





**Hale-Mitchell**

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"What's the most important part?" Hale asked.

"The authority (given to) the mayor to execute the contract," Mitchell answered.

"We can get out of the contract anytime we want to between now and Oct. 26," Hale said.

"Only if the mayor and the vice mayor allow it," Mitchell said.

"No, no, no, no," Hale exclaimed. "All we have to do is have the Board say 'we don't want to go forward with this agreement between now and Oct. 26.'"



Hale

**KCSOreports**

• At 11:02 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 24, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit was dispatched to 800 N. Campbell Station Road (Marathon convenience store) in reference to a counterfeit bill. Complainant said he came in that morning to count and check the money from yesterday, and while checking the cash he used an anti-counterfeit marker and found a \$20 bill that was identified as counterfeit. Complainant said he was not sure when it was received, so he was not sure if he had video footage of it taken.

• At 10:49 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 16, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an attempted stolen vehicle from 11000 Kingston Pike. Complainant advised an unknown suspect entered a locked 2012 white Chevrolet van, breaking the front passenger side window and attempting to take the vehicle without permission. He advised the ignition appeared to be busted with the wires pulled out. Total value of loss was listed at \$3,250, \$3,000 of which was damage to ignition wires.

**Pro-neutral**

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erty," she added. "That would be a great area to wind through walking paths, bike paths, maybe put a little pavilion here or there. There are ways those trees can be salvaged...."

**Sue Stuhl**, former Town Parks & Recreation director and Town employee for more than 30 years, said, "There's been a lot of information here and other places on Nextdoor and the (local) paper about not having enough public process, but in fact" there has been an analysis "with four focus groups, an insider survey, which went to all the staff and all the committee persons, and the intercept survey at three different events, a citizen survey that was very well done — there were lots of the responses — four public hearings before the plan was writ-

ten and then another public hearing after the plan was written. So that's pretty good public input.

"One other thing as far as parity for the areas of Farragut: In 16 square miles, it's not that hard to get to many of the parks. ... For many, many years, the north side had all the parks except for a little bit of Anchor Park, 15 acres. They had Campbell Station Park and Mayor Bob Leonard Park. ... We would love for anyone to donate any property, and I think the Town would be thrilled to have a bunch of little pocket parks around."

Citizen **Diane Hall** said, "I just want to say that (Alderman) David White didn't vote against the park. All he voted for it was to get input. And that was on June 22. And here it is, three months later.

"So thank you to the Town. ... I think it's important to step back every once in a while.

I hate to say it, but going on your process, you didn't have to do that whole briefing. You could have gotten up and said, 'you all have the information available. Did you look at it?'

"But you took the time to explain it to us, and that means so much, and that's so helpful. I just ask that in the future, as we go forward, these little sessions would mean a lot. ..."

Citizen **James Mark Horton** said, "I actually just bought a property on McFee Road about a month ago. I had no idea what I was signing up for.

"It's been really interesting, and this is my first event here. ... I just relocated from Park City, Utah, and my community there was, I would say, almost decimated by development. It was a beautiful small Town, with parks that, fortunately, they didn't try to preserve some of the land, but not quick enough.

"Developers have come in and almost completely changed the landscape of Park City, Utah. It's something that when I heard about this, I can agree with some of maybe the technicalities of only having three people vote on such a big vote and the mayor being the deciding vote. That's something that is a little strange.

"However, I think if we get caught up in the technicality the land will be gone," he added. "I can see that I have good faith that the Town is doing the right thing ... And there's always going to be technicalities. I actually work in contracts, too, so there's a lot of technicalities that happen in contracts. ...

"But from what I've seen, I appreciate the information. I actually went in with more of the skeptical perspective coming into this, but coming out of it I definitely see the vision there. I appreciate the talent

and energy, trying to make sure that everybody understands what's happening and that there's nothing sneaky or malicious happening in the background. I appreciate that."

Local developer **David Pfizer** said, "You all need to know this: I was the developer that had the property under contract when the school was putting together" an offer.

"If you all don't agree to put this park here, I'm still here and I'm still going to buy it," he added. "I didn't come here to speak, but I think you ought to know that.

"I get your opposition to the home building, but it's unfair for other people that want to move here," he added. "But you all need to know is if you don't do this, there's going to be a separation.

"It may not be me, but it not it will be somebody else."

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# Reader is ‘frustrated’ with BOMA

I am writing to express my frustration with a Mayor and Board of Aldermen and their refusal to seek public input or even answer basic questions from the residents.

During a recent Town BOMA meeting, I asked several pertinent questions I had previously asked of Mayor (Ron) Williams, Vice Mayor (Louise) Povlin and Alderman (David) White regarding the McFee land purchase. Please note, these were the three of five present for the vote giving the mayor sole authority to authorize the \$5.5 million purchase for no defined purpose. Forty percent of the Board failed to show for this critical vote!

Earlier, the vice mayor stated that she should have answered my questions, but her emotions got the better of her. At the start of the last meeting I repeated the vice mayor’s statement back to her, re-read the identical questions and re-

quested a response. The gathering was told, by the mayor and vice mayor, that the questions from all would be answered together at the end of Citizens Forum.

This is clearly shown on the Town’s YouTube feed.

Alderman White solely attempted to answer the questions he could, but was chided continuously by the mayor, who attempted to silence Alderman White’s voice.

Now the vice mayor has again gone public saying she never said the actual words recorded during the last meeting.

The refusal of this Board to show respect to its residents is in complete opposition to the system of representative government and is akin to a monarchy.

Why does our Mayor and Board of Aldermen refuse to answer questions of the people they serve? Are citizens not a part of the process any longer?

Pat Lee,  
Farragut

# letterstotheeditor

## Reader surprised by Sept. 1 BOMA ‘purchase agreement’

I was very surprised to learn today reading the farragutpress that Mayor Ron Williams signed the purchase agreement for \$5.5 million dollars to buy the McFee Road land on Sept. 1.

I watched the June 22 (Board of) Mayor and Alderman meeting and there was no mention of anything other than a letter of credit being voted on. On the agenda only a letter of credit was listed. This is so unethical.

I would appreciate an explanation of how this could happen. Now I understand why the four citizens who spoke in the Sept. 14 Mayor and Aldermen meeting wanted their questions answered on the record.

Connie Fields, Farragut

### Background

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to the Town. In turn, he wanted to have access from McFee Road to property he intends to retain, with the 70 acres for sale/donation in-between.

Then in June, the Board voted 2-1 to enter into the letter of intent. Aldermen Scott Meyer and Drew Burnette were absent for that meeting, Mayor Ron Williams and Vice Mayor Louise Povlin voted for the letter of intent while Alderman David White voted against the motion.

Since then, Smoak said land surveys showed a 1.7-acre sinkhole, but added that land could be open space or possibly a retention pond for water runoff.

— BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT —

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## Anti-neutral

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versus “Concord Road area.”  
 “... If we’re going to talk about equality in our Town ... I think it’s better if we put some more equity on the east side of Town when it comes to amenities,” she added, asking BOMA to approach homeowners in those areas about acquiring land.

“The main thing is we need to have available land for sale that somebody wants to sell us,” Smoak said. “I think it’s a great idea to have parks all over our Town, all over our community.

“Our original goal was to have a park in all four main quadrants of our community, and we accomplished that,” he added. “So, now it’s where can we add to that in the future? Where can we get land available in the future?”

Citizen **Meredith Oravitz** said, “I’ve lived on McFee Road for 40 years. I believe it was about 20 years ago ... that Farragut came through and wanted to widen the road. ... The road was widened. But before they started it, they asked us to form a homeowner’s association. ... So we did form the homeowner’s association, which was just maybe a matter of 30 or 40 homes at that point in time.

“When we were asking about this expansion, where they widened McFee Road ... we didn’t want it to be widened. They told us it was grandfathered to be a five-lanes. ...”

“I wasn’t here 20 years ago when all that happened,” Smoak said. “I know that McFee Road is considered an arterial road on our major road plan.

“Is there any way that we can find out if it is a grandfathered law and can it be expanded to five lanes?” Oravitz asked.

“So it’s more of, would the Town ever think that we need to widen that road in the future?” Smoak said. “And that would be a very public discussion about that and decide whether that’s something that we do need to do or not. ...”

Citizen **Michael Wilson** said, “I wanted to first thank you, David, for one of the comments that you said that this will be back in front of the BOMA on Oct. 26. I think that’s really important because when this issue came up about giving this authority at that June meeting when it wasn’t discussed, it wasn’t briefed as part of the item, it wasn’t made in the motion.

“It was moved to approve, and there was no discussion at all about this. That appeared very suspect. I’m not saying that was done knowingly. It could have been done unknowingly. It could have been an oversight. But that was suspect. I came back and questioned that as far as open meetings.

“... The second thing that I want to say is I really want to thank Alderman White from the South Ward. He fought for this meeting. He sat at meetings and argued that we need-

ed to do this. I appreciate that I hope this becomes more of the standard practice when we’re talking big items like this.

“I appreciate the other alderman that’s sitting in the back of the room (Alderman Drew Burnette). And I’m a little disappointed that the folks that represent me aren’t sitting here, but that’s OK. This is in the South Ward, and I understand why these two gentlemen felt it important to be here.

“The one thing I would say is we showed a lot of numbers up there about how much money we have in the CIP, how much money we have in the budget. I would ask one of the things in the CIP budget that upset

me was that we were looking at \$1.25 to \$1.5 million, depending on the number you look at, to address the additional turn lanes in the Town Center.

“In the same CIP meetings, we said, ‘Oh, we don’t have any money for that.’ So that got wiped off the agenda, got postponed until 2026.

“I think anyone in here that drives to Farragut High School or the other schools in that area in the morning that tries to leave Concord Hills in the morning would really appreciate the Town going back and looking at all that money we have in the bank and say, ‘hey, could we fix these turn lanes?’ ...”

Citizen **John Aiken** said,

“my concerns were that not all of the Alderman were present for the vote ... of the property. The other thing I was kind of concerned about, too, was what Mike Wilson was talking about just a minute ago.

“During one of the CIP meetings, I believe it was the \$1.5 million for the road improvement at Campbell Station.Road and Kingston Pike, was pushed back to 2026 because there was not enough money in the budget for that,” he added.

“However, now we’re going to spend over five-and-a-half million dollars for a park ... how do we push that to the back of the budget, but then we push this forward?”



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## Ballard-Gribble honored by ASID

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Farragut commercial designer Susan Ballard-Gribble was honored Thursday, Sept. 21, in Short Sheet Fabrics, 10924 Kingston Pike, as an inductee in the College of Fellows Award by the local chapter of American Society of Interior Designers.

“From award-winning designer to community service volunteer and advocate for the profession and ASID, Ballard-Gribble has done a amazing work for interior design,” an ASID press release stated. “Ballard-Gribble is a true champion and advocate for the right to practice, dedicating hundreds of hours in support of Tennessee Interior Design legislation. “It’s a great honor,” said Ballard-Gribble, president of SK Ballard Contract Interiors and member of ASID. “It’s been a 33-year journey to get here. Ballard-Gribble “went beyond the call of duty to serve,” said member Anne Simpkins IDS, ASID’s Knoxville district chair.

As service is a big part of how a Fellow inductee is chosen, “You don’t get anything out of it unless you put something into it,” Ballard-Gribble said.

“My time with ASID has

been invaluable — the leadership skills, training, friendships, travel,” Ballard-Gribble said. “I encourage students, every time I talk to them, how important it is to be part of a professional organization and have that opportunity to learn.”

Graduating from University of Tennessee, her firm designs hotels, banks, restaurants, churches, offices and other businesses. While Ballard-Gribble has been in the design business 33 years, she has been business for herself for 10 years.

Ballard-Gribble has been nominated three times for the fellowship. Through the years, she has won 27 design awards and was appointed by two governors of Tennessee to the Architectural and Engineering Board of Examiners, on which she served for eight years.

“She had to go to Nashville every other month for a meeting,” Simpkins said of Ballard-Gribble. “She was many other offices, many other committees and many other things.”

“ASID’s Fellows embody the Society’s ideals through their work in advocacy, mentorship and advancement of the practice. This year’s inductees have not only excelled in their careers, but through their work have influenced and positioned interior design as a profession with the power to impact lives,” said Khoi Vo, chief executive officer of ASID.

“The successes of these fellows inspire and illuminate the paths of other designers,” he added.



Ballard-Gribble



Tammy Cheek

Tierra Sanders recently moved her retail business, renaming it Trends by Eluna, and focusing on Celtic and magical fantasy designs, in her Turkey Creek shop. Among the merchandise, Sanders has a children’s corner with magical games and toys.

## Magical world awaits customers

TAMMY CHEEK

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The magical world of dragons, mermaids, fairies and other mystical creatures in figurines and other art await customers at Trends of Eluna, a new shop beside Baskin-Robbins at 11035 Parkside Drive.

Tierra Sanders, owner, carries designs with a twist of Celtic and magical fantasy, from figurines, home decors and prints to fashions, jewelry, accessories and gift items, such as room sprays, candles and diffusers.

There also are some comfy, trendy Snoozie slippers and socks, Livewell Fit Kicks leggings, shawls and pajama pants, along with unique jewelry and nail polish that change colors when they are in the sun.

The shop also features a children’s corner with toys, costumes, games — such as Harry Potter — and children’s accessories, storybooks and activity books.

Sanders said she also plans to open a toy store, Kinderpillar, and has signed a contract for a space at 10947 Kingston Pike in Stonecrest Center, Farragut.

There will be “lots of toys and games, developmental toys, lots of books, lots of educational items,” she said.

Sanders had retail businesses, Once Upon a Time, a children’s store, and Tierra’s Boutique, a fashion retail shop, in Gatlinburg, but decided to close those shops after moving to Oak Ridge and opening a new business closer to home.

While looking for a new location, “somebody mentioned ‘Why don’t you try Turkey Creek,’” she recalled. “I looked at what’s for lease and when I saw it, I thought this is great.

“I like how it’s set up here,” Sanders added. “I hope to do great.”

For more information, call 865-548-9345 or visit her boutique on Facebook.

## Chamber networking at Villages at Westland Cove



Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members John Haney, far left, Realtor with NAI Koella/RM Moore; and John Shockley and Brian Pickett with Bartlett Tree Experts, gathered for a FWKCC networking hosted at Villages at Westland Cove, 9635 Westland Cove Way, Thursday, Aug. 31.

Tammy Cheek

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While recognizing 13 members of the 2023 Hardin Valley Academy Football Homecoming Queen Court and three members of the 2023 HVA Football Homecoming King Court, a queen and king were crowned during the school's annual Homecoming Evening halftime presentation, as the Hawks varsity football team hosted Maryville Friday, Sept. 22.

Chosen by a combination of student and teacher votes, Reese Wilson was crowned as Homecoming Queen 2023, while Sterling Ross was crowned as Homecoming King.

"The Court was decided by a point system for their (grade-point average), club sponsorship, letter and résumé," it was announced by public address during the presentation. "This year's candidates are an impeccable representation of the character and diverse interests within our community."

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1. Reese Wilson was named HVA Football Homecoming Queen for 2023, while Sterling Ross was named HVA Football Homecoming King for 2023

2. Micaiah Ashton Brazier, escorted by HVA football player Rocco Prichard. Parents are Amanda Ashton and Bradley Brazier.

3. Bailey Byrd, escorted by her father, Jeff Byrd. Mother is Dena Byrd.

4. Ava Halko, escorted by her father, Michael Halko. Mother is Nikki Halko.

5. Nlyah Harley, escorted by her parents, Renee and Sanchez Harley.

6. Kate Hurley, escorted by her father, Chris Hurley. Mother is Kaki Hurley.

7. Emma Knight, escorted by her father, John Knight. Mother is Cindy Knight.

8. Chanley Nagle, escorted by her father, Mark Nagle. Mother is Valerie Nagle.

9. Lauren Mulder, escorted by her mother, Holly Mulder. Father is Jon Mulder.

10. Ellison Redfield, escorted by her mother, Deborah Redfield. Father is Dennis Redfield.

11. Lily Swenson, escorted by her older sister, Gabby Swenson. Parents are Christa Branham and Derrick Swenson.

12. Reece Taylor, escorted by her father, Brannon Taylor. Mother is Brooke Taylor.

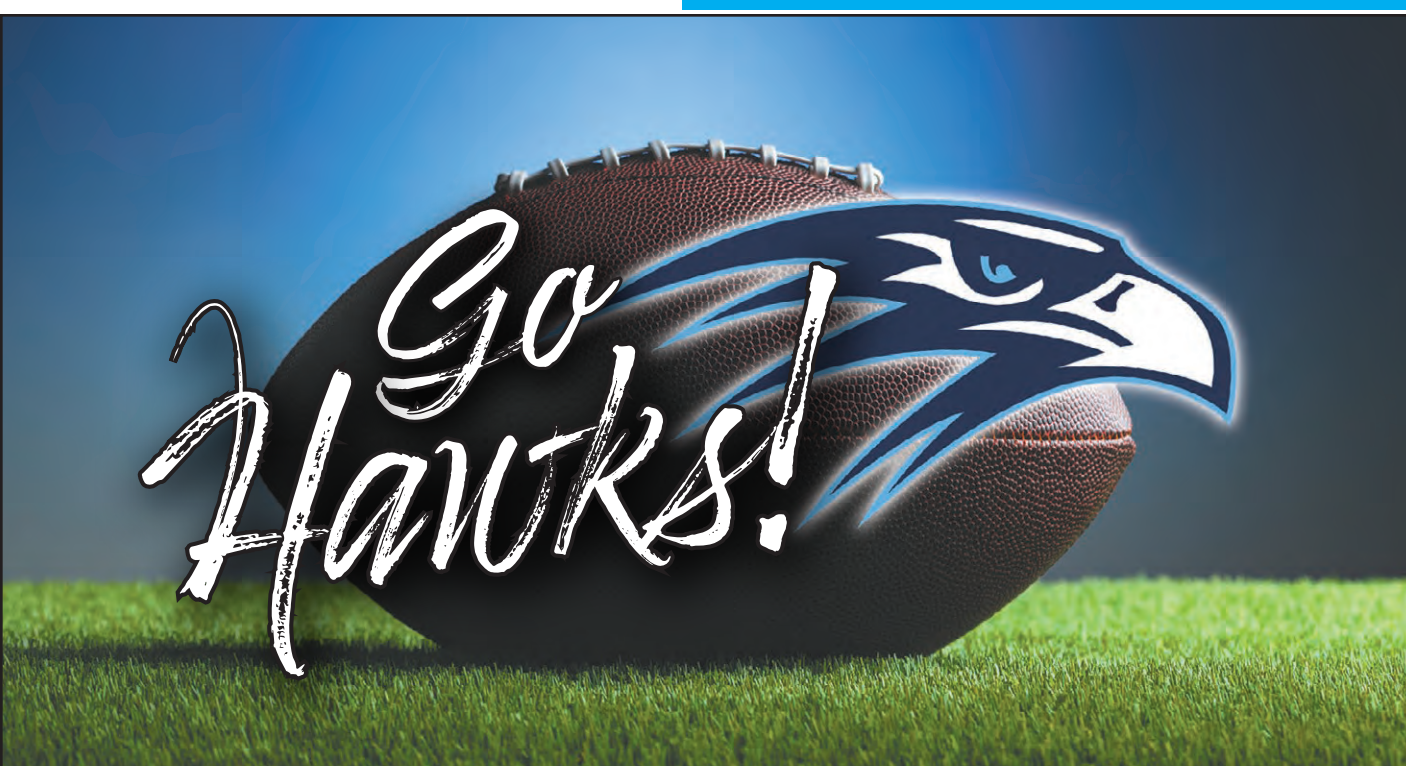
13. Gracie Waite, escorted by friends Laden Houston and Kingston Shingles. Parents are Kimberly and Robert Waite.

14. Reese Wilson, right, escorted by her best friend, Ryann Winterbottom. Parents are Becka and Corey Wilson.

15. Kevin Kesserwani is escorted by his mother, Carmen Kesserwani. Father is Michael Kesserwani.

16. Sterling Ross is escorted by his parents, Sara and Ashley Ross.

17. Scottie Stamey is escorted by his older sister, Sydney Stamey. Parents are Scott and Susan Stamey.



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## Bearden 21 Farragut 14 'Here we go again' erased with runners, 'D' to end FHS streak

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**BEARDEN** — In Bearden's three down-to-the-wire games this season, there have been two fatal — and one near fatal — fourth-quarter mistakes.

Having already suffered heartbreaking losses to a pair of defending state champs it outplayed for most of the game, Josh Jones' Bulldogs were in control against rival Farragut early in the fourth quarter at BHS's Bill Young Field Thursday evening, Sept. 21.

Shutting down the Admirals offense in the second half and driving inside the FHS 25 with a strong run game and a 14-7 lead, Bearden's latest "here we go again" moment hit: the Admirals blocked junior kicker Daniel Kinney's 41-yard field goal attempt, and with a perfect deflection and bounce, Admiral junior defensive back Landon Collins grabbed the ball and ran 60 yards to tie the game 14-14 with 8:28 to play.

"Next to 'adversity' in the dictionary, it's got a picture of Bearden football," a happy coach Jones said after the game — happy because this time Bearden regained control.

Using the elusive running of sophomore Jayzon Thompson and the power inside surges of junior runner Torian Riggins, BHS marched from its own 25 to inside the Farragut 40.

It was fourth-down and a half-yard to go with just under three minutes to play at the FHS 36 when Thompson broke open up the gut for a 36-yard scoring run, which gave the Dawgs a 21-14 lead with 2:36 remaining. "The O-line was pushing, so I just had to find a crease and go," Thompson said.

On Farragut's first play from scrimmage thereafter, at the FHS 20, a deflected pass was picked off by junior Ethan Couvertiere. The Bulldogs were able to grind out a first down and, with great joy and relief from all wearing Maroon and Gray, celebrated the program's first win, 21-14, against Farragut since 2018, and just its fourth in 26 games dating back to 2002.

While Bearden has won three in a row in 2023, improving to 3-2 overall and 2-0 in Region 2-6A, Farragut falls to 2-3, 0-2.

About regrouping after the blocked-kick TD, "We knew they weren't getting anything on offense against us," said Bearden se-

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Farragut senior runner Wyatt Drummy is brought down by Bearden senior defensive back Sam Tummins.

## Still rolling along: Webb pulls away at Christian Academy

BILL HOWARD

Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — After the first five games this season, Webb School of Knoxville's football team was 5-0 and had not been challenged.

Friday night, Sept. 21, on the road at Division II AA-East Region foe Christian Academy of Knoxville, the boys in green made it six-for-six.

Webb (6-0 overall, 4-0 in region), jumped to a quick 14-0 lead, weathered a Warriors' first-half comeback, then put the game away with a 14-0 second

half. The final was 42-12.

"It's the start you want," Spartans head coach Don Mahoney said. "For two weeks in a row we came out and set the tone with what we wanted to do."

The "tone" Mahoney referenced was Spartan touchdowns on its first two plays from scrimmage.

After forcing CAK (3-3, 2-2) to punt on the game's opening possession, Spartan quarterback Jack Wagner hit Markeis Barrett over the top for a 77-yard touchdown bomb and a 7-0 lead.

On the first play of the next possession, running back Jalen Hill went

right, then bolted to the end zone for a 14-0 lead four minutes into the game. "When you give up a one-play drive, it's not good," Warriors head coach Chad Speck said.

CAK would fight back. A 46-yard pass from quarterback Aiden Troutt to Will Kelley put the ball



Hill

on Webb's 3. Two plays later, Lincoln

Rich took it in to cut the lead to 14-6.

"Give them all the credit in the world for their scheme and what they do with it," Mahoney said.

The Spartans made it 21-6 early in the second when Wagner, on third-and-goal from the CAK 6, hit Harvey Nien-dorff for the score.

Troutt's TD pass to Kelley with 5:04 left in the half cut Webb's lead to 21-12. Three Spartan penalties helped sustain the drive.

A 21-12 halftime score would have

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Photo submitted

Farragut Middle School's junior varsity softball team with its second-place plaque earned during Knox County Tournament action last week. Team members, back row from left, are Ellie Kennedy, Audrey Vann, Adisyn Ralston, Camden Houston, Addie Brown, Layla Norman and Claire Somerville. Front row, from left, are Sara Matic, Morgan Wilburn, Lauren Shanley, Katherine Hutchens and Callie Buckner.

## Knox runner-up

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All it took was one goal for Farragut's girls, following a nice corner kick by senior Kennedy Renfro, as Lady Ads senior forward Reeder Kappel controlled a slight deflection to boot home a goal from about 12 yards out in the 47th minute.

A 1-0 home win against rival Hardin Valley Academy Thursday evening, Sept. 21, improved the FHS record to 7-3-1, 2-1-1 in District 4-AA

"Obviously, this game means something to everyone," said new FHS head coach Jessie Burkhart, the former Hardin Valley head coach. "I think it's a game both teams had circled on their calendar."

While praising HVA's "hustle," Burkhart

added her Lady Ads "came out in the second half and looked like the team with the step we should have. ... We definitely came out with some intensity and some heart."

About the goal, "Reeder is always dangerous in front of the goal," the Lady Ads skipper said. "... We executed a corner kick like you should."

For a "very young" Lady Hawks team that has "started seven freshman" at points this season and stood at 2-8 after the loss, "I was happy with the effort," head coach Masey Fox said. Having worked "on expanding quickly and possessing effectively, there was improvement there. ... We've got to finish the chances that we get."

With two diving saves against Farragut, Lady

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## Three HVA, one BHS cross country team win

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**KNOXVILLE** — Senior Maddie Archdale's latest first-place cross country finish (18:03.29), in MKXC Cherokee Classic on Cherokee Boulevard Saturday morning, Sept. 23, helped Hardin Valley Academy win the girls varsity team title with 46 points. Lady Hawk freshman Emma Cissna was fourth (18:35.33).

HVA senior Carson Long (runner-up, 16:05.69) and junior Gabe Allen (third at 16:12.91) led the Hawks boys to a first-place finish (52). Bearden

junior Cade Crum was fourth (16:12.32).

Among junior varsity boys, Farragut's Alex Moran was second, but top-20 finishes by 10 Hawks, led by Cooper McKay (fourth), Will Allen (fifth) and Andrew Parks (sixth) helped HVA edge Farragut to win 31 versus 33.

Lia Hurley's runner-up finish (among five BHS runners in top 20) allowed the Bearden JV girls to finish first (27). Laura Cunningham of Farragut was individual champion (22:07.51).

Lady Hawks Olivia Schippers, Rachel Benson and Andie Oc'Connor were third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

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# Win streak snapped, but 58th unbeaten: BHS ties ranked NY team

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — All good things must come to an end. And on Saturday morning, Bearden High School girls soccer team saw its 53-match winning streak halted as it played another nationally ranked powerhouse. The Lady Bulldogs, ranked No. 1 by United Soccer Coaches, and No. 16 Albertus Magnus, a team from suburban New York City, played to a 1-1 draw before a spirited house at Bearden's

Turner-Allender Field Sept. 23. The game marked the last time that Bearden (10-0-1) hadn't won since Aug. 30, 2021, when it tied Knoxville Catholic 0-0. That game was called after half-time due to inclement weather. The Bulldogs still haven't lost in 58 games, but Saturday's match felt like a loss according to the team's boss. "I'm a little frustrated with it," Bearden head coach Ryan Radcliffe said. "I don't think we were ourselves today. I think the atmosphere, the unknown of it, the team flying all this way,

I thought it kind of affected us mentally and I didn't think we were ourselves. All 11 players across the field, I don't think we had enough of our play that we've had all season." Bearden, which hasn't lost since falling to Franklin in the 2020 Class AAA State Tournament



Radcliffe

semifinals, had enough to take an early lead against the Lady Falcons (4-0-2). Jayla Blue got a shot past Albertus Magnus goalkeeper Aubrey Haesche and into the back of the Lady Falcons' net in the ninth minute, assisted by Alivia Stott. Bearden held the advantage until late in the opening half, when Gabby Chan tallied in the 31st minute. Chan, a senior, came into the 2023 campaign as a two-time All-America standout during her sophomore and junior seasons, but has had limited playing time in 2023 because of off-season knee surgery.

# Dominant Farragut takes down volleyball rival Oak Ridge 2-0

**BILL HOWARD**  
Correspondent

Last Wednesday night at home in Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium, Farragut High's volleyball team dispatched Oak Ridge with relative ease in a non-district match. The Lady Admirals won the best-of-three match 2-0 Sept. 20 with set scores of 25-19 and 25-17 on "Pink-Out" Senior Night. Both teams wore pink to bring attention to the campaign to fight breast cancer. Significant for FHS was the return of senior libero Avery Mandl, who had missed three weeks of matches because of injury. Lady Admirals head coach Andre Alves was pleased with his squad's performance. "When we win the serve and pass battle, we play pretty well," he said. "We were a little lackadaisical on defense, but offense: top notch." "It was good," Mandl said. "I

had so much fun. I was a little rusty. It was good to start yesterday (against William Blount Tuesday, Sept. 19) and actually get back in. Today was easier than yesterday. "I think we played well." **Match highlights** Scoring runs by both teams led to a 16-15 FHS lead in the first set. A 9-4 final run by Farragut — capped off by a kill by return of senior hitter Elsa Morrison — closed out the first set. A late run by Oak Ridge prevented the second set from being a blowout. FHS led 23-11 before the Ridgers won six of seven before losing this rivalry match. Morrison led the team in



Alves

kills with eight. Mandl had eight digs, while setter Tori McNair contributed 12 assists. Alves had high praise for Morrison. "Elsa was amazing as usual," he said. "Her jump serve is beautiful. She's moving around at the net. She's hitting outside. "That's my game plan: I've gotta move Elsa around," Alves added. The coach was asked about his assessment of the team on the eve of post-season play. "I feel ready," Alves said. "I think the chemistry is there. I think we're ready to compete. Glad to have Avery back. It was good to see her out there." **Loss to WBHS** The previous night the Lady Ads lost 3-2 in a closely contested district match at William Blount 25-16, 16-25, 16-25, 25-23, 15-13. Morrison led in kills with 20 and digs with 21. McNair had 37 assists. McNair and Teagen Williams each had three aces.



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Hawks sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Lambert "has been saving us a lot," Fox said. Sophia Roberts, sophomore midfielder-forward, "had a couple of good shots-on-goal in the first half," her coach added. Versatile HVA freshman Anna Ogle "is very good at defending and very good at joining the attack. An all-around good athlete," Fox said. Senior center-fullback Abigail Davis "is performing well," the coach said.

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# Farragut Middle School Softball Team

Joined by parents and siblings, Farragut Middle School softball team recognized its 8th-grade players during a home game at FHS’s Bellamy Field against Hardin Valley Wednesday, Sept 6. The varsity went on to win against the Hawks 2-1, while the FMS junior varsity earned a 4-2 victory. The JV team finished as Knox County Tournament runner-up last week (see photo in Sports, page 1B), while the varsity tournament began earlier this week.



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# HVA highlights vs. Rebs



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**(Top)** Hardin Valley Academy's lone score in a 48-7 loss to perennial power Maryville at HVA Friday evening, Sept. 22, was this 46-yard touchdown reception by sophomore Taa Henderson on a pass from senior quarterback Caleb Standifer in the first quarter. It was set up by a 29-yard Standifer pass to junior Isaac Shelby. **(Above)** Hawks defenders Rocco Pritchard (62), a junior lineman, and junior linebacker Kaden Cutcher combine to bring down a Rebels ballcarrier. HVA fell to 3-3 overall, 0-2 in Region 2-6A play, while Maryville improved to 4-2, 1-1.

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## Streak broken

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nior defensive back/receiver Sam Tummins, who along with Couvertiere and fellow DBs Cody Clough (one pick) and Kai Young, allowed just five completed passes for 51 yards and no touchdowns. "It was on our offense to put points on the board, and we did that."

The Dawgs' combined defensive effort allowed the Ads just 146 total yards of offense.

"Oh man it feels so great to beat them," Clough said while wearing an oversized king's crown on his head.

"It's amazing; you can't explain how we feel," senior offensive lineman Joe Scott said.

"I'm excited for our kids, our

school and our community," Jones said about the win.

"We didn't make plays when we had to," Ads skipper Eddie Courteny said. "But I'm proud of my team, they gave great effort."

**Game summary**

Bearden took advantage of great field position on its second possession — set up by sophomore Tory Beaufort's 16-yard punt return — and traveled 51 yards to make it 7-0.

Beaufort's 16-yard reception from junior quarterback Drew Parrott, plus a half-the-distance facemask penalty, placed the Dawgs at the FHS 12. Three Thompson carries, the last for 3 yards, made it 7-0, with the first of three Kinney extra-point kicks coming with

6:12 left in the first quarter.

But the Ads got tricky, faking a punt on fourth-and-4 at the FHS 26, as senior Jack Alley ran 10 yards for a first down. A 13-yard run from senior Wyatt Drummy and 16-yard pass from quarterback Cam Duncan to Brooks Burnette came before two Drummy runs, a 7-yarder setting up his 1-yard score. The first of kicker Ryan McCue's two extra points made it 7-7 with 10:13 left in the half.

Though Bearden recovered an onside kick to begin the second half, Farragut held BHS on downs at the FHS 32.

But the Dawgs went 75 yards, mostly on Thompson and Riggins carries, before Thompson's 1-yard touchdown run with 3:12 left in the third.

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## Art Fest

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Youngsters enjoyed designing masks, fans, bookmarks and visors; painting rocks; creating masterpieces on easels and with spin art; and a new feature this year: planting seeds.

Once completed, the children had an area where they could hang their creations to dry.

From left, Ann Lewellen with granddaughter, Alexis Acord, 5; and Freida Charnia with children, Alyza Charnia, 7, and Roha Charnia, 6



Vivian Zhang, 6



Lillian Marcum, 5, with mom, Olivia Marcum



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Everything you need to know about preschooling at SJNCS Saturday

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Tenth Annual West Knox Preschool & Activities Fair, sponsored by MOMS Club Knoxville-Northshore, will again be hosted by St. John Neumann Catholic School from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Sept. 30, in the school's gymnasium, 625 St. John Court.

"It's free for families to attend, and they can meet over 20 preschool (rep-

resentatives) with other activities for preschoolers," said Kate Lee, event spokeswoman. "So they can come and speak to (administrators) from those preschools and find out about availability cost, philosophy of teaching, curriculum. They can just ask all kinds of questions about the schedule, any preschool questions they have for the different programs. Like shopping for preschool."

And its not just preschools. Other pre-

senters will include sports businesses. Parents "might just want to ask about how their sports programs are structured," Lee said, adding this includes "taekwondo, gymnastics. .... So they're going to come and talk about what they do for preschoolers. And parents just walk around the tables and visit with whomever they want to talk to."

In addition to SJNCS, the following schools, churches, organizations and businesses have signed up: ABA

Interventions, Bricks 4 Kidz, Bright Knox Explorers, Calculating Minds Math Learning Center, Concord United Methodist Weekday Preschool, Cool Sports, The Episcopal School of Knoxville, Farragut Church of Christ Preschool, Farragut Community Center, Happy Holler Circle, Hola Knoxville Bilingual Academy, Kiddie Kottage, Kids Cove Childcare Drop-In Cen-

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It's Science!

'Best Paper Award' goes to FHS group at prestigious competition

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A team of Farragut High School students competed together in August at the 7th Annual Smoky Mountain Computational Sciences Data Challenge, hosted by Oak Ridge National Laboratories, winning the Best Paper Award.

The team consisted of Langelibalele Lunga, Vivaan Singhvi, Varrun Prakash, Pragya Nidhi and Chris Keum.

"It felt really gratifying to see all the hard work I put in get materialized in the publication," Singhvi said. "I gained a lot of valuable research experience, especially in the computer science field."

"I've also gotten really familiar with image processing with computers and implementing machine learning models to accelerate any task at hand," he added. "The presentation I gave to the conference was an amazing opportunity, as getting to speak in front of dozens of people really helped me develop presentational skills and was overall a great experience."

"For me, this publication is like the 'reward' for all our effort, and the first step in our journey toward our careers in computer science and artificial intelligence."

"It felt empowering to have our work published," Lunga said. "It gave us all a sense of motivation in our future research and showed us that we can contribute to the scientific community despite being high school students."

"I've learned how to construct and implement a research-based solution," he added. "I've also learned more on the impact machine learning can have in biology/botany, as our project created a solution to the tedious task of identifying plants by hand."

"The presentation I did during our poster display taught me how to articulate scientific ideas to other scientists," Lunga added.

"Amazing," Prakash said about the experience. "We all learned a lot and it was nice to see it get published."

"This experience helped me see the growing effect of AI and has inspired me to potentially pursue a career in the field," he added.

"The SMC is a research competition against undergraduate students, graduate students and ORNL scientists to draft a research paper and give a lightning talk plus poster presentation," Lunga said. "The research paper, titled 'High-Throughput Phenotyping using Computer Vision and Machine Learning,' is one product of multiple from our summer internship at ORNL."

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Tammy Cheek

FHS has 17 National Merit Semifinalists for 2024

Farragut High School recently announced its 2024 National Merit Semifinalists. Kneeling, from left, are Karrie Ann, Iris Chen, Elaina Conger, Grace Feng, Madeline Gao, Caleb Han, Jesse Hao and Daniel Khan. Standing, from left, are Michelle Lin, Elliot Mandl, Vivaan Singhvi, Reuben Soans, Channing Tan, Thomas Williamson, Nicholas Yan and iris Ye. Audrey Fey, not pictured, also is a semifinalist. To enter the competition, a high school student must take the PSAT/NMSQT as a junior and meet NMSC's published program participation requirements. More than 16,000 of the high scorers, representing less than 1 percent of the nation's high school graduating seniors, qualify as semifinalists. Only semifinalists will have the opportunity to advance in the competition for Merit Scholarship Awards.

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- New to Planner**
- **West Knox County Vietnam Veterans are set to meet beginning at 1:30 p.m.** (until 3:30 p.m.) Thursday, Sept. 28, in West Knox Senior Center, 239 Jamestown Blvd. Suite 101, in Farragut.
  - **Tennessee Valley Machine Knitters Club** will hold a workshop from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.,

Tuesday, Oct. 3, in Alcoa First United Methodist Church. How to knit mitered corners by knitting coasters will be taught. For more information, contact Marie Hickson at 865-457-0960.

- **Pellissippi State Community College's Hardin Valley Campus** will host a solo ex-

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hibit of prints and collages by artist Aaron Coleman from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday through Friday, Oct. 20, in Bagwell Center for Media and Arts Gallery. The Arts at Pellissippi State series includes music and theatre productions as well as visual arts exhibits. To request accommodations for any campus event, call 865-694-6411 or e-mail accommodations@pstcc.edu.

• **The Church of The Ascension, 800 S. Northshore Drive**, invites everyone to its annual Blessing of the Animals beginning at 3 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1. Dogs, cats, fish, horses, guinea pigs, rabbits and every animal imaginable — and their owners — are invited free of charge. However, a donation of cat food, dog food or monetary contribution is suggested for the Pet Pantry at FISH Hospitality Pantry, a community-wide food bank.

• **PJ Parkinson's upcoming annual 5k run begins at The Renaissance Farragut, 12744 Kingston Pike in Farragut** beginning at 1 p.m., Sunday Oct. 8. Cost is \$35 for 5K run (also at 5 p.m.), and \$25 each for Movement Program (at 1 and 3 p.m.) and Virtual Run/5K Walk and . Registration deadline is

midnight, Saturday, Oct. 7.

To sign up for the race, visit the race website: runsignup.com/Race/TN/Farragut/ParkinsnsAwarenessKnox

• **Farragut High School dance team presents its 2nd Annual Boots & Beauties Daddy-Daughter Dance**, from 5 to 7 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 7, in FHS Commons, 11237 Kingston Pike. Cost is \$50 for father/daughter plus \$10 for each additional daughter. Also featured are a deejay, photo booth and food trucks.

• **Farragut Lions Club announces the upcoming 2023 Car Cruise-In**, “a thrilling community event that will rev up the excitement in Farragut” from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 21, in the parking lot of JCPenney, 11543 Parkside Drive, a club press release stated. For event updates and further details, visit tnlions.org

• **Girl Scouts and Young-Williams Animal Center are teaming up to sell Mini BarkBoxes for shelter dogs**. Buyers can choose to donate their purchase to a shelter dog at Young-Williams. It includes a Pose and Play Beret dog toy, which doubles as a wearable hat. Boxes are available for a limited time through Wednesday, Oct. 25, at GirlScoutBarkBox.org.

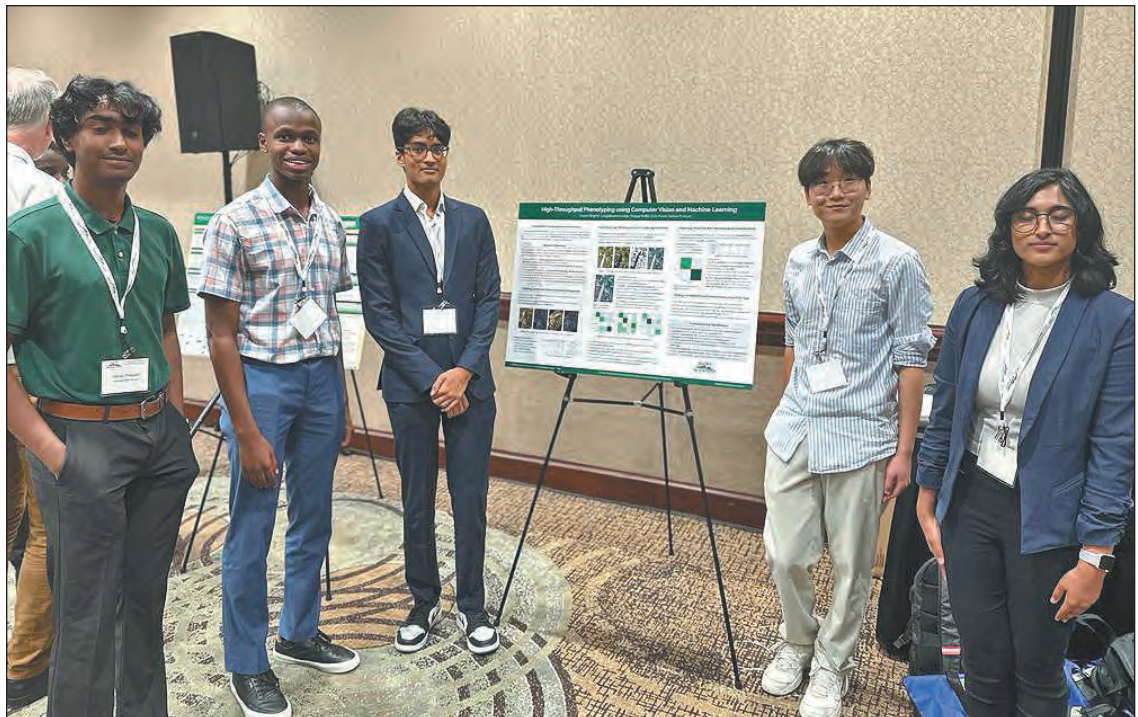


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## FHS group 1st

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“Out of 36 paper submissions to the conference, only six were selected for publication, including ours,” he added.

“Additionally, our team competed in the Early Career

category against undergraduates, where we won the Best Paper Award.”

“It was an honor to represent Farragut,” Lunga said, crediting the guidance the team received from their mentor, Dr. Ty Frazier of Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

A Farragut High School team consisting of, from left, Varrun Prakash, Langanlibalele Lunga, Vivaan Singhvi, Chris Keum, and Pragya Nidhi, competed in the 7th Annual Smoky Mountain Computational Sciences Data Challenge.

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## FARRAGUT MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF/DEVELOPER AGENDA

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023 • Back of Board Room – Farragut Town Hall**

**9:00 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for 11715 Grigsby Chapel Road, 2.46 Acres, 4 Lots, Zoned R-1 (Lynch Surveys, LLC., Applicant)

**9:30 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for Dunkin Farragut, 13038 Kingston Pike, 1 Acre, Zoned C-1 (Urban Engineering, Inc., Applicant)

**10:00 a.m.** Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for Dollar General and Advance Auto Parts, Parcel 08602, Tax Map 151, 3.05 Acres, Zoned C-1 (JMB Investment Company, Applicant)

**10:30 a.m.** Discussion on a request to rezone properties currently shown as Rural Single-Family Acre Residential (R-1-S-A) to Rural Residential (R-1) and to amend the Farragut Zoning Ordinance to remove the R-1-S-A as a zoning district (Mike Tuell, Applicant)

**11:00 a.m.** Discussion on the status of the Development Plan for Phase II of the Kingston Pike Village at the southwest intersection of Kingston Pike and S. Watt Road

**1:30 p.m.** Discussion on a concept plan involving a mixture of different residential rental building types for purposes of determining if there is support for recommending associated amendments to the Farragut Zoning Ordinance (Novu Residential Group, LLC., Applicant)

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Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive  
**AGENDA • September 28, 2023 • BMA MEETING 6:00 PM**

**I.** Roll Call  
**II.** Approval of Agenda  
**III.** Approval of Minutes  
**A.** September 14, 2023  
**IV.** Mayor's Report  
**V.** Ordinances  
**A.** Public Hearing and Second Reading  
**1.** Ordinance 23-12, an ordinance on first reading to amend the Farragut Municipal Code V, Chapter 14, Nuisances and Property Maintenance (Town of Farragut, Applicant)  
**2.** Ordinance 23-14, Ordinance to amend the State Street Aid and Insurance Fund Budgets for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, passed by Ordinance 23-07  
**VI.** Business Items  
**A.** Approval of Professional Services Agree-

ment with LDA Engineering, Inc. for Design of Turkey Creek Greenway Extension, Brixworth Subdivision to Virtue Road  
**B.** Approval of the Veteran Salute 5K/10K road races, November 11, 2023  
**C.** Approval of the Hot to Trot 5K/10K & Fun Run, November 23, 2023  
**D.** Approval of Bid for One (1) 2024 Chevrolet 1500 4WD Pick-up from Wilson County Motors  
**E.** Approval of Dates for the November & December Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meetings  
**VII.** Town Administrator's Report  
**VIII.** Town Attorney's Report  
**IX.** Citizens Forum

**This meeting can be viewed live on the Farragut YouTube Channel and the Town of Farragut website [www.townoffarragut.org/livestream](http://www.townoffarragut.org/livestream). The meeting will be held at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive**

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## SJNCS event

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ter, Knoxville Moms, Lenoir City Christian Academy Preschool, Little River Montessori School, Maryville's Play Station, MOMS Club of Knoxville-Northshore, Pride and Joy Academy, Soccer Shots, Stephen Strouss Tae-KwonDo Knoxville, Tennessee Elite Gymnastics and Trinity Learning Center.

Lee emphasized parents aren't obligated to sign up for anything or commit to attending a certain school, business or organization, adding, "It's

just informational. It's just helping people out no matter what school they attend."

As for questions a given parent may ask, "'What is the philosophy of the school? What's important to them in their curriculum?'" Lee said. "'What is your cost structure? What's your schedule?'" Some preschools just do a few mornings a week. Some preschools do every morning. Kind of what the schedule is like, what the costs are like."

This process "is easier than trying to Google everything you want to find out," Lee said. "You can just come and talk to

people directly with your questions. You don't have to try to search a bunch of websites and track down information."

As for personal experience, "I know I went to it when we were looking for a preschool many years ago, and it was just really great being able to pick up all the brochures and just talk to people right then and get ideas and find out what was out there," Lee said.

Such information can be vital because "preschools are getting harder to get into these days with all the people moving here," Lee said.

"You end up on a waiting

list if you want to get into preschool," she added.

Looking back, "I can tell you that before the pandemic we had several hundred attendees," Lee said. " ... So that's what we're hoping for."

No sign-up is required, but parents can visit the SJNCS Facebook page if they want to learn more about the event: Facebook.com/westknoxpreschoolfair

While the parents talk, "We're going to have some free snacks for the kids ... and there will be a lot of hands-on activities for kids to do," the spokeswoman said about ac-

tivities near the tables.

"Soccer balls to kick around and maybe blocks to play with or just things they could handle, things they can do," Lee added.

"There should be some hands-on activities, if you want to put it that way, for the whole family. Kind of keep the kids engaged while the parents are trying to talk."

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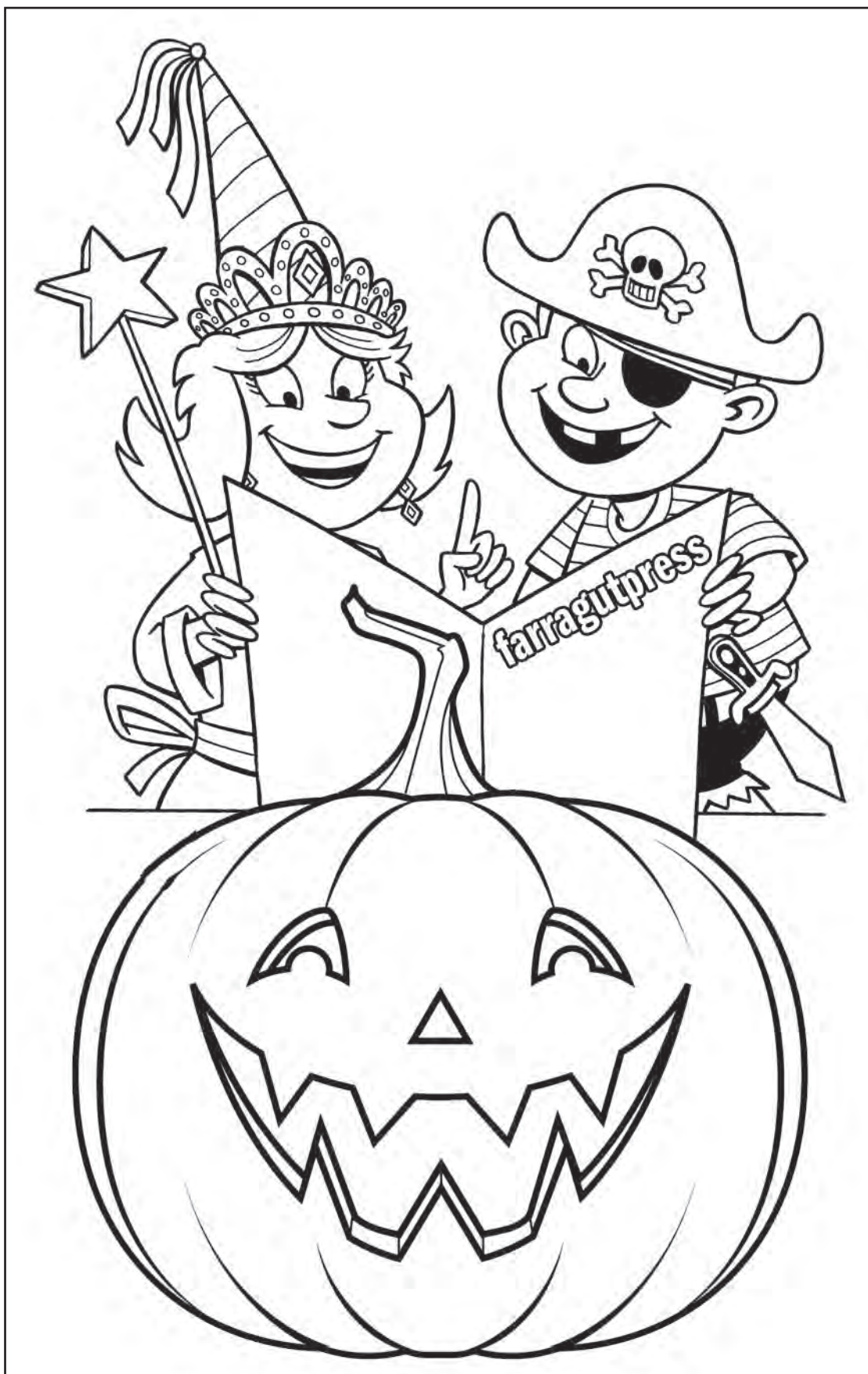
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HVA	3-3	124-130	-6
Farragut	2-3	118-140	-22

## Webb still entangling foes atop Scoreboard

Oh what a tangled Webb is weaved when the Spartans' opponents fail to deceive.

Six weeks into the season, it's six blowout victories for new head coach Don Mahoney's Webb School of Knoxville football team.

The Spartans' latest victory required only about 1 mile of travel up Dutchtown Road, visiting Division II-AA East Region foe Christian Academy of Knoxville Friday, Sept. 22.

Holding a potent Warriors offense to just 12 points, Mahoney's Green Machine claimed a 30-point victory to solidify Webb's hold on the top spot in the PureMagic How the West Was Won Scoreboard Contest (*read story starting on page 1B*).

Enjoying its open date during Week 6, Knoxville Catholic begins its Division II-AAA East Region schedule with a 4-1 record, second best on the Scoreboard.

Moving up from the PureMagic Contest cellar after

Week 2, Josh Jones' Bearden Bulldogs not only won its third straight game — it came in dramatic fashion versus rival Farragut at BHS's Bill Young Field — but the Bulldogs' 21-14 victory broke a four-game FHS winning streak in the series, and was just the fourth Bearden win versus the Admirals since 2001 (*See story and photo beginning on page 1B*).

Hardin Valley Academy is going the opposite way along with Farragut — both teams having lost three straight games after hot season starts — falling at HVA versus perennial power Maryville (4-2 overall, 1-1 in region; *see photos on page 3B*).

### Week 7

Webb looks to further solidify its Scoreboard lead in Week 7 against a non-region foe from Chattanooga, as Brainerd (2-3) visits David Meske Stadium. (All opening kickoffs are 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted).

Meanwhile, the KCHS Irish return to action this Friday

while beginning region play in Nashville versus Montgomery Bell Academy (1-5 overall, 0-1 in region). Opening kickoff is 8 p.m., EDT, 7 p.m., CDT.

Bearden's hot streak will be put to a severe test, as Jones & Company travel to Maryville for a huge region showdown.

Farragut's region task, though taking place in the friendly confines of FHS's Eddie Courtney Stadium, will be enormous against unbeaten and sudden East Tennessee powerhouse Bradley Central (5-0, 1-0), as the Bears already have defeated Maryville (21-13).

Christian Academy continues its region challenges, this week traveling to Hamilton County to face Chattanooga Christian (3-3, 1-2).

Jeff Miner's HVA Hawks look to reverse the team's recent struggles with a non-region trip to the foot of the Smoky Mountains to face Sevier County (4-1) in Sevierville.



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Junior Landon Collins, Farragut defensive back, returns a blocked 41-yard field goal attempt by Bearden 60 yards to tie the score 14-14 with 8:27 left in the fourth quarter Thursday, Sept. 21.



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# Talk *of the* Town

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Fall 2023

## Cool weather brings heart-warming fun to Farragut

There's no better time to be in Farragut than in the beautiful autumn months.

*Don't miss these free, annual events that are sure to delight the entire family!*

### Freaky Friday Fright Nite

Experience family-friendly chills and thrills at the 2023 Freaky Friday Fright Nite! Gather the kids and head to Mayor Bob Leonard Park to get treats on the walk trail from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 27. Local businesses, community groups and Town of Farragut volunteers hand out treats and provide games with prizes and cookie decorating.

This is a free event, but par-

ticipants are asked to bring items to benefit the local Ronald McDonald House. See [farragutparksandrec.org/freakyfriday](http://farragutparksandrec.org/freakyfriday) for more info.

### Light the Park

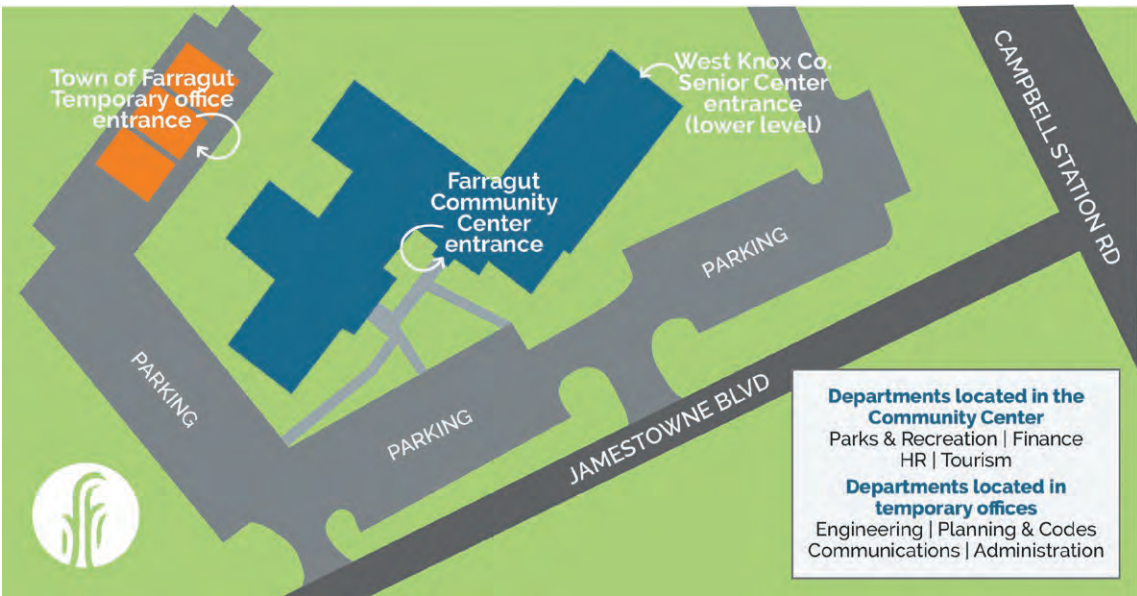
From dusk to 10 p.m. nightly from Monday, Nov. 20, through Monday, Jan. 1, thousands of holiday lights will twinkle along Campbell Station Road from the I-40 commuter lot to Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn as part of

the Town's Light the Park event.

The fun begins with Countdown to Light the Park from 5:30-7 p.m. on Nov. 20. Free live entertainment, crafts and refreshments will be offered as we wait for Santa to flip the big switch!

Children are encouraged to drop their wish lists for Santa in the giant mailbox at Founders Park by Monday, Dec. 18.

See **EVENTS** on Page 2



## Town Hall to close temporarily for renovations

This fall, Farragut Town Hall will close for major interior renovations. The current estimate is that work will begin in November and require a closure of 12-18 months.

While Town Hall is closed, Town of Farragut staff will work out of the Farragut Community Center. Parks & Recreation will remain in its current offices there, and the Town's Finance,

Human Resources and Tourism Departments will also be housed inside the community center.

See **TOWN HALL** on Page 3

## The price of Town of Farragut services: \$0

It's a little bit confusing to live in Knox County. It's confusing because you can live in the Town of Farragut or the City of Knoxville, which each have their own governments, but we all live in Knox County, which also has its own government.

All Knox County residents pay a county property tax rate of \$1.5540 per \$100 assessed value, including those who live in Farragut and Knoxville. Knoxville residents pay an additional property tax of \$2.1556 per \$100 assessed value, and for that they receive services like a police department, a fire department and garbage, recycling and yard waste pickup. Outside of Knoxville, county residents rely on the Knox County Sheriff's Office and subscribe to fire protection and trash pickup.

(If you wonder what Knox County does with property tax

See **PRICE** on Page 4

## Visit Farragut Ambassador Program

The purpose of the newly-created Visit Farragut Ambassador Program is to educate residents and equip local businesses to understand the economic impact of a strong tourism economy. The program will provide resources and education for local citizens, retailers, hoteliers, restaurateurs, etc., through the Visit Farragut Certified Songbird course. Certified Songbirds will be trained to help visitors or residents they casually encounter around town.

Certified Songbirds will have

See **AMBASSADOR** on Page 3



Farragut Mayor Ron Williams speaks to Visit Farragut FAM Tour participants.

## Public invited to complete survey about Farragut's Town Center area

As part of an effort to collect public input on how property in Farragut's Town Center should develop and what new infrastructure is needed, the Town of Farragut invites the community to complete a survey.

Share your feedback by visiting the Town's engagement site, [EngageFarragut.org](http://EngageFarragut.org), or use the QR code below. To participate, scroll down to Featured Projects and choose "Mixed Use Town Center Input." First time users will need to create an account by entering a name and email address. Once you are on the project page, you can read more about the public input process. The survey is at the bottom of the page.

Collected data will be used to update Farragut's land use map, which guides decisions that influence how property develops.

The area around the intersection of Campbell Station Road and Kingston Pike was designated Mixed Use Town Center (MUTC) to encourage development of a downtown area, a desire



See **SURVEY** on Page 2

## Fall break fun coming to Farragut Community Center

Fall break for Knox County Schools is right around the corner, which may leave some parents scrambling to find fun, engaging and safe ways to occupy their child's week. This year, the Farragut Community Center is offering a Fall Break Camp to help meet that need in our community.

From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 9-13, up to 30 campers will enjoy a week of activities led by Farragut Parks & Recreation staff. Campers can expect to learn new games, create art projects and meet new friends. Camp is open to children ages 6-12, or kindergarten through seventh grade. Registration is \$60 per camper and closes Friday, Oct. 6. Campers should wear running shoes and bring a water bottle. Snacks will be provided each day, but campers need to bring their own lunch.



# WHO TO CALL

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**Founders Park:** 405 N. Campbell Station Road

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# Visit Farragut hits the right note with fall events

**Songwriters Showcase:** Visit Farragut and Daddy Mac’s Down Home Dive (11335 Campbell Lakes Drive) will present a Songwriters Showcase from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1. This free event, held at Daddy Mac’s, will feature performances by local artists. Register in advance at Eventbrite.com to receive a free drink token. Based on availability of tickets, guests may be able to register at the door.

**Made in Tennessee Trail:** Tennessee never tasted so good! Visit Farragut is partnering with local restaurants to offer the Made In Tennessee Drink Trail. Each restaurant will highlight a beer or cocktail with an element from Tennessee. Prizes will be awarded for completion; register at VisitFarragut.org.

Participating restaurants and featured drinks include: Big Kahuna Wings – Tennessee’s Delight; Water Into Wine – Nelson’s Classic Old Fashioned; Sparrow Wine Bar – ciders and IPAs; Topgolf Knoxville – Blackberry Smash; Seasons Innovative Bar & Grill – local craft beers; Cotton Eyed Joe – Blue Margarita; and Daddy Mac’s Down Home Dive – Tennessee Tea.

**Additional events:** Visit Farragut staff and the Mobile Visitors Center will be onsite for Town of Farragut holiday events as well as these local events:

Oct. 6: Harvest Jam – Pinnacle at Turkey Creek; 6-9 p.m.  
Oct. 21: Lions Club Car Cruise-In – JCPenney; 8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Oct. 25: Taste of Turkey Creek – Pinnacle at Turkey Creek; 6-9 p.m.  
Nov. 11: Veterans Salute Run – Farragut Community Center; 7:30-10:30 a.m.  
Nov. 17: All is Bright – Pinnacle at Turkey Creek; 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Nov. 23: Hot to Trot – Fleet Feet/Turkey Creek; 7:30-10:30 a.m.  
Learn more about these events at VisitFarragut.org.



## Shop Farragut fall programs

### Harvest Fest

Shop Farragut will assemble vendors from across the Farragut business community for the 2023 Harvest Fest from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Village Green Shopping Center.

The festival features four dozen local retail and promotional booths, including food trucks and beverage vendors, plus live entertainment. This free event takes place rain or shine.

Guests are encouraged to attend in their Halloween costumes and get goodies while visiting the vendor booths. There will be a costume contest with categories including Best Baby, Under 12, Pet, Group, Over 50, Best of Festival and Judges’ Choice!

### 2023 Shop Farragut for the Holidays Campaign

The 17th Annual Shop Farragut Holiday Campaign begins Friday, Nov. 17, and continues through Monday, Jan. 1. In addition to the free and reduced-priced advertising available as part of the campaign provided by Shop Farragut, the Town will offer businesses registered through Shop Farragut the opportunity to have an extra temporary sign for the entire campaign period and waive the \$25 special event fee. (This is in addition to the four special events per year allowed to Farragut businesses as per the Town’s zoning ordinance). Remember that other special event signage will be suspended Nov. 10-16 in order to highlight the Shop Farragut campaign.

Details about how businesses can participate in the campaign will be distributed by Shop Farragut in October. For more information: 865-307-2486 or shopfarragut@gmail.com.

## Request for Light the Park Vendors

A favorite Farragut event returns on Monday, Nov. 20, when Light the Park kicks off at Founders Park at Campbell Station. From Nov. 21 to Dec. 23, individuals, local businesses and organizations are invited to make the event more festive by providing giveaways, caroling or bringing a food truck. The time slot for vendors and entertainers is 6-8 p.m. daily. To sign up, contact the Parks & Recreation office at 865-218-3376 or parksandrecinfo@townoffarragut. Learn more by following Farragut Parks & Rec on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

### Events

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Be sure to include a return address—you may get a response from the big man himself! There will be giveaways, food trucks and caroling scheduled throughout Light the Park. Learn more by following Farragut Parks & Rec on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

### Celebrate the Season

Get in the holiday spirit at Celebrate the Season from 4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30, at the Farragut Community Center. Kids can have photos taken with Santa and enjoy cookie decorating, crafts and a holiday-themed movie during this free evening of family fun. It’s a great way to start the holiday season!

### ‘Twas the Night with No Parents

Catch up on shopping or just enjoy a quiet evening while kids ages 6-12 have holiday fun at the community center! From 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, children will enjoy pizza, games, crafts, and a holiday movie. Cost is \$10 per child. Spots are limited and pre-registration is required at townoffarragut.org/register.

### New Years at Noon

Join us for a family-friendly New Years Eve celebration that happens long before bedtime! From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30, enjoy dancing, snacks and child-friendly bubbly drinks while ringing in the New Year at the community center. Cost is \$2 for children 16 and under; parents are free. Spots are limited and pre-registration is required at townoffarragut.org/register.

### Survey

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that has long been expressed by Farragut residents. Over the past few years, abandoned buildings at the intersection of Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road have been redeveloped, and the iconic Campbell Station Inn has been restored and beautified by a new plaza. The Town Center at Biddle Farms proj-

ect is underway with a mixture of housing, commercial/office and public spaces. Now, the Town would like to create a vision for the rest of the MUTC area.

Tunnell-Spangler & Associates (TSW) was hired to develop a vision plan for this area and provide other updates to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP). TSW also collected input via two public meetings on Aug. 31 at the Farragut Community Center.

The Talk of the Town is a quarterly publication produced by the Town of Farragut.

For more information about this publication, please contact Wendy Smith at 865-966-7057 or media@townoffarragut.org.



# FALL PROGRAMS & EVENTS

• Unless otherwise noted, register for classes and special events at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register), in person at the Farragut Community Center (239 Jamestowne Blvd.) or by phone (865-218-3376). All classes held at the community center require a free membership. Farragut residency is NOT required for membership. Please stop by the community center during regular hours or arrive early for class to register!

• Payment is due at the time of registration. Credit card payments (Visa, Mastercard and Discover) – whether online, in person, or by phone – will incur a 2% transaction fee. Cash and check payments are also accepted.

• The Town of Farragut is not responsible for costs associated with the purchase of supplies when a class is canceled.

• All events are held at the Farragut Community Center unless otherwise noted, and all league sports are held at Mayor Bob Leonard Park unless otherwise noted.

• Some events may be canceled or postponed in the event of inclement weather. Please see Farragut Parks & Rec social media (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) for updated information.

• Punch cards for community center gym programs may be purchased at the recreation office. Twenty punches are just \$30, and punch cards may be shared by family or friends.

• No refunds are given for programs and classes.

## ADULT

### Simple Comme Bonjour – Basic French Class

Mondays, Oct. 16-Nov. 27, 6-7 p.m.  
Cost: \$30 per six-week session  
Ages 12 and up  
No experience required to register. In this class, you will learn basic components of spoken and written French, cultural aspects of France and concepts to help you travel.

## FAMILY

### Mahjong and Gaming Club

Every other Tuesday, beginning Oct. 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Cost: Free  
Ages 9 and up  
Join us for Mahjong and Gaming Club to learn and play tile, board games and card games. There will be special classes to learn mahjong, tong-its, chess, checkers and other organized board games! Participants may bring their own games and snacks to share.

### Bingo Night

Tuesdays, Oct. 17-Dec. 12, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per player  
Ages 6 and up  
Join us for a family fun night of Bingo! There will be prizes for our winners. For questions, please call 865-218-3376.

## YOUTH

### Fall Break Camp

Oct. 9-13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Cost: \$60 per camper  
Ages 6 to 12  
Join us for a week of camp at the community center! Each day, we will engage your camper in a variety of activities, from sports and games to crafts and movies. Space is limited to 30 campers. Please pack a lunch for your camper each day. Registration is required; deadline is Oct. 6.

### Toddler Takeover

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.  
Cost: \$2, or one punch on a punch card per child; adults

are free.

Ages walking to 5 years  
Join us for this guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment!

### Storytime Crafts

Wednesdays, Oct. 18-Dec. 13, 10-11 a.m.  
Cost: \$2 per child, or one punch on a punch card per child  
Ages 3 to 5  
Join us for a different story each week with a corresponding craft! Parent participation is encouraged.

## FITNESS

### Total Fitness Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$4 or two punches on a punch card, per session.  
Join Rachel Piotrowski, certified group exercise instructor and personal trainer, for a total body fitness class! This class is tailored to individuals of all fitness levels and focuses on functional exercises to improve overall strength and balance. A variety of body weight and hand weight exercises will be utilized to build upper and lower body strength, improve balance and strengthen the core. Low impact aerobic conditioning and stretching are also incorporated. Please bring hand weights or other weighted objects for your workout. If you do not have any, just bring yourself! Don't forget water and a mat.

### Sunrise Stretch

Wednesdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.  
Cost: Free  
Start your day off right with a sunrise yoga session! This 60-minute class is the perfect way to start the day for beginning to advanced yogis with registered yoga teacher Jenny Trussell. The class includes gentle and slow flow yoga sequencing, breathwork and a brief meditation set to relaxing music. Bring a mat (blanket and props are optional) and a smile for each participant. The instructor is glad to provide an introductory class for anyone new to yoga.

### Rise and Shine Yoga

Mondays and Fridays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.  
Cost: \$4 or two punches on a punch card per session.  
Rise and shine! Start your day off right with a morning yoga class led by registered yoga teacher Mindy Wise or Jenny Trussell! Bring a yoga mat, water and a positive attitude!

### Moving into Stillness for Self-Care

Fridays, Oct. 6-27, 9:30-10:30 a.m.  
Cost: \$10 per four-week session  
We will introduce ways for participants to connect more deeply with themselves and others. Each session will include a guided meditation or reading, some silent time to reflect in stillness and a time for optional sharing of experiences.

## OPEN GYM

### Pickleball Open Gym

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, noon-3 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per person or two punches on a punch card per session  
Bring a paddle and a ball and get ready to play! During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system. Games are played to 11 points, winning by two. Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times.

### Volleyball Open Gym

Mondays, 3-9 p.m.  
Cost: \$4 per person or two punches on a punch card per session  
Limited equipment is available for checkout and nets are provided. Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times.

### Basketball Open Gym

Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m.; Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m.; Thursdays, 4-5

p.m.; Fridays, 3-9 p.m.

Cost: \$4 per person per session or two punches on a punch card  
Special Tuesday/Thursday rate: \$2 per person or one punch on a punch card  
No need to pre-register – just bring a ball and get ready to play! Please arrive a few minutes early to check in and get your free community center membership. To maximize community use, users may experience wait times or be asked to restrict play to half court.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Glow Volleyball

Friday, Sep. 29, 6-9 p.m.  
Farragut Community Center  
Cost: \$4 per participant  
Ages 16 and up  
Join us for a fun evening of glow-in-the-dark volleyball! Our gym will be equipped with glow-in-the-dark lines, net and black lights. Wearing neon colors or white clothing is encouraged.

### Howl-O-Woof

Thursday, Oct. 19, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
McFee Park Great Lawn  
Bring your furry friend to this hound Halloween event! Vendors, treats, a craft and a costume contest will be available for participating pups. Please note that online registration is required for the costume contest.

### Freaky Friday Fright Nite

Friday, Oct. 27, 5-7 p.m.  
Mayor Bob Leonard Park  
Walk our treat trail, if you dare! This family-friendly event features booths of local businesses passing out candy to costumed children. Donations to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Knoxville will be accepted; a wish list will be posted on the Facebook event.

### The Great Turkey Hunt

Monday, Nov. 13-Saturday, Nov. 18  
Farragut Parks and Ralph McGill Plaza  
Find turkeys and win a prize! This weeklong event offers plenty of park-friendly fun for the whole

family. Visit [farragutparksandrec.org](http://farragutparksandrec.org) for more information.

### Countdown to Light the Park

Monday, Nov. 20, 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Founders Park at Campbell Station  
Kick off the holiday season with the Town of Farragut at this beloved event! Free live entertainment and refreshments will be offered as we wait for Founders Park to be lit up with holiday cheer.

### Celebrate the Season

Thursday, Nov. 30, 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m.  
Farragut Community Center  
This Farragut family favorite will include photos with Santa, cookie decorating, crafts, light refreshments and holiday-themed movies.

### Mario-Kart Tournament

Thursday, Dec. 7, 6-8 p.m.  
Farragut Community Center  
Cost: \$5 per participant  
Ages 8 to 14  
Come test your skills at an evening of tournament play! We will play on Nintendo Switches and everyone will get the chance to play multiple rounds. Registration is required; deadline is Dec. 6.

### 'Twas the Night with No Parents

Friday, Dec. 15, 6-9 p.m.  
Farragut Community Center  
Cost: \$10 per child  
Ages 6 to 12  
Get your shopping done or take a few hours to relax while your children spend the evening at the community center! This event will feature pizza, games, crafts and a holiday movie.

### New Year's at Noon

Saturday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Farragut Community Center  
Cost: \$2 per child ages 16 and under  
Join us for a New Year's celebration at noon! Enjoy dancing, NYE snacks and child-friendly bubbly drinks while celebrating the new year at an easier time of day.

## Visit Farragut kicks off wayfinding initiative

Visit Farragut has partnered with Guide Studio of Cleveland, Ohio, to develop a Wayfinding Needs Assessment for the Town of Farragut.

Visit Farragut's Tourism Assessment Plan identified wayfinding and placemaking as a top priority for the Town's growing population, increased visitation and tourism development opportunities, and business growth. The goal of the

project is to outline the need for a future Town-wide wayfinding signage plan that can be implemented in stages.

The needs assessment plan will include identification of the types of signage that will best serve the needs of Farragut; identification of neighborhood thoroughfares, zones, primary routes, major areas, points of interests and destinations; and recommended

signage placement, types, and elements. Wayfinding and branding have proven to be tools that enhance and celebrate a community's image and help establish a quality and character that boosts reputation.

Guide Studio will do a site visit to Farragut in late September. During the visit, Guide will host discovery sessions with the core client team, steering committee,

and community stakeholders. Guide will participate in an Experience Tour of Farragut and will facilitate a working session with selected key players. A conceptual presentation and design direction will be shared with the steering committee in late October, and a program budget and development proposal will be shared later in the fall.

## Ambassador

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the opportunity to volunteer with Visit Farragut staff in the Mobile Visitor Center at Town of Farragut and other local events. Research shows that visitors are impacted by experiences they have and the people who help them. If Farragut visitors have a memorable and special time, they will tell others and return. This leads to money spent in Farragut.

Certified Songbird Program requirements include participating in a Visit Farragut FAM (Familiarization) Tour—an opportunity to visit Farragut's top attractions. The next opportunity to participate in this quarterly event is Tuesday, Nov. 14. Additionally, each Certified Songbird will watch six 10-minute courses on the Visit Farragut YouTube channel. The courses cover tourism impact, restaurants, attractions, history, retail and hotel, and parks and

recreation. Lastly, each participant will be invited to complete one hands-on experience (i.e., trying a new restaurant or visiting a local attraction) and submit a review.

As an appreciation token, all Certified Songbirds will receive a t-shirt and Farragut Community Center punch card. For more information, email Kristi Vining at [kvining@townoffarragut.org](mailto:kvining@townoffarragut.org).

## Town Hall

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Engineering, Planning & Codes, Communications and Administration Departments will work out of temporary office space located behind the community center.

The map on page 1 shows locations of public entrances to the Farragut Community Center and the temporary office space.

The Knox County Clerk/

Trustee office located in Town Hall closed temporarily in September in anticipation of renovations. The Town Hall location will reopen once work is completed. In the meantime, the closest office is located at 1028 Old Cedar Bluff Road. Call 865-215-8500 for more information.

To stay updated on Town Hall renovations, visit [townoffarragut.org](http://townoffarragut.org) and follow Town of Farragut on social media.



# Community Center Corner

As the temperatures cool and the days get shorter, Farragut residents begin to anticipate the fun that fall brings. This time of year, we look forward to walks in our beautiful parks to enjoy fall color and beloved annual events like Freaky Friday Fright Nite. Along with the outdoor fun this season brings, there are indoor recreation and learning opportunities at the Farragut Community Center!

Those with young children will be thrilled to learn of a new program at the community center this fall! Storytime Crafts is a weekly story and craft time for ages 3-5 from 10-11 a.m. on Wednesdays, beginning Oct. 18. This class is \$2 per child, and each class will feature the reading of a children's book and a corresponding craft.

If you dream of a Parisian vacation, or just want to challenge yourself to learn something new, sign up for our basic French class, Simple Comme

Bonjour! This six-week program is 6-7 p.m. starting Oct. 16. The cost for the session is \$30, and the program is designed for ages 12 and up. No experience is required, and registration ends Oct. 15. In addition to learning basics of the French language, you will also be exposed to aspects of the culture and food.

Due to popular demand, the adult indoor doubles pickleball league is back this fall! The league, held at the community center, features a seven-week regular season that begins on Thursday, Oct. 5, and ends on Thursday, Nov. 16. The season concludes with a single-elimination tournament on Dec. 7 and Dec. 14. This 18-and-up league is only \$50 per team, and all skill levels are welcome. Register online at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register) or by calling the community center at 865-218-3376.

The community center is excited to offer Bingo Nights and



a Mahjong and Gaming Club. Bingo nights are 6-7:30 p.m. each Tuesday, beginning Oct. 17. The cost is \$4 per player, and participants ages 6 and up are welcome. The Mahjong and Gaming Club meets from 3:30-5:30 p.m. every other Tuesday,

beginning Oct. 3. Ages 9 and up are invited to learn a variety of board games, including mahjong, checkers, tong-its and chess.

Stop by the community center during regular hours to learn more about these exciting op-

portunities and to see what else is happening! Visit us Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. We hope to see you at the community center this fall!

## Parks & Recreation



### Parks & Rec offers new events this fall

Farragut Parks & Recreation offers several long-time holiday events during autumn months, but this year, we're rolling out fresh, new, fall fun!

From 6-9 p.m. on Sep. 29, the Farragut Community Center will host its first Glow Volleyball night. It's open-play volleyball, with a neon twist! This event is for players of all skill levels ages 16 and up, and the cost is \$4 per player. To ensure playing time for everyone, registration is required and will close on Sep. 28. Be sure to wear white or neon colors to really shine!

Howl-O-Woof, a Halloween event for our four-legged friends, is 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19, at McFee Park Great Lawn. This free event offers a canine costume contest, a dog-friendly craft, treats and vendors. Registration is required to participate in the costume contest; visit our website or call 865-218-3376 to sign up.

For the week of Nov. 13-18, the Great Turkey Hunt is happening throughout Farragut's parks and Ralph McGill Plaza. If you find a turkey, take a picture with it, and show the picture to the staff at the front desk of the community center to receive a small prize. Keep an eye out for an extra-special bird sneaking around the parks. A blue-and-green Farragut-themed turkey will be moving to a different park each day, and a picture with this colorful bird will automatically enter you in a drawing for a fall gift basket! For clues about the turkeys' whereabouts or for more information about the event, visit [farragutparksandrec.org/turkey](http://farragutparksandrec.org/turkey).

The community center is hosting its first-ever esports tournament! Kids ages 8-14 are invited to participate in a Mario-Kart Tournament from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7. Play takes place on Nintendo Switches, and everyone will get the chance to play multiple rounds. Cost is \$5 per participant and registration is required at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register). This is your chance to show off your esports skills at the community center!

### Notes for fall/winter park use

Restrooms at four Town of Farragut parks and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza are open year-round. Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 1, through Thursday, Feb. 29, 2024, restrooms at Anchor Park, Mayor Bob Leonard Park (lower restroom), McFee Park, Founders Park at Campbell Station and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The upper restroom at Mayor Bob Leonard Park and the Great Pavilion restroom at McFee Park will be open past 4:30 p.m. on days with scheduled field/court use on the synthetic turf fields and courts.

Restroom facilities will be installed at the BlueCross Healthy Place at Town Hall this fall. When completed, the new restroom will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from Nov. 1 through Feb. 29.

The restrooms at Founders Park at Campbell Station and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza will be open until 9 p.m. Monday,



Nov. 20, through Monday, Jan. 1, 2024, to accommodate those viewing holiday lights. Restrooms will be closed on Sunday, Dec. 24, and Mon. Dec. 25.

During the winter, park trails, picnic pavilions and playgrounds at all Farragut parks will remain open for public use. Pavilions may be reserved at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register) or by calling 865-218-3375, and may be used on a first come, first served basis if they have not been reserved.

The town will close all natural turf playing fields at parks on Wednesday, Nov. 1. The field

closures allow the Public Works and Parks & Recreation Departments to perform fall and early spring maintenance and protect the fields during wet and cold weather. Fields will reopen on Friday, March 1, 2024. Farragut's synthetic turf fields at Mayor Bob Leonard Park and sports courts at McFee Park are open for year-round use.

For information regarding the rental of synthetic turf fields or courts, contact the Parks & Recreation office at [athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org](mailto:athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org) or 865-218-3376.

### *Make plans for your 2024 park rentals today!*

When the weather gets cool, it's hard to think ahead to next summer. But if you are considering having a birthday party or gathering at one of the Town's pavilions, get your reservations in soon as spots fill quickly. Pavilions are located at Founders Park at Campbell Station, Anchor Park, McFee Park and at the BlueCross Healthy Place at Town Hall.

Pavilions may be reserved through 2024 by registering online at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register) or by

calling Arleen Higginbotham at 865-218-3375. Pavilions may also be used on a first come, first served basis if they have not been reserved.

Specific information about Farragut parks and greenways, including pavilion reservation guidelines, can be found at [farragutparksandrec.org/facility-rentals](http://farragutparksandrec.org/facility-rentals). Questions? Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376.

### Field use requests for spring/summer 2024

Application packets for athletic organizations requesting field use at any Farragut park for spring and summer 2024 will be available on the Farragut Parks & Recreation website ([farragutparksandrec.org/fielduse](http://farragutparksandrec.org/fielduse)) or at the Farragut Community Center beginning Sunday, Oct. 1. Tournament applications are

also available and can be requested through the winter of 2024. Town fields will open for the spring season on Friday, March 1, 2024.

The deadline to return completed field use packets is noon on Wednesday, Jan. 3. One representative from each group requesting field use for spring/sum-

mer 2024 is required to attend a meeting of all user groups at 6 p.m. and the Parks and Athletics Council field allocation meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 9. For more information or to request a packet, please email the Parks & Recreation office at [athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org](mailto:athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org) or call 865-218-3376.

#### Price

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proceeds, approximately two-thirds of Knox County's annual budget supports public schools.)

If you live in Farragut, your property taxes go to Knox County. The Town of Farragut does not receive any property tax revenue. Even without a property tax, Farragut provides numerous services to its residents that make it an exceptional place to live. Here

are just a few:

- Continuously improved roads
- High-quality, well-maintained parks and greenways
- A community center that offers free or inexpensive classes, programs and events. It houses the Farragut Parks & Rec Department, which manages the parks (including field and court use, the McFee Park splashpad, and large community events like the Independence Day Parade and Light the Park)

- An accessible community development department that keeps development standards high
- Assistance to Farragut businesses through a business liaison, as well as publicity provided by the Visit Farragut program
- A friendly and helpful staff that is available to answer your questions every business day

How is the Town of Farragut able to offer these services with no municipal property tax? The key is sales tax revenue, which

makes up approximately 60% of the Town's total revenue. Another 19% comes from Farragut's portion of the State of Tennessee sales tax. In other words, sales tax keeps Farragut afloat.

That's why the Town strives to support Farragut businesses and encourages residents to spend their dollars within Town limits. It's not that we don't care about businesses located outside of Farragut; we just don't receive tax revenues

from those businesses. Keeping sales tax revenue high keeps Farragut residents from having to pay a municipal property tax on top of Knox County's property tax.

If you would like to support Farragut by shopping within the Town, explore the shopping and dining directories at [VisitFarragut.org](http://VisitFarragut.org). Keeping sales tax dollars in Farragut is the best way to ensure the financial viability of the Town.