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Happy networking



Michelle Hollenhead

Nearly 100 Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members enjoyed an open house at farragutpress office, 11863 Kingston Pike, Thursday, Nov. 30. The event was part of the Chamber's weekly Networking activities. Three members who seemed quite happy to win door prizes are, from left, Faris Ashkar of Artistic Designs; Kerry McDuffie of Superior Carpet and Rug Cleaning, and Fred Love of Edible Arrangements. Guests were treated to tours of the office, located in what was once a grand Georgian-style home. (See additional photos in West Side Faces, Page 4B).

Farragut Lions Club helps FHS teacher's little sister with sight-saving surgery

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Farragut Lions Club recently played a part in helping make sure a South Knoxville 7-year-old, whose sister is a teacher at Farragut High School, received sight-saving surgery in October.

Makady Hill, who has battled health issues since birth and eye problems since the age of 18 months, underwent a unique nerve replacement surgery at Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto, Canada, which is the only facility in the world to offer



Makady Hill, 7, has struggled.

the procedure.

She traveled with her mother, Deb Hill, and big sister, Erin

Ashe, who teaches at FHS, and stayed nearly two weeks for the surgery and initial healing process.

While the costs of her surgery were handled through the Hill's private insurance, travel and lodging costs were not. Lions Clubs from all over the Knoxville area stepped up to help, with Farragut Lions specifically paying for airline fees.

"We could not have done it without [the Lions Clubs]," Hill said. "They helped us so much."

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'Too Tall Bandit,' Town robber from '14,'16, is elusive

STAFF REPORTS

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The FBI Knoxville's Safe Streets Task Force recently released information stating the man responsible for the most recent bank robberies in Jefferson City and Strawberry Plains may be responsible for seven additional bank heists — plus the hit on Farragut Pharmacy Dec. 18, 2014, and including Capital Bank in Farragut Oct. 27, 2016 — dating back to 2009 and including Middle Tennessee banks.

In the robbery of Farragut Pharmacy, the "Too Tall Bandit" "walked behind the pharmacy counter and instructed employees to place prescription opioids into a bag the robber brought with him, similar to the bank robberies," the FBI Knoxville press release stated.

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Town, Knox losing underpaid teachers?

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Good news and bad news about Knox County Schools teachers came from Susan Horn, Board of Education representative from District 5 that includes Farragut schools, during a recent speech before an area political group.

"Over 80 percent of the [education] budget goes to personnel," namely "salaries. ... During this current budget we were able to get teachers a 3 percent raise," Horn said as featured speaker during 5th District Democrats' monthly Thursday evening meeting, Nov. 16, in Rosarita's Mexican Cantina. " ... The goal is to raise those salaries 4 percent a year."

However, "Our average salary is well under not only the state, but especially [compared to] the counties that surround us," she added. "And I personally know of five people that left to go to Anderson County just this past year."



Alan Sloan

Susan Horn, 5th District Knox school board representative, spoke to 5th District Democrats during its most recent "third Thursday" meeting.

"When we talk about how our schools are underfunded, our salaries are not competitive. But currently we have a Memorandum of Understanding ... that we

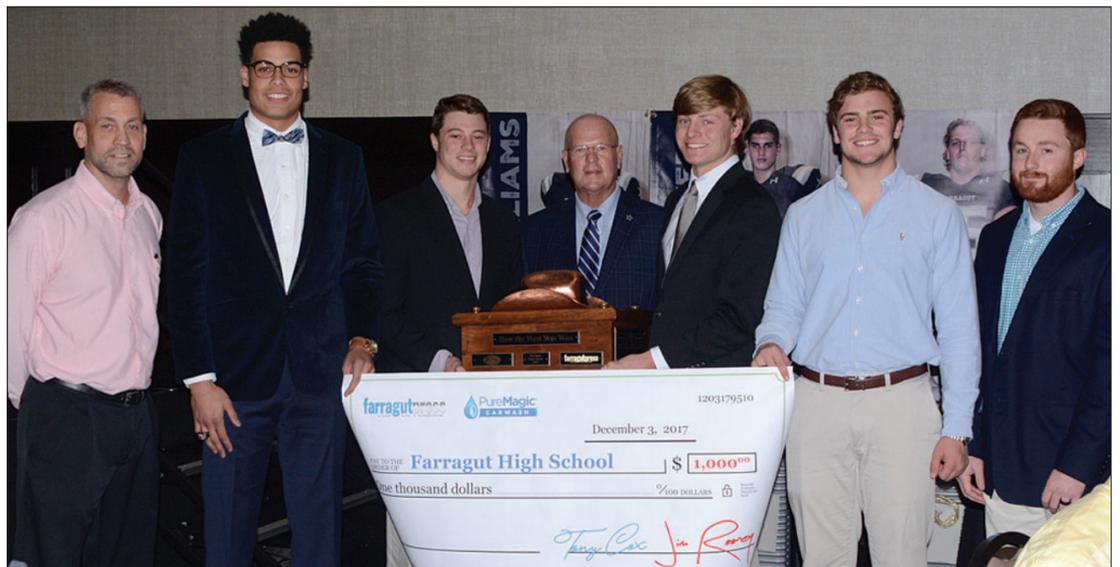
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Admirals football, HWWW-PureMagic champs, accepts trophy, \$1,000

Champions of 2017 farragutpress How the West Was Won presented by PureMagic Carwash contest for best regular season record among a seven-team

Farragut-area field, Farragut High School collected \$1,000 — \$500 each from PureMagic and farragutpress — plus ownership, for at least the next year, of the HWWW PureMagic traveling trophy for its 8-2 regular season record. Checks and the trophy were presented during the program's annual end-of-season banquet at The Venue in Lenoir City, Sunday evening, Dec. 2. Jointly presenting the checks and trophy were Chris Peters, far right, PureMagic Sales & Marketing director, and Tony Cox, far left, president of Republic Newspapers, Inc. [parent company of farragutpress] and publisher of farragutpress. Accepting the money and award, from left, are FHS senior captains Jacob Warren and Cade Burkey, head coach Eddie Courtney and senior captains Braden Collins and Drew Butler.

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Veterans at Town's 'Day of Infamy'



Michelle Hollenhead

Veterans, from left, John Huntley, Ted Ansink and Lou LaMarche, were three of many who attended the annual "Day of Infamy" presentation and veteran's reception in Farragut Town Hall Monday, Dec. 4. The program featured former Farragut Middle School teacher Frank Galbraith's historical presentation of the events leading up to Japan's bombing of Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941.

Bandit

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"In all seven bank robberies, the suspect walked behind or jumped over the teller counter, threatened bank employees with a handgun (held in his right hand), and instructed bank employees to help him place money from the vault and teller drawers into a bag or backpack he brings with him," the release further stated.

"The suspect then instructs bank employees to identify monetary security measures. Before leaving, he then orders them to lie on the floor. When possible, the robber exited the rear of the bank and was not observed in a getaway vehicle."

As for identification attempts, "Victim and witness descriptions vary slightly, [but] they generally agree the Too Tall Bandit is

a white male, approximately 40 years old, standing 6-foot-3 to 6-foot-6 tall, 210 to 250 pounds, possibly with brown eyes," the release stated.

"He speaks with a deep voice, and walks with a limp or unusual gait affecting his right leg. The robber wears dark-colored clothing, dark-colored gloves and work boots or shoes, and wears a Halloween-style mask or other face covering to obscure his identity. The suspect speaks with a non-Southern accent."

Anyone with information regarding these crimes should call the FBI Knoxville Field Office at 865-544-0751 or submit a tip online at: <https://tips.fbi.gov>

Additional information, photos and video may be available when updated at <https://bankrobbers.fbi.gov> or here: FBI KNOXVILLE "TOO TALL" BANDIT.

correction

In our Nov. 23 edition of farragutpress, a story on the 2018 Farragut High School Graduation Celebration stated the event would be free to all graduating seniors.

Organizers said the event would be free if current ongoing fundraising is successful enough to cover the cost of the event rental.

We regret the error.



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police reports

- At 1:02 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office West Precinct to report an incident involving a Jarmann Road residence. He said an unknown suspect used his credit card numbers to make two online purchases through Amazon for \$1,000. Complainant said he received a call from StayBridge Inn and Suites in Turkey Creek advising him packages were received for him there and the shipping labels, which he sent to have the packages shipped somewhere else, also arrived. Complainant advised he spoke with a female at the hotel, who said she had his number on file from a previous stay. He advised her he did not have any packages or shipping labels sent there. Employee advised him she could not give him the name of the suspect or location the packages were to be shipped to, but she could give the information to a law enforcement officer.

- At 7:39 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29, a KCSO detective and officer responded to 11530 Kingston Pike, Kohl's, concerning a shoplifting in progress. They reported observing the defendant conceal Nike pullovers, with a value of \$55, in a baby carrier while he was inside the store. Defendant walked past the point of sale making no attempt to pay for the listed property, exiting the store. Reporting officer made contact with defendant when he arrived at a 2005 Dodge Caravan in the parking lot. Defendant was placed into custody. During a consensual search of the vehicle, 2.3 grams of meth was located between the front driver and passenger seats. A field test was conducted on the narcotics and it tested positive for meth. Defendant was taken into custody for Schedule II drug violations and

misdemeanor shoplifting. A pull-in was conducted on the vehicle. Narcotics and field test kit will be placed in the narcotics locker at Knox County Jail.

- At 11:44 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29, a complainant called KCSO West Precinct to report an incident at a Woodland Trace Drive residence. Complainant advised she saw an advertisement on Trulia and Hot Pad for a cabin available to rent. She was in contact with the suspect, who said he was a realtor for the cabin. She sent the payment, \$3,400, and was then supposed to receive the code for the cabin door. She sent the payment and her bank, Bank of America, advised the money had cleared her account. She had not received the code as of this report being filed.

- At 1:18 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, a McCown Avenue complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident at a Crown Point Road residence. He advised the suspect had been told by his friend, who owns the house, to leave the residence and found she had stolen his car keys on the way out, taking a 1997 Ford Explorer. He advised the suspect sent a text to his phone Saturday, Nov. 25, saying she would return the vehicle and said she was sorry — but never returned the vehicle. Complainant advised the suspect has never been given permission

to drive the vehicle. Estimated value of loss was listed at \$1,800.

- At 1:01 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, a Sweetgum Drive complainant called KCSO West Precinct to report an incident. He advised his debit card numbers were used to make two purchases with Federal Express, for \$684.76 and \$391.28, which he did not make or authorize.

- At 5:32 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 25, two KCSO officers responded to Best Buy, 11491 Parkside Drive, concerning a shoplifting. A witness said the defendant concealed a Flex Android tablet [with a price of \$69.99] while he was inside the changing room. Reporting officer stated he observed the defendant walk past the point of sale making no attempt to pay. Officer further stated he made contact with the defendant, locating the listed property tucked inside the front of his pants at the waistband. Defendant was taken into custody for misdemeanor shoplifting. A property receipt was completed and the listed property was returned to Best Buy.

- At 3:29 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 23, two KCSO officers responded to a Canton Hollow Road residence in regards to a disturbance. Upon arrival, officers made contact with victim, who said while

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Local bus awardee becoming rare breed

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Farragut school route bus drivers such as Deborah Ditchfield with BLJ Bus Lines, who was one of five earning a Knox County Schools Bus Driver Award earlier this fall, apparently are a dwindling breed.

"It's very difficult to find bus drivers," said Susan Horn, Board of Education District 5 representative that includes Farragut schools, during an address to 5th District Democrats on various school issues.

Though Knox County Schools has "invested \$1 million each year in transportation" according to Horn, she added, "Since our buses are contracted we can't tell the bus drivers' contractor what to do with the extra money that we give them."

"But they want to have bus drivers as much as we want

them to have bus drivers, so we're hoping they're passing that [extra funding] along when they can to be able to increase the salaries of their bus drivers."

Horn, featured speaker during 5thDD's monthly Thursday evening meeting, Nov. 16, in Rosarita's Mexican Cantina, also touched on health preparedness.

The current student-to-nurse ratio in Knox County Schools "is one nurse for every 3,000 students," Horn said to a surprised crowd reaction. "The National School of Nursing Organization recommends one for every 750."

"We don't have full-time nurses in all our schools, but all of our schools have nurses," she added. "... Our local government is funding all those extra [nurses] with no money from the state."

Horn-Dems

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will try to have a 4 percent salary increase this next year."

One major threat to that goal: "The concern is we're opening two new middle schools" in Hardin Valley and Gibbs, Horn said. "I know I would love to see a 4 percent increase."

Horn said Knox County is funding "\$5,000 or \$6,000" more per teacher than what it should, labeling this "another inadequacy and deficit that we are funding and the state is not."

Also increased was the pay of hourly employees, "a \$1 [per hour] raise," Horn said.

As for basic school needs, "We actually only have about 5 percent of the budget going to supplies and things like that that are needed in the schools," Horn said.

"So if you hear a teacher say that they don't have the supplies that they need, they're not kidding."

In reference to Farragut and other District 5 schools, "We're very fortunate in this area that

"And I personally know of five [teachers] that left to go to Anderson County just this past year,"

Susan Horn-
 Knox County Board of Education District 5 representative

we have fantastic PTAs and PT-SOs who fundraise," Horn said, adding a sizable percentage of "technology in any of our schools has been bought with funds that our parents have raised. ... If you have a playground it's because parents have fundraised."

Concerning the state's Basic Education Program, "the funding formula that is used by the state to fund education," Horn said, "There are a lot of inadequacies in this formula."

Horn said BEP funding for technology "is only \$40 million for the entire state," adding that amount only recently increased from \$20 million annually.

Concerning "RTI, which is reading intervention, the state legislature passed this and it's great for students, but we have zero extra money to pay for it," she said. "... That is creating a problem in our schools every single day."

"We send out a lot more of our tax dollars to Nashville than what we get back," Horn added. "So we help fund the other smaller counties."

"Nashville Metro [government], they right now have a lawsuit against the state because of funding, so there are certainly opinions that the state is underfunding education."

Though not taking a position on a property tax increase, Horn said, "We haven't had a [county] property tax increase here in a very long time" when discussing possible new revenue sources.

Horn said spending per student in Knox County public schools "is a little less than \$9,000 per student, I think."

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guestview: Mayor Ralph McGill

December is a festive time in Farragut. Last week, we kicked off the holiday season by flipping the switch on 68,136 lights at Founders Park at Campbell Station, and the spectacular display will continue to dazzle us until Jan. 1. We added nearly 7,000 lights to this year's Light the Park, as well as an enormous, decorative Santa's mailbox. I hope sending letters to Santa will become a holiday ritual for local families.

This Thursday, [Dec. 7] we're hosting the 24th Annual Celebrate the Season at Town Hall. That means an entire generation has grown up getting pictures taken

with Santa, decorating cookies and listening to holiday music with us, and those grown children are now bringing their kids. This is such a joyful event, and I appreciate those who work hard



Major Ralph McGill

to make Town Hall sparkle. Our Beautification Committee really knows how to deck the halls!

While the holiday season is an important time for many fami-

lies to celebrate and worship together, it's also a vital time for the Town. The uptick in shopping is important to Farragut's economy because our budget relies heavily on sales tax. But shopping in Farragut isn't just important in December; it's important all year long. Making purchases within the Town provides revenue for funding roads, parks, greenways and essential services, so remember to Shop Farragut whenever possible.

I hope this season brings joy, peace and a deep appreciation for the blessings of life. Enjoy a festive Farragut!

Sight

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It was just one more part of a journey Deb and her husband, Mike, have been on with Makady ever since they brought the little girl home from the hospital when she was just 29 days old.

The youngest of eight children adopted by the Hills, Makady was born with a variety of birth defects and has had 23 surgeries over the last seven years, from repairing her esophagus and cleft palate to removing a brain calcification.

At one point, doctors told Hill that Makady would never be more than a "vegetable."

"But I didn't think so," she said. "I just didn't, and felt she was going to get through it. She was just delayed, and it has been wonderful to see" her progress.

What has been harder to overcome has been the eye condition that developed, with redness and irritation the first symptoms.

Drops were prescribed, but the problems persisted. Makady was finally diagnosed with a rare condition in which her eye's nerves inexplicably ceased working.

Since her initial diagnosis, Makady has been seen by eye specialist Dr. David Harris, who began what became a never-ending five-year process of eye drops, ointments and even four corneal transplants to try and help save Makady's eyesight.

"Because she doesn't have feeling [in her eyes], she can't even produce her own tears. And, not only can she not feel, but if something was in her eye, [the eye wouldn't] know how to blink, causing further damage."

However, "She is a most determined child," Hill marveled. "It is what has kept her alive because she has had to go through so many things."

"She is a fighter, and you can't keep her down," said Ashe, who is "extremely close" to Makady and has attended nearly all of her surgeries.

In the beginning, Makady could still see but gradually lost sight in her right eye due to its gradual breakdown, and it seemed very likely she could lose her sight completely without some kind of intervention.

A glimmer of hope surfaced nearly two years ago, when Harris and Hill researched an experimental surgery only performed at Sick Kids Hospital.

"He told me not to get our hopes up, but my hopes went soaring," Hill recalled. "If there was one chance you have to try to take it."

Insurance and scheduling delays took 18 months, but Hill finally got the call in September the surgery would take place Oct. 24.

In the meantime, Hill found out through a friend who lived in Florida that the Lions Club could be of assistance during the process.

"He said they might be able to help us."

"We could not have done this without the Lions Club," Ashe said. "We just can't thank them enough."

Makady's surgery, in which a nerve was removed from behind her knee and transplanted around both eyes, went "very well," said Hill, and they are



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Farragut High School teacher Erin Ashe escorts her little sister, Makady Hill, 7, while they were in Toronto, Canada, for Makady's surgery to help regenerate the nerves in her eyes.

watching her closely over the next three months to see if it has been successful.

Sick Kids Hospital has had a 100-percent success rate among the less than 12 such procedures performed, so Hill is "very hopeful and encouraged" about Makady's prognosis. Doctors also are hopeful the nerves may be able to regenerate sight in her right eye, too, Hill said.

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Police

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driving on Campbell Station Road an unknown suspect got out of a black BMW and began to curse at him, kicked his SUV and bent the radio antenna of his SUV — all while attempting to get inside the vehicle. Victim said he was afraid of what the suspect would do to him if he had gotten inside. A witness, the victim's son, said he was driving on the same road next to his father and witnessed the incident, recording it on his cell phone. He was able to get a tag number on the suspect's vehicle.

• At 9:15 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22, a Weathervane Drive complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report vandalism. Complainant advised a 2012 Jeep WUS, a Toyota vehicle and his home were egged. Value of cleanup cost was listed at \$300.

• On Jan. 1, 2015, victim hired the suspect to do construction on his residence. Victim had a contract on the terms and price of the construction. Victim had paid the suspect \$28,200 as of Nov. 22, 2017 — but no construction had begun on the victim's residence. Victim said the suspect never filed for a building permit and he does not have a contractor's license. Victim sent a certified letter to the suspect on Sept. 15, 2017, but it was returned — marked "return to sender" Oct. 2. Victim advised he can provide copies of the checks, contract, e-mails and a certified letter.

• At 8:09 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 22, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident at an Ansley Court residence. Complainant advised she discovered jewelry, mostly earrings and a necklace, was missing. Estimated value of loss was listed at \$873. At the time, she had maids from an area business in her home. She advised she did ask the maids if they had seen the items, but they both claimed not to have. She advised no other people had been allowed inside the residence during the time of theft.

• At 10:58 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21, a complainant called KCSO West Precinct to report an incident at a Bent Tree Road residence. Complainant advised front yard decorations were taken from her yard, with an estimated value listed at \$83. She was unsure about labeling a suspect at the time of this report.

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Hashemian a 'distinguished' IEEE Fellow

STAFF REPORTS

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Dr. Hash Hashemian, Analysis and Measurement Services Corporation President/CEO and Farragut resident, "has been elevated to the distinguished grade of Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for his exceptional leadership in developing technologies for nuclear reactor monitoring," an AMS press release stated.

"The IEEE Grade of Fellow is conferred by the IEEE Board of Directors upon a person with an outstanding record of accomplishments. IEEE Fellow is the highest grade of membership and is recognized by the technical community as a prestigious honor and an important career achievement," the press release further stated.

"Dr. Hashemian is a recognized international expert and

leader in the field of nuclear power plant instrumentation and control testing and automated I&C maintenance. His outstanding achievements in the development and application of industry-leading I&C testing and analysis equipment, training and services have been of significant value to the worldwide nuclear industry."

In a career spanning more than 40 years in the nuclear power industry, "Dr. Hashemian's meritorious level of commitment, hard work and dedication has been a paramount influence in ensuring the safe and cost-efficient operation of virtually every nuclear power plant in the United States, as well as many in Europe and Asia," the release stated.

"I am truly humbled to receive this rare and very high honor," Hashemian said. "IEEE is the world's foremost technical professional organization for engineers. To become an IEEE Fellow is a distinct achievement I have strived for my entire career."



Hashemian

N&H Flooring aims for January opening

TAMMY CHEEK

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N & H Flooring is bringing experience and quality flooring and renovation services to Farragut customers.

Nick Harb, owner of N & H Flooring, is opening a showroom for retail sales in Village Green shopping center, 11533 Kingston Pike in Farragut, and is aiming to open the store by January.

Customers will be able to find all types of flooring, materials and services, he said.

Customers coming into the store will find such brands as Shaw and Phenix and Mohawk Flooring, Cali Bamboo Products and United Weavers, which makes area rugs.

The store carries hardwoods; laminate; vinyl sheets, planks and tops; tile; backsplash and carpets. It also can do all applications. "We can do showers, backsplashes, counter tops for tile," said John Slaven, who is one of two service field managers.

N & H also does kitchen cabinets and other remodeling services. The flooring sales and renovations go hand-in-hand many times, Slaven said.

"When the flooring gets replaced, [the customers] will go with cabinets or they will go with a shower, sinks, things like that," he added.

Harb said what sets the company apart from other flooring businesses is the experience of his installers

and the person-to-person relationship his staff has with the customers.

When a customer picks up a phone, "you can talk directly to us," Slagen said.

"This is a small family business," Harb added.

"Our prices are very competitive," he said, adding his company relies on word of mouth advertising. That means, "In order for us to get more customers, our customers have to be happy and spread the word."

Harb, previously from San Francisco, has been in the renovation and flooring business since he graduated college. He and his family came to Knox County in 2001.

"My wife wanted to raise kids in a conservative community," he said. "We have a huge family in Knoxville."

Though N & H Flooring was established in 2006, Harb said, "We have been independent contractors and installers, not as N & H but as independent [contractors], since the early '90s.

"In 2006, we signed a contract with Lowe's as service providers," he added. "We were working in the Knoxville area, going all the way down to Chattanooga, Cookeville and the Tri-City area. We have done thousands and thousands of homes in this area.

"We have gained a lot of experience from working with Lowe's, especially in the customer satisfaction field. We have always been the catalyst between [Lowe's] and the customer, to make the customer happy and get his money's worth."

Harb is opening his store in Farragut because of "the people, their knowledge and understanding of everything, knowing what they want and making our jobs a little easier,"



Tammy Cheek

N & H Flooring staff members are office manager Jessica Crowder and field service manager John Slaven. Nick Harb, owner, said he expects to open this Village Green shopping center location in January.

he said. "We decided to diversify our business to open a showroom in the Farragut area. We're still working with Lowe's as remodelers. We do kitchens and bathroom remodels.

"[The people are] what attracted us more than the Knoxville area," he added. "We have done quite a bit of business in the Farragut area."

Harb said growth in the Town and affluent nature of the community also attracted him to Farragut.

N & H Flooring staff include Slaven and service field manager Brandon Kimbro, office manager Jessica Crowder and flooring "guru" John Harb. Nick Harb also is acquiring installer Jeremy Crowder, Jessica's husband.

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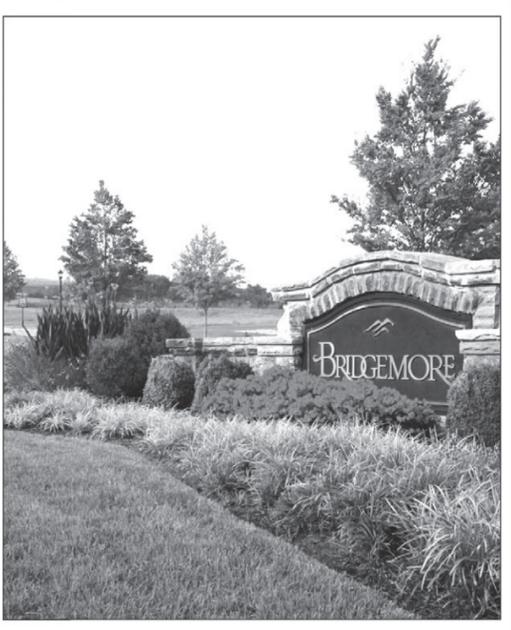
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“PACKAGES FOR HEROES”



Payne, Wilson on mission for military troops serving abroad

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Mary Lynne Payne and Joy Wilson may not be serving with the armed forces, but they are on a mission for servicemen and women just the same.

The pair have been hard at work on the “Packages for Heroes” project since September, and already have sent 60 boxes overseas, with plans for 30 more in the coming weeks.

They still are seeking donations to help provide even more sustenance and encouragement for men and women serving through-

out the world.

Payne, director of community relations for Clarity Pointe Memory Care Assisted Living in Farragut, and Wilson, owner of the home healthcare business Right at Home, had the idea to send “care packages” to deployed men and women earlier this year.

Seedlings for the idea sprang from Payne’s personal experiences, as her son, Army Black Hawk pilot Capt. Spencer Robert Payne, was stationed in Afghanistan at the time, and she frequently sent him care packages.

She supplemented his rations with healthy snacks and other

personal items, and realized that many other active-duty soldiers could likely benefit from care packages of their own.

Payne and Wilson held a kick-off event for the project in September, and since that time received enough funding and materials to fill the 60 boxes that have been sent so far.

Recipients’ names are provided through individuals and various resources, said Payne, whose own son has recently returned state-side.

Food and items the public may wish to donate include protein or creatine powder, shaker bottles,



Mary Lynne Payne, left, and Joy Wilson recently took their second shipment of boxes to the Post Office for overseas delivery. The two are heading up “Packages for Heroes,” which organizes care packages for active duty soldiers serving overseas.

Photo submitted

protein bars, soft tuna packs, peanut butter, beef jerky, dried nuts and fruit, granola bars, trail

mix, coffee and ramen noodles.

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O’Briens InterFaith fundraisers take off

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With Dr. Pat O’Brien’s past ties to InterFaith Health Clinic, and Town of Farragut citizens increasingly relying upon InterFaith’s services, a fundraising idea at The Casual Pint of Farragut has taken off.

Co-owned by O’Brien and his wife, Barbara O’Brien, The Casual Pint at 143 Brooklawn St. has hosted three band performances dating back to July, raising \$2,835 for the InterFaith clinic.

InterFaith services “are based on income and the amount of people in your household,” assisting families without health insurance “caught in the cracks,” Melissa Knight, InterFaith executive director, said.

The required income level is “just above the federal poverty line and goes up to 250 percent [of income] of that federal poverty level,” she added.

“I was one of the original people to work on building the InterFaith Health Clinic of the early ‘90s,”

said O’Brien, an emergency physician and Farragut resident. “It was something very near and dear to me.”

The most recent fundraiser was a contest among the three Knox County locations of The Casual Pint, as O’Brien had the idea to expand the fundraising to all three.

Those fundraisers earlier this month, which totaled \$2,013 for InterFaith, were led by O’Brien’s location with \$960 following a performance Friday evening, Nov. 17.

“Dr. O’Brien was like, ‘We need to get more of The Casual Pints involved and have like a fundraising competition.’ And so that’s what went on in the month of November,” Knight said.

O’Brien began by hosting fundraising performances in July and September.

“We did one of them in July and it went well, and they said, ‘Let’s do it every eight weeks.’ Then we did another one in September,” he said.

See O’BRIEN on Page 3B

Holiday cheer at FIS



Photos by Tammy Cheek

(Left) Farragut Intermediate School fourth-grade teacher Nicole Taylor, second from left, joins Farragut High School Madrigal singers, from left, Elaine Clark, Emily Keeling, Katelyn Myers and Allan Parris-Richjoins, in performing a holiday song for FIS students at the school Friday morning, Dec. 1. Taylor, an alumna of FHS, is a former Madrigal Singer. (Right) Madrigal Singers, from left, Michael Mooneyham, Liam Gorfido and Amara Pappas also performed at FIS. The group also is performing at Town of Farragut’s Celebrate the Season, which runs from 4:30 to 7 p.m., tonight, Thursday, Dec. 7, in Farragut Town Hall.

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Webb students chosen

Eight Webb School of Knoxville strings students were selected for this year's East Tennessee School Band & Orchestra Association Middle Area Junior Orchestra Honor Clinic. Chosen, in no order, were ninth-grade violinists Rhea Charles and Avery Shellist, eighth-grade violinists Maddie Bell and Thomas Mandrus, eighth-grade cellist Lydia Fields, and sixth-grade violinists Evie Braude, Emily Ford and Camille Hunt. They were among the 200-plus area strings players in grades six through nine to audition Oct. 21 at Webb School. Those who qualified were chosen based on their performance of scales, a prepared solo selection and a sight-reading piece. Only the top scores were considered for this highly competitive and prestigious honor.

Webb's Hethmon honored By Optimist Club of Knoxville

STAFF REPORTS

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Elizabeth Hethmon, Webb School of Knoxville senior, recently received a Service to Humanity Award for 2017 from the Optimist Club of Knoxville.

This award is given annually to one student from each local high school for his or her exceptional contributions to the community.

Hethmon has completed more than 100 hours of community service during her four years in Webb Upper School, helping at a variety of organizations including the Humane Society, Farmers' Market, Habitat for Humanity and the Webb School community.

A member of Webb's Mu Alpha Theta Honor Society for excellence in math and the Upper School Rotary Interact Club, Hethmon traveled with Webb teachers and students to Ganado, Arizona, last year to work at Navajo Nation. In addition to assisting with building repair, painting and landscaping, Hethmon took the time to meet with elderly Navajo at a retirement home.

She also joined other Webb School students and faculty this past summer, lending a hand at a reading camp for children at Clearfork Community Institute in the heart of Clearfork Valley.

"Elizabeth puts others first in all areas of her life and makes every effort to improve the quality of life of those around her," said Hemal Taylor, Webb Upper School community service coordinator. "She is a true asset to not only the Webb community, but also to the Knoxville community and beyond."



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Elizabeth Hethmon, Webb School of Knoxville senior, with her Service to Humanity Award 2017 plaque she earned from the Optimist Club of Knoxville.

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• Museum of East Tennessee History will hold a Holiday Open House from **11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9**. For more information, visit easttnhistory.org/

• Sierra Club Harvey Broome Group Dec. newsletter is out. For dates and events visit sierraclub.org/.

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• Longstreet-Zollicoffer Camp 87, Sons of Confederate Veterans, will hold its meeting starting at **2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17**, at East Tennessee Historical Society. For more information, e-mail Randy Tindell, randy.tindell@summitviewhm.com/.

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FHS National Merit Semifinalists



Alan Sloan

These Farragut High School seniors earned National Merit Semifinalists honors by scoring in the top 1/2 of 1 percent nationwide on the PSAT exam as juniors. Front row, from left, are Caleb Bradley, Kevin Chen, Roger Chen, Daniel Choo, Harrison Crawford, Anna Delahunt and Katherine Delahunt. Standing, from left, are Alexander Galindo (also National Hispanic Scholar), Michelle He, Michael Lin, Rachel Marguiles, Anni Ohstrom, Kevin Sun, Aidan Thomason and Eric Wang.

O'Brien

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Dr. Marty Prince is lead singer of a collection of medical professionals named "Remedy."

Prince's smaller group from Remedy, a quarter called "South River Trail," has played all three times at O'Brien's Casual Pint. Each performance lasts two to three hours.

"Marty offered, because he does music on the side, to come and play music at our store for free if we would look for donations for InterFaith," O'Brien said.

"I can't say enough good about Dr. O'Brien and Dr. Prince," Knight said. "This was a great opportunity for the clinic."

"It's good music and it's a good message," O'Brien said. "My assumption is in two months we'll do it again."

Along with the fundraising, O'Brien's customers "get to understand what [InterFaith] is and how it helps our community,"

he said.

Perhaps surprising to some who characterize Farragut as a haven for the well-to-do and rich, the Town "is one of the fastest growing" in terms of citizens needing InterFaith services, Knight said. "... Areas that you would just be shocked at.

"There's still a need for healthcare for the working poor in our community," she added. "I think it's just a residual effect from so many changes in healthcare."

Knight said many InterFaith participants have been unable, due to losing their jobs during the recession late last decade, to re-acquire the higher level of healthcare they once enjoyed. "For people who have continued to struggle, they have run out of options at this point," she said.



Photo submitted

Dr. Pat O'Brien, right, The Casual Pint of Farragut co-owner, holds up the "Cheers & Beers" trophy his restaurant earned as top fundraiser, among The Casual Pint's three Knox County locations, for InterFaith Health Clinic during November musical group performances. Alongside is co-owner Barbara O'Brien, his wife.

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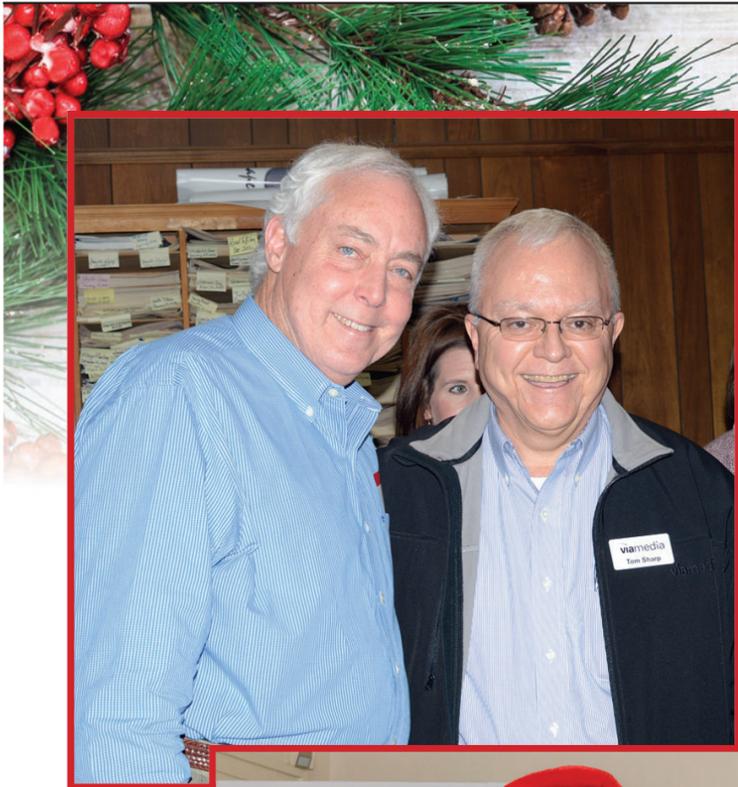
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FWKCC *Networking* AT FARRAGUTPRESS

Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce held a networking hosted by farragutpress at 11863 Kingston Pike, Farragut, Thursday, Nov. 30.

Catered by Water Into Wine Farragut, the event featured numerous prominent business leaders. Among those representing farragutpress were Doug Horne, owner of Republic Newspapers Inc., parent company of farragutpress, and Tony Cox, publisher and RNI president. Julie Blaylock, FWKCC president/CEO, was among scores of Chamber members.

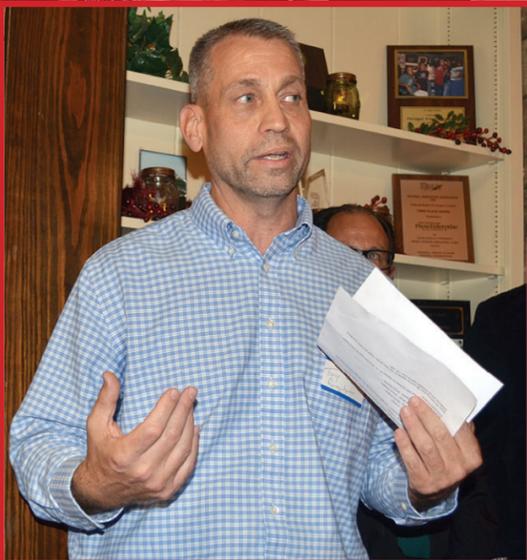


Staff representing farragutpress, from left: **Laura Sayers**, **Lori Timmis** and **Charlene Waggoner**



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FHS boys go 'post'al; girls' offense shines

ALAN SLOAN
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KNOXVILLE — Saying he "pleaded" with his guards "to get the ball inside" during a halftime speech, coach Jon Higgins got the message across to his Farragut Admirals varsity boys team.

Senior post Nick Stedham scored 16 of his game-high 23 points in the second half, and fellow senior post Caleb Thompson added 17, as FHS overcame a 6-point halftime deficit at West — going on a 24-5 run for an eventual District 4-AAA road win.

Farragut fought off a Runnin' Rebels' fourth quarter rally, scoring the game's final five points from the free throw line in the last 50 seconds, to edge West 50-46 at WHS Friday night, Dec. 1.

Meanwhile, breaking out of an offensive slump, the Farragut Lady Admirals more than doubled up West on the scoreboard.

Claire Wyatt, sophomore wing, scored 12 in the second quarter and ended with a game-high 17 points in

an easy 59-29 district win. (More on Farragut's girls later in this story).

About Stedham and Thompson, "I thought Caleb and Nick played fantastic. They played really big in the second half," Higgins said. "We made a conscious effort at halftime to get the ball inside. That's where our advantages were in this game."

"I pleaded with our big men to run the floor so they could create opportunities for themselves," Higgins added. "And when they got those opportunities tonight they made do with it."

"My teammates had my back, just hyping me up and telling me to 'keep shooting it,'" Stedham said. "Caleb did a good job, he really got



Higgins

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Lady Hawks rally past BHS; Dawgs score 41 in 4th period

KEN LAY
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — Hardin Valley Academy's girls basketball team notched a comeback victory in a key District 4-AAA game Friday night, Dec. 1, at HVA.

The Lady Hawks erased a nine-point deficit en route to defeating powerful Bearden 51-46.

"We just kept chipping away," HVA head coach Jennifer Galloway said.

Meanwhile, the Hawks boys basketball team played District 4-AAA favorite Bearden evenly for three quarters. The two rivals were knotted in a 47-47 deadlock heading into the fourth quarter.

But with the game's outcome hanging in the balance, the Bulldogs turned up the offensive pressure — scoring 41 points in the fourth quarter — for an 88-63 victory (more on this game later in the story).

The Lady Hawks (6-1 overall, 3-0 in the district) picked up a crucial early-season win, but Bearden (6-3,

1-2) opened a 14-5 lead by the end of the first quarter.

After the break, HVA senior center Abbey Cornelius would assume control of the contest. She scored 12 of her game-high 22 points over the final 16 minutes.

"Abbey had 17 rebounds and she did well inside against [Grace] van Rij (who finished the night with six points) and (Jakhyia) Davis (11). Bearden is a great team and they're very well-coached," Galloway said.

"I really thought Abbey did a good job leading them," Lady Bulldogs coach Justin Underwood said. "I thought she had a great game."

"We just didn't make some shots that usually go down for us."

Trinity Lee, senior guard, led Bearden with 14 points. Annaka Hall, junior guard, finished with 10 for the Lady Bulldogs, who held a slim 32-30 edge after three frames.

Paige Gentry scored 10 points and Lizzie Davis added eight (all from

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Knoxville Catholic-state football champs 2017



Photo courtesy KCHS athletics

With the scoreboard in back telling the story in Tucker Stadium at Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Knoxville Catholic players and coaches celebrate a 45-28 Class 5A state championship victory versus Beech Thursday night, Nov. 30. Head coach Steve Matthews, far left holding plaque, has now led his Irish to a pair of state championship during the past three seasons. It's the program's third football state crown in school history.

Irish rip Beech, grab 5A crown

Cade Mays, Mr. Football 5A, helps pave the way

KEN LAY
Correspondent

COOKEVILLE — For the second time in three years, Knoxville Catholic High School has brought home a gold ball.

The Irish defeated Beech 45-28 in the Class 5A state championship game Thursday, Nov. 30, in Tennessee Tech University's Tucker Stadium.

KCHS, which won the Class 4A state title in 2015, darted out to a 17-0 lead against the previously undefeated Buccaneers, who hail from Hendersonville.

For Catholic, the victory culminated a campaign where the goal was to win a gold ball — any other outcome would have been considered a disappointment.

"This is a great group of young men and they've been a privilege to coach," KCHS head coach Steve Matthews said. "We lose 12 seniors and most of them are going on to play college football."

"They all made big contributions for us and they'll all be missed. But we have a lot of good people coming back," he added. "This was a big team win for us. I was happy to see them get the chance to play for a championship, and I'm proud that I got to see them win it."

The Irish (12-3) never trailed in the game but they had to withstand a rally from Beech, which pulled to within 24-21 early in the third quarter thanks to a 20-yard run by Kaeman Dunlap.

Catholic got off to a fast start



One of the nation's top-rated high school linemen, Knoxville Catholic senior Cade Mays recently was named Tennessee Titans Mr. Football in Class 5A.

as it scored a touchdown on the inaugural drive of the contest. The Irish engineered a 10-play, 79-yard drive that ended when senior quarterback Jack Sompayrac connected with Dashon Bussell on a 16-yard scoring strike. It was 6-0 with 8 minutes, 20 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Paxton Robertson, who converted the first of six extra points, would later add a 23-yard field goal to give the Irish a 10-0 lead.

Catholic would extend its advantage to 17-0 on a 1-yard scoring scamper from Joshua Brown with 8:24 left in the second stanza.

The Buccaneers (14-1) got on the board when quarterback Nelson Smith hit Dyilin Hoosier with a 19-yard touch-

down pass.

The Irish would answer when Sompayrac again hooked up with Bussell for a 28-yard scoring pass.

Beech pulled to within 24-14 when Smith found Hoosier from 33 yards out with 21 seconds remaining until halftime.

The Buccaneers then made things interesting on Dunlap's touchdown scamper on their first possession after the break.

But Catholic would pull away. Sompayrac had a pair of short touchdown plunges, while the Irish defense changed the complexion of the game.

Sophomore defensive end Stiles Moore recovered a Beech fumble and rumbled 33 yards for a score that made it 45-21 in the third frame.

The Bucs got a fourth-quarter TD on Smith's 40-yard touchdown pass in the final moments.

Brown led the Irish rushing attack with 99 yards and a touchdown. Joe Fluker had eight carries for 81 yards. Sompayrac amassed 56 yards and scored twice on 11 attempts.

Sompayrac was 10-for-14 passing with 162 yards and two scores.

"I was really proud of Jack," Matthews said. "He didn't have a lot of experience coming into the season. But he's worked hard to get a solid grasp on our offense and he's emerged as a leader for us."

Defensively for the Irish, Larry Liverman had nine tackles (all solo) and forced the fumble that resulted in Moore's touchdown.

Still undefeated



Tony Cox

Farragut's Ryan Preiss maneuvers through Ice Dawgs Hunter Wilkes, left, and John Raleigh during first period action of this Ice Admirals-Bearden showdown Wednesday evening, Nov. 29, at Cool Sports Home of the Icearium. Farragut won 3-1. (See details in story, page 8B)



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Story to Stanford; Brown signs



Rebecca Story, left, CAK senior, recently signed with Stanford University in cross country and track. Her accomplishments include: named Gatorade Tennessee Cross Country and Track and Field Player of the Year in 2016; a 2017 Footlocker Nationals First Team All-American; two-time Tennessee State cross country Class A/AA state champ; three-time state outdoor track state champ in 3200-meter run; two-time state outdoor champ in 4 X 800-relay, 800 and 1600 runs, and state indoor track champ in 3200 (2015) and 1600 (2016). **Jenica Brown, right**, CAK senior, recently signed with Walters State Community College in softball. Brown has been part of two state championship teams and contributed to White Lightning travel team's national title.



Ads wrestlers beat PHS, 'combo' team

KEN LAY
Correspondent

When Bobby Hampshire took over as head coach of the Farragut High School wrestling team three years ago, he vowed to rebuild the program — starting nearly from scratch.

But the Admirals, who have had success on the mats since Hampshire arrived, are off to a fast start this season.

They had a night of mixed results in Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium Thursday, Nov. 30.

Farragut (5-1 in dual meets in 2017-18) opened the night with a 42-21 victory over Powell. The Ads then beat a combined team from Carter and Cumberland County 41-30, before losing the evening's finale to Webb School of Knoxville 36-33.

Against the Panthers, Tyler McKeefery picked up Farragut's first win as he pinned Powell's Tanner Messer in just 40 seconds in the 120-pound division.

FHS also picked up wins by Cabrin Viox (126 pounds), Devin Martin (138), Ethan Stinnett (145), Chase Walker (152), Alan Guillen (170) and Ian Farr (182).

Walker pinned Powell's Garrett Sepesi in 2 minutes, 31 seconds — but that bout proved to be full of drama as Walker was down 8-2 before winning by fall.

"He tried to pull me over in a cradle and then I got my arm loose and I was able to get a pin," Walker said.

In its second match, Farragut got victories from McKeefery (113 pounds), Zach Garabrandt (126), Martin (138), Stinnett (145), Walker

(152), Guillen (170) and Farr (182)

The Spartans narrowly edged the Ads to close out the night's action.

The two teams wrestled just four bouts in the dual.

In the 106-pound weight class, Webb's Matthew Tieng won by forfeit. At 113, McKeefery, a two-time state tournament qualifier who reached the quarterfinals last season, won by forfeit.

Viox (120), Garabrandt (126) and Walker (152) also picked up forfeit wins for Admirals.

In the 138-pound division, Martin won a 10-4 decision over Zach Tieng of the Spartans. At 145, Webb's Lucas Farr pinned Stinnett in 1:35. At 160, the Spartans' Jack Gulley won by forfeit.

In the 170-pound weight class, Webb's Charlie Martin won by fall versus Guillen. At 182, Ian Farr pinned Nabil Arabi in 1:21. The Spartans closed the match with forfeit wins from Stone Cummins (220) and Jackson Bradley (285).

"We've started things off pretty well," Hampshire said. "It's early and this is a tune-up time. We have some new guys and we have three new coaches and everybody's getting used to the new coaches."

"We're trying some new kinds of wrestling."

McKeefery, one of the area's top lightweight wrestlers who plans to return to the 106-pound division later in this season, said he likes the direction of the Farragut program.

"I'm glad we have some new coaches and some new guys out," said McKeefery, who has earned a state tournament berth at 106 each of his first two seasons. "I'm happy that we have a solid team."

CAK: Bahamas champs

Christian Academy of Knoxville girls basketball team won Tabernacle Baptist Thanksgiving Tournament in Freeport, Bahamas, late last month. Kneeling, from left, are Claire Brock, Ellie Fussell and Maddie Mozingo. Standing, from left, are head coach Caitlin Hollifield, Amber Heatherly, Mackenna Mozingo, Hannah Carroll, Kennedy Smith and assistant coach Kinsey Galyon



Photos submitted

FHS hoops

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me going on the offensive boards.

Also referencing "our good defense," Stedham added, "It's just fun to see everybody playing well."

"They changed up their defense and went to zone, and we didn't execute in our zone offense very well," said West head coach Chris Kesler, whose team fell to 2-3 overall, 1-2 in district. FHS improved to 3-4, 1-1.

"For us the key was we needed to stop turning the ball over," Higgins said. "That's what dug us that hole in the first half. We had 13 turnovers in the first half against the zone [defense]. We only had five in the second half."

Keeping their composure after blowing a 39-31 lead early in the fourth quarter — West went ahead 56-55 after a steal-turned-layup with 50 seconds to play — was something the Admirals had failed to do in recent games, Higgins said.

"It's all just up here in your head. You've got to be ready mentally and you've just got to be strong," Thompson said.

"Luke Moeller came in in the second half and really played big for us," Higgins said about his senior post. "Both defensively and grabbing some timely offensive rebounds."

"I was impressed with our guards [seniors Chris Dalton and Ethan Sherrill] as far as taking care of the basketball in the second half."

Trevion Moreno had four points for the Ads. Dalton, Sherrill and Tharrin Shuler each scored two.

Jason Mayfield, FHS girls head coach, said his team "played better

offensively tonight. We took smarter shots, we moved the ball around a little bit more. I think we made nine 3[-point baskets] tonight."

"Claire Wyatt obviously stepped up a big way," Mayfield added. "I've been trying to get her to be more aggressive with her shot."

"My teammates did a really good

job of getting me the ball," Wyatt said.

Brooke Christian and Morgan Carbaugh each scored nine for the Lady Ads (4-2, 1-1). Other FHS scorers were Sydney Chapman with seven, Madison Hodge six, Kenyonna Bourne five, and three each for Hailley Johnson and Saige Carbaugh.

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Ice Ads edge BHS, stay perfect

KEN LAY
Correspondent

A perfect record stayed intact for Farragut High School hockey Wednesday, Nov. 29. But the Admirals' victory versus the Bearden Ice Dawgs didn't come easily.

Farragut edged BHS 3-1 at Cool Sports Home of the Icearium in what turned out to be its stiffest test of the young Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association High School League season.

"We played well but we really didn't put enough pressure on them.

... They are a talented hockey team," FHS head coach Jeff Lindsay said.

The Ice Dawgs (1-2-1) got a stellar effort from goaltender Mathieu Senechal, who faced 17 shots and made 15 saves.

Having beaten Bearden 8-3 to open the season Nov. 1, Farragut (4-0) didn't seal victory until Davis Eichelberger scored an empty-net goal with 49.4 seconds left in the contest. "I'm proud of our team and I'm proud of the boys in general," said Eichelberger, who also had an assist on the Ads' first marker of the night. "We had a good team effort to-

night and we just want to win."

Eichelberger's goal came just seconds after Bearden pulled to within 2-1 on a marker by Jace Jenkins with 1:42 to play.

Ben Baumgardner picked up an assist on the Ice Dawgs' lone goal, which spoiled a shutout attempt by Farragut netminder James Brinkley. Brinkley made 13 stops.

Emerson Southern gave the Admirals a 1-0 lead late in the first period when he tallied with 40.7 seconds left in the opening frame.

Southern's unassisted marker made it 2-0 with 7:13 remaining.

BHS-HVA

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the free throw line) for the Lady Hawks, who have now beaten the Lady Bulldogs three consecutive times dating back to last season.

Jeremy Parrott, BHS boys head coach, said, "You never give back a conference win on the road because they're so hard to get."

The Bulldogs (10-0 overall, 3-0 in District 4-AAA entering the week) boasted a balanced offensive attack on this night against Hardin Valley (6-2, 1-2).

Shamarcus Brown led Bearden with 20 points. Ques Glover, who battled foul trouble early and sat out the second quarter, added 18 points. Trent Stephney had 16. Drew Pember scored 15 and Justin Ketterl finished with nine.

Aaron Dykes and Tanner White each scored 18 points for HVA while Jordan Ewing finished with 12.

"Tonight, we were more balanced than we have been," Parrott said. "Shamarcus always seems to play well against Hardin Valley for some reason."

"We played well for three quarters and I was really proud of our

guys for the way they played," Shane Chambers, Hawks head coach, said. "But in the fourth quarter we just didn't quite have enough. We had too many turnovers and Bearden is too good of a team for you to make those kinds of mistakes."

Coughlin signs



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Carter Coughlin, Webb School of Knoxville cross-country standout, signed with Wake Forest University Thursday, Nov. 16, in the school's Lee Athletic Center. Seated around Coughlin are his sister, Abigail Coughlin, and parents, Tiffany and Jeff Coughlin. Standing, from left, are Matt Macdonald, Webb Upper School head; Adam Braude, assistant cross-country coach; Michael McBrien, Webb School president; Bobby Holcombe, cross-country head coach, and Samantha Haase, assistant cross-country coach.

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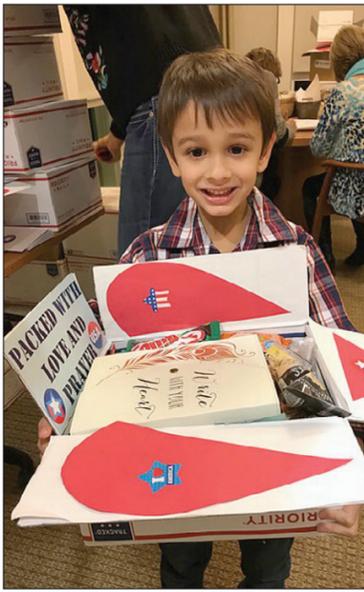


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Heroes

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But "Packages for Heroes" is more than just the materials inside the boxes: each package is lovingly decorated and contains personalized notes, letters or cards.

The organization has had assistance from local schools, businesses and churches, as well as individuals who have made the program successful.

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