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Town Presbyterian churches eager for security seminar

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At least two Farragut churches will be attending this weekend's Church Security Seminar being offered by Knox County Sheriff's Office in response to recent mass shootings.

Christ Covenant Presbyterian Church and Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church have both

confirmed they will be sending representatives to the event, which will be held from 9 a.m. to around noon, Saturday, Dec. 2, at Temple Baptist Church chapel in Powell.

The seminar is geared specifically for church pastors and their security teams, if applicable.

Seth Hammond, Christ Covenant senior pastor, said Monday his church already has a police officer who patrols the premises dur-

ing church services and also has a church safety plan in place for children who attend.

He said several church members are attending Saturday's seminar.

"We don't have a specific plan in place for the adults," Hammond said. "That is something we will be working on."

KCSO's training unit will help lead the seminar, offering specific directives and advice on conducting

threat assessments and addressing active threats, according to the KCSO web site.

Clarence Sexton, Temple Baptist Church pastor, said at a press conference announcing the event he was "delighted that the Sheriff's Office was doing something like this."

"We think, 'Could this happen?'" the pastor added. "We think 'never,' but anywhere it could happen."

The seminar will address the best

use of a church's resources, and how to prepare its key church members for any potentially violent or threatening situation.

"This will help churches that have security teams, or if a church is even thinking about having a security team," Sheriff Jimmy "J.J." Jones said at the press conference. "It is also good for churches that

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Delfis goes 'free' on Thanksgiving



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Ignacio Martinez had a lot to be thankful for last week, and showed his gratitude in a grand way.

The owner of Don Delfis Pancake House in Farragut opened his doors on Thanksgiving, and served traditional turkey and ham meals free of charge.

Martinez, whose business has been open along West End Avenue for nearly a year, said he wanted to "give something back" to his customers.

"I've got to show appreciation to my customers, and show them I am here for them," he said of the luncheon, which he served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. "When the community gives you something, you give back."

Martinez placed a sign outside the restaurant, advertising the upcoming free feast, and word of mouth also brought in customers who were delighted with the gesture, as nearly 100 had visited the restaurant within the first two hours.

"He is so thoughtful to be giving back like this," said Nellie DeBruycker, who was dining with her daughter, Connie DeBruycker.

"It is very unusual — you don't hear of it."

"I have never heard of a restaurant actually doing that," agreed Bobbi Strote, who had Thanksgiving lunch with her husband and son.

Bobbi said she and her husband, Dale Strote, are regular customers of the eatery, and she was amazed at Martinez's generosity.

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Photos by Michelle Hollenhead
(Top) Ignacio Martinez, owner of Don Delfis Pancake House along West End Avenue in Farragut, relaxed while his staff fed customers free of charge [excluding drinks] on Thanksgiving Day, as the sign (above) makes clear.



Light the Park



Photos by Tammy Cheek

Enjoying Light the Park festivities in Founder's Park at Campbell Station Monday night, Nov. 27, were (above) Heidi Hill, 3; (Top right) Megan Keck, 5, and little sister, Madi, 3, and (right) Brianna Guthrie, 8.

(See more photos in West Side Faces, page 7B)

Charlene Waggoner, account executive, is newest addition to farragutpress family

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As the newest account executive at farragutpress, Charlene Waggoner said her focus "is to help local businesses reach their full potential and then some."

"I have been working in newspaper advertising for the past seven years," added Waggoner, who began her duties at farragutpress Monday, Nov. 6. "Customer service and get-

ting to know my clients is essential in making sure that their advertising dollars are spent in ways that will not only help now, but to lay a solid foundation for their future business.

"I am truly excited and grateful for this new opportunity," she added. "So far it seems to be the perfect blend of new and old clients, familiar print and web options for marketing combined with new focus sections and the radio options, which help

me to serve my clients effectively."

"We're really pleased to have Charlene join our advertising department," said Tony Cox, publisher and Republic Newspapers, Inc., president [par-



Waggoner

ent company of farragutpress]. "She brings with her a wealth of experience that will be of great benefit to our customers."

"The advertising team is excited to have Charlene join us," Sherry Long, advertising manager, said. "Charlene is a seasoned advertising rep who knows the accounts in her territory and has sold newspaper print options."

"She now has radio options to offer her customer base as well as

web options," Long added.

Waggoner and husband, Tony, live in Lenoir City with sons, Peyton and Preston. "We moved from northern Indiana 7 years ago where I had been employed in the IT department of a school corporation doing staff development, grade book support, integration of technology into the classroom and the basic updates and software installs," she said. "We love living in the beautiful state of Tennessee, enjoying the seasons."



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police reports

• At 2:25 a.m., Monday, Nov. 20, Knox County Sheriff's Officers responded to a call from Pilot, 701 N Campbell Station Road, reporting a theft. Complainant said an unknown suspect purchased \$1,500 worth of gift cards. The unknown suspect gave the complainant \$1,440. Complainant said he told the suspect it was not the right amount. Suspect then put that amount of cash back into his pocket and proceeded to give complainant another amount of cash. Complainant said he thought it was the right amount of money at first, but after suspect left the complainant recounted the money he was given and said it was only \$740 — \$768.17 short.

• At 4:40 p.m., Nov. 20, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident at 917 McFee Road. He advised between Friday, Nov. 17, and just before time of the report, an unknown suspect vandalized McFee Park with a vehicle. He said the unknown suspect did doughnuts in the grass and soccer field and also did burnouts on the sidewalk and splash pad. Estimated

value of damage was listed at \$900.

• At 5:57 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 19, a Tiger Way complainant/victim called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident at Mayor Bob Leonard Park, 301 N. Watt Road. Victim advised between 5:30 p.m. that day and just before the call, an unknown suspect broke into her 2014 Chevrolet Equinox and stole her purse. She advised the vehicle was sitting in the parking lot with doors locked. Suspect gained entry by busting out the back passenger side window. Total value of loss was listed at \$60. Victim was advised to call back with the last four numbers of the stolen credit and debit card.

• At 5:25 p.m., Nov. 19, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an incident at 11221 Outlet Drive at the At Home store. Complainant advised between 5:15 and 5:25 p.m. an unknown suspect came into the store and took four boxes of Christmas lights without paying for them. Complainant advised she didn't get a good look at the suspect or her vehicle. Total value of loss was listed at \$60.

• At 8:10 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 18, KCSO units responded to Sam & Andy's, 11110 Kingston Pike, following a report of two males running away from the business after glass was heard breaking. Victim/owner said that while he was in the back of the business prepping food, two black males broke the front glass window using a landscaping rock. Victim then said the two males entered the business and stole money from the cash register. Victim said he grabbed his firearm and attempted to chase the suspects as they were running out of the business. Victim said the two males never spoke to nor threatened him. A witness/complainant said he saw the two males running from the business but was unable to give any description. A property co-owner said \$10,000 in cash, an unknown amount of customer checks, his S&W .40 Caliber handgun and a Samsonite Soft-Side briefcase were stolen. Victim said the broken glass window was valued around \$4,000. Total value of loss was listed at \$14,525.

'Day of Infamy' set



File photo

Frank Galbraith, retired Farragut Middle School history teacher, will once again detail the events leading up to World War II during the annual Town of Farragut-sponsored presentation, "A Day of Infamy," which is free of charge and open to the public. It is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4, in Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive. Veterans can enjoy light refreshments and tour Farragut Museum during a reception, which starts at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Lauren Cox, Special Events and Program coordinator, at 865-217-3372, or e-mail lcx@townoffarragut.org

correction

• A page 1A story and headline in our Nov. 23 issue incorrectly stated Campbell Station Inn renovation budget was \$8,594,301. This amount is Town of Farragut's entire appropriated budget expenditure for all projects. We re-

gret the error.


• The cutline for a photo with the story "Concord United Methodist Church ready for Crop Drop," Nov. 23 issue page 1B, stated the wrong day of the week for the next drop, which was correctly identi-

fied in the story as Saturday, Dec 16. We regret the error.

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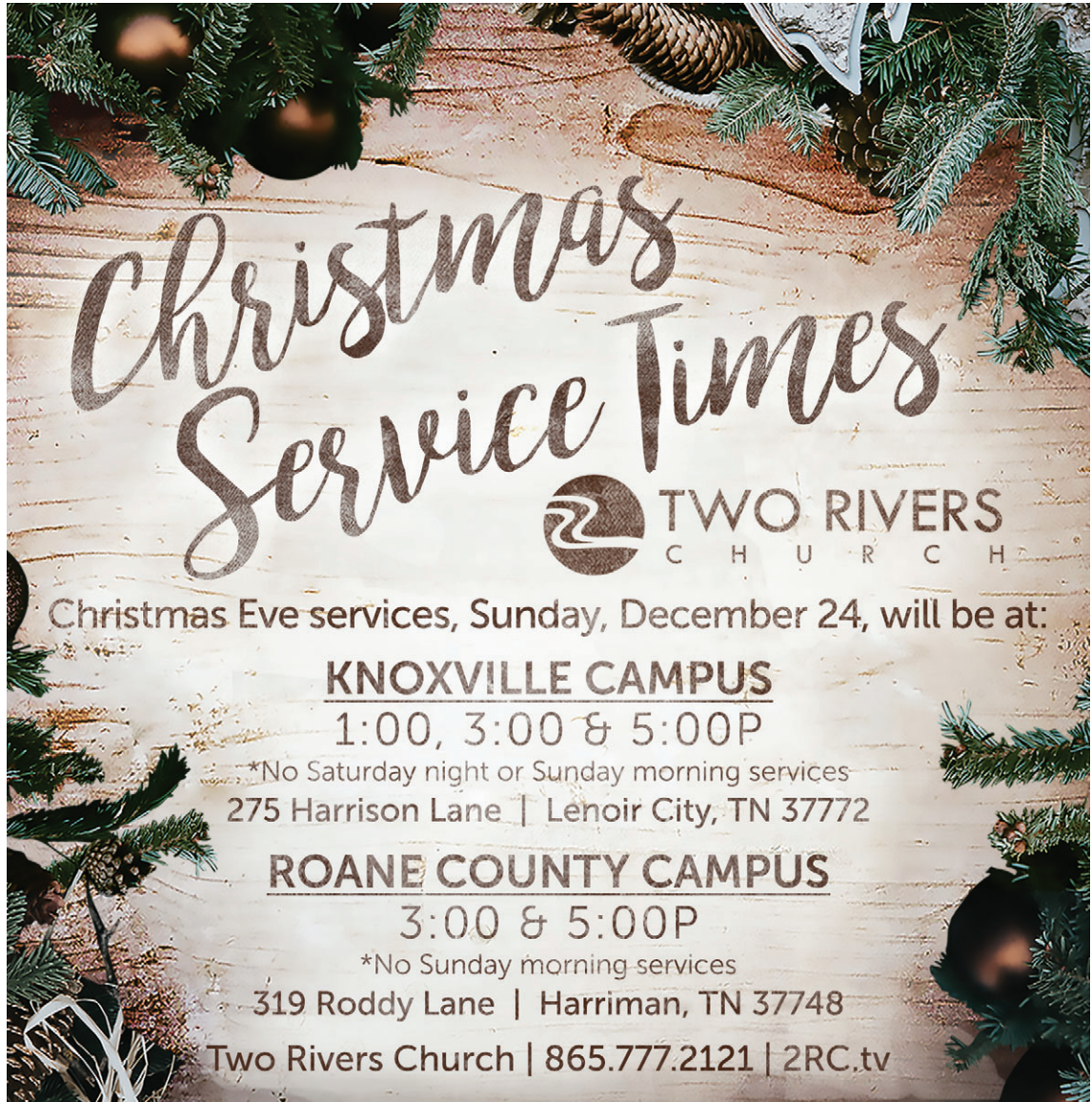
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Town Hall is prepared for ‘Celebrate the Season’ Dec. 7



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Aurelie Parker, 7 months, met Santa Claus for the first time during last year’s Celebrate the Season. Aurelie is the daughter of Taylor Parker of Athens. This year’s 24th Annual Celebrate the Season, presented by Farragut Beautification Committee, will take place from 4:30 to 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, in Farragut Town Hall. The community is invited to enjoy holiday decorations, sample treats and enjoy in numerous activities, such as cookie decorating, crafts, museum tours and performances. Families may sign up for photos with Santa from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Photos are taken with a digital camera and will be available for purchase after the event on a designated photo website. Musical entertainment includes Farragut High School Madrigal Singers, Farragut Middle School Chorus and Bearden United Methodist Church Children’s Bell Choir.



Farragut’s former “First Lady” Marie Leonard, left, widow of the late Mayor Bob Leonard, recently was joined by Gerry Gennoe — both members of the Town Beautification Committee — to decorate the Town Hall boardroom Christmas tree.

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Don Delfis Pancake House customers were treated to free Thanksgiving meals last week, thanks to owner Ignacio Martinez’s own thankfulness for his clientele. Many diners were regular customers such as Jo Ann Ross, standing, Connie DeBruycker, left, and her mother, Nellie DeBruycker.

Delfis

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“He is really thinking about the real reason behind Thanksgiving, and is bringing people together for just the right reasons,” she said.

Don Delfis has had very steady business since opening last December, serving primarily a breakfast menu heavy on skillet meals, omelets and, of course, pancakes.

“I try to serve whatever people like to eat,” Martinez said. “It is always the customer who has the last word.”

He said the pancake house concept seemed to be a good one for the Farragut area, as his only local competition is Cracker Barrel, First Watch and IHOP.

“Now I have customers who have stopped going to those places,” he said.

Martinez, who immigrated to the United States from Mexico in 1979, said all the recipes are his own, honed from years spent working in Greek restaurants.

He left that business in 2002 and

started working as an independent contractor with FedEx. But he did not lose a yearning to open his own restaurant.

“It was always my dream to have a little place,” Martinez said.

He finally saw an opportunity to do just that after a friend told him the Knoxville area is “a great place to open a restaurant.” Even though he lived in Indiana, Martinez took the suggestion to heart, and began scouting out options.

Martinez said he chose to open a restaurant some distance from Indiana “because I would be competing with someone I know.”

He said he chose the West End location partly because it was set back from Knoxville’s main thoroughfare and had a traffic light just down from the restaurant.

“I saw more places on Kingston Pike [that were potential restaurant locations], but I put the safety of my customers first. I didn’t want anyone to have a collision coming in or out of the parking lot,” and onto the busy street, he said.

Martinez now has an apartment

locally, and travels weekly between Knoxville and Indiana, where he still maintains his work with FedEx.

He has two daughters and five sons. One of five sons, Marco, helps his father with the restaurant operations.

Martinez certainly has cultivated quite a following for Don Delfis.

“He always makes you feel so welcome,” Connie DeBruycker said.

“He’s always hugging on us and kissing on us,” Nellie DeBruycker added. “He is a great friend.”

Jo Ann Ross also counts Martinez as a friend, and said it was “wonderful” that he offered the Thanksgiving meal free of charge.

“I just found out about it the other day, when I was having breakfast [here],” she said. “It was really great, because I have a son in a wheelchair, and it is difficult for him to come up the stairs at my house.”

Martinez already is planning for next Thanksgiving, which he hopes will be an even larger event for his customers, both old and new.

“I have had some new customers, just today,” he said.



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Breitbart, a highly partisan news outlet that some say supports white supremacy [i.e., hate groups]? Did Sloan even verify the claims that Jeff Cobble made that pretty much implied that people don't have to listen to the federal government? My “bull” radar went off right away when I read the article with Cobble's statements. I have no doubt that hundreds of Constitutional and civil rights lawyers, past and present, would destroy Cobble in a court of law or debate. Cobble is doing nothing but perpetrating a lie for his own personal gain or the gain of the organizations he supports. His statements do nothing but drive a wedge between people and continue to grow the division that is plaguing our country right now. He is part of the problem that sadden all of us parents trying to teach our kids to be respectful, kind, compassionate, caring, tolerant, responsible, open-minded and accepting of differences be it political, social, racial, sexual, religious, etc.

• I'm upset. I was vandalized in Bent Tree Subdivision. [Perpetrators] took all my fall decorations. I'm upset. I hope [the perpetrators] are happy. My lawn decorations that you stole actually came from a friend that has passed. I just hope you rot.

Security

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are looking to update their security plans, which a lot of churches are thinking about doing.”

Dave Garner heads up the safety team at Union Cumberland Presbyterian, and he will attend the seminar on its behalf.

He said he wrote up the church's safety plan and helped form its safety team about four years ago, after attending a similar seminar.

“One of the biggest problems is how to address [situations with] armed individuals,” he said. “And, it is not just shooters [outside church

memberships] — there can also be internal threats, too.”

Garner said the correct focus is on active shooters, but other safety issues, such as storms, tornadoes and fires, also should be addressed.

“Every church needs a safety plan,” stressed Garner, who is a retired lieutenant police reserve officer. “This will be an excellent opportunity for smaller churches to get that started.”

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Chef John Alunni and Jaana Alunni, his wife, are using their talents to help children and adults learn to cook.

The Alunnis opened The Cutting Edge Classroom, 817 N. Herron Road off Snyder Road in Farragut, in July 2016 to bring cooking skills to children and adults.

The Cutting Edge Classroom offers cooking and baking classes for children ages 7 to 15 and adults. The classes can accommodate birthday parties, scout activities and field trips.

Adults can take the classes as a date night, office party, corporate team-building exercise, girls' night out or other private group events, while church groups and sports teams also can book classes.

"We're already booked to Valentine's," he said. "We're selling classes out through March now."

Originally from Pennsylvania, Alunni, a long-time chef, was living in Florida when he moved to Knox County 12 years ago to open Earthfare in Turkey Creek.

"[Then] I taught culinary arts for Pellissippi [State Community College] and the University of Tennessee, and within that I also taught Kids University at UT; so I had the experience and I decided I loved teaching kids and adults," Alunni said.

"My wife and I decided to go into the business [and] start teaching kids' classes."

The couple started children's classes at Karns Community Center in February 2016.

"The kids' classes started doing well, so we decided, 'OK, we have something here. Let's go ahead and get a brick-and-mortar [building] and start classes,'" he said. "We looked for locations and this [one] happened to be perfect. It's a good central location."

"We started with kids and ended up doing adults and kids," Alunni added. "When we started [The Cut-

ting Edge Classroom], our thought process was we felt like kids weren't getting that education anymore — I guess they called it 'Home Ec' back in the day — but it seems like kids just aren't learning those basic life skills.

"So, we started out to offer that to families, to teach their kids how to cook, how to work together, to be self-sufficient, work as a team, etiquette and safety in the kitchen. The adult classes are kind of the same. You know, they're enrichment classes and some are just fun. We do date nights, couples' classes and wine pairings.

"We do regular skills classes and a lot of international cuisine, so pretty much whatever folks decide they want is what we offer them."

At a class on holiday pies Tuesday, Nov. 21, about six turned out to try their hand at apple and pumpkin pies, from making the pie crust to the filling.

"My good friend got me started," said Angie Garrett, a student from Maryville. "She came before I did, and I wanted to try it out and loved it."

She's only been to three classes at last check. "I love it," Garrett said. "We did the Italian rustic [class] and a tamale class and now, a pie class."

"I started over the summer," said Rosemary Burns, Garrett's friend who also is from Maryville. "I took the crepe class with my daughter, who just got married. Then, I told [Garrett] about it, and we took the rustic Italian [class] and the tamale class, and I did the sauce class a couple weeks ago. I'm doing the Christmas cookie class in a couple weeks. I just thought it was fun, and you get to meet lots of interesting people, too."

The take-and-bake pie class was Oak Ridger Geoff de Beouclair's first class, which he took to make dessert for Thanksgiving.

"My wife found [The Cutting Edge Classroom] online,"



(Above) Pastry Chef Terril Mattson demonstrates how to prepare pie dough for a class at The Cutting Edge Classroom Take-and-Bake pie class Tuesday, Nov. 21.

(Above right) Children take a break during a cooking lesson in one of the children's classes held at The Cutting Edge Classroom. The Classroom can accommodate classes for birthday parties, scouting and other children's activities.



Left photo by Tammy Cheek/above photo submitted

de Beouclair said. "We're new to the area so she finds a lot of stuff online."

"I'm excited," he said about taking the class. "I like making as much as I can from scratch, so it will be a good experience."

Families also can use the classes as a bonding exercise between parents and children. Alunni said the classes are very hands-on and interactive. Children's classes usually are two hours, while adult classes usually run about three hours.

After the cooking is done, Alunni said, "Everybody eats what they made in class, so no one goes home hungry."

For more information, call 865-335-9370 or e-mail jalunnijr@gmail.com. Classes may be booked at www.thecuttingedgeclassroom.com/.



Business Spotlight.....

Crissy Collins and Gretchen Wilkerson worked together at an insurance agency in West Knox County from 2001 till 2006 where they quickly became great friends.

In 2016 Crissy was approached by a coworker about starting her own agency, something that she and Gretchen had discussed in the past. By chance Gretchen texted Crissy in order to catch up and that's when Gretchen learned about Crissy's plans. In the summer of 2016 the pair opened their Farmers Insurance Agency in the West End shopping center in Farragut. They chose Farmer's because of the strong focus the company places on customer service, community involvement, and working face to face with customers. They chose the Farragut area as it did not have a local Farmers agency.

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From Left: Crissy Collins & Gretchen Wilkerson

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That sentiment is shared by Duong's co-workers, Ruben Bulkhaq and Maria Montenotte, who are fluent in Russian

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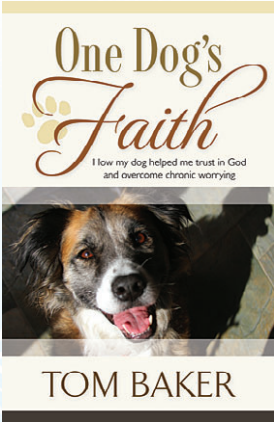
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Baker learns from ‘man’s best friend’

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Dogs are long-considered “man’s best friend,” but for a staunch Christian and member of Concord United Methodist Church, the bond became much more.

Business and financial troubles in 2011 led Tom Baker into an abyss of worry, and for more than a year he could not find a way out

of the darkness.

A “perfect storm” of circumstances impacted his once-thriving television production business, diminishing his work by a third, leaving him owing creditors, his employees and ultimately, the IRS.

“I owed at least \$200,000,” said the television producer/writer/editor. “I kept my employees on, thinking the business would come back.

“I couldn’t pay them — they had trusted me

— and it ate me alive.”

Baker really bottomed out when the IRS became aware of his failure to keep up with his business taxes.

Realizing at that point the IRS “could take everything ... that is when I fell apart.”

Baker sunk into “chronic worry.”

“I lost 30 pounds, and just went into a pit. But,

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Mission of Hope lights up Turkey Creek

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Mildred Queen has worked with Mission of Hope for more than 20 years, and has been touched by many of the people and circumstances in the poor Appalachian region the ministry serves.

“These are the poorest of the poor,” said the First Baptist Concord member who coordinates the organization’s clothing ministry with Mary Emma Bunch.

But one encounter in particular has stayed with her.

“We had been distributing at one very small school, and a man asked us what we were going to do with what was left over,” she recalled, and noticed he was eyeing some ball caps.

Christmas deliveries primarily target children in rural schools located in upper East Tennessee and Southeast Kentucky, but Queen told the man he could have one.

“There were tears in his eyes as he said, ‘I myself, can have a baseball hat?’

“I told him it was a free gift to him, and he was just so grateful, it touched me too.”

She said there are many other

stories of hope and encouragement Mission of Hope has been able to facilitate.

“A few years ago, there was a

little boy who had [terminal] cancer,” she said. “And they made sure he had a very sweet and comfortable Christmas. Then there was one

year they told us not to send a coat this year for one child because [he] did not have any arms. [Mission of Hope] was able to sew two capes to-

gether, to make sure that child was taken care of.”

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Michelle Hollenhead

Chrysta Dill and daughters, Sophia, 5, and Aviana, 17 months, got into the holiday spirit by donning matching reindeer “antlers” during the 5th annual Lights Up event at the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek.



Pictures with Santa Claus capped off the festive Lights Up event. One of the first to enjoy this tradition was the Miller family, which included Steven and Megan Miller and their two sons, 8-month-old Nate and 3-year-old Hayden.

‘Sewing Buddies’ find common causes, companionship, love of sewing

CAROLYN EVANS
Special to farragutpress

Years 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 high-end sewing and embroidery machines and no longer had anyone at home to sew for,” Joan Pfrommer recalls, “so we decided to sew for charity. That was in 1999,

before any of us had grandkids. 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 along the way.

“We’ve got them coming from Greenback, Louisville, Maryville — some come from an hour away to sew,” Pfrommer said.

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 just outside of Farragut in Copperstone subdivision. She stores the fabric at her house.

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

They’ve made more than 2,000 Christmas stockings, nearly 2,000 small blankets and quilts, 800 pillowcase dresses and more than 1,000 gowns. They have sewn 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.

To spice things up, they’ve made

some road trips to quilt shows in Pigeon Forge, Chattanooga, Atlanta and Orlando. Member Jan Gangwer got involved after meeting a couple of the women at an heirloom sewing class at Gina’s Bernina Sewing Center about 12 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 sewers. I have been sewing

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Chamber chooses Volunteer Ministry Center for Dec. 12 Open House donations

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce has chosen a special charity this year to receive donations at its upcoming Holiday Open House.

Chamber members attending the event Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Chamber office, 11826 Kingston Pike, are asked to bring items to help stock the Holiday Store for the Volunteer Ministry Center.

The store, operated by the

Volunteer Ministry Center and located at 511 N. Broadway in downtown Knoxville, offers individuals the opportunity to earn community service points that can be redeemed at the store to purchase Christmas gifts.

"It is an effort to help low- or no-income individuals earn gifts for holiday giving," the organization's web site stated. "By earning points, it allows them to preserve their pride, and does not offer

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File photo

Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce ambassador Arlene Weinstein, left, mingles with attendees Denise Miller and Jeff Helie during last year's FWKCC Christmas Open House. The Chamber once again will hold its Christmas Open House, which will be from 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the Chamber office, 11826 Kingston Pike at the corner of Kingston Pike and Federal Boulevard. The event is FWKCC's way to thank its members for their support. While there, attendees can donate items to this year's charity, Volunteer Ministry Center.

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- 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/
- Episcopal Relief & Development is launching its annual Holiday Matching Gift Challenge now through **Dec. 31**. For more information, call 855-312-4325.
- 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.
- Concord Christian School will host Concord Christian Marketplace from **2:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, and pictures with Santa from **5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30**. There will be more than 40 vendors offering Christmas gifts and decorations. For more information, call 865-966-8858.

DECEMBER

- RiverView Family Farms' 4th

Annual Holiday Barn Sale runs from **11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1**, and from **10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2**, at 12130 Prater Lane, Knoxville, 37922. For more information, call 865-603-9347, e-mail Rachel@riverviewfamilyfarm.com or go to www.rvfarm.com/.

- Nutcrackers collected over a span of 40 years currently are on display in Farragut Town Hall. The collection, which belongs to Beverly 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/

- Trees Knoxville announces its 2017 Tree Give-Away is from **9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 2**, at Knoxville Botanical Garden. 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, 865-981-8209.

- Knoxville area Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Lucinda Heatherly Detached Tent 3, will meet starting at **2:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2**, at Loudon County Visitors' Bureau. For more information, call 865-573-1116.

- Knoxville Bar Association has announced a Faith and Justice Legal Advice Clinic will be held from **9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 2**, at Ball Camp Baptist Church. For more information, call Tracy Chain, 865-522-7501.

- Tennessee Valley Machine Knitters Club will hold its meeting start-

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ing at **11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 2**, at Rothchild's. For more information, call Marie Hickson, 865-457-0960.

- 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. Veterans reception begins at **6 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4**, in Farragut Town Hall. Presentation follows at **7 p.m.** For more information, call Lauren Cox, 865-218-3372.

- Town of Farragut is scheduled to host a public kick-off meeting: American's with Disabilities Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan. Residents are invited to provide input about public access for the disabled from **6 to 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 4**, in Town Hall Community Room. Persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in the meeting can contact the city's ADA coordinator, Janet Curry, no later than 48 hours

prior to the meeting. For more information, contact Curry at 865-966-7057 or e-mail: jcurry@townoffarragut.org.

- 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: 865-588-8567 or visit goodwillknoxville.org/.

- 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/

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

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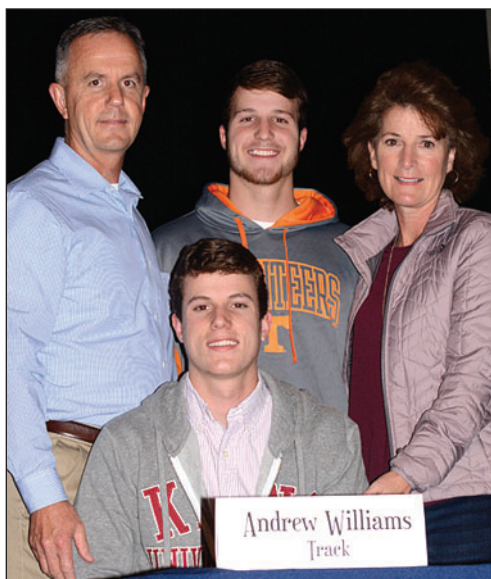


Joined by their Farragut High School teammates and varsity head coach Matt Buckner, standing in center, are five standout Admirals baseball signees during a ceremony in FHS's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium Wednesday morning, Nov. 15. Seated from left are

Ben Joyce, brother, Zack Joyce, and Jerry Hammons, all three of whom signed with Walters State Community College; Paul Komistek, a University of Tennessee signee, and Cade Burkey, who inked with Carson-Newman University.



Emily Keeling, seated, All-state golfer and Lipscomb University signee, with coach Kathy Nagy.



(Above) Farragut softball stars, from left, are star signees Andrea Sarhatt, East Tennessee State University; Bailey Young, Lee University, and Kelsie Tuggle, Lincoln Memorial University. (Left) Andrew Williams, seated, standout track and football athlete who signed to run track at King University, with brother, Alex Williams, and parents, Toby and Kathy Williams.

Hawks ink papers Nov. 8



(Above) Three Hardin Valley star volleyball seniors were among six HVA student-athletes who signed with universities and colleges during a ceremony in HVA Auditorium Wednesday morning, Nov. 8. From left are Jericka Emert, Milligan College; Isabella Mitchell, Troy University, and Alex Kirby, Texas Tech. Standing are Mitzi McCurry, right, HVA head coach, and Kylie Whaley, Milligan assistant coach. (Above right) Carissa Armijo, All-American swimmer and UNLV signee, with Aqua Hawks head coach Larry Hough. (Right) Abbey Cornelius, center, All-Region 2-AAA and All-District 4-AAA basketball player, signed with the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She is joined by Jennifer Galloway, right, Lady Hawks varsity head coach, and Brianne Dodgen McCroskey, assistant coach. (Left) Trey Cash, seated, standout Hawks baseball infielder, signed with Kentucky Christian. He is joined by Joe Michaski, HVA varsity baseball head coach.



FHS and HVA signing photos by Alan Sloan

Catholic returns to state

KEN LAY
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Knoxville Catholic High School will play for its second state football championship in three years, and third overall, starting at 8 p.m. EST tonight, Thursday, Nov. 30, at Tennessee Tech's Tucker Stadium in Class 5A.

The Irish await Beech [14-0]. Catholic [11-3] recorded a 42-7 road victory over Central [8-6] in the 5A state semis Friday, Nov. 24.

The Irish took a 7-0 lead when senior quarterback Jack Sompayrac connected with Dashon Bussell on a 23-yard scoring strike.

Sompayrac went 15-for-21 passing for 205 yards and two touchdowns, while also rushing for 58 yards and a pair of scores.

He also connected with Adam Jones for 31-yard touchdown.

Joshua Brown scored on a 10-yard run early in the second quarter to make the score 17-0.

"I'll do anything for this team. They're like my brothers and I'll take the hits," Brown said. "We wanted to get back to Cookeville and bring another gold ball back, and I was going to do anything I could to help us get back there."

Paxton Robertson kicked field goals of 27 and 36 yards.

Stiles Moore, sophomore defensive lineman, had five tackles and a sack for KCHS. Jake Mahoney, senior linebacker, had an interception, a fumble recovery and eight tackles [including four solo stops].

Farragut girls 'D' Cleveland

KEN LAY
Correspondent

Farragut High School girls basketball head coach Jason Mayfield finally saw his team play defense the way he likes.

"Cleveland didn't really shoot the ball well and I'd really like to think that we had something to do with that," Mayfield said after his squad outlasted Cleveland 45-34 Friday afternoon, Nov. 24, in the Lady Admiral Thanksgiving Classic in FHS's Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium. "We finally played some good defense and we finally held a team under 35 points."

"We've been giving up about 50 or 55 points per game."

Improving to 2-2, the Lady Admirals started fast and boasted a balanced offensive attack out of

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Open house

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them a hand out.”

Julie Blaylock, FWKCC president/CEO, said she first became aware of the Holiday Store concept

when she stopped by the Volunteer Ministry Center office of Chamber member Zan Schriver.

“I was really impressed with what they are doing,” Blaylock said. “By allowing them to earn points, they are working for them,

and allows them a sense of dignity.

“I love the concept, and I just fell in love with it.”

Suggested donations include children’s books; dolls; clothing for men, women, teens and chil-

dren; board games; small electronics, gloves; shoes; small tool sets; throws/afghans; cooking utensils; area rugs; music, DVDs and DVD players; wrist watches; batteries; sleeping bags and perfume/cologne/bath sets.

While the Chamber’s Holiday Open House is for members only, Blaylock said the Chamber would be “happy to take donations from the community to contribute to the effort.” To donate, or for more information, call 865-524-3926.

Mission of Hope

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Right now, Queen and hundreds of other area volunteers furiously are working toward next month’s Christmas deliveries, which will see trucks filled with toys, clothing and food items delivered to each of the 28 rural schools Mission of Hope serves.

There, pre-selected children will receive a complete set of new clothing, including a coat, pants, shoes, socks, underwear, a shirt and gloves.

Additionally, tables are laden with food and toys for distribution, and sibling tables also are available, so the children can make sure

their brothers and sisters are not omitted.

The organization is relying on its ongoing Christmas Campaign and Blue Barrel Collection, running through Tuesday, Dec. 5, to fulfill the ministry’s holiday needs. Barrels are at all Chick-fil-A and Fisher Tire locations, Home Federal bank, Knoxville TVA Employee’s Credit Union and several area churches including First Baptist Concord.

Mission of Hope also was recently given a boost at the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek, where the annual Lights Up Christmas tree lighting event brought in Blue Barrel donations and around \$4,000.

In addition to non-perishable food, hygiene items and new clothing and toys, cash dona-

tions help purchase specialized clothing items not readily available, Queen said.

The efforts will all work together to serve an estimated 18,000 children this year, and recipients always are overjoyed with the bounty.

“It is just so precious to see their faces when they see the mile-high tables,” Queen said. “They are just so thankful, so grateful, for what has been done for them.”

Fisher Tire owner Ray Fisher has long been a proponent of Mission of Hope, and works year round for the ministry. In addition to Christmas and back-to-school backpack/school supply deliveries, the organization takes donations of food, clothing, furniture and household items throughout the year to

offer perpetual assistance.

“I love working together with other people — it really is a team effort,” Fisher said.

“And I love getting to see the end results.”

About Emmette Thompson, Mission of Hope executive director, Fisher said, “His thought was to change the poverty direction through a scholarship program. So far, about 60-something scholarships have been given, and there have been 16 or 17 graduates from four-year schools.” It is a way to [help them] get out of the cycle of poverty.

“What we offer them is hope,” Fisher added. “A lot of the people up there live without hope, but that is what we offer them — and it’s huge.”



Photo submitted

skills going and making something for somebody specific. We have a different mix of people almost every time. We sewed [recently] trying to finish up some blankets for infants and children in Sevier County.”

Members of Sewing Buddies while making blankets for a pediatric group, from left, are Martha Thompson, Connie Rist, Joan Pfrommer, Vickie Hunt, MaryAnne Walls, Jan Gangwer, Linda Weir and Terry Grob. Not pictured are Carol Peterson, Carol Sass, Andrea Lambert Terri Neeley and Judy Morris.

Sewing

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since I was a teenager — a lot of fashion and precision sewing. My specialty with the Sewing Buddies is doing whatever is needed. I enjoy the camaraderie of the group, but most of all I enjoy reaching out to 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.”

About 12 are in the group, and four to six show up on any given week. The operation is big enough that some women cut and some sew. One particular member, Marge Griffith, worked diligently with the

Sewing Buddies from the beginning in 1999 until November 2015 when she was no longer able to help for health reasons.

“She cut out thousands of infant gowns, Christmas stockings and other items for the Sewing Buddies to sew together,” Pfrommer said. “As we stitched blankets, infant gowns, Christmas stockings, pillow-case dresses, crib sheets and many other items, Marge was kept busy pressing and doing hand sewing on all the items for the sewers. Her dedication and hard work has been greatly missed.

“We all enjoy getting together,” she added. “We’ve made a lot of friendships. We enjoy sewing and it gives us an opportunity to keep our



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Baker

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worse than that, I disengaged from my family [which includes his wife, Michelle, and four children].

“Michelle tried desperately to help me, and kept telling me to ‘give it to God.’ I would do that, but seven seconds later, I would take it right back.”

A Sunday school teacher at CUMC, where he plays drums in the worship band, Baker knew turning to his faith was the right solution.

“But I felt I didn’t deserve to be happy,” he said. “I have always been a believer, but I didn’t believe what God said, that He truly is out for my best interest.”

About a year into this spiral, Baker began noticing the demeanor of one of the family’s dogs.

Mango, a mixed breed, had been part of the Baker household prior to what he now refers to as “a crisis of trust.”

“As I started watching her, [I noticed] she was happy, all the time,” he said.

“I believe God put dogs here to give us a glimpse of Him,” Baker added. “But also, to teach us how

to live.

“They show loyalty, patience, forgiveness, how to relax, how to submit, and they also show unconditional love.

“By watching Mango, I started understanding how to live again.”

In Mango, Baker said he saw some clear-cut character traits that helped him see his circumstances from a different perspective.

“Dogs live for now,” he said. “They don’t live in yesterday, and don’t consider tomorrow. I did everything but that.”

Car rides were eye-openers too.

“When I let her go in the car, it was her best day ever,” he said. “She would put her nose against the window to take it all in, and wanted us to roll the window down so she could take it all in, and experience all of it.”

Baker said he also was touched by Mango’s “servant’s heart.”

“They are one of the few creatures who love others more than themselves.”

He said it was a gradual shift, over about a six-month time frame, that led him to “an overwhelming peace and contentment in my situation.”

Baker said his transformation

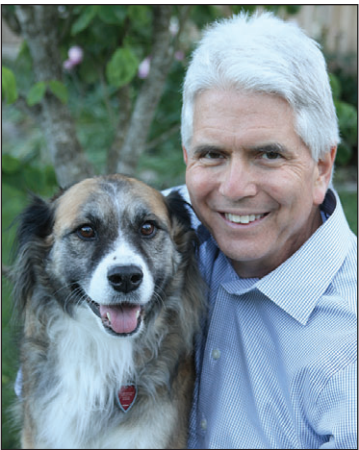


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Tom Baker, a local television writer/producer/editor, was deeply influenced by the family dog, Mango, during a long bout of depression, and has written a book about that experience that has received national attention.

occurred as his business still struggled.

“That experience and struggle

became one of the best things that has ever happened to me. It would be too easy to have found peace after it recovered. I got to see God work — just not in the ways I expected.”

He began to record his revelations over time, and had the idea to write from Mango’s perspective.

That led to Baker’s book, “One Dog’s Faith: How my dog helped me trust in God and overcome chronic worrying.”

“I started to see the joy and love of this silly dog that had been trying to help me. Though I believe God’s spirit and nudging, I began to talk about and write about it through Mango’s perspective,” he said.

Baker said it took about four years to finish the book, and he vacillated between whether to publish it or not. But, thinking it might somehow be able to help others, he forged ahead.

“My goal is to impact those who are struggling with a hopeless outlook — [those who are] worrying

about things not looking great, and who are losing sleep over a problem that might very well be the greatest thing that could happen.”

Baker saw the book published last fall. It has been sold locally at Farragut Pharmacy and Cedar Springs Christian Store; it also is available on Amazon, Barnes and Noble.com and Cokesbury.com.

The book has received endorsements from local pastors, radio and TV host Hallerín Hill, country music singer Louise Mandrell and gubernatorial candidate Randy Boyd, former state Commissioner of Economic and Community Development.

It also was recently featured on a Today Show segment—and Baker is being interviewed by The Hallmark Channel after the first of the year.

In addition to his work as owner of Cobblestone Entertainment, Baker has a weekly radio talk show.

“I am just so passionate about spreading the joy I have found,” he said. “It is all about hope.”

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Read these clues to fill in the puzzle with activities that families are doing together:

- _____ with family, friends to celebrate holiday traditions
- _____ stockings, then waiting for Santa to come
- _____ events and selling items to raise money
- _____ coats, hats and gloves to keep others warm
- _____ gifts for friends and family
- _____ and decorating cookies
- _____ holiday books together
- _____ latkes for Hanukkah
- _____ candles on the Kinara (a special candleholder) for Kwanzaa
- _____ stories and teaching their holiday traditions
- _____ joyous songs
- _____ the elderly or ill to bring small gifts and cheer
- _____ their homes with lights, greens, flowers, fruits
- _____ family, friends and neighbors good health and happy holidays
- _____ socks, candy and notes to send to soldiers and sailors serving far away

December

December is a month chock full of holidays, events, parties, concerts and good will toward other people all over the world.

This puzzle is all about December fun! Read these clues to fill in the puzzle:

- _____ eve is celebrated on the last evening of the month (2 words)
- first day of _____ is the twenty-first
- has many _____: Christmas, Hanukkah, Las Posadas and Kwanzaa
- birthstone or gemstone is _____
- includes the _____ day of the year
- is the _____ month of the year
- has football, basketball and _____
- birth flower and traditional plant used during the holiday season: _____
- December means _____, because in the ancient Roman calendar December was the tenth month
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Fifth Annual 'Lights Up' benefits Mission of Hope

The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek was transformed into a holiday wonderland complete with a 60-foot Christmas tree, festive [manufactured] snow, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and even Dickinsonian carolers at Fifth Annual Lights Up Saturday, Nov. 17, benefitting Mission of Hope.

More than \$4,000 was raised for the Christian ministry, while children of all ages enjoyed the festivities that helped ring in the 2017 holiday season.

Organizers estimate more than 2,000 visitors filled the parking lots and took part in writing letters to Santa, cookie decorating, face-painting, train rides and other seasonal fun.



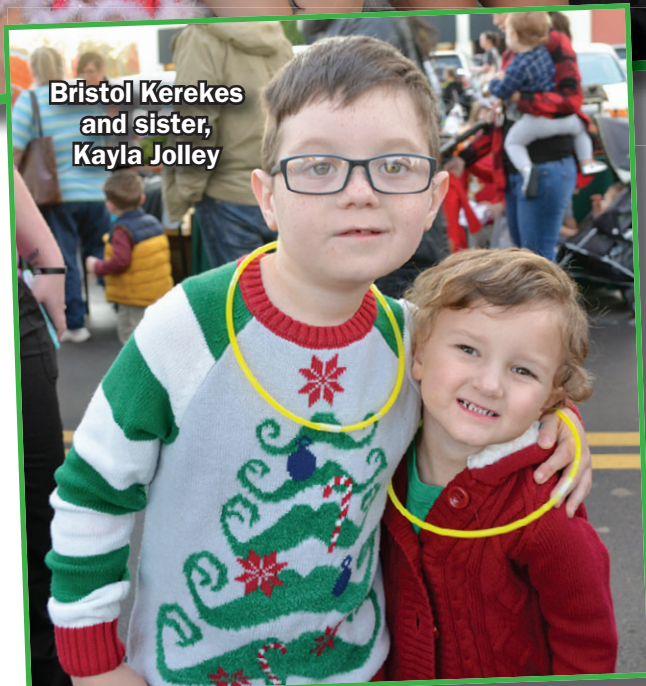
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Holston Middle School Kids in America Show Choir members, from left: **Hannah Yancey, Skylar Harrell, Katie Mee, Brylee Crawford, Sydney Allen, Ethan Coleman** and **Noah Crabtree**



Bristol Kerekes and sister, Kayla Jolley



Emory Smith



Mission of Hope Executive Director **Emmette Thompson**, center, is interviewed.

Photos by Michelle Hollenhead

Thousands turn out to enjoy 'Light the Park'

Thousands turned out for a fun holiday evening in Founders Park at Campbell Station — culminating with a sea of Christmas lights coming to life, as Santa and Farragut Mayor Ralph McGill flipped the switch during annual Light the Park Monday evening, Nov. 27.

The Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance event, presented by TDS Telecom and sponsored by Town of Farragut among many sponsors, heralded in the holidays with 68,136 lights glowing in the park.

Entertaining the gathering with holiday music were Concord Brass and Angela Floyd School of Music's 11-year-old students, Emily Stewart and Chloe Culverton. Treats by local vendors were courtesy of First Watch Café, Costco and The Cutting Edge Classroom. Meanwhile, Mrs. Claus and her elves helped children post their letters to Santa.



Jessica Taylor with daughters, **Anne Charlotte Taylor**, left, and **Rea Dorothy Taylor**, and their grandfather, **Bill Ballard**.



Jim and Carolyn Caldwell



From left, **Jennifer Hatmaker, Jennifer Brown** and **Kris Ray**



Eleanora Hornung, 3, and **Peter Hornung, 5**

Photos by Tammy Cheek

FYF Knox League runner-ups in AFC, NFC



Farragut Youth Football 7-and-Under AFC team finished runner-up in Knox Metro Youth Football League with a 12-3-0 record, reaching the playoff title game Tuesday, Nov. 14. Players, in alphabetic order, are Alexavier Atkinson, Cruz Azambuja, Bode Benevies, Brody Brumbelow, Chase Cantrell, Anderson Glover, Grelyn Gordon, Adrian Harris Jr., Maddux Martin, Brayden Messina, Tre Miller, Asher Phillips, Hayes Sharp, Aaron Strutton and Kobbe Ward. Head coach James Ward, far left, is flanked by assistant coaches, from left, Shane Gordon, Gil Azambuja and Jason Martin.

Photos by Alan Sloan

FHS girls

From page 3B

the gate against the Lady Blue Raiders [2-2 after the loss].
“We really came out strong,” said Morgan Carbaugh, Lady Admirals’ junior guard who scored 12 of her game-high 21 points after halftime. “We were strong in the first half.”
“We played good defense and that was big because we both had to duke it out because we were both struggling offensively.”
Brooke Christian, FHS junior wing, finished with 11 point.

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Making a gang tackle against Catholic are Farragut Youth Football 11U players who included, from left, Harvey Niendorff (2), Troy Lockhart (also on his knees) and Ethan Feehan during this Knox Metro Youth Football League NFC playoff title game Tuesday, Nov. 14, at John Tarleton Park. Farragut was league runner-up, falling to Catholic 6-0 in overtime. Other members of head coach Andrew Shuster’s team are Giovanni Moglione, Jett Pieper, Jordan Sheppard. Roger McNeer, Owen Shuster, Adam Blaylock, Hal Niendorff, Tucker Minks, Thomas Joseph, Tyson Jackson, Berkley Naro, Chase Potter, Chase Bolen, John Foti, Trevor “Remy” Jones and David Broda.

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HVA girls claim Central tourney title; boys rally past Cleveland

KEN LAY
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — The high school girls basketball season is scarcely two weeks old, but Hardin Valley Academy already has avenged a loss — nd earned a championship trophy in the process.

HVA accomplished both feats Saturday afternoon, Nov. 25, outlasting Jefferson County 57-50 in the title game of the Central Thanksgiving Classic at CHS.

“I’m really proud of the way we played,” Hardin Valley head coach Jennifer Galloway said. “We lost to them by one up there in the second game of the year.”

Meanwhile, Shane Chambers’ Hawks rallied past Cleveland 64-63 in overtime, led by a senior wing who got hot late and a senior reserve post’s end-of-game heroics, in the final Hardin Valley Academy Classic game at HVA Saturday. The Hawks improved to 4-1 starting the week [more later in this story].

Abbey Cornelius, Lady Hawks 6-foot-2 senior post, had a game-high 17 points versus Jefferson County. The HVA girls also improved

to 4-1. “We came in here today wanting some revenge after they beat us up there,” Cornelius said. “... We played two good teams here this weekend and that will help us get ready for our district.”

Lizzie Davis added 12 points for HVA and Paige Gentry finished with nine. Gentry scored six [all free throws] over the final eight minutes to help keep JCHS [3-3] at bay.

Kiara Inman had six points [two 3-pointers], Malaka Grice added

four and Autumn Fields three.

For the HVA boys, Tristen Waite, senior wing, heated up from long range just in time. He nailed three straight 3-point baskets early in the fourth quarter, helping HVA rally and eventually force overtime.

Senior reserve post Jordan Ewing, who had scored just one point in regulation play, converted a conventional 3-point play — a 7-foot jumper and foul shot — with just 9.6 seconds left that stood up.

“I just put myself in a situation to score, and I scored,” Ewing said. “That was my first game-winning shot — it’s a special moment.”

Waite scored a game-high 25 points. “I was hot,” he said. “I’ve been struggling this year, I haven’t been hitting many shots so it felt good to get it out of my system.”

“That was a great team win,” said Tanner White, Hawks senior guard who scored 10. Fellow senior guard Aaron Dykes ended with 11 points.

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