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## Third time the charm for Hotel/Motel tax?

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Will the third time be a charm?

Although no time frame has been set, possibly enacting a Hotel/Motel tax likely looks to be taken up again in the near future by the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

The Town's Tourism/Visitor Advisory committee voted to recommend BOMA consider the issue during its regular bi-monthly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 10.

If the tax does come to a vote, it would be the third time in six years BOMA has considered the measure, which would not tax hotels and motels, but instead would tax guests staying at any of Farragut's current lodging establishments.

Presently, there is an across-the-board 5 percent Knox County lodging tax charged to those staying in Farragut hotels, while the City of Knoxville charges an additional 3 percent for guests staying in the city limits.

Farragut is one of few incorporated entities that does not assess additional lodging taxes on top of the county rates, according to documents shared during the

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## FWKCC scholarship winners unveiled

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Education was front and center Tuesday, Sept. 17, at the latest Breakfast Speaker Series hosted by the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce.

Not only was University of Tennessee's Interim President Randy Boyd the guest speaker at the sold-out event in Fox Den Country Club, but the Chamber also singled out two Knoxville Tennessee College of Applied Technology students to receive the organization's first Workforce Development Scholarships.

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### business

"We've been teachers together for the past nine years. We've seen common struggles and frustrations that students have,"

- Dee Morgan, an ownership partner in a new achievement center in Farragut (Read story beginning on page 9A)

### community

"What we are doing isn't working. ... We are teaching the wrong people. We aren't teaching the youth,"

- Ed Junod, a Vietnam Conflict veteran and Vet to Vet Tennessee founder, about a critical topic. (Read story beginning on page 5B)

### sports

"I think we just thought we had it in the bag. ... I think we underestimated them,"

- Alec Keathley, Farragut High School football senior receiver/linebacker, about a tough loss. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



**Foundations**  
40 YEARS OF FARRAGUT

First Utility District's award-winning service has taken many forms in the Town of Farragut. (Read Part 13 story, page 5A)

*"Olivia Newsome had a strong, mature faith that far exceeded her age."*

~ Donald E. Snider, CCS Head of School



# CCS loses an Angel

Strength exceeding her years, Olivia inspired a school

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The Concord Christian School family is mourning the death of seventh-grader Olivia Kate Newsome, who lost her three-year cancer battle Sunday, Sept. 8.

She passed away at home, where she had been on hospice

(Top) Olivia Newsome, center, enjoyed one last outing with her Concord Christian School friends Alli Hyers, left, and Ava Hooten Friday, Sept. 6, just two days before she passed away from cancer. The trio had lunch together and went shopping for clothes at Kohl's, all at Olivia's request. (Above right) Olivia, 12, a CCS 7th grader, is pictured with the family dog.

care for several weeks, according to her family's Caring Bridge journal.

Olivia, 12, was first diagnosed with osteosarcoma in October 2016 after doctors found a mass on her left femur bone. She then bravely battled through surgeries, chemotherapy and other treat-

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## Two Farragut housing fires within 48 hours



Photo courtesy Rural/Metro Fire Department

Two Farragut house fires within a 48-hour span began with an unoccupied Virtue Road home (left), which closed the road overnight and sent a veteran Rural/Metro firefighter to the hospital Saturday, Sept. 14. According to Rural/Metro spokesman Jeff Bagwell, crews responded to 817 Virtue Road at 8:50 p.m. and discovered heavy fire in the basement that had spread into the attic. While firefighters made an aggressive attack, intense heat and flames ultimately forced them back outside. Firefighter Chris Caywood was hospitalized with a shoulder injury, but was released Sunday, Sept. 15, Bagwell said. About 2:45 p.m., Monday, Sept. 16, Rural/Metro responded to a structure fire at 550 Lost Tree Lane. When initial crews arrived they found heavy fire coming from the back of a 12-unit condo building affecting two units before the fire was contained. There were no injuries reported. There was some smoke damage beyond the two affected units. The cause of both fires are still under investigation, Bagwell said Monday.



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# BOMA's checks to schools



Michelle Hollenhead

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen presented \$100,000 to representatives from Farragut's public schools and two from the Farragut High School Education Foundation Thursday, Sept. 12, during its regular monthly board meeting. Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, third from left, and Mayor Ron Williams, third from right, presented checks to, from left, Farragut High School principal Dr. John Bartlett; Farragut Intermediate School Principal Deborah Adorante; FHS Education Foundation co-chairs Jean Ogle and Gene Perkins; Farragut Middle School principal Weston Edmonds; and Farragut Primary School principal Gina Byrd.

## Scholarships

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Zachary Manges, who is studying industrial electricity, and Abigail Fawver, who is studying to be a dental assistant, received \$1,300 and \$1,000 respectively from the FWKCC to cover tools, books and any other incidentals they might need.

"I am very grateful for this scholarship," said Fawver, who graduated from Carter High School earlier this year and just started her dental assistant program two weeks ago. "TCAT is a great school, and I am so excited to be (there)."

Manges, who was born and raised in Knoxville but attended high school in Virginia, came "home" to attend TCAT and started his one-year program in February, he said.

"It was really a nice surprise to get this scholarship," Manges said. "If it wasn't for that, I probably wouldn't have been able to get the tools I needed."

FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said a first-time donation of \$50,000 from the Knox County Commission earlier this year helped set the wheels in motion to creating the scholarship.

"We have gotten the support of the Town of Farragut for so many years, and they have been wonderful, and now this Spring we

were blessed with the County's donation," she said. "Because of the support we're now receiving from both of our direct municipalities, and because the Board decided last year to do more to support workforce/trade development,

Blaylock met with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs about possible goals and focus ideas, and said he discussed education and job creation. She also met with Patrick Wade, vice president of TCAT, on the Chamber's role and how it could help with workforce development.

"I was so impressed with everything they did," she said. "(Wade) never asked us for any money, but I asked him what could we do to help TCAT students.

"I found out the HOPE Scholarship covers a great deal, but what it doesn't cover — in the way of materials, tools or books — can be really expensive, so I asked about scholarships."

Blaylock said not only was Wade excited about the suggestion, but so was the Chamber's Board of Directors, which drafted a scholarship very quickly in early August.

"It was so fast, but had such a short turnaround time — about 10 days — that we were afraid we might not get any applicants, but we had 13 students apply," she said. "They were all amazing. We

gave the applications to the Executive Board, and they reviewed them and tried to narrow them down to just one, but very quickly came back and said, 'What if we did two scholarships?'

"I was watching this happen over e-mail," Blaylock added. "And it was just beautiful to see.

"I am just so proud of our Board. We are very fiscally conservative, so it is a big decision for us to give money away. So the fact they wanted to fund two scholarships was just huge."

Blaylock said plans call for the

partnership with TCAT to continue, and more scholarships to be awarded in the years ahead.

# KCSO reports

There were no new Knox County Sheriff's Office reports submitted by KCSO for this week, but look for new reports in our Thursday, Sept. 26 issue.

## Shipley, Smoak quotes: TCreek Commons story

With their e-mailed quotes inadvertently left out of our Sept. 12 business section story on Turkey Creek Commons expansion, Farragut Community Development director Mark Shipley and Town administrator David Smoak comment as Robert Shagan, property owner and developer, pointed out delays in the project are due to the Town's "new design guidelines."

Shipley stated: "The original project began several years ago and there have been several changes to building guidelines since then. Multiple public meetings were held in conjunction with the adoption of the Architectural Design Standards in 2015, and the 2018 International Building Codes were also adopted this year."

Smoak stated: "All new Farragut businesses are welcome and appreciated, and we'll be excited when those spaces are filled."



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**Olivia**

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ments before succumbing to the disease.

Olivia's death hit the school especially hard, as not only was she a student there, but her parents work at CCS as well.

Her mother, Rachel Walter Newsome is the administrative assistant to CCS's middle school principal, and father, Caleb Newsome, is the school's physical education teacher.

"It has been a somber week," said Stephanie Mason, CCS's director of marketing, who added the school hosted a special Chapel time Monday, Sept. 9, and had pastors and counselors available all week from Concord Counseling Center.

Donald E. Snider, Head of School for CCS, was reflective as he recalled his interactions with the special student.

"I first met Olivia last year, and as I watched her fight this terrible disease. I grew in admiration for her," Snider said. "In Olivia's 12 short years, she impacted so many with her courageous fight against childhood cancer.

"She loved school, her teachers and friends and shared her joyous enthusiasm with all who came in contact with her," he added. "She was even in last year's spring (theater arts) production, 'Annie.'

"Olivia Newsome had a strong mature faith that far exceeded her age. We are comforted to know that Olivia's suffering is now over and she dances with her Lord and Savior in Heaven.

"The Concord Campus continues to grieve our loss and we ask our friends in Farragut to keep the Newsome Family in your prayers."

Although Olivia weakened over the summer, her mother shared some activities Olivia was able to enjoy, including a family trip to Chattanooga in



Photo submitted

Olivia Newsome, center, attended Concord Christian School and passed away Sunday, Sept. 8. She is pictured with her parents, Rachel and Caleb Newsome, both of whom work at CCS, along with her sister, Claire, and her brother, Isaac.

June, a movie night to see "The Lion King" in July and an outing with school friends just two days before she died.

"Olivia woke up that morning and wanted to go to lunch with two friends at school," her mother wrote. "We made it, wheelchair and oxygen tanks and lunches and water bottles

and medicines in tow.

"She enjoyed it immensely and then asked to go to Kohl's. It almost gave me a heart attack, but we went, and she tried on probably 7 outfits. She found a dress she liked and we bought it," Rachel further stated.

"I'm so glad that we were able to do this on Friday. She told me

it made her feel human again. "I'm going to miss clothes shopping with her."

Olivia also is survived by her sister, Claire, her brother, Isaac; grandparents, Dave and Mary Newsome, and Alan and Vickie Walter; a great-grandmother, Betty Huffaker; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

**Specialty plates to support SM Service Dogs**

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An upcoming specialty license plate for Tennesseans can support Smoky Mountain Service Dogs.

SMSD, which serves wounded veterans with trained service dogs, is pre-selling these custom license plates to Tennessee residents with registered vehicles, said SMSD volunteer chairman Mike Kitchens, who manned a table at Tennessee State Bank's Turkey Creek Branch 10th anniversary celebration Tuesday, Sept. 10.

Each specialty license plate costs \$35, of which \$15.37 directly benefits SMSD. It can be purchased by going online at [www.smokymountainservicedogs.org](http://www.smokymountainservicedogs.org), printing out the order form and sending the form and payment to SMSD Specialty Plate, 110 Tooweka Circle, Loudon, TN 37774.

Kitchens said the state requires a minimum of 1,000 pre-orders to start production of the new plate. It would then take four to six months for them to arrive at the local county clerk offices.

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## lettertotheeditor

My take-away from "Wealth of Nations," the groundbreaking classic by Adam Smith, the father of modern economics, is that in economic policy you get more of whatever you reward, and less of whatever you penalize. This is true of almost all human endeavors; as when our children behave well, we reward them, etc.

In government policy we penalize nuisance industries such as alcohol and tobacco in order to reduce their negative impact and to help offset their cost to society. Conversely we subsidize certain useful and preferred strategic industries such as agriculture or solar power.

Now let's say that as a Town we have decided that tourism would be useful to the Town's economy. Following the above axiom, how would a rational person go about encouraging tourism? Would you seek ways to employ the time tested and proven methods of supporting, rewarding and encouraging those businesses in Town that support your objective?

Or would you punish them, burden them and erase their competitive advantage by imposing on them a retrograde, discriminatory tax policy plagiarized from the failed, bankrupt, corrupt cities that spawn such schemes?

The members of the Farragut Tourism/Visitor Advisory Committee who voted to recommend that the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen again consider a Hotel/Motel tax for the FOURTH time should resign in shame and disgrace as their vote betrays an appalling dearth of understanding of marketing, economics and fair-play as well as a towering conceit.

Do they not know that this idea was first reviewed and rejected by the Farragut Economic Development Committee in 2009 and that it has been studied, argued, voted on and rejected by the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen three times in the last six years?

Do they not know that it is opposed by all nine of our fine hotels, all of which chose Farragut partly because of its location but also because of the favorable tax structure of the Town, which gives them a leg up on their competition to bring guests into Town to enjoy our services, restaurants and shopping?

Have they not read the Tennessee Advisory Com-

mission report on "Structuring Lodging Taxes to Preserve the Economy and Encourage Tourism," which clearly states on page 13 that "a 2 percent increase in a lodging tax would cause about a 2.4 percent reduction in room sales and associated visitor spending per year?"

When you consider that room sales are only statistically 17.4 percent of visitor spending, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that this would have a tremendously deleterious effect on our other local businesses and consequently the sales tax revenues upon which the Town relies predominantly for operating funds.

This story is all too familiar and we already know how it ends. As revenues begin to decline because of these wrong-headed policies, the Town is forced to look around for other revenue sources. Soon some genius will propose a restaurant tax, impact fees, a lawn mower tax, a property tax.

In case these committeemen haven't heard, this ship has already sailed and our Town's businesses should not be subjected to this kind of bullying every year or two. Instead we should be focusing our efforts on supporting and encouraging these businesses by promoting our Town's obvious strengths; the policies that have made us the great little Town we are, rather than trying to borrow the tax-and-spend, big government policies of towns like O'Fallon in the bankrupt and second heaviest taxed state in the union, Illinois.

Have they even thought about something as obvious as buying some billboard space a few miles out on all four Interstate approaches to the Town directing travelers to "The Cleanest, Safest, Most Charming Hospitality Exit on the Interstate" with the widest choice of lodging, dining, shopping and services, and the lowest tax rates? Have they thought about how we might market our Town to the 800 or so new units of apartments being completed near or in our borders?

Come on guys, we are looking to you for a little original thought to preserve our Town's unique heritage and traditions. We have so much to promote. The last thing we need to do is beat up the guys pulling our wagon.

**Robert N. (Bob) Markli**  
Farragut (former alderman)

## Tax revisit

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Tourism/Visitor Advisory meeting.

The neighboring counties of Roane, Anderson, Blount and Loudon also charge a 5 percent county lodging tax. Incorporated cities Lenoir City and Kingston charge 5 percent, as does Oak Ridge and Oliver Springs, while Harriman imposes a 7 percent tax.

All lodging taxes mentioned are in addition to the state's 7 percent sales tax rate, and in Knox County an additional 2.25 percent sales tax also is charged.

Committee chairman Michael Bellamy presented a memorandum to the group during its Sept. 10 meeting, outlining rea-

sons to support pursuing a tax stream similar to those already established by other municipalities.

In the memo, he noted Town Tourism coordinator Karen Tindal has "increased tourism in Farragut by focusing on music and songwriting venues. All of her accomplishments, however, have occurred with a very small budget and part-time hours."

Tindal has worked to publicize and promote a variety of events during her 18 months in what was a newly created posi-



Pinchok

tion for the Town. She also has established a strong and separate "Visit Farragut" social media presence on Facebook and Instagram. Earlier this year, she also began posting weekly video summaries of activities and events.

The Committee has been working with local marketing firm design sensory to help establish goals and plans for the future of Farragut's tourism.

The firm has made presentations to both the Committee and BOMA, outlining some of the plans, along with potential costs, over the last several months.

The Committee took up the issue in two separate votes. In the first, it voted unanimously to suggest BOMA consider the Hotel/Motel tax again, which was voted down

most recently in 2018.

However, the Committee was divided on the percentage of the tax to be considered.

Bellamy suggested 3 percent. Vice Mayor Louise Povlin asked the Committee to consider requesting less, but the measure ultimately passed 4-3, with Bellamy, Wendy Robinson, Alderman Ron Pinchok and Angela Sanders voting for, while Jeanie Stow, Akshay Hira and Julie Blaylock, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce President/CEO, voted against the recommendation.

If and when the issue comes before BOMA, that body will decide on the amount. In order to pass, four of five Board members must vote in favor of the measure.

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- The Board of Mayor and Aldermen should establish a Hotel/Motel Tax. When each of us travels in areas other than home we pay motel taxes wherever we go. It's appropriate for us to have one here for an additional source of revenue. It's inadvisable for us not to take advantage of this revenue source.

- I'm calling in regards to the Hotel/Motel Tax that the Town of Farragut's Tourism Advisory Committee voted early on Tuesday, Sept. 10, to recommend that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen consider this tax. This has been the third time (since 2013). This is very concerning to me because where does this stop? We'll start with the Hotel/Motel Taxes in this area and, from what I understand from living in other areas, that's just the beginning of never-ending taxes. If residents are not being taxed with this Hotel/Motel Tax, believe me it's coming. It starts with something like the hotels and motels and it continues to move on. Before you know it we'll have a county tax and then a Town of Farragut tax for residents. So I definitely am opposed to the hotels and the motels being taxed. The revenue that will come from that tax, believe me, it will be earmarked maybe for tourism, but it will be used for something else. It always happens whenever government's involved.



## Plates

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plate is ready for pickup at your local county clerk's office," he said,

The specialty plate features the artwork of local artist Robert Tino, who sits on Tennessee State Bank's board of directors, and depicts one of SMSD's dogs.

The bank further supports the non-profit organization through its credit card program.

Along with the license plates, SMSD also will hold its annual Night of Patriots fundraiser starting at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 28, at The Venue at Lenoir City, 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd.

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## With its rare Triple-A rating, FUD has enjoyed close ties with Town

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Wearing two hats, so to speak, during his 13 years as Town of Farragut's first mayor, Robert "Bob" Leonard also had to do his job as legal counsel for First Utility District.

Even when the two jobs seemed to cross paths, meaning Mr. Leonard had to invoke "eminent domain" in securing property for new FUD lines, which happened to owned a good friend and political ally on the Town's Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

Eddy Ford, a South Ward Alderman on the first Town Board in 1980, had personal property comprising "approximately 770 feet of Kingston Pike frontage" where FUD desired to "run a water line/sewer line," said Ford, who became the longest-serving mayor in Town history (1993-2009) and its longest serving elected official at 29 years (1980-2009).

"We let First Utility District know we had no desire to let that happen," he added.

However, "At Oak Ridge National Laboratory one day (where he served as a nuclear engineer before retiring), I get called to the front gate ... and there's a process server. Bob Leonard had sent condemnation notices to me ... that First Utility District is going to condemn my property, and if I wanted to take them to court and challenge them I was welcomed to do so," Ford recalled.

"This is the guy I sat beside every Thursday night (on the Board of Mayor and Alderman) for 10 years, and he's suing me," he added about Leonard.

Realizing "I was going to lose," Ford relented and FUD and Leonard, wearing his other hat, got their lines along (underneath) Ford's property.

### FUD history

"We're the only wastewater system in the state of Tennessee that's Triple-A rated, and that's based off of rate structure, your leadership, your infrastructure, your financial position, your debt ratio," said Bruce Giles, FUD General manager since November 2010, about Standard & Poor's rating. "That almost unheard of from a grading standpoint in the state of Tennessee or the Southeast."

Providing water and wastewater services in all of what is now the Town of Farragut well before its incorporation in January 1980, FUD was created in 1954 and served "about 600 — now it's about 90,000," he said.

Going back to 1954, "My understanding is there was a need for drinking water, and the old Walker Springs off the Walker Springs exit, there is literally still a spring there that we (used). They determined a way to pipe that water to meet the needs of about 600 people," Giles said.

"Some years later, they couldn't meet the volume anymore, so they built the first water plant here. I'm not sure what year," he added.

Its current area of service goes east to Gallahar View Road and Bearden High School, north to Interstate 40/75 where "we cross the Interstate in a couple of places" according to Giles, west to the Loudon County line and south to Fort Loudoun Lake.

"And we wholesale service to Lenoir City Utility District," the FUD GM added. "A small portion of our customer base is in the City of Knoxville, too."

### Working with Farragut

In special situations, including floods, FUD has been ready to help the Town with use of special equipment.

"If the Town administrator (David Smoak) picks up the phone and calls me and says, 'Hey, we've got this need,' we always try to help," Giles said while praising Smoak for being "a good leader" who "sees the big picture."

"I think the world of David Smoak, he is a good man," the FUD GM added. "Since he took this job (2010), it's been good for both organizations."

As for specific examples of helping the Town, "During the recent floods in February and March the Town was having issues, and we have a large amount of equipment and know-how, so we are ready to send out our equipment to support them," he said. "If they need to evaluate a storm drain, we have automated camera systems that go underground."

"On several occasions they've



Photo submitted

First Utility District employees celebrate a "Top Workforce" award, as judged from among hundreds of employers in the Knox County area, which was presented by Knoxville News Sentinel earlier this summer. From left are Jeremy Bailey, supervisor of Field Services; Mark McKinney, Engineering supervisor; Sheila Brumley, Customer Service manager; Kena Hyers, CFO; Brad Brummett, Operations manager; Ronnie Davis, assistant General manager; Leea Butler, Human Resources manager; Chloe Pool, Communications manager; and Bruce Giles, General manager.



had large water breaks at their facilities, so I've sent out my crews to fix those water breaks for them," Giles added, also noting FUD and the Town often "share information" as a mutual benefit.

"If it's good for the public and there's a need, we try to work together."

When a new residential or commercial development is built in Town limits, Giles said neither FUD nor Town of Farragut water/wastewater customers incur that cost.

"The developer actually pays those costs," he said. "It's not fair for the rest of the customer base to pay for someone else's need."

### Fiscally sound

Despite incurring serious flooding damage early this year at its plant at 122 Durwood Road, FUD remains fiscally sound according to Giles.

"Most systems carry a lot of debt — we don't," he said. "We will actually be completely debt-free by the year 2025. We would have reduced our debt by \$77 million at that point."

As a result of lighten that load, "That allows us to invest more money into infrastructure, which

in turn supports the citizens of the Town of Farragut because we hold rates down lower. ... People take for granted you get roughly three gallons of water for a penny here," Giles said. "That compares well even nationally."

"And we insure the infrastructure functions significantly better than others around us," he added.

Overall, "Our long-term plan is extremely strong. ... We have no EPA issues, no issues with TDEC," Giles said.

### Bruce Giles

A Loudon High School graduate and Loudon County native, Bruce Giles is approaching his ninth anniversary atop First Utility District as its general manager.

From superior Triple-A+ ratings distinguishing itself as one of the top utilities in Tennessee, to earning a "Top Workforce" award among Knox County's best as recognized last July, FUD has set a high standard of excellence under Giles with its reputation for clear, clean and good tasting water.

Though FUD "works closely with the Town of Farragut," Giles said his



utility also "works independently of the Town as its water and wastewater provider. ... The Town is always aware of what's going on, we communicate with them."

Hear his full interview on the Foundations Podcast at [www.farragutpress.com](http://www.farragutpress.com)

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## FHS Class of 1986 duo leading Knox County Rescue



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Dr. Russ Frazier and John Whited have been a winning ticket, as Farragut High School Class of 1986 graduates, at the very highest level of Knox County Rescue.

Chief Frazier and Deputy Chief Whited lead a squad of 92 unpaid and 10 paid professionals answering about 2,000 calls annually in Knox and surrounding counties.

As for having influence, Whited said Frazier “got me started in the business. ... He had been in several years prior. ... Actually we grew up in the same subdivision together.

“And then, of course, Russ eventually became a physician, an anesthesiologist at Methodist Medical (Oak Ridge),” he added.

Having served 32 years with KCR, Whited recalled starting out “as a junior squad trainee” in 1987.

Now, “I have training in all specific disciplines of rescue,” Whited said. “... I’ve been an instructor in a lot of these skill sets for a long time now,” which “at times” includes training outside of KCR.

“It’s an ever-changing field,” he added. “... Every day is a challenge. I was an athlete and a competitor ... you see a lot of ex-athletes in this type of business.”

It’s no wonder. “We basically do every kind of technical rescue, from car wrecks to water rescues to dive accidents to people stuck in caves or cliffs or confined spaces on industrial sites, we do it all,” Whited said.

For example, “I was at the Calhoun, Tennessee (multi-) car Interstate crash back in (1990), which at the time was

one of the worst motor vehicle accidents in this country,” he said about the chain-reaction car pile-up killing a few dozen and injuring even more. “It was gruesome. ... That one stuck with me.”

As for happier outcomes, Whited recalled a “trench rescue in Kingston ... where the walls of the trench had collapsed on this gentleman and trapped him. ... It was one of the first trench rescues that we worked.

“We were the only agency that had the training and equipment to provide that service in this region — and had a successful outcome,” he added. “He lived for a number of years after that, although I believe he did have a portion of his leg amputated.

“He ended up coming our Christmas party for a few years every year.”

Most recently, “We got a report of a 41-foot boat on fire in the channel there pretty close to Concord Marina,” said Whited, adding KCR works closely with Rural/Metro Fire and Ambulance.

“We have three heavy rescue trucks in service 24 hours a day, seven days a week — with additional volunteer staff on call. And one paid chief on call all the time.”

About having a positive work environment, “I think the biggest part of it is the camaraderie we have with both our unpaid staff and paid staff,” Whited said.

Funded primarily by “Knox County Government, City of Knoxville and United Way,” KCR has been chartered since 1956.

~ Alan Sloan

## Devlin, 29-year RMFD veteran from Farragut, promoted to Knox assistant chief

Jeffrey Devlin, a Farragut resident and 29-year veteran with Rural/Metro Fire Department, recently was promoted to assistant chief over all of Knox County’s Rural/Metro operations, according to a departmental press release.

Devlin previously was one of the operation’s battalion chiefs, commanding the eight western-most fire stations on his shift.

“We’ve always known Jeff to be an officer of intelligence and ability,” R/M Fire Chief Jerry Harnish said. “And the fact that he competed successfully against 15 candidates from departments in 11 states confirms it.”

Devlin first joined R/M when he went through the recruit fire academy in 1990.

His rise through the ranks came as firefighter/paramedic, lieutenant, captain and battalion chief before assistant chief.

Devlin received a bachelor’s degree in Fire Administration from the University of Memphis in 2003, and a master’s degree in Safety from the University of Tennessee in 2009.

He is a 2014 graduate of the National Fire Academy’s Executive Fire Officer Program and a 2015 Chief Fire Officer Designee through the Center for Public Safety Excellence.

In his new post, Devlin is responsible for the operations of the department’s 18 fire stations in Knox County, as well as overseeing more than 200 employees.

His crews answer more than 16,000 calls for emergency assistance every year and protect 240,000 residents in Knox County and the Town of Farragut.



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Photo submitted

Matt Kinney, a Rural/Metro Fire Station No. 41 (North Campbell Station Road in Farragut) firefighter/EMT, alongside a station First Responder truck.

# Encouragement as a teen leads Kinney to Rural/Metro

*Also a 'Specialty Teams' rescue squad volunteer*

A youth leader at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, with just a few words of encouragement, helped shaped the career of what is now a 19-year veteran with Rural/Metro Fire Department.

"I had a church youth leader at St. John Neumann, Evan Schukman, while in high school that was a firefighter, and he used to talk about it and said it might be something great for me to do," said Matt Kinney, 37, a Rural/Metro firefighter/EMT.

"And I looked into it and I've been here ever since." He has served the last four years at Station No. 41 along Campbell Station Road in Farragut.

"The rewarding parts are, 1, getting to help people; 2, you meet a lot of people," the Farragut High School Class of 2000 graduate added. "There's great training, great education."

With 24-hour-on, 24-hour-off shifts, Kinney said the "negative things would be you're gone away from your family for 24 hours. And unfortunately, you see people in their worst time."

"But you're helping people through their worst time," he added.

As for common calls, "The most common one we're

running now are medical calls — probably 70 percent medical," Kinney said. "The other 30 percent are either a fire, fire alarm or car wrecks."

Beyond Rural/Metro, "I also volunteer with the Knoxville Volunteer Rescue Squad," Kinney said, estimating that service has spanned "probably at least 10 years."

Among that squad's "Specialty Teams" with whom Kinney contributes is "cave rescue, high-angle and vertical rescue and confined-space rescue," he said.

Kinney and wife, Courtney Kinney, have a stepson, Tucker, 12.

~ Alan Sloan

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# International Talk Like a Pirate Day

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1. Shiver me timbers! Gabbie Derrera and Breann Neeley of Farragut ORNL Federal Credit Union demonstrate how to use a pirate hook to defend against a (pretend) sword attack. They were quick to point out that it is not advised in real-life situations. 2. Argh matey! We found Megan Ellsworth and Parker Lines at Farragut Pub on Monday afternoon. 3. Quinn Morrison was more than happy to let us know he likes getting his "Harrggghh" cut by Sarah Shultz at Great Clips in Farrggghh-agut. 4. Collin and Josh Colomac were found at Knoxville Academy of Music. A good shantymen never has a problem finding a pirate ship willing to take him on as a crew member, especially if he knows how to play a concertina. 5. "Where be the seasoning?" asks Dylan Hollenhead at Einstein Bros. Bagels in Farragut. "It could be in Davey Jones Locker" according to co-worker Ian Stewart. 6. Aye! Melanie Milliken is hooked on Pirates of the Caribbean. 7. Melanie Sharpe and her mom, Barbara Potts, enjoy a good movie night with Pirates of the Caribbean. Of course, one never knows when you might have to invoke a good parlay ... as allowed by the Code of the Pirate. 8. Kearsten Smith is quick to greet Sweet Retreat visitors with a hardy "Ahoy!" when they stop in for a rolled ice cream treat. 9. Ok. 1 year-old Kylene Bowling doesn't have a favorite pirate quote, word or movie. But she was too cute playing in the kid's area at Sweet Retreat Rolled Ice Cream and Tea.



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Michelle Hollenhead

Eduardo Ayala is pictured last week in La Parrilla's, 11639 Parkside Drive, which he has co-owned and operated over the last 10 years. The restaurant will be closing Monday, Sept. 30, and Ayala will open a new restaurant, Parrilla's Cantina in Renaissance | Farragut in October.

## Renaissance shift for La Parrilla

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD  
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Following a successful 10-year run in Turkey Creek with La Parrilla, Eduardo Ayala will be bringing the signature restaurant's style to Renaissance | Farragut in October.

Ayala is partnering with Martine Cobian and Victor Rosales in the new venture, Parrilla's Cantina, which will open in the location formerly housing Restaurant Linderhof.

Since he is creating an entirely new partnership, Ayala is putting a slight change to the name, he said.

"I am really excited about the new location and being able to offer a restaurant in that part of Farragut," he said.

Town of Farragut's Beer Board approved Ayala's beer permit for the new establishment Sept. 12, and he said he has filed the necessary paperwork for a

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## businessbriefs

• **Tim Eason and Robin James** have joined the team of real estate professionals at EXIT Real Estate Professionals in Farragut.

• **Realtors Travis Norris, Katy Berry and Natalie Saunders** have joined the office of Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in West Knoxville and will be assisting homebuyers and sellers in Knoxville and surrounding areas with their real estate needs.



Norris



Berry

• **Farragut native Bryan Bentley** has joined Mountain Commerce Bank as vice president and portfolio specialist at its Bearden headquarters location, and **Kelsey Innes** of Knoxville has joined as assistant vice president and branch manager of the bank's Bearden location.



Bentley



Innes

• **University of Tennessee** has ranked 44th in 2020 U.S. News and World Report undergraduate rankings among all public universities and 104th nationally. The Haslam College of Business ranked 31st

and Tickle College of Engineering ranked 37th among all public universities.

• **SONIC's team** at 9102 Highway 20 in Summertown has been recognized as the best drive-in in the nation, taking home the championship title and gold medals in SONIC's annual premier competition training program, the Dr. Pepper SONIC games. At that same competition, the Knoxville crew at 1865 N. Zaragosa Road earned silver medals.

These teams competed against 10 other teams from across the country at the 2019 SONIC National Convention in Austin, Texas.

• **King University**, with a campus along Hardin Valley Road, has been named among the "Best Regional Universities" in the South by U.S. News and World Report's 2020 Best College Rankings.



Tammy Cheek

Long-time school teachers Dee Morgan, left, and Amy Finch will open Calculating Minds Math Achievement Center in November.

## Morgan, Finch partner to open Calculating Minds Math Center

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Long-time local math teachers Dee Morgan and Amy Finch are partnering to open Calculating Minds Math Achievement Center at 11115 Kingston Pike, next to Premier Eyecare in Premier Center, Farragut.

"We hope to open in late November," Finch said.

Morgan, who has been teaching for 35 years, currently is a math teacher at North Middle School in Loudon County while Finch, who also was a NMS teacher and has been teaching for 23 years, resigned from her position to open Calculating Minds, where they will be providing remediation and enrichment for math students from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade.

"But, we are looking to expand that in the future," Finch said.

"One of the things Amy and

I am firm believers in is, in the classroom, curriculum needs to be student-driven, so our business will be student-driven," Morgan said. "If we see high school students need some help, then we'll expand it to that."

"We've been teachers together for the last nine years," she said. "We've seen common struggles and frustrations that students have.

"Since we're both math teachers, we're both very familiar with the misconceptions kids have with math (and) the lack of confidence that they have, so we felt, by opening a center, we could address some of those needs," she said. "We also know that math teachers, in general, just don't

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# See craft beer being made when Orange Hat Brewing comes to Hardin Valley

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Orange Hat Brewing Company will be making the Hardin Valley community its home by the first of the year, creating a neighborhood spot, where patrons can see the craft beers being made.

It's owners, Brian Hatmaker and Arica Ramin, are moving their venture into a 5,000-square-foot space next to D1 Training at 10246 Hardin Valley Road, across the street from Hardin Valley Storage, serving a variety of craft beers.

"We're shooting (to open) the end of the year (or) beginning of next year," said Brandon Smith, Orange Hat head brewer.

The brewery, with its "tap room model" — where the beer's made on site, and it's served where it's made — will allow patrons to see how the beer is made, said Smith, who comes from Broken Compass Brewing in Colorado. He explained the "tap room" or bar area will take up the front of the building and the brew station will be in the back. However, customers "will be able to walk in and see what's in the back."

"It's always fun for people to see where the product is made," Smith said.

Orange Hat will offer a world-class variety of higher-standard craft beers, from flagships and staples to seasonal offerings, for the holidays. "We want a wide variety, so we're planning on 15 taps, probably something either gluten-reduced and/or gluten-free — because that market's growing right now — and a couple of different (India Pale Ale) offerings," he said. "We really want to have something for everybody."

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Tammy Cheek

## 'Kane saw' (wood) massacre

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, sawing left — formerly known as wrestling star "Kane," helps Smoky Mountain Vintage Lumber owner Andrew Edens, sawing right, celebrate the store's grand opening at 11330 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek, Tuesday, Sept. 10. Holding the big piece of lumber, center from left, are Megan Lillie, Darren Raines (in back with sunglasses) and George Freier. Watching in back, right, is Rod Harper.

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Tammy Cheek

Orange Hat Brewing Company head brewer Brandon Smith prepares to serve patrons at the company's new location, 10246 Hardin Valley Road next to D1 Training.

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**Calculating**

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have time in the classroom to be able to teach and do all the enrichment or remediation that they need.

"Teachers can't provide the hands-on activities because of time," Morgan said. "So, we felt like Calculating Minds would really fill a niche in helping kids to understand and enjoy math.

"We're just very passionate about mathematics in general," she added. "We feel like math can be a lot of fun, but many students feel like it's their least favorite subject ... we want to change that perception. We think everybody can be a math person."

From the Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System, which scores teachers based on students' test scores, both teachers rank in the top 10 percent of all math teachers in the state, she said.

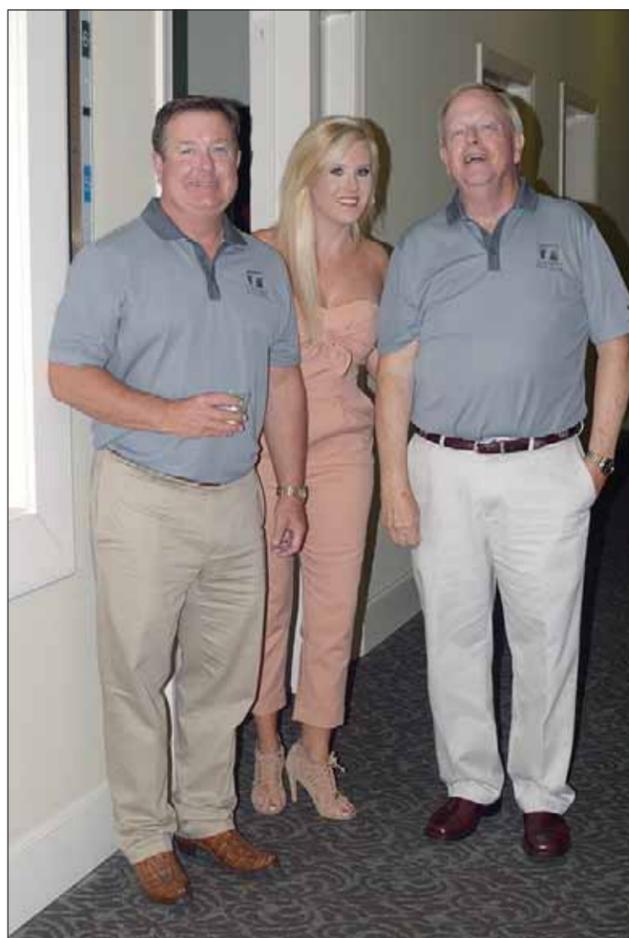
"One of the things I address in math class is not just the skill set, it's the math confidence," Morgan said. "We know what we're doing. We are certified math teachers."

At Calculating Minds, Morgan and Finch will be offering a curriculum called Singapore Math and other enhancements.

"Students in Singapore Math outperform, worldwide, other students, in the same grade level, or same area, Morgan said. "One of the reasons is it goes from the concrete to the pictorial to the abstract."

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**Tennessee State's 10th**



Tammy Cheek

Todd Proffitt, left, Tennessee State Bank president/CEO, joined guest Jill Smith and Ray Sterling, Tennessee State Bank chief lending officer, in celebrating the 10th anniversary of the bank's Turkey Creek branch, 11470 Parkside Drive. "(The years) went by really fast," Proffitt said. "It's been good for us." "(The branch has been) the showpiece of Turkey Creek," Sterling added. "Our business continues to grow here."

**La Parrilla**

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liquor license, too.

La Parrilla's will continue serving customers from its 11639 Parkside Drive location until Sept. 30, when it will close. Ayala is currently overseeing renovations to the Renaissance site and said he hopes to have the doors open at Parrilla's Cantina "after the first week of October."

He said he "apologizes to any of our customers that will be affected with this decision [to move]" and "invites them to come and visit us to our new address," which is 12740 Kingston Pike, Suite 105.

While excited about remaining in Farragut, Ayala also is pleased that his rent will be considerably lower than he experienced on Parkside Drive.

"It is just too expensive to be here," he said. "The rent is high,

and my lease was up, and it was going to go even higher.

"It has been nice in this location, but sometimes, it seems you are working just for the landlord."

Ayala said he thought steady traffic flow along Parkside was also affecting business.

"People don't want to waste their time in traffic, especially during lunch hours," he said.

Ayala will be offering new menu items and will be paring down some of the offerings currently available at La Parrilla's. "We are going to eliminate menu items that are similar," he said.

He also said he is excited to be providing a patio option for his patrons. "That will be nice because the patio there has shade," Ayala added.

La Parrilla's employs a dozen workers, he said, and will maintain the same staff at the new restaurant.

**Orange Hat**

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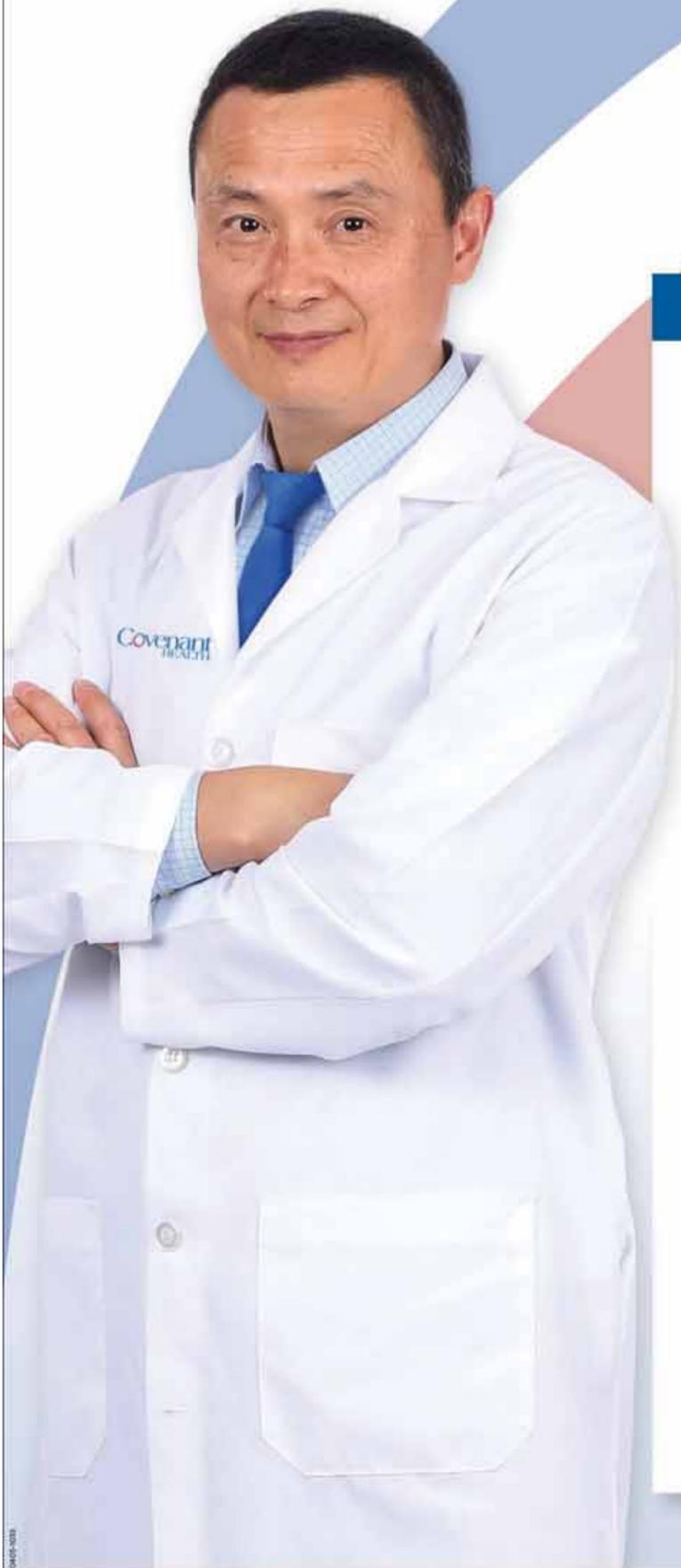
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## Bounce back sought by Ads, HVA, Webb

*Courtney: loss at OR 'on me'*

ALAN SLOAN

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**OAK RIDGE** — Surrounded by disappointed players, coaches, parents and fans, Farragut High School varsity football head coach Eddie Courtney made one thing clear:

"This one's on me," referencing a bitter 21-14 loss to rival Oak Ridge at famed Blankenship Field Friday night, Sept. 13.

Actually, that could have been taken as a personal pat on the back if judged by this game's first 22 minutes.

Admirals senior quarterback Gavin Wilkinson led his team on touchdown drives during the first two FHS possessions, with Gabe Hensley's 1-yard touchdown run and a 28-yard scoring pass reception by senior Alec Keathley putting the visitors up 14-0.

Defensively, though Farragut bent some it stood tough in turning away a Wildcats first-and-goal march to the FHS 5 — thanks to a pair a pass deflections and a fourth-down sack by Eli Purcell, junior outside linebacker.

Another Ads defensive stand, stopping Oak Ridge on downs at the FHS 33 with 3:31 left in the half, allowed Courtney's team to begin its third drive.

Farragut marched to the ORHS 29 — and then the game changed.



Alan Sloan

Matt White, Farragut junior running back, looks for an opening while teammate Alec Keathley (1) looks to block an Oak Ridge defender during the latest version of this annual rivalry Friday evening, Sept. 13, at famed Blankenship Field in Oak Ridge. The Wildcats (2-2) rallied from a 14-0 deficit to win 21-14.

A costly holding penalty — penalties would plague the Ads from this point forward — nullified a Hunter Shopovick reception and first down inside the Wildcat 20.

Add a big loss following a high snap from center, and Farragut eventually turned it over to Oak Ridge at its 30 with just 50 sec-

onds to play in the first half.

But the Wildcats used three big pass plays to land at the FHS 30 with under 10 seconds showing.

That's when Jonathan Stewart got behind the Admirals' secondary and caught a 30-yard scoring pass with just 2.9 seconds left before halftime.

What followed was an interception, on Farragut's first possession of the third quarter, setting up Oak Ridge's tying score.

Numerous false start penalties popped up continuously in the second half to help kill FHS drives.

Meanwhile, a seemingly successful Ads march inside the

Oak Ridge 10 died when a fourth-and-1 run was stopped cold at the ORHS 7 on the first play of the fourth quarter.

What followed was a series of big Wildcats plays, a bad break and two costly penalties.

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## Hawks 'D' tough, but Central stays perfect

Entering its game against Central, Hardin Valley Academy was not only facing a two-game losing streak, but was facing the defending Class 5-A state champion Knoxville Central Bobcats. While home-field advantage was undoubtedly a plus for the Hawks, solid defense kept things close as evidenced by the gang tackling above of junior Mason LaSorsa (81) and senior Luke Filipkowski (2) along with other teammates. But the Bobcats stayed perfect on the season, winning 16-7, as HVA dropped to 1-3 despite a long touchdown run from senior standout Kelton Gunn. Hardin Valley gets back into Region 1-6A action this Friday, Sept. 20, traveling to undefeated Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett. Opening kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m.

## Though offense improving, Spartans fall to unbeaten David Crockett 28-21

KEN LAY

Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — Webb School of Knoxville running back Elijah Bane scored a pair of touchdowns for the Spartans Friday night, Sept. 13

But those seemed a bit insignificant after he and his teammates dropped a 28-21 decision to David Crockett in front of a packed and spirited house at David Meske Stadium.

All that appeared to matter was a late fumble while the Spartans were driving for a potential game-tying touchdown.

"If we eliminate our mistakes, we'll win the rest of our games," said Bane, as Webb (1-3) played from behind all night. "I have to eliminate my mistakes. We have to correct our mistakes and we still have time to win our region."

Webb had a chance to score a game-tying touchdown inside the final two minutes of the contest after stopping the Pioneers on fourth down at the Spartans' 23-yard line. But the fumble thwarted the comeback effort.

But that wasn't the only miscue of the night for Webb, which fell behind 14-0 early in the second quarter. The Spartans engineered

a long drive that began midway through the second quarter at the Crockett 42-yard line. The home team drove 40 yards only to fumble with 30 seconds remaining in the first half.

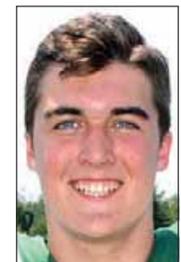
It was the third consecutive loss for the Spartans after beating Austin-East 3-0 in their season opener last month at home.

It was the second straight 28-21 loss for the Spartans, also dropping their league opener to Boyd Buchanan Sept. 6.

"Last week (against Boyd Buchanan), I thought we played poor football," Webb head coach Dave Meske said. "This week I thought we played pretty good football."

"We turned the ball over a couple of times and they hit us with a few big plays. But I'm happy with our effort," he added. "These kids aren't going to give up. That's not the way that they're brought up

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# Fierce rally pushes FHS volleyball past Maryville

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

Farragut High School's volleyball team nabbed a dramatic District 3-AAA victory over a longtime rival late last week.

However, things didn't start all that great for the Lady Admirals, but they would come out on top as they outlasted Maryville 21-25, 25-15, 25-22, 27-25 Thursday, Sept. 12, in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

It took a fierce rally and a controversial call for Farragut (11-4 overall, 2-1 in District 3-AAA) to avoid a fifth and deciding set. But nothing ever comes easily in this league.

The Lady Rebels (15-6, 2-2) had a 22-16 lead in the fourth game before the Lady Ads stormed back to pull even at 22-22 on a service run by Kate Priest.

But Maryville again gained the upper hand and took a 25-24 lead as things got

crazy. The Lady Rebels appeared to score set point, but instead that point went to Farragut and re-knotted the set.

Maryville's Meg Merson argued the call and was assessed a red card, which gave the Lady Ads a 26-25 lead. FHS's Lauren Loveday, who was playing with a broken nose, then scored match point and the Lady Ads walked off the court with a huge league win.

"This was a big win for us because Maryville and all the Blount County schools are big rivals for us," said Loveday, who finished the match with 18 points, 14 kills, 10 digs and two blocks. "This was definitely a team effort for us; you have to have a clean hit, a clean set and a clean kill.

"We couldn't have done this without each other."

But things didn't start well for Farragut on this night, falling behind 12-7 out of the gate. They would, however, rally to take a

13-12 lead before the Lady Rebels re-assumed control.

Maryville went up 15-13. The Lady Ads would rally one more time and take a 17-16 lead before the Lady Rebels scored eight of the last 13 points to capture the set.

Farragut would open a 17-6 lead in the second set and cruise to victory to tie the match 1-1.

The Lady Admirals would get off to a fast start and open a 12-6 lead in the third game thanks to back-to-back service aces from Priest.

Maryville would claw its way back into the set and pull to within 23-21 before Farragut closed out that game.

The Lady Rebels opened a 7-2 lead to start the fourth game and appeared poised to force a fifth and deciding set before FHS rallied to capture the game and match in dramatic fashion.

"I felt like we played well and we did a

much better job passing tonight," Lady Ads head coach Susan Davidson said. "We had much better controlled passing and we played well at the net tonight."

Loveday, one of a pair of Farragut seniors, provided the Lady Admirals with a huge spark but she would get plenty of help from her supporting cast.

Meg Frank finished the match with five kills and five blocks. Reese Schroeder, Farragut's libero, had 24 digs and 15 assists. Alexis Cosey finished with four blocks.

Farragut used two setters, Megan Carlton and Ashley Hilbelink, and both put the Lady Admirals' hitters in good position. Hilbelink had 62 assists while Carlton finished with 56.

Cosey, Farragut's other senior, said the victory was a total team effort.

"We had to have everybody communicating," she said. "Without our players, we can't make the plays."

## Ex-Football Vol shares Christian journey with Farragut High FCA

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

Chris Walker had a solid football career at the University of Tennessee as a defensive end.

He played for three head coaches — Phillip Fulmer, Lane Kiffin and Derek Dooley — during one of the proud football program's toughest eras.

During Walker's time on Rocky Top, the Volunteers had their share of struggles, but Walker's accomplishments earned him a chance to play in the National Football League — an opportunity that didn't work out. He was cut by the Baltimore Ravens.

But the biggest transition in college for Walker wasn't on the football field. That happened in 2008 when he became a Christian.

"It happened in 2008 during my freshman year," said Walker, who recently began his third year as UT Athletic Department's chaplain, speaking to Farragut High School's chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes Thursday, Sept. 12. "We had a chaplain here named James Mitchell and he put his arm around me and he just loved on me.

"We also had another chaplain who came after him who had a big impact on me."

In addition to his duties with the Volunteers, Walker often speaks to teenagers and other school students.

While he feels it's his calling, it's also a labor of love.

"I'm basically a spiritual life coach for our athletes (with the Vols)," he said. "And when I come to the schools, I just try to share the Gospel with these kids and I always talk about that with them.

"It's tough to be a teenager and it always is. It was tough when I was growing up but it's tougher now. I didn't face have the challenges when I was growing up" they face today, added Walker, a Memphis native.

"When I talk to these kids, I want to offer them another way."

After dedicating his life to Jesus Christ, Walker was active in FCA, but he answered the call to be a chaplain after his short-lived NFL career came to an end.

His first venture into the collegiate athletics ministry came with UT-Chattanooga.

"I got my first opportunity to become a chaplain after I got cut by Baltimore," Walker said. "I became the chaplain at UTC and I was there for six years."

He was on Chattanooga's staff when the Mocs came to Big Orange Country to play the Vols in 2014. He wasn't at Neyland Stadium for that game because of a prior commitment.

"It's funny. I was at UTC the last time they played here but I didn't get to make the trip because one of my best friends was getting married in Bristol," Walker recalled. "But the guys asked me who I would be rooting for.

"I told them that I would be wearing their colors but my blood always runs orange," he added.

Tennessee played the Mocs again in Neyland Stadium Saturday, Sept. 14, picking up its first victory of 2019, 45-0.

**Webb**  
From page 1A

in this program. That's not the way that they're raised. If we play with the effort that we played with tonight and we eliminate the mistakes, we'll win some ballgames."

The Pioneers, who kept their perfect record intact and improved to 3-0 with this victory, sputtered a bit out of the gate. After Webb picked up a first down on its opening drive, the Spartans defense all but stifled the highly potent David Crockett passing attack as the Pioneers went three-and-out on their first possession.

But David Crockett didn't stay at bay for long.

The Pioneers turned a Webb miscue, an interception, into points on a 9-yard touchdown pass.



**Baker**

A 39-yard scoring strike made it 14-0 with 10 minutes, 33 seconds remaining in the second quarter.

The Spartans got on the board on Bane's 1-yard touchdown plunge with 8:11 left in the half.

After the Spartans were turned away before halftime, Crockett hit Webb with a big play early in the third frame when Cade Larkins lofted a 59-yard pass to Don-ta Hackler. That play would set up the quarterback's third touchdown toss, a 19-yarder to Prince Kolley to make it 21-7 with 10:48 to go in the period.

Webb moved the ball well in the second half but scored only twice. Bane's second touchdown, a 6-yard run, made it 21-14 with 17 seconds remaining in the third frame.

After the Pioneers went up 28-14, Webb quarterback Joseph Moore threw a 45-yard scoring strike to Jackson Baker with 8:24 left in the game.

"I thought we moved the ball well and we moved it better in the second half," Meske said. "We had a couple of long Wing-T drives."

**Admirals**  
From page 1A

The Ads (1-2) had a chance to recover a Wildcats fumble inside the ORHS 5, but failed.

A 28-yard deep lob pass on third down, plus a personal foul penalty, not only got Oak Ridge out of a hole, but led to the eventual winning touchdown.

But not before an apparent third-down stop was nullified by yet another flag — a late hit.

The Wildcats (2-2) took advantage and scored the eventual game-winning points on Mitchell Gibbons' 22-yard TD pass to Tyrell Romano with 7:17 to play.

Farragut drove to the Oak Ridge 21, but a dropped pass at the ORHS 15 was costly.

Also hurt by a sack, the Ads lost possession with 5:14 left.

Penalties helped stifle two final FHS drive attempts.

"I think we just thought we had it in the bag. ... I think we underestimated them," said Keathley, also an outside lineabcker.

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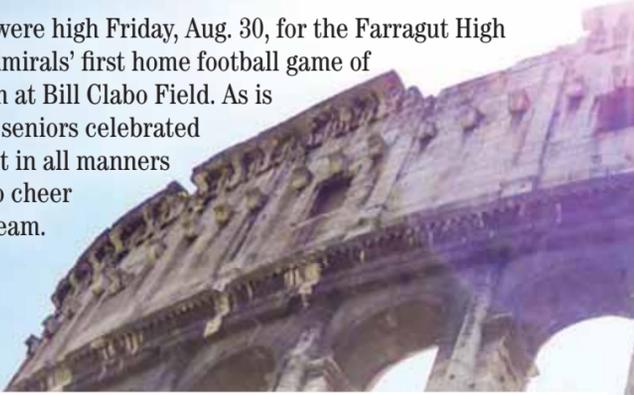
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Passions were high Friday, Aug. 30, for the Farragut High School Admirals' first home football game of the season at Bill Clabo Field. As is tradition, seniors celebrated Toga Night in all manners of togas to cheer on their team.

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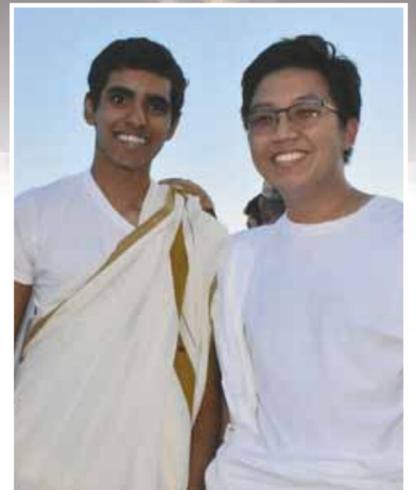
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From left, are Connor Scarbrough, Evan McFerran and Ryan Hagenow



Julia Tootle, left, and Jennifer Ross



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Senior cheerleaders and dance team members donned togas, including, from left, Sarah Kohl, Max Pham, Avery Collins, Aaron Miller, Catherine Fultz, Molly Brown, Blaine Bushon, Raelee Scarbrough, Kailee Brzycky and, in front, Megan Ramsey.



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## Farragut-loving Gators, Vances say 'lose stress'



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Garland and Dorothy Vance with their children, Calvin, 15, Sophie, 13 and Toby, 9

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Paint Garland and Dorothy Vance Navy blue and gray when symbolizing this couple's enthusiasm for living in the Farragut area, having moved to Walnut Grove subdivision from Katy, Texas (near Houston) in July 2018.

"We knew we wanted to be in a place that had a small-town feel, but with some of the amenities of a bigger city ... a great downtown," said Garland Vance, once a pastor who is now a "leadership development" businessman, about Farragut's appeal, with the couple already familiar with the Knoxville metro area as students at Carson-Newman University in the mid- to late-1990s.

"That's the reason the Knoxville area in general appealed so much to us. ... A highly relational place to live," he added.

Fearing they might have aggravated their Walnut Grove neighbors due to a parking issue not long after moving there, "We thought they were going to come out and say, 'you can't park here' or 'how long are you going to be in the street?'" Garland said.

"Instead, they came out and said, 'We're so excited to have you in the neighborhood,'" he added his family among 11 new neighbors greeted. "Can we make lunch for you?"

The result was "burgers and fries and lemonade and dessert for all 11 of us," Garland said. "There's a friendliness and warmth here that has certainly exceeded our expectations."

Detailing other motivations to move here, "As we started looking at school systems ... we kept coming back to the Farragut area," he said.

The couple created AdVance Leadership — with

See **VANCE** on Page 6B

## Rotary Flu Shot Saturday gets shot in the arm

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The Rotary Club of Farragut's annual Flu Shot Saturday is getting a boost from Walgreens this year.

Free flu shots will be given from 8 a.m. to noon, Sept. 28, or however long the doses last, in Farragut High School Commons, said Mark Bialik, RCF Flu Shot Saturday event chairman.

"We always try to open early," he added. "We try to open about 7:30 (a.m.)."

With RCF members manning and managing the FHS location, coordinating with a doctor, other clubs will be at flu shot locations at Carter, Austin-East, Halls, West and South Doyle high schools.

This is the 28th year RCF has provided flu shots to the Farragut community, and for the first time, "Walgreens will be at all sites providing doses and giving the

See **FLU SHOT** on Page 9B

## HVA senior a National Merit Semi-Finalist

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Hardin Valley Academy senior Tori Hart recalled she was "super excited" when she found out Monday, Sept. 9, that she was named as a National Merit Semi-Finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

However, she added, "I had suspected that I would be a semi-finalist after I got my PSAT score."

"Tori has an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring," said Stephanie Crichton, HVA Service Learning and Public Relations coordinator, adding more than 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist stand-



Hart

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## Suicide prevention: a three part series

# Jacobs helps bring awareness to cause

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A veterans group, concerned with increasing suicide rates, enlisted the help of Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs last week to help bring awareness to the cause.

Jacobs read and signed a proclamation Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Concord United Methodist Church declaring Sept. 8-14 as Suicide Prevention Awareness Week.

He took part at the request of Vietnam veteran Ed Junod, Vet to Vet Tennessee founder and president, which facilitated the event.

Helping veterans in a variety of ways, from support and medical help to addressing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and suicidal thoughts, Vet to Vet has branched out in recent years directly in response to the growing suicide rates, Junod said.

"Tennessee was the first state in the nation requiring all of its teachers be trained in suicide prevention," he said, referring to the Jason Flatt Act, which was passed in 2007. "However, last month a study came out listing suicide as the leading cause of death among youth ages 10-17.

"What we are doing isn't working," Junod added. "Actually, everything is getting worse. We teach our teachers, our police officers and others how to respond, but we are teaching the wrong people. We aren't teaching the youth."

Junod had an idea that perhaps a play would be one manner of reaching the community, and he enlisted the help of Maryville playwright Tonya Lee Stoutt Brown. The result was "Worth It," a play starring teens and targeting teens, to help promote discussion and offer comfort to those who might be suffering in silence, as well as to encourage people to reach out if they see someone struggling.

"We need all the help we can get," Junod said. "People need to have the courage to speak up if they are in a position to save somebody's life."

While the premier will not be until Nov. 10 at Faith Promise's North Knoxville campus, Junod took the opportunity last week to promote it at

See **AWARE** on Page 9B



Photo submitted

Thom Jones, right, former Farragut resident and Farragut High School Class of 1984 vice president, met up with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs Tuesday, Sept. 10, at Concord United Methodist Church, where Jacobs signed a proclamation declaring Sept. 8-14 Suicide Prevention Week in Knox County.

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## SEPTEMBER

• **Stop the Bleed training and certification** is from **6 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19**, in Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Register by **Monday, Sept. 16**, at [townoffarragut.org/register/](http://townoffarragut.org/register/), in person in Town Hall or by phone at 865-218-3375.

• **Fun Farragut Fungi program** is from **10 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 21**, at Burnside Pavilion in Founders Park at Campbell Station. Cost is \$5 for individuals, \$10 for families (up to two adults and four children under 18). Is designed for ages 8 and up. Register by **5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 19**, at [fjams.org](http://fjams.org) or call 865-577-4717 ext. 127.

• **Town of Farragut will host a free class on Making Medicare Easier** from **6 to 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 23**, with an overview of parts A, B, C and D and discussion on enrollment periods and supplements. Registration deadline is **Friday, Sept. 20**. Register at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register), in person at Town Hall or by phone at 865-218-3375.

• **The Pat Summitt Foundation announces its Seventh Annual "Taste of Turkey Creek"** at The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek from **6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20**. Proceeds support Alzheimer's

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• **40th Annual Greek Fest** will take place at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 4070 Kingston Pike, from **11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sept. 28; and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29**. Features include authentic Greek food and pastries, live music, traditional Greek dancing and costumes and shopping. The popular a la carte menu includes favorites such as roast lamb, gyro, souvlaki, pastichio, spanakopita, Greek

salad, Greek pizza and saganaki. Inside the church hall, there will be a huge selection of pastries. For the second year: Credit cards will now be accepted for all food booths, including outside. The marketplace will offer imported jewelry, gifts and clothing. Also guests can enjoy an authentic taverna, Greek wines, coffee and frappes (iced coffee). Modern Greek dancing with the help of a live band. Admission is \$2 for adults and children 12-under are free. \$3 weekend passes are available. Parking is available at four different locations; free shuttle to and

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• **The Captain W. Y. C. Hannum Chapter 1881, UDC**, will meet beginning at **11 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 28**. Visitors are welcome to attend. For more information and location, call Rebecca at 865-382-1979.

## OCTOBER

• **Authors Guild of Tennessee will hold its regular monthly meeting** beginning at **11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 3**, at Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestown Blvd. in Farragut. Published authors are invited to attend. October program will be "Jared Johnson: Getting your foot — and your

books — in the door through restaurants." For more information, visit [info:authorsguildoftn.org](http://info:authorsguildoftn.org).

• **Knoxville Bar Association announces two Faith and Justice Legal Advice Clinics** will be held **Saturday, Oct. 5 and Tuesday, Nov. 19**. The **Oct. 5** Clinic will be held from **9 a.m. to noon** at Ball Camp Baptist Church, 2412 Ball Camp Byington Road. There also is a church entrance from Middlebrook Pike just east of Ball Camp Byington Road. The **Nov. 19** clinic will be held from **3 to 6 p.m.** in Arnstein Jewish Community Center, 6800 Deane Hill Drive.

## Vance

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clients nationwide whose mission is "helping overwhelmed leaders who are so busy live with purpose, prudence and peace" — in Katy in 2017.

Garland had served as a "leadership development pastor" at a church in Katy for two years.

In 2018, "as the business started doing better and we began to realize we were not Texans at



Garland Vance

heart, we decided to move here to Farragut," Garland said.

Practicing what they preached, Garland said the move here also was "to get the busyness out of our lives," having been warned by a doctor in 2013 his health was being adversely affected by stress.

They ruled out Asheville, North Carolina — Garland's hometown — because "it's not an incredibly friendly city," he said. "High tourist area."

"But we knew that we wanted the Smoky Mountains" close, Garland added. "And we had

some friends here as well, and spent time with them and knew how much they loved the Knoxville area."

## Two Gators, though

Speaking of overwhelmed, the Vances have one "glaring weakness:" they hope a certain local college football team gets overwhelmed this Saturday in "The Swamp" in Gainesville, Florida.

Avid University of Florida sports fans, Garland, 42, admitted he and Dorothy, a native of Gainesville, are "Gators at heart."

## From C-N to Rome, Georgia

Soon after Garland and Dorothy graduated C-N with Bachelor of Arts degrees in English/creative writing in 1999, they were married.

After living in Asheville for two years, the couple went to Birmingham, Alabama, where Garland earned a Master's degree at Samford University's Beson Divinity School.

The next move was to Rome, Georgia, where the couple ran a non-profit organization connected with Chick-Fil-A at Berry College for 15 years.

Garland called that task a "Christian discipleship and leadership training experience," while he earned a Doctorate of Ministry degree online at Denver Seminary (Colorado).

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# Bonnie 'nails it' celebrating 104 'very good' years



**(Far left)** Bonnie Miller Healy, two days from turning 104, shows off her new nails after a manicure at Dynasty Nail Spa in Bearden, 254 Morrell Road across from West Town Mall, Friday, Sept. 13.

**(Left)** Bonnie's manicure was performed by Dynasty nail technician Teresa Nguyen.

Photos by Alan Sloan

*Her mottos include 'never give up'*

**ALAN SLOAN**

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It's one thing to be aware of your surroundings at age 104 — it's another thing to crack jokes in jest of your sudden celebrity status.

In celebration of her 104th birthday Sunday, Sept. 15 — and surrounded by print and broadcast media thinking this feisty, vibrant senior citizen must really be celebrating her 84th birthday — Bonnie Miller Healy was treated to a manicure at Dynasty Nail Spa, 254 Morrell Road in Bearden Friday afternoon, Sept. 13.

"Am I getting paid for this?" Bonnie, a resident of River Oaks Place senior living in Lenoir City, asked while media flashed photos, rolled cameras and laughed. "... Are all these people from the same place?"

"It wasn't in the paper that I was going to be here, was it?" she added to more laughter from all surrounding her.

Trying to deflect the attention, "Why don't you get the lady over there?" Bonnie said while at the same time seeming to enjoy the attention.

"I'm glad I'm not having my feet done, they would take pictures of that."

After her manicure, Bonnie gazed at her nails and said, "It looks nice," then turned her hands around for all to see the craftsmanship of Dynasty nail technician Teresa Nguyen.

For all of Bonnie's lightheartedness, perhaps she best explained her youthfulness with a simple three-word answer.

"Never give up."

About other key elements to her youth, "I've always tried to live right and do the right thing," Bonnie said. "Live moderately. I always have enough but not too much."

About advice to youth and young adults, "Try to live moderately, get along and be happy with what you have," Bonnie said. "You don't want to have too much, but not too little."

"... I try to do as much as I can for myself, I don't try to ask for a lot of help."

She later added, "Eat, drink and be merry ... and try to keep a sense of humor."

As for summing up a century-plus of observations, "I've seen everything from the horse-and-buggy to outer space, and a lot in-between," she said. "I've went through a lot of wars, a flood."

Bonnie has two children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

As for mom's age, "That's what everybody guesses, that she's 84," said Pat Empie, Bonnie's daughter, who mom followed to this area "about five years ago" after the Empies moved here upon retirement.

About River Oaks Place, "It's a good place and the people are very nice and helpful," Bonnie said.

As for hobbies, "I work a lot of crossword puzzles, and I do all the activities that we have," she added. "I play bingo a lot. ... And different games."

At 104, "I feel pretty good," Bonnie said. "... Everything considered, I've had a very good life."

"Good children, good grandchildren, good husband. My parents, relatives and everybody," she added.

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# FHS 'Pink Out' 2019 game set for Oct. 4

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Ashley Slagle Roback may have lost her breast cancer battle in 2013, but the community continues to fight on in her honor and memory.

Her sister, Stephanie Slagle Thompson of Farragut, along with other family members and Farragut High School, are again hosting the "Pink Out" football game, which also is Homecoming Night, Friday, Oct. 4, at FHS's Bill Clabo Field.

"We hope to turn Farragut pink for breast cancer awareness at the FHS versus Science Hill football game," Thompson said, adding that all Farragut schools' students and teachers are asked to wear pink during the day as well.

Thompson is taking orders via e-mail (ssthompson14@gmail.com) for this year's shirt, designed by Andrea Tidwell Miller and printed at a "significant discount" by Sign N Such, she said.

Cost is \$12 each, with \$5 of that amount going directly to the American Cancer Society.

The shirts also will be sold Tuesday, Oct. 1, at the Farragut versus Oak Ridge High School Pink Out volleyball game in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, at the home football game versus Maryville Sept. 27, and in the FHS commons during lunch the week of Oct. 1.

Last year, the school won \$3,000 for raising the most money in the state for ACS through the Tennessee Titans Crucial Catch Challenge, which it is in line for again this year if it raises the most money among 12 select statewide match-ups.

"My family does this because my sister was diagnosed when she was a perfectly healthy 27-year old," Thompson added. "She lost her battle when she was only 30. She volunteered with the American Cancer Society, and we carry on that tradition."

Thompson's own work with the organization, which includes fundraising, walking in the annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk (set this year for Oct. 13) and many other contributions, was

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## 7th Taste of Turkey Creek Friday

File photo

A First Watch The Daytime Café team, from left, Cory King, Nadim Jubran and Rhonda Eades, serve up samples to Jim and Julie Coder during last year's Taste of Turkey Creek. The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek again will host more than 20 Knoxville area restaurants, YEE-HAW Brewing and Total Wine & More at its 7th Annual Taste of Turkey Creek slated to start at 6 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20, in The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek, 11251 Parkside Drive. The event raises funds for Pat Summitt Foundation. In the past, the event has raised more than \$85,000 to support its fight against Alzheimer's Disease, according to the foundation. Taste of Turkey Creek also includes a silent auction and kids' corner, and guests will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite dishes from participating restaurants, which are vying for the People's Choice Silver Knife Award. Guests also can purchase VIP Experience tickets for exclusive tasting opportunities. General admission tickets are \$25 per person; tickets for children from 6 to 12 years are \$10 per child and VIP Experience tickets are \$100 each. Adding a T-shirt to the order is \$20 per shirt. Tickets can be purchased at <https://pinnacleatturkeycreek.ticketspice.com/2019-taste-of-turkey-creek>

## Hart

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ing, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship.

The semifinalist designation is determined by the score students get on the PSAT test taken their junior year, Hart said.

"As a semifinalist, you get the opportunity to apply to be a finalist," she said. "If you pass through that round, you enter an interview stage that determines whether

or not you are a National Scholar."

Those National Scholars get a \$2,500 scholarship, plus a variety of scholarships from other post-secondary schools.

"More than 1.5 million juniors in about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants," Crichton said. "From the approximately 16,000 semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the finalist level, and

in February they will be notified of this designation."

For Hart, National Merit designation "could open a lot of doors."

"I'm mainly really excited about this due to the opportunities it will offer me," Hart said. "I am proud of this accomplishment because it shows, in a concrete way, how my work throughout high school has paid off."

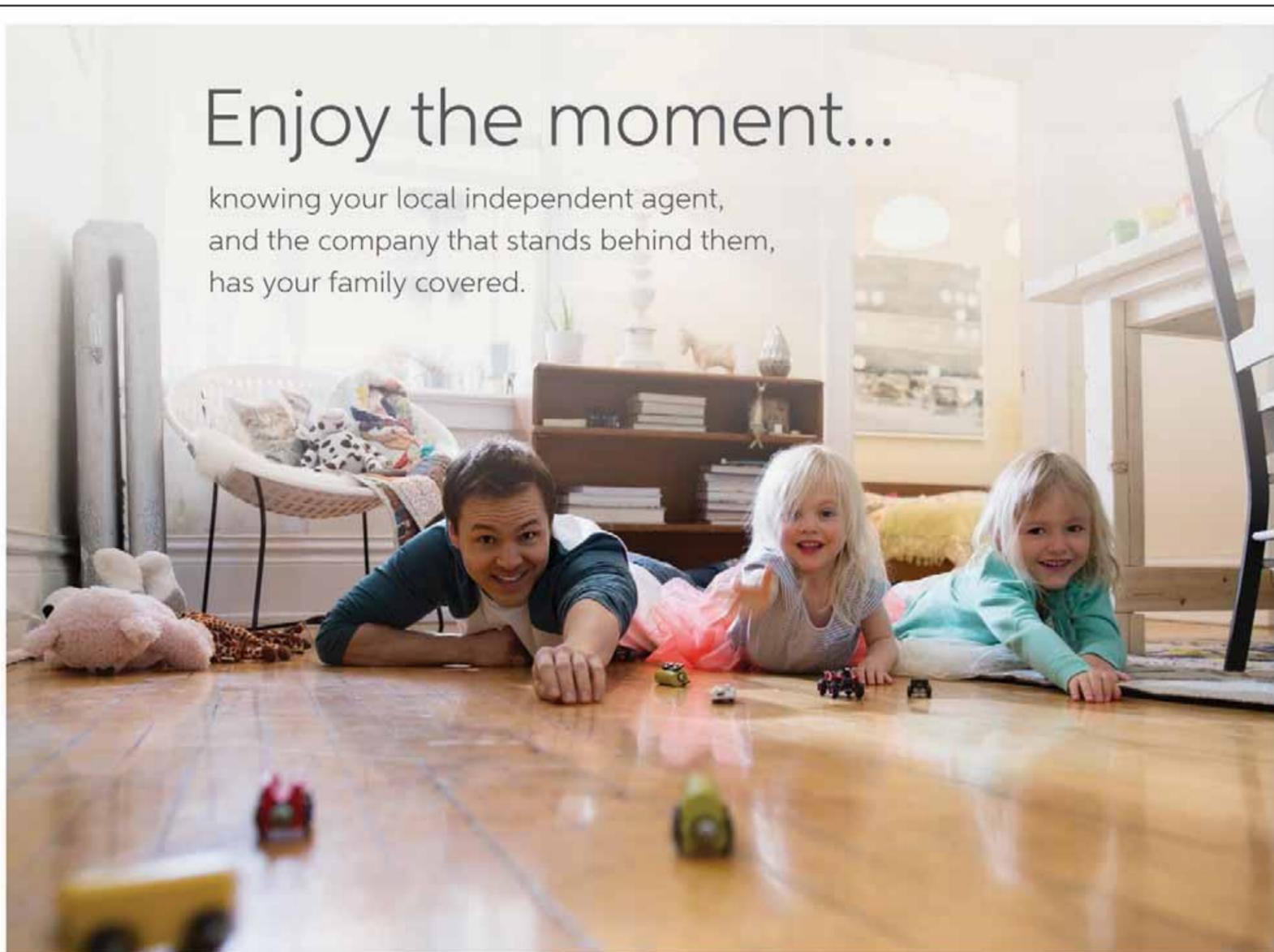
While undecided on a college, she plans to major in biology and pursue a career in medical research, maybe genetic or molecular.

"I plan to determine that based on what research and classes I enjoy while in college," said Hart, a STEM Academy student at HVA. "I want to pursue this career course because it combines my love of science and research while allowing me to make a genuine impact on the community around me."

Hart is the daughter of Julie and Jason Hart of Knoxville; sister of Ryan, Katie, David and Michael; and granddaughter of Bernadine and Wayne Tomiak of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Elizabeth and Sam Hart of Needham, Massachusetts.

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**Pink Out**

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recently commemorated, too, as last week she received the Ashley Slagle Roback Courage of the Heart Award, which was named in honor of her sister.

In naming the award for Ashley, ACS credits her own contributions, such as being instrumental in bringing the Making Strides Walk to Knoxville as well as serving on the Making Strides volunteer committee.

Following in her footsteps, Stephanie serves on that same committee, forms a top fundraising team every year and has been instrumental in the planning and execution of the walk at World's Fair Park every October, Bradley said.

"This award isn't for me," Thompson said. "It's for Ashley



Photo submitted

Farragut resident Stephanie Thompson, left, received the Ashley Slagle Roback Courage of the Heart Award earlier this month at the Knoxville office of the American Cancer Society from Lea Bradley, community development manager and coordinator of the local Making Strides walk.

Slagle Roback and all the fighters, survivors and caregivers. If she was still here, she'd be doing the exact same thing."

"Walk with us or donate to Ash-

ley's team today," she added.

Thompson's team is listed as Prayer Warriors/Stephanie Thompson at [www.makingstrideswalk.org/knoxvilleTN](http://www.makingstrideswalk.org/knoxvilleTN).

**Aware**

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CUMC, where he said pastors have expressed some interest in perhaps hosting it at a later date.

"Pastor Larry Trotter has been very supportive of our Vet to Vet group, and he and youth pastor Chris Luper were very interested in finding out more about the play," Junod said. "Pastor Trotter told me he wants to have the play here in Farragut."

Thom Jones, a 1984 Farragut

High School graduate, heard about the proclamation signing and meeting on a local news broadcast, and had the chance to briefly meet Jacobs.

Jones is not a veteran, but he lost a son and two other family members to suicide.

"I went because I don't want anyone else to go through what my wife and I went through," said Jones, who currently lives in Lenoir City. "I want to be a shield for others. If I could save one person, it would be worth it."

**Flu Shot**

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shots for all high-dose flu shots, as highly recommended for anyone age 65 or older," Bialik said. "They volunteered to do the high dosage (shots). They're providing

750 doses to the six schools."

Of the 750, he said Farragut will have 250 doses available.

"And (Walgreens) is going to work with us on our 'drive-by shootings,' for people who have mobility issues that we give them a shot in the car," Bialik said.



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# Hixson to lead Holy Cross Anglican 'good news'

**TAMMY CHEEK**

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Holy Cross Anglican Church had two reasons to celebrate Sunday: a new rector joining the church and its inaugural Celebration of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, when members dedicated the church, Sunday, Sept. 15.

Holy Cross Anglican Church, 515 Herron Road, has chosen the Rev. Myles Hixson to lead the church starting Sunday, Oct. 6. He met with parishioners and the diocese bishop at the Sept. 15 service and luncheon that followed.

"I'm glad to be here," Hixson said just before the Sept. 15 service. "I'm excited to see what the Lord is doing here."

"I think Holy Cross is positioned to really reach Farragut and the wider Knoxville area with the Gospel through traditional Anglicanism," he added. "We're here in the Bible belt."

"Most people are Baptist or non-denominational, but I think a lot are searching and looking for something that goes deep, is historic and traditional and goes back to the Apostles."

Hixson said of Holy Cross Church, "And here we are, this little gem in East Tennessee, so I'm excited to be able to spread the good news of Jesus."

A native of Chattanooga, he is a graduate of Bryan College in Dayton and Beson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama. He comes to Holy Cross with more than six years' experience in teaching, pastoral ministry and foreign missions.

Most recently, he was serving at St. John Lutheran Church in Roanoke, Virginia, where he was associate pastor.

At Holy Cross, Hixson will be responsible for teaching, preaching, pastoral care and worship.

"Holy Cross welcomes the community to attend (the Oct. 6 service at 10:30 a.m.) and meet Father Hixson, wife Liz and 1-year-old son, Mylo," said Gregory Davis, Holy Cross parish member.

Holy Cross Anglican Church is a parish of the Anglican Prov-



(Above) The Rev. Myles Hixson with wife, Liz Hixson and son, Mylo, will join Farragut's Holy Cross Anglican Church when he is officiated as the church's new rector in October.

(Left) Hixson, center, visits with church treasurer Nancy Dennis and Jerry Aiton, senior warden, following an Exaltation of the Holy Cross feast day service in the church Sunday, Sept. 15.

Tammy Cheek

ince of America in the historic Anglican tradition. Sunday's service was a day to celebrate the church, and its members welcomed Bishop Walter Grundorf, leader of the Anglican Province of America, a diocese covering the Eastern United States from Maryland to Florida.

As the church was named after the Holy Cross, "every year, we will celebrate this day," the church's Feast Day, said Jerry Aiton, senior warden who leads the non-clergy congregation.

"I do hope you celebrate the celebration today and the mass," said Father Scott Koszalski,

the supply priest serving as interim rector.

While the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is not found in the church's prayer books, it is in the liturgy of the church, Grundorf said, adding, "We need a special day for Holy Cross Church ... a great day to be here."

In his sermon, Grundorf related the significance of the cross, a symbol of Christian faith and of sorrow and joy.

"Always venerate the cross," he urged. "Remember what happened on that cross."

"Never take it for granted."

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<b>Farragut</b>	<b>1-2</b>	<b>64-75</b>	<b>-11</b>
<b>Webb</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>52-98</b>	<b>-46</b>
<b>HVA</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>53-105</b>	<b>-52</b>
<b>Bearden</b>	<b>0-4</b>	<b>80-169</b>	<b>-89</b>

## Still rolling, Warriors widen lead

While state championship contention is far from certain, Christian Academy of Knoxville has started the 2019 season in similar form to the 2011 and 2012 Warriors state crown winners.

Blistering Stone Memorial at home 59-20 last Friday, Sept. 13, to improve its perfect record to 4-0, CAK remains on top in farragutpress' How the West Was Won presented by PureMagic Carwash Scoreboard contest.

Touchdown catches of 54 yards by Gabel Fulford and 32 by Grant Sherchi were two of CAK quarterback Ryan Degges' 15 completions for 188 yards. Degges and Jarvis Stockton Jr. each had two rushing TDs.

Defensively in tackles, Malachi Harrison (11), Noah Olsen (10) and Max Smith (nine) led the way.

Tough sledding otherwise Among the other four PureMagic Scoreboard teams playing in Week 4, all lost and saw their records dip, or stay, below the .500

mark. Three — Farragut, Webb and Hardin Valley — were competitive in defeat.

And though Bearden was beaten at home 49-21 by the explosive Bradley Central Bears, the Bulldogs' long list of key injuries — and four opponents who are now a combined 14-1 — explain an 0-4 start.

Farragut lost a 14-0 lead at Oak Ridge thanks to a few bad breaks, a boatload of penalties and big plays by the ORHS Wildcats (2-2) in a 21-14 setback against one of the Admirals three biggest rivals. A second straight loss leaves FHS at 1-2 (read full story beginning on page 1B).

Hardin Valley Academy's defense stood strong while hosting defending Division I Class 5A state champ Knoxville Central. But the Hawks dropped a 16-7 decision to the unbeaten Bobcats, suffering a third straight loss (1-3).

For the second consecutive game, Webb's offense showed life,

scoring 21 points, yet lost. David Crockett (3-0) outscored the Spartans at Dave Meske Stadium 28-21, as Webb falls to 1-3 (read full story starting on page 1B).

Week 5 Farragut finally enters Region 1-6A play this Friday, traveling to Hamblen County for a second straight year to face struggling Morristown West (1-3 overall, 0-1 in region).

All games start at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Sept. 20, unless otherwise noted.

Hardin Valley's rugged schedule once again includes an unbeaten team, as the Hawks travel to Kingsport to face the 3-0 Dobyms-Bennett Indians (1-0 in region).

Christian Academy puts its unbeaten record on the line hosting Division II-AA East Region foe Silverdale Baptist Academy (1-2, 0-1). Opening kickoff is 7 p.m., Friday.

Knoxville Catholic (2-1) returns to action against what might be one the state's best



Alan Sloan

Hardin Valley Academy defenders Sam Simpson (16) and Alex Horton (51), both juniors, converge on a KnoxCentral runner.

teams, as the Irish travel to Chattanooga McCallie (3-0). The Blue Tornado nabbed a 28-23 win at two-time defending Division II-

AAA state champ Brentwood Academy Sept. 6.

Bearden and Webb have much-needed Week 5 byes.

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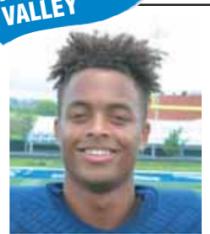
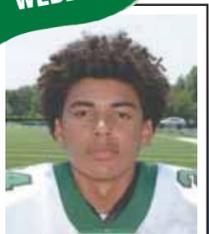
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## FUEL Moves Forward on Two Wheels

Young professionals in the area can dress DOWN on Wednesday, September 25, from 5-7 p.m. for the Chamber's next installment of F.U.E.L. (Focus. Unite. Engage. Lead.). Business host West Bicycles and owner Fares Schlenk wanted to offer not just a social networking opportunity but a fun experience as well. Attendees have the option to join a brief bike ride in the Village Green neighborhood and can try out the latest electric bikes in Schlenk's fleet. Schlenk will also share some of his experiences as a young entrepreneur and what it took to open,

See FUEL on Page 4

## Chamber Continues Creek Care

Chamber staff and volunteers will wade in the waters of Little Turkey Creek on Friday, October 18 starting at 12 Noon to continue care and cleanup of their adopted stream section which runs through Wentworth Subdivision in Farragut along a greenway and concludes near Kingston Pike. Interested volunteers can register at [farragutchamber.com](http://farragutchamber.com) > Events > and navigate to the event link on Oct. 18.

The picturesque stream section was not in poor health as of 2018's cleanup due to the visible presence of invertebrates like crayfish, but volunteers and chamber staff

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# Q, Crafts & Brew Tickets On Sale!

Tickets are ON SALE now for the new Q, Crafts & Brew festival taking place Sunday, October 13 from 12-6 p.m. at 11221 Outlet Drive (the east side parking area of Sitel across from Cotton Eyed Joe's). Visit [www.QCraftsandBrew.com](http://www.QCraftsandBrew.com) to get tickets for the whole family for a fun festival in Farragut full of handmade crafts, craft brews AND—new this year—local barbecue all provided by area vendors.

General admission passes are \$25, and include one brew ticket (standard 10 oz pour) and two "Q" tickets which can be exchanged at the vendor of your choice for BBQ samples including sliders, ribs and more (ID required and checked at the entry gate). Food-only passes are available for \$15 and include two "Q" tickets. Both passes include unlimited non-alcoholic beverages. Kids 10 and under are free. Additional Q or brew tickets for more samples can be bought on-site for \$5.

School of Rock Knoxville will have multiple student groups on site providing a rockin' great afternoon. STAR will also have their popular and loveable "Minis" (horses and donkeys) available for photos. All of this is included on top of enjoying fantastic food, beverages and crafts.

The Chamber is thrilled to be partnered with Shangri-La Thera-

peutic Academy of Riding (STAR) and John Volpe, general manager of Abuelo's: The Flavor of Mexico (founder of the Southern Taco & Tequila Festival (now in its 5th year) to continue the event started by the Chamber in 2018 with a goal of offering something new and different in the Farragut area for families, craft beer aficionados and anyone who loves a great fall festival. The festival will benefit both organizations involved: 501(c)(03) STAR and 501(c)(06) Farragut West Knox Chamber.

Craft exhibitors are still welcome to apply for the event and can apply on the website. Craft vendor spaces are 10' x 10' with a \$25 application fee. If accepted, there is NO further booth fee. Artisans are returning from the Chamber's Crafts & Ale and are excited to be participating. Crafters will all be under a large main tent, but will need to bring their tables and any display framework.

Brew exhibitors include the Brewing + Distilling Center, Chisolm Tavern Brewing, and others! BBQ vendors include Archer's BBQ, Famous Dave's, Full Service BBQ, and much more.

All coordinators are thrilled to have Presenting Sponsor Knoxville TVA Employees Credit Union; Event Sponsors Big O Tire, Brewing & Distilling School of Knoxville

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business to the community.

Both Sponsor and Craft Vendor forms are available by contacting the chamber directly at (865) 675-7057 or [julie@farragutchamber.com](mailto:julie@farragutchamber.com).



# Boyd Breakfast Sees Soldout Crowd



It was standing room only on Tuesday, September 17 at Fox Den Country Club as the Chamber welcomed back Randy Boyd as part of their 2019 Breakfast Speaker Series; registrations closed well before the event. Now in his role almost a year as interim President of the University of Tennessee Knoxville, Boyd shared facts, figures, and took Q&A on everything

university related and beyond. Dressed in UT Extension Office uniform, he explained he was headed to one of 95 Extension offices, trying to meet his goal of visiting EVERY campus in the university system (this one would be 48).

Boyd started with a challenge for attendees to learn something they did NOT already know about their beloved university system,

because he himself has learned a lot in his short time as president and continues to. Many were surprised to know the state university system supplies 70% of Tennessee's doctors and dentists, most from the Memphis campus. He touted the research going on at UT's Space Institute in Tullahoma,

See BOYD on Page 4

# ENTERPRISE CLUB

These Chamber members generously contribute to the Chamber and the Continuing Education Grant Program above and beyond their annual dues.


# Member Briefs

*Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job?*

*Go to [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) to see these and other member items!*

**Turkey Creek Medical Center** is among the Nation's Top Performing Hospitals for Treatment of Heart Attack Patients. The medical center has received the American College of Cardiology's NCDR® (National Cardiovascular Data Registry) Chest Pain-MI Registry Silver Performance Achievement Award for 2019, and is one of only 86 hospitals nationwide to receive the honor. To receive the Silver Performance Achievement Award, hospitals must demonstrate sustained achievement in the Chest Pain-MI Registry for four consecutive quarters and perform at the top level of standards for specific performance measures. Full participation in the registry engages hospitals in a robust quality improvement process, using data to drive improvements in adherence to guideline recommendations and overall quality of care provided to heart attack patients. Congratulations Turkey Creek Medical Center!

Lauren Miller has been promoted to senior vice president of **Moxley Carmichael**. She will be responsible for strategy, vision and leadership of the firm's public relations services. Lauren is a recent graduate of the Leadership Knoxville Class of 2019 and also earned recognition in 2017 as a "40 under 40" honoree by the News Sentinel's Knoxville.biz. Congratulations Lauren!

**The Christman Company's** Knoxville office has earned a historic preservation award for the Foundry Hotel in Asheville, NC. Once slated for demolition of its century-old buildings, the hotel was transformed into a boutique luxury hotel. The hotel earned a Griffin Award for adaptive reuse from The Preservation Society of Asheville and Buncomb County. Congratulations to The Christman Company! Visit <http://www.christmanco.com>. To view the impressive work of The Christman Company on the hotel, visit <https://curiocollection3.hilton.com/en/hotels/north-carolina/the-foundry-hotel-asheville>

The partners at **Ignite Succeed** have announced that there will be two new faces leading the team responsible for the 2020 Women's Leadership Summit. Wendy Barrett and Samira Abdalla will serve as chair and co-chair respectively of the June 12 event at The Venue in Lenoir City. Visit <http://www.ignitesucceed.com> or call for more information (865) 896-9665. For information about Venue at Lenoir City visit <http://www.VenueLC.com> or call (865) 986-8340.

**Baker Donelson** was named by Working Mother to its 12th annual "Best Law Firms for Women" list. This is the third consecutive year the Firm has been included in this prominent list, which recognizes firms that utilize best practices in recruiting, retaining, promoting and developing women lawyers.

Congratulations to Bruce Giles of **First Utility District** for winning the Diversity Award for American Water Works Association for Tennessee! The purpose of this award is to recognize an individual or organization that has created and promoted an environment that recognizes and effectively utilizes everyone's talent. AWWA recognizes the role of diversity as being essential to the growth, structure, and continued success of any organization. Diversity should be an inherent trait of any organization and is manifest in the mosaic of people who bring a variety of backgrounds, perspectives, values, and beliefs as assets to a group or organization in which they interact.

**Knoxville Utilities Board** recently received EnergyRight Solutions Awards from TVA for energy efficient efforts in four areas – Green Power Switch, eScore Energy Efficiency, eScore Self Audit, and Home Uplift for low income weatherization. Through these programs, KUB customers helped reduce energy use by over 4.7 million kilowatt hours in TVA's 2018 fiscal year, which is enough energy to power 400 home for a year. Congratulations Knoxville Utilities Board!

**SouthEast Bank** announced the opening of its fourth Knox County location in Fountain City. The

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# Networkings

## Salon Biyoshi – August 1, 2019



The morning networking hosts pictured include Pam Varner, Jonathan Lean, Mary Harris, Kristen Ferrell, Heather Morels, Taylor Jones, Sarah Brown and Brandon Harris.



Chamber Ambassador John Haney-**NAI Koella RM Moore** and Rich Scrugham-**Frantz, McConnell & Seymour** pause for a photo.

## Abuelo's The Flavor of Mexico, Campbell Station Wine & Spirits and Milestones Event Center – August 8, 2019



: Enjoying the triple-hosted event which included awesome food, beverage and accommodations are Chamber members Al Hazari-**Postal Annex** and Michelle Austin-**JCPenney-Turkey Creek**.



Chamber Ambassador Arlene Weinstein-Arlene's Fun Travel (center), and husband Scott Weinstein (blue shirt) assembled (L-R) Staci Wilkerson-**FirstBank**, Patrick Bardsley-**GateWay**, Teri Jo Fox-**The Knox Fox Real Estate Group**, Julie Blaylock-**Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce**, and Tonya Alsobrooks-**Milestones Event Center of Farragut** for a group photo.

## Mortgage Investors Group (MIG) Farragut – August 15, 2019



These wonderful, first-time hosts are L-R (first row) Samantha Knight, Melissa Bvefina, Julia Dwyer, (second row) Kiah Allen, Caroline Parker, Suzette Miller, Kim Moye, Tanya Brown and Jason Crippen.



Laughing together are Ron Jordan-**Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair** and Jim Hill-**The Hill Group, Inc.**

## The UPS Store #2381 – August 22, 2019



Chad Daniel, Lexi Gasche, LaToya Bryson and Chandler Davis provided their guests with amazing hospitality that included breakfast, generous door prizes, and amazing store discounts.



Wendi Love and Shawna Frazier-**Copper Cellar Family of Restaurants** were a few of the many guests who braved ominous weather that morning to attend the event.

## Rothchild Catering & Conference Center – August 29, 2019



(Above) Monica Viator-**TNBank**, LaDonna Hembree-**Dalton Collision** and Chamber Ambassador Marianne Morse-**Mary Kay** pause and smile for the camera.

(Left) With impeccable event execution, pictured are networking hosts (front row) Nicole Lee and Destinee Dowdy along with (second row) Jacklyn Wolford, President Susan Rothchild, Chris Mercer and London Hunt.



# Ribbon Cuttings

## Farragut Modern Dentistry – August 5, 2019

Dr. John Harrison (holding scissors) cuts the ceremonial ribbon as members of his staff including (in no particular order) Mackenzie Smith, Marybeth Roark, Briley Herring, Abby Sattler, Ashley Rogers, Jackie Robinson, Farragut Mayor Ron Williams (center wearing bow tie), Chamber ambassadors, members and friends gather to participate in the celebration.



## Angie Cody Real Estate Team/eXp Realty – August 13, 2019



Realtor, Team Leader, Coach and Mentor Angie Cody (front row, black shirt) along with members of her team including (in no particular order) Jessie Burnett, Leslie McLeroy, Chiara Petro and Linda Weir, as well as Mayor Ron Williams (second row, wearing bow tie) and Vice Mayor Louise Povlin, Knox County Commissioner John Schoonmaker, neighbors, friends and family excitedly raise their hands in exultation and excitement after the ribbon was cut.

## The Knox Fox Real Estate Group – August 20, 2019

The enthusiasm and joy is expressed on the faces of those who participated including first row kneeling: Ashley Lobato, Evelyn Williams, Colt Williams and Pierre (wearing stud collar), Landon Hohman and Kyle Hohman; first row, standing: Jayden Hohman (grey shirt behind Ashley), Connie Hohman, Jane Whitener, owners Eric (holding scissors) and wife, Teri Jo (holding Rascal) Whitener, along with Mayor Ron Williams (behind the Whiteners), Vice Mayor Louise Povlin (beside the Mayor), Chamber members, neighbors and friends.



## The Social Brand – August 27, 2019



Co-owners Victory Harbin (front row with scissors) and Chad Rogers (fifth from left) celebrate the opening of their new business along with members of the Blount Partnership, FWKCC Ambassadors, family and friends.

## FUELing Your Career

Each month this section will feature a piece written by a member business or young professional aimed at working professionals or recent graduates seeking tips and tools on how to FUEL their growing career, whatever the industry. The Chamber is excited to introduce this in conjunction with our growing young professionals program, F.U.E.L. (Focus. Unite. Engage. Lead.)

### Death of Mentoring

**Matt Sanderson,**  
MBA

(King University MBA Graduate)



Sanderson

Far less awkward than a first date when your high school sweetheart's parents tag along, but far more awkward than it should ever be, best describes the process of seeking mentorship in 2019. While it is debatable – and to an extent highly-subjective – as to whether or not there is currently a lack of voluntary mentorships, it is hard to dispute the value and benefits derived from a healthy mentorship. According to McLaughlin (2010), there are numerous variables that hinder mentorships including, but not limited to: lack of public award, lack of bandwidth and it is not expected by firms to engage in intentional mentorship opportunities.

Plain and simple, committing to be a voluntary mentor is a calculated decision that must be taken very seriously due to the physical and emotional commitments. However, whether it be a young professional at your firm or a high school student who bags your groceries - mentors are needed in all aspects of life. Every person on this Earth has something of value to offer. Similarly, there is not one person on this Earth that cannot learn something of value from someone. Do not allow self-imposed limits to suppress the growth of the future generation. A mentorship is truly a value exchange, and while the mentor passes along important tacit knowledge from years of experience and lessons learned, the mentee also provides value. Whether the value exchanged is a skill, or perhaps something as simple as another vantage point through a different lens, value comes in a variety of forms and fashions. It is this value passed along by the mentee that allows mentors to forge stronger relationships and connect to others at a deeper level.

Through this ability to communicate and empathize at a deeper level, leadership is enhanced organically. Mentors reap the rewards of enhanced leadership by seeing greater motivation, drive and initiative in mentees. It is this increased investment and feeling of purpose which the vision, efficiency and quality of work produced by mentees is amplified. Get out, remove the awkwardness and take the initiative to change a life, and then allow that life to change yours as well.

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For more information on King University programs of study, contact Enrollment Counselor, Anthony Lanagan at [alanagan@king.edu](mailto:alanagan@king.edu).

### Creek

From page 1

removed a total 140 lbs of trash from the ¼ mile section of the stream from the Wentworth Clubhouse to Kingston Pike, including cans/bottles, building materials and even a chair.

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Thursday, September 19

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## Welcome to our new Farragut West Knox Chamber Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in the month of August! Did you know businesses/organizations can submit an application & payment online? Visit [www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) and click "Join the Chamber!"

#### Fire by Light

David Horsewood  
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## Welcome NEW Enterprise Member:



Thank you for your recently upgraded Admiral Enterprise Membership!

## Welcome Back Renewing Members!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber welcomes back these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of this past August. We are privileged to count them as Farragut/West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. It is also our hope that area residents recognize the commitment a business makes to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with their patronage.

A special thank you goes to this renewing member who is continuing their support of our chamber and the businesses it serves through their above and beyond Enterprise Membership:



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Copper Cellar Family of Restaurants

Crown Title Insurance Agency, Inc.  
Cru Bistro Turkey Creek  
Elliott's Boots, Shoes & Sandals  
Fairway Mortgage  
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Goodwill Industries - Knoxville, Inc.  
Hilton Knoxville (Downtown)  
Invisible Fence Brand of the TN Valley  
Life Betterment Through God  
Matlock Tire Service & Auto Repair  
Mercedes Benz of Knoxville

Nama Sushi Bar - Cedar Bluff  
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Strayer University  
Turner Homes, LLC  
uBreakiFix Turkey Creek  
Y-12 Federal Credit Union - Cedar Bluff  
Zoe's Kitchen - Turkey Creek

### FUEL

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build and sustain his business which was established in 1986.

FUEL focuses exclusively on talented young professionals, entrepreneurs and emerging leaders, with a goal of providing opportunities to increase relationship building, networking and business skills through both social and educational opportunities,

offer ways to get involved in community service projects and simply meet other young professionals in the area.

The F.U.E.L series was a result of ongoing strategic planning initiatives which began during the chamber board's retreat in Fall 2018. A high priority for the Chamber in 2019 was to better target and serve young professionals in the 40 or under demographic.

There is no charge for this event but reg-

istration is encouraged and appreciated; visit [farragutchamber.com](http://farragutchamber.com) > Events and navigate to the link on September 25. Attendees are welcome from any career stage; but businesses are encouraged to send or bring a guest under 40. Rothchild Catering will provide appetizers and a fun Mocktail Bar.

For more information, call (865) 675-7057 or email [Julie@farragutchamber.com](mailto:Julie@farragutchamber.com).

### Boyd

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where a rocket team has won against the likes of MIT in a rocket launch, sending UT's rocket one mile higher into space than other institutions. Boyd has also learned about UT's rodeo teams and participated in one through UT Martin, quipping, "Now that I've done that, I can actually say 'This isn't my first rodeo!'"

He called the hiring of Chancellor Donde Plowman, "My hardest, easiest, and best decision," saying the hiring process was difficult due to procedural requirements, choosing her was easy thanks to her instant affability with all key persons at UTK, and best because she is successfully in place. Later

during the Q&A, a guest mentioned Chancellor Plowman had stated she'd like to see the "interim" word removed from Boyd's title. Boyd laughed explaining, "Donde is certainly enthusiastic about that; we get along very well. That decision is based on a lot of factors, but my wife, Jenny is the primary one!" He added the role is busier than his family initially expected, but if he stayed it would be to ensure goals started under his tenure reach successful completion.

Boyd also talked about his education initiatives, including the Drive to 55 goal to equip 55% or more of the state's population with a college degree or certificate by 2025. He spoke most passionately about the new UT Promise program launching in Fall 2020 (joking, "That title may sound familiar...

it's definitely not original!"). Similar to Tennessee Promise, which allows students who complete community service and maintain a minimum GPA to attend community college for free, the UT Promise program will allow any student with family income under \$50,000 and the academic right to admittance to attend a University of Tennessee tuition-free. Boyd stated it is the first program of its kind in the country.

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### Member Briefs

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bank has assembled a community-based staff for the Fountain City branch: Cindy Reeves, Branch Manager; Eddie Weather, Customer Service Representative; and Heather Edlin, Head Teller. Congratulations to SouthEast Bank, Cindy,

Eddie, and Heather!

**First Tennessee Bank** recently announced several financial center manager promotions: Andrew Pankratz at the Northshore financial center; Pam Scott at the Campbell Station location; and Pamela Waddell at the Knoxville Main office. Congratulations to Andrew,

Pam, and Pamela!

Jimmy Matlock, **Matlock Tire Service**, is serving on SmartBank's recently announced formation of its local board of directors in Maryville. Jimmy and five other professionals will help lead the SmartBank movement in the Maryville market. Congratulations Jimmy and SmartBank!

## Calendar of Events

Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>.

Call 675-7057 or email [info@farragutchamber.com](mailto:info@farragutchamber.com) for a link to create your account! Visitors/Guests can register by clicking the links on the Chamber Calendar ([www.farragutchamber.com](http://www.farragutchamber.com) > "Events") and registering under "Not a Member?"

September 19, 2019 *Networking*

8 – 9:30am Y-12 Federal Credit Union (Farragut Branch)  
13128 Kingston Pike, Farragut 37934

September 25, 2019 *F.U.E.L. (Focus. Unite. Engage. Lead.)*

5 – 7:00pm *Young Professionals' Networking*  
West Bicycles - Located in Village Green Shopping Center (includes neighborhood bike ride)  
11531 Kingston Pike, Farragut 37934

September 26, 2019 *Networking*

8 – 9:30am The Episcopal School of Knoxville  
950 Episcopal School Way, Knoxville 37922

October 3, 2019 *Networking*

8 – 9:30am Crye-Leike Realtors  
9539 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37922

October 10, 2019 *Networking*

8 – 9:30am His Security, LLC  
11426 Kingston Pike, Knoxville 37934