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Freaky Friday Fright Nite 2017



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Ty Alexander, left, and Nia Alexander donned law enforcement uniforms when they attended last year's Freaky Friday Fright Nite. This year's event, the 21st annual Freaky Friday Fright Nite, will take place from 5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Children ages 12 and younger are invited to trick or treat along the walk trail while local businesses, community groups and Town of Farragut volunteers hand out treats, provide games with prizes and help with cookie decorating. This is a free event that is open to the public; however, attendants are asked to bring items to benefit Knoxville Ronald McDonald House. Additional information can be found by contacting Lauren Cox at lcox@townoffarragut.org or by calling 865-218-3372.



National chairman

While running for District 13 state house seat, FHS alumnus Emert leads U.S. Young Republicans



Emert

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While running for the District 13 state House of Representatives seat, a 2003 Farragut High School alumnus has been learning the ropes of being a leader from coast to coast.

Jason Emert, 33, has served as national chairman of Young Republican National Federation since being elected in August.

An eighth-generation East Tennessean, Emert also is a former YRNF Man of the Year. He is vice president for business development at First Choice Medical while founder/CEO of the Emert Group, an international political consulting, public affairs and government relations firm.

Active in student government at FHS and the starting kicker and punter for the Admirals football team — earning a scholarship to Southern Illinois University — Emert recalled, “As a junior and senior at Farragut High School, I worked with Sen.

Lamar Alexander's 2002 campaign and later in his Knoxville Senate office assisting with responsibilities for engaging constituents in Knox and surrounding counties.

“I had unmatched experiences that have shaped who I am as a person and as a leader in our party and community,” he added. “Those early foundations of working with local government and Sen. Alexander provided me the right perspective on how our party and our government should function from the ground up, not from D.C. down.”

After SIU, Emert earned a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Louisiana and a law degree from the University of Miami [Florida].

“I owe a lot to the East Tennessee community for providing me the early support to succeed in a way that has profoundly shaped my life and has led me to this position of national leadership,” Emert said.

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Knox Navy vet running for Congress

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A retired Knox County combat veteran having served more than 18 years in the U.S. Navy, earning numerous medals while being wounded during his service, is seeking a seat in Washington, D.C., in his first run for political office.

But “sitting in Washington” is something Vito Sagliano said he wants to change.

Sagliano is a Republican candidate for the 2nd U.S. Congressional District seat, which is being vacated by retiring GOP U.S. Rep. John J. “Jimmy” Duncan Jr.

On the subject of Duncan's constituent service, Sagliano has a mixed message.

Leaving the service “through the Wounded Warrior program ... I've actually had personal experience with Mr. Duncan and he

helped out a lot both for me and my family,” Sagliano, 40, said.

However, in his campaign literature, Sagliano states a problem with “having our voices not heard by those whom we have elected to represent us. It is time for change.”

“I'm talking about, basically, all of them in general,” Sagliano said about Congress.

“Even with Mr. Duncan himself, I feel that one of the biggest problems that we've had across the board as a people ... there's no actual contact with us like it should be,” Sagliano said.

“They spend more of their time actually up in [Washington] D.C. — and I understand they have jobs up there — but I think it's gotten progressively worse over the years,” he added. “Basically they're worried about what we

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Photo submitted

Vito Sagliano, retired U.S. Navy combat veteran and Republican candidate for the 2nd U.S. Congressional District seat, made a campaign stop in Farragut last week.

BOMA: careful consideration of curb cut

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John and Sarah Mailen will have to wait on an answer to their request for vehicular access to their property off Concord Road.

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted 3-1 to postpone action on the Mailens' request during its meeting Thursday, Oct. 12.

“I just want a curb cut so I can get to my property from Concord Road,” Sarah Mailen, the applicant, said. “I would like to de-

velop it. It would be a very nice development.”

A preliminary site plan for her property shows a strip mall development.

Vice Mayor Ron Pinchok, who made the motion to postpone, which was seconded by Mayor Ralph McGill, said he wanted more information before making a decision.

“I don't feel comfortable making a decision today,” Pinchok said.

“This sounds like a lot we don't know yet,” McGill said. “I don't know how to proceed.”

“I think we need more information,” Alderman Ron Williams added.

Pinchok, McGill and Williams voted for the postponement but Alderman Bob Markli voted against the motion.

“There's no compelling reason not to allow access for commercial property,” Markli said.

The Mailens own 4.68 acres of Neighborhood Commercial-zoned property off Concord Road. They are asking for a variance to the Town's Driveways and other Accessways ordinance, which re-

quires the minimum distance from intersections and minimum distance between driveways to be 400 feet.

The right-in/right-out access, which the applicants are requesting, is “roughly 380 feet,” Mark Shipley, Farragut Community Development director, said.

The Mailens are attempting to time the approval of the curb cut with Tennessee Department of Transportation's project to widen Concord Road, so the curb cut could be included in the project. Shipley said TDOT is expected

to initiate the project but added that project already has been pushed back.

“[The Mailens] have 740 feet of [Concord Road] frontage and very limited access,” said Gary Tucker, an engineer who spoke on behalf of the applicants. Tucker presented the preliminary plan and said he already has TDOT approval for the curb cut. He added TDOT's startup of the project is very imminent.

“The site plan that is shown

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FWKCC Speaker Breakfast tackles 'Cyber Security' Nov. 7

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With recent headlines about cyber security threats, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce is holding a panel discussion on "Cyber Security" as its upcoming Breakfast Speaker Series topic.

The quarterly breakfast series, which is open to the public, will take place from 7:30 to 9 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 7, in Fox Den Country Club, 12284 N. Fox Den Drive. The panel discussion will begin about 8 a.m.

Presented by Town of Farragut, First Utility District of Knox County and farragutpress, registration is available online at farragutchamber.com/. Cost is \$30 for Chamber members and \$40 for non-members. Students can attend for \$15. Prices will increase after Friday, Nov. 3.

"We saw great success and a great response from the previous breakfast panel we did last August on the opioid epidemic," Judy Blaylock, FWKCC president/CEO, said.

"And so, we decided to do another panel format because it seems to be something that the community and our businesses really like.

"It also allows us to give them a lot more information and from more diverse sources. We have a wonderful panel coming up," Blaylock added.

Panel moderator is Charles Nelson, lead instructor with Pellissippi State Community College's new cyber defense study program. Nelson has 30 years experience working in secure information environments as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Other panelists include supervisory Special Agent Daniel Damron, Federal Bureau of Investigation's Cyber Squad/Knoxville branch, which concentrates on cyber crime and special investigations; Bill Dean, senior manager of LBMC Information Security Services Division, with 20 years of technology experience — 10 of those in digital forensics and information security; Joe Littleton, SouthEast Bank/EdSouth Services, headquartered in Farragut, and Mark McKinney,

head of capital infrastructure and system improvements with First Utility District of Knox County.

The topic came about because of "so many recent news stories about data breaches," Blaylock said. "One of them was Equifax, and if you go back over the last several years, so many of our major retailers most of us shop at have been breached at one point in time or another, and customer credit cards or data have been released and so many people have been the victims of identity theft.

"Businesses have been the victim of theft of their corporate information or their customers' information, so it's a topic that's touched all of us in recent years," she added. "I think that it is only going to increase because we live our lives online more and more.

"In an effort to go paper-free and to simplify all the things we have to do, we put ourselves at an increased risk. So, I think there is a need for there to be greater awareness of what we could do to protect ourselves for businesses and individuals both."



Damron



Littleton



Dean



McKinney

BOMA

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with the applicant's requested access is very preliminary," Shipley said. "The requested access point is where the desired access could be situated and has not been presented to Knox County.

"The applicant is solely requesting an access approval with the understanding that the development of the site may change from what is included in your packets," he added.

Two other factors that held up aldermen were a recommendation from Town engineer Darryl Smith to add a deceleration lane and Town staff comments the applicants also could get an access from Second Drive.

However, Tucker countered by saying the recommended length of the deceleration lane was too long, only having access off Second Drive would put a burden on Second Drive and denying access from Concord Road would devalue the Mailens' property.

In other business, the Board approved unanimously, on first reading, an ordinance replacing the Town's existing sinkhole ordinance and adding new requirements. But it agreed to hold off on a second reading until the Stormwater Advisory Committee had time to review and make a recommendation on the new ordinance.

"The Town's current sinkhole ordinance was adopted in 2005," said Bart Hose, assistant Community Development director. "It has been very effective since then but a recent variance request we've [made] to the Board of Zoning Appeals regarding the ordinance identified a conflict between the central ordinance and the Town's more recent connectivity goals and requirements."

Hose explained Dollar General

Store requested a variance from the sinkhole ordinance to fill a portion of a sinkhole so it could build a required inter-parcel connection drive and walking trail extension along Kingston Pike.

Farragut BZA denied the variance, however, citing specific language in the ordinance that prohibited the filling in of sinkholes for "construction of local streets, driveways and walking trails," he quoted.

Hose said a new ordinance was drafted to clarify the existing ordinance and provide flexibility in situations where the ordinance "may conflict with other important public plans or policies and to address, in a limited fashion, situations where a sinkhole is discovered after site construction has started."

Robin "Bob" Hill, who serves on the Stormwater Advisory Committee and is a former chair of Farragut Municipal Planning Commission, asked the Board to postpone reading the amended ordinance for at least a month until the committee could put the matter on its agenda.

He later agreed with the Board's action to wait for the second reading until the committee had time to go over it.

Hill said the current committee has not reviewed the changes and their ramifications in regard to how the Town handles stormwater.

The Board also approved a special events permit for annual Hot to Trot 5k/10k & Fun Run, presented by Fleet Feet Knoxville Running Club, which is scheduled for Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23, along portions of Parkside Drive. The 5k and 10k runs will begin at 7:30 a.m., with the Fun Run beginning at 9 a.m. Participant race packets can be picked up beginning at 6:30 a.m. in front of Fleet Feet Sports Knoxville, 11619 Parkside Drive.

correction

On page 1A of our Thursday, Oct. 12 issue, a freshman at Concord Christian School who plays for the CCS Lions football team and the band, Connor Quinlan, was misidentified in a photo while playing tuba in his football uniform.

We regret the error.

police reports

- At 10:26 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 15, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit responded to vandalism at a Baltusrol Road residence and made contact with the homeowner [victim/complainant]. Victim stated her glass front door had been vandalized and she believed the door was shot with a BB gun. Victim advised she was away from her residence from Monday, Oct. 9, until the morning of Saturday, Oct. 14, and discovered the vandalism upon her return Saturday morning. The glass pane on the door had a small hole, approximately the size of a BB, in the lower portion of the pane with spider cracks throughout the entire pane. The victim estimated the value of the door at \$3,000 at

the time of purchase.

- At 10:17 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 10, a KCSO unit responded to a Brixworth Lane residence regarding vandalism. Upon arrival, the officer made contact with victim-complainant, who said at 10:11 p.m. an unknown male suspect drove up to his home and threw large rocks at his home. Officers observed the thrown objects had damaged a window and front door. Total damage estimate was listed at \$13,000. Victim said he was at home when the vandalism took place. Victim said he had video of the unknown suspect throwing rocks at the residence.

- At 12:46 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 8, a KCSO unit responded to a Battle Front Trail residence due to a

burglary. Victim said an unknown suspect entered his garage while he was in his house and stole two drills, a hunting knife and shoes with a total value listed at \$370. Victim said they were cleaning and he left his garage door open while he went inside his residence to grab a few things.

- At 7:28 a.m., Friday, Oct. 6, a KCSO unit responded to a Lost Tree Lane residence due to a burglary. Officer made contact with victim, who stated that while she was asleep in her bed an unknown suspect entered her room and stole \$600 in cash plus some household items [no value listed]. Victim said the suspect enters her

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Palmer headed to Ga. after 11-plus years in Town administration

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Serving more than 11 years in Farragut government, assistant Town administrator Gary Palmer announced his resignation last week.

"As you already know, I have been offered the city administrator position for the City of Roswell, Georgia," Palmer, a former U.S. Marine, announced to Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen near the conclusion of its meeting Thursday, Oct. 12.

He added the decision was made "with mixed emotions."

"I wasn't necessarily looking for a new job or searching for a new path, but this opportunity presented itself and checked all the boxes, so to speak, for me and my wife, Emily."

Palmer's last day with the Town will be Friday, Oct. 27. He will start his new position in Roswell Nov. 1.

"It will be a quick transition, for me, from here to there," he said.

Roswell is about 20 miles north of Atlanta, along the Chattahoochee River.

"It's very similar to Farragut in character and its deep connection to its history," he said. "The only difference, really, is [Roswell is] bigger," with a population of about 40,000 versus Farragut, which is roughly 22,000.

"I hope I have had a lasting impact on the Town for the better," Palmer added. "I do know it will be a minor hiccup with me leaving, but since we have such a talented organization, I have no doubt the team will keep moving forward with David [Smoak, Town administrator] and the Board's leadership."

"I look forward to watching the Town's progress from Roswell and taking everything I've learned here along the way. I appreciate all your support over the years. It's sad to leave but it's time."

"I hate to see you go," Mayor Ralph McGill said. "I'm sure you'll be back to visit."

"I'll be back and forth for quite a while," Palmer said.

Vice Mayor Ron Pinchok added his congratulations.

"You are going to be missed," he said. "Thank you for your service here."

"I'm really surprised someone

hadn't snapped you up before now," Alderman Bob Markli said. "It was just a matter of time."

"I feel a party coming on," McGill said.

"Gary has been a tremendous leader during his tenure with the Town of Farragut," Smoak said. "His professionalism, experience and dedication to our community will be sorely missed."

"The City of Roswell is gaining an exceptional city manager and I wish Gary and his family the best in their new community," Smoak added.

Palmer has served the Town since May 1, 2006, and spent most of that time as an assistant administrator. However, he temporarily served as interim administrator for almost a year, during the transition from Dan Olson, former Town administrator who resigned in 2009, and Smoak, who was hired in 2010.

"It's been great overall," Palmer said in an interview Friday, Oct. 13, about his time in Farragut. "You have people come in and out in a political realm that can change things, and you may not always agree, but in the end it's been a fantastic experience."

"... When I got here, Parkside [Drive] wasn't even developed in 2006. You look at it now and it's thriving."

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Palmer graduated from high school in 1988. He later graduated from the University of Toledo, where he earned an undergraduate degree in criminal justice and a Master's degree in public administration.

As a Marine from 1988 to 1992, Palmer achieved the rank of sergeant in Weapons Company, 1st Battalion, 24th Marines. He then served in the active Marine Reserves while also serving as a police officer in Virginia, both from 1992 to 1994.

Palmer then took a government administrative job in metropolitan Detroit. "I cut my teeth in government in the Tri-Metro area [of Detroit] as a Community Development director," he said.



Palmer



File photo

Farragut 13.1 [half marathon] around the corner

Runners took to the street for last year's Farragut 13.1 [half marathon], Two-Person Relay Course, 5K and Kids Run. This year, Knoxville Track Club, which is facilitating the event, has more than 800 runners registered to participate in the fourth-annual event, Karen Tindal, organizer with KTC, said. This year's event, sponsored by Tennessee Sports Medicine Group, Town of Farragut, 4D Fitness, Pilot, NB Knoxville and the Y, will take place Saturday, Oct. 28 at the former Kroger parking lot, 11238 Kingston Pike, in Farragut. Half Marathon, 5k and Two-Person Relay are scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m.; Kids Run will take place from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Entry fees are: Kids Run, \$10, which increases to \$15 starting Oct. 26; Half Marathon, \$70 after Oct. 13; 5K, \$45 after Oct. 13, and Two-Person Relay, \$55 after Oct. 13. A new feature this year is a post-race party, free to the community, sponsored by Planet Fitness and facilitated by Farragut Business Alliance/Shop Farragut after the race in the former Kroger parking lot. Anyone wishing to register to run or volunteer can do so by visiting www.farragut131.com/. For more information about the post-race party, call 865-307-2486 or e-mail info@farragutbusiness.com.

Emert

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An adjunct professor of American Government at Tusculum College, Emert was elected overwhelmingly as chairman. He defeated Kory Boone of Maryland

at the National Convention with almost 85 percent of the vote — the largest margin of victory in a contested chairman's race, a YRNF press release stated.

"I believe the power of our party begins at the local level," he stated in the press release.

"... My first paid job was at the Blount County Courthouse working for County Executive Bill Crisp, future County Mayor then Register of Deeds Beverley Woodruff and for the Blount County Commission."

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letters to the editor

Markli rebuttal to Oct. 12 presstalk

I was amused at last week's anonymous Presstalk caller's attempt at promoting big government. In his attempt he unwittingly reinforced the premise of our enlightened founders that government is a poor bargain and the less the better.

Using his numbers of \$650 for water, \$2,000 for electricity and \$1,000 for gas annually for a Farragut household equals a total of \$3,650 per year per household, times 8,600 households and you have a total expenditure of \$31,390,000 for utilities that we can say the homeowners of Farragut pay annually. Where our anonymous mathematician's case breaks down is in the fact that where

that Ohio town's residents paid annual taxes for their town to run these utilities, etc., they on top of that paid more than that back to their government in utility bills.

So, if the anonymous writer's math is correct, Farragut households pay outside entities for police, fire and garbage services independent of our Town budget \$15,610,000. Add that amount to our own Town tax burden of \$7,000,000 and add in our utilities burden of \$31,390,000 and we have a total burden for all those costs of \$54,000,000.

For the same services, the Ohio town is paying \$54,000,000 in taxes PLUS their own utili-

ties on top of this [yes, Virginia, those nice public utilities do charge for their services and I have the paid utility receipts to prove it] so that for what we pay \$54,000,000 they get to pay \$85,390,000 or more. For our mathematically challenged caller, that means they get to pay \$31,390,000 more than we do.

On top of that their state and county property taxes are higher; and plus, they get to pay state and county income taxes as well.

**Robert "Bob" Markli
Alderman Ward 1
Town of Farragut**

Sagliano

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say to the point of they'd rather ignore [a problem] than actually fix it.

'One of my key things, I'm actually looking at spending a lot more time in Tennessee itself. What I would like to do is basically set time aside so individuals can come to my office. I want to set up times where in each county I could set up town halls.'

Saying he's sensitive to constituents' busy schedules, "I'm looking at trying to do them possibly either in the later evening and on the weekends," Sagliano said. "... To make it where in each township or each county to try and schedule it where it works better with their schedules."

Sagliano's medals include The Military Outstanding Service Medal.

"Basically that's based on volunteering out of town and basically being an individual that actually helps one-on-one with people," he said.

Though he has no elected office political experience, "I've worked with politicians both from here and abroad," Sagliano said about his disaster recovery leadership duties in the Navy, "and I just think, honestly, I could do a better job" than any of the other candidates seeking the seat.

Having entered the race in August, Sagliano said about his campaign contact with constituents, "One of the biggest things I'm finding is a lot of people are concerned that basically nobody's willing to talk to each other. Democrats won't talk to Republicans, Republicans won't talk to Democrats.

"Probably about 80 percent of the people I've talked to, that was their No. 1 concern."

On the national budget and deficit, Sagliano said, "We need to listen more to the departments and agencies and find out what their actual priorities are instead of basically having items pushed on them they don't need or want.

"A good example was with us on the [Department of Defense]

side," he added. "I know a lot of times they would give us ultimatums: 'hey, these are programs we are cutting.' ... It was a lot of heartaches."

Having "use it or lose it" money within a budget each fiscal year, Sagliano added, "actually is a big problem because it promotes waste."

As for job growth, "If we start working on the roads, working on the power grid systems, water supply, everything else, then we'll actually be promoting individual jobs," Sagliano, a 1995 Carter High School graduate, said. "Also, it's actually industry level [profits] for manufacturers, for transportation."

As for infrastructure in general, "We're not looking long term," Sagliano said. "... One of the things we need to do is establish a modular system" to allow for upgrades, for modernization, without tearing apart an entire system.

As for helping veterans with their Veterans Administration benefits, Sagliano said he would be a champion for the many vet-

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I just finished reading in your paper the Master Plan that Farragut [Municipal Planning Commission] has for the future. As good as all this sounds, and as beautiful as all these projects would be in the future, most of these things — the parks that they have built — are located in the outskirts of our Town, which most people on a daily basis going about their lives and visitors do not see. What people do see is that in the heart of our Town is the barn that recently burned down [off Concord Road near Kingston Pike] and all the pastureland that's being neglected. This could be a showcase for the Town of Farragut, not an embarrassment, which it is now. I would prefer seeing the Town of Farragut consider purchasing this

land from the present owner, after insurance is worked out after the fire, and making that into a showplace for our Town and something to be proud of. Put the amphitheater there, which could be seen and would have ample parking all around. At the least the current property owner should be asked to please at least clean up the pasture and the fence line. That should have nothing to do with the barn itself. This has become a huge eyesore, irritating every time we drive by. And most of us that live here drive by it several times a day. We already have too many empty buildings and places that have gone out of business. And that on top of this barn area and field looking unsightly is just too much. Please Town of Farragut or property owner, clean it up.

erans who have given up hope of obtaining their proper benefits.

"They are very discouraged," he said.

"One of the things we could do for active duty [servicemen and servicewomen] is merging their medical records with current records they have on active duty, so when they become part of the VA there's a direct link," Sagliano said.

Sagliano and wife, Trina, have three daughters: Anna, Maia and Sierra.

To contact or respond to Sagliano, e-mail VitoForCongress@gmail.com or [Facebook.com/VitoForCongress/](https://www.facebook.com/VitoForCongress/).

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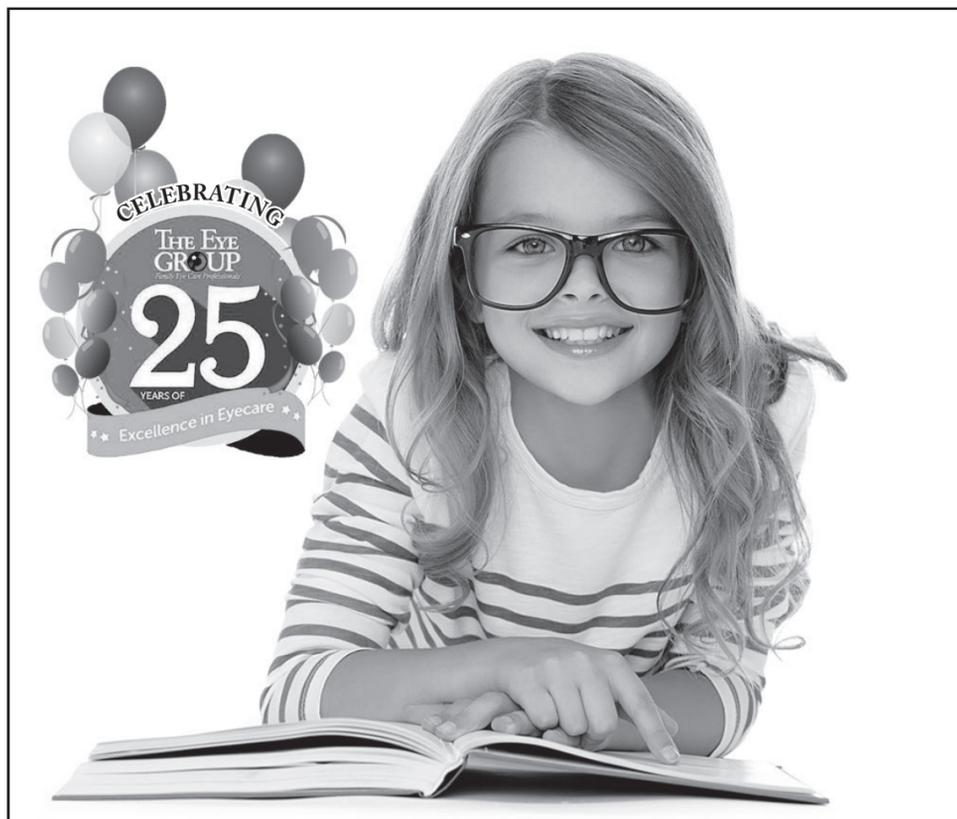
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house at least three times a week through the front door.

A Sonya Drive complainant said he was gone from home between 9 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5. Upon returning home, the victim discovered a hand-held Sentry safe missing with a listed value of \$70. Victim advised entry was gained by using a spare key hidden outside the front door, which also is missing. Victim was unsure of the safe's contents at time of report and said he would call back when he determines what is missing.

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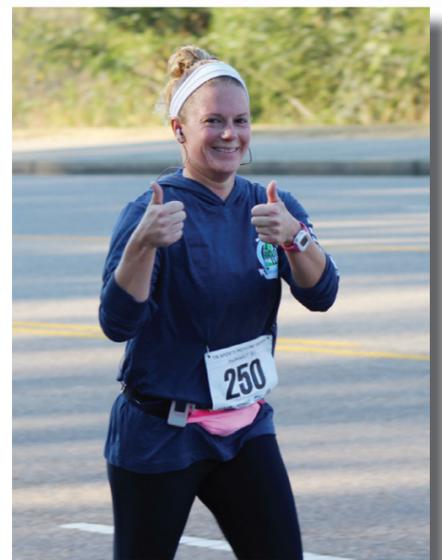
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Franchise store serves Farragut's electronic repair needs



Tammy Cheek

uBreakiFix held a ribbon cutting, hosted by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, at its Turkey Creek location at 11133 Parkside Drive Tuesday, Sept. 26. On hand for the event were, second from left, Teresa O'Beirne, partner, with Colton Barnett, 2, Chance and Heather Barnett's son; Chance Barnett, partner; June Hash, Chance Barnett's mother; Chris O'Beirne, partner; Kim Barnett, Chance's wife, with son, Camden Barnett, 4; Kevin O'Beirne (in back), and a host of Chamber members and Town of Farragut officials.

TAMMY CHEEK

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Farragut residents have a new place to have their electronics repaired.

An uBreakiFix franchise has opened a store at 11133 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek. The store, locally owned and operated by Chance Barnett, Kevin O'Beirne, wife Teresa O'Beirne and son Chris O'Beirne, celebrated its opening, which was Aug. 29, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony hosted by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Tuesday,

Sept. 26.

"We're excited to share the uBreakiFix experience with the Greater Knoxville area, and we're confident that we'll soon become the go-to destination for the community's tech needs," Kevin O'Beirne said. "We want our customers to know they are getting an exceptional repair, with quality parts, at a fair price."

"We're grateful for the opportunity to partner with the industry leader to bring a much-needed service to our friends and neighbors here in Knox [County],"

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Business Spotlight..... Redding Returns To East Tennessee

Brad Redding, one of the top golf teaching professionals in the country, has returned to his home town of Knoxville. The Golf Magazine Top 100 Teacher in America has brought his school to Dead Horse Lake Golf Course.

Redding, who is a PGA Master Instructor, left Knoxville in 2001 to teach in Pennsylvania and Myrtle Beach. While in Knoxville Redding was named 6 times the Tennessee PGA Teacher of the Year. Named the Top Teacher in Tennessee by Golf Digest and made two appearances on The Golf Channel. He became one of the first PGA Professionals to attain PGA Master Professional in Instruction.

Since leaving Knoxville, Redding has grown not only in reputation but in expertise. He was named 2007 Carolina PGA Teacher of the Year and GRAA Top 50 Teacher. He founded the Philadelphia and Carolina PGA Section Teaching and Coaching Committee as well as served on the National PGA Teaching and Coaching Committee. He was a presenter at the 2017 PGA Teaching and Coaching Summit. He has and continues to write instructional articles for Golf Magazine and Golf Digest. He serves as a consultant to many golf companies and is on the Titleist/FootJoy Leadership Advisory Staff. His dynamic teaching style uses the latest in technology. Teaching with high speed computer/video analysis and launch monitors. He is building an indoor teaching studio and will soon include pressure mats and 3D motion. "Technology has helped teachers become more accurate when diagnosing any part of the game." Redding quickly adds, "it is only a tool and is only as good as the teacher's ability to impart it to the student. I'm not here to merely help them hit a golf ball, I am here to teach my students how to improve their golf games. If scores don't improve, I am not doing my job."

At Dead Horse, Redding will begin where he left off and adding more instructional programs - Private Lessons, Junior Camps, Group Instruction, Clinics, Half Day Schools, 3 Day Schools, and Corporate events. For more information call 865-693-5270 or visit bradreddinggolf.com



Brad Redding Golf

Kasumi and Thai Café under new ownership, offering 'everything from A to Z'

TAMMY CHEEK

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Kasumi and Thai Café, 743 N. Campbell Station Road in Farragut, has re-opened under new ownership.

Tommy Nguyen re-opened the restaurant, adjacent to Taco Boy and HealthMarkets Insurance, Friday night, Oct. 6.

Kasumi and Thai Café specializes in sushi and hibachi grill. It has a full menu for sushi and a full-menu for hibachi grill.

"Everything from A to Z," said Nguyen, who also owns three other restaurants.

For example, on the hibachi grill menu, customers can order anything from chicken to lobster and "everything in between," he said.

Hibachi grill fans also can try the tilapia, steak, salmon, tuna, scallops or filet mignon entrees or kick it up a notch by combining two entrees — steak and

shrimp, for example.

On the sushi menu, the restaurant carries such choices as crabstick, yellow tail, sashimi and nigiri sushi. There also is a choice of rolls and a Thai menu.

Nguyen, who lives in Seymour and already owns a restaurants in Morristown, Pigeon Forge and in central Virginia, bought Kasumi and Thai Cafe in October from the previous owners, Jan Li and husband, Jason Li.

Nguyen explained the former owners were in business for a long time and decided to move on.

"I always wanted to come out in Farragut and [Jason Li] is kind of a friend of mine," he said. "[Jason and Jan Li] were ready to close down, so to help out, I took over the restaurant."

"Farragut is a nice town and I'm sure it has nice people," Nguyen said. Growing up in Summit, New Jersey, he said Farragut comes close to his

hometown.

"I just hope to make [Kasumi and Thai Café] better, bring better products for the customers," Nguyen said. "People deserve good food and a nice environment. You know, you work hard for your money and you go out and you want to have a nice, fun dinner. That's how I feel."

He also saw the purchase as an opportunity to help create jobs.

The menu, previously Thai, Japanese and other Asian fare, now offers Thai and Japanese fare but with more of a focus on Japanese.

"It's because my specialty is [Japanese cuisine]," Nguyen said.

While at his other three restaurants the chefs cook in front of customers at their tables, he said the meals at Kasumi and Thai Café will be cooked at

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Tammy Cheek

Tommy Nguyen, new owner of Kasumi and Thai Café, is open for business at 743 N. Campbell Station Road. Nguyen opened the restaurant with a focus on Japanese dishes such as sushi and hibachi grill. There also is a Thai menu.

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he added. This is the brand's first store in Knox County, and the first for the partners. The location is the sixth in Tennessee for the franchise.

The company specializes in small electronics, such as smartphones, game consoles, tablets, computers and everything in between.

"But, we'll try anything," O'Beirne said. "At one location, we fixed a Crock Pot for somebody."

"We fix it all — anything with a power button," Barnett said. "We're hoping to bring the highest-quality electronic repairs. That is a much-needed service [in] the area and helps get people's lives back on track when they have the unfortunate incidence of breaking their phone, tablet or even their laptop screen."

Founded in 2009 by David Reiff and Justin Wetherill, the technology repair brand provides same-day repair service of all electronics, specializing in cell phone repair and computer repair at its more than 325 locations across North America, Barnett said.

"We have a partnership with Google," Barnett said. "We are

the official repair store for Google Pixel. We also have just partnered with Samsung and working on getting all the locations Samsung certified. So, we are excited about that for sure.

While "doing multiple stores in East Tennessee," Barnett added he has wanted to move to the Farragut area for "quite some time, so we decided to make this our home base, and we wanted Turkey Creek to be the flagship store.

"This is going to be our main location, where we base everything out of."

"There's great traffic through here," O'Beirne said. "It's a great business community."

"We also have family in the area," Barnett said.

O'Beirne said the franchise has the rights to East Tennessee in areas such as Tri-Cities, Knoxville and Chattanooga.

The plan is to open eight locations across East Tennessee, including four in Knox County, two in Chattanooga and two in the Johnson City/Kingsport area, Barnett said.

Hours are from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 5 p.m., Sunday.

For more information, uBreakiFix in Turkey Creek can be contacted at 865-288-4091 or by visiting ubreakifix.com.

Planet Fitness ribbon cutting



Tammy Cheek

Planet Fitness held a ribbon-cutting and grand-opening ceremony, hosted by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, at the center's Farragut location, 11433 Kingston Pike, in Village Green shopping center, Thursday afternoon, Sept. 30. On hand for the event were, front row, Cody Miller, far left, and Nakea Beard, Planet Fitness; Chamber ambassador Arlene Weinstein; Planet Fitness' staffers Brandon Gibson and Megan Bales; club manager Nick Panzich; employee Tyler Hughes; franchise owner Kira Ehly and his franchise partner, Pat Augustine, who is cutting the ribbon; Planet Fitness marketing director Cambrie Gustafson, third from left, and a host of Chamber members, Town officials and area residents.

Kasumi

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the grill, which is in open view of

the customers.

The restaurant also provides carryout service.

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Courtney named TSSAA Football Coach of the Year

Enjoying yet another stellar season as head coach of Farragut High School varsity football, Eddie Courtney's coaching honors keep piling up.

The governing body for Tennessee high school athletics, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, has named Courtney 2016-17 State of Tennessee Football Coach of the Year.

"It is a tremendous honor and very well deserved," Gene Menees, TSSAA assistant executive director, stated in a press release when the honor was announced Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Leading his Admirals to the Class 5A state championship last season after his team posted a 10-2 record in 2015, Courtney's 2017 squad currently holds an 8-1 overall record and top-10 state ranking in Division 1 Class 6A.



Eddie Courtney, center, Farragut High School varsity football head coach (standing in front of the 2016 Class 5A state championship trophy) has never been hesitant to credit his assistant coaches for their role in the Admirals success. Pictured alongside Courtney during the program's December 2016 end-of-season banquet are assistant coaches, from left, Marcus Huie (wide receivers), Alex Cain (defensive quality control), Geoff Courtney (the coach's son who was promoted to offensive coordinator along with coaching tight ends) and Chris McNeer (assistant head coach).

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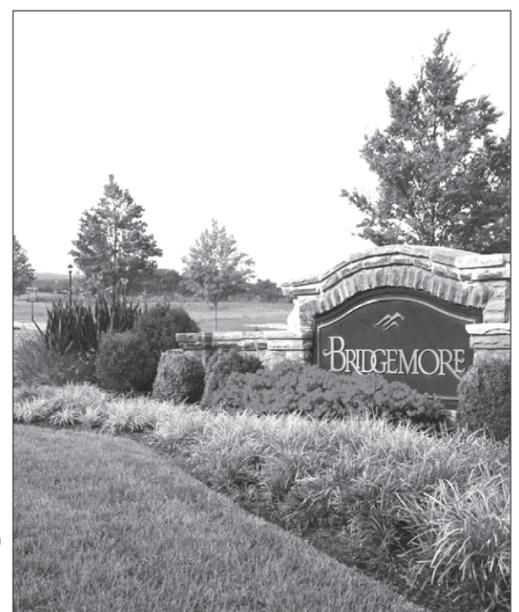
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SOARing at First Baptist Concord

College 'Dunk team' has Eaves, FBC youth flying high

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The gym was roaring at First Baptist Concord.

Athletes from Liberty University bounced off trampolines to hang from the net, somersaulted 15 feet up in the air and wowed a crowd of about 300 in the church's student gym Wednesday, Oct. 4.

The SOAR [Soul'd Out And Ready] Dunk team uses trampolines to do acrobatic maneuvers as part of a traveling Christian youth ministry, dazzling crowds of all ages — and the crowd of children and teens at FBC obviously were amazed.

After the team performed for about 30 minutes, they asked for volunteers.

"It was electrifying," said Marcus Eaves, FBC student pastor. "I was amazed that a human being can get that high in the air. To see people dunk and do incredible tricks is pretty amazing, especially when you see it in person. It makes you want to try it."

"I thought it was a fantastic thing that the church was able to bring them here. It was

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Carolyn Evans

Marcus Eaves, First Baptist Concord student pastor, goes airborne for a slam-dunk, one of about 12 FBC youth volunteers who tried their hand at bouncing off a SOAR trampoline to dunk or sink a basket.



Clover Fork croquet crew compete '365'

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"We've got a serious problem," Greg Brooks, commissioner of Clover Fork Croquet Club, said recently. "Absolutely."

Almost every weekend during good weather he and his buddies are out "strategizing and politicking" on the course, also referred to as "the Old Lady." Every year they spread two tons of sand over it. Club members buy special clothes for play. Cracked balls aren't tossed out: they're buried in the "Garden of Champions."

Basically, he said, they're addicts. But luckily for Brooks, the course is convenient. It's located just outside his door — in his front yard.

The club even has a Facebook page and a bunch of loyal fans.

"We have followers from Indonesia, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, Spain, Portugal, Italy, you name it," Brooks said. "It's amazing how many people play croquet — even over in the Middle East they play it and they follow us on Facebook."

The Country Manor resident said all the trouble started seven years ago.

"We bought the croquet set one Sunday after church," he said. "My wife saw it in a sporting goods store and made the remark that we have the perfect yard for it. I said, 'Sure, I'll get it.'"

"She's probably regretted it ever since," he added with a deadpan chuckle.

"I pulled into my driveway and my neighbor — his name's Jack — he was on his front porch and said, 'What you got there?'"

"He saw me unloading my car, and I said, 'We bought a croquet set.'"

"He literally ran over and got right in my face and said, 'You know I'm undefeated, don't you?'"

"I said, 'Well no, you idiot. I never knew you played.'"

"He made me aware he used to play years earlier. So we set it up that day and the next day was July the 4th

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Concord United Methodist introduces new grief recovery program

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Change.

Most of us don't like it, but we roll with it.

Some changes, however, are bigger than others. If they're dramatic enough, and involve significant loss, they can result in sadness, depression and grief.

"Anything we treasure and love that we lose can bring us grief," local expert Joy Gaertner said. "There are all different kinds of losses —

death of a spouse, a pet, divorce, retirement, etc."

Other traumatic changes include personal injury or illness, dismissal from work, change in health of family member, pregnancy, change in financial status and death of a close friend.

"Grief recovery gives us an action plan that allows us to move beyond our losses," Gaertner said. "We all know life turns on a dime. What do we do with the pain that's caused by our loss?"

Concord United Methodist

Church, 11020 Roane Drive in Farragut, is offering "Make Peace With Your Past Using the Grief Recovery Method," a six-week course from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 293.

Though it began Oct. 17, those wishing to still participate can start on the second week, Tuesday, Oct. 24. Classes are taught by Gaertner, a certified grief recovery specialist. Cost is \$129 for the course and \$15 for the book.

"Grief looks different to different people," Gaertner said. "We have a teakettle inside of us. We stuff

things down and then we explode. At the same time, people are given 'advice,' myths such as 'just get over it,' 'be strong,' 'replace the loss' and 'grieve alone.'

"In the classes we talk about the things we use to cover up the pain," she added. "Drugs and alcohol,



Gaertner

being a shopaholic or workaholic, using sex, a relationship, exercise — anything to run away from the pain."

In addition to personal pain, businesses are spending millions of dollars in hidden costs due to unresolved grief, she said.

"People bring their grief to work with them and it results in lack of productivity; accidents due to distraction, sick days, not to mention the substance addiction unresolved

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October

- Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee is seeking volunteers for its driver program. For more information, call Nancy Welch, 865-673-5001, or e-mail Nancy.welch@cactrans.org.
- Hardin Valley Academy library is partnering with University of Tennessee's Life of the Mind and Knox County Public Library's "Big Read" to host a community coffeehouse and book discussion from **6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct 19**. For more information, e-mail Suzanne Sherman, Suzanne.sherman@knoxschool.org.
- Knoxville Symphony Orchestra will perform the second installment of its Moxley Carmichael Masterworks Series entitled "Red, Hot & Bolero" beginning at **7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday, Oct 19-20**, at Tennessee Theatre. Tickets start at \$15. For more information, visit knoxvillesymphony.com/

- Samuel Frazier Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its meeting starting at **10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct 21**. For more information, call Martha Kroll, 865-603-4655.
- Knoxville County's high-school aged writers are invited to 4th Annual Young Creative Writer's Workshop at Pellissippi State Community College, **Saturday, Oct. 21**. To register, visit stccc.edu/writersworkshop/
- CADES will hold a silent auction starting at **5 p.m., Sunday, Oct 22**, at Concord United Methodist Church and host a music program by Wild Blue Yonder from **6 to 8 p.m.** Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, visit concordumc.com/cades/.
- Dr. Steve Blakemore will perform "The Gospel According to Charles" starting at **3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 22**, at First Farragut United Methodist Church. The

concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call Laura Derr, 865-963-2701.

- Knoxville Opera is performing at three venues in October: "Knoxville Opera Goes to Church!" beginning at **5 p.m., Sunday, Oct 22**, at Overcoming Believers Church. Admission is free. For more information, visit knoxvilleopera.com/knoxville-opera-goes-to-church/.
- Morning Pointe of Lenoir City will host Trunk or Treating & Fall Festival Family Night from **5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 26**. For more information, call 865-988-7373.
- Annual Knox Area Rescue Ministries "Coats for the Cold" coat drive to collect coats for those in need is underway through **Saturday, Nov. 11**. Gently used coats can be dropped off during that time at all KARM Store locations and all Prestige Cleaners locations in the Knox County area. For more information, visit karm.org/coats/.

- Sixth annual Monster Ball will begin at **7:30 p.m., Friday, Oct 27**, at Concord Marina Clubhouse. Proceeds from this year's event will benefit Harmony Family Center. Cost is \$40 per person. For more information, visit papal.me/monsterball
- Farragut High School will perform its fall play, "Online Fighting," starting at **7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Oct 27-28**, and **3 p.m., Sunday, Oct 29**. Tickets are \$8 at the door. For more information, call 865-966-9775.
- Knoxville Children's Theatre, in partnership with The Ritchie Company, will present 11 live performances of "The Crucible," beginning at **7 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays, Oct. 26-27, Nov. 2-3 and Nov. 9-10; 1 p.m., Saturdays, Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and Nov. 11, and 3 p.m., Sundays, Nov. 5 and Nov. 12**. For more information, visit knoxvillechildrenstheatre.com/
- The 67th Annual St. Mary's

Fall Festival will begin at **5 p.m., Friday, Oct 27**, with Knights of Columbus spaghetti dinner in Parish Life Center. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$6 for seniors and children ages 5 to 12. Festivities will begin at **10 a.m., Saturday, Oct 28**. For more information, call 865-256-9130.

- Twenty-first Annual Freaky Friday Fright Nite is from **5 to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 27**, at Mayor Bob Leonard Park. Children ages 12 and under and in costume are invited to "trick or treat" on the walk trail while local businesses, community groups and Town of Farragut volunteers hand out treats and provide games with prizes and cookie decorating. For more information, call 865-218-3372.
- First Farragut United Methodist Church will host its Trunk or Treat from **6 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 29**. For more information, call Paige Morgan, 865-966-8430.

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A few members of Clover Fork Croquet Club stop strategizing and politicking long enough to pose for an official club picture. Kneeling are Jack Williams, left, and John Kinney. Standing, from left, are Guy Davis, Greg Brooks and Robbie Pryor.

Croquet

From page 1B

and the Town of Farragut had a parade and they reroute the traffic on our street and he and I played one-on-one against each other for six hours as the floats came by and people saw us out in the yard playing croquet.”

Things have changed since Brooks bought that first set.

“Everything we have now has been made by hand by one of our members — the stakes, the mallets, the wickets — they’ve all been made,” he said. “It stays set up 365 days a year. We only pull it up on Halloween night so the kids don’t trip over the wickets.”

“It just slowly started. People would watch and more people would watch. I’ll do yard work some Fridays and some people will be walking in the neighborhood,” Brooks added. “People will stop me and say, ‘Are y’all playing tomorrow?’ We’ll have people slow down and take pictures and stuff. Most of the people in the neighborhood have gotten accustomed to it because we’ve been playing for seven years.”

“Sometimes there’s the occasional tailgating that goes on.”

But it’s men-only. “There’s no women on course. They don’t have anything to do with it,” Brooks said. “They think we’re idiots.”

“My two sons, 27 and 21, make fun of me. They think we’re stupid.”

Brooks said his wife, Nancy Brooks, owns Studio Capri hair salon at Sola Salon Studios. “She works on Saturdays,” he said. “It works out well. She’s not in the way.”

“We have a core group of eight to 10 who play all the time: Jack Williams, Guy Davis, John Kenny, Jesse Booher, Adam Priest, Robbie Pryor, Richard Goff, Clark Gross and me. It’s a tightknit group,” Brooks added. “We have attorneys, bankers, salesman, blue collar builders, engineers, architects ... it’s a hodgepodge of guys, but out there, everybody is the same.”

“There’s been some hurt feelings a time or two. You’ve got to have a thick skin. You’ve got to have a real thick skin because you can really

mess somebody’s game up.”

Holding his hands 6 inches apart to illustrate the difference in golf versus croquet, “Imagine you’re playing golf and you land this far from the hole,” he said. “And you’re getting ready to putt for a birdie and I come up there and knock you off the green.”

“People can make deals. You’ll be friends with a different color ball on one wicket and the next wicket, it’s your enemy,” Brooks added. “It’s constant strategy, a lot of politicking and coaching going on, a lot of manipulating. It’s intense.”

There’s no charge to play on a normal weekend, he said, but five times a year there’s a major.

“Every July 4 we have a Wickets and Rockets Tournament,” Brooks said. “The Clover Fork Classic is in October. The tournament the day after Thanksgiving, while the women are shopping, is called the Turkey Shoot. In March or April is the Dogwood Tournament. Then we have the Masters, a tradition like no other. CBS actually stole that from me.”

“I’ll hang the banner up in front of the house between the columns to let the neighborhood know about the major and we have a \$10 entry fee,” he added. “It’s divided up among the top three and whoever wins gets a trophy. When we have the majors, we dress up. Some guys wear knickers. We’ll wear fedoras and ties. We dress up pretty good for the majors. Once you’ve won four majors, you qualify for the Hall of Fame and the privilege of sitting at a certain folding table. Only have two who are in the Hall of Fame so far.”

“It’s an elite group. Only the best of the best.” Is he in it?

“Of course,” Brooks laughed.

Humble yourself: you must come like a child to Christ

Larry Paden, a Hardin Valley resident and an Elder at Oak Ridge Church of Christ, has submitted the first of his Christian-based columns to be periodically published in farragutpress

and pray; and the disciple rebuked them.

But Jesus said, ‘Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.’”



Larry Paden
Words for Christian Living

We all can learn a valuable lesson from little children.

In Chapter 18 of Matthew, verses 1-4, we have another instance where Jesus tells us that we need to be like children. On this occasion, the disciples of Jesus came to Him saying, “Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

Jesus called a child to Him and responded, “Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become

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Webb alumnus Gratz sparks global ed push

A visit last spring by best-selling author Alan Gratz, right, a Webb School of Knoxville alumnus, has sparked a schoolwide initiative this fall in Webb Middle School to incorporate more global education into all its classes.

Photo submitted



Worship

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like children, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever then humbles himself as the child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

Jesus is saying that the way up in His kingdom is to be like children. Jesus is not saying we need to be like children in age. No, he is saying that we are to be like them in disposition and character. Children view the world through the prism of humility, free from ambitious designs.

This attitude was evident in the third-graders in a class at Northshore Elementary School, where it was reported that they “raided their piggy banks and got money from mom and dad, adding to an empty purple Cheetos container labeled ‘Hope for Harvey.’”

They were not thinking of themselves, but children in another

state who had lost so much.

Humility in the scriptures is defined as meekness, lowliness and absence of self. The word “humility” in Colossians 3:12 and elsewhere literally means “lowliness of mind.”

Humility is not just an outward demeanor, but more importantly it is a heart attitude which leads us to considering others before self. This attitude puts away selfish ambition and conceit.

True humility produces a character that is willing to serve all who have needs with little thought for self. We see this attitude in these third-grade children who simply wanted to help where help was needed.

May this attitude touch all of our hearts. The kingdom of God is open to those who are willing to come to His Son with an obedient and humble heart.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to “such as these.”

Buddy Benches builder becomes Eagle Scout

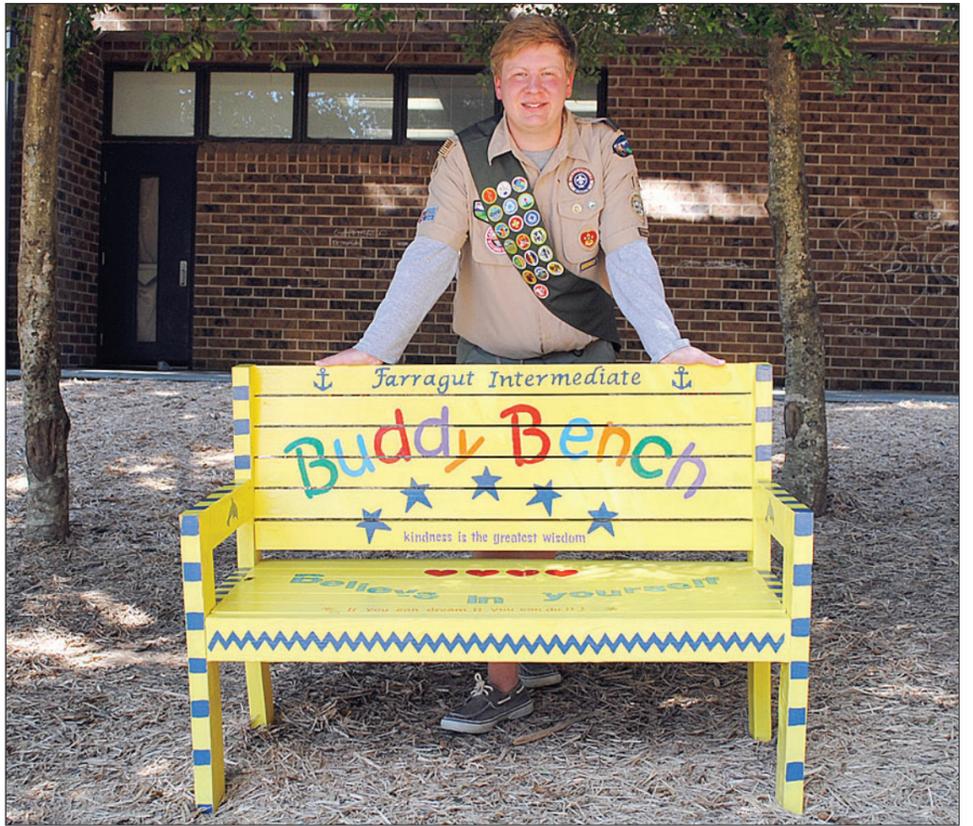


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Greyson Baranowsky, son of Kimberly Peterson and Robert P. Baranowsky, attained the rank of Eagle Scout Aug. 31, after constructing three Buddy Benches as part of his Eagle Scout service project — one for each of the three playgrounds at Farragut Intermediate School. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 15, which is chartered by Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church. A senior at Farragut High School, Baranowsky is planning to study chemistry and science when he attends college beginning in fall 2018.



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SOAR

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awesome," said John Scavone, a home-schooled freshman.

Eaves and about 11 others, including Scavone, an elementary-aged girl and a security guard, got their chance about 30 minutes into the event when the team asked for volunteers.

Each person ran with a basket-

ball from the back of the gym to the front, where they bounced off a trampoline and attempted to dunk or simply sink the basket.

The students chanted, "Marcus! Marcus! Marcus!" as Eaves got ready for his turn.

"I was thinking, 'Just don't fall and break something and be extremely embarrassed in front of all the students,'" Eaves said.

"I really wanted to dunk it. The

crowd really wanted me to do it and was rooting for me.

"I didn't quite dunk the ball, but I didn't wimp out and not try. I felt like Superman for a second and then I realized I have a dad bod."

"I had a little bit of a nerve-racking moment before I started," Scavone said.

He was a natural and made two attempts, dunking the ball on the

second one. He did a third run and did a front flip with a 360-degree spin. After the event ended, SOAR members encouraged him to try out for the Liberty University team.

"I'll look into it," he said. "I could possibly go there."

After the volunteers finished, Liberty University team member Matthew Angell, a native of Canada, talked to the students about

life at the university and about his experience as a Christian.

"Letting Jesus into your heart will be the best decision you ever make," he said.

"It was just a fun event where we could all get together and do something different," Eaves said. "Christianity isn't supposed to be boring. We don't do things just to do things. We want to present the Gospel in everything we do."

Webb's National Merit 8



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Webb School of Knoxville seniors who have been named National Merit Semifinalists for 2018 by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation: back row, from left, are Rachel Anderson, Simone Digby, Joseph Broady and Evan Davies. Front row, from left, are Emory Scism, Katherine Bullen, Jack Gulley and Spencer Williams.

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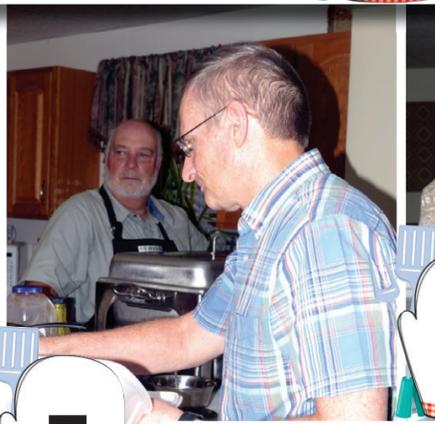
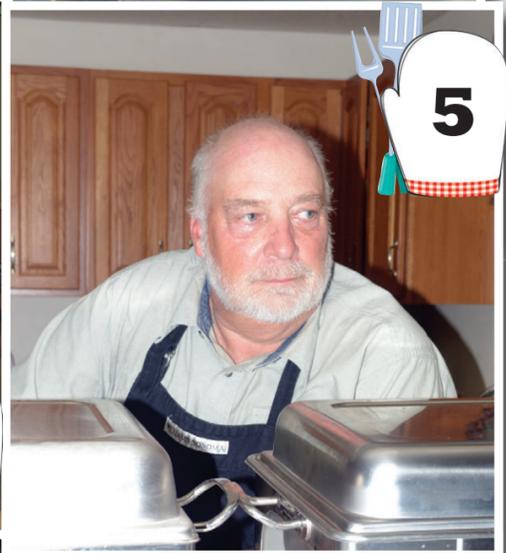
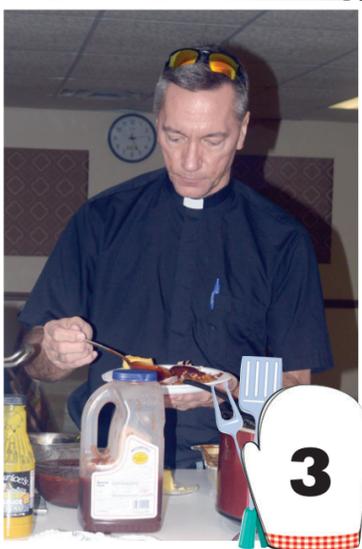
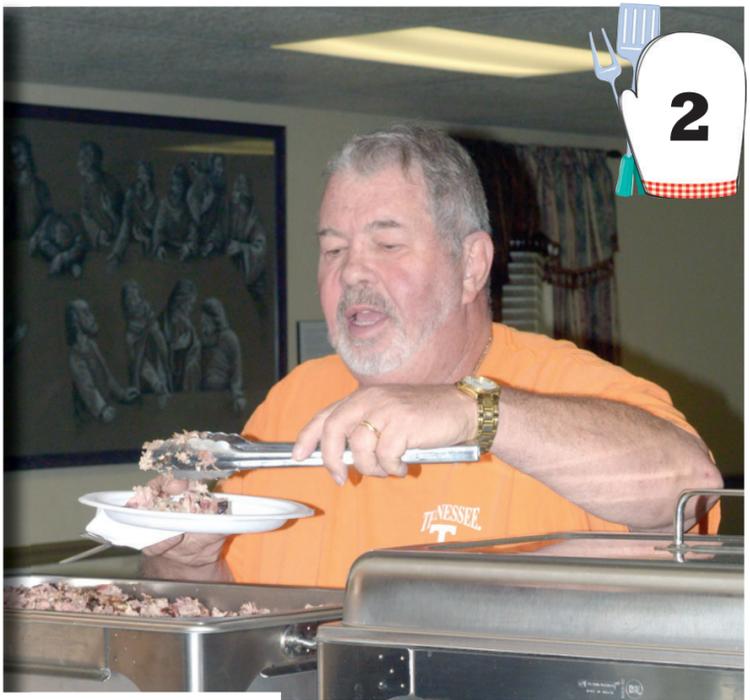
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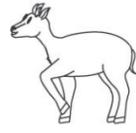


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- Do you know two or more ways out of the house?
- Never use elevators if there is a fire (stairs are much safer).
- Smoke rises. If there is a fire, stay low: crawl under the smoke.
- Have you picked a place to meet the rest of your family once you are all out of the house?
- Once you are out of the house, *stay out* of the house.

Safety Checklist



Families check out this list!

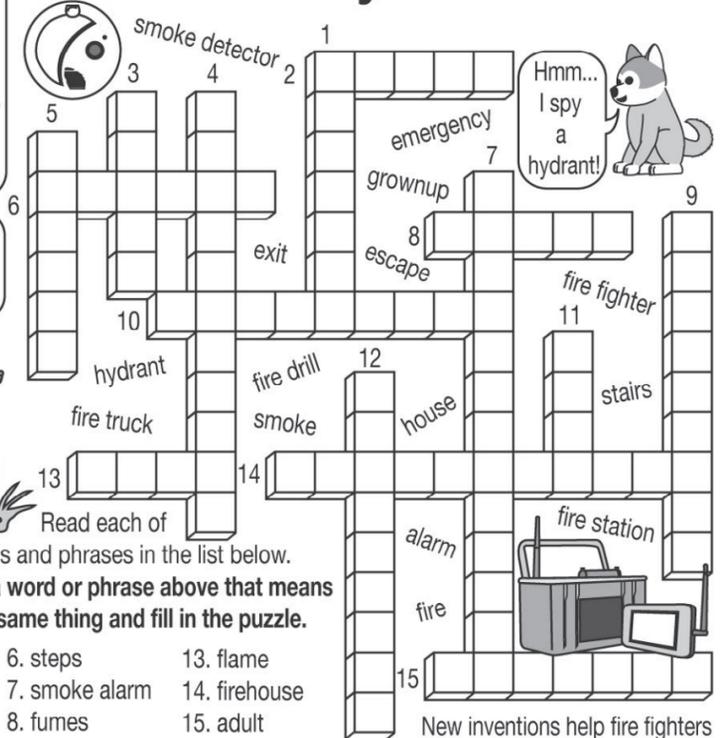


Read each of the 15 words and phrases in the list below.

Then, find a word or phrase above that means almost the same thing and fill in the puzzle.

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|-------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1. fireplug | 6. steps | 13. flame |
| 2. home | 7. smoke alarm | 14. firehouse |
| 3. siren | 8. fumes | 15. adult |
| 4. fireman | 9. crisis | |
| 5. getaway | 10. fire engine | |
| | 11. way out | |
| | 12. fire exercise | |

Fire Safety is Smart!



New inventions help fire fighters do their difficult work. One invention is a scanner that can detect faint heartbeats, which can help to find people trapped under rubble. Another is a mask with built-in "thermal imaging" that lets fire fighters "see" people and flames through smoke.

Finish each phrase with the word that makes sense:
In a typical day, fire fighters may:

- spread fire safety and awareness by visiting
- slide from the third or second floor to the first on a
- use scuba gear and a boat for
- go to public buildings or businesses for a safety
- clean their vehicles and perform equipment
- feed, play with and train the
- teach classes about CPR and other



- A. fire pole
- B. fire dog
- C. schools
- D. inspection
- E. water rescue
- F. maintenance
- G. first aid

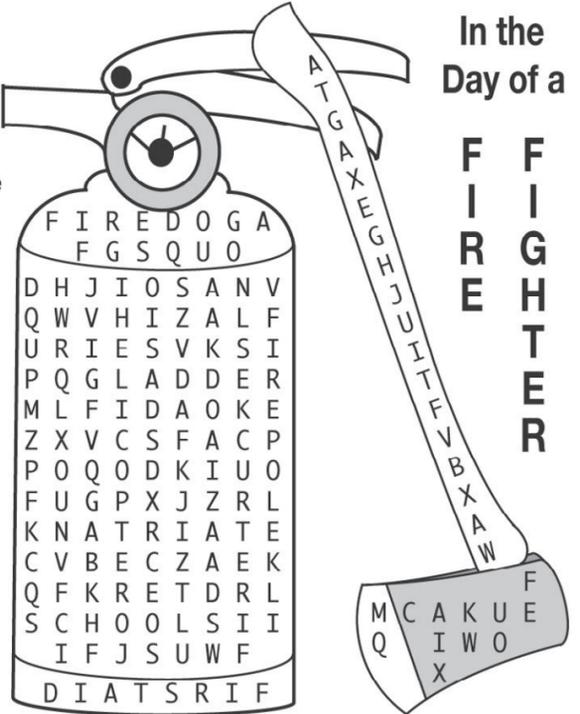
Match each word to the phrase that makes sense:
To complete the job, fire fighters may use (a):

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- water hose
- air tank
- ladder
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- coat

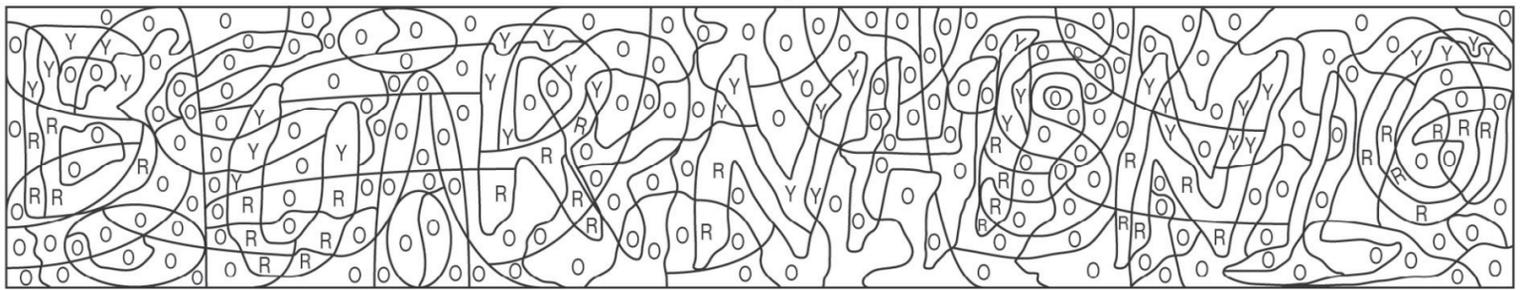


- A. to reach high floors or windows when a door is blocked
- B. to protect their heads from flames and debris
- C. to spray gallons of water onto the fire
- D. to allow them to breathe in a smoke-filled room
- E. to get to a fire quickly with all the right equipment
- F. to lift water from a lake or pond to put out wildfires
- G. to protect their bodies from fire (flame-proof materials) and to be seen easily by others due to reflective strips
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See the nine words in bold print to the left? Circle them in the fire extinguisher.



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Grief help

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Knoxville resident DeAnna Sampson took a class taught by Gaertner several years ago.

"I moved here about eight years ago," Sampson said. "At the time I was going through a divorce and was told I should attend Cokesbury [United Methodist Church] because they had a grief recovery program. I met Joy and went through the Divorce Recovery program there. It was very, very beneficial.

"Even though I went through the program quite a few years after my divorce," Sampson added, "there were still a few things I wanted to work through. Also, I wanted to

be able to say she and her [grief] program have helped me. If I were going to refer a person to the program, I wanted to know it would help.

"I found that a lot of my sadness and pain [was] when I got very emotional," Sampson added. "It was when I thought about how my divorce had affected my boys, rather than the loss of my marriage. I felt I had let my boys down because I was not providing them the family unit I always dreamed they would

have. That's where I need to continue to work. I didn't know it was that. I thought it was the loss of my 18-year-marriage, but it wasn't."

Sampson said grief recovery is a journey. "Now I have a much better idea of where I've worked through and where I need to work in the future," she said.

Gaertner said she experienced grief in her own life.

"Some people get angry, or experience depression, suicide or cancer," she said. "For me, it imploded

and came out in cancer. We stuff it down and it can result in cutting, heart attacks or cancer. Others can get angry, violent, sad or anxious. I had no tools to walk out of the darkness that loss caused in my life.

"Grief recovery has given me the tools to walk out of it," she added.

"When we are able to heal the hurts of our hearts on the inside, one person at a time will get rid of their anger. That will bring peace into their relationships ... and their world."

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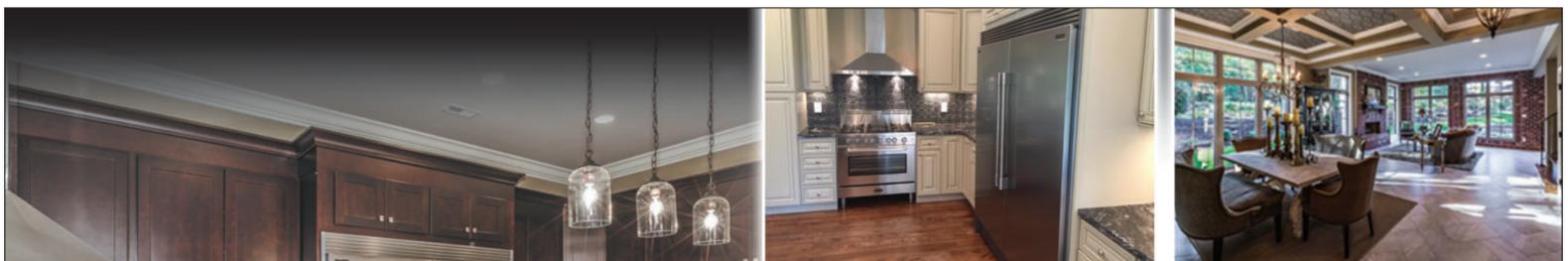
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Lady Ads soccer wins 4-AAA tourney title 2-0 vs. M'ville

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Farragut High School's girls soccer team entered last week's District 4-AAA Tournament championship match riding a crest that saw it win 13 consecutive games.

Well, the Lady Admirals extended their winning streak to 14 when they defeated Maryville 2-0 to win the district tournament title on Thursday, Oct. 12 before a spirited audience at Farragut Soccer Stadium.

The win enabled FHS [14-5-0] to advance to the Region 2-AAA Tournament and host a semifinal game Tuesday, Oct. 17. [Results of Farragut's semifinal game against Oak Ridge were not available at press deadline].

But a victory would have given the Lady Ads an opportunity to play for a region championship tonight [Thursday, Oct. 19] and seal a berth in the in State Sectional round Saturday, Oct. 21.

Farragut achieved all this after losing its first five games of the season. But despite the slow start, the Lady Ads continued to persevere.

And they would eventually turn things around in a big way.

FHS made a perfect run through a tough District 4-AAA slate and it would win the postseason tournament in impressive fashion.

And no one associated with Farragut's girls soccer program was really surprised by the season's success story.

"I feel like we knew that we had this in us," said Lady Admirals senior Megan MacLean, who scored the first goal last week against the Lady Rebels [10-4-5]. "Now, we've won 14 in a row and we've won the district championship."

In the title match, Maryville and the Lady Admirals struggled through a fairly even first half. But MacLean broke a scoreless deadlock when she tallied in the 40th minute.

Her goal gave Farragut a 1-0 lead with 46.5 seconds remaining in the first half.

After the break, the Lady Admirals would take control.

"I think, in the first half, it was an even game," Lady Rebels head coach Steve Feather said. "But Farragut came out in the second half and they dominated us. They dominated possession and they passed the ball around really well."

"The Farragut team figured out how to open their shape and pass it around us. In the first half, we played well in transition, and we had a solid effort for 30 minutes," he added.

Farragut head coach Drew Payne

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Maddie Hammon (33), Farragut junior, battles a Maryville player for ball possession during this District 4-AAA Tournament championship game in Farragut Stadium Thursday evening, Oct. 12.

Playoff bid on the line for HVA-Bulldogs winner

KEN LAY
Correspondent

When Hardin Valley Academy invades Bill Young Field to tangle with Bearden this Friday, it will mark the eighth meeting between the two football rivals.

But there will be more than just bragging rights at stake Oct. 20.

Both the Hawks and the Bulldogs have lost two consecutive Region 1-6A games.

A Bearden loss eliminates the Bulldogs [4-4 overall, 1-3 in Region 1-6A play] from playoff contention.

If Hardin Valley loses, the Hawks (4-4, 2-2) would need to beat Farragut and hope Morristown West could win at home against BHS Fri-

day, Oct. 27, to close out the regular season.

HVA has lost to Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett [36-25 at HVA last Friday, Oct. 13] and Johnson City Science Hill after winning for consecutive games.

The Bulldogs have lost to the Indians, Science Hill and Farragut in region play.

"Hardin Valley has become a rivalry game for us," Bearden head coach Morgan Shinlever said. "We still have something to play for and I think these kids want to end on a positive note."

"These are good hard-working kids and their not going to fold up ship," he added.

The Bulldogs moved the ball well

in their last game against the Admirals [8-1, 4-1] at Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field last Friday night.

But Bearden was bitten by the turnover bug thanks to three interceptions and a muffed punt that eventually turned into seven points

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Dawggone streaks



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Wyatt Lucas, Farragut junior defensive back (24), goes high for this interception in front of Cameron Flanary, Bearden senior receiver.

Admirals win fifth straight vs. Bearden, 18 of last 20

KEN LAY
Correspondent

Farragut High School got a little defensive in its regular-season home finale Friday night, and the Admirals now control their destiny in the race for the Region 1-6A football championship.

Farragut's defense forced rival Bearden into four turnovers en route to a 31-14 victory over the Bulldogs Oct 13 before a packed house at Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field.

With the victory, the Admirals [8-1 overall, 4-1 in the region] rediscovered their winning ways after having their 19-game winning snapped by

Dobyns-Bennett in Kingsport the previous week.

"It was big to come back and get this win at home after we lost last week," Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney said.

[Courtney has received a special coaching honor from TSSAA. See page 8A]

Winning its fifth straight game in the series and 18th out of the last 20 in this rivalry showdown, the Ads picked up significant contributions from all over the field versus Bearden [4-4, 1-3].

Wyatt Lucas had a huge game as he pulled in two interceptions and had a 57-yard punt return

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Solid supporting cast helps get HVA vball back to state

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With a strong junior class complementing Hardin Valley Academy's quartet of senior star talent, a second straight trip to the Class AAA Volleyball State Tournament was a walk in the park.

"We lost some talent last year, but I think the girls that came in this year as juniors really, like, helped our team and built us up," senior setter Alex Kirby said following a 25-15, 25-11, 25-10 win against Volunteer in the Section 1-AAA "substate" match Thursday, Oct. 12, at HVA.

Attempting to improve upon a third-place state finish last season, the Lady Hawks take a 37-7 record to this week's state tournament in Murfreesboro [state championship round today, Thursday, Oct. 19].

Mitzi McCurry, HVA head coach, also spoke about that "core group of juniors" including Drew Brooks, outside hitter. "She has moments where, if other people are struggling, she can pick our team up with her hitting and her passing," McCurry added about Brooks, who ended the match with 15 service points, nine digs and six kills.

Morgan Smithson, middle hitter, "comes through with some big blocks and hits when we need them," McCurry said. "Damie Givens is another junior that gets playing time, she's our right-side [hitter]."

Savannah Bowen [10 service points, two aces] "has had a lot of different roles this season. But whatever role it's been, she's been an encouragement to the team," McCurry said.

As a server, "She has just really been scoring points for us," the coach added.

Courtney Coffy added eight digs and eight service points for the District 3-AAA and Region 2-AAA champs.

Overall, "It's more than volleyball, they love each other," McCurry said about her team. "The girls have been awesome to coach and be around this year.

"It's really neat to have such a group of girls and coaches that we enjoy being around each other."

"We're such a family, so anytime we come together it's always so much love. All of our hard work pays off," said Jerika Emert, senior middle hitter who had HVA's only block last Thursday.

For all the team's balance, it was three All-Region seniors leading the way versus Volunteer: outside hitter Mandy Prescott [18 kills, 11 points, seven digs and two aces], libero Isabella Mitchell [nine digs] and Kirby, setter, [six digs].

"I think that we came into this season with just a fighting heart,



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(Above) Jericka Emert, Hardin Valley Academy senior middle hitter, makes a lunging save to keep this ball alive during the 1-AAA Sectional game versus Volunteer at HVA Thursday evening, Oct. 12. (Top right) The Lady Hawks celebrate a straight games victory against Volunteer, which earned the program a second straight trip to the TSSAA Class Volleyball State Tournament, which takes place this week in Murfreesboro. Standing, from left, are assistant coaches Kristen Soreano and Carry Brown, players Reese Freshour, Courtney Coffy, Emert, Alex Kirby, Mandy Prescott, Morgan Smithson and Damie Givens, and head coach Mitzi McCurry. Front row, from left, are players Lauren Maestri, Edie Weidley, Megan Smith, Drew Brooks, Izzy Mitchell, Olivia Snyder and Savannah Bowen.



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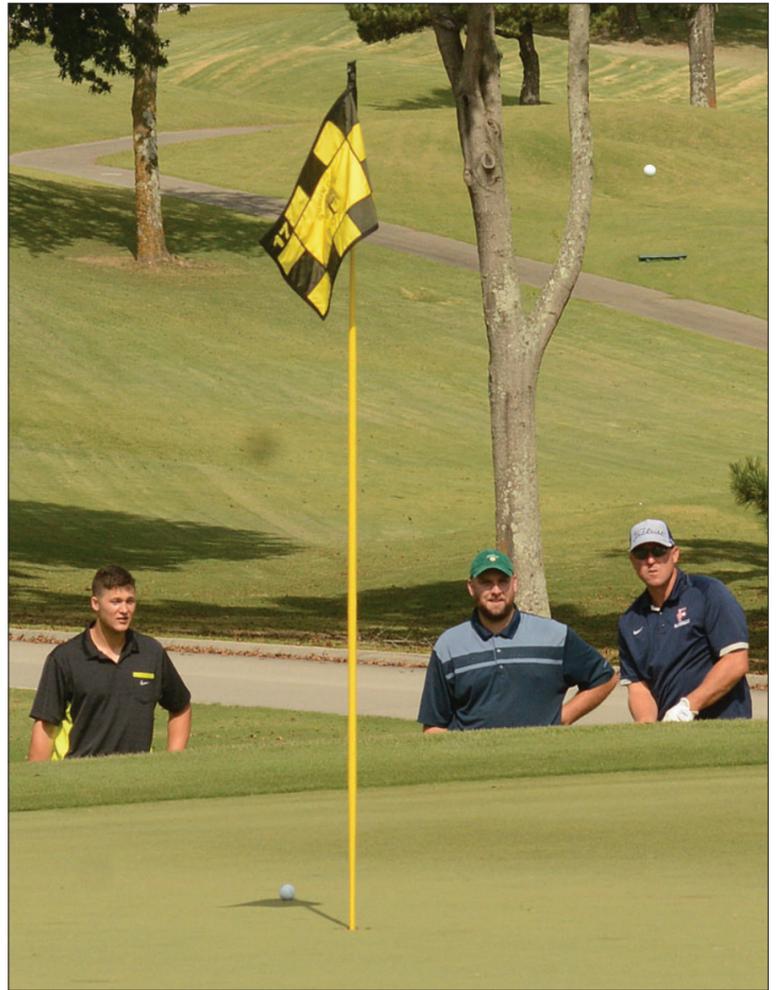
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(Above right) Looking to chip onto the green and close to the hole at No. 18 is Matt Buckner, right, Farragut High School varsity baseball head coach, during 2017 FHS Baseball Golf Tournament Friday, Sept. 29, at Willow Creek Golf Club course. With Buckner is Nick Senzel, far left, former All-state Admirals infielder and Tennessee Vols All-SEC honoree now a star third-baseman prospect in the Cincinnati Reds organization. Senzel was the No. 2 overall pick in the 2016 Major League Baseball Draft. Also pictured is Ian Daws, FHS baseball assistant coach. Not pictured is playing partner Jason Mayfield, Lady Admirals girls varsity basketball head coach. They were among a field of more than 100 participants (27 teams, four-player-scramble format) with a shotgun start. (Above left) After nailing a hole-in-one, Tim Paton, center, enjoys a few laughs with friends and golfing team partners Larry Parker, left, and David Baker. Recording his second lifetime hole-in-one, Paton's feat at WCGC came on No. 2 hole from 164 yards out. (Left) Looking to nail this putt on No. 18 green is A.J. Simcox, former Farragut Admirals star and Tennessee Volunteers shortstop who is part of the Detroit Tigers farm system. Watching in back is Simcox's father, Larry Simcox, a former Tennessee Volunteers Baseball coach who earned All-SEC honors at Ole Miss, also as a shortstop, in the early 1980s.



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Fox Den golf talent honored; new state-of-the-art 'Learning Center' opens



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Fox Den Country Club Ladies Golf Member-Member 36-hole best-ball/aggregate hole event featured 10 two-player teams Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 27-28. Overall Championship pair was Betty MacDonald, right, and Jill Tomlinson (51 score), pictured with Scott Moran, FDCC PGA professional and event coordinator. Rose Flight top teams were, first place, Teresa Jackson and Brenda Curtis (54); second place, Cathy Slusser and Shirley Greaser (55), and third place, Kathy Jackson and Catherine Manning (56). Bonnie Flight top teams were, first place, Nancy Alford and Betty Thomas (54); second place, Sue Tackett and Janet Greene (56) and third place, Judy Strandquist and Mary Christofferson (57). Closest to the Hole contest winners at holes No. 13 and No. 16, in Rose Flight: No. 13, MacDonald, 22-feet-5, and No. 16, Greene, 16-feet-7. Bonnie Flight: No. 13, Slusser, 19-feet-11, and No. 16, Donna Farinella, 7-feet-10. Most Improved players were Tina Sanders and Jamie Knowing.



Alan Sloan

Scores of Fox Den Country Club members joined club leaders and board members for the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for FDCC's state-of-the-art Golf Club Fitting and Learning Center Friday evening, Oct. 13. Ready to cut the ribbon, from left, are Pat McKay, club president; Greg Nesbitt, general manager, and board members Catherine Manning, Allen Holman, Sherman Childers and Tom Smoot. The Center is located beside the driving range near the black tee boxes on No. 10 hole.

TrackMan4 could dramatically improve play for many FDCC golfers: Moran

TrackMan4 is the highlight technology in Fox Den Country Club's new Golf Club Fitting and Learning Center.

"I don't know many places in East Tennessee that have this," Scott Moran, FDCC PGA club professional, said.

"Trackman measures ball speed, clubhead speed, smash factor, launch angle, spin rate on multiple axis, clubhead angle of attack, path of club head and face angle just to name a few," a FDCC pamphlet stated. "These measurements allow an instructor to immediately know precise measurements that are beneficial to diagnosing and solving

issues of a student's swing.

"This allows an instructor to dictate the path of learning in a more precise manner than simply fishing for band-aids," the pamphlet further stated. "Lessons are more efficient and students experience a greater learning curve by understanding exactly what is happening in the area of impact between a golf ball and the club."

With "dual radars" part of TrackMan4, "one [radar] will track a golf ball through its entire flight until it hits the ground. The other radar will actually track the club head and the path that it is delivered back through the golf ball," Moran said.

Bringing in "a series of experts this winter" to further the learning experience, Moran said he is trained "to give 16 tests" designed to detect "mobility and stability" issues affecting a student's swing within that given person's physical capabilities. "And then try to strengthen those physical weaknesses" to improve the swing.

Also available is an indoor driving range during inclement weather.

Although the Center currently is only available to FDCC members, Moran said, "At some point-in-time there will be, I think, with cost to have non-members come and get fitted [for clubs] or take lessons."

HVA-Dawgs

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in a 31-14 loss.

Collin Ironside, sophomore quarterback who threw a touchdown pass to fellow sophomore London Stephney last week, said he's looking forward to tangling with the Hawks at home.

"It's another big region game and it's another big rivalry game for us," Ironside said. "It should be a good game and we should do well."

"But we'll have to stay away from the turnovers and we have to stop making silly mistakes."

Ironside has a complete arsenal of weapons including receivers Stephney, Hayden Candela, Dawson Houser and Jacob Klenck. Bearden's top running backs are D.J. Cox and Sam Coffin. Coffin also plays defensive back for the Bulldogs.

Hardin Valley, meanwhile, has had a roller coaster ride of a season in 2017. The Hawks opened the campaign with consecutive losses to Oak Ridge and West High.

HVA then won over Heritage, Central, Morristown West and Jefferson County before falling in

back-to-back weeks to the Hilltoppers and the Indians.

"It's a big week, it's a rivalry game," said HVA senior running back/defensive back Aaron Dykes, who rushed for 71 yards last week. "Everybody looks forward to it when they see it on the schedule."

"We've got to come out and play well because Bearden, they have a very physical and fast defense this year. They're going to fly around and hit us in the mouth if we don't come out and play well. We just need to come out ready to play so we can play our way into the playoffs."

Hawks senior wide receiver/defensive back E.J. Caldwell agreed.

"We're really looking forward to going out there," Caldwell said. "It's always a great game against Bearden."

"It starts with practice. We really need to buy in to practice. If we do, I think we'll come out and be victorious [this] Friday night."

The Bulldogs likely will see two quarterbacks for Hardin Valley Friday. Junior Grayson Vaughn and freshman Zak Acuff split duties under center against Dobyns-Bennett.

Acuff relieved Vaughn Friday

night and threw three touchdown passes in a valiant comeback effort that came up short versus the Indians.

The Hawks and Bulldogs have met seven times since HVA opened its doors.

The Hawks hold a 5-2 advantage

in the all-time series. Hardin Valley has won four straight against Bearden and routed the Bulldogs 35-7 at BHS in 2016.

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Farragut
HIGH SCHOOL

Wyatt Lucas
Junior, DB/WR
2 Interceptions, 3 Tackles
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Soccer champs

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said the district championship “does feel really good, especially because of the way we’re playing. I’m a little bit stubborn as a coach.”

“I mean, I want to win games. But how we win games is by possessing the ball,” he added. “We’ve been doing that pretty well lately and tonight, we epitomized that. I have a good group of girls and I’m very proud of them.”

Farragut took a 2-0 lead when Emilie Guigou scored in the 54th minute.

“This district is tough and it was a rough start for us,” Guigou said. “But we got back on our feet and we went to work.”

“Nobody, especially our seniors, wanted to go out like that.”

BHS-Farragut

From page 10B

that set up a 27-yard field goal by Daniel Bethel, which gave the Admirals a 10-0 lead with 5:49 remaining in the second quarter.

After the two longtime rivals slugged through a scoreless opening frame, FHS scored first when Isaiah Gibbs scampered 49 yards into the end zone with 9:14 left in the first half. It was the longest touchdown run of the season for Gibbs, who finished with 180 yards and a pair of scores on 22 carries. He also caught a 12-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter.

Farragut’s first touchdown came after Cade Burkey recovered a muffed punt at the Farragut 45.

Bearden, which moved the ball well throughout the first half, did

manage to get on the scoreboard before halftime when sophomore quarterback Collin Ironside connected with fellow sophomore London Stepney on a 14-yard scoring strike. Caleb Cross added the extra point to help the Bulldogs pull to within 10-7 with 1:22 remaining.

“The difference in this game was turnovers,” BHS head coach Morgan Shinlever said. “We had some pretty good opportunities.”

“One of those interceptions was a bad read, and sometimes you have that with high school kids. I thought our kids fought hard. They’re not going to fold up the ship. They don’t quit. They’re hard-working kids.”

In addition to Lucas’s interceptions, Ironside was picked off by Griffen Swicegood. Farragut’s defense added an exclamation point; a late safety when Bearden was

called for holding in the end zone.

“We were able to pull away in the second half because we had some big plays on defense,” Burkey said. “Our coaches did a great job getting us ready for this game. We just came in here and we put our heads down and went back to work.”

Farragut junior Neyland Harmon, who has been a solid defensive force for the Admirals in 2017 at outside linebacker, played a little running back Friday night. He scored his first touchdown on a 4-yard run that gave the Ads a 17-7 lead early in the third frame.

“It was definitely nice to get that touchdown and it was great to get a win against Bearden,” Harmon said. “It’s always fun to play them.”

After Harmon scored, Bearden’s D.J. Cox would answer with a 1-yard scoring plunge to make the

score 17-14 with 3:12 left in the third stanza. Cox’s TD culminated a long drive that consumed more than five minutes.

“When we forced them to throw it more, it gave us a chance to be patient,” Courtney said. “We wanted to be patient and we wanted to stay two scores up on them.”

The Admirals were able to accomplish that goal thanks to quarterback Gavin Wilkinson. The sophomore had a pair of touchdown tosses after halftime.

He gave the Admirals a 23-14 lead with a 22-yard touchdown strike to Braden Collins late in the third quarter, then hit Gibbs with a 12-yard TD pass that made it 29-14.

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Bearden	(4-4)	180-144	Net 36
CAK	(1-7)	115-292	Minus 177
Concord Christian	(0-8)	60-252	Minus 192

Admirals control top spot, battle for second heats up

With Farragut's strong closing push to beat rival Bearden last Friday, which settles things at the top of this season's Scoreboard following Week 9, the race heats up for second and third place.

Knoxville Catholic, at 6-3 following yet another wild offensive shootout [outlasting Walker Valley 63-42 in Bradley County], holds sole possession of second place in farragutpress' How the West Was Won presented by PureMagic Carwash contest for best regular season records.

The Irish have this week off, joining Farragut [8-1].

Third place belongs to Dave Meske's Webb Spartans [4-3], which are assured of no worse than third place with victories at CAK this Friday and at home against Silverdale Academy, which closes out the 2017 regular season Oct. 27.

An otherwise miserable CAK season (1-7), especially by program standards dating back more than 10 years, could brighten significantly with an upset home win

against Meske's Spartans.

Perhaps a week off will leave Travis Mazingo's boys refreshed, allowing the Warriors to play Webb tough in this Division II-AA East Region rivalry showdown.

Those Division I Class 6A rival schools at 4-4, Hardin Valley Academy and Bearden, battle this Friday evening at BHS's Bill Young Field with a lot a stake.

The winner not only moves ahead in the HWWW PureMagic contest, but if the Hawks win they lock up a Region 1-6A playoff spot.

A Bulldogs victory allows Bearden to control its own play-off destiny, needing only to win at Morristown West Oct. 27 to lock up the fourth and final 1-6A spot.

Concord Christian School remains on "first program victory alert" after a week off, as the Lions travel to Ezell-Harding for a Division II-A East contest.

A chance to catch, or even pass, CAK in the HWWW PureMagic standings remains for Troy Fleming's CCS team.



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It was vintage "gang tackling" on this Farragut stop against Bearden. Senior defensive linemen Nnamdi McSwine (top, arm wrapping) and Nolan Davis (72) coverage with senior linebackers Drew Butler, left, and Cade Burkey, right, to smother Bulldogs junior runner D.J. Cox. The Admirals won 31-14 Friday evening, Oct. 13, at FHS's Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Young Field.

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