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LIGHT the PARK

With Town of Farragut Public Works Department assembling more than 100,000 holiday lights along N. Campbell Station Road, Light the Park was celebrated in Founders Park at Campbell Station with lots of Christmas carol music, fellowship and, of course, the official turning on of the lights - surrounded by hundreds of families - by Santa and Mayor Ron Williams Monday night, Nov. 22. (Above) FHS Singers, in no order, were Mae Woods, Garrett McCloskey, Ella Morton, Ada Charlotte Dalton, Debbie Hill, Christian Graves, Margaret Walker, Tia Switzer, Ava Coleman, Luke Tresner, Jake Radtke, Lindsey Hawkey and Abigail Vaughn. (Right) Sisters Foley Lazzara, 6, and Adeline, 2. (See related photos on page 2A)

Photos by Tammy Cheek



2nd in state Town of Farragut 'livability' rank vs. TN municipalities

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An online news website has determined what more than 22,000 Town residents already know — Farragut is one of the best places to live in Tennessee.

Stacker, which uses data analysis to create online editorial content, created a list of the Top 10 places to live in Tennessee and ranked Farragut second among all cities and towns in the state, based on information provided by the website Niche, which provides comprehensive data assessments of overall area livability.

With 25 miles of walking trails, a park in all four geographical sections, a collection of highly-ranked schools and no Town property tax, Farragut ranked only behind the Nashville suburb of Brentwood.

"It's the people that make Farragut a great place to live," Town Mayor Ron Williams said. We've got the best staff we've ever had.

"When you surround yourself with good people, good staff, good volunteers, good things happen."

"We have an amazing community," Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said Monday, Nov. 22. "Tonight (Countdown to Light the Park) is just one example of what we can do when we all come together.



'We have great parks, wonderful people and tremendous volunteers,"

Niche offers Best Places to Live rankings nationwide, taking into account several key factors of a location, including the quality of local schools, crime rates, housing trends, employment statistics and access to amenities in an attempt to measure the overall quality of an area.

According to the data, Farragut has 22,631 residents with a median household income of \$108,511; 89 percent of residents own their own homes with a median home value of \$370,400; median rent is \$1,120 per month; renters make up 11 percent of the population.

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Povlin

Citizen input on Boring **Road corridor draws 74**

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Farragut hosted two community workshops last week, both seeking public input for the future of the Town.

The first, held from 4 to 8 p.m., Monday, Nov. 15, sought input on the Boring Road corridor — the southern portion of Smith Road from Boring Road to Kingston Pike and to the west along each side of Kingston Pike to Virtue Road — as Town leaders are looking to update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the Future Land Use Map pertaining to that area.

Held in the Community Room at Town Hall, the workshop had 74 participants who signed in and were able to examine maps and literature available at walk-up stations and also engage with Community Development director Mark Shipley. Those who attended also were able to make and leave comments, which were to be compiled prior to any additionally meetings going forward.

"I was really impressed with all of the prep the Town had

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Michelle Hollenhead

Town Codes/Zoning enforcement officer Holley Marlowe, left, talks to Fox Den resident George Dilworth during the Monday, Nov. 15, public workshop in Town Hall.

Phase 4 of McFee Park set

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Thanks to an initial payout of American Rescue Plan Act funds, Town officials are moving forward on Phase 4 of Mc-Fee Park, which will provide 160 additional parking spaces.

Of the \$3.5 million funds already disbursed to Farragut, \$1.5 million is earmarked to construct the additional park-

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business

"We love the community and we love that area. ... We just want to carry on that tradition ... come in and help in that way for the community,"

Jeremy Deitch, co-owner of a Christian place of learning while beginning a partnership to carry on God's work. (Read story starting on page 3A)

community

"The music was done by Dolly Parton. ... We are also working with our construction classes ... so everything that is on the stage is student built,"

Dr. Tony Wooley, a high school teacher whose students have something special planned for parents and the public. (Read story beginning on page 6B)

sports

"The umpire came to me tonight, in the fourth quarter, and said, 'Your (player) hit one of their players the hardest I've seen in 10 years. ..."

Eddie Courtney, a coach referencing a player who exemplified toughness and heart, like his team, in a big game. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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Families, especially children, were center-stage among hundreds who enjoyed Light the Park in Founders Park at Campbell Station Monday night, Nov. 22. (Above) Against the backdrop of the park's 65-foot Christmas tree were Stephanie Howard holding son, Jax, 5, with son, Hudson, 8, directly behind. Jim and Jennifer Livingston joined the Howards, along with their son, Mason, 8, left. (Right) Addison Carrera, 3, enjoyed an ornament light display. (Below) In front of a new lighted tunnel were Cynthia Maroulas, left, her children, Yanni, 8, and Kosta, 5, and family friend, Shelly Pohl. (See more Light the Park photos through the Dec. 23 issue)



Above photo Tammy Cheek Top, bottom photos by Alan Sloan



Shop Farragut

KCSOreports

• At 10:14 a.m., Friday, Nov. 19, Knox County Sheriff's Office units were dispatched to a Campbell Lakes Drive hotel in reference to found property. Officers arrived and met with front desk staff, including complainant. She advised they had a guest causing a problem the previous day. When they told him they were calling KCSO, he left quickly and left a backpack in the parking lot. It contained three laptops cleared with LEIDS and other miscellaneous small electronics. Backpack was logged into property and placed in the KCJ lockers.

• At 2:57 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 16, a complainant called KCSO to file a report on a forgery to five of his business checks, which occurred at a Parkside Drive business. He said the bank contacted him Nov. 16 advising they have the suspect and suspect's vehicle on video surveillance depositing business checks, \$2,357.55 worth, into the suspect's own personal account. They would only give the suspect's name to a detective or officer. He advised the checks were made out to his business, but the suspect endorsed them to him/her.

Second in state

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Top public schools and their Niche rankings are: Farragut High School (A+) and Farragut Middle School (A).

Top private schools listed were Knoxville Christian School (A-), Concord Christian School/ Preschool & KidzConnect (B) and St. John Neumann Catholic School also grading high.

Other cities and towns rounding out the Top 10, in order, were Franklin, Nolensville, Thompson's Germantown, Station, Lookout Mountain. Signal Mountain, Collierville and Oak Hill.

townholidaycalendar

Letters to Santa

The fun tradition of Letters to Santa continues this year, and children may drop their letters off in Founder's Park at Campbell Station, which began Monday, Nov. 22.

The last day to send them is Monday, Dec. 20. Letter writers are urged to include a return address so Santa can write back.

Celebrate the Season

Cancelled last year due to COVID-19, Celebrate the Season is described by Town staff as "a great way to get in the holiday spirit," and takes place from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2, in Farragut Community Center.

by-20-inch canvas for each participant.

Register for classes at townoffarragut.org/ register, in person at Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) or by calling 865-218-3376.

• At 10:36 a.m., Monday, Nov. 15, A com-

plainant called KCSO to file a report re-

garding a theft at a Kingston Pike address.

Complainant said between the previous night

and 2 a.m., Nov. 15, person(s) unknown stole a \$9,000 vehicular hauler from their lot. Com-

plainant advised there were no cameras in the

lards, 7600 Kingston Pike in West Town Mall.

witnessed eventual arrestee "walking in the

handbag section while removing the stuffing

out of several handbags, then bent down out of view, then stood up and walked away with a

handbag on her arm," the report stated. "After

further investigation, and by viewing security

camera, it was found the eventual arrestee had

stuffed a brown wallet under the packaging of

the handbag prior to walking away from the

handbag section in attempt to deprive the business of \$172.25 worth of merchandise." She was

issued a misdemeanor citation, a lifetime ban

from Dillards and a 1-year ban from the mall.

• At 2:24 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 13, a KCSO officer serving as a security officer at Dil-

area where it was parked.

'Twas the Night with No Parents

'Twas the Night with No Parents, a new event offered at Farragut Community Center from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 17, will provide pizza, games, crafts and a movie for kindergarten through fifth-grade students.

Cost is \$10 per child. Pre-registration is required at townoffarragut.org/register.

tion of the end of the old year and commencement of a new one. Festivities will take place from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 31, in

ily, and offers "snacks, crafts, refreshments, games and a noon New Year's countdown at a perfect time for everyone to celebrate," accord-

istered to ensure all materials can be prepared. Cost is \$2 per child ages 16 and younger and free

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FWKCC offers two options for open house

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce again is opening its doors for the holidays with two opportunities on Tuesday, Dec. 7, to network at the Chamber office and benefit Childhelp Knoxville.

They can enjoy a breakfast option from 8 to 10:30 a.m., an after-hours option from 4 to 6:30 p.m. — or they can attend both.

"We're really excited to be able to have it again," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. "It is still going to be a little bit different (than the past), with respect to both the positive feedback we got from last year's version of the event and also an attempt to keep gatherings a little bit smaller, just out of respect for the fact that we know it's flu season again and we still want to make sure everybody's safe and healthy.

"That's why we're splitting it into two events, so instead of doing a single evening event, we're getting a smaller tent," she added. "We'll have a morning open house and also an evening one to give people maximum opportunities to come, visit with us, the staff, to visit with each other; and more importantly, to be a part of our 2021 holiday project, which is to help Childhelp Knoxville. "We've got two parallel holiday give-back projects that we're working on this year for Childhelp. One is the adoption of actual families or sibling groups – children they are servicing."

children they are servicing." As for other ways to help, "They can bring a single (toy) or multiple new, unwrapped toys or items for Childhelp's Gift Closet," Blaylock said.

Blaylock explained Childhelp serves children in the community who are victims of severe abuse or neglect. Last year, more than 1,100 come through its doors.

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Photo submitted

The Budweiser Clydesdales will visit Turkey Creek from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in JCPenney parking lot.

Clydesdales coming to Turkey Creek Dec. 1

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The majestic Budweiser Clydesdales are coming to Turkey Creek.

They will be the main attraction from 3 to 7

p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the JCPenney parking lot along Parkside drive in an event tri-sponsored by JCPenney, Turkey Creek and WIVK. Those attending can have pictures taken with

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Big Fish Academy partners with FPC on preschool

With the upcoming retire-

businessbriefs

• Austin-East Magnet School administrator Melody Hawkins, formerly a Vine Middle School eighth-grade science teacher, recently was named the National University Teacher

Award West Regional winner. She received \$10,000 а award and a full scholarship toward a master's degree in social emotional learning at National

University.



Hawkins

• Three faculty members at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, are Fulbright Scholars for the 2021–22 academic year.

Kelli Wood, assistant professor of art history in the School of Art, will travel to Goa, India, to explore ways in which Europe and Asia were connecting during the Renaissance by following the artisan crafts moving along established trade routes.

David Fox, associate professor of architecture, will embark

Magneton his Fulbright experience atr Melodythe Cracow University of Tech-Vine Mid-nology in spring 2022.

Melissa Cardon, Haslam Professor of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in the Haslam College of Business, earned the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Melbourne, Australia.

She will study experiences of entrepreneurs in Australia in relation to loneliness and social isolation.

• UT Medical Center recently was recognized nationally for receiving an "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade for fall 2021, which recognizes its achievements in protecting patients from harm and error in the hospital.

The Leapfrog Group, an independent national watchdog organization, assigns an "A," "B," "C," "D" or "F" grade to general hospitals across the country based on more than 30 national performance measures reflecting errors, injuries, accidents and infections, as well as systems hospitals have in place to prevent harm.



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Big Fish Academy recently partnered with Farragut Presbyterian Church, 209 Jamestowne Blvd., to operate the church's preschool program starting in fall 2022.

"We are so excited to announce a wonderful partnership with Farragut Presbyterian Church and Big Fish Academy (preschool)," said Jeremy Deitch, co-owner of Big Fish Academy, Big Fish Summer Camp and Big Fish Afterschool with his wife, Molly Deitch.

"We love the community and we love that area," he added. "It's a big need in the area."

Deitch explained FPC currently has a preschool program, which BFA will be taking over in the fall.

"We actually used to partner with them and run summer camps there, probably about five or six years ago," he said. "We did that for about two or three years, so we kind of had a relationship with the staff, the pastor and the group there. ment of their current director, Beth Hallman, in May, "it kind of worked out for Big Fish Academy to come in, take over and partner there with the church," Jeremy Deitch said. "It's been about a year we've been working on the details.

"The Farragut Presbyterian program that is there now has a wonderful tradition in the community, loving on kids and families, and we just want to carry on that tradition with what we're doing," he added. Like FPC, "we are a faith-based program.

"We will have chapel every week. They'll be learning Bible verses."

The preschool will take children from infants to pre-kindergarten, up to age 5.

Big Fish Academy has another preschool location in Nashville, so Deitch said the FPC location would be an extension of that program.

For the preschool program at FPC, the partnership means more options.

"Right now, their program just runs Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and we'll be expanding that.

"We are going to offer two different options for parents," he added. "We're there Monday through Friday.

"We'll still have a 9 (a.m.) to 2 (p.m.) program for parents who just need that 9 to 2 preschool, but we'll also have a second option, where it's more all day, like a 7 a.m. to 5:45 to 6 p.m. style. Parents can kind of pick a five-day option, they can pick a three-day option, two-day option. We've tried to make it as flexible as possible for the parents. It's something that the current preschool there wasn't able to offer.

Seeking to "come in and help in that way for the community," Jeremy Deitch said it's because "every family is different in what they need and what they want for their kids."

He added children do not have to be members of Farragut Presbyterian to be enrolled in the program.

"It will be open to the public," Jeremy Deitch said, adding children currently enrolled in the program will be offered re-enrollment in February; followed by their younger sib-

Photo submitted

Jeremy and Molly Deitch, owners of Big Fish Academy, Big Fish Camp and Big Fish Afterschool, are joined by their children, in front, Jackson, and back row, Landon, left, and Colton.

lings; and then enrollment will be offered to children in the community. "We have a registration inquiry link on our website," he added.

Parents can find out more about the Big Fish Academy's options on its website at campbigfish.org.

The Deitches started Camp Big Fish in 2009 as a summer camp in Chattanooga, where they live.

"It just kind of grew and expanded," Jeremy Deitch said.

"We actually have six different summer camps, some are day camp locations. We have one in Nashville, three in Chattanooga and two in Knoxville."

All the camps are faith based, "kind of like a VBS and a day camp all put together (with) field trips and swimming for elementary-aged kids," he said. "It's 10 weeks of the summer — Monday through Friday.

"Our largest one is at Chris-

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opinion

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Public input

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done for this workshop," Kate Sultan of Village Green said. "The areas were clearly defined on large maps and the proposed land use gave us several options on which to voice our opinion.

"I was mostly concerned about the undeveloped land near my neighborhood. I was pleasantly surprised by the 'thoughts' of what the

land might eventually look like. And what the access might be.

"Once I completed my thoughts on that particular piece of the puzzle, I went to each of the other areas," Sultan added. "Each of the areas had a different feel and the ideas for what may go into each area was a clear indication that a considerable amount of thought went into each concept.



Horne

"As a relatively new resident of Farragut, I continue to be impressed with the leadership of this Town. Having always lived in much larger cities, I rarely got involved with or thought much about decisions that were made. And the fact that much of the leadership are volunteers still astounds me."

Sultan concluded her comments by thanking officials and Town staff "for a great workshop' and for their "time and energy."

Farragut resident and property developer/ owner Doug Horne also attended the work session, along with John Wright, who works for Horne Properties. (Horne is owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress).

Wright said he appreciated the Town's willingness to host the workshop.

Horne owns 41 acres within the Boring Road corridor and is looking to develop at least part of that land in the near future.

"It has had at least a six to eight unit-per-acre medium density residential classification since 2012 in the (Comprehensive) Land Use Plan, and he is hoping to submit a plan with Mike Stevens

Phase 4

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ing using permeable pavers along the park's loop road.

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a proposal from Russ/Fowler Thursday, Nov. 11, that outlines the scope of services in preparation of final construction plans for Phase 4 along builders very soon for approval," Horne said. The workshop was the next step in the process as officials, staff and Comprehensive Land Use Plan advisory committee members have been working on updating the CLUP and Future Land Use map.

Parks and Athletics Council

The Parks and Athletics Council - which collectively is working on helping craft the Town's 10-year Parks and Recreation Master Plan - hosted the first of two public meetings Tuesday, Nov. 16, in the Assembly Hall of Farragut Community Center.

The organization is seeking input regarding Parks and Recreation projects and asked those attending to rank projects in order of personal preferences.

Online and short in-person surveys recently were conducted to determine community interest in future facilities, programs and initiatives. There were about 900 respondents, and this info was used to create the items to be voted on by the public.

Among 30 projects listed — including installing lighting at Anchor Park, installing swings at Mayor Bob Leonard Park, constructing additional tennis courts at McFee Park, constructing an amphitheater, installing fencing around playgrounds and splashpads, constructing a greenway connection from Enclave to Sheffield to Turkey Creek Road and acquiring land to build an aquatic center among them — visitors were asked to choose five as priorities.

They were then asked to choose two from 12 listed initiatives and programs, such as installing electric car-charging stations, installing WiFi in parks, expanding cultural events, expanding community special events, expanding adult athletics and expanding open hours for parks and restrooms.

The Town's last parks master plan was created in 2012.

The second public input meeting will be from 10 to 11 a.m. and from 6:30 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8, in the same location.

A draft of the master plan will be discussed at a Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting in January and voted on in February.

with contract management services re-

quired for completion of the project at

Officials already had been eyeing per-

meable interlocking pavers to be used

in the parking construction at McFee.

which would "allow for stormwater run

off to pass through the paving system to

infiltrate into the soil," according to a

BOMA report from Town engineer Dar-

hinking About

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• Why couldn't the Town of Farragut have kept Virtue Road open all the way through for one week after the main part was re-opened?

My neighbor had a natural gas leak in their front yard when a contractor hit the gas line. It took KUB over an hour to get through Concord Road traffic to turn the gas off and fix the leak. Several houses could have been destroyed and lives lost.

This stubborn adherence to road construction schedules could have be altered by one week. But no, road construction means more than public safety.

It was bad enough that Virtue Road was closed while Concord Road was under construction. What does the Town do? They pave the detour road McFee Road. The excuses given don't hold water. This was not competent, caring government. People's safety should have been the priority. Sadly, it wasn't.

New Presstalk rules

• Effective with publication of the Nov. 11 issue of farragutpress, no names of any public figures or other

persons will be allowed in a Presstalk submission. • Also taking effect with our Nov. 11 issue, all Presstalk submission must have identification (for farragutpress purposes only; no names will be published with any Presstalk submission).

Ongoing Presstalk rules

While there were no Presstalks submitted for this week's issue, we respectfully ask our readers to follow the following Presstalk rules when submitting their opinions:

• Please keep calls to a 90-second maximum (call 865-671-8255 24 hours a day, seven days a week);

• Please keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum

(editor@farragutpress.com); • Libelous and malicious comments will not be published; • Profanity will be edited out;

• Comments will remain anonymous;

• Names of individuals or businesses may not be published *(including public figures) depending on the issue.*

ryl Smith. "This infiltration not only reduces the volume of detention required at the site but also provides filtration of pollutants before runoff enters surface or groundwater.

"The result has proven to be an efficient management of our surface runoff, while providing attractive parking facilities for our park visitors," the report continued. "As this project provides significant improvement to the quality of our stormwater runoff, it qualifies for funding under ARPA.'

McFee Park Phase 3 is nearing completion, adding a Great Lawn, tennis courts, a basketball court, restroom pavilion, pedestrian facilities and an access road. Officials estimated it should be completed by early spring.



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UC4C opens fifth state location in Turkey Creek

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Urgent Care for Children, a Birmingham, Alabama-based pediatric urgent care provider, recently opened a clinic at 11146 Parkside Drive.

"This location serves as UC4C's seventh clinic opening in the year 2021, and its fifth location in the state of Tennessee as the company continues their rapid expansion across the Southeast," Urgent Care marketing specialist Beth Wright stated in a press release.

"(Turkey Creek) was a very attractive area for us," said Anna Peacock, UC4C vice president of marketing and communications. "We were drawn to the area by it being a community-focused environment, and we obviously really enjoy serving the commuity."

In looking at Knox County, she said it was not only a good idea for one clinic, "but we actually have plans for expanding our footprint within Knoxville in the future."

The clinic serves youth from newborn to age 21.

"We see them for everything from broken bones to flu," Peacock said. "We pride ourselves on providing quality care, convenient care and continuity of care for our families.

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dothat, we are able to have an on-site lab, X-ray and pharmacy, which resets us apart," she added. "We're Urrego

open late and on holidays, when pharamacies aren't always open.

"We can do x-rays on site, getting a reading within one hour, by a pediatric radiologist."

The goal is "to serve as an affordable option between your primary care pediatrician and the emergency room," Peacock said but noted UC4C does not repl,ace the child's primary care physician, rather it works with that physician.

The staff also provides infectious disease testing, stitches, staples, Dermabond, laceration treatment and more.

"We also serve some adults in some capacity as well," Peacock said. "So when these parents come in and their child tests positive for flu, COVID or anything like that ... we actually test the parents."

"We began our mission to provide quality care, continuity of care and convenient care for children during late nights and weekends in Birmingham, Alabama, four years ago,' UC4C president and chief medical officer Dr. Allury Arora stated in a press release. "We have since begun to make a strong impression on families in Tennessee.

Staffed with eight to 10 fulltime team members, and parttime staff as well, the Turkey Creek clinic is the only location UC4C has in Knox County at this time.

It is headed by Dr. Fernando Urrego, the primary pediatrician. However, "we have several clinics in the area or state whose doctors float around to different locations," Peacock said.

"We staff everyone from the



Photo submitted

Urgent Care For Children is open at 11146 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek to provide urgent care to youth from newborn to 21.

physicians to the pediatric nurse practitioner, medical assistants, nurses and first impressions specialists at our front desk," she added. "All of our staff have pediatric training prior to coming to work for us.

"When you come and see Urgent Care for Children, we have a fully trained pediatric staff who have not only gone through our rigorous training, but also have significant experience in the pediatric world to begin with. That's really important to us."

'Our team of pediatric physicians and staff are elated to bring our standard of care

to the 'Heart of the Valley,'" Arora stated. "Urgent Care for Children creates a continuum of care by supplementing the hours of local pediatric offices and providing an affordable alternative to the emergency room."

The clinic is open from 2 to 10 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays.

"We are open 365 days a year, so that includes holidays," Peacock added.

For more information, visit www.childrensurgent.com or visit them on Facebook and Instagram.



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"Every time a child comes in ... he/she gets to pick a gift from the toy closet," she said.

"We adopted 19 families so far – for a total of 55 children," Blaylock added. "Ages range from 17 years old to 4 weeks old."

For more information on the open house, visit farragutchamber.com/. For more information on Childhelp, contact FWKCC at 865-675-7057 or e-mail info@farragutchamber. com

Each child could request up to seven items, and the businesses who adopted the families have committed to fulfill at least five of those items.

"I'm so proud of the response from our businesses again this year, especially how you know costs have gone up ... toys are a little harder to come by," she said. "We were a little bit concerned the response would not be as it had been in years past, but when we released the family lists, they were gone within days.

"The businesses just fell over each other to adopt them," Blaylock added. "So much so that we had a waiting list, and I had to go back to Childhelp and actually request more families."

Currently all the families have been adopted, the FWKCC head said, but there are still children coming through the organization's system.

The businesses that adopted families will drop off the gifts at the Chamber office the day of the open house. The follow-



Photo submitted

Santa Claus welcomed Farragut West Knox Chamber member Carl Lebert with Kinetic Business Strategies to a 2019 Chamber holiday open house. The open house event is returning this year on Tuesday, Dec. 7, at the FWKCC office, with two time options for members: from 8 to 10:30 a.m. with Santa or from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

ing day, Childhelp representatives and its partner organizations, Bikers Against Child Abuse, will pick up the toys.

During the breakfast session, attendees can expect to have breakfast with Santa, portrayed by Donnie Bentley of Bentley and Associates Home Inspection Services.

"He is Santa," Blaylock noted. "He actually played Santa for organizations ... they're also very community centered as a business."

Rothchild Catering & Conference Center is sponsoring the tent, and in the evening, beverages will be sponsored by Dixie Lee Wines & Liquors.

"We will have light refreshments as well," Blaylock said. "I and my staff are actually grateful for the opportunity to see what the open house could look like in a different way last year, and because of the way we had to structure it, we got to put a much more significant focus on giving back and helping those in our community through our family adoptions.

"Last year, people came to the drop-in open house, and we were all just as happy to have a cup of coffee or hot cocoa together, really more to just visit, reconnect and reflect on how fortunate we are to help someone else at this time of year," she added.

Contribute to Childhelp by stopping by the Chamber office, 11826 Kingston Pike.

Heritage Investors 'hosts a tree' to help local foster families

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Heritage Investors, a registered investment advisor at 10641 Deerbrook Drive off Parkside Drive, is reaching out to the community to help foster children through Compassion Closet.

The firm has placed a Christmas tree, adorning it with ornaments featuring needs to be met by CC.

"This is our second year doing a officewide and communitywide collection for the Compassion Closet," said April Damron, HI public relations coordinator. "The Compassion Closet is a non-profit here in East Tennessee that serves families in the foster system.

"Our owners, Justin and Emily Goodbread, have a huge heart and passion for the foster care system and adoption, and this is one way they have found we can support the adopted families, especially here in East Tennessee, and give resources to them," she added. "There are other offices and churches that host a tree during the holiday time, so we just decided that was something we wanted to do here in the office.

"A lot of times, foster parents will get a call and get a placement for a child, and they may not have the basic necessities or even just things for kids of that age – things like socks or pajamas, games or clothes.

If they don't have the necessary items, "They are able to come to the Compassion Closet, show they've got this placement and are able to get the items they need for that child's placement," Damron said. "What we've done is called 'host a tree.""

While the Compassion Closet has several offices, this year the items will go to the Farragut office, 11020 Kingston Pike Suite 270. For more information, call 865-690-1155.

Big Fish

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tian Academy of Knoxville," Jeremy Deitch added. "We've been partnering with them for about three years."

The Deitches also provide an after-school program at Knoxville Christian School, 11549 Snyder Road. The preschool portion of the business started last year in Nashville.

Clydesdales

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the horses and also enjoy live music with The Tenos, hot chocolate and food vendors, among the holiday offerings.

"We wanted to bring the Budweiser Clydesdales to town to help kick off the Christmas season and host a fun event for families," said Jennifer Johnsey, WIVK promotions director. "The horses are so beautiful and intriguing."

"We have never done an event like this before," she added. "This is our first time hosting an event with the Clydesdales. We are so honored to have them here."

"We are excited to sponsor this event and be able to bring this exciting event to our customers in Farragut. We hope to see them all shopping with us this Christmas season," JCPenney general manager Michelle Austin said. In addition to Turkey Creek, the Clydesdales also will appear at Food City in Maryville Thursday, Dec. 2, and Gatlinburg's Christmas Parade Friday, Dec. 3.

The Budweiser Clydesdales — which made their first ever appearance April 7, 1933, to celebrate the repeal of prohibition — had been a gift from Adolphous and August Busch Jr. for their father, August Busch Sr. The horses have been a symbol of not only the brand, but also "America's great industrial spirit" ever since, according to the company website.







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C.J. Stevens, AAI, CMIP, an Insurance Office of America risk solutions advocate plus maritime and aviation specialist, is setting her sights on working in Farragut.

IOA has been in the Farragut area for a year, trying to build "a book of business' with expectations of purchasing a brick-and-mortar location in West Knox County, Stevens said.

"We're trying to find a good area," she added. "I do believe (Farragut) is one of the areas that's on the radar."

Stevens cut the ribbon for her business during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce event at the FWKCC office Wednesday, Nov. 17.

"You have a unique story," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock told Stevens during the ribbon cutting. "She does some things that are pretty unique."

Stevens said she reached out to FWKCC because "Farragut has the atmosphere, with the

marinas around. They also have the membership I was looking for and the community I was looking for.

"When I first went to a (FWKCC) event, (the members) were very welcoming, very open to having a new business be here and totally open to helping me in every way," she added.

IOA provides personal insurance – homeowners and auto, commercial property and casualty insurance, employee benefits, payroll services, safety training, risk management and marine and aircraft insurance.

Stevens is certified as a marine insurance professional, which means she is specially certified to handle the business side for any kind of marine business, such as boat clubs, marinas, marine contractors, salvagers, oil rigs and cargo.

Along with insurance services, "we can also help with employment practices plans, hiring plans, handbooks (and other things) that make the life of a business owner easier like our slogan, 'we make the



C.J. Stevens (with scissors), AAI, CMIP, an Insurance Office of America risk solutions advocate, maritime and aviation specialist, cut the ribbon on behalf of IOA during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event at the Chamber office Wednesday, Nov. 17. She was joined by Jane Jolley with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacob's office (behind Stevens, white top) and Chamber members.

complex simple," she said.

the insurance business for 25 years, is one of only 300 nationwide with a CMIP designation to provide insurance services to marine businesses.

On the aircraft side, Stevens provides insurance for airports, instructional flight companies, aircraft maintenance and repairs, aviation manufacturing and small airlines.

"I can write internationally, Stevens, who has been in I can write nationwide and I can write the hard, complex, super-large (policies)," she said. "I have the knowledge to be able to place things large, but (that) also means I can do small (businesses) with no problem."

For the past year, Stevens said she has been working remotely with her clients, who are nationwide, through e-

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mail, by phone, Zoom meetings, Microsoft Teams or Google, "whichever way they prefer.

"COVID kind of forced us to do things a little differently."

Faith brought Stevens to East Tennessee. "We moved to our house (in Marvville) without having seen it," she said.

For more information, Stevens can be contacted at 1-813-385-8671 or by e-mail at cjstevens@ioausa.com



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Kate Morozov, 5





Deionna Hensley, 10, left, with painter Lyanne Haidar





Jericho Hensley, 4



Brantley Gardner, 4



Parker McDowell, 6, front, with brother, Jackson, 5



Clare Dennis, 6



Nash Pinckard, 4



Emory Grace Brown, 6, left, and Campbell Grace Macready, 4



YMCA employee Ellen Morar





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Moral win at M'ville caps stellar Ads football finish

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MARYVILLE — For a Farragut offense that scored 21 points on mighty, unbeaten Maryville — without a turnover — perhaps senior guard Corey Walker best represented the Admiral spirit in a near major upset of the Red Rebels.

"The umpire came to me tonight, in the fourth quarter, and said, 'Your No. 75 (Walker) hit one of their players the hardest I've seen in 10 years," said FHS head coach Eddie Courtney, whose team lost 28-21 in the TSSAA Class 6A state quarterfinals at MHS Friday night, Nov. 19. Farragut's season ends with a 6-7 record.

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At 6-foot, 290 pounds, Walker also was a standout defensive tackle. "We haven't had a guy at our school for a lot of years who has played that many snaps on both sides of the ball and been that effective," Courtney said.

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Preparing to pass protect against a Maryville defensive lineman is Farragut senior lineman Aiden Smith (70). The Red Rebs won 28-21.

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State '9-peat:' BHS dance

For a ninth consecutive year, Bearden High School' dance program has captured a TSSAA State Championships. The 2021-2022 team took top honors in Medium Varsity Pom during the recent TSSAA competition in Murfreesboro. Led by head coach Hannah Keathley, assistant Coach Kathryn Brasfield and choreographer Katie Fear Lane, the Bearden program has earned five national titles and 14 TSSAA state championship crowns. This year's team also earned runner-up in the inaugural Varsity Game Day category. Team members, front row from left, are Ruby Fisher, Julie Horn, Olivia Roddy, Ella Klenck and Leah Cho. Middle row, from left, are Lana Nelson, Maddie Taylor, Abigail Abrams, Cadance Eastman, Kenzie Bankes and Jordan James. Top row, from left, are Ella McLaughlin, Mallory Haskins, Avery Duncanson, Marian Mitchell, Eli Keziah, Mallory Simpson

5-1 combined FHS hoop start

After beating Bradley, Alcoa, Lady Ads fall to Sevier County 48-39

BILL HOWARD

Correspondent

A minute and 15 seconds into its home game against Sevier County Saturday, Farragut's girls basketball team led 6-0 behind quick three-pointers from Ashlyn Sheridan and Avery Strickland. It looked like the Lady Admirals might run away with it.

The Bearettes had other ideas.

After trailing 24-23 at intermission, Sevier County turned up the defense in the second half. They held Farragut to but five points in the third period while building a 33-29 lead. A 15-10 advantage in the fourth gave them a 48-39 win Nov. 20.

"I thought our girls competed," SCHS head coach Jonathan Schultz said. "That's what these girls are known for, is defense. We're not a great offensive team, but we played our butts off on defense." Dominance underlines Farragut boys at 3-0 after Jeff Co. ripped

BILL HOWARD

Correspondent

As any basketball coach knows, when your team is hitting three-pointers, you have a great chance to win.

Farragut's boys' basketball team put that axiom on display Saturday night at home, as the

Admirals hit from long range 14 times en route to a lopsided 86-52 win over Jefferson Co. Nov. 20. "They're r e a l l y

good," said



Smith

JCHS head coach Matt Johnson about the Admirals. "They have kids who know how to run the floor; they have kids who can shoot the ball. At this point in the season we're not quite ready for what they bring."

A visual team look at 2021-22 FHS Lady Admirals lacrosse

Members of the 2021-22 Farragut girls lacrosse team, in no order, are Berlynn Elliott, Sheala Miller, Caroline Boggs, Sarah Velez, Mackenna Hill, Maggie Raines, Alli Duenckel, Abigail Vaughn, Kirra Benchabbat, Greer Butler, Caris Landis, Lindsey Hawkey, Zoe Butler, Maci McWhirter, Maddy Andrews, Seneca Hill, Kaitlyn Kelly, Ella Morton, Annie Marsh, Molly DeFranco, Bridget Hedinger, Ella Robinson, Graceyn Johnson and Lucy Dase. Not pictured is Tess Ruberg.



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Photo courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com Farragut offensive linemen Dennis Longmire (51), a senior, and junior Howie Sentell double team an MHS defensive lineman.

Moral victory

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"We wanted it so much," Walker said. "... The last four games, we had to pick it up, we had to get better."

As for other top efforts, especially seniors, "Of course, Dawson (Moore's) leadership at quarterback," the coach said. "He's tough; he's taken a lot of hits the last few weeks and he keeps bouncing back."

Moore was 23-of-29 passing for 180 yards and two TDs.

Led by senior Trace Corum (among the school's all-time single-season leaders in receptions with 76 for 1,131 yards and 14 TDs), but with lots of help from senior Zach Keasling and sophomore Landis Davila (9-yard TD catch Friday) among others, "Our receiving corps just made a lot of improvement," Courtney said.

Corum had six grabs for 38 yards, including a 1-yard scoring catch, Friday.

"I think we came out and gave great effort," he said. "We had about three drives that lasted five minutes or more."

"We incorporated new routes and we blocked well in the run game, so altogether we played a good game," said Keasling (six catches for 47 yards. "We finished strong."

"And the run game, too," Courtney said, which was led by senior Schumann Xie (622 season yards, 4.6 per carry) and junior Elijah Gibbs (572 for 2021, 4.7 per carry). Gibbs scored from 2 yards out late.

"He had some tough runs," Courtney said of Gibbs, who also had six catches (45 yards).

"The offensive line made a lot of improvement the last five weeks," he added, also led by seniors Aiden Smith and Dennis Longmire.

Holding MHS (13-0) to only 306 total yards, "We knew it was going to be a hard game, but we knew we were going to scratch and claw to do whatever we could to get as close as possible to win," senior defensive back/linebacker Jerome Brekken said. "... I'm proud of our team's effort, I'm proud of how close we came."

In addition to recovering a fumble, sophomore linebacker Jack Alley, along with senior safety Sam Moses, led the Ads in solo stops with six each, including Moses' minus-11 sack.

Salukis is Sulish signing selection



Alan Sloar

Senior Annabelle Sulish, a two-time All-state outside hitter who helped Concord Christian School earn three TSSAA volleyball state runner-up finishes in Division II-A, signed a National Letter of Intent with the Southern Illinois University Salukis last week. Among family, coaches, teammates and other CCS students, her signing came during a ceremony in CCS gym Thursday, Nov. 11. "As an eighth-grader she was Rookie of the Year in her district," CCS head coach Carmen Hochevar (blond, center in back) told the gathering. In addition to her All-state honors, "She was five-time First-Team All-district and has been, five-times, First-Team All-region. … She has earned MaxPreps National Honors with the Most Kills (sophomore) with 680," Hochevar added. "She was a USA Today East Tennessee Player of the Year finalist three times. She holds the career record here at Concord with 2,170 kills. Annabelle is one of the most decorated athletes to come through Concord. … you have dedicated yourself not only in the classroom, but also on the court." Alongside Sulish are her parents, Jason and Patricia Sulish. In back joining Hochevar, from left, are Anna Hamilton, trainer; Patrick Spradlin, grandfather; Gina Profeta, CCS assistant coach; Claudia Spradlin, grandmother; Mady Sulish, sister; Joey Sulish, brother; and Mandy Richards, CCS assistant coach.



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FHS boys

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"I thought defensively we weren't as locked in as we could have been," Farragut head coach Jon Higgins said. "It's OK. I thought we did well. We competed well."

The Admirals had something else coaches want: balanced scoring. Senior guard Isaiah Smith poured in 23 — almost all were threes. Senior guard Dil-

lon Atwell got 17. Elisha Brabson added 10. "We definitely shot the ball better this game than we have so far on this young season," Higgins said. "Now we just gotta make sure we're doing the other things as well."

Farragut (3-0) led 22-15 after one. A 7-0 run in the second quarter, followed by a 9-0 run up to half, gave them a 45-24 lead at intermission.

A highlight came with 40 seconds left in the half, when Ryan Neal flipped the ball up for a dunk by Brabson.

The Admirals put the game long out of reach in the third. They not only outscored the Patriots 22-13, but finished the period on a 9-0 run. Four of their treys came in

that quarter. "We can't pass up a wide open shot," Higgins said. "I'm OK with the amount of threes that we shoot."

The teams mostly traded baskets in the fourth.

"We were all feeling it, the whole team was," Smith said. "We've been getting a lot of shots up in practice, and it's home court. The way they were guarding me I just got good looks and knocked 'em down."

Brabson

Double-digit scorers for Jefferson Co. were Talon Higgins with 13, Vontez McCrary with 12 and Cy Minay with 10.

Both teams return to the court Monday night, Nov. 22, in a Thanksgiving Tournament. The Admirals play at 6:30 p.m. against CAK. The FHS girls play at 8 p.m. against Providence.

Earlier Saturday, Farragut beat East Hamilton 74-50. Atwell led with 22. Neal added 19.

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Farragut High School cheerleaders placed seventh among 29 teams during a recent TSSAA competition in Murfreesboro. Team members with principal Dr. John Bartlett, in no order, are Eryn Williams, Bailey Luman, Abby Mahoney, Brooke Simpson, Mariah McDonald, Harper King, Nicole Kulisek, Layne Burkey, Alex Kate Cole, Ella Kate Macready, Olivia Karich, Rachel Drummond, Alanna Williams, Ryan Keeney, Molly Wallace, Carys Wygal, Harper Smith, Caroline Craft, Loryn Good, Bradyn Johnson and Mackenna Pease.



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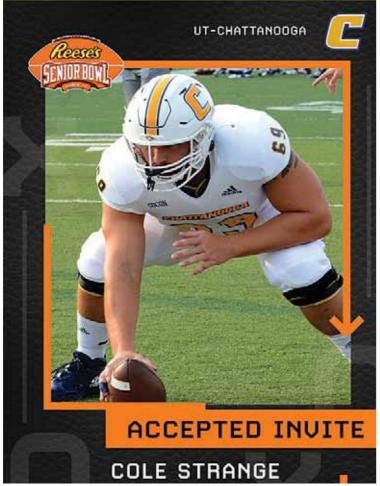
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Strange Senior Bowl



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Cole Strange, former Farragut Admirals star lineman now a standout lineman at UT-Chattanooga, has been invited to play in Reese's Senior Bowl in Mobile, Alabama. Saturday, Feb. 5.

Signees from Webb, Catholic, CAK

STAFF REPORTS

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Three West Knox County private high schools combined to have 13 senior student/athletes sign National Letter of Intent papers to play at various colleges and universities.

At Webb School of Knoxville, Spartan senior basketball standouts Jaylon Green, a point

guard, and Luke Lentz, a wing, signed Monday, Nov. 22. in Webb's Lee Athletic Center. Green chose Maryville College, while Lentz signed with Anderson University (South Carolina).

At Knoxville Catholic High School, six KCHS seniors signed Wednesday, Nov. 10, during a ceremony at the school: Gráinne McGrath, vol-

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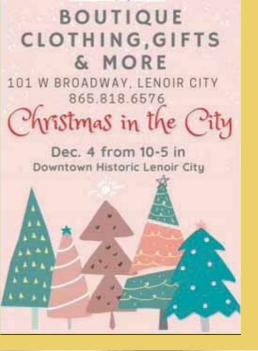
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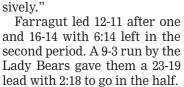
Lady Ads

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Sevier County's offense was clearly better than Farragut's on this day. The Lady Admirals struggled, especially in the second half, to hit a bucket. In that half, they hit only four shots from the field.

"We didn't play very well," said Jason Mayfield, Farragut head coach.

"Sevier County did a good job of knocking down open shots. We didn't make many shots. When that happens we just lose focus defen-



Five points by Strickland gave the Lady Admirals a onepoint lead at the break.

All 10 of Sevier's third-quarter points came from Kinley Loveday and Hailey Willams. Six of SCHS's 15 fourth-quar-

ter points were by freshman Cybil Penland, who led her team with 20. Williams added nine.

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Strickland "I got into foul trouble," Strickland said. "I thought I was doing good of-



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Williams' lay-up late in the third gave SCHS a 28-27 lead they would never relinquish. A 5-0 run from 7:03 to 5:08 in the fourth gave Sevier an 11point lead Farragut couldn't overcome.

"We had a hard time with turnovers," Mayfield said. "From 2 feet, all the way out to the three-point line. We're just not executing very well."

Earlier Saturday, Farragut beat Alcoa 52-37. Strickland was the lead scorer with 25.

Signees

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leyball, signed with Furman University; Morgan Phillips, volleyball, Oglethorpe University; Ceci Pumariega, soccer, Anderson University; Jodie Spangler, golf, Roane State Community College; Kelsey Miller, soccer, Milligan University, and Christopher Grill,

soccer, Union University.

Five Christian Academy of Knoxville student-athletes also signed Nov. 10 in a ceremony at CAK: Walker Strange, baseball, Lipscomb University; Kaleb Wilson, golf, West Virginia University; Ben Johnston, golf, Carson Newman; Jackson Hughey, golf, Union University; and Emma Bethel, softball, Eastern Kentucky University.



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Donate to schools' Giving Tree by Dec. 3

STAFF REPORTS

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Project Giving Tree is a joint effort of the parentteacher organizations at Farragut Primary, Intermediate, Middle and High schools working together to support Farragut families in need of extra help this holiday season.

"The 2021 Giving Tree will run using the same model as last year when COVID forced us to rely heavily on a gift card model," a press release stated. "When the families were surveyed about the changes, we learned many really enjoyed the new options, especially the opportunity to shop directly for their children.

"We currently have 96 families with 240 children who will be served by our 2021 Giving Tree," the release added. "We continue to see and feel the effects of COVID on our families. Our primary efforts are focused on providing gift cards to cover clothing and a toy or gift for each child in the program. Volunteers will shop for families with limited transportation, health conditions or special needs for the child. With a mix of gift cards and private shopping, we aim to strike a balance of providing meaningful gifts that are needed and useful while still fostering autonomy for the families."

Also being addressed in helping to lessen "food insecurity for our families," the release stated. "We plan to offer food pantry boxes for each family again this year. Thanks to the generosity of Concord United Methodist Church and their Good Samaritan Fund, we will also be able to offer each family an additional \$50 Walmart gift card to help with extra food and any other needs this holiday season."

Donate online at GiveButter.com/farragutgivingtree. If you'd like to donate gift cards, these can be donated at the front office of any Farragut public school. All donations are due by Friday, Dec. 3. For more information, e-mail farragutgivingtree@gmail. com.

The event will be held as a drive-up event again

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Project Giving Tree at Farragut Middle School.

In preparation for their upcoming musical "9 to 5" are Farragut High School theater students, from left, Mary Claire Carter, portraying Doralee Rhodes (Dolly Parton's character); Meghan Tucker as Violet Newstead (Lily Tomlin's character); Hannah Liske as Judy Bernly (Jane Fonda's character); and their boss, Franklin Hart Jr., played by Luke Tresner (Dabney Coleman in the 1980 film). Performances begin at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, through Saturday, Dec. 11, in FHS's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium.

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Going back 41 years, '9 to 5' musical by FHS theater Dec. 9-11

TAMMY CHEEK

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Farragut High School's theater and choral department students have joined forces to present the musical "9 to 5" from 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 9, through Saturday, Dec. 11, in FHS's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium.

"The music was done by Dolly Parton, so it has definite ties to East Tennessee, which is exciting," said Dr. Tony Wooley, musical theater and forensics drama teacher. "One of the characters is based on Dolly, and the musical is based on the 1980 movie of the same name.

"This is open to the public, finally, which is very exciting," Wooley added. "We would love for everyone to come see us. All the students are doing an incredible job.

"We are going to have full orchestration, directed by Eliza-

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Wreaths AA, toy drives the holiday focus of RCF

Decorated Vietnam veteran asks for Wreaths A-America support

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Rotary Club of Farragut members honored its fellow veterans of the U.S. military Wednesday, Nov. 10, the eve of Veterans Day, as they welcomed the Rev. Dr. Pat Polis, a Vietnam conflict veteran who received a Bronze Star and Medal of Valor.

Polis, a member of Vietnam Veterans of America Captain Bill Robinson Chapter 1078, urged RCF members to show their gratitude to all veterans now by participating in Wreaths Across America.

"It's been said that a veteran dies twice: when they draw their last breath and when their name is no longer remembered," he said. "Each year on the third Saturday in December, we place a wreath on veterans' graves to both remember and honor them, their service and their sacrifices and to educate our children on the value of freedom.

"It's called National Wreath Day, and it's sponsored by Wreaths Across America," added Polis, a Wreaths ambassador and member of the United Veterans Council.

This year, wreaths will be placed Saturday, Dec. 18.

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Tammy Cheek

The Rev. David Bluford, left, The Rotary Club of Farragut president, and Jim O'Brien, right RCF past president and a retired U.S. Air Force colonel, welcome the Rev. Dr. Pat Polis, who spoke to the club about his experiences as a Vietnam War veteran and about Wreaths Across America, at the RCF meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, Nov. 10.

Rotary expands toy reach again

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In keeping with its "Service Above Self" motto, The Rotary Club of Farragut again is reaching out to give children a brighter holiday as its members collect toys for East Tennessee Children's Hospital and Boys and Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley in Knoxville.

"Typically, what we've always done is support the Boys and Girls Club," said Scott Bertini, service projects chairman.

However, this is the second year to also collect toys for ETCH. Bertini noted last year,

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· Arrive early for Pellissippi State Community College's hugely popular Holiday Spectacular, as seating is limited to the first 37 due to social distancing guidelines and only one show will be performed this year.

The annual concert featuring all eight college ensembles, both vocal and instrumental, will be held beginning at 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 2, in Clayton Performing Arts Center on the Hardin Valley Campus, 10915 Hardin Valley Road. This year's theme is "Joy to the World!'

Holiday Spectacular highlights the talents of more than 150 Pellissippi State students and faculty performing classic winter tunes and carols. "We Need a Little Christmas," "Mele Kalikimaka" and "Christmas Time's a Comin" are among the seasonal favorites on tap.

Tickets are free and will be issued at the door on a firstcome, first-served basis. Masks are encouraged but they are not required.

• Knoxville Children's Theatre, 109 E. Churchwell Ave. in Knoxville, will present a live production of "Annie Jr" this holiday season — in partnership with the Clayton Foundation. The play is based on the popular comic strip and adapted from Broadway's Tony Award-winning Best Musical. Annie Jr. features everyone's favorite little redhead in her very first adventure.

The play will be performed Dec. 3-19, starting at 7 p.m. each Thursday and Friday; beginning at 1 and 5 p.m., each Saturday, and starting at 3 and 6 p.m. each Sunday.

Tickets are available at knoxvillechildrenstheatre.com.

• Marking the 80th anniversary of Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, which brought the United States into World War II, Frank Galbreith's annual "A Day of Infamy" address, which outlines details surrounding the tragedy, returns to Farragut. Free of charge and open to the public, "A Day of Infamy" begins at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 6, in Farragut Town Hall Boardroom, 11408 Municipal Center Drive.

• Veterans Legal Advice Clinic once again will be held in person in Knox County Public Defender's Office from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 8. Masks are required for all participants. Veterans who are not able to attend the clinic in person are encouraged to continue to use the telephone clinic option. Pre-registration is required for telephone clinic, and veterans are asked to call LAET at 865-637-0484 to pre-register.

This is a general advice clinic with a wide variety of legal issues, including family law,

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the club chose to collect toys for children admitted into the hospital during the holiday season.

"Basically, our club is collecting toys for those two organizations," he added. "Then we do a big delivery of all those toys to those organizations. With the Boys and Girls Club, those (toys) go to the families to be able to 'shop' for those toys,"

Bertini noted the families do not actually pay for those toys. The parents simply select what they want for their children.

This year's goal is at least 100 toys for that organization. Their delivery date is slated for Friday, Dec. 10.

At ETCH. Santa comes by the children's rooms on Christmas Day and leaves the children a sack full of toys.

"So even if they're in the hospital, Santa will still come and visit them," Bertini said. "And,

'9 to 5'

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beth Gott, and all the pit orchestra are Farragut High School students. Everything the audience will be seeing the performance will be high schoolers; the music will be high schoolers; (and) all of the tech and lighting will be high schoolers.

Moreover, "We are also working with our construction classes to have students build all the sets, so everything that is on the stage is student built," he said. "That is something that is important to me to have all of the production be student-led, and they're really doing a great job."

Tickets are \$10 each, which can be purchased online in advance at https//knoxschools. schoolcashonline.com:or at

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the door the day of the production. For more information, call Wooley at 865-966-9775.

There are about 80 students involved in the production: 40 cast members, seven tech students and about 25 in the orchestra pit.

He chose the musical because "it has a lot of strong female roles, and I have lots of strong females," Wooley said.

"It is near and dear to our choir director, Mitchell Moore, who is co-directing this with me," he added. "He's in charge of music.

The top three female cast members are Meghan Tucker, who portrays Violet Newstead

any surplus of toys gets used throughout the remainder of the year (such as) birthdays to help children get through surgeries or anything like that

"The majority of the toys at the hospital can't be reused because of infection protocol, so we do a great service to try to help out those organizations," he added.

Bertini said he expects the ETCH delivery will be the second week of December. Last year's goal was 152 toys for ETCH, which is how many beds they have, but Bertini said RCF collected more than 300 toys.

This year, he is hoping to have at least 152 toys but "we would like to surpass what we did last vear.

"Whatever we can provide for them will be gratefully accepted," Bertini added.

The public is invited to donate through an Amazon link. For more information and to receive the link, call Bertini at 865-898-4421.

> (the Lily Tomlin character in the film), Mary Claire Carter, who plays Doralee Rhodes (Dolly Parton's character), and Hannah Liske, who portrays Judy Bernly (Jane Fonda's

character). Luke Tresner portrays the boss, Franklin Hart Jr., who was played by Dabney Coleman in the film. Heading up the production are captains: Genevieve Kalosieh, marketing; Kelsie Orrico, light and sound; Kate Bruce, costume; Joseph Moorehead, set; Bryson Keasling, props; Alexandra Podhajsky, dance; Christian Graves, voice; Liske, acting; and Jasmyne Baker, secretary.



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Wreaths

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"In case you didn't know, there are 18,000 veterans buried in Knox County — two state cemeteries, East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery on Lyons View Pike and Knoxville National Cemetery in downtown Knoxville," he added. "There are 15,230 wreaths of the 18.000 needed, which means, 2,800 of our brothers and sisters remain uncovered.

"We have seen people take because there were none left - and put it on their family member's grave because they had none, and they wanted to honor their family member. We also heard of a little girl asking her father, 'Daddy, aren't there any wreaths for grandpa?'

"We don't ever want that to happen again."

Each wreath costs \$15. You may donate to Wreaths Across America at knoxwreaths.org by clicking on the Vietnam Veterans of America Bill Robinson Chapter 1078 selection.

Polis also shared the procedure for laying to rest service members killed in action.

"The tradition of covering a deceased service member with a flag of the United States is a practice that started in the late 1700s ... Napoleonic wars. "

40th reunion: FHS Class of 1981



Photo submitted

Farragut High School's Class of 1981 gathered at Brookside in Downtown Knoxville Saturday, Nov. 6, to celebrate its 40th reunion. Martha Sharp, who led the reunion committee, said 68 attended the main event, while other weekend festivities included brunch at Copper Cellar West and a party at Five-Thirty Lounge atop the Hyatt Regency.

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this year. "Our families will receive their gifts and food boxes on Dec. 9," the release stated. "Hopefully, this date provides ample time to shop for those

who will be using gift cards to shop for their children's gifts."

Another benefit of trying new ideas is the addition of online donation. "We are so grateful for the ability to collect donations online again this year," the release stated. "It opens up the opportunity for our broader Farragut community to support these efforts.

"In addition to our Farragut schools' social worker, Jelena Browning, we have a great team of Giving Tree chairs (from PTOs) at each of

the schools helping coordinate our efforts: Jessica Barksdale, FPS; Christy Davis and Nikki Hickman, FIS; Kelley Neal, program finance, FIS; Mary Greene and Kelly Hasan, FMS; and LeighAnna Colgrove, FHS."



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10:00 a.m. Discussion on a zoning map amendment to rezone Parcel 6, Tax Map 151, 421 N. Watt Road from General Commercial (C-1) to Neighborhoood/Convenience Commercial (NCC), 9.22 Acres (Robert Campbell & Associates, Applicant)

10:30 a.m. Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for the Meadows on McFee Subdivision, Phase 1, 5.25 Acres, 19 Lots, Zoned R-1/ OSR (Lynch Surveys, LLC, Applicant)

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Helen led a life of amazing adventures around the world. Among many of her adventures was missionary work in Haiti. Her zest for life, quick wit and endless laughter brought happiness to everyone around her. She lived life always willing to share her life motto, "Life is rough, wear a helmet!"

Preceded in death by her husband, James Dickson; son, Steve



Dickson; daughter, Patricia Dickson; and sisters, Barbara Plotner. Doris Dickson and Bette Latta.

She is survived by her grandson and his wife, Hunt and Shannon Dickson; granddaughter and her husband, Heather and Darren Boulware; great grandchildren, "Little Hunt Dickson," Skylar Blackerby and Hallory Tucker; great-great grandchildren, Jett Blackerby and Zep Blackerby.

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Helen Card Plotner

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 Wreaths Across America honors fallen veterans with wreath-laying ceremonies the third Saturday in December (Dec. 18 this year) at Arlington National Cemetery and in Knox County veterans cemeteries. For more information, or to sponsor a wreath, visit www.wreathsacrossamerica.org.





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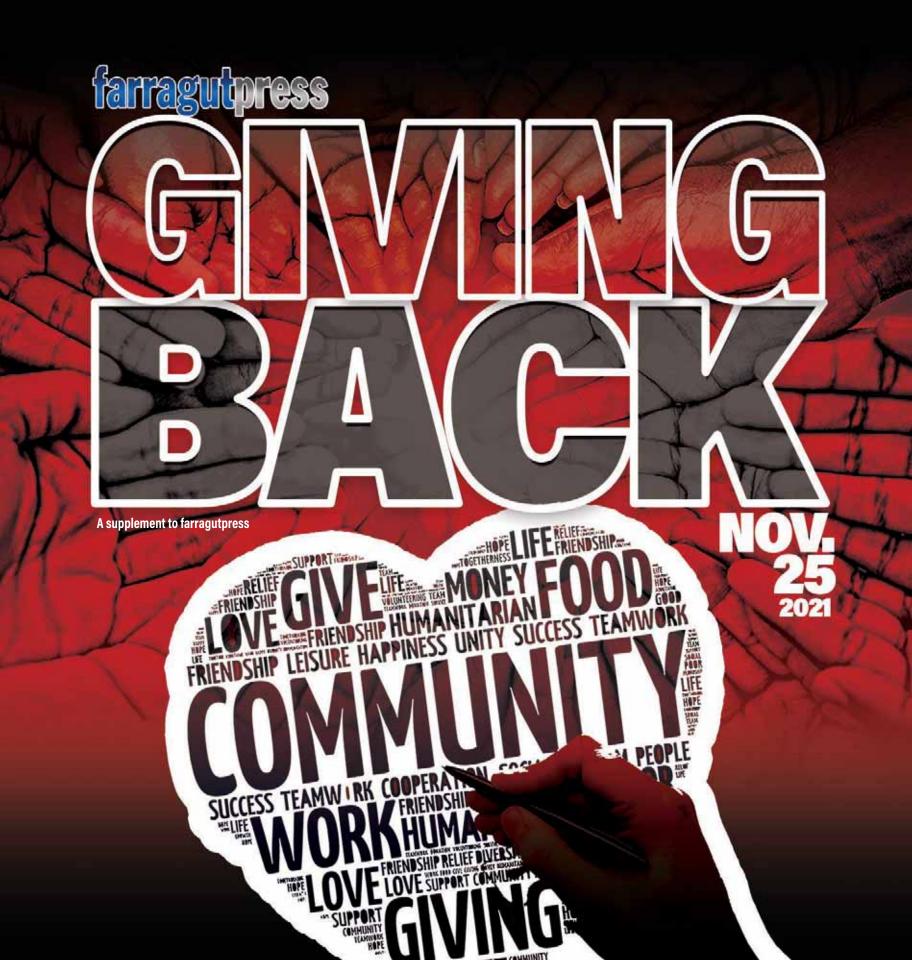






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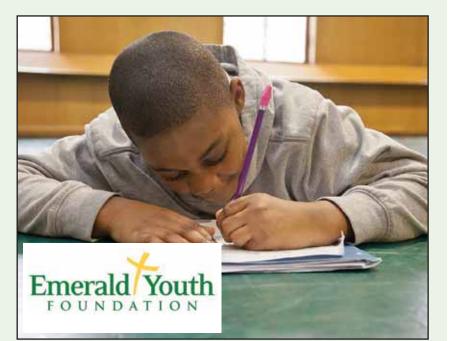
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To volunteer coaching a team, be a mentor or help students prepare for college, there are many ways in which you can help make a meaningful difference. E-mail volunteer@emeraldyouth.org for more details. Also click the Get Involved and/or Key Endeavors choices at the top right of the web page

Contacts

Address is 1014 Heiskell Ave., Knoxville, 37921. Visit www.emeraldyouth.org or call 865-637-3227 or e-mail volunteer@emeraldyouth. org



East Tennessee Kidney Foundation

Mission

East Tennessee Kidney Foundation, Inc. focuses on directly improving the lives of patients suffering from kidney disease.

Programs

Programs feature Dianne Hagey Dialysis Transportation Program, which "provides financial assistance to help patients reach their life-saving dialysis treatments;" Dental Assistance Program, which "provides low-cost dental work for dialysis patients whose last barrier to placement on the kidney transplant waiting list is dental work;" and Nutritional Supplement Program, which "provides free nutritional supplements to dialysis patients in 16 East Tennessee counties."



To donate monetarily, click on the red Donate button on the front web page.

Volunteer Volunteers are needed throughout



the year (see contact information above) for activities including: Lucky Kidney Run every March in downtown Knoxville, Healthy Living Expo in April at Knoxville Convention Center downtown and various health fairs and events.

"ETKF is run by volunteers and contributions of the community. You can help us by volunteering and becoming an advocate for the health and well-being of East Tennesseans affected by kidney disease."

To volunteer, use the contact information below.

Contacts

Contacts are: https://www.etkidney.org or call 865-288-7351 or e-mail admin@etkidney.org; P.O. Box 22072, Knoxville 37933

Family Promise Knoxville

Mission

"To provide a community-based response that empowers and equips families experiencing homelessness and housing instability to achieve sustainable independence."

Our Vision

East Tennessee, "where each and every child knows the safety and security of home, and each parent has the chance to build a better future for their family."

FPK "served 126,000 parents and children last year, giving them the ability to realize their potential. ..."

Grim statistic, hope

"This year in America, more than \$2.5 million children will experience homelessness."

Yet, "on average, 88 percent of the people served in (FMK) Shelter Program secure housing within nine weeks."

Donations

Donations can be made online



of Knoxville

at https://familypromiseknoxville.org/ Volunteer

"From serving meals to providing financial literacy training to assisting with fundraising events."

To learn more about how you can volunteer, contact FPK at 865-584-2822.

Contact

FPK Day Center at 3545 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, 37921. Call 865-584-2822 or visit https://familypromiseknoxville.org/

Girls Inc. of Knox County

Mission

"To inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. ... Our vision (is) to be recognized as the premier organization that helps all girls realize their potential and exercise their rights."

Programs

Girls Inc. now offers Community Based Outreach programs within Knox County: "... Outreach staff present intentional programs and hands-on activities within the afterschool hours where girls live and go to school."

Girls Inc. National Programs offered in Knox County include Girls Inc. Operation Smart, "a program designed to provide hands-on experiences with math, science and technology;" Magic Within, where "girls learn to set goals for themselves and their futures, make action plans in achieving those goals and build overall self esteem;" and Girls Inc. Eco-

Interfaith Health Clinic

Interfaith Health Clinic was founded in 1991 to help hard-working people in our community who don't have health insurance coverage.

Mission

"To provide accessible, affordable and quality health care to the low-income, working uninsured and underserved, primarily through the support of the religious, health care and business communities.

"These services are provided within the capacity of the Clinic regardless of race, sex, creed, age, religion, national origin or ability to pay.

"Interfaith has served more than 24,000 individual patients by providing affordable medical, dental and mental health care and access to prescription medications."

Location information

- 315 Gill Ave., Knoxville, TN, 37917. Call 865-546-7330. Related centers of help
- The Good Samaritan Center of Loudon County, Lenior City
- 119 A St.
- Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771



nomic Literacy, which "provides girls with the skills and confidence they need to contribute to the economy."

Donate

To donate, click on the red Donate button at the top left of the front web page.

Volunteer

Volunteer with reading, homework assistance, math tutoring and classroom aid, call 865-482-4475.

Contacts

Call 865-482-4475 or visit https:// www.girlsinctnv.org



- Free Medical Clinic of Oak Ridge
- 116 East Division Road Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Phone: 865-483-3904

Website: http://www.fmcor.org

• Peoples Clinic of Volunteer Ministry Center 103 South Gay St.

Knoxville, Tennessee 37902 Phone: 865-546-5579

Donate/Volunteer

To donate money, volunteer, become an NAFC member or find out about upcoming charitable events, click the Get Involved green box at the top of the page and follow the choices just below the Get Involved heading.

Or donate over the phone by calling 865-243-3038.

Contact

(See above). Also call 703-546-7330. e-mail info@interfaithhealthclinic. org or visit interfaithhealthclinic.org.

Other information can be found within the Education Corner heading at the top of the website.

Iva's Place, Lenoir City

Mission

"To provide a comprehensive system of support and services to victims of domestic violence so healing can begin."

Process

Iva's Place has continued to expand its program and services to victims of domestic violence through any one of our multiple levels of care: Safe Haven Shelter, Transitional Apartments and Transitional Housing.

"Safe Haven Shelter provides immediate placement to victims of domestic violence that are in eminent danger and must flee their homes in order to avoid continued acts of domestic violence.

"... Helping survivors of domestic violence of all ages (is) at no cost." What to do if you have just expe-

rienced domestic violence

• Get to a safe place.

• Contact someone who can help you:



a friend, the police (911), 24-Hour Crisis Hotline for Domestic Violence." 1-866-239-0871, Child Abuse Hotline, 1-877-237-0004, Loudon County Sheriff's Office: 865-986-4823 or Knox County Sheriff's Office: 865-215-2243.

 "Get medical attention. You or possibly your children may have hidden injuries that are in need of medical treatment."

• "Write down everything that you remember happening, with as much detail as possible. This can help with your own healing process and in any legal action you might decide to take.

Donate

Visit the website, click on the How to Help headline and find the Donate button at the top of the page, call 865-816-3481, or by mail to: Iva's Place, P.O. Box 71, Lenoir City, TN, 37771

Volunteer

Call 865-816-3481 or e-mail to cevans@cac9jd.org



Phone: 865-986-1777

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee

Mission

"Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee, a member of Feeding America, has worked to compassionately feed people facing hunger since 1982.

"In fiscal year 2020, Second Harvest distributed 21 million pounds of food across 18 East Tennessee counties. Through feeding programs and 630-plus non-profit partners, SHFBET provides food to more than 134,000 children, adults and seniors each month."

Sad statistic

"One in five people in East Tennessee lives in poverty and has difficulty meeting basic needs. At Second Harvest Food Bank, we are trying to change that statistic. ..."

Donate/Volunteer

To donate time, money or food, go to the website and scroll to Donate Time, Donate Food or Donate Money logo and click. There also is a donate option for specific programs when clicking "Programs" on the home page, and a "Give" option on the home page for donations.

Contact

For more information, call SHFB (136 Harvest Lane, Maryville, TN,



3780) at 865-521-0000 or visit www. secondharvestetn.org or e-mail infor@secondharvestetn.org

The Arc Knox County

Mission

"The Arc Knox County has been serving the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities since 1953.

"The Arc Knox County is, and always has been, concerned about the right of all persons with disabilities to participate in programs and receive services as needed to achieve maximum personal, social, educational and vocational development. ..."

Services

"With an emphasis on community integration and competitive employment, the Sunshine Community Program provides activities for individuals interested in learning about the many options available to them, including job exploration, volunteering opportunities and leisure activities during the week. ..."

Sunshine Early Intervention services "offers a home-based educa-

tional program for Knox County families with children age newborn to the 3rd birthday who qualify as having a learning problem or delay in development under Department of Education criteria. ..."

Donate

To donate, see Donate box at the very top of webpage (www.sunshinekcarc.com) and see Fundraisers choice in upper right portion of webpage



Volunteer/Contact

Visit www.sunshinekcarc.com, call 865-546-9431 or e-mail sunshineindjobs@gmail.com; 3000 N. Central St., Knoxville TN 37917



MEDIC Regional Blood Center

Mission

"To enhance the well-being of the community by providing a safe, adequate and economical supply of blood and blood-related products."

History

"Medic was established in 1958 by Carl Nelson M.D. under the sponsorship of the Knoxville Academy of Medicine.

"Area physicians supported the not-for-profit blood center because they wanted a source of blood from volunteer donors, and they desired centralization of blood collection, testing and distribution."

Uniqueness, range

"... MEDIC is the only U.S. blood center that has a Blood Coverage Program covering members' blood



supplier processing fees at any hospital in the country.

"... Today, MEDIC Regional Blood Center is the sole provider of products" for 25 hospitals in Knox and 21 other surrounding counties.

Shortage updates, contacts

On a weekly basis, MEDIC will update the severity of need for certain blood types and asks the public to visit its website at medicblood.org or call 865-524-3074 to get the latest updates on shortages.

All blood types, however, are needed. **Donation locations, process**

To donate blood (wearing a mask is required), visit the Farragut location, 11000 Kingston Pike Suite 4, Farragut TN, 37934, or in downtown Knoxville, 1601 Ailor Ave.

However, appointments are preferred: visit medicblood.org, e-mail contact@medicblood.org or call 865-524-3074.

Random Acts of Flowers

Mission

"To bring moments of kindness in the form of a beautiful floral bouquet. Our recipients' joy is enough to justify our work, but these deliveries also have clinically proven to have a positive effect on health and well-being."

Random Acts of Flowers "improves the emotional health and well-being of individuals in healthcare facilities by delivering recycled flowers, encouragement and personal moments of kindness."

Proven effectiveness

"A study conducted in early 2016 by the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine confirms the positive impact that deliveries from Random Acts of Flowers have on the emotional wellness of medical patients."

By the numbers

There have been 142,000 "Deliveries of Hope" in the Knoxville/Knox County area, and 79,000 volunteer hours given.

Donate

To donate monetarily, scroll to the bottom of the home webpage and click



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the Donate button. To donate flowers or vases, find the Donate button, then click either the Donate Flowers or Donate Vases selection underneath.

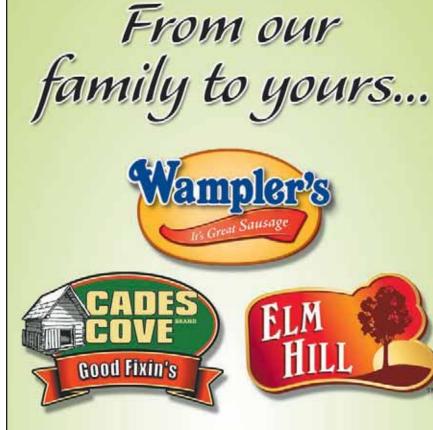
Volunteer

To volunteer, scroll to the bottom of the webpage, find the Volunteer heading and click on the home web page.

"Throughout the week, our volunteers prepare donated flowers, create beautiful bouquets and make personal deliveries of hope and encouragement to neighbors in hospitals, hospices and health care facilities."

Contact

Call 865-633-9082, visit www. rafknoxville.org or e-mail info@ rafknoxville.org; 2936 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville, TN, 37921.



Wampler's Sausage Pinwheels

2 cups prepared biscuit mix1/2 cup milk or water1 pound Wampler's Farm Sausage

Have the Wampler's Farm Sausage at room temperature. Stir the prepared mix and liquid together. On a floured surface, roll the dough into a very thin rectangle. Spread with Wampler's Farm Sausage and roll into a long roll. Chill until firm. Slice and back at 375 deg. for 15 minutes.

Wampler's Sausage Balls

1 pound Wampler's Farm Sausage 8 ounces sharp cheese (grated) 3 cups prepared biscuit mix

Mix thoroughly. Make into small marble sized balls. Bake at 325 deg. for 35 minutes. These can be frozen and used as needed. Do not thaw prior to baking.





Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding

Mission

"To foster personal achievement by providing therapeutic experiences using horse-related activities for persons with disabilities or other special challenges. "STAR is a 501(c)3 organization and holds premier accreditation from the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International."

Programs

To participate, call 865-988-4711 or e-mail star@rideatstar.org

• Therapeutic Riding: with some riders we position them so the movement of the horse can relax tight muscles, increase range of motion and improve trunk stability and balance;

• Therapeutic Riding and Equine Assisted Learning program for Veterans with disabilities or other special challenges; and

• Changing STRIDES Life Skills "provides the tools for at-risk youth (ages 13-21) and adults to better manage their lives and foster positive relationships." **Volunteer**

Call 865-988-4711 or go to www. rideatstar.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page, click the Volunteer box or Donate box.

Click Volunteer tab on home webpage. Volunteers "work directly with riders and horses during lessons. Assist participants with grooming and tacking, then sidewalk beside the rider during the mounted portion of each lesson

"Minimum commitment of one hour per week. Same day and time for the entire session; ... positive attitude; able to work independently; able to walk for 30 minutes. Some jogging required; ... no horse experience necessary.

Donate

Go to www.rideatstar.org and scroll to the bottom of the home page, click the Donate box

Contacts

Visit www.rideatstar.org, call 865-988-4711 or e-mail star@rideatstar. org; 11800 Highway 11E, Lenoir City

Volunteer Ministry Center

Mission

Volunteer Ministry Center "facilitates permanent supportive housing for those who are homeless and to provide services to prevent homelessness."

The Center offers "specialized services to individuals experiencing homelessness and those within our community who are in crisis. VMC's programs support its two-fold mission of facilitating permanent supportive housing for those who are homeless and providing services to prevent homelessness."

Programs

VMC operates four main programs: the VMC Resource Center "is a case management program that assists people in their efforts to work their way out of homelessness."

Bush Family Refuge "serves individuals who are in crisis and who may be at risk of losing their housing."

Minvilla Manor are 57 apartments "each inhabited by a former chronically homeless and disabled individual" offering "case management ser-



vices on-site and 24-hour staffing."

VMC Dental Clinic "uses professional dental clinicians to provide dental care and treatment to the homeless and low income of Knox County."

Donate

To donate, click the red Donate button at the top middle of the web page.

Volunteer

To volunteer, click the Get Involved heading on the home web page. As an initial step, schedule a "Get acquainted with VMC" session by contacting Chloe Johnson at cjohnson@vmcinc. org or by calling 865-524-3926, extension 230.

Contacts

Visit https://www.vmcing.org or call 865-524-3926; 511 North Broadway, Knoxville 37917



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