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# Town’s ‘Intro’ Class of 2017



Photo submitted

Class of 2017 is the fifth to complete an “Introduction to Farragut” session. It wrapped up in early November “when all 14 participants completed the requirements of the program and attended the graduation dinner,” a Town press release stated. This year’s graduates, in no order, are Barbara Alfaras, Gerald “Jerry” Blossom, Michael Broyles, Susie Cataldi, Cindy Conti, Vickie Ellis, Lauri Figueroa, Chris Henderson, Suzanne Krygier, Jeff Pappas, Barbara Phipps, Debbie Pinchok, Ashley Shaffer and Robert Tait. The annual class, which begins in August and runs into November, “is a unique way for members of the community to connect with the Town. Participants learn about the Town’s history, government structure and operations, public safety, education and volunteer opportunities,” the press release further stated. “This year’s class completed volunteer hour requirements at Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding. More than 45 hours of time was donated by the class.” Sixty-one have graduated from the program since it began in 2013. Information about the next Introduction to Farragut session, including a program schedule and application, will be available at [townoffarragut.org/introduction](http://townoffarragut.org/introduction) in late spring.

## Inn

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“Alderman Markli, it’s our fault for not putting that scope of work in your packet,” Town administrator David Smoak said.

However, Pinchok said he remembered seeing the scope-of-work information at a previous meeting.

“Is there any harm in us waiting for the December meeting to approve this so we can have a contractor in front of us and all the information, program of services and everything?” Povlin asked.

“I think the major issue is we probably need to think about how long the Merit bid is good for,” Smoak said. “I think we are going to have some pre-[construction] meetings prior to the January date [for Notice to Proceed].”

“The only concern I think we would have is typically once a contract is awarded, there is an exchange of paperwork,” Town engineer Darryl Smith said. “It generally takes three to four weeks to get all

the paperwork completed.” If the contract is approved during BOMA’s Thursday, Dec. 14, meeting, it would allow only three weeks for completion of paperwork, he added.

Phase II “includes the demolition of the wings on either end of the building, installing custom brick to match the historic brick’s dimensions, as well as the demolition of the dairy barn out back,” Smith said. Phase I included repairs to the roof and asbestos abatement for the home, which dates back to 1835.

“We received two bids for this contract,” he said, adding the other base bid, from Hickory Construction Inc., was for \$1,464,930.

Additionally, the Board voted to authorize Smoak to approve a cumulative amount of change orders up to \$50,000. Smith said allowing the staff to approve the change orders could save time on the project.

“With a project like this, it’s very possible that waiting two to three weeks for Board approval for a change order could stop the progress of the project completely.”

# police reports

- At 11:34 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 14, a Foxford Drive complainant called Knox County Sheriff’s Office West Precinct to file a report on an incident along Foxford. He advised a handgun was taken from his 2017 Nissan Titan, which was unlocked. He advised no damage was done to gain entry. Estimated value of loss was listed at \$500.
  - At 7:05 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13, a Foxford Drive complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident along Foxford. Complainant said sometime between midnight and 7 p.m., her stepson, the victim, had his 2006 Toyota Sienna broken into with \$60 taken. She advised the vehicle was sitting outside in the driveway with the doors unlocked.
  - At 8:49 a.m., Nov. 13, a Treadway Drive complainant reported a trailer was stolen at College Hunks Moving, West End Avenue. Complainant said the trailer, which he was borrowing from his grandfather, was sitting at the back of the building where complainant works. Total value of loss was listed at \$1,200.
- At the time of this report there were no known suspects.
- At 2:08 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 12, a KCSO unit was dispatched to a vandalism of a street sign at the intersection of St. Andrews Drive and Valencia Drive. When the officer arrived he reported being met by the complainant, who advised he was a member of Fox Den Homeowners Association. Complainant said he did not know who had struck the sign or when it had occurred. Estimated value of damage was listed at \$500.
  - At 2:08 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, a Marble View Drive complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident along Outlet Drive. Complainant said three unknown suspects came into an unlisted business and took three bedroom comfort sets, with a listed value of \$500, without paying for them. Complainant said she didn’t get a good look at the suspects, who ran out of the store and got into a Nissan Altima, so she doesn’t have a good description. She said a trash bag covered the license plate.

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Pantry volunteer Gloria Purjet helps shopper Franky Lopez.

## Pantry draws 'thanks'

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A Hurricane Irma survivor was among dozens thankful to receive holiday meal assistance last week at Faith Lutheran Church.

Franky Lopez, who lives in Farragut with his wife and children, "shopped" for Thanksgiving staples at the church's Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry Thursday, Nov. 16.

While the church operates the Food Pantry year-round, it offers additional foods at both Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"This is a good program," said Lopez, who fled the Florida Keys with his family in September. "Since we came here, it has been nothing but great. We have been stunned how people have treated us; I can't put

it into words.

"We never had that [experience] in Florida," Lopez added about his family, which includes his wife, Yamira Suarez, son, Franky Lopez and step-daughter, Samantha Garcia. "We didn't want to go back."

Lopez, who found a job on his third try, heard about the pantry through Farragut Intermediate School, where his son attends.

Jan Darnell, Food Pantry Volunteer coordinator, said the schools "work with counselors, and social workers, and they give out certificates the families can use to come and get what they need. ... They can pick food they actually like," not being pre-packaged.

The pantry gave out 92 certificates by mid-November; "the highest it's ever been," Darnell said.

## Masterpiece

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project was not too far out of the way.

The transformation of the tree was bittersweet for the Frantzes, who resisted taking it down. It was already on the property when their Sailview home was built 30 years ago, and the couple estimate it is roughly 150 to 160 years old.

Jay Frantz said the tree had grown up around a barbed wire fence, which he was able to partially remove.

"It was the biggest tree on this hillside, which used to be a farm," he said. "At one time it was known as the kissing tree, because couples would come out here and park."

Time, age and the unknown eventually dictated the tree's removal.

"I was concerned about the safety of our home, and my own safety when I was outside," Jay Frantz said of the tree, which was situated about 30 feet from their house. "There were limbs that would fall [over time], and there was a hollow spot in the bottom of the tree, so we thought it might be rotting on the inside."

They had the tree cut in February, making sure enough was left for the carving.

"It was for sentimental reasons," Jay Frantz said. "We felt bad about cutting it down, and we wanted to



Michelle Hollenhead

The stump before it was transformed.

preserve it in some way."

They both agreed on the bear theme, and investigated a variety of designs before agreeing on the depiction.

The first individual they retained for the project "was more of a carver and not an artist, which is what we wanted," Jay Frantz said. "There is a difference."

Jay Frantz said he was "more than pleased" with the Dussias' work. "I'm impressed."

By the end of the first day the mama bear was visible at the crown

of the oversized stump, which ultimately gave way to the addition of three cubs and the bench.

It was all in a day or two's work for the Dussias, who take turns on the actual carving, giving each other periods of rest.

Projects start out as a block of wood, either free standing or, as in this case, still anchored in the ground. The couple uses a variety of marking tools, from log "crayons" to spray paint in sketching out general guidelines.

Large chainsaws begin the work, but gradually give way to smaller ones able to carve very specific and intricate details.

The projects themselves have a tendency to change, depending on the desired effects, along with the wood itself.

Zoe Dussia said in the case of the Frantz's tree, some internal cracking forced some workarounds, as did some unforeseen knotting.

"Wood carving is interesting and challenging," she added. "You are only taking away, not putting back. It is endless what you can do with wood."

By mid-week, the pair had finished the majestic carving, along with four miniature black bears — one for each of the Frantzes children.

"They were sad we had to cut the tree down, and this way they can all have a piece of it," Carol Franz said.

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It seems Thanksgiving really gets lost in the shuffle.

While we should be thankful every day for our blessings, big and small, the fact that one day has been formally set aside for reflection, contemplation and thankfulness should not go unacknowledged, or considered “just another day.”

Or worse, seen as the first shopping day of the Christmas season, now that stores have started opening late on Thanksgiving Day — if they close at all.

Many farragutpress staff members wanted to express thankfulness.

Advertising manager Sherry Long said she is “thankful for a wonderful husband who is an amazing caregiver and has helped me reach seven years cancer-free. We are now enjoying the fun of our first grandchild.”

“Family, football and turkey,” tops the list for account executive Peyton Hairston III.

Corporate accountant Carolyn Reid said she is “thankful that my son and his new wife were able to survive hurricane ‘Nate,’ and come home safely from their honeymoon cruise.”

Staff writer Tammy Cheek said she is “thankful for her health and still having my 17-year-old dachshund, Prissy.”

Account executive Laura Sayers said she is “so thankful I have a fabulous, healthy family and I finally got a pool this summer.

“Also ... the McRib is back, that is always special.”

“This season and everyday, I’m thankful for the many blessings God has given me,” said Linda Tirban, who oversees display advertising and the service directory. “A wonderful family, wonderful friends ... a wonderful life. And thankful that an

ordinary person like me has been blessed with extraordinary opportunities and experiences throughout my life.”

“I am thankful for a good job that is close to home, doing what I love, which is to write feature stories,” staff writer Michelle Hollenhead said. “I am also thankful for my family, especially my grandchildren, Blake and Bailey, and grateful that we are all in good health.”

Editor Alan Sloan said he is “thankful to God for my health, especially after a couple of things I recently went through. I’m thankful to God for two outstanding communities where I work, Farragut — plus the local schools — and where I reside, Madisonville.”

“Thankful to God for a professional and caring staff at farragutpress, and for the fellowship and Christian lessons I’m trying to learn — often slowly and unsuccessfully — from true people of God at First Baptist Church of Madisonville.”

Account executive Charlene Waggoner said she is “thankful for a wonderful community and family time during the holiday season.”

Graphic designer Cindy Wilfert expounded eloquently on the topic.

“I think that thankfulness is a crucial part of a happy, healthy life; not just during the holiday season, but all year round,” she said. “When your heart is full of gratefulness for the blessings you have been given, it is difficult to be upset over negative things or that which you lack.

“I must confess that I am at times guilty of forgetting to focus on thankfulness. So one thing that I am thankful for is a special time of year set aside to remind me,” she added. “I am also grateful for my family and friends, both those I interact with often and those I see just at the holidays. I am thankful for my

dog — my faithful companion who brings so much joy to my life. I am grateful for my health and the ability to enjoy the world around me.

“The truth is that I have countless blessings and could go on for pages if I tried to number any significant portion of them. But for me, the most important aspect of thankfulness is the One to whom I offer my thanks. I am most grateful for my savior, Jesus Christ, and for the hope and peace He offers. I thank God for all the blessings He has given me.”

Production manager Tony Christen said, “I have a lot to be thankful for and, like most, I am not always good at expressing it. I am truly thankful for my life.

“Having battled – and continuing to battle – a mental illness, depression, for several years, I am thankful for being alive, my family, my incredible wife, my colleagues and my friends,” he added. “To enjoy another holiday and all the little things that we take for granted everyday that mean so much: a hug, a sunrise, blue skies and the simplest pleasures that life has to offer.”

Circulation/receptionist Lori Timmis shared, “I am thankful for my husband and my family. I am also thankful for my new family members. My youngest son was married, so we have a new daughter-in-law; we have two new great-nephews; and my cousin’s grandchild is on the way. I am also thankful my oldest son landed a position as body weld engineer at Volkswagen in Chattanooga.

“I am thankful our Marine is in the U.S. as of now. I am thankful my family is happy and healthy, as we look forward to our journeys ahead of us in the new year,” she added.

*Happy Thanksgiving from all of us at farragutpress.*



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families, but will benefit Farragut High School as well. Farragut High School must maintain a minimum number of students so that it can continue to offer a wide variety of important programs to its students. Ms. Horn and Ms. Povlin are great representatives of the residents of Farragut.

Cox VP of TN Parks Assoc

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Lauren Cox, Farragut Special Events & Program coordinator, has been elected vice president of Tennessee Recreation Parks Association board of directors.

Elected in October, Cox will take office Nov. 28. “I’m very excited to be elected vice president of TRPA,” said said. “I’m very passionate about recreation.”

TRPA advocates for parks and recreation funding at federal, state and local levels. It also provides continuing education for parks and recreation staff across the state. The non-profit professional society has more than 1,400 members.

“... It’s getting to make a difference in recreation because that’s what I love. That’s what I want to do the rest of my life,” Cox said. “I feel like being the vice president, our small community, the Town of



Cox

Farragut, will have a larger voice in state recreation. I get to help make decisions on state recreation. I get to help lead recreators.

“If there are new trends in recreation, I’ll get that information first hand,” she added.

Wall

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factured’ stone, which is applied to the front of the retaining wall with a bonding agent mixed into the mortar,” Smith further stated. “... The wall itself is mini-

Light Park

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“We’re looking forward to having some good weather and having some fun,” Krempasky said. “With the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen in attendance and entertainment by area performers, this family-friendly event will set the holiday mood.”

The traditional throwing of the switch by Farragut Mayor Ralph McGill and special guest, Santa Claus, is the highlight.

“They will be asked to throw the

mum one-foot thick concrete with steel reinforcement, with a concrete and steel foundation several feet wide.

“These walls are typically designed with a high factor of safety, so it’s very unlikely there’s any structural issue.”

switch on 30-plus trees, garland pole wraps and other lighted decorations featuring over 50,000 glistening bulbs throughout the park,” Krempasky said.

Parking will be available across the street from the park, courtesy of Westgate Christian Fellowship. Knox County Sheriff’s Office will be on hand to assist those crossing Campbell Station Road.

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Santa Claus was on hand as Farragut Mayor Ralph McGill flipped the switch, lighting trees and poles to culminate last year’s annual Light the Park ceremony in Founders Park at Campbell Station. This year’s event returns to the park, scheduled from 5:30 to 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27.



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*Parking will be available across the street from the park, courtesy of Westgate Christian Fellowship.*



Tammy Cheek

Graham & Cook Insurance has changed hands and will be celebrating with a ribbon cutting from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at the agency, 11915 Kingston Pike, in the Click Funeral Home complex. The staff is made up of, front row from left, agents Lynn Hollingstworth and Mary Allen. Back row, from left, are agents and owners Derek Wright, Robert Scheffer and Mike Henry.

# New owner trio for Graham & Cook Insurance

**TAMMY CHEEK**  
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Insurance agents Derek Wright, Mike Henry and Robert Scheffer have teamed up as new owners of Graham & Cook Insurance, a third-generation agency. They will celebrate with a ribbon-cutting ceremony from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, at the agency, 11915 Kingston Pike, Farragut. "The purpose of the ribbon cutting is to thank our customers who have been here for all this time, to send off [previous owners] Tommy [Cook] and Chuck [Graham] and thank them for the legacy they built and introduce to the Town of Farragut and the community myself, Robert and Mike as the new owners and the new era of the agency," said Wright, a Farragut native and 1999 Farragut High School graduate. "This agency is 60 years old," he added. "It just changed hands about six months ago from the gen-

tlemen who owned it for 25 years. [This is] the third time the agency has switched over, so we are entering into a new generation." Graham & Cook Insurance is a Tennessee multi-lines, independent insurance agency that serves families, individuals and businesses throughout the East Tennessee region, he said. "Through integrity and experience we are actively dedicated to helping people find increased value and savings of insurance costs without exposure to the possibility of financial loss beyond means or interests," Wright added. The company carries insurance for automobile, homes, condos, apartments, boats, motorcycles, rental properties, businesses, commercial properties and life insurance, among others. Cook and Graham sold the agency to Wright, Scheffer and Henry on April 3. The former owners

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New owner

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had been with the agency for 35 years and 40 years respectively.

“They had purchased it from another gentleman 25 years ago,” Wright said.

Cook and Graham had “come to a point where they decided it was time to bring in new life, new energy to carry it to the next generation,” he added. “Insurance agencies are kind of unique in that your agency starts to mirror the agents that are here. Bringing in two new people might help bring in some new types of customers, maybe younger customers, and focus more on business insurance.

“We’re able to bring in a new segment of customers and some business insurance opportunities.”

The previous owners had not been focusing too much on business insurance, Wright added.

“They were doing everything they could handle at the time because this place is busy,” he said. “Tommy and Chuck had built such a great agency in size and scale and a healthy amount of premium, which literally means several thousand customers.

“When you have several thousand customers and two guys who have been doing [the job] for 40 years, it gets weary,” Wright added. “That’s where they approached me and Robert.”

Wright said Scheffer and he spent many years on the road covering East Tennessee.

The agency gave them an opportunity to “invest in their local community every day with their customers and businesses

through charitable community events and to experience building a business with equity,” he added. “To me, it was very attractive to invest both in ministry and professionally in my community.”

Henry, who had been with the agency for 21 years, also became a partner.

“Mike has produced and written about half the premiums that are in this agency and spent 21 years working hard to build the book, along with Tommy and Chuck,” Wright said. “Robert and I come from the company-side background.”

Wright spent 13 years working for two companies, Infinity and Safeco.

Scheffer spent 20 years working for Selective Insurance and Allied Insurance.

“We bring a perspective of the carrier side, so where this agency represents companies, mine and Robert’s job was to pro-

mote our products with our companies and the agency sell it,” Wright said. “So now, we step over to this side of the desk and we’re now in the sales chair, trying to sell insurance for the companies we represent.”

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“The principal of the agency is Matthew 7:12,” Wright said. “Our foundation is to treat people the way we want to be treated ... you really be their advocate.”

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Traditional harvest time might be over, but at least one ministry continues reaping year-round.

The Gleaning Network of the Society of St. Andrew's local chapter is gearing up for its big "Crop Drop" Saturday, Dec. 16, which will provide about 40,000 pounds worth of sweet potatoes for needy individuals and families throughout the region.

About 200 volunteers will bag up 10 pounds at a time at Concord United Methodist Church, where representatives from 17 counties will come and pick them up.

The sweet potatoes, grown in Fayetteville, have all been donated to the cause, said Mike Smith, Knoxville's Gleaning coordinator and long-time church member.

"Helping folks in need and knowing that people come and get fed, really makes your heart feel good," Smith said. "I just thank the good Lord that there are folks who are able to [help] do it."

He has been part of the ministry since 2008.

Smith said he was compelled to become involved when he saw a load of potatoes the size of a coal truck being dumped in a Nashville landfill.

"I asked someone about it, and they said it happened all the time," he recalled.

"A lot of times, farmers can't sell [all of their] potatoes. "They are [considered] not pretty or the wrong size.



File photo

Volunteers help bag sweet potatoes during last December's "Crop Drop" at Concord United Methodist Church. The Crop Drop is an annual event, sponsored by the Gleaning Network of the Society of St. Andrews, which this year will be held Thursday, Dec. 16.

"I just thought, no, we can't let that happen. There is enough food in this country that no one should be hungry."

The Gleaning Network program is national, and is operated by the Society of St. Andrews under the umbrella of the United Methodist Church. It was founded by two Methodist ministers in 1979 who had the idea that additional produce not utilized by farmers could be used in helping the hungry, based on the Bible verse Deuteronomy 24:19: "When you are harvesting in

your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands."

"[The ministry] is the best kept secret in the Methodist Church," Smith said.

While potatoes and seed potatoes are a large portion of what the Gleaning Network distributes — of the four Crop Drops annually, most consist of potatoes — there are many other offshoots, too. The

group also harvests fresh foods and produce from area farmers and programs. One farmer near Crossville provides roughly 10,000 pounds of green beans annually, allowing the ministry to take all they can from beans leftover from harvesting.

Just like the potatoes, Smith said the beans have to be a certain size and shape to be sold.

"Produce has to be perfect to sell it," he added. "And that makes sense to me. If bananas are brown,

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HVA play ‘The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe’ Dec. 1-3



Tammy Cheek

Hardin Valley Academy Theater Department's "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" begins at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Dec. 1-2, and 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, at the school. Performances are open to the public. Tickets, \$5 for students and \$7 for adults, available at the door.

(Left) Prominent cast members include, from left, Cole Lawrence as Peter, Loren Haas as Susan, Gigi Rossi as Lucy and Phoenix Catinella as Edmund.

Graduation  
Celebration  
changes set  
with FHS

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A small but dedicated group is working to make 2018 Farragut High School PTSO Graduation Celebration a night to remember for all the right reasons.

"In past years, the seniors have had to pay \$25 to \$50 for a ticket to attend in order to cover the location rental. This year, our goal is to cover the entire cost with donations and fundraisers," said Heather Benson, FHS PTSO 2018 Graduation Celebration Chairman.

Her daughter, Jade Benson, is among a group of FHS seniors/student ambassadors which also includes Marissa Van Leuven and Jackson Poindexter, who are helping with the effort.

"Although a wealthy area, not all students come from wealthy families and can afford to purchase a ticket to attend. Some have expressed to me dismay that they won't be able to attend due to the cost," said Heather Benson.

"There are already many extra costs their senior year — cap and gowns, graduation announcements, college application fees, etc.," she added. "I want all the seniors to be able to attend."

If the fund-raising is successful, the Graduation Celebration event will be free of charge for students wishing to attend.

Specifically designed to keep students from attending parties where drugs and alcohol may be present, the Celebration is a lock-in following graduation ceremonies, which will be held from 11:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. May 19-20, at Main Event.

The multi-activity site, which opened in West Knoxville earlier this year, offers laser tag, bowling lanes, a full arcade, billiards, a ropes course with zipline and music with a space for dancing.

Main Event also provides dinner and breakfast, Heather Benson said.

The event chair said it is her hope to raise \$30,000 — enough to cover cost of the venue and related activities.

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# Veterans Day at Morning Pointe



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Residents and associates at the Morning Pointe of Lenoir City campus welcomed Loudon County Honor Guard during a ceremony to recognize veterans residing at the assisted living and Alzheimer's memory care communities on Veterans Day, Saturday, Nov. 11. Veterans and Morning Pointe residents, from left in front, are Ben Lee, Earl Brackett and Don Overton. In back, from left, are John Houser, Loudon County Honor Guard chaplain, and Mike Schack, Liason officer.

# 10 Day Press Planner

- NOVEMBER**
  - The Salvation Army's annual Red Kettle Campaign has officially kicked off and will run through **Saturday, Dec. 23**. For more information, visit [salvationarmyusa.org/](http://salvationarmyusa.org/)
  - Episcopal Relief & Development is launching its annual Holiday Matching Gift Challenge now through **Dec. 31**. For more information, call 855-312-4325.
  - Knoxville Museum of Art and Tennessee Art Education Association will present East Tennessee Regional Student Art Exhibition **Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 14**. For more information, visit [knoxart.org/](http://knoxart.org/)
  - Town of Farragut is looking for carolers to help welcome the holiday season for "Light the Park," from **5:30 to 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27**, at Founders Park at Campbell Station. For more information, call Lauren Cox, 865-218-3372 or e-mail [lcx@townoffarragut.org](mailto:lcx@townoffarragut.org)
- DECEMBER**
  - Maggie Longmire will perform beginning at **8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30**, at Laurel Theater. Tickets are \$17. For more information, call 800-838-3006 ext. 1.
  - Recent works by Marie Merritt and Nelson Ziegler will be on display starting at **5:30 p.m., now through Nov. 30**, at Art Market Gallery.
  - Friends of the Library's 2017 Book Drive is underway until **Thursday, Nov. 30**. Drop off your book donations at any Knox County Public Library Branch or at Union Ave Books. For more information, call 865-215-8775. Or visit [knoxfriends.org/](http://knoxfriends.org/)
  - Nutcrackers collected over a span of 40 years currently are on display in Farragut Town Hall. The collection, which belongs to Beverley Hammond, Farragut Arts Council and Farragut Museum docent, includes a 100-year
- old nutcracker that was brought to America from Sweden by her mother-in-law. Collection on display through **December**. For more information, call 865-218-3372.
  - Cedar Bluff Elementary School Chess Club will host a Scholastic Chess Tournament starting at **8 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2**. Proceeds will benefit the CBES Chess Club. For more information, call 865-567-1153 or visit [reg4chess.com/](http://reg4chess.com/)
  - Trees Knoxville announced its 2017 Tree Give-Away, from **9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 2**, at Knoxville Botanical Garden. The giveaway is open to residents and businesses of Knoxville and Knox County. For more information, call 865-441-7752.
  - Maryville College Theatre department will hold auditions for "9 to 5: The Musical," from **1 to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2**, at Clayton Center for the Arts. For more information, call Chloe Kennedy,

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Take, for instance, Dr. John Galdun, who at age 59 joined the U.S. Naval Reserve and is now a lieutenant commander in the

Medical Corps. At the other end of the age spectrum is Will Harry, a senior in high school, who will build a storage shed at Town of Farragut's Outdoor Classroom, financing the project by selling chocolate bars and holding car washes.

The attitude to serve is one that is born out of a willingness to sacrifice.

There are numerous examples in The New Testament where the people of God were willing to sacrifice in their efforts to serve.

In Second Corinthians 8:1-5 we have the example of the churches in Macedonia that gave despite their deep poverty to aid their brethren in Judea during the time of a famine.

Within these verses, Paul writes, "For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability ... gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God."



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- Knoxville area Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lucinda Heatherly Detached Tent 3, will hold its meeting at starting at **2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2**, at Loudon County Visitors' Bureau. For more information, call 865-573-1116.
- Appalachian Ballet Company will perform The Nutcracker, with live music by Knoxville Symphony Orchestra, starting at **7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, and 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3**, in Knoxville Civic Auditorium. Performance at Clayton Center for the Arts in Maryville start at **7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, and 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9**. For tickets, visit [appalachianballet.com/](http://appalachianballet.com/)
- A reception for veterans will precede a presentation, "A Day of Infamy" by Frank Galbreith, detailing events leading up to the United States entering World War II. Presentation begins at **7 p.m.,**

- Monday, Dec. 4**, in Farragut Town Hall. For more information, call Lauren Cox, 865-218-3372.
- Goodwill will host its 2nd Ugly Sweater Workshop starting at **6 p.m., Tuesday, Dec 5**, at Ijams Nature Center. Cost is \$15 and includes a sweater and all decorations and instructions. To register call 865-588-8567 or visit [goodwillknoxville.org/](http://goodwillknoxville.org/)
- Jubilee Community Arts presents John Doyle starting at **8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8**, at Laurel Theater. Tickets are \$17. For more information, call 865-522-5851.
- Participants who complete the eight-hour AARP Smart Driving Program are eligible for a discount of up to 10 percent on their auto insurance. Program runs from **8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8**, in Farragut Town Hall. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. To register, call 865-218-3372 or visit [townoffarragut.org/register/](http://townoffarragut.org/register/)

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Tammy Cheek

Thomas Deakins, Farragut High School Education Foundation’s new president, talks to Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members during a Chamber networking hosted at FHS earlier this month.

# obituaries

Edwina Jane Woodruff of Knoxville, TN, passed away at home on Friday November 10, 2017, surrounded by her loving family and friends. Born November 25, 1933, she passed just shy of her 84th birthday. Edwina was born in Wichita, Kansas, and was a long-time resident of Lakewood, California before retiring from McDonald Douglas Aircraft and relocating to Knoxville, TN in 1997. Edwina worked for McDonald Douglas Aircraft for nearly 26 years where she served as a Senior

Military Buyer. One of her fondest memories was having the privilege of being a VIP guest on the maiden flight of the KC-10 Inflight Refueling Mission in the mid-’80’s. Edwina, who was known as “Ed” to family and friends, was known for her wit and wisdom. She was a lover of dogs and spent her last years with her companion “Cassie,” who was a rescue dog. She is survived by four sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren and will be laid to rest with her husband, Teddy

Jack Woodruff, at a date and time to be determined. She will be deeply missed by those who cared about her. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Humane Society of the TN Valley located at 6717 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919 or online at [www.humanesocietytennessee.com](http://www.humanesocietytennessee.com). Arrangements by Cremation Options, Inc. Contacts are 865-6WE-CARE [693-2273] and [www.cremationoptionsinc.com](http://www.cremationoptionsinc.com)

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## Alan Sloan

Valerie Privett is among the newest members of The Rotary Club of Farragut. Fred Martin is RCF past president and current chair of the club's Membership committee.

## 'Crop Drop'

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or tomatoes have black spots, you don't take them home. Then the stores just throw them away.

"A lot of food gets trashed if people like us don't go and get it."

One such example took place at the University of Tennessee earlier this year. As part of a five-year mulch study, the agriculture program grew 7,000 pepper plants.

"They just wanted to see how the mulch worked," Smith said. "They didn't need the peppers, so they asked if we wanted them."

“We got over 2,000 pounds of bell peppers!”

They shared them with local food pantries and shelters, as they do all throughout the year when they are able to get fresh foods and produce

from outside sources, such as Edible Arrangements and Sunshine Supermarket, among others. Organizations they help include Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries, the Love Kitchen, Ladies of Charity and FISH, Smith said.

Two gardens planted and maintained at Concord United Methodist are also a component of the ministry. One is specifically a community garden, where all foods grown are given away. The other allows folks to “adopt” a row to grow their own foods, and, in return, they are asked to contribute 10 percent back to the ministry — and contribute 10 hours worth of work to the garden’s upkeep.

The gardens have become a pet project of church members and even children in the church's preschool.

"We are trying to involve everyone we can," said Smith. "Especially the youth."

Although not much of a gardener before taking on this ministry, Smith said a master gardener class helped him tremendously, as has church gardeners Harry Tucker, Sherae Patterson, Allison Hannah, Ellen Lloyd, John Neal, John Randle, Gill Sallade and Bill Witt.

Janie Bitner and Marcia Lehman are both master gardeners who help extensively with the projects, too.

Smith gives all the thanks and praise to the Lord for the program's continuous bounty.

"If the garden is growing, it is because of Him," he said. "We are just little vessels who are just trying to help."

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Hungry shoppers were treated to a multitude of baked goods and sweet treats in addition to a savory chili lunch.

The fair was very successful, reported organizers, who expect it will become an annual event for the church.



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# One win from Cookeville

Irish hold off Oak Ridge in Q-finals

**KEN LAY**  
*Correspondent*

**OAK RIDGE** — Injured in the regular-season finale versus Lenoir City, Jack Sompayrac wasn't sure if he was going to lead Knoxville Catholic during its run in the Class 5A football playoffs.

He missed the opening round of the postseason before returning for the second round.

But Friday night, Nov. 17, Sompayrac, KCHS's senior quarterback, was a big reason why the Irish prevailed in a 37-28 state quarterfinal win versus Oak Ridge at Blankenship Field.

"I did everything I could to get back," said Sompayrac, who completed 14-of-21 pass attempts for 178 yards and was Catholic's leading rusher against the Wildcats, totting the ball 11 times for 63 yards.

The Irish move on to face Knoxville Central, on the road, in the state semifinals starting



Sompayrac

at 7 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24.

"Now, we get to practice on Thanksgiving Day and this feels great," said Sompayrac, who scored the game's first touchdown on a 7-yard run, on a fourth-down play, with 10:21 remaining in the first quarter.

The TD run was set up when D.J. Mitchell had a long return of the opening kickoff that set up the Irish on the Oak Ridge 16-yard line.

Kicker Paxton Robertson added the first of five extra points for a 7-0 Irish lead.

It was a game filled with turnovers and assorted miscues, especially early as Catholic [10-3] and the Wildcats both sputtered on offense.

Oak Ridge [10-3] featured an especially stingy defense on this night as the Wildcats surrendered just 335 yards of total offense to the Irish.

"Oak Ridge did some great things defensively," Catholic head coach Steve Matthews said. "They have a great defensive football team and coach [Joe] Gaddis does a great job over there. ... We were able to put 35 [offensive] points on them."

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# Late steal, FT save FHS



Alan Sloan

Dalton Webb, Farragut senior guard, tries to control the ball heading to the basket alongside teammate Trevion Moreno (33), a senior post, against Alcoa's defense.

**KEN LAY**  
*Correspondent*

Throughout last season the Farragut High School boys basketball team lost more than its share of close games.

But the Admirals were able to come up on the winning side of a nailbiter against Alcoa, with senior Chris Dalton the hero.

Dalton's free throw with two seconds remaining, after his steal and three-quarters-court drive to the basket to draw a foul, provided the winning margin.

Farragut's 74-73 victory over the Tornadoes came in front of a spirited crowd Thursday, Nov. 16, in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

The Admirals darted out to an early lead and looked poised to blow past the Tornadoes with a 15-point advantage early in the final quarter.

Alcoa, however, had other ideas. The Tornadoes never led after halftime but tied the game at 73-73 when Dante Harrison knocked down two foul shots with 1 minute, 45 seconds left.

Tied 73-all, Alcoa [1-1 after the loss] ran more than a minute off the clock, stalling for the final shot, before Dalton made a steal in the lane and was fouled finishing a fast-break lay-up attempt. He was awarded two free throws.

He missed the first but buried the second to give the Ads [2-0 after

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Alan Sloan

Joe Fluker, Knoxville Catholic senior runner, draws a host of Oak Ridge Wildcat defenders who attempt to make the tackle during this Class 5A state quarterfinal game Friday, Nov. 17.

# Lady Ads' 'smart, not smart,' fall short versus Alcoa 49-45

**KEN LAY**  
*Correspondent*

Farragut High School girls basketball head coach Jason Mayfield couldn't help but think his team let a win slip away Thursday, Nov. 16, in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

"We didn't play smart tonight," Mayfield said after his Lady Admirals dropped a 49-45 decision to Alcoa. "We won by three on Tuesday [Nov. 14 versus White County] and we played pretty smart."

"The difference between Tues-

day and tonight is that we were smart Tuesday. Tonight, we just weren't very smart.

"We were ahead by five and we let [Lady Tornadoes guard Destiny Haworth hit back-to-back 3-pointers]. We have to know where the 3-point shooters are. We have to do a better job recognizing that."

It was a game that was tightly contested.

Farragut had a 43-38 lead after sophomore wing Claire Wyatt grabbed an offensive rebound and buried the second-chance basket with 4 minutes, 10 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

After that, however, Haworth took over the game. Her long-range jumper with 3:06 left gave Alcoa [2-0 after the win] the lead for good.

Haworth scored 17 of her game-high 23 points after halftime.

"She hit some big-time shots for us tonight," Lady Tornadoes head coach David Baumann said. "She had a big second half for us."

"This game really could have gone either way, but Destiny really

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Irish  
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“This wasn’t a great game for us because we didn’t execute things on offense like we usually do,” he added. “But a lot of the credit for that has to go to Oak Ridge because they play such good defense.”

KCHS took a 14-0 lead when Joshua Brown scored on a 3-yard run. That touchdown was set up when Catholic recovered a fumble on the Wildcats’ 12-yard line.

Wildcat Jordan Graham came up with a dazzling kickoff return that placed ORHS at the Irish 28. Oak Ridge pulled to within 14-6 on a 13-yard touchdown pass from Johnny Stewart to Kai’Reese Pendergrass.

The Irish scored a pair of touchdowns in the third frame. Running back Joe Fluker rushed for a 12-yard score midway through the period. Catholic extended its advantage to 28-6 when Sompayrac connected with Cameron Blakely on a 36-yard scoring strike.

That touchdown was set up by an interception by Mitchell, who made life miserable for the Wildcats all night. He was a factor on special teams and made several key tackles. He also broke up multiple passes from Stewart.

However, a Stewart TD run followed by his 26-yard touchdown pass with 8:48 remaining in the game — plus a two-point conversion — cut the lead to 28-20.

Catholic picked up a safety when the Wildcats were called for holding in their end zone with 2:54 left.

Sompayrac found Dashon Bussell on a 27-yard scoring strike to make it 37-20 with 2:30 to play.

Nov. 3 proclaimed ‘Eddie Courtney Day’ in Knox County



Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett (**microphone**) visited Farragut High School’s Eddie Courtney Stadium/Bill Clabo Field to present a proclamation declaring Friday, Nov. 3, “Eddie Courtney Day” in Knox County, honoring the Admirals varsity football head coach (**holding proclamation**). Burchett honored Courtney prior to Farragut’s Class 6A first-round playoff home game against Cleveland Nov. 3. Courtney, also recognized as TSSAA Coach of the Year following the 2016 season, is joined by FHS principal Ryan Siebe, (**left**) and Donald Dodgen, Admirals athletic director.

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stepped up for us tonight.”

Haworth may have provided the bulk of the offensive punch Alcoa needed to capture a hard-earned early-season road victory on this night, but it was another player who contributed on the defensive end.

“[Brooke Christian] had 12 points for them in the second quarter and then we put Madison McClung on her,” Baumann said.

Farragut

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the second to give the Ads [2-0 after the win] the one-point lead.

Farragut would prevail when Alcoa’s last-second desperation shot, from three-quarters-court, went awry. Admirals players celebrated with their fans.

“This feels great,” Dalton said. “We were a little sloppy at the end of the game but this is just a great feeling.”

Farragut had a 62-47 lead after three quarters before the Tornadoes made their comeback.

Alcoa forced a handful of turnovers in the fourth quarter to help spark the rally.

“I told them after the game that as long as they came in here ready to work, that I would be fine with everything,” Jon Higgins, first-year FHS head coach, said. “They’re excited and I’m excited for them.”

“They came in here and they

“Madison did a tremendous job on her defensively in the second half and I don’t think she scored after she had that big second quarter.”

Christian, a junior guard/forward, did score two points after halftime. She was held without a field goal over the final 16 minutes of the contest — making a pair of free throws in the third stanza.

Christian led Farragut [1-1 after the loss] with 14 points. Her 12 in the second quarter helped the Lady Admirals take a 23-21 lead by

halftime

She led a balanced FHS scoring attack. Morgan Carbaugh added eight points and veteran post player Sydney Chapman had six points.

Wyatt, Bri Tookes and Madison Hodge each finished the game with five points.

Mayfield said he hopes his team’s first two games will serve as a learning experience as it attempts to bounce back from last year’s disappointing 12-

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### Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Christmas

Now through Jan. 4, 2018, in Dollywood Theme Park, 2700 Dollywood Parks Blvd., Pigeon Forge.

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Sevierville/Kodak, TN, Tennessee Smokies Baseball Stadium

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## Fantasy of Trees

Knoxville Convention Center

From 3 to 8 p.m., Thanksgiving Day; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon to 6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 23-26.

This 33rd annual event features sparkling holiday trees, decorations, gift shop, craft-making activities, gingerbread house decorating and visits with Santa. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 children ages 4 to 12, and free for children ages 3 and younger. Proceeds will benefit East Tennessee Children's Hospital. For more information, call 865-541-8441.

## Elf on the Shelf Adventure

Various businesses in and around Knoxville

A live Elf on the Shelf scavenger hunt runs from Friday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 7, with more than 20 Downtown Knoxville businesses and organizations participating, including the Knoxville Museum of Art, the Knoxville Visitor's Center, McGhee Tyson Library and the Museum of East Tennessee History.

Scavengers can pick up their free passes at any location listed at [www.downtownknoxville.org/holiday/elf/](http://www.downtownknoxville.org/holiday/elf/) to begin the journey.

Each location offers a "store stamp" for finding the Elf, and seekers collecting 20 or more stamps will be entered to win grand prizes of merchandise from participating businesses.

Free

## Holidays on Ice

Market Square

Friday, Nov. 24 through Sunday, Jan. 7

Square is transformed into an outdoor skating rink. Ice rink: \$10 adults,

\$7 for children ages 12 and younger

[http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/city\\_departments\\_offices/special\\_events/knoxvilles\\_holidays\\_on\\_ice](http://www.knoxvilletn.gov/government/city_departments_offices/special_events/knoxvilles_holidays_on_ice)



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From 5:30 to 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 27.

Sponsored by Shop Farragut and the Town of Farragut, the event brings the Board of Mayor and Aldermen and other town officials together to welcome the season. The highlight of the evening is when Mayor Ralph McGill and "a special guest dressed in a red suit" will officially light up the park's wonderland of lighted trees and holiday décor featuring more than 50,000 twinkling lights throughout the park. Parking will be available across the street at Westgate Christian Fellowship, and the Knoxville Sheriff's Department will be on hand to assist revelers crossing Campbell Station Road.

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## Christmas in the City

Downtown Knoxville

From 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Nov. 24, at Market Square. Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero will switch on the lights during a Regal Celebration of Lights, which begins 6 p.m. on Market Square and in Krutch Park and Krutch Park Extension. WDVX Holiday Ho Hoe Hoedown will begin at 6:30 p.m., with live holiday vocal performances.

Christmas in the City continues with a downtown parade beginning at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, on Gay Street; Christmas in Chilhowee from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8, at Chilhowee Park and Exposition Center off Magnolia Avenue; and Tour de Lights, Dec. 15, when bicycle enthusiasts decorate their rides and tour the town starting at Market Square.

Free

## Christmas Lantern Express Train Ride

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## Gingerbread Week Story Time

Smart Toys and Books, 9700 Kingston Pike, 865-394-6060

Starting at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Nov. 29, and Thursday, Nov. 30.

Free

## Evening with Santa

Lenoir City Central Park, 313 E. Broadway St.

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30

Big screen movie, crafts, refreshments, a visit with Santa and more

Free

## WVKK Christmas Parade

Downtown Knoxville, Gay Street

Starts at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1.

Parade route: Church Ave. to Gay St., to Jackson Ave., ending in the Old City past Barley's.

Free

## Gatlinburg's 41st Annual Fantasy of Lights Christmas Parade

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### Holiday on the Square



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### *Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Reception*

Secret City Commemorative Walk, Oak Ridge  
Begins at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1.

Annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony and reception, sponsored by Oak Ridge Woman's Club and Oak Ridge Recreation and Parks Department.

Event will offer seasonal music and entertainment following the tree lighting.  
Light refreshments will be served.  
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### *4th Annual Rocky Hill Christmas Festival*

Rocky Hill Center, Northshore Drive  
Starts at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2

Parade begins at 6 p.m.; onsite vendors from 4 to 8 p.m.; Christmas Tree Lighting from 6:30 to 7 p.m.; Light the tree with Rocky Hill Baptist Church Choir.

Christmas Vendors from 7 to 8 p.m. Visit [www.rockyhillchristmasparade.com](http://www.rockyhillchristmasparade.com) for more details.

Free

### *Seriverville's 55th Annual Christmas Parade*

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2.

Best viewed at Forks of the River Parkway and Court Ave.

Free

### *The Nutcracker by the Appalachian Ballet Company*

Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Clayton Center for the Arts

Begins at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, and Friday, Dec. 8. Begins at --- p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, and Saturday, Dec. 9, at both Knoxville Civic Auditorium and Clayton Center for the Arts. Prices from \$25 to \$45; see websites for more details.



# HOLIDAY EVENT LISTING

## Portraits with Santa

Smart Toys and Books, 9700 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922, 865-394-6060  
From 1 to 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3.  
\$10 sitting fee, must register ahead of time.

## Santa for Special Needs

West Town Mall, Knoxville  
Sunday, Dec. 3.  
Children with special needs can visit Santa in a subdued and welcoming environment. Please check [www.simon.com](http://www.simon.com) for details.  
Free

## Nutcracker on Ice

Ice Chalet, 100 Lebanon Street, Knoxville  
Begins at 7 p.m. daily, Tuesday, Dec. 5, through Saturday, Dec. 9, with an extra show at starting at 2 p.m., Dec. 9.  
Tickets range from \$15 to \$35

## Celebrate the Season

Farragut Town Hall  
From 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7.  
Photos with Santa, cooking decorating, crafts and more.  
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## Lenoir City Christmas Parade

Downtown Lenoir City, TN  
Starting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7.  
Parade route: downtown Broadway from C Street to Pike Street  
Free

## Pictures with UT Santa

Foothills Mall, Maryville  
From 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.  
Price depends on the photo package. Children can come dressed in orange to support the Tennessee Volunteers — Santa will be dressed in UT colors.

## Chilhowee Park Drive-Thru Light Tours Kick-off

From 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Dec. 8.  
Lighting of the tree, live music, visits with Santa, train ride, building gingerbread houses and more  
Light tours continue nightly through Dec. 31.  
Free

## Christmas in the Cave

Cherokee Caverns, 8524 Oak Ridge Highway, Knoxville, TN 37931  
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from 3 to 8 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 9; Monday, Dec. 10; Saturday, Dec. 16, and Sunday, Dec. 17.  
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# HOLIDAY EVENT LISTING

## Jingle Bell Run/Walk

World's Fair Park

Begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

Participants are encouraged to dress in holiday garb to help raise funds for the Arthritis Foundation. The Santa Chase, a short run for kids who try to "catch" Santa will be at 9:30 a.m.

See website for pricing and different race options.

## Breakfast with Santa

Concord United Methodist Church, 11020 Roane Dr., Knoxville, TN 37934, 865-966-8430

From 8 to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9.

## Breakfast with Santa

First Farragut United Methodist Church, 12733 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37934, 865-966-8430

From 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 9.

Cost is \$10 per family; pre-register at [ffumc.org](http://ffumc.org)

## East Tennessee History Center Holiday Open House

East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9.

Free

## Oak Ridge Christmas Parade

Begins at 6 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Corporate Center, 151 Lafayette Dr.  
Free

## Movie: "It's a Wonderful Life"

Tennessee Theater, 604 S. Gay St., downtown Knoxville

Free showings of the classic film starting at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10; doors will open one hour prior to each showing. Tickets will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

## The Nativity Pageant of Knoxville

Knoxville Civic Coliseum, 500 Howard Baker Ave.

Beginning at 3 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10-11, and starting at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 11.

FREE, no ticket needed.

## Smokies Santa Hustle 5K and Half Marathon

Sevierville, The Wilderness at the Smokies (start and finish line)

1424 Old Knoxville Highway, Sevierville

Begins at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 10.

See website for pricing and registration.

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The Cove at Concord Park, 11808 South Northshore Drive  
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Friday, Dec. 15, through Saturday, Dec. 30.  
Park lights up nightly on a ¾-mile loop. See website for details.  
Free

## Santa's Village at the Knoxville Zoo

3500 Knoxville Zoo Drive,  
From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., daily, Thursday, Dec. 14, through Sunday, Dec. 17.  
Free with regular zoo admission ticket; holiday crafts and activities as well as a  
visit with Santa. Zoo members will also receive a special gift.

## Knoxville Symphony Orchestra's 30th Annual Clayton Holiday Concert

Knoxville Civic Auditorium  
Begins at 7:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 15; 3 and 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 16, and at 3  
p.m., Sunday, Dec. 17.  
The KSO performs a number of favorite holiday tunes. Check the website for  
ticket pricing.

## 10th Annual Tour de Lights

Market Square  
Begins at 7 p.m. [judging begins at 6 p.m.], Friday, Dec. 15.  
Riders are encouraged to decorate their bicycles, and themselves, for a casual  
downtown ride. All ages and skill levels welcome, but participants must wear a  
helmet and headlight.  
Free

## The Nutcracker by the Moscow Ballet

Tennessee Theater  
Begins at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 19.  
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# 18 ideas for making holiday memories

Counting down to Christmas Day means many different things to people across the globe. Although families likely have several different traditions they anticipate each year, it can be fun to incorporate some new merrymakers into the festivities. Here are some festive ideas to include in the days leading up to Christmas — a special family calendar of fun finds.

- 1 Annual memento**  
Have the kids or adults make one new handmade ornament each year. This way the tree is always evolving, and everyone can track milestones.
- 2 Cookie day**  
Devote one day to making Christmas cookies. Invite friends or family members over. Distribute some cookies to elderly neighbors.
- 3 Holiday classic**  
Spend a night in and watch a classic Christmas flick you've never seen before. Streaming movie services often put classics and obscure titles into rotation during the holiday season.
- 4 Christmas concert**  
Host a gathering of children where they can sing or perform their favorite tunes for an audience. Take it on the road to a nearby nursing home.
- 5 Dine out**  
Take a break from cooking, shopping and hosting and stop into a restaurant you've been meaning to try. Keep it local to support nearby businesses.
- 6 Adopt a child/family**  
Volunteer with a charitable organization that provides for less fortunate families. Answer the Christmas desires of a needy child or family by purchasing an item on their wish lists.

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## Memories

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### 7 See the sights

Pack the children into the family car to tour nearby areas and look at Christmas lights displays. Bring along cookies and hot chocolate.

### 8 Trim a tree

Get together with adult friends at a tree-trimming party. Rotate the hosting house each year.

### 9 Play dress-up

A gentleman can dress up as the man in red and pop into a friend's holiday gathering.

### 10 Wilderness walk

Enjoy the crisp air and snow and see a local park from a winter perspective.

### 11 Acts of kindness

Choose any act of kindness and make it happen this Christmas. It can include feeding the hungry or helping a disabled person shop for the season.

### 12 Kids' Secret Santa

Spread the joy of giving by having the kids choose a sibling or friend's name from a hat and purchasing or making a gift for that person.

### 13 Hand out hot chocolate

Make a big thermos of hot chocolate and give it out to shoppers or workers who have been out in the cold.

### 14 Read religious stories

Understand the true meaning of the season by reading Biblical passages.

### 15 Camp-in

The first night the tree is decorated, allow the kids to sleep beside it under the glow of Christmas lights.

### 16 Scavenger hunt

Plan holiday-themed trivia questions and hide small trinkets for children to find.

### 17 Surprise box

Put a gender and age non-specific gift into a box. On Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, the person who finds a hidden gift tag under their chair at dinner gets to open the box.

### 18 Family portrait

Wear your holiday finery and pose for a portrait that actually will be printed and framed.

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## Safety

From page 2

“Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.

“Always be more careful, prepared, and aware during the holiday season.

“Pay for purchases with a credit card or check instead of carrying large amounts of cash,” Tramel said. “If you must carry cash, keep it in your front pocket.

“Be careful what you post online.

Don’t alert others that you aren’t home while you’re out shopping.

“Use the buddy system and shop with a friend,” Tramel said. “You’re more likely to become a target if you’re alone.

“Consolidate packages so you’re a less desirable target for criminals looking to steal your belongings.

“Wear your purse across the body to keep your hands free for your keys when heading to your vehicle and into your home.

“Be just as vigilant about your surroundings during the daylight hours,” Tramel said. “A crime can occur at any time.

“Stay alert while walking to your vehicle,” he said. “Talking or texting on your phone or looking in your purse for your keys while walking is a distraction and makes you an easy target.

“Check the back seat for potential criminals before getting in your car,” Tramel said. “Carry your keys in your

hand while you’re walking toward your vehicle and pick a parking space that’s easy to back out of so that you can leave the parking lot quickly.

“Ask to have your packages delivered. Though this costs extra, you won’t have to deal with the hassle of carrying your purchases to the car and then unloading them when you get home,” Tramel said. “Women carrying a lot of packages are often targets for criminals because such shoppers are distracted and not as mobile.

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## Faith Lutheran Church Cookie Walk and Craft Fair.



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Olivia Parrott, left, chooses a cookie while Scarlett and Janie Parrott gaze over the selection during last year's Faith Lutheran Church Cookie Walk and Craft Fair. The church will once again hold its annual Cookie Walk and Crafts Fair. This year's event will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 2, in the church at 225 Jamestowne Blvd, Farragut. Attendees can walk around a table laden with homemade holiday cookies, baked by church members, and shop for Christmas gifts at local crafters' booths filled with handmade crafts.



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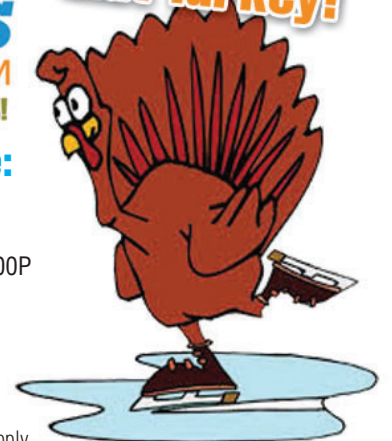
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### **A CANDLELIGHT TOUR & DINNER**

*in the beautifully decorated, 1797 historic home of Francis and Peggy Alexander Ramsey  
Cost is \$125 per person; \$100 of that is tax deductible -  
All proceeds go to benefit Ramsey House.  
December 1, 2017 at 6pm*



### **CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP**

*'Tis the Season and no proper door should be without a fresh green wreath.*

Julia Shiflett and her Merry Band of Wreath Elves are ready to help you dress your front door or window with your very own natural greens wreath! We provide the Christmas treats and all the greens and fixin's you will need for your project including a beautiful bow. All you need is a pair of garden gloves and a small pair of garden shears. **Don't wait until the last minute! Call for your reservation before the class is full at 865-546-0745 Class fee is \$35  
December 9th at 12:30pm**



### **HISTORIC RAMSEY HOUSE ANNUAL CANDLELIGHT TOUR**

Start your holiday with a warm glow! Santa Clause, Children's Choir, Reading of "*'Twas the Night Before Christmas*", holiday refreshments and a 1797 home with costumed docents, decorated in natural greens, and glowing with warm candlelight. Please come and join us for a look into Christmas past! ***This all takes place at Historic Ramsey House, 2614 Thorn Grove Pike on Sunday December 10, from 6pm to 8pm.*** *There is no charge, donations are gratefully accepted.*



### **Volunteers Needed**

Historic Ramsey House is always looking for volunteers to help with upcoming special events, school tours, and tours for the general public. If you are interested in being a part of this great historic site and the exciting changes that we have coming in the future, please contact Linda at [linda@ramseyhouse.org](mailto:linda@ramseyhouse.org) or 865-546-0745.

*For more information on Events at the Historic Ramsey House,  
call 865-546-0745 or go to [www.ramseyhouse.org](http://www.ramseyhouse.org)*