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GKAISA champs soak in all the joy ...



How 'bout them VG Gators!



Photos by Alan Sloan

(Top) Joyfully splashing in the diving pool of Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center at UT-Knoxville, coaches and other adults connected with Village Green community swim team celebrate a Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association "City Meet" championship among a 27-team field Saturday evening, July 12. Among the coaches is head coach Sarah Fortney (front right pointing No. 1). (Above) Village Green Gators swimmers also enjoyed celebrating in the diving pool, having earned the program's first GKAISA championship since 2011, ending a 13-year run of titles by Knoxville Racquet Club. (See photo and story in Sports beginning on page 1B, which also includes highlights of No. 5 team finisher Concord Hills and No. 7 Sugarwood)

Smile, you might be on a new Town candid camera; 1 of 2 matching grants

equipment will act as a deterrent

Virtues, vices told: residents, experts talk Virtue Road Phase 2 plans

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Attempting to complete Phase 2 of construction on Virtue Road — which will encompass 4,912 feet and create two 11-foot lanes with curb and gutter plus a 10-foot asphalt bike/walking path and boardwalk — the Town of Farragut project will start just south of Evans Road and end at Willow Cove Way.

Engineers and other professionals from LDA Engineering, the company in charge of planning this project, met with homeowners, property owners and other residents to be affected by the construction in the main assembly room of Town Community Center Wednesday evening, July 9.

The asphalt path "changes sides at Turkey Creek and becomes a 10-foot raised boardwalk out over the water" spanning 1,190 feet, said Lincoln Fugal, LDA project manager. "Before it turns the corner, it switches briefly back over to the right-hand side as you're going to the lake and then terminates."

'A lot of people had safety concerns; there's a lot of existing conditions along this roadway that are unsafe," said Joe Martin, a certified Geographic Information Systems professional with LDA. "This plan will actually improve the safety of the roadway in several ways. It keeps the speed limit at 30 (mph). There's some site distance issues that this project takes care of and things like that.'

About specific resident concerns, "I would say driveway access and making sure that they still have access to the creek on the other side of the road," said Jason Elliott, an LDA civil engineer who along with Fugal, Martin and LDA civil engineer intern Emmy Castleberry manned discussion tables where they fielded resident questions. "That was one of (a) gentleman's main concerns.

"I would say in general, people are just asking, 'How is this project going to impact my property?" he added. "I talked to the pastor of the Virtue Church. Fortunately, I was able to tell him that we won't have any impact on the church property."

Concerns, optimism

Homeowner Melissa Stout was concerned about "how much they're going to take off from my property because we're at (a) corner," she said, adding her concerns are strong "just because we have such

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted unanimously during its meeting Thursday, July 10, to approve two resolutions to participate in two grants to make the Town and staff safer and more secure. One key addition will be security cameras.

"The Town's property insurance coverage provider, Public Entity Partners, offers an annual matching grant for security equipment and devices," Finance director/ Town recorder Allison Myers said about PEP's Property Conservation matching grant.

In this case, she said the Town is seeking a matching grant to purchase security cameras "to protect insured property from damage and loss.

"Proper security equipment can help prevent harm to Town employees and citizens, protect Town property from damage and may assist the Town in the recovery of stolen property or monetary reimbursement from an at-fault party for damages," Myers added. "Security equipment will help prevent and record vandalism, theft, damage and general misconduct on Town-owned property.

Additionally, "cameras and

to such conduct, assist the Town in pursuing legal action when merited and help protect the Town from false claims of wrongdoing or negligence," she said. "Public Entity Partners will match what the Town spends on approved items to help protect insured property from damage or loss, with the maximum

reimbursement amount based on a property coverage classification matrix."

Another grant. Public Entity Partners Judy Housley Safety Matching Grant, offers an

annual match-

Myers

ing grant for training or equipment purchases related to driver safety for Town staff.

"The objective of the grant program is to help members address training needs and safety concerns for employees who operate Town vehicles and purchase items designed to reduce automobile liability claims," Myers said. "The grant is a 50/50 matching grant for training and driver-safety related purchases."

In a separate interview, Mayor

Ron Williams said the Town looks for grant opportunities to offset not having a Town property tax.

"There're a lot of different sites that you can look for these grants," he said. "Whenever you find one and think 'boy, we can do that,' then you apply for it."

Otherwise, the money spent on the equipment is "money that normally comes out of our budget," Williams said, noting the Judy Housley grant will go toward employee training on driving Town vehicles.

Other business

In other action, the Board voted to approve a resolution authorizing the use of comparative sealed proposals in some cases, rather than sealed bids, for procurement of goods and services.

"A part of it is paid for by grant," the mayor said.

The mayor later explained, in some cases, the Town may not receive any bids for a specific service, and will need to seek out someone who can provide the service. If there is an emergency, such as if pipe bursts cause flooding, a service may require a specific technical skill or equipment.

Overall, "This is another good example of staff working to identify grant opportunities," Williams said.



Photos by Alan Sloan

(Above) Melissa Stout (black top) and Theresa Reynolds point to areas on a map where they have questions for Lincoln Fugal, LDA Engineering project manager, during a July 9 meeting. (Below) William Lovell, left, who owns property along Virtue Road, asks questions while Jason Elliott, a civil engineer with LDA, and Emmy Castleberry, intern, listen.





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'Work from home' Sampler champ



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Yuliya Webb, left, local Farragut resident and a "work from home" employee, is joined by Sweat Houz Marketing manager Meagen MacDonald to collect her June prize winnings from Shop Farragut's monthly Town Sampler contest. Her goodie bag included \$25 gift cards from Sweat Houz, 54th Nail Lounge, Clean Juice, Apotheca, Sir Goony's Family Fun Center, Potrillos Taqueria & Neveria, French Market Creperie and Parlor Donuts, plus other Farragut schwag. To enter the July contest, visit https://wfiv.com/contests/67/shop-farragut-july-2025 for your chance to claim more than \$200 in prize winnings.

Towncalendar

• To celebrate National Parks and Recreation Month, Farragut Parks & Recreation Department will host Party in the Park at the splash pad in McFee Park from 6 to 8 p.m., Friday, July 25. Games, crafts and music are all part of this free celebration of the end of summer.

In addition to enjoying the splash pad and playground, partygoers can participate in a large-scale water-ball fight and water obstacle course. Swimsuits are encouraged.

Food by Southern Yankee Pizza, Clean Smoke BBQ and Tikiz Shaved Ice & Ice Cream. For questions, contact Recreation and Event manager Rachel Malone at rmalone@townoffarragut.org.

• The window to submit an application for inclusion into 2025 Introduction to Farragut program is open until 4 p.m., Thursday, July 31. "The program provides information on Farragut's history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteer opportunities, and is open to anyone interested in learning more about the Town," a Town press release stated. "Residency is not required."

The program begins with a reception and program kickoff in Farragut Town Hall (11408 Municipal Center Drive) starting at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 27. Classes will be held in Town Hall on the following Wednesdays: Sept. 3, Sept. 17, Oct. 1, Oct. 15 and Oct. 29 — starting at 6 p.m. and lasting about 2.5 hours.

A graduation dinner will be held Wednesday, Nov. 12. Applicants may apply online or download the application at townoffarragut.org/introtofarragut. Downloaded applications should be completed and returned to Town Hall or e-mailed to Allison Scott at ascott@townoffarragut.org. Accepted applicants will be notified within seven to 10 days of application deadline (July 31). Each week's Knox County Sheriff's Office Reports are courtesy of Amber Pressley and Capt. Brad Hall, West Precinct (Turkey Creek/ Parkside Drive).

KCSOreports

• At 2:38 p.m., Friday, July 11, a complainant reported a theft at Farragut Post Office, 11409 Municipal Center Drive. Complainant said she dropped off a check on Saturday, June 21, for \$6,163.04 made out to DuPage County Property Taxes. She was checking her Pinnacle Bank account and noticed the payee was changed to a known suspect. The check was deposited online on Tuesday, June 24, into BMO Bank.

• At 5:43 p.m., July 11, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report theft from a Vista Trail residence. Complainant said "an unknown suspect stole (power tools) from his trailer," the report stated. "Complainant (said) the trailer was parked in his backyard and was not visible from the street. He further advised the suspect had unclipped the weedeaters from their hangers and removed them, discarding the clips on the ground. The complainant noted that the clips were not damaged." Total value of loss was listed at \$2,950.

• At 9:14 a.m., Wednesday, July 9, a complainant reported a forgery at ORNL, 11405 Municipal Center Drive. Complainant said he wrote a check for KUB in the amount of \$18 and mailed it out from a Gulfwood Drive residence on June 24. "On (July 7) he was reviewing his bank statements and noticed check number ... had been cashed in the amount of \$481" on Wednesday, June 25, the report stated.

• At 8:24 a.m., July 7, a KCSO unit responded to a Boring Road residence following a burglary. Complainant said as builders were working on renovating a new home on his property, "they were using the old residence for storage," the report stated. "Upon entering the old residence, it was found that spray foam and spray paint had been applied to multiple items, rendering one sink and one microwave inoperable.

"Another sink was found with concrete mix poured into the drain, rendering it inoperable," the report further stated. "A shelf that was to be used in the new home was spray-painted, altering it beyond repair. It was also observed that the outer layer of glass of the sliding rear door was shattered, with a fire extinguisher on its side near the broken glass.

"The newly constructed home was locked upon arrival; however, there were shoeprints throughout the home that, according to complainant, were not there the previous day." Total value of damage was listed at \$3,350.

A witness "said that on the previous day around 7 p.m., she had seen three juvenile males with scooters on the property," the report stated. "She had seen the males pulling on doors and looking in the windows of the newly-built home. A forensic technician photographed the scene and gathered evidence."



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Traffic flow continues to be a priority for Town of Farragut Board, staff



Traffic flow continues to be a key priority for Town of Farragut Board and staff.

Farragut residents talk, and the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen (BOMA) and Town staff listen. That's why several new transportation and infrastructure projects were included in this year's budget, which passed at the July 24 BOMA meeting.

Virtue Road talk

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a steep grade in front of our house. My concern is the angle of the grade and how much it's going to be taking or if it's going to be supported with a retaining wall or anything like that."

"There are some retaining walls in the plans," Fugal said. "We got away from some of those by doing the boardwalk out over the water because then you don't need to go quite as far into the hillside.

"But in most places, if we are affecting the grade in someone's yard, what we'll do — at least in the proposal here — is to cut the grade back and to lay that slope back at a more gentle, at three-to-one or better, slope, which should make it mowable," he added.

One resident, who lives near Virtue Road, said about the Town, "They're just going to go ahead and acquire the right-of-way, and then they're going to ask permission. They have to go through TVA and the Army Corps of Engineers.

"The other issue is TVA will not allow any more dock permits on that little section of Little Turkey Creek because of the narrowness of it," she added. "I can't imagine they would Residents want traffic to move efficiently, and several projects that will improve traffic flow are included in the Town's Capital Investment Program (CIP).

The CIP, created by Town staff and prioritized by the Board, lays out how big projects, like road improvements and park improvements, will be funded and managed over the next six years. Design and/or construction on the following projects is scheduled to begin this fiscal year (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026):

• Adaptive traffic signal upgrades — Adaptive technology will be added to signals at the Town's major intersections. Completion of the Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS)

allow a 10-foot-wide boardwalk to extend out into the water."

Another resident on hand,

'We own property on Boyd

however, had a different take.

Station where they're going

to be widening the road: we're

excited about that because

we feel like that increases the

property value to have a nicer

road through there," she said.

Virtue and Boyd Station, which

needs to be done because it re-

ally is a sharp curve," the Boyd

(Fugal) used a scale to tell us

exactly how many feet into our

yard the road widening will

come, for example. They've

been very helpful, flipping their pages back and forth

with all of our questions and

Resident Martin Knuppe,

who lives near the intersection

of Evans and Virtue roads,

said, "Our concern is just vis-

ibility because people fly over

these swells. It's really tough

However, "I think they're

Knuppe

"They're basically going to

level the whole thing, giving

you a stop at the Turkey Cove

great improve-

added.

taking time to answer."

to get visibility."

proposing

intersection."

ments,"

"This gentleman over here

Station resident added.

"Also, they're going to be softening that curve between created central control for the Town's 26 signals, but adaptive technology will allow the signals to adjust timing based on traffic demands. These improvements will be ongoing over the next three to four years.

• Union Road improvements — Union Road from Everett Road to Hobbs Road will be reconstructed with two 11-foot lanes with curb and gutter and a shared-use path, as well as reconstruction of a bridge over Little Turkey Creek. Construction is expected to begin this year.

• Boyd Station Road improvements — Approximately 3,500 feet of Boyd Station will be widened and improved with storm drainage infrastructure and a greenway with a grass buffer. A roundabout will be constructed at the entrance to the Grove subdivision. Construction is expected to begin this year.

• Campbell Station Road/Jamestowne Boulevard intersection improvements — This new traffic signal will make it easier to turn left from Jamestowne Boulevard onto northbound Campbell Station Road and provide a signalized pedestrian crossing near the school entrance. Design will be completed this year.

• New traffic signal at Concord Road/Loop Road — This new traffic signal will make it easier to turn left from Loop Road onto southbound Con-

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A final salute to

Independence

Parade entries are prominent in this final look at 37th Annual Farragut Independence Day Parade on Kingston Pike Friday morning, July 4, which began at the Pike's intersection with Lendon Welch Way, heading westward just past Boring Road before ending in Far-

Parade photos by Alan Sloan / spectator photos by Tammy Cheek

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1. Tennova Healthcare and "Uncle Sam," CEO Tony Benton

ragut Towne Square.

2. Two parade Grand Marshals: FHS athletic director and TSSAA Hall of Fame inductee Donald Dodgen, left, and FHS football head coach Geoff Courtney

3. Dog Daze float from Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance

4. Performers from the Farragut-based group The Palace Players

5. From left are Chris Mc-Cabe, Savannah McCabe holding Patrick McCabe, 2, and Lauren Ingram holding Emmie Kate Ingram, 6

6. Cindy Ponzurick with grandsons, Jackson, 4, left, and Henry 6

7. FHS Marching Admirals

8. From left, friends Megan Wicker, Kim Clendenen and Tejal Mistry

9. Tuba section of FHS Marching Admrials band







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Snooty Patootie owner Kay McGinnis, left, joins her daughter, Hayley Gurley, right, and Hayley's daughter, Sunny, in jumping for joy in front of the boutique's new location, 11134 Kingston Pike beside Wendy's, which will open Monday, July 21, at A grand opening is slated for Friday and Saturday, July 25-26, and a ribboncutting, sponsored by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, is slated for 11 a.m., Thursday, July 24.

Snooty Patootie is on the move

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Excitement is in the air as Snooty Patootie Boutique's team prepares to move into its new location next week.

"We're so excited," Snooty Patootie owner Kay McGinnis said about moving from the store's present location at 11110 Kingston Pike, near Sam & Andy's, to 11134 Kingston Pike, located beside Wendy's. "We're pretty much doubling our space (from 2,400 square feet to 4,722 square feet)."

She said the store will open Monday, July 21, with a grand opening Friday and Saturday, July 25-26. A ribbon-cutting, sponsored by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, is slated for 11 a.m., Thursday, July 24.

"(The grand opening) is going to be a lot of fun," McGinnis said. "We're going to have food trucks, all kinds of giveaways, door prizes. It will be a big event."

With the new location, "we'll be in a stand-alone building, so that alone is amazing," she said. "We've got a lot more parking; we're right on Kingston Pike, as far as road appeal — a bigger presence there — so yes, we're very excited.

"We feel we'll get a lot more customers who probably didn't know we existed (in its current location)," McGinnis added. About why she is moving, "we wanted to grow in Farragut," McGinnis said. "There's a need there. We love our customers; we love Farragut, and we just need more space."

In its 10th year at 11110 Kingston Pike — the store opened in 2015 and expanded in 2018 — the owner observed the store has outgrown the space.

"We're excited about the opportunity to grow in Farragut," said McGinnis, who operates the family-run shop with her daughter, Hayley Gurley, and daughter-in-law, Abbie McGinnis.

The shop sells boutique items, such as clothing, jewelry, accessories and gifts — while her other shop, Snooty Patootie Lifestyle Stockroom at 11210 Outlet Drive, carries furniture and home décor. McGinnis said the Outlet Drive merchandise will remain the same.

However, at the Kingston Pike location, "we're growing the boutique side of the business," she said. "We are changing it a little bit. We will bring some home décor in — not furniture and we're adding baby and children's clothes to the new location.

"We'll be expanding our gifts (line) as well," McGinnis added.

One thing she said will not change is

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40-year celebration is bittersweet for McDuffie

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For Superior Carpet & Rug Cleaning owner Kerry McDuffie, celebrating 40 years in business was bittersweet and tearful.

That milestone was celebrated with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting at the business, 114 Sherlake Lane.

"This is a ribbon cutting we don't get to do a whole lot," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. "This is what I call, in baseball terms, a tripleheader.

"The main reason we're here is Superior Carpet & Rug Cleaning has been in business for 40 years," Blaylock added. "I started working at the Chamber way back in 2011 ... Kerry was one of the first people I met when I was a baby Chamber person and he was always extremely kind and courteous and professional. It's amazing to have walked at least that much of your business with you, and I'm honored for that."

McDuffie had more news: "I'm retiring ... I'm passing the torch to two great guys who have been in the industry for a while," he said. "They know their stuff."

McDuffie expressed confidence in new owners, Robin Shelton and Ted Kotulski, who are not new to the rug cleaning business.

Shelton, who has been in the industry for 10 years, is Wool-Safe certified — and is the only WoolSafe technician in East Tennessee people's homes are clean, sanitary, improve their air quality," and therefore "have a dependable company."

The new owners will be keeping the same phone number for the business, 865-691-5686. Hours are from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and closed Sundays.

McDuffie was 27 in 1985 when his father, the late David McDuffie — who owned a carpet cleaning business in North Carolina — inspired him.

"I learned from him," Kerry McDuffie recalled.

So, the younger McDuffie decided to open his own carpet cleaning business at the current Sherlake Lane location.



Tammy Cheek

Pictured at the 40 year celebration are Kerry McDuffie (holding No. 40), new owners Robin Sheldon (holding scissors, left), and Ted Kotulski (with scissors). Joining them are their wives, Sha-

i cillicoboco.

Additionally, "I am a proud member of Association of Rug Cleaning Specialists" and is International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium-certified as well, Sheldon said.

"I love it," Kotulski said about being a new co-owner. "It's a wild ride. "

He intends to "make sure

Through the years, he learned many details about the business, such as the popularity of oriental rugs, and gained specialized certifications in washing those rugs, among other aspects of the business.

He is certified in carpet cleaning, upholstery clean-

ron McDuffie (behind and to McDuffie's left), Kristen Sheldon (to Sheldon's right) and Danyel Kotulski (to Kotulski's left), along with a host of Chamber members and other supporters.

ing, tile cleaning, Oriental rug washing, water damage repair, and health and safety procedures, allowing him to be Master Textile certified.

Focusing on oriental rugs

"was more of a specialty niche that not a lot of companies were doing that," McDuffie said. "Everybody cleans

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Participants enjoyed lunch and 18 holes of play, along with contests and prizes for achievements such as Closest to the Pin, a hole-in-one on #3, and other fun recognitions.

This tournament was the second in a three-event series for the season. The final tournament will be held on September 8th at Egwani Farms Golf Course.

If you're interested in playing, sponsoring, or donating to support the YMCA's mission, please reach out to Jared Daugherty at jdaugherty@ ymcaknoxville.org.

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the personalized service she and her team provides to each customer to maintain its small business atmosphere.

40 years

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carpets ... my quality's second to none, I feel. ... I may not be able to meet people's expectations price-wise, but I will meet their expectations quality-wise.

Meanwhile, "I've enjoyed it," McDuffie said about operating Superior. "I've enjoyed watching the before-and-after results, my clients."

About what made the business successful, he replied.

"Everyone knows (the customers') names," McGinnis said.

The new shop's hours will stay the same, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays; and closed Sundays.

"God, lot of hard work, blood, sweat and tears, knocking on doors, calling on customers," he said.

"I've had a lot of clients for years," McDuffie said. "I've had some accounts since '02 ... I've had some for 15, 20 years. I saw their kids grow up — now they're adults."

Yet, after 40 years, McDuffie is retiring and selling.

"For me, it's good timing," he said. "I just want to spend more time with my kids, grandkids."



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Road projects

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cord Road and will also create gaps in traffic on Concord Road near Concord Hills. Design for this project has been completed and construction is expected to begin this year.

• Watt Road roundabout — A roundabout on Watt Road at the southern entrance to Mayor Bob Leonard Park will provide traffic calming and improved pedestrian safety. Plans are being finalized and construction is expected to begin this year.

These projects are planned to improve traffic flow near the

future Farragut Elementary School:

• New Sugarwood Drive access to Kingston Pike — A new access road will connect Sugarwood Drive to the intersection at Kingston Pike and Smith Road to allow easier access to and from Sugarwood subdivision during peak traffic.

Design is expected to be completed this year and construction will begin in FY 2027. • **Pedestrian crossing on Boring Road** — A mid-block crosswalk from the existing greenway on the south side of Country Manor subdivision to a proposed sidewalk on Boring Road will improve pedestrian access to the new elementary school.

Design is expected to be completed this year. • Intersection improve-

ments at Boring Road/

Smith Road — The new elementary school on Boring Road will require improvements to this intersection, including a multi-way stop and reconstruction of Dominick Point. Design is expected to be completed this year.

The best way to see the Town of Farragut's priorities is to look at the budget. Review the draft version of Farragut's FY 2026 budget at townoffarragut. org/draftbudget.



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Gators dethrone 13-time GKAISA champs

'City Meet' records, 2, fall with Village Green; Concord Hills 5th behind 6 records led by Chou, Hall

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KNOXVILLE — Led by a pair of meet records from 14-year-old Emmy Zimmer, the Village Green community swim team ended a 13-year Greater Knoxville Area Interclub Swimming Association reign of dominance.

Head coach Sarah Fortney led her VG Gators to the program's first GKAISA championship since 2011, unseating powerhouse Knoxville Racquet Club and capturing 2025 Tom Schumann Memorial **GKAISA** Meet.

Its 2,175 points — with Emmy setting meet records in the Girls 13-14 50-Yard Freestyle (23.67) and 50-Backstroke (26.50) — proved to be a big cushion after the finals Saturday, July 12, in Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center on the UT-Knoxville campus.

KRC finished a distant second at 1,902.50.

Meanwhile, six meet records — earned by 18-year-old Andrew Chou and Landon Hall, 16: two each individually and together in a pair of Boys 15-18 relays — paced the Concord Hills Piranhas to a fifth-place showing (1,487.50).

Village Green

Coach Fortney said Emma's records were among some "outstanding" Gators performances.

"These kids really stepped up in the prelims," added Fortney, in her 13th season as Gators head coach.

"We had an outstanding Thursday and Friday, so we set ourselves up to really do something special. We talked about that this morning, but it was all them.

"Going into today, we knew we had a shot if we swam re-



Several happy Village Green Gators display their 1st Place GKAISA Tom Schumann Memorial Championship Meet banner after winning annual "City Meet" in Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center on the UT-Knoxville Campus Saturday evening, July 12.

style, Emmy Zimmer (52.48); and Boys 11-12 200-Medley Relay (2:03.67), Lawrence Hung, Luke DeLarco, Cooper Owen and Bo Gary.

Concord Hills

Chou set the City Meet records in Boys 15-18 50-Backstroke (22.08) and 50-Butterfly (21.45), along with being a leg on the meet record 200-Medley Relay team (1:30.09) with Evan King, Landon Hall and Kolby Leach; and on the 200-Freestyle Relay meet record team (1:22.74) with Christopher Rector, Landon Hall and Hayden Hall.

Landon Hall, meanwhile, set individual meet records in winning the Boys 15-18 50-Breaststroke (25.61) and 200-IM (1:48.28).

'This season has been such a joy to coach and to be a part of." Piranhas head coach Annie Abraham said. "I am truly so proud of each and every single one of our swimmers. CHP broke six records at the city meet this year, and we as a team could not be more proud of those who achieved the goals they set for themselves." Abraham labeled fifth-place as "an incredible finish that reflects the heart, hard work and dedication of every swimmer on our team.' Other Piranhas winners were: Girls 15-18 200-Freestyle Relay (1:37.16), Karley Wolfgram, Millie Stoewer, Emily Dubes and Anna Whitley; Mixed 13-14 200-Free Relay (1:44.04), Kings Lorusso, Sam Duby, Sophia Guglielmo and Ryan Nettles; Boys 15-18 50-Free, Hayden Hall (20.82); and Bovs 13-14 50-Breaststroke, Ryan Nettles (28.93)



ally focused and we swam really confident — so we did it."

Though not winning the GKAISA meet in 14 years, "I think we've had several really good years, so I think we were inching closer and being more competitive," Fortney said. "Then, we've just got a really special group this year.'

Other Gators champions were Boys 8-Under 25-Freestyle, Jacob Leicht, (16.28); Boys 13-14 50-Free, Preston (23.85); Boys 9-10 Dreiser, 100-Freestyle Relay (59.17), Waylon Gustafson, Baylor Brown, Reagan Hung and Charlie Clement; Boys 8-Under 100-Medley Relay (1:26.13), Jacob Leicht, Nicholas Pacitti, Graham Fortney and Parker Brown; Boys 11-12 200-Freestvle Relay (1:52.43), Cooper Owen, Daniel Downs, Luke DeLarco and Bo Gary.

Girls 13-14 200-Freestyle Relay (1:43.63), Rhett Grubb, Gretchen Grubb, Addie Brock and Emmy Zimmer; Boys 13-14 50-Backstroke, Liam Finley (27.63); Boys 13-14 200-IM, Liam Finley (2:05.50); Boys 8-Under Boys 15-18 100-Freestyle, Kuba Shaw (44.94); Boys 13-14 100-Freestyle, Liam Finley (50.40); Girls 13-14 100-Free-

Sugarwood, FDCC

The Sugarwood Stingrays claimed seventh-place in the field of 27 (982 points), while Fox Den Red Foxes were 19th. Stingrays winners were Mixed 11-12 200-Free Relay (1:50.66), Lauren Hackett, Sam Vineyard, John Long and Myla Dru Saffles; Girls 11-12 50-Butterfly, Myla Dry Saffles (28.07); Girls 11-12 50-Breaststroke, Lauren Hackett (31.89); Girls 13-14 200-IM, Caroline Hackett (2:13.45); and Girls 11Displaying Concord Hills 5th Place GKAISA Tom Schumann Memorial Championship Meet banner are, from left, record-setting swimmers Evan King, Christopher Rector and Andrew Chou after annual "City Meet" in Allan Jones Intercollegiate Aquatic Center on the UT Campus Saturday, July 12.

12 200-Medley Relay (2:04.76), Karley Roberts, Lauren Hackett, Myla Dru Saffles and Mabelle Zhang.

Other top finishers

Mixed 9-10 100-Freestyle Relay: Sugarwood, third.

• Mixed 15-18 100-Free Relav: Concord Hills, second and third.

• Boys 9-10 100-IM, Reagan Hung, Village Green, third.

• Girls 11-12 100-IM, Lauren Hackett, Sugarwood, second.

• Boys 11-12 100-IM, Luke De-Larco, Village Green, third.

• Girls 13-14 200-IM, Sam Duby, Concord Hills, third.

• Boys 13-14 200-IM, Ryan Nettles, Concord Hills, second. • Girls 15-18 200-IM, Emma

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• Boys 8-Under 25-Free, Bradley Chandler, Sugarwood, second; Jack Duby, Concord Hills, third.

• Girls 9-10 25-Free, Kira Lobodina, Concord Hills, second.

• Boys 9-10 25-Free, Charlie Clement, Village Green, second; Levi Schoolfield, Sugarwood, third.

• Boys 11-12 50-Free, Bo Gary, Village Green, third.

• Girls 15-18 50-Free, Anna Whitley, Concord Hills, third.

• Boys 15-18 50-Free, Kuba Shaw, Village Green, second.

• Boys 8-Under 100-Medley Relay, Village Green Gators B relay, third.

• Boys 9-10 100-Medley Relay, Sugarwood, second; Village Green, third.

• Boys 11-12 200-Medley Relay, Concord Hills, third.

• Girls 15-18 200-Medley Relay, Village Green, third.

· Girls 8-Under 25-Back-

stroke, Riley Anne Tipton, Village Green, third.

• Boys 8-Under 25-Backstroke, Jacob Leicht, Village Green, second.

• Girls 13-14 50-Backstroke, Addie Brock, Village Green, second.

· Girls 8-Under 25-Breaststroke, Kathryn Pacelli, Fox Den Red Foxes, third.

 Boys 9-10 25-Breaststroke, Levi Schoolfield, Sugarwood, third.

• Girls 15-18 50-Breaststroke, Karolina Nosarzewski, Village Green, second; Kendall Hudgens, Village Green, third.

 Boys 15-18 50-Breaststroke, Evan King, C-Hills, second.

• Boys 8-Under 50-Freestyle, Parker Brown, Village Green, second.

• Girls 9-10 50-Freestyle, Kira Lododina, Concord Hills, sec-

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Store manager Carey Bedard in the Grilling section of Dixie Lee Junction Elder's Ace Hardware, 19670 U.S. Hwy. 11 East just outside of Farragut.

Elder's Ace Hardware

Whether it's their Dixie Lee or Hardin Valley store, Elder's has your grilling needs

If you're shopping for a grill this summer, "Ace is the place."

If simplicity of use is what you want, your choice might be a Traeger model, which requires only wood pellets and is simple to operate. Allen Cox, manager of Hardin Valley Elder's Ace Hardware (10009 Hardin Valley Road), said Traeger is this store's top overall selling grill brand. "You can do everything on them: you can grill on them, you can smoke on them," the manager said. "I mean, you can do everything from just hot dogs up to a brisket or a pork butt. You just plug into an outlet, you put the pellets in, and then it does itself. "So it's really the easiest grill out there," he added. "That's the appeal about the Traeger in general. ... Anybody can use them." "They call it the 'Easy Bake Oven' for grills because you can set it, you can forget it," said Carey Bedard, store manager at Dixie Lee Junction Elder's Ace Hardware, 19670 U.S. Hwy. 11 East just outside of Farragut. "We use them here in the store."

Bedard and her husband are avid grillers who "have about every type of grill." However, she pointed to Yoder Smoker Pellet Grills as a popular seller at the Dixie Lee Junction store. "They're made in the United States," she said.

Tips, maintenance, basic info

"If you're getting a natural gas grill ... we always recommend hiring somebody to hook that up for you instead of doing it yourself... it can be dangerous," Cox said.

"When it comes to propane, just make sure your propane tank is in date. They last 12 years and they have a date on the rim of them," he added. "... We fill propane here. We always make sure they're in date before we fill them. If they're not in date, we won't fill them.' As for maintenance advice, "Just make sure that you have a cover if it's being left outside because they are just made out of metal," Cox said. "Even the stainless steel ones, you want to make sure that you have a cover for outside."



Other grill brands

Not to be left out is Big Green Egg. "These are your charcoal smokers," Cox said while pointing out those selections in his store's Grilling section.

"These use hardwood charcoal," he added. "So, the Big Green Egg, they're for your really, like, avid griller. This is really when it gets into smoking. ... They have all different kinds of accessories where you can do direct heat, indirect heat.

"They have different wire rack systems where you can do vegetables on top, your meat on the bottom, something else in the middle," Cox further added. "So they have a wide variety of accessories and everything."

If you prefer to grill using propane or natural gas, "We have the Weber brand," the Hardin Valley store manager said. "And then we have the Blackstones."

Accessories

"Accessory-wise, it depends on the grill, but a decent spatula (and), depending on where you have it, a cover is No. 1, and then any aluminum liner," said Bedard.

"If you want to cover the bottom for grease in the bucket, just so you don't have to clean those buckets, we have those liners," she added. "We can change them out every 10 cooks or so."

Meat selections

Elder's Ace includes "a complete selection of frozen meat from North36 Farms, they're in Middle Tennessee right outside of Murfreesboro," said Cox. "... it's all black angus, grass-fed, no hormone beef. So we've got tomahawks, bone and ribeye, New York strips, steak skirts.

'All you've got to do is thaw them out and they're ready to be grilled."

Spices, sauces

Among Elder's Ace's large selection of spices and sauces "is our Elder's brand," Bedard said about a special new spice. "It actually is made out of Chattanooga, from Alchemy

Spice Company. ... If you look at the ingredients, it's all natural. There's no additives, completely fresh."

To get information on any grilling need, visit eldersacehardware.com

Dixie Lee Junction and Hardin Valley store hours are the same: from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday.

Blackstone grill

To contact the Dixie Lee Junction store, call 865-988-5285. To contact the Hardin Valley store, call 865-240-0961.

Summertime Grillin's RECIPES

Sloppy Dogs (homemade chili)

Ingredients:

• 8 all-beef hot dogs

- 8 hot dog buns
- (such as potato buns), toasted • 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 Tbsp. yellow mustard
- 1/2 cup ketchup
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 3 garlic cloves, grated
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder
- 1 tsp. ground cumin
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- 1/2 to 3/4 tsp. cayenne pepper
- 1 cup grated sharp cheddar
- cheese (about 4 ounces)
- 1 large red onion, finely diced

Directions:

Making the chili: heat the oil over medium-high heat. Use a large skillet and add half the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until translucent and starting to brown, 3 to 5 minutes. Retain the remaining onion for serving. Add the beef and garlic and cook, chopping the beef into small pieces with a wooden spoon and stirring occasionally from eight to 10 minutes until the beef is no longer pink. Stir in the chili powder, black pepper, cumin, salt and cayenne and cook until the spices create a fragrant scent, about one minute.

Add the tomato sauce, mustard and ketchup, then reduce the heat to low and stir to properly mix.

Let simmer, stirring occasionally, to allow the flavors to bond and the sauce to thicken a little bit — about 15 minutes. Keep the chili warm on the stove over low heat while you prepare the hot dogs.

Preparing to serve: To assemble the chili dogs, heat through the hot dogs on your grill. Place the hot dogs in the buns and top with a generous scoop of chili. Garnish with some cheddar and as much or as little of the reserved onion as you like.

Queso Burgers (spicy)

Ingredients:

- 1 (4-ounce) can chopped green chiles, drained
- 1 lb. ground beef chuck (80% lean)
- 14 to 16 ounces fresh chorizo, casings removed
- 4 brioche hamburger buns, split and toasted
- 4 oz. white processed cheese (such as Velveeta) or white American cheese, cubed
- 1/4 cup half-and-half
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. black pepper
- 4 oz. white cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 cup)
- Lettuce, sliced tomato, sliced red onion, and pickled jalapeños, for topping
 Directions:

Combine the half-and-half, processed cheese, cheddar, pepper and salt in a small saucepan. Cook in low heat, stirring occasionally until the cheese is melted and the sauce is creamy, three to five minutes. Stir in the green chiles. Keep warm.

Place the beef and chorizo in a large bowl. Build the meat into four 3/4-inch-thick patties.

Heat a grill or grill pan over medium-high heat. Add the patties, cover and cook until the marks are distinctive and the internal temperature reads 160 degree Fahrenheit, four to five minutes per side.

Spread each bun bottom with a portion of the queso. Add lettuce, red onion and tomato. Place the burgers on top, then add more queso, pickled jalapeños and bun tops.

Grilled Ribeye & Shrimp Skewers

Southwestern flank steak with chimichurri & street corn

(Courtesy of William Camp, chef and co-owner of Dullahan's Irish Pub/Finn's Irish Restaurant and Tavern)

Beef cut needed: Flank steak or tri-tip

- For the marinade/ingredients:
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Instructions:

Combine all these ingredients in a bowl or a resealable plastic bag, add the flank steak and marinate in the

refrigerator for at least (4) hours.

The chimichurri/ingredients:

- 1 cup fresh parsley, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh oregano, finely chopped (or 2 teaspoons dried oregano)
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- (adjust to taste for spice)
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Instructions:

In a bowl, combine the finely chopped parsley, minced garlic and oregano.

Add the olive oil, red wine vinegar and lemon juice to the mixture.

Stir well to combine.

Add the red pepper flakes for a bit of heat and season the sauce with salt and pepper according to your taste preference.

Let the chimichurri sit for about 20 to 30 minutes before serving to allow the flavors to meld.

Cooking the steak:

Instructions:

Make sure your grill is at least 425 degrees Fahrenheit. Do not flip the steak until there is a nice char on the meat, then flip and do the same to the other side. Cook the steak on both sides until you have an internal temperature of 130 degrees Fahrenheit, then let the steak rest for 10 minutes before slicing. Be sure to slice against the grain of the meat to ensure tenderness.

Pour the chimichurri sauce over the steak and serve.

For the street corn/ingredients:

- Sweet corn on the cob
- ½ cup regular mayonnaise
- 4 cloves garlic
- Crumbled goat cheese
- 1/2 cup cilantro
- Pinch of kosher salt
- Cajun seasoning
- Softened butter

Instructions:

Make sure the corn is clean of any fibers or dirt. Place each cob on its on square of aluminum foil (make sure the foil is large enough to roll and close around the cob. Spread the softened butter all over the cob, then sprinkle on the salt.

Roll and wrap the foil around the cob and close both ends. Place the cobs on a very hot grill. Make sure to cook the cobs prior to the steak since the cook time for the corn is much longer. Cook the corn on the grill for about 30 minutes; make sure to turn the cobs over every 10 minutes to ensure an even cook all around. Cook until the corn is soft.

While the corn is on the grill, you can prep your garlic aioli. First crush and mince the garlic and place into a small sauce pot. Place in (1) tablespoon of butter and your garlic and place the pot on the grill. Pull off the grill once the butter has melted and the garlic has cooked and is fragrant.

For the aioli, mix the garlic butter with (1) cup of mayonnaise. Once mixed, place in refrigerator until the corn is done.

Once the corn is ready, it is time to dress. Unwrap each cob (careful, they are very hot) and insert a corn cob skewer in one or both ends.

Spread your garlic aioli all around and over the corn, shake Cajun seasoning all around the cob and then place the goat cheese crumbles on the side of the cob that is facing upward.

Top with a small bit of cilantro and you're done!



(Courtesy of Chef Eric Rowland, chef at Water into Wine)

Grilled Ribeye

1. Season each side with salt and pepper.

2. Place on grill for 3 to 4 minutes on each side. If available transfer steak to cast iron pan and place an oven at 350° for 5 minutes. While the steak is in the oven, this will give you time to prepare some nice chopped garlic and butter to finish your steak.

3. Finish with fresh garlic and butter and serve with baked potato and fresh corn. Shrimp Skewers

1. Place 6 shrimp on skewer and lightly coats each side with teriyaki glaze and salt and pepper. Do the same thing for some assorted vegetables in your choice minus the teriyaki glaze unless you wish to incorporate it.

Grill on each side for 2 to 3 minutes and finish with a little more teriyaki glaze.
 When everything is finished serve the shrimp skewers and vegetables over steamed rice.







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Cmdr., Corps of Cadets at Va. Tech: Walker

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Adilynn Walker was 12 when she plotted her course for the U.S. Navy.

Now, the daughter of Rotary Club of Farragut president-elect Brian Walker and Public Image cochairperson Jennifer Walker will be the regimental commander of the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech this fall. She will be "the highest ranking cadet in the program," reporting directly to a two-star general. Adilynn, a Virginia Tech senior, told her story to RCF members during its meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, July 9.

"Our speaker today is someone I've known all of her life," Brian said as he introduced his daughter. "Adilynn will share what the Corps of Cadets program is and talk about her summer commissions around the country and the world.

"At Virginia Tech, Adilynn, who is majoring in eco-

nomics and political science, also is an active member of the Honors College and the Economics Club, as well as competing on the university's Crew Team," her father said.

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Additionally, "she volunteers as an adult leader with U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps, an organization in which she previously was a member," Brian added.

Adilynn recalled when she first told her parents she

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Mom 'nervous' yet 'in awe' flying with daughter, 17, in control



In control of her Cessna 150 plane is teen pilot Georgia Kate Moye, left, a rising senior at Farragut High School who recently took her mother, Ashlee Moye, on a flight lasting about 90 minutes around the immediate area of McGhee Tyson Airport in Alcoa.



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Making a maintenance adjustment to the Cessna 150 plane she is about to fly is Georgia Kate Moye, 17, a rising senior at Farragut High School.

Moye now sets her sights, as a high school rising senior, on being a commercial pilot

From FHS to Alcoa High, then back again: a pilot

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Willing to uproot herself and transfer to a high school outside of Knox County for one school year to help fulfill a dream — and perhaps start the path toward her occupation — Georgia Kate Moye of Farragut, 17, ended up earning her private pilot's license (visual flight rules) about a month ago.

Setting her sights on becoming a commercial pilot, "I've always loved traveling, and basically what motivated me was the traveling aspect," the Farragut High School rising senior said, having just transferred back to FHS after one year of aviation courses upon transferring to Alcoa High as a junior in 2024-25. "And then my parents — my dad, especially (Adam Moye) — was a really big influence in me wanting to fly.

"He is not a pilot, but he's always enjoyed learning about aircraft," she added. "And he enjoys the idea of me possibly becoming a (commercial) pilot ... He was in the Air Force when he was younger, but he was not a pilot." During her high school freshman year, "I decided then that I wanted to go into it," Moye said.

Growing up in Farragut and an FHS student her sophomore year, Georgia Kate was motivated to transfer as a junior. "The (aviation) program that I went through was at Alcoa High School, and I started that program in August of last year," she said.

"So at Alcoa, the process was we learned our ground school training — which is all the equipment in the

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• MEDIC Regional Blood Center's Annual Dollywood Promotion runs from Monday, July 21, through Friday, July 25. MEDIC blood bonors who make appointments will receive a Dollywood ticket.

Appointments are required for all donors. Due to the high demand, MEDIC will not be able to take walk-in donors during this promotion. There may be wait times due to the high volume of donors.

Appointments can be made online at www.medicblood. org, via the MEDIC app or by calling 865-521-2656. Donors will not receive any additional incentives during the event week. Deferred donors will receive a coupon for Papa John's.

• Mission of Hope's Mission Pack the Bus event returns for its 12th year at Turkey Creek shopping center, once again hosting the annual school supply drive benefiting Mission of Hope. This year's drive will coincide with Tax-Free Weekend, from Friday, July 25, through Sunday, July 27, at OfficeMax in Turkey Creek, 11012 Parkside Drive.

Families are encouraged to drop off school supply donations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the school bus parked in front of OfficeMax.

"Over the past decade, generous shoppers have filled buses with pencils, paper, notebooks, backpacks, crayons ... for students in rural Appalachia," a Mission of Hope press release stated. "The donated supplies will support over 10,000 children in 29 rural Appalachian schools served by the non-profit ministry. ..."

• YMCA of East Tennessee is calling attention to the

critical need for continued federal support of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program — a vital funding source for more than 10,000 afterschool programs nationwide, including four operated in low-income areas of Knoxville by YMCA of East Tennessee.

On July 1, the YMCA and other out-of-school childcare providers were notified that the federal government is holding the money to review 21st CCLC funding, even though the funds were mandated by Congress's Fiscal Year 2025 spending bill and signed by President Donald Trump in March. No timeline or process has been shared for this review.

"If this funding is withheld this fall, 149 children in our community will lose access to Y afterschool," said Matt Ryerson, President & CEO of the YMCA of East Tennessee. "We're looking at an immediate \$70,000 funding gap this fall and an additional \$95,000 to \$100,000 needed for the spring semester to serve these families."

Beyond the 149 students directly affected, the funding loss would impact four fulltime YMCA staff members and about 20 part-time childcare counselors.

The ripple effect could be devastating, particularly in East Knoxville, where families rely on this care to maintain steady employment.

• Pellissippi State Community College will host a "Navigating Difficult Conversations" workshop in July. This workshop aims to equip participants with essential communication and relational skills for various professional and personal settings."

Led by Wil Davenport, founder of "It Begins Within - Developing Leaders," the workshop will cover topics such as responding instead of reacting, the impact of self-labels, differing perceptions and emotional intelligence. Davenport brings extensive experience from retail management, non-profit leadership and building his own successful business.

Workshops are set: from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, July 24, at the Blount County Campus, West Workforce Center, Room WB 121; and from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, July 29, at the Hardin Valley Campus, Alexander Building, Room 103.

Course fee is \$89 for each session. Go to itbeginswithindl.com/pstcc-workshops to register. For more information, contact PSCC at 865-694-6400 or visit www.pstcc.edu

• St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, 110 Sugarwood Drive in Farragut, has announced its July Gift of the Month again going to Vine Middle Magnet School in

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Nitz a Melvin Jones honoree



Alan Sloan

Tom Nitz, a Farragut Lions Club past president, right, earned the Lions International Melvin Jones Fellowship Award from his fellow Lions — based upon dedicated service — as presented by fellow FLC member Dave Crawford, treasurer, during the club's second Tuesday of the month meeting in Mimi's Café July 8.





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Farragut High School **Education Foundation** members, from left, Stan Duke, president Toni Scott and treasurer Christi King, recently presented a \$24,325.84 check to FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett specifically to purchase three classroom sets of furniture.



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Knoxville. "Vine Middle is an inner-city, low-income school with a diverse population," an SEEC press release further stated.

What's requested? Crayola Color Markers, 2-pocket folders, small binders (1 inch and 1.5 inch), pencils and Clorox wipes.

• Farragut High School's Class of 1985 will hold its 40th Reunion in Avalon Country Club from 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 2. Spouses are welcome; cost is \$65 per person/\$120 per couple. "Casual dress — school colors would be great," a Class of 1985 representative's press release stated. "No band but good ole' '80s music will be played. Hors d'oeuvres, tea and water included; cash bar available.'



She will be "the highest ranking cadet in the program," reporting directly to a two-star general,

Adilynn Walker joined her father, Rotary Club of Farragut president-elect Brian Walker, for an RCF meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, July 9, when she shared her experiences leading up to her promotion to regimental commander of the Corps of Cadets at Virginia Tech this fall. A senior, Walker will report directly to a two-star general.





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- Adilynn Walker, Commander of the Corps of Cadets, Virginia Tech

Walker-Navy

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wanted to go into the military and recalled their reaction was that of confusion since the former "beauty queen" had never before spoken about going into the military.

Still, she sought out opportunities to learn about the Navy, starting out with the Seal Cadet Corps then moving into the Navy Junior Officer Training Corps at Farragut High School.

At Virginia Tech, she joined the Corps of Cadets her freshman year, and every year she's learned a new aspect of the program, starting with "Pride" her freshman year when she learned about "pride in the Corps."

Adilynn's sophomore year, she learned about "Fortitude," keeping strong despite challenges while also learning to be a leader.

Her junior year taught her "Transparency," as she learned "honesty matters."

As she enters her senior year, Adilynn brings with her the importance of "Mentorship" and the role she will be playing as a mentor herself to freshmen who need a lift up and inspiration.



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aircraft, how to use equipment in the aircraft, what we need to know when we're flying, what we need to calculate before our flights and what the systems of the aircraft are," Moye added. "We learned all that in ground school for the first nine weeks of the school year.

"Then once it turned to fall break was when we actually got to start flying planes through the company called AVZ Flight Academy" at nearby McGhee Tyson Airport.

Overall at AHS and the pilot training, "It was everything I hoped for," Georgia Kate said. "I had an amazing year there. Met a lot of great people. The staff was amazing with helping me through the transfer process. And the AVZ instructors were amazing with helping me through that process as well."

Starting to fly last October, "I got my license in June," she said.

Solo 'terrifying;' mom

Flying a Cessna 150 — but also training some in a Cessna 172 — Moye said she's been on "seven or eight" solo flights.

"My first solo flight, for me, was terrifying," the teen pilot said. "It was great because I knew I had control over the plane, and I knew that I was going to be OK. And it was just around the McGee Tyson Airport.

"Going up for the first time is exhilarating — but also terrifying," she added.

"For my first solo flight, I was up for about an hour," the teen pilot said.

Another solo was with her mother, Ashlee Moye. "She was a bit scared in the beginning, but she really enjoyed it once she got up there," Georgia Kate said.

"Oh, I was absolutely a little nervous," Ashlee said. "But more than anything, I was in awe. She ran through her checklists like a pro, communicated with the tower none of which I understood — and had total control of the plane. Once we were in the air, it stopped being scary and became surreal. You're sitting there thinking, 'My teenager is flying this plane, and she is doing it beautifully."" "For my flight with my

"For my flight with my mom, I was up for about an hour-and-a-half," Georgia Kate said.

"The longest one I've been on was, I think, a three-and-aHowever, "There was quite a bit of worry about weather changes, and I had to go over a bit of a mountain ridge there coming back from Dalton, Georgia," Georgia Kate said. "So that was a bit of an issue at the time because the clouds came lower as I was coming back, and you can only go so low to the mountains.

"But I figured out a way to manage just the perfect in -between and get back safely," she added.

Training challenges

As for doubts early on, "I did have some second thoughts at the beginning of transferring because I transferred from a school that I had known for years into a school that I didn't know anything about and traveling there and back," said Georgia Kate, both a swim instructor at National Fitness Center and employee at Riverview Family Farm in Concord. "I didn't know anybody there. So I had some second doubts when I first started. But once I got further into the school year, it became easier and less difficult to connect with other people and throughout the training."

Occupation training

To fulfill her goal of becoming a commercial pilot, "I really want to get the airline transport pilot license," she said. "... At the moment, I'm going to try and continue my training with AVZ Flight Academy" at McGhee Tyson.

"I want to continue with them because I found some amazing instructors there they're really good people," the teen pilot added.

"At the moment, I'm debating whether I go through a college or AVZ. But if I go through AVZ, I'm hoping to do that before the end of my senior year. But if I go through a college, that'll be my freshman year."

Georgia Kate pointed out two universities in the Southeast with "a flying program" of note she's strongly considering: either Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro or Auburn University (southeast Alabama).

"For the college route, most colleges offer an advanced airline transport pilot's license," she said. "So it basically means that you don't have to have as many hours to have the license versus going through AVZ.

"And especially if you go through Auburn or MTSU, where they've got very wellknown programs, you have closer connections with airlines," Georgia Kate added.

"The advantage of the AVZ is that currently, as I'm looking at it, it is more than likely going to be cheaper than college. And they have good instructors that I know that I'm going to get flight time with."

Also, "I don't have to worry about lining up schedules with everybody because some colleges, they have students as flight instructors," she said. "So I don't have to worry about a student not being able to be my instructor for the day." About flying in the coming months, "I'm going to try and fly at least once every week

Good habits

just to stay in it and keep my skills up," Georgia Kate said. "I would really, really love to fly into Nashville or Atlanta," she added, but admitted, "Atlanta is a tough airport to fly

Final thoughts

Overall, "I would say that it has been an amazing journey, and an amazing group of people I've worked with — and I hope that the next generation of Alcoa (pilot training) students have as much fun and find as much joy in it as I did," Georgia Kate said.





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half hour solo," she added. "I went from here to Cleveland, Tennessee, to Dalton, Georgia, and then back" to McGhee Tyson.





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ond-place finish. • Boys 9-10 50-Freestyle, Charlie Clement, Village

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third. • Girls 15-18 100-Freestyle,

Anna Whitley, Concord Hills, third. • Boys 15-18 100-Freestyle,

Hayden Hall, Concord Hills, second.

• Boys 8-Under 25-Butterfly, Bradley Chandler, Sugarwood, third.

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