FLC president Tyler Hunsaker, both in Lions vests among a host of FLC contributors also including Tom Nitz, second from left). “... The success of this drive would not have been possible without the dedication of Pinnacle at Turkey Creek, City Wide Solutions, House Hassan Hardware Store and the many residents who donated. It is heartwarming to see our community come together in times of need.” To get involved in future initiatives, follow Farragut Lions on social media.

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• **West Knox Senior Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., is gearing up for the holidays with a Craft Fair and Angel Tree.**

The Craft Fair will take place from noon to 3:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15, at the center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

“Several of our seniors that come here do a lot of crafting,” Senior Center coordinator Darrell Gooding said. “So,

this is an opportunity for them to meet with the public, and the public to see what they do and even purchase their items if they want.”

The event is free to attend and open to the public.

“Also, Friday, Nov. 1, we’re kicking off the Senior Angel Tree,” Gooding said.

Offered by the Office on Aging, the

items collected go to seniors who are served through the Office on Aging, he said.

“We always have a drop-off box here at the Senior Center, and I’ve heard the Office on Aging say so many times that the people of this center go above and beyond what’s required,” Gooding said.

“We’ll have a list of items that we can make available to individuals, and they

can go out and purchase items on that list, bring them in and drop them off,” he added.

Those giving are asked not to wrap items.

“(Recipients of the items) must meet certain income guidelines, so these are individuals who are in need,” Gooding said.

obituary

Fritz L Boothe Jr. was born in Crawfordville, Georgia on Oct. 28, 1931, and died on Oct. 4, 2024, in Farragut, Tennessee. Fritz was a wonderful loving husband of 74 years to Emily O Boothe.

He is survived by his wife and their three children: son, Fritz L Boothe, III (Annette); daughter, Nancy Campbell (Jay); and daughter, Denise Boothe Simmons (Dave). He has six grandchildren: Elyse Clark (Danny); Wade Boothe (Nicole); Brandi Gordon (Greg); Billy Boothe; Rachel Evans (Mike); and Jimmy Davis Simmons III. He has six great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. His sister is Louise Wright of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Fritz was a graduate from WS Neal High School in Brewton, Alabama, and was employed by AT&T/ Bell South, retiring after 37 years of service. Fritz and Emily lived for 15 years in South Florida, 48 years in Decatur and Greensboro, Georgia, and the last four-and-a-half years in Farragut.

Fritz loved the water, including fishing, and most of all golf. He served as a church deacon and worked with the Missions Team to Africa for Lakeside Church in Greensboro.

Fritz has left many friends behind, and his legacy will continue with those members still here.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Elizabeth Boothe of Crawfordville; father, Fritz L Boothe Sr., and Lula Boothe; and his sister, Joyce (Jr.) Gillis, all of Brewton.

The family received friends starting at 12:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 26, 2024, at Virtue Church (725 Virtue Road in Farragut, 37934). A service immediately followed at 1 p.m. Click Funeral Home is honored to serve the Boothe family and invites you to view and sign the online registry at www.clickfh.com



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Kooky Spooky

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ride that year,” Pam said about the roughly 8-acre property.

Richard in praise

“Pam is definitely the creative one behind the Kooky Spooky,” Richard said. “That’s her gift.”

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Still a great run for Lady Dawgs; FHS vball 4th at state

Controversial pk ruling against BHS helps Houston win state

KEN LAY
Correspondent

CHATTANOOGA — Streaks are made to be broken and all good things come to an end.

Bearden High School's girls soccer team made a sixth consecutive trip to the TSSAA Class AAA State Soccer Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs were in search of an unprecedented fourth straight state title with Germantown Houston standing in the way.

Bearden, however, fell in heartbreaking fashion in a penalty kicks shootout Saturday, Oct. 26, at Boyd Buchanan's David L. Boyd Field.

Hallie Bibee tied the match 1-1 in the 25th minute after charging Houston goalkeeper Laila McNamee couldn't control the ball, giving Bibee an open 15 yard shot. Jayla Blue assisted.

The match remained tied 1-1 after 80 minutes of regulation play and 20 minutes of overtime. The Lady Mustangs prevailed in the shootout 4-2 — but the victory didn't come without controversy.

Bearden senior goalkeeper Drew Tolley appeared to stop a shot by Houston's Hallie McBride in the third round of PK's. Tolley, however, was called for a foul on the shot and McBride buried the subsequent retake.

The assistant referee called Tolley for stepping in front of the goal-line to block McBride's shot. Lady Bulldogs head coach Ryan Radcliffe, who has coached soccer at BHS for more than a decade, said he's never seen the call made in a shootout.

"I'll have to watch it," Radcliffe said about viewing a replay. "I think Drew is pretty smart and knows as a goalie kind of what she has, and from my understanding of the rule you just have to have one foot on the line. And it looked like to me she took a step forward and made the save. But (the official) said that both feet were on the line."



Alan Sloan

Hallie Bibee is congratulated by Bearden's Cali Motley (16) and Jayla Blue after scoring Bearden's regulation goal in the 25th minute of the Division I-AAA state title match versus Houston in Chattanooga Saturday, Oct. 26. The Lady Mustangs won state on penalty kicks 4-2.

McBride's second shot gave Houston (22-0-0) the deciding margin as McNamee, who scored in the shootout, blocked two of BHS's attempts.

During the regular season, Houston shut out the Lady Bulldogs (20-2-1), 3-0, handing Bearden its first loss since 2020.

"It was going to be a battle. It was going to be a war," said Houston head coach David Wolff, who won his 15th state title with the Mustangs and Lady Mustangs yet lost in state title matches to BHS in 2021 and 2022. "I told Ryan, this is the best non-region rivalry in the state."

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

MURFREESBORO — When Farragut High School's volleyball team headed to the Division I-AAA State Tournament in Murfreesboro last week, it was brimming with confidence. The Lady Admirals had won the District 4-AAA and Regional 2-AAA tournaments, and had cruised in the Sectional round.

An opening-round loss to Houston (a sweep) Tuesday, Oct. 22, was followed by a three-set sweeps of Blackman Wednesday, Oct. 23, and Collierville Thursday morning, Oct. 24.

To stay alive in the double-elimination tournament, FHS would have to beat perennial power Brentwood Thursday afternoon.

After winning the first set 25-17, FHS dropped the next three to end the season at 31-7. The Lady Ads finished fourth at state.

"We got punched in the mouth (after the first set)," Alves said of the season-ending loss to the Lady Bruins. "They had the best middle hitter I've seen in a long time. Their right-side hitter could jump out of the gym. They would not let their team lose."

The final three set scores were 25-22, 25-11 and 25-21. "They were just better," Alves said.

Against Houston, Alves thought the moment was a bit too big for his girls. "Not to take anything away from Houston," he said, "but the stage was a little frightening for the girls. We couldn't serve and pass." The Lady Mustangs won 25-23, 25-19 and 25-14.

FHS rebounded nicely the next day against Blackman, winning 25-15, 25-22 and 25-23 in the loser's bracket.

"Extremely proud the way they bounced back," Alves said.

Collierville was another straight-set win: 25-21, 25-21 and 25-20. "Our players were locked in," the coach said of this match.

For Alves, "I have to say as a player and coach, this was one of my favorite seasons, club or high-school," the Brazilian-born second-year coach said. "They're such a unique group, all combined, and they chose to buy in."

"We faced a lot of adversity but through it all we worked together to win together," Paisy White, senior middle hitter, said.

"Playing for this coach and with these girls has been such an honor and a blessing, to have made it so far in the season with them," Loryn Neely, senior utility player, said.

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FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF/DEVELOPER AGENDA November 5, 2024

Farragut Community Center – Large Classroom

9:00 a.m. Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for the property at 12823 Kingston Pike (formerly Summit View Nursing Home) from General Commercial (C-1) to Community Service (S-1), 5 Acres (Benefield Richters, Applicant)

9:30 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for two additions to the Weigel's building at 12001 Kingston Pike, 1.5 Acres, Zoned General Commercial (C-1) (Weigel's, Applicant)

10:00 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on a preliminary plat for the Serenade at Farragut, 421 N. Watt Road, 30 units, 9.2 Acres, Zoned Neighborhood/Convenience Commercial (NCC) (Robert Campbell & Associates, Applicant)

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I. Ordinance 24-18, an Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee amending the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Capital Investment Program and ARPA Fund budgets, passed by Ordinance 24-07

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1st Scoreboard victory for Dawgs, FHS 3rd

They cut it close on the road in Hamblen County, but Bearden's 20-17 two-over-time win against Morristown West Friday night, Oct. 25, marks a first in the 17th season of farragutpress' PureMagic How the West Was Won Contest for best regular season record.

The Dawgs, improving to 6-3 on the season after squeezing by the Trojans (3-5), earn their first PM-HWWW honor, and will receive the Bronze Stetson Hat Traveling Trophy and a \$500 check from farragutpress (probably during the program's banquet).

Coupled with Webb School of Knoxville's 49-7 home loss to Division II-AA state power Boyd-Buchanan (9-0, 6-0), Bearden takes a 1.5-game lead versus the Spartans (4-4) after Week 10 of the season (just one week left, and Webb plays only nine regular-season games).

Don Mahoney's Big Green, however, looks to secure a playoff spot (3-3 in Division II-AA East Region) when hosting struggling region foe Lakeway Christian Academy (1-8, 0-6) Friday, Nov. 1. Opening kickoff is 7 p.m.

Elsewhere, Farragut used its defense to build a three-score lead at halftime on Homecoming Night versus rival Hardin Valley Academy (1-8, 0-4) Friday, then held off an awakened Hawks offense in the second half.

Make it four straight wins for rookie head coach Geoff Courtney and his Admirals, 34-21, in the stadium named for his father, Eddie Courtney Stadium (Bill Clabo Field).

Improving to 4-5 overall, 2-2 in Region 2-6A, Farragut secures a Division I-6A playoff berth as the likely No. 4 seed, and will almost certainly travel to either Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett (where the Ads rallied from a 14-0 deficit only to lose 20-17 in Week 1) or to Johnson City Science Hill (8-1, 4-0) Friday night, Nov. 8, in playoff round one, as those two powerful Region 1-6A teams (KDB 7-2, 4-0) square off at SHHS this Friday to determine the 1-6A champion.

The slide for Knoxville Catholic continues as the Irish play in the rugged Division II-AAA East Region. The Green and Gold traveled to state power McCallie (7-2, 3-1) and fell to the Blue Tornado 38-7.

The lone Irish touchdown came early in the third quarter on a 74-yard touch-

down pass from senior quarterback Jayden Neal to junior wide receiver Tyreek Hill.

Though out of playoff contention, Christian Academy of Knoxville (3-6, 2-4) hits the road and came away with a tight Division II-AA East Region win at Notre Dame, 21-14, last Friday.

Defensively, senior linebacker Maddox Mozingo had 18 total tackles (four solo and 12 assisted with one sack and one tackle-for-loss). Owen Fulford added 13 total stops while Ward Sterchi contributed 10.

Offensively, freshman quarterback Seaton Moffett completed 17 of 26 passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns. Moffett also ran the ball 11 times for 82 yards and one TD. Sterchi, with six catches for 56 yards, had a scoring reception, as did Will Kelley (three catches for 38 yards).

Week 11

The final week of the TSSAA football regular season also finds (in addition to Webb listed above) Bearden, 3-1 in region while assured of a first-round playoff home game, hosting 2-6A foe Bradley Central (3-6, 1-3). Opening kickoff for all Friday games is 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Farragut finishes the regular season with a gigantic task on Halloween Night, Thursday, Oct. 31: the Admirals host Class 6A power and region foe Maryville (8-1, 4-0), as the Red Rebels likely will be in a bad mood for two reasons: losing last week at home to rival (and Division 1-3A mega-power) Alcoa 24-17, for one.

Moreover, the visitors will be reminded of Farragut's 10-7 last-second victory at MHS to end the 2023 Admirals season on a super-high note.

Opening kickoff is right around 7 p.m.

As with Bearden and Farragut, Hardin Valley also will host Senior Night festivities, as the Hawks welcome Cleveland (6-3, 2-2) to HVA.

Knoxville Catholic also finishes at home, but will welcome yet another East Region powerhouse: Defending state champ and unbeaten Baylor (9-0, 4-0) visits Blaine Stadium. Opening kickoff is 7:30 p.m., Friday.

Once again heading south to Chattanooga, CAK will close its 2024 season with a trip to Silverdale Baptist Academy (7-2, 5-1).



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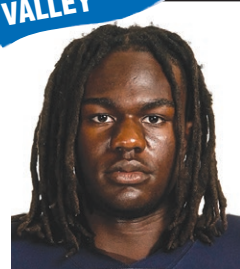
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