Northshore improvements

Citizen advises, County reacts to fix dangerous half-mile drainage ditch

Thanks to one constituent’s feedback, having eyewitnessed an accident in the eastbound lane of Northshore Drive near the roundabout at Concorde Road, Knox County is taking action — about seven months later — to avoid a potential tragedy. It has to with filling in a drainage ditch on the eastbound side, which stretches roughly half a mile from the “fishing bridge” out to the roundabout, where there is little or no shoulder and a ditch that John Schoonmaker, 5th District Knox County Commissioner, said is “deep” and causing potentially fatal accidents.

“Back in the early summer, it was about 7:45 in the morning, I got a call from one of the citizens who lives out in the Choto Road area. He said, ‘John, I’ve just witnessed this and it’s just ridiculous we can’t do anything about it,’” Schoonmaker said on Jan. 25. “When I first got on Commission I had three things I wanted to accomplish, and one of them was ‘What could we do to improve Northshore Drive’.

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“... Was she kidnapped? Lying in a ditch somewhere? Was she cold? Hungry? Raped?”

— Ashley Hatton tearfully explaining her daughter’s disappearance.

Escalating argument triggers a parent’s worst nightmare

A Farragut mother is grateful a stranger was able to track down her runaway teen this past Saturday, thanks to a neighborhood website.

Ashley Hatton said her 15-year-old daughter, Shaylee Smith, ran away from their Village Green home early after noon Saturday, Jan. 26, following several days of arguing over a midweek “vaping” incident at Farragut High School.

“I really never had any trouble with her,” said Hatton, who added she was caught off guard by the incident and the escalating disagreement between the two. “She was always a good kid and got good grades. She was very loving and I just didn’t know where this all came from.”

Following Shaylee’s abrupt departure, Hatton called 911, and Knox County Sheriff’s Office deputies responded and searched for Shaylee without success.

What followed was nearly nine hours of fear and anguish as Hatton tried to find her daughter.

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The kindness of strangers

business

“I was really happy where I was. We talked about it for two hours over pizza, and I said I wanted to pray about it,” said Webb. “So, [the volunteer] and I went to the church and prayed about it. And we both felt that we should go forward.”

— Dr. Kevin Cross about getting help on whether or not to return to the clinic.

community

“Everyone at Children’s Hospital made a huge impact on me and it was so helpful during my journey.”

— Hill senior Anna Martin, about helping battle leukemia before coming back to ETCH as a volunteer.

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sports

“I need to enjoy this moment. This was a big win for our team,” said Webb. “This is not the first time that we’ve beaten Webb. They had never beaten Webb, not even in middle school or for four or five years of high school.”

— Abby Williams, CAK girls basketball head coach, about a moral win.

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Town of Farragut and Farragut Museum commissioned award-winning filmmaker Keith McDaniel to create a film about the rich history of the Farragut area.

Friends of the Museum are invited to a premier of the documentary Thursday, Jan. 31, in Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive. A reception and tours of the exhibit begin at 5 p.m. The documentary begins at 6 p.m. To join Friends of the Museum and attend, visit townoffarragut.org/register in Town Hall. Membership rates start at $25.

Farragut Museum has been closed as a viewing area is constructed for the new documentary in the Bill Dunlap Gallery. A new special exhibit, “Bountiful History: Concord and Farragut,” will open in conjunction with the release of the documentary.

Clips of the documentary will be shown at the Museum when it reopens Feb. 1. For more information, visit townoffarragut.org/museum or contact Julia Barham at jbarham@townoffarragut.org or 865-218-3077.
"They should be out there cleaning it up, but they are also telling us they are looking to renovate the façade of the building," Smoak added. "We've seen some renderings, (but) I haven't gotten an official application yet for the (Farragut Municipal) Planning Commission, so that's something they are telling us is in the works.

"In a few months, they should be getting that to us."
With Town of Farragut crack- ing down on Inglis about the condition of the former location along Kingston Pike next to its current location, what would you like to see go into the build- ing — if it can be saved? Let us know what you think. 471-8255.

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Rescue
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down acquaintances through vari- ous social media apps, including Instagram and Snapchat. She also had a friend share pictures of Shaylee on Facebook before returning to the northwest.com web site to help.

“I posted pictures of her and asked if anyone saw her. I then called my police number asking them to call,” she said.

That post garnered dozens of responses, from possible sight- ings to messages of support from neighbors and strangers — all hoping to help find Shaylee.

She had a report Shaylee might be in Hickory Woods, then another post said they might have seen the girl near Kohl’s. Yet an- other person called and said they thought Shaylee was at Walmart, “looking for a ride,” Hatton said.

Hatton and two of Shaylee’s friends fruitlessly searched Wal- mart for 40 minutes, she said, before she returned to her car overwhelmed with grief.

“I spent 30 minutes in the Walmart parking lot (after that), just crying,” Hatton said. “It was going on 9 o’clock and it was 10 degrees. My daughter was some- where wearing just ripped jeans and no coat.”

She said she “was frustrated” and felt no one in an offi cial ca- pacity was helping to fi nd her daughter.

“It felt so helpless and couldn’t get anyone to help me or my neighbors,” Hatton said. “Then a man called and said he was working at Walmart and, ‘I think I have found your daughter. I don’t want to get your hopes up, but I think it is her.’”

The man, identified later as Mac, said he would keep an eye on who he believed Shay- lee until her mother arrived. The girl was elusive, and disappeared from Mac’s view, then both he and Hatton began searching the store before fi nding Shaylee near the rear of the building.

“She started to run, and he stooped in the aisle and wouldn’t let her be,” Hatton said.

She said she was not going home with him, so Mac just hugged his daughter and asked if he could pray with her. He just holds (onto) my daughter, and prayed and prayed, and prayed, she added. “He prayed for her until she helped 110 percent. She was in ‘right or wrong’ mode, and she just stopped struggling, and cried. ‘She told her everything would be OK.’”

But something told him to look back. He said, “I spent 30 minutes in the store before fi nding Shaylee near the rear of the building.”

“Looking for a ride,” Hatton said. “(Mac) called his wife, who is a counselor, on speaker phone, and they both talked to my daughter and gave her positive reinforcement. ‘He said his daughter’s ‘are so awesome’ and they were ‘on the other side’ of their own experi- ence (with her),’” she added.

Hatton said Mac planned to ask her daughter if she might meet with Shaylee, so they could talk. “It was just so awesome that so many people, she added. “People texted me and messaged me and drove around and looked for her. But knowing that a stranger on a Saturday night felt he didn’t look (enough) the first time but decided to go back ... (Told) ‘Mac,’ You are a doomsday, you are our angel’.”
A Monday night Farragut versus Hardin Valley Academy showdown is rare, but this basketball chapter of the District 4-AAA rivalry was no less spirited Jan. 28 in FHS’s Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. Festivities included some family time — even among the coaches. While Jason Mayfield’s Lady Admirals cruised to an easy victory against Jennifer Galloway’s Lady Hawks, the boys’ game went down to the wire. (See Sports, page 10C) Farragut’s boys held off a late HVA rally to win 70-66.

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Eye for growth’ in Town with Amburn, Cross

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Edward Jones welcomes Farragut resident Cory J. Gerlach, a financial advisor, to its Farragut office at 11141 Kingston Pike, Suite 101A.

“Michele Hood, director at The Eye Group, said the business expanded ‘by at least a third’ last year by adding a former clinic space next door. After completion, she said The Eye Group ‘has one of the largest frame selections in Knoxville.’

The office added exam rooms and updated and upgraded its equipment as well. ‘We are always staying on the forefront of technology,’ Mann said.

‘When we added on, we were able to remodel. It is wonderful, new, and completely renovated.’ She also credited the staff for being ‘a big part of our success.’

They are the reasons we are able to do what we do.”

With the expansion, The Eye Group was able to add Cross and Amburn, who are working with Lain, Manning and Dr. Randy Bolton.

Cross, originally from Byrdstown, said it was ‘a God thing’ that brought him to The Eye Group. ‘I saw God’s hand in all of it.’

He had worked almost 30 years at University Eye Surgeons, from where he said he could have seen himself retiring, when he was approached by Lain, former Southern College of Optometry classmate.

‘I was pretty happy where I was,’ Cross said. ‘We talked about it for two hours over pizza, and I said I wanted to pray about it, but they said, ‘Why don’t we pray about it?’

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Cross said he was fairly quickly “at peace with the decision to be here. It has been a great blessing and a joy to see how God’s plan is moving in my life.”

“I am also blessed to be with a great group of doctors who care about their patients, and are up on all the latest technologies,” he added. “I can see staying here and a joy to see how God’s plan is moving in my life.”

Amburn came “home” when he joined The Eye Group last year. He and his wife, Stephanie, a dual-degree holder — Class of 2010 — had shadowed other doctors during his junior year at the University of Tennessee.

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Known for his uncommonly creepy kill zone — despite having neither the velocity nor the "stuff" to pitch in Major League Baseball — Cobb’s bread and butter as a starting pitcher "focusing his spots" with both the Farragut Admirals and Tennessee Volunteers.

Helping to launch the FHS baseball dynasty as a big contributor for the 2002 Class AAA state crown, Cobb was named Class AAA Tennessee Mr. Football for his senior year. He was just kind of ‘Leem’ in a FHS girl’s last year but Bill had," he added.

An All-East Tennessee, All-region and All-district catcher in his senior year, Clements averaged 16.5 points and eight rebounds per game in 1982-83.
John Bland

Class of 1985

A four-year letterman at a major college football program, John Bland had a special influence in his life directly leading him into the coaching profession.

Having already achieved much success wearing headband logos along the sidelines after turning in his coat, Bland traces his roots back to Farragut High School in the early-to-mid 1980s in football and track and field.

A defensive back and quarterback at FHS whose talents in college would point to quarterbacking, "I earned first-team All-State, All-American and played in the Tennessee versus Kentucky All-Star game," Bland said.

In track, Bland was district champion in the 100-meter dash, 4 x 100 relay and 4 x 400 relay. "I was a state finalist in the decathlon," he added.

Football won out at the next level. "I earned a scholarship to the University of Arkansas," Bland said about his years as a valuable back-up quarterback who started a few games. "I was a four-year letterman" who played in the Holiday, Orange, Liberty and Cotton bowls. "We won the Southwest Conference Championship in 1986. I was voted permanent team captain!"

"As a coach, "My biggest moment was leading the University of the Cumberland, Kentucky, to the National Championship game in 2013 as their head coach," said Bland, currently head coach at Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi.

"I choose to go with the coaching profession because of him. The leadership and the impact that he has had on his players over the years is amazing," Bland said.

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Margaret Morris Baudendistel

Class of 2006

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Coach David Moore
Head coach, 1987-2018

As a Christian, David Moore said his arrival at Farragut High School in 1983 was a God thing. I was called, interviewed and hired in 1985 without ever turning in an application to John Cappadorso.

“Farragut needed a driver’s ed teacher. The rest is history. It was God’s plan for me to be at Farragut,” added the highly successful volleyball and softball head coach whose combined win total was 1,087, 33 league and district tournament championships and nine state tournament trips.

Though serving eight years coaching baseball and floor coaching baseball dating back to 1984, Moore earned special recognition outside school and regionally as FHS volleyball and softball head coach. He added: “I led the conference in scoring. They need me quite a bit in the red zone, to run inside. I scored 15 touchdowns,” Payne, then a 188-pounder, said about a wonderful senior season in the red zone. To take the hill,” he added. “They all went and

In his 116th year at FHS, still serving as a driver’s education teacher, I have been very blessed at Farragut. Overall under Neyland, “It was a great experience,” Payne said. “I love Farragut, I greatly care for all the young victim’s Christian faith — as expressed in a wish — would end up saving young souls.

Baseball, football 1976-1998

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**KCHS ‘March for Life’ in D.C.**

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Nearly five dozen Knoxville Catholic High School students took their faith on the road and attended the national March for Life Saturday, Jan. 19, in Washington, D.C.

In all, 175 students, along with faculty and chaperones including Principal Bart Ba- nok, Father Michael Hendershott, Sister John Catherine, Sister Mara Rose and Sister of the Divine Missions seminarist Wojtek Sobczar were part of the trip, which has been an annual event for many years.

Most students already are members of the school’s “Irish Fighting for Life” club, which “believes in the beauty of each person and the value of life from conception to death,” Banok said.

The March was the Washington trip’s main event, but students also attended the Pro-Life Rally prior to the March and visited the St. Pope Paul John II Shrine, where “what a humble place,” Banok said with students from across the country, among oth- er-related activities.

“Students were constantly immersed with hundreds of people who also believe in the pro-life mission,” Sister Mara Rose said.

While other marches took place that weekend, includ- ing the Women’s March, KCHS students and representatives stayed the course.

The whole movement is something I really believe in because everyone’s life is important, no matter who it is in,” Desiree Run said. Overall, it was an amazing experience be- cause everyone that was there stuck together in our beliefs, even when there were people who didn’t agree with us.”

“It was amazing to see prob- ably a half million people all marching for something outside of themselves,” said Michael Ruggiero, who was attend- ing his first March.

“It’s my faith, and it’s my faith,” Emma Kollie said. “It was powerful and I learned that we must do it if everyone thinks.”

“This was a trip that was on the trip, and after last year I didn’t think I could sup- port this cause more of what I already did, but I was wrong,” Madison Kelley said. The March is eye-opening; it shows

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**From BHS to Middle East, then back home for Army retiree**

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After 20 years of serving his country in the military, retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Ralph Gresens “Tyke” Hillmer III has returned home.

“These days are behind me,” Hillmer said about his military service. “I’m happy to be back.”

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— January —
The Arts at Pellissippi State Community College welcomes world-renowned pianist Emil Karg¬
gles in concert beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 31, in Clay¬
ton Performing Arts Center on the Hardin Valley Campus, 9885 Hardin Valley Road. Concert is free and open to the public. To request accommodations for this event, call 865-531-2266 or e-mail asccommunication@tstc.edu.

February —
Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee is seeking volunteer drivers for its Volunteer Assisted Transpor¬
tation program. Volunteers will utilize agency-owned hybrid sedans while accompanying seniors or persons with disabilities to appointments, shopping and other errands. Training is provided. Those interested may contact Nancy Welch at 865-475-0091 or e-mail nancy.welch@cac-trans.org.

Internal Revenue Service and Town of Farragut will sponsor Volunteer Income Tax Assistance in Farragut Town Hall, 11409 Municipal Center Drive across the street from Farragut Branch Post Office, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Fridays, Feb. 1 through April 12, except for Feb. 14. Appointments are not nec¬

essary. Volunteers will complete and e-file IRA tax returns at no charge for lower income and se¬
nior taxpayers during scheduled hours. Taxpayers should bring federal tax packets, wage and earnings statements (Form W-2 from employers and Form 1099-MISC from clients), interest, divi¬
dends, capital gains, pension, IRA and Social Security statements (Form 1099), a list of items that might be considered for itemized deductions; support for other in¬
come and credits, and a copy of last year’s tax return. Taxpayers also should bring Social Security numbers and birth dates for all taxpayers and dependents who will be listed on the return. VITA also will be available at Westside Unitarian Universalist Church, 612 Pete Road, from 5 to 8 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Feb. 4 through April 11.

• The Harry Potter Film Con¬
cert Series returns to Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Citigroup with “Harry Potter and the Po¬
isoner of Azkaban in Concert,” the third film in the Harry Pot¬
ter series, Friday, Feb. 5, and Saturday, Feb. 2. Tickets are on sale via Ticketmaster.com.

• Workshop: Translating with David Broke, is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, to Historic Ramsey House, 1420 Thompson Pike, Knoxville. The goal is for everyone to leave with a completed candleholder.

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Special international honor for GM Eun Town family up to 21 degrees in blackbelts

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International Flair Jewelers was established in 1997. We are a Second Generation jeweler and owner jewelry from all over the world, providing a large array of designer jewelry that stands out from all the rest. We offer facials, waxing, makeup and tanning along with lashes. Come to us for the perfect Valentine’s gift or just to pamper yourself or that special someone. New specials:

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Grand Master Seong J. Eun, left, with wife, Yumee Eun, a third-degree blackbelt and instructor who displays her husband’s Kukkiwon World Headquarters certificate. Their son, James Eun, also is an instructor (fourth-degree).

Kat’s Lash Lounge

Kat’s Lash Lounge is your go-to solution for all your makeup and beauty desires. Operating out of Farragut, only minutes away from Knoxville, TN, Kat’s Lash Lounge has emerged as one of the most popular and respected eyelash extension and waxing studios in the area. We offer facials, waxing, makeup and tanning along with lashes. Come to us for the perfect Valentine’s gift or just to pamper yourself or that special someone.

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Known as the “go to person” by her peers, she is a founding agent at the Farragut Coldwell Banker Wallace & Wallace office. Besides her Broker’s license, dori also has e-Pro, GRI, CRS and ABR designations. dori has a wonderful understanding of her clients’ needs. Put her expertise to work for you!

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“I just wanted to help make sure other families would be able to have gas money and food,” she said.

“Within the last few weeks I’ve received more than $15,000 in donations over the years.”

She said it was too late, and she passed away.

“Her far-reaching selflessness also includes other volunteer roles at the hospital, along with working with the Special Olym-
pics and as a peer tutor as a fresh-
man and sophomore for students who have disabilities. As a result, Martin was honored by Optimist Club of Knoxville for her exten-
sive community service as one of 17 county-wide recipients of the Robert H. Leonard Service to Hu-
mankind Award.”

Martin and her parents, Mike and Kristen Martin, were told af-
ter her bone marrow transplant that the radiation treatment she
received made her more suscept-
tible to different types of cancer in the future. Unfortunately, that
was borne out when Martin re-
ceived a secondary cancer diag-
nosis of thyroid cancer in 2017; although as of Jan. 16 this year,
she was pronounced cancer free.
“When I was born, I was ‘Little Tyke,’” he recalled. “I’ve gone by Tyke my whole life. It just stuck.”

Hillmer had not planned on going into the military. He was introduced to Reserve Officer Training Corps at freshmen orientation at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina, where he majored in hospitality management.

“My parents said they would pay for me to go to school anywhere as long as I made a B average,” he recalled. In 2001, after serving four years, Hillmer already had an interview lined up with Sysco Foods, but “someone flew into the World Trade Center,” he recalled, so he decided to stay in the Army.

Since then, he has served in Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as at Fort Bragg. He was able to use his management skills in a quartermaster role as a division supply officer, handling logistics for supplies and materials and opening military bases.

In addition to serving during wartime, he also helped with recovery after Hurricane Katrina in the New Orleans area in 2005. Hillmer started his military career as a second lieutenant, but retired as a lieutenant colonel.

As his 20-year service date approached, he learned he was about to be deployed back to Iraq the next year — but Stacy gave him an ultimatum.

“You can go to Iraq, but you will come home to an empty house,” Hillmer recalled his wife telling him, so he retired.
Sewing Buddies giving back

13 women put their talent, love for sewing toward charity

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Y ears ago, when they all lived in Concord Hills subdivision, some women discovered they had something in common: a sewing machine. “Several of us in Concord Hills had sewing and embroidery machines and no longer had anyone at home to sew for,” Joan Pfrommer recalled, “so we decided to sew for charity.”

“That was in 1999, before any of us had grandchildren,” she added. “It was a great way to use our talent to provide comfort to those who are less fortunate or have an illness or traumatic event in their life.”

Except for one, all the women eventually moved out of Concord Hills— but the group stayed together, picking up new members. “There are currently 13 in the group,” Pfrommer said. “The gals come from Decatur, Lenoir City, Lenoir and Greenback.”

They call themselves “Sewing Buddies,” and about once every three weeks the women lug their sewing machines into their cars and drive to Pfrommer’s house in Copperstone subdivision just outside of Farragut. She stores the fabric at her house.

Member Jan Gangwer got involved after meeting a couple of the women at an heirloom sewing class at Gina’s Bernina Sewing Center about 13 years ago. “At that time everyone from the group was from the same neighborhood,” Gangwer said. “They had a lot of projects going and needed more sewists. I have been sewing since I was a teenager— a lot of fashion and precision sewing.”

“My specialty with the Sewing Buddies is doing whatever is needed,” she added. “I enjoy the camaraderie of the group, but most of all I enjoy making something for someone who may be going through a rough time, providing them with something beautiful we created for them. We all hope this adds a smile to their days.”

They’ll stay for the day, usually from 10 a.m. until 4 or 5 p.m., sewing and chatting— but they are serious about what they do. They always are looking for a need to fill and they have found plenty.

“We have been fortunate to be able to use our talents to make and distribute over 7,000 handmade items,” Pfrommer said. “Which provide love and comfort to those who are less fortunate or have an illness or traumatic event in their life.”

They’ve made more than two thousand Christmas stockings, nearly two thousand small blankets and quits, eight pillowcases and dozens more (all one thousand) gowns. They have sent blankets for soldiers being deployed and their families here, lap quilts for assisted living residents, totes for Katrina victims, stockings for nursing home residents, personalized blankets for dialysis patients, dresses for girls in the Philippines and Haiti and many other items.

“Our current projects are blankets, quits, gowns and Christmas stockings for UT Preemie ICU Nursery, Ronald McDonald House, a pediatrics group, Project Linus, Children’s Hospital, St. John Neumann School (which fills and distributes Christmas stockings) and dresses for girls in Jamaica,” Pfrommer said. “Among the 13 sewists, four to six show up on any given week. We all enjoy getting together, Pfrommer said. “We’ve made a lot of friends. We enjoy sewing and it gives us an opportunity to keep our skills going and make something for somebody specific. We have a different mix of people almost every time.”

The operation is big enough that some women cut and some sew. Sewing Buddies also sew together infant gowns and Christmas stockings, and stitch them along with blankets, pillowcases, dresses, crib sheets and many other items.

To spice things up, they’ve made some road trips to quilt shows in Pigeon Forge, Charleston, Atlanta and Orlando.
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Concord United Methodist Church hosted its Fifth Annual Mission Blitz Saturday through Monday, Jan. 19 through Jan. 21, with 841 volunteers working on 15 community projects, from rainy day litter pickup and bagging 30,000 pounds of sweet potatoes in a “crop drop” to packaging 41,000 “Operation In As Much” meals to be distributed throughout the region.

Volunteers also visited homebound elderly church members, performed various projects at Wesley House, worked at Knox Area Rescue Ministries Store in West Knox County, prayed over beds at a downtown Knoxville KARM mission and made 93 wheelchair and walker bags among its many activities.

Missions director Jane Currin spearheaded the entire operation, which the Rev. Larry Trotter, senior pastor, described as “being the hands and feet of Jesus.”
Late rally held off, Ads slip past Hardin Valley

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KNOXVILLE — Farragut High School’s girls basketball team got off to an inauspicious start Monday night in its game against District 4-AAA rival Hardin Valley Academy.

The Lady Ads missed their first five shots and actually trailed 7-0 before scoring their first two baskets, which is in rebuilding mode but came in having won consecutive games.

But Farragut would overcome its slow start to nab a 66-43 victory at FHS’s Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium Jan. 28. “This was a rally that got us going,” said Geron, who knew that I had to get my confidence back.

Torrance at Williams Blount. “We’re going to be better every day this sea- son. That’s why we’re making silly things.”

FHS led 27-24 at halftime. Parent and Knox County Tornadoes. All had reason to be joyful and all made significant contributions in the contest.

Brock scored a game-high 22 points and made 8-of-10 free throws over the final eight minutes. She was 11-for-12 from the charity stripe after halftime and converted 16-of-20 free throws over the final eight minutes. She was 11-for-12 from the charity stripe after halftime and converted 16-of-20 free throws over the final eight minutes.

Despite recent slide, Lady Lions have 5-0 run

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Putting aside a 66-49 home loss to The Kings Academy Friday night, Jan. 25 — the team’s third straight setback — Concord Christian School girls basketball fired up a five-game winning streak earlier this winter.

That is why Shane Mynatt, CCS Lady Lions head coach, was up beat Friday despite the loss.

“We’ve finally learned to play together as five ladies on the floor,” Mynatt said. “The last couple of games is it’s really been one or two ladies who have really carried us.

“One of those ladies, obviously, has been Ashleigh Penland,” the coach added about his junior guard and the team’s leading scorer. “She’s had the pressure to do everything.”

However, “Now we’ve got a little bit of action that happens on the top, the high post, and we’ve got kids that get the ball inside and then kick it back out,” Mynatt said. “We’ve got three ladies, including Ash- leigh, who can carry a lot of weight from the three-point line.

“We just try to do the inside-out, whether it be 2s or 3s,” he added.

Against TKA, Penland led the way with a team-high 21 points, including a trifecta of three-pointer shots. Caesar Phillips, a senior forward, added 12, followed by M. Allford scoring eight and Elizabeth Dawson six.

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“You always know what you’re getting with Webb. They’re a great and well-coached group, and they play hard. We really kept our composure. My teammates, they all did a good job tonight.”

Casy Collier and Catherine Bennett each scored 14 points for Webb (11-13, 5-4), and the free throw point guard was saddled with foul trouble most of the night. She fouled out with just 5:03 left in the game. Following coach Shelby Collier was unavailable for comment after the game.

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“I thought our guys played really hard tonight,” BHS head coach Shane Chambers said. “We got down by double digits but we fought back and we made it a ballgame. I’m really proud of our guys for battling hard.”

Senior Royce Jones Kennedy scored nine of his game-high 24 points over the final eight minutes, as the Barons out a point to lead 6-4 by Bob Knudsen’s final goal with 5.7 seconds to go. Dillon Atwell, Geron and Jude Wren knocked down foul shots thereafter to help FHS seal the win.

Atwell, a freshman guard, scored 10 points and made three 3-pointers. Freshman Campbell, senior guard, scored 12 points for the Barons while teammate Code Huff, a sophomore, ended with 10.

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An Alzheimer’s Update

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Dr. Crane is a fellowship-trained geriatric medicine physician who has been recognized as an expert in multidisciplinary dementia care regionally and in the Southeast. Her professional focus has been the clinical care, treatment and support for patients and families affected by Alzheimer’s disease and the related dementias.

She completed her undergraduate degree at Yale University and her medical school training at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. Dr. Crane completed her residency and fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During her fellowship, she was honored as a new investigator by the NIMH for her study of the behavioral symptoms due to Alzheimer’s disease. Dr. Crane was a founding member of the International Society for Frontotemporal Dementias. Dr. Crane has received numerous clinical and research awards in the areas of Alzheimer’s disease, geriatric depression, frontotemporal dementia and end-of-life care.

Dr. Crane is the founder and medical director of Genesis Neuroscience Clinic, a multidisciplinary memory disorders clinic. The clinic provides the latest evidence-based care for cognitive impairment and the neurodegenerative dementias. Since the clinic opened in 2017, Dr. Crane has been the PI for two major clinical trials in Alzheimer’s disease and frontotemporal dementia with partners in the Center for Biobehavioral Research at Provision Healthcare. This unique model of care incorporates support from local non-profits including Alzheimer’s Tennessee, Knox County Senior Services, the Purple Cities Alliance and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. The Genesis Neuroscience Clinic team has seen over 2,500 patients to date.

The second goal that she achieved was to develop an internship program to inspire the next generation of clinicians to pursue a career in geriatric dementia care. Prior to 2017, Dr. Crane was Director of Clinical Research as well as the Associate Director of Genesis Neuroscience Clinic. Dr. Crane is also an Assistant Professor of Medicine at UT-Knoxville Graduate School of Medicine. Dr. Crane has served on the Board of Directors at Alzheimer’s Tennessee since 2007. She has been a leader in the Outreach Workgroup for the Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging. Dr. Crane has been recognized as a leader by the East Tennessee community as an advocate of Leadership Knoxville and the Executive Women’s Association. Under her leadership, the Knoxville community started a frontotemporal dementia conference and a community-wide educational series with the goal of raising Alzheimer’s awareness.