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‘Absolute honor’ as Speaker 2: Zachary

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Tennessee General Assembly House Speaker Cameron Sexton (R-Crossville) named state Rep. Jason Zachary (R-District 14, which includes Farragut and Concord) deputy speaker for the 114th General Assembly.

“As deputy speaker, Zachary will partner with the committee chairs and legislative

leadership to streamline the legislative process, promote efficiency and advance conservative policies, ensuring greater benefits for Tennesseans,” a House Republican Caucus press release stated.

“Jason Zachary is a strong leader who has consistently demonstrated his commitment to the people of Tennessee,” Sexton said. “I am excited to see him take on the role of deputy speaker, where his leadership skills and dedication will be instrumental in help-

ing us advance our conservative agenda and deliver results for Tennesseans.”

“It’s an incredible honor to be chosen to serve Tennesseans as deputy speaker for the 114th General Assembly,” Zachary said. “Tennessee continues to thrive because our great state is a shining example of bold conservative governance. I’m deeply grateful to Speaker Sexton for placing his trust and



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Road revamp for new school: FMPC yes, 5-1

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After hearing concerns from several citizens, Farragut Municipal Planning Commission voted 5-1 to approve the preliminary plat for Knox County Schools’ road improvement plans for the new Farragut Elementary School during its meeting Thursday, Jan. 16.



Commissioner Noah Myers made the motion to approve the road construction plans while Commissioner Ron Pinchok seconded the motion. While Mayor Ron Williams and Vice Mayor Scott Meyer, who sit on the FMPC, and other Commissioners Ron Pinchok, Myers and Shannon Preston voted in favor of the plan, Commissioner Jon Greene voted against it, saying it was too premature.

However, residents had concerns regarding traffic flow and construction standards.

“This plat map does not allow for the continuous flow of parents to pick up their children,” Kimberly Parks said. “There should be one entrance in and one entrance out.”

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Crop-Drop ‘big ones’ at CUMC



Tammy Cheek

Volunteer Carolyn Nichols, 13, weighed sweet potatoes after bagging them as part of Concord United Methodist Church’s annual Mission Blitz Crop Drop in the church, Roane Street, Friday night, Jan. 17. The Crop Drop is a ministry to gather produce, bag it and send the produce to local food pantries. (See a related story and photo in Community, page 4B)

Citing a misunderstanding in hit-&-run of FHS girl Aug. 8, Bittle pleads guilty

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A guilty plea has been rendered more than five months after a Farragut High School girl was the victim of a hit-and-run in Thornton Heights Aug. 8, which resulted in injuries requiring hospitalization, as she was waiting for her school bus at the intersection of Thornton Drive and Hughlan Drive.

According to court documents, Harley Earnest Bittle III, 60, pled guilty and was charged with one count of reckless endangerment Tuesday, Jan 14.

Bittle was sentenced to one year of unsupervised probation, with victim restitution to be handled, reportedly, as a

civil case.

He reportedly told Knox County Sheriff Office deputies he saw what he thought was a blanket laying on the side of the road, claiming he wasn’t aware he had hit the girl.

This accident prompted a public meeting of roughly 30 Thornton Heights citizens Sept. 11, expressing concerns about subdivision vehicular speeding while motorists not living in this subdivision use its roads as a cut-through to avoid Kingston Pike traffic.

These citizens met with Town of Farragut Alderman Drew Burnette (South Ward) and Town administrator David Smoak for about one hour, to share complaints and possible solutions.

Mobility Study full of ‘problem’ dots: Choto, N’shore, more

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Roughly 100 residents, mostly from the Choto area south of Farragut but also including a handful of others who use Northshore Drive and related roads it intersects almost daily, attended a special Mobility Study question-and-answer session, presented by Knox County government and including Knox traffic & engineer officials, along with representatives of the firm preparing some shoulder improvement to Northshore later this year.

Residents expressed frustrations and concerns, and bounced possible solutions off engineers and other officials with Cannon & Cannon, Inc., the low-bidding firm tackling those immediate improvements, while hearing the experts respond. This came in the Farragut High School Commons Thursday evening, Jan. 16.

They answered residents’ questions at three areas where Choto/Northshore area maps were placed — all stations the same — each manned by a Cannon & Cannon engineer.

Residents picked out sticky dots of different colors to indicate the problems on the maps, and exact location of those problems, near the end of the session.

Concerning the need to lessen congestion along Northshore intersections, at least two residents said they preferred “roundabouts, not left-turn lanes” as the way to best get the job done.

“Our next step is to identify the existing conditions, existing problems, basically. From that, we develop some improvement recommendations,” said Alan Childers,

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Knox Youth Poet Laureate applications through Feb. 14

• Knoxville Writers Guild announces that applications for the 2025 Knoxville Youth Poet Laureate Program are available for aspiring poets ages 13-19.

These teenagers are invited to apply “for this unique opportunity to make a lasting impact in their com-

munity through the power of poetry,” a KWG press release stated. Applications must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 14.

“Youth Poet Laureate Program seeks to empower young voices, nurture creativity and inspire civic engagement through poetry,” the release further

stated. “The chosen Youth Poet Laureate will serve a one-year term from July 2025 to June 2026, representing the vibrant youth community of Knoxville and using their platform to encourage other young people to connect through words.”

Students with a passion for writing

and a commitment to engaging with their peers and community through poetry are encouraged to apply. The application can be accessed directly at <https://forms.gle/qZizQ1fyzHEbArpXA>. Additional details about the program can be found on the KWG website: <http://knoxvillewritersguild.org/>



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Lynn E. Sexton, 30-year FHS boys hoops coaching legend, passes away

Lynn E. Sexton, longtime teacher and 30-year head coach of Farragut High School boys basketball who led two of his teams to state tournament "final four" berths from the 1961-62 through 1990-91 seasons, passed away last week.

While highly respected for his coaching and teaching success at FHS, many considered coach Sexton to be "an even better man."

But as Admirals skipper, coach Sexton turned a losing program into a consistent winner by the mid-1960s, capturing 544 career victories while putting together an almost incredible 6-year run. His teams averaged 30.5 wins from the 1977-78 season through the 1982-83 campaign.

His final two seasons in that stretch saw coach Sexton's Admirals go 32-2 in 1981-82, followed by an eye-popping 36-1 mark in 1982-83.

According to what farragutpress understands as "family wishes," quoted tributes honoring coach Sexton will run in a future issue.



Coach Sexton

Bigger fuel center at Costco gets unanimous FMPC nod

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Costco got the go-ahead from Farragut Municipal Planning Commission on its site plan to expand its fuel center at 10745 Kingston Pike during FMPC's meeting Thursday, Jan. 16.

Very little discussion ensued after Farragut Community Development director Mark Shipley described the project. FMPC unanimously approved the request.

"This item involves a request for approval of a site plan to add six new fuel pump islands and associated site related work for the Costco," he said. "As part of this project, five existing trees will need to be removed.

"They do have a pretty substantial landscape plan for the area that's affected by this expansion," he added.

The site plan "includes a plan for the replacement of the trees and additional landscaping adjacent to the Lovell Road frontage," Shipley said. "There will be no change to the parking lot or other paved areas outside the fuel center.

"We've got the existing 2-foot bays here," he added, indicating the bays on the map. "They're adding another column of guest pump islands to the east toward Lovell Road.

"The expansion would include three new fuel pump islands to the south of existing islands and a new row of three fuel pump islands to the east of existing islands closest to Lovell Road. As a customer, I think this is a much needed request.

Shipley said staff recommended approval of the site plan "subject to the following conditions being satisfactory addressed:"

- Ensure that the proposed curblineline is at least 20 feet from the Lovell Road right-of-way.
 - The landscape plan requires a separate application and a review and approval from the Visual Resources Review Board.
 - On Sheet SE of the site plan, label the property line, properly date the seal and include the height of the proposed light poles associated with the expansion, as they are planning to add light poles.
 - Regarding obtaining a building permit for the project, Shipley said they have submitted an application for the permit.
 - For any modifications to signage, they will require a separate application and approval by VRRB.
- Additionally, Planning Commissioner Noah Myers observed, "It looks like the impervious surface is going to increase by about 5,000 square feet. Are they still under the 70 percent threshold in the district?"
- "Yes they are," Shipley said.
- "We just don't want to create something that is, then, nonconforming, and we're putting them in violation of their lot coverage," Myers said.
- "They've got a really big (water) detention area," Shipley said. "And they've got a greenway that wraps around the property."



Shipley

KCSO reports

• At 5:06 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 19, Knox County Sheriff's Office units responded to a Kingston Pike address concerning a vehicle fire. Complainant said he started his vehicle and heard a sound akin to a gas grill or stove lighting. He pulled over and began seeing smoke and flames from under the hood.

He exited the vehicle and called 911. Rural/Metro Fire responded and extinguished the fire.

• At 11:39 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a motor vehicle theft at U-Haul, 10833

Kingston Pike. Complainant said the suspect was due to return the rented vehicle at 6:55 p.m., Monday, Dec. 23, but failed to do so.

• At 9:24 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 15, a KCSO deputy was dispatched to a vehicle dealership along Parkside Drive to retrieve found firearms.

After several attempts were made, the owner could not be found. A KCSO records check confirmed the firearms were not stolen. The firearms were placed in the KCJ lockers for property pick up.

Zachary Speaker 2

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confidence in me, and I look forward to advancing the extraordinary vision of Tennesseans who have put their faith

in us to lead," he added.

Zachary, a Farragut small business owner who was first elected in 2015, previously served as chair of the House Calendar and Rules Committee.

He and his wife, Holly Zachary, have been married for 25 years and have one son, Tyson. The Zacharys are long-time members of First Baptist Concord.

towncalendar

• **Indoor Drive-In Movie** runs from 5:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Cost is \$5 per child ages 3-10.

Create your own cardboard car and enjoy a family-friendly movie. All supplies will be provided and pizza and popcorn will be served. Only register children who will be attending; adults are free. For more information, visit townoffarragut.org

• **Mario Kart Tournament** is from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 6, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Cost is \$5 per child, ages 9-12.

Come test your skills during an evening of tournament play on Nintendo Switches. Everyone will get the chance to play multiple rounds. Register by visiting townoffarragut.org

• **Parents' Night Out** runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 14, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

Enjoy a night out while your children spend the evening in the Community Center. This event will feature pizza, crafts and lots of games. Register by visiting townoffarragut.org.

• **Shamrock Ball** again features two sessions: from 3 to 5 p.m., and from 6 to 8 p.m., Saturday, March 1, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. Cost is \$30 per couple and \$5 per additional family member.

This annual father/daughter dance is sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Greater West Knox and benefits two local nonprofits.

The evening includes dancing, snacks, crafts and photos. All family members are welcome to attend. Registration began Wednesday, Jan. 8.

presstalk

• **Watching the last (Farragut Municipal Planning Commission) discussion regarding the new school behind Ingles**, I was reminded that just a couple of years ago we had the opportunity to place an assisted living facility and homes on this property.

The disapproval of that previous develop-

ment has led to another school on Kingston Pike that will create yet another traffic issue in the morning and afternoon.

Per last week's discussion, Tennessee Law does not allow our municipality to have any say on what is developed nor how it impacts our traffic and other issues.

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A husband and wife team, Andrew Aicklen and Laura Casner have partnered in business to open Primo Passo Coffee at 2099 Thunderhead Road in the Northshore Town Center area, with plans to open in April.

Couple to open Primo Passo

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KNOXVILLE — When Laura Casner and her husband, Andrew Aicklen, sought a perfectly brewed coffee, they decided to make a business of it.

Their goal is to open Primo Passo Coffee, LLC., a coffee shop that also serves food, at the Cornerstone Building, 2099 Thunderhead Road, Suite 103, in Northshore Town Center off Northshore Drive, in April.

The couple moved to East Tennessee in 2019.

“We’re super excited,” Casner said. “We’re in the pretty early stages. We’re working with architects and engineers right now for our build out.”

“We found an obsession with coffee and espresso,” she added. “We’re coffee nerds.”

The couple “strives to provide a top-notch coffee experience in a comfortable, welcoming environment for our community,” Casner said.

The coffee they sell “combines high-quality, perfectly roasted, brewed and prepared with precision and a smile,” she added.

The business is a specialty coffee shop that will specialize in espresso-based drinks, such as lattes, cappuccinos, cortados and straight espresso.

However, it also offers single-origin pour-overs and drip coffee.

“And, we’ll also have a range of teas and non-caffeinated drink options and grab-and-go food options like pastries and yogurt parfaits,” Casner said. “We’re hoping we’ll have bagels or some kind of breakfast options.”

The couple can be followed on Facebook and Instagram.

Clean Juice’s new owners focus on organic

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KNOXVILLE — Friends Chiran Sharma and Phani Potharaju have teamed up to buy the franchise as new owners of Clean Juice at 11670 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek.

Located in the same shopping center as Publix, Sharma and Potharaju took over ownership Thursday, Jan. 2.

The store sells organic fruit and vegetable juices, which are “first of its kinds and all natural,” Potharaju said.

Their goal is to keep the product fresh, organic and always in stock, Sharma said.

“We’re only (U.S. Department of Agriculture)-certified approved organic juice bar,” he added.

Customers will find such vegetable juices as carrot, beet, kale, celery, spinach and cucumbers. Fruit juices include apple, orange, pineapple, frozen bananas, strawberries, blueberries and mangos. There also are blends.

“For me, I like the energy (blend),” Sharma said. “It’s a combination of ginger, carrot, beets and lemon.”

Along with juices, they also sell smoothies, acai bowls, sandwiches and wraps. Clean Juice also caters events.

“For catering, we cover everything from smoothies to juices, acai bowls, sandwiches and wraps,” Potharaju said. “We can cater for anywhere from 10 people to 100 or more.”

“Another key part of (the store’s offerings) is the cold-pressed juice. Those are completely organic, without any chemicals,” he added. “It has the shelf life of 45 days.”

The store’s winter hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays.

Summer hours will be from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturdays; and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays.

For more catering information, call the store, 865-671-5670.



Tammy Cheek

Phani Potharaju, left, and Chiran Sharma, new owners of Clean Juice, 11670 Parkside Drive, are inspired to keep their juices and other products fresh and always in stock at the store. They purchased the Farragut franchise Thursday, Jan. 2.

businessbriefs

• Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville has announced Missy Hall, Debbie Ishak and Natalia Efremenko have been recognized as the top agents in the office for December.



Hall

Hall earned the overall Top Agent Award while Ishak was recognized as the Top Selling Agent and Efremenko as the Top Listing Agent.



Efremenko

“Missy, Debbie, and Natalia have consistently gone above and beyond to deliver exceptional service and meet their clients’ needs,” said Jeff Grebe, broker/owner of Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus. “We are incredibly proud to have them on our team. ...”

• Morning Pointe Senior Living leadership recognized Morning Pointe of Knoxville Assisted Living Wednesday, Dec. 4, with its Community Outreach Award for 2024. It was presented at Morning Pointe’s annual awards ceremony and holiday banquet in Chattanooga, where the company is based. The award recognizes service to community seniors and excellence in helping families through the transitions of the aging process.

• Loudon County Commission recently voted, unanimously, to renew its contract with Priority Ambulance. The new agreement extends the partnership for an additional five years.

• Since 1998, Knoxville Orthopaedic Clinic, University Orthopaedic Surgeons, OrthoTennessee Maryville and KOC Oak Ridge have been one organization.

But beginning Jan. 1, 2025, the group of connected doctors, therapists, clinics and diagnostic centers have united under one name. The shift will make it easier for patients to identify the network of services dedicated to their care and enhance overall patient experience.



Home Builders Association of Greater Knoxville Installation and Awards banquet

The Home Builders Association of Greater Knoxville held their annual Installation and Awards banquet on Thursday, January 16th at Jackson Terminal. This year’s President, Becky Loomis Snyder, with Loomis Construction, was installed along with her board and other local leaders into their new roles within the association.

Awards’ list out included Builder Member of the Year, Associate Member of the Year, President’s Award, Past President’s Award, 2024 Brew Tour Champ and Membership Cup. It was a night to celebrate the hard work and dedication of the industries top builders, associates and association leaders.

For more information about the awards banquet and/or Home Builders Association of Greater Knoxville, visit hbaknoxville.com



Healthy Habits

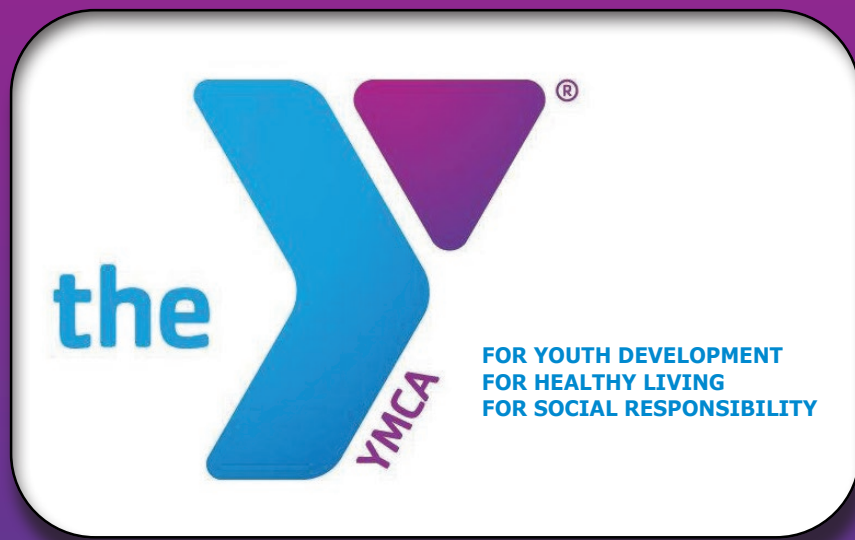
The YMCA of East Tennessee is more than just a fitness center—it's a place where individuals can grow in mind, spirit, and body. Focused on developing healthy habits, the Y offers a wide range of programs that promote physical wellness, mental well-being, and spiritual growth. Whether through fitness classes, mindfulness sessions, or community-building activities, the Y supports members in their journey to becoming their best selves.

At the Y, members of all ages and backgrounds can find a sense of community and connection. With programs for children, adults, and seniors, the Y creates a welcoming space for everyone to engage in activities that promote health and wellness. Its inclusive approach ensures that individuals feel supported, whether they're working toward fitness goals, navigating life challenges, or seeking personal growth.

The Y's holistic focus on mind, body, and spirit encourages individuals to embrace a balanced lifestyle while fostering a sense of belonging. As a cornerstone of the East Tennessee community, the Y is committed to helping people cultivate healthy habits, strengthen relationships, and lead more fulfilling lives. It's a place where growth happens in every aspect of life.



1. Alabama vs. UTK friendly rivalry amongst Group Exercise friends
2. Sports n Splash kids taking a water break in between fun physical activities
3. David Alley and Joe Jernigan are long term members of the Davis YMCA.
4. Jerry Godolphin making a balloon animal for Micah Anzeljc at our monthly Unplugged Family Game Night
5. Sonya Smith, voted #1 Female Trainer in Knoxville 2024, demonstrates monthly "wall squat" fitness challenge
6. Don Engel and Chris Westin representing team work and spirit on our outdoor Pickleball Courts
7. Titus Evans enjoying the Davis Y's salt water pool
8. Water Aerobic Friends: From front right, Pat Devin, Denise Carden, Bob, Joyce Ryan, Holly Benton, Sharon Azevedo
9. Blaise Davis works on his core strength and balance during Homeschool PE
10. Krystal and Xander Tinajero attending Annual Luau, playing board games after the Hula presentation
11. Pat Johnson personal training with Vicki Karas. They have been training together for almost 20 years, wow!



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Road revamp

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She urged the Town to follow Farragut Primary School's lead in how it conducts traffic in and out of the school.

"I'm asking that you make it more functional ... it would help mitigate traffic," Parks said. "I'm asking that you put another entrance on Boring Road."

"Are they going to employ the (construction) standards that we have in the Town of Farragut?" asked another resident, Joe LaCroix. "We know that Knox County does not uphold our standards."

Looking at Loop Road and Woody Road, "are we going to have the same problems with this development?" he asked. "I know that this body and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen cannot enforce our rules on Knox County, but we also know that Knox County Schools is the primary cause of traffic at West End (Avenue) ... we know it's a mess.

"What is the Town going to do to make changes to that roadway to keep the level of service there?" LaCroix also asked.

On Boring Road, "with increased number of cars versus buses, that increases the issue of Boring Road and Kingston Pike," Boring Road resident Brittany Moore warned. "I think it's important to look at both ways (Boring Road and Kingston Pike and Boring Road and Smith Road) before we put in a right-in and a right-out (at Kingston Pike)."

She also observed the proposed field area for the school could be built and used, causing traffic to come into where the field is, "creating a lot more noise" and other issues for residents along Boring Road.

She asked the Town to require buffers around Boring Road.

"Currently the intersec-



Photo submitted

An aerial photo from Town of Farragut shows the property where Farragut Area Elementary School is planned to be built, with Village Commons Boulevard, Boring and Smith roads being used for traffic.

tion of Boring Road and Smith Road is uncontrolled," Burney Circle resident Karen Johnson said. "There's no traffic light and there are no stop signs. There's inadequate visibility here.

"Once we build this new school, there's going to be more traffic," she added. "I want to make sure the school buses can safely make that left-hand turn onto Smith Road from Boring Road.

"I would be a proponent of having school zones with the flashing lights.

She also suggested a four-way stop light or a signal.

Meyer asked Town engineer Darryl Smith to look at installing a traffic light at the intersection of Smith and Boring roads after the school is built.

"I think it's evident from the comments made ... there are going to be some degrading of traffic conditions," Greene said. "We can't mandate that the county does certain things.

What tools do we have in our toolbox to request certain things, for example, stop signs at Boring Road and Smith Road, and maybe a right turn in, right turn out at Boring Road and Kingston Pike?"

"As far as requesting additional considerations, I'm not sure what we can do," Smith answered.

At the beginning of the meeting Board members voted for Williams to run the meeting, as chairman Scott Russ and vice chair Louise Povlin were absent.

The school is planned to be built by the architectural firm McCarty Holsaple McCarty on 41 acres at 202 Village Commons Blvd., which was sold to the school system by Farragut developer Doug Horne, owner of Horne properties and Republic Newspapers, Inc., parent company of farragutpress.

It is just east of Village Commons and south and east of Baldwin Park off Boring Road.

"The county conducted a traffic impact study for this project, and there were two areas that were specifically looked at that the county is proposing to make road improvements to Town of Farragut streets," Community Development director Mark Shipley said. "The first area, where they're proposing improvements, is up along a section of Boring Road.

"... From Smith Road to the eastern end of Baldwin Park, when Saddlebrook developed Baldwin Park, they improved that section of Boring Road to basically two 12-foot lanes with curb and gutter and a sidewalk on the south side of Boring Road," he added. "So, the county is proposing to extend that same cross section all the way just past the eastern leg of the walking trail, where that was constructed where the Country Way subdivision on the north side of Boring Road comes into Boring Road.

Moreover, "This is designed to be the best entrance and exit for the school, and (buses) will be coming off of Smith Road, not coming off Boring Road (from Kingston Pike) because everyone knows this section of Boring Road is very substandard," Shipley said.

He added the builders would continue that improved section with a sidewalk that ties from the sidewalk being built onto Boring Road into the school. Additionally, they are planning to add school speed limit signs along Smith Road and a marked crosswalk along Boring Road at the intersection of Smith Road.

The second area of development, on Village Commons Boulevard, the school system's architects plan to remove the southernmost raised median and part of the northernmost raised median "in order to have better turning movements and more stacking," Shipley said.

Mobility Study

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a Cannon & Cannon senior transportation engineer manning one of the stations.

Another resident said about Northshore traffic, "There's nowhere for the emergency people to go ... I have concerns about that."

However, in terms of finding effective solutions. "Is it difficult financially, or just construction-wise, with (Fort Loudoun) Lake so close," another resident asked.

"Right now we're trying to address the short-term stuff," Childers said, adding, "I can tell you that adding five lanes (to Northshore) would cost a fortune."

By far the area most marked by the dots were on Northshore Drive between the Concord Road roundabout westward to the Choto Road roundabout — namely congestion, crashes, intersection operations (no left turn lane or additional roundabout), visibility and sight distance issues plus speeding and bike-pedestrian issues — congestion and speeding marked the most.

On Choto Road, from just

north of Prater Lane past the Northshore roundabout leading into Harvey Road when going north, several attending residents marked speeding as the biggest issue, followed by intersection operations.

At the intersection of Northshore and Harvey Road, visibility/sight distance and intersection operations were most noted.

"A lot of folks have really talked about the inability to get in and out of their driveways or their roads and having a lot of delay because obviously you've got a lot of traffic on Northshore," said Jim Snowden, Knox County senior director of Engineering & Public Works.

As for how the county would respond to resident/citizen feedback, Snowden estimated mid-February to the first of March when county and Cannon & Cannon officials "will probably take the analysis and the results of the study and the proposed projects to County Commission in a public forum.

"Let them see it, let them digest it, because ultimately, we'll be asking them for funding to implement these projects," he added.

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Technical free throw ends it: BHS 49 Lady Ads 48

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BEARDEN — It was an ending to a basketball game that, arguably, could happen only between rivals such as Bearden and Farragut.

Friday night, Jan. 17, at Bearden High School, an extraordinary series of plays — all in the last half minute of the game — helped the Lady Bulldogs pull off a wild 49-48 win. The finish was worthy of the schools' long rivalry.

With the score tied at 45, Lady Admirals sophomore post Trinity Curry hit a lay-up to give Farragut a two-point

lead with 24 seconds left.

After a Bearden timeout, the Lady Dawgs inbounded the ball and threw it to Emma Rainey, who promptly drained a three to give Bearden a one-point lead, 48-47, with 10 seconds to go.

In the mad scramble to get back up the court to try to win it, FHS senior guard Jaci Neubert missed a shot but got the loose ball back. She threw up a wild shot with under a second left as she hit the floor.

The shot missed, but a foul was called, bringing two free throws. When Neubert got up, there was blood on her leg.

The referees decided that a different player had to shoot the free throws, presumably because it was taking too long to tend to Neubert. The clock read zero seconds.

Three tenths of a second was put back on the clock. Gabby VanAcker, sophomore wing, missed the first free throw, but made the second, tying the game at 48 and sending it into overtime.

Only it didn't. After VanAcker's tying free throw, several Farragut players came off the bench in excitement, apparently thinking regulation was over. Leaving the bench while play is still going on —

three tenths of a second remained on the clock — can bring a technical, and it did.

BHS's Natalya Hodge shot the two free throws, missing the first but hitting the second and winning the game.

"When VanAcker made the free throw they had players run on the floor, leaving the bench area," Bearden head coach Justin Underwood said. "That was the gist of it; that's a tough situation. ... It's a natural reaction."

"I've always been explained technicals but I wasn't given an explanation,"

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Unbeaten in district, #4 CAK boys edge rival Grace

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KNOXVILLE — While the Christian Academy of Knoxville starting five led the way in keeping CAK unbeaten in Division II-A East Region/District play, it was a wing off the bench who provided a huge spark.

Junior Teeno Hutchinson broke a 48-48 tie by draining a three-point jumper with 1:24 left in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors, improving to 18-2 overall while ranked No. 4 statewide in latest TWSA Division II-A poll, held off the feisty Rams — sweeping rival GCA during the regular season — with a 58-54 district victory.

"Teeno's been playing well. He's one of our most talented players," CAK head coach J.D. Johnson said about the junior, who scored eight points overall. "That was a big-time shot; he's fearless."

Two Warriors provided the bulk of their team's scoring: senior wing Caden Owens and junior post Foster Coleman each scored a co-game-high 19 points.

While winning yet another close game, "That's been us all year; we just gutted it out," Johnson said. "We just kind of refuse to die; we got the stops (defensively) we needed to get

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Alan Sloan

Getting prepared to receive a pass is Bryson White, Christian Academy of Knoxville senior wing, against the Grace Christian Academy defense during this CAK home district game Friday night, Jan. 17. The Warriors hung on to defeat the Rams 58-54, having swept GCA during the regular season while staying perfect in district play. Christian Academy also improved its overall record to 18-2.



Photo courtesy of Jack Tate/FHS sports information director

'Wealth of experience' for Lee, new Farragut High assistant AD

Farragut High School recently introduced its new assistant athletic director Wednesday, Jan. 8. "Whitney Lee comes to Farragut with a wealth of teaching and coaching experience and will also be teaching at FHS in our Special Education department," Jack Tate, FHS Sports Information director, stated. "Whitney played four years of college basketball at Limestone University in South Carolina. While at Limestone, Whitney was selected to the conference All-Academic team," an FHS press release stated. "She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Limestone and her teaching credentials from Polk State (Florida)." Lee "is an ISSA certified-personal trainer and taught fitness classes for two years in Florida and South Korea," Tate stated. "She taught physical education for a total of 10 years in Florida, Myanmar and South Korea. Whitney worked with the Myanmar Men's and Women's National Basketball teams and has also coached volleyball and basketball at the high school and middle school levels in Myanmar and South Korea." She also coached middle school basketball for one year in Florida.

Not enough sustained runs for Ads as No. 3 BHS rolls

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BEARDEN — Of the many things coaches exhort their players to do, a common one is: don't get behind early.

Friday night, Jan. 17, at Bearden High School against their longtime rival, Farragut boys basketball team failed to heed that injunction.

A mere 1:38 into the game, the Bulldogs led 9-0, which grew to 12-2 34 seconds later. FHS fought back and stayed in it for much of the game.

The Admirals, however, could never dig out of the early hole. The Dawgs' 74-57 win kept them a perfect 5-0 in District 4-4A, 19-3 overall.

"They have a lot of weapons," Admirals head coach JP Burris said. "They're very well-coached. They have a core that's been together for a long time. (BHS) coach (Jeremy) Parrott's been doing a really good job for a long time."

Parrott was pleased with the win, but was somewhat mixed in his assessment of his team's play.

"We'll take it," he said. "I felt like we're winning the game at times but losing the fight. Loose balls ... gave up seven offensive rebounds in the first half. You do that on a bad shooting night and you lose."

Down 19-7, Farragut closed the first quarter on a 10-3 run to



Parrott

Braden's 17 4Q points leads Lady Warriors; district perfect

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KNOXVILLE — With a sophomore wing literally taking over the game offensively in the final quarter, a tight home game against rival Grace Christian Academy ended up a 14-point victory, 54-40, keeping Abby Williams' Lady Warriors unbeaten in Division II-A East Region/District play.

Maddie Braden scored 17 of her game-high 31 points in the game's final eight minutes.

"When it mattered the most, she wanted it the most," Williams said of Braden. "In the fourth quarter she just absolutely took over and dominated."

"I can't say enough about Maddie tonight, and it showed," the coach added.

A huge four-point play from Braden, a three-point basket and foul shot, pushed a two-point lead to six, 42-36, with



Alan Sloan

Christian Academy of Knoxville guard Colie Thompson, a sophomore, looks to make a move to the basket against the Grace Christian Academy defense.

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4:16 remaining in regulation.

Two more Braden baskets, a driving 10-footer and a 7-footer off an inbounds pass, plus two free throws from the sophomore pushed the Lady Warriors lead to 48-40 with just 55.5 seconds to play.

Overall, “We were really good from the free throw line,” the CAK head coach said, as Christian Academy finished 18-of-19 from the charity stripe.

Braden herself was nine-of-nine in free throws.

Moreover, “in the fourth quarter I thought it was one of our best defensive efforts,” Williams said. “We were really making them work for shots — and not giving them any second-chance opportunities, securing our rebounds.”

Despite trailing 32-31 entering the fourth quarter, “We stayed composed, we didn’t get rattled,” the CAK coach said. “It was a really good basketball game. They played a heck of a game. We played a great game.”

“I was really proud of the effort we gave collectively,” she added. “... We executed our gameplan the way we wanted to — we made them work.”

Colie Thompson, CAK sophomore guard, added 13 points, while Karlie Whited, junior guard, scored eight. Katelyn Coffman, freshman guard, had two points.

As for Grace Christian’s importance on the Lady Warriors schedule, “It’s a huge rivalry,” Williams said. “Did you see the crowd?”

In fact, “This is probably our biggest rival in the district,” she added. “Not bad



blood — it’s just a good battle.” Having beaten the Lady Rams by 15 points at GCA earlier in the season, “That was a completely different game,” Williams said. “They didn’t have everybody they’ve got now.”

Improving to 14-6 overall, 6-0 in district, CAK has benefited greatly from a tough early season schedule according to the head coach.

“We’ve played a tough schedule,” Williams said. “We lost twice to McMinn Central (Division I-AA power), we’ve

lost to Heritage, we’ve lost to Sevier County, lost once to Maryville — I wish we could get that one back — and lost to Webb (School of Knoxville, currently ranked No. 1 in the latest Tennessee Sports Writers Association Division II-AA statewide poll).

“We’ve been battle-tested; we wanted to do that,” the coach added, “so that if we got in games like this one tonight, we’d be ready for big moments.”

“And tonight we were ready for big moments.”

No. 4 Warriors

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and got it done.

“Really a good win for us,” he added.

Though the Warriors broke ahead 18-10 after one quarter, Grace Christian zoomed back to take a 28-25 halftime lead.

The game was tied at 43 entering the fourth quarter, as Owens kept the home team close by scoring 12 of his points in that eight-minute span.

A nice pass from Bryson White, CAK senior wing, to Owens, senior forward, ended up being a bucket-and-foul, with Owens converting the conventional three-point play to put the Warriors up 54-50 with only 1:06 remaining.

With the Rams having the ball in the final seconds down 54-51, White made a huge steal at the 20-second mark.

Hunter Bennett, the team’s spark plug as its sophomore

point guard, came back into the game after suffering a cramp just a few minutes before, nailing two free throws to put the Warriors up 56-51 with only 16.3 seconds to play.

But Grace Christian knocked down a three-point jumper to pull within 56-54 with 9.7 seconds showing.

Bennett once again came through at the charity stripe, converting two more free throws to give CAK a two-score lead, 58-54, after being fouled before any time ran off the clock.

While Bennett ended with nine points for the game, Zachary Coffman, senior guard, nailed a three-point field goal.

Coleman’s dominance in the paint has only happened in recent games. “He was hurt the whole first part of the season,” Johnson said.

“Our plan really was to build our offense around him. We did a great job winning games without him.”



All CAK photos by Alan Sloan

Despite facing heavy defensive pressure in the paint by the Grace Christian Academy Rams, Christian Academy of Knoxville junior post Foster Coleman gets off a shot. The homestanding Warriors hung on to win 58-54 Friday night, Jan. 17.



(Above) Looking over the Grace Christian Academy defense before running an offensive play is Maddie Braden, Christian Academy of Knoxville sophomore guard. (Left) Making a power move to the basket against the Grace Christian Academy defense is Marinn Hubbard, a senior small forward. CAK took advantage of its home court — playing in front of a packed crowd — and Braden’s game-high 31 points to pull away late and defeat the Lady Rams 54-40 Friday night, Jan. 17.

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HVA B vs. Grace a tight one: Scholars Bowl first round

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With Tennessee Scholars Bowl beginning Monday, Jan. 13, Hardin Valley Academy's Team B challenged Grace Christian Academy Wednesday, Jan. 15, with Grace taking a close win by a 300-240 score.

"This is the Scholar's Bowl's 21st season," said Frank Murphy, host of the event. "Hardin Valley has put (two) teams into the tournament again this year."

Grace Christian's team, consisting of Isaiah Pointer, team captain Kate Mullins, Kyle Spurlock and Lauren Thornton, will proceed to the next level, the so-called "Threshold of 32," which will air on PBS (WETP-TV) beginning at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 20. They are coached by history teacher Beth Anderson. Alternates were Addie Anders, Trinity Onchik, Alex Steddam and Daniel Vont.

HVA's B team, consisting of Arturo Hernandez, Julian Lee, team captain Jake Laws and Rahma Al-Qasir, with alternate Austin Chin, started strong in the first round on Jan. 15, gaining 30 points early.

However, GCS caught up in the second half. GCS continued to score with correct answers, not only catching up but racing ahead of HVA.

HVA, coached by social studies teacher Nicholas Delos Santos and science teacher Nancy Busch, and GCS are among 46 high schools — public, private and homeschool — in 18 counties that are competing for the Frank Miller Memorial Trophy and a \$1,000 cash prize.

Each correct answer garnered 10 points, while bonus points answered garnered 20. The teams answered questions in literature, language, science, art, math, geography, music, sports, history, religion,



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Hardin Valley Academy's Team B competed against Grace Christian Academy in the Wednesday, Jan. 15, airing of Tennessee Scholar's Bowl opening round on PBS (WETP-TV). Top row, from left, are HVA team members Arturo Hernandez, Julian Lee, Jake Laws and Rahma Al-Qasir. GCA team members, from left, are Isaiah Pointer, Kate Mullins, Kyle Spurlock and Lauren Thornton. Scholar's Bowl is airing from 5:30 to 6 p.m. on selected weekdays through April 3, when the champion will be decided.

technology, current events and other subjects.

Among the many questions they had to answer were: What is the Spanish word for Tuesday (Martes)? Who is the author of "The Prince and the Pauper" (Mark Twain)? What is the setting for George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" (London)? Which continent has no volcanoes that have erupted in the last 4,500 years (Australia)?

Each game is a single elimination match. Winning teams advance to rounds of 32, 16, eight and four before the final two teams compete for the 2025 Scholars

Bowl championship on WETP.

On Friday, Jan. 24, Webb School of Knoxville will compete against Sequoyah on PBS.

Christian Academy of Knoxville will face Hardin Valley Academy Team A Wednesday, Feb. 5; Webb will go against Career Magnet School Monday, Feb. 10; and Knoxville Catholic will compete against Harritan Friday, Feb. 14.

The final first-round match involving local schools finds Farragut squaring off versus Rockwood Thursday, Feb. 20.



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FIS top spellers awarded

Farragut Intermediate School held its annual Spelling Bee Friday, Jan. 17. "The top student from each class competed," an FIS press release stated. Fifth-grader Jane Kim, left, "from Mr. Stark's class" was overall champion; fourth-grader Jio Park, right, "from Mrs. Gallagher's room" placed second. Pictured with them is FIS principal Suzanne Parham. "We have 20 third-grade classes, 14 fourth-grade classes and 14 fifth-grade classes," the release stated.

It's quite a mother, daughter Concord Place duo

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Fairy Stone, 96, a Concord Place Memory Care resident, and her artist daughter Sheryl Jackson, 74, have been teaming up for 12 years in the interest of art.

They continue that bond while Jackson teaches art to Fairy's fellow residents at Concord Place, an Anthem Memory Care community, at 901 Concord Road.

Every Monday, Jackson joins her mother and resident students in the community's art room.

"It's just a wonderful thing to make art," Jackson said.

"It's just interesting, and it made my life a lot easier," Fairy said about the art classes.

"My mother and I have always worked together," Jackson said. "Back in the day, when I was in the business, my mother did my framing



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Fairy Stone, right, and her daughter, Sheryl Jackson, celebrate the completion of an art project made by Fairy as a resident in Concord Place Memory Care senior living community in Farragut.

for me. I had a fully equipped studio with a frame shop and everything, and my mother's very, very talented.

"She's always been able to do what I consider crafts," the

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From 1 to 2 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 26, the church "is collecting non-food items for people who use the FISH Food Pantries," a SEEC press release stated. Items in need are shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, soap and disinfectant wipes.

"Begun in 1986 to alleviate hunger, FISH provides food to about 21,000 people every month," the release further stated. "In addition to resolving the basic need of food, many people need help with non-food items.

"You don't even have to get out of your car; just pull up and someone will come out to get your donations."

In addition, "We are also taking donations for the five Knoxville warming centers (that) provide a warm place to stay for those who need it when the temperatures drop below 25 degrees," the release stated. "Needed are new or gently used blankets and pillows as well as protein bars, ChapStick and hand warmers."

• **A concert at Natalie Haslam Music Center/University of Tennessee College of Music, 1741 Volunteer Blvd., begins at 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 9.**

The first concert of the 2025 Evelyn Miller Young Pianist Series will present Parnian Rezaei. Rezaei, an Iranian pianist, will present a concert inspired by William Blake's "Songs of Innocence and Experience." In the first half, journey through the elegance of the French Baroque to the

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• **Knoxville Bar Association and Legal Aid of East Tennessee are offering an in-person Free Legal Advice Clinic for veterans from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 12, in Knox County Public Defender's Community Law Office, 1101 Liberty St. in Knoxville.**

Veterans who are not able to attend the clinic in person are encouraged to continue to use the telephone clinic option. Pre-registration is required for telephone clinic and veterans are asked to call Legal Aid of East Tennessee at 865-637-0484 to pre-register.

This is a general advice clinic with a wide variety of legal issues, including family law, landlord/tenant, bankruptcy, criminal defense, consumer protection, contract disputes, child support and personal injury.

Clients can expect legal advice, but no wills are drafted at this clinic nor legal work performed. In 2025, the clinics are held every other month: also April 9, June 11, Aug. 13, Oct. 8 and Dec. 10.

• **Amadeus Concert Ensemble announces its Winter Season of free concerts as part of the Cathedral Concert Series at Cathedral of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 711 S. Northshore Drive.**

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• **Knox County Public Library and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs are set to launch the 2025 Read City challenge from 10 a.m to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1, at Bridgewater Place (205 Bridgewater Road) with a hands-on science fair.**

Library Laboratory features demonstrations, experiments, crafts and more. Participants will be invited to operate a robotic arm, excavate fossils and explore the galaxy in a planetarium among other activities.

The event is free and open to the public.

A dozen organizations — including The Muse, American Museum of Science and Energy, Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, Oak Ridge National Lab, University of Tennessee Knoxville and Zoo Knoxville — will have booths and activities for kids of all ages. Jacobs will kick off the day with a storytime on the main stage.

'Serving the hungry' still top goal of CUMC Mission Blitz



Tammy Cheek

Breanna Wells, left, and Kristin Johnson with Beauty For Ashes, donated their time Friday night, Jan. 17, to help bag sweet potatoes at Concord United Methodist Church along Roane Street as part of Concord United Methodist Church's Crop Drop, which is part of an annual larger Mission Blitz effort.

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For at least a decade, members of Concord United Methodist Church have made it their mission to alleviate hunger in their community and abroad and take part in about 25 other mission projects as part of Mission Blitz.

This year's Mission Blitz, where church members take part in a number of missions, took place Friday, Jan. 17, through Monday, Jan. 20.

"Serving the hungry" is the fulfillment one volunteer said he received from the mission. "The church likes to provide food for folks who have food insecurities."

Kristin Johnson and Breanna Wells, both with Beauty for Ashes in Lenoir City, stepped in to help with the Crop Drop because "we decided to give back to them."

Part of Mission Blitz is a Crop Drop project, in which the church "receives a tractor trailer load with 40,000 pounds of sweet potatoes," explained Jane Currin, CUMC mission director. Those potatoes were donated by area farmers.

"These sweet potatoes are ones that are too big, too small and misshapen, that have been graded out and are not the first that they sell at the grocery store," she said. "These are the grades C and D — big, old, ugly sweet potatoes. They're still good to eat, but they're just not the right size to fit everybody's perfect sweet potato image."

Volunteers arrived Friday before the truck pulled in with sweet potatoes, which they find in boxes on big pallets, for them to place in 8- to 10-pound bags and weigh before the produce is distributed to about 35 food pantries in several counties in three states.

The food pantries picked up the sweet potatoes on Friday night and Saturday morning, Nov. 18.

Dean's List honors told from Samford, Lee, SNHU

• **Samford University recognizes five area students who were named to the Dean's List for fall 2024 semester:** Kirsten Jennings of Farragut (Concord Christian School); Jonah Stauffer (Christian Academy of Knoxville); Camden Kuhn of Farragut (Farragut High School); Mary Slaughter, (CAK) and Elea-

nor Boertje of Farragut (also FHS).

• **Lee University recognizes four students from Farragut for earning Dean's List honors for Fall 2024 semester:** Allison Pilgrim, Loralai Stevenson, Jacey Jennings and Katelyn Bruce.

Dean's List recognition is earned by full-time, under-

graduate students with a semester grade point average between 3.7 and 4.00.

• **Hannah-Mae O'Sullivan of Farragut has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2024 Dean's List.** Undergraduate students must earn a minimum grade-point average between 3.500 to 3.699.

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obituary

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Billy Povlin, 95, on Jan. 19, 2025, at his home in Farragut, Tennessee, after a brief illness. Billy was born on Dec. 23, 1929, in Universal, Indiana.

After graduating high school in Clinton, Indiana, Billy proudly served the United States in the Navy as a mechanics mate. After military service, he attended Rose-Hulman University, where he earned a degree in mechanical engineering. Following graduation, Billy dedicated nearly 40 years of his career to E.I. DuPont (now Chemours) in New Johnsonville, Tennessee.

He was a longtime member of the Lions Club in Waverly, Tennessee, where he earned many distinctions and awards for his contributions. Billy also served many years as a member of the Humphreys County Chamber of Commerce and deeply loved his community. As an active member of the Waverly United Methodist Church, he attended regularly and found joy in the fellowship.

Billy had a passion for high school sports in Waverly, particularly the basketball program. This passion carried over after his relocation to Farragut, where he attended Farragut High School basketball games regularly. In 2016, he and his beloved wife, Maggie, relocated to Farragut to be closer to his family. Maggie passed away in July of 2019.

Billy is survived by his son, Jay Povlin; daughter-in-law, Louise Povlin; and grandsons, Jack, Jared and Joshua. He also is survived by his companion, Debbie Carter of Farragut, who was by his side for many years. His family is especially grateful to Debbie for her assistance and guidance through this difficult time.

Billy will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Receiving of friends begins at 1 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 25, at Luff-Bowen Funeral Home, 2400 Hwy 13N in Waverly. The service will begin at 2 p.m. Interment to follow at Richlawn Cemetery in Waverly.



Mr. Povlin

Mom-daughter

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daughter said. “She’s kind of a jack of all trades. I get a lot of my creativity and hands-on, can-do from her because no job was ever too big or small. ... She’s always been my biggest fan and biggest critic as well.

“Her favorite genre of art is more impressionistic, and I’m more trompe l’oeil (realistic),” Jackson added.

In all, “it’s been fulfilling,” she said. “It’s good for the soul, and I’ve made a lot of friends ... I feel like I’m touching them, and they’re touching me in a way I can’t describe”

However, “I never was a teacher,” Jackson said. “I always was a fine artist ... this is something entirely different.”

“Mrs. Fairy Stone has been living here for over 10 years,” related Lori Wilson, CPMC life engagement director and certified dementia practitioner.

Wilson said she wants to celebrate more than 10 years together (mother and daughter) making art.

“They have previous art, art they’ve made here, and then they have plans for the future,” the director said, adding she also plans to host an “Arty Party” and to present Fairy with a lifetime achievement award.

A professional artist, Jackson said she has been an artist for most of her life, receiving her mother’s support throughout.

During that time, she painted a portrait of her mother when Fairy was a teen homecoming queen.

“I have worked primarily with interior design, painting



Tammy Cheek

Sheryl Jackson, left, watches her mother, Fairy Stone, a Concord Place Memory Care senior living community resident in Farragut, work on an art project during a Concord Place class.

murals and commissioned pieces,” the daughter said. “I’ve been working for a commercial design firm and furniture companies.”

Recently retired, Jackson had a whole spectrum of art services she has provided for about 35 years. However, she retired early when her parents’ health declined.

Since then, her father passed away from a brain tumor and her mother contracted Alzheimer’s and dementia two years after her father’s passing.

“We needed to try to care for her, but we couldn’t,” Jackson said. “We found Clarity Point (the former community before Concord Place began op-

eration). She’s been here for 12 years now. She’s the oldest resident here.”

More class details

After the daughter retired, she started the art program at the community 12 years ago when the director found out Jackson was an artist.

Jackson creates intricate black and white drawings, which Fairy and the other the residents fill in with paint as art projects.

However, “they don’t just color,” she said. “We work in various mediums.”

Jackson pointed out the black and white sketches are not “kindergarten. It’s fine art.”

With that, “(the residents)

learn technique,” she said. “It’s great for their hands.”

Jackson added the artwork also helps with their concentration, which is a good thing in memory care.

“It’s a great outlet,” she added. “The thing that touches me the most is they are so proud of what they have accomplished.”

Still going strong with art, while retired, she now inspires Concord Place residents, and nine other senior communities, from memory care to assisted living and independent.

“I’m getting ready to make another push to pick up some more senior communities,” Jackson said.



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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Farragut Community Center • 239 Jamestowne Blvd

AGENDA • January 23, 2025

BEER BOARD MEETING 5:55 PM | BMA MEETING 6:00 PM

I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Approval of Minutes

A. January 9, 2025

IV. Mayor's Report

V. Ordinances & Resolutions

A. Ordinances

1. Public Hearing and Second Reading

a) **Ordinance 24-24**, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Zoning Map for the property at 12823 Kingston Pike (formerly Summit View Nursing Home) from General Commercial (C-1) to Community Service (S-1), 5 Acres (Benefield Richters, Applicant)

b) **Ordinance 25-01**, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 105 - Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 2. - International Building Code, Section 105-20. - Modifications, Subsection (f), to use the

International Building Code for the requirement for a sprinkler system for structures in excess of 7,000 gross square feet or more than two stories that are Type I or II Construction and a Mercantile Occupancy Type (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

B. Resolution

1. Approval of Resolution R-2025-01, Town of Farragut Capital Assets Policy

2. Approval of Resolution R-2025-02, Town of Farragut Purchasing Policy and Procedures

3. Approval of Resolution R-2025-03, Appointment of Municipal Judge

VI. Business Items

A. Approval of Bids and Award of Contract No. 2025-11, Campbell Station Inn Interior Renovation

VII. Citizens Forum


VIII. Town Administrator's Report

IX. Town Attorney's Report

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen welcomes and invites Farragut residents to participate in public meetings.

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FARRAGUT BEER BOARD AGENDA

Farragut Community Center • 239 Jamestowne Blvd

January 23, 2025 | 5:55 PM

I. Approval of Minutes

A. September 26, 2024

II. Beer Permit

A.Approval of Class 1, On Premise beer permit for Flying Biscuit, 11683 Parkside Drive

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FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

Farragut Community Center

Large Classroom

Tuesday, January 28, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of minutes for the December 17, 2024, meeting.

2. Staff report - wall signs approved in the past month.

3. Review of a revised landscape plan for Phase II (commercial area) of the Town Center at Biddle Farms Development, Located off Kingston Pike and Brooklawn Street.

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State champions ring ceremony for Farragut High 2024 baseball



Photo courtesy of Jack Tate/FHS sports information director

Most of the team members from Farragut High School baseball's "threepeat," which was the program's third straight Class 4A state championship during the 2024 season, were on hand in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium on Donald Dodgen Court to receive their championship rings. The ceremony came during a break in the action as Farragut's girls and boys varsity basketball teams hosted Karns Friday, Jan. 3.

Wild finish

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FHS head coach Jason Mayfield said.

"That was another thing," he added in reference to VanAcker shooting for Neubert. "I asked the question about how long we got. We were trying to work on her and all of a sudden I was told I had to sub."

The game was scrappy and tight throughout. The Lady Admirals led 12-10 after one period and 19-12 with 3:36 left in the half. A 9-2 run to finish the half by BHS knotted the score at 21 by halftime.

Neubert's three with 14 seconds left in the third period made it 35-34 Bearden after three. Five times the lead

changed hands in the dramatic fourth period, setting up the incredible finish.

"Nat (Hodge) didn't have anything and she found me, and I just had the confidence to shoot it," Rainey, a junior guard, said. "It just worked out."

Hodge, a junior point guard, led all scorers with 21; Rainey added 11. Curry was high for FHS with 15; KJ McNealy scored 14.

The Lady Bulldogs stayed perfect in District 4-4A at 5-0, 20-3 overall. Farragut fell to 2-1 in district, 14-7 overall.

"It's tough to end like this," Mayfield said. "I told the girls we could avoid an ending like that if we could do a better job of taking care of the ball."

FHS-Dawgs

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trail by only five, 22-17, after one period. Junior point guard Parker Lane hit a pair of threes in that stretch.

BHS led 26-17 early in the second, but the Admirals ran off six straight to pull within three with 5:57 left. An 18-10 Dawgs run to halftime gave them a 44-33 lead at the break.

When Lane's fourth trey of the game was followed by Britton Lewis's two free throws, the Admirals trailed by only five, 46-41, with 6:15 left in the third period. A classic finish between the rivals seemed to be shaping up.

It didn't happen. Bearden then scored six

straight to lead 52-41 with 5:02 left in the third. FHS wouldn't get closer than nine — 52-43 with 4:58 left in the third — the rest of the game. This period ended with the Bulldogs leading by 12, 59-47.

BHS junior guard Justin Nordin opened the fourth frame with a three to put Bearden's lead at 15, 62-47. The closest the Ads wouldn't get the rest of the way would be 10.

Nordin had a huge offensive game for BHS, pouring in 30



Burris

points. JaMichael Blair added 10. Lane scored 23 to lead the Admirals' offense

"They're a tough team, they don't ever give up," Nordin said of his team's district rival. "The best thing is to stay disciplined and focus on what you have to do."

"We played strong the whole game," Lane said. "We stayed with them 'til the end. We were kind of lackadaisical on defense and a couple of their players got hot."

FHS fell to 14-7 overall, 1-2 in District 4-4A.

"I was proud of how we played, we just battled back," Burris said. "Not a good idea at their place to spot them 9-0. We gave up too many offensive rebounds."

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