





# Broad range of projects

## Jacobs shares county happenings

**TAMMY CHEEK**  
tcheek@farragutpress.com

Updates on education, roads, Operation Hero's Hill and challenges highlighted what Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs shared is happening in the county to Rotary Club of Farragut members during their meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, Aug. 20.

Currently serving his second term as Knox County mayor since 2018, Jacobs shared what is happening in the county and in what projects the club can be involved.

"I wish there were more organizations and folks like you that make our community such a better place — intentionally," he said.

"We have some projects going on in this area," Jacobs said. "We just broke ground on Farragut Elementary School (off Boring Road in Farragut). That will be the largest school in Knox County.

"It will have 1,400 students, about 140,000 square feet," he said. "Hopefully, it will take some of the pressure off of the primary school here.

"We also have the new elementary school ... that will help in the Hardin Valley area," Jacobs added.

On another project, he said the county is repaving the county portion of North Campbell Station and Yarnell roads.

Regarding an update on I-40, "I wish I had one," Jacobs said. "I know that Mayor (Ron) Williams is interested in that as well.

"He's exactly right," Jacobs said about what Williams had said about the interchange. "(The problems in Farragut and throughout the county) really start with the interstate and state roads. When the in-

terstate backs up, guess what happens? People get off the interstate and get onto Campbell Station Road ... eventually all of our roads get clogged up.

"We're really constrained by what the state does," he said. "Until the state starts doing some of the work on the highways ... but what happens is we have new leadership at (Tennessee Department of Transportation).

"Eventually, we'll have a new interchange at Watt Road, a new interchange at Campbell Station Road, the weigh stations will be converted to weigh in motion ... if they don't have to slow down, that really just helps the traffic flow," Jacobs said.

He added there will be improvements made to Northshore Drive in the fall or spring.

"They're out to bid right now," Jacobs said.

Concerning projects with which RCF can help, the mayor said the county has a program, One Book Read City, which came about when he first came into office.

"Thirty-thousand elementary school students read the same book at the same time," Jacobs said. "The books are all supplied by the private sector ... sponsors, businesses we work with. It's been an amazing program."

He added the club could consider being a sponsor, as well as supporting another school-related event, Schoolmania, an annual back-to-school giveaway.

"When we started, we handed out 2,500 bags of school supplies at no cost," Jacobs said. "This year, we're up to 8,000 ... next year, we want to get to 10,000 bags."

The last project "we're re-



**Tammy Cheek**  
Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs updates Rotary Club of Farragut members on county projects pending in Farragut and throughout the county during an RCF meeting.

## Towncalendar

• Town of Farragut will cut the ribbon on Phase 4 of McFee Park at 3 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 10, at the new parking lot just beyond the splash pad in the park, 917 McFee Road.

Phase 4 improvements include a 127-spot permeable paver parking lot and a pavilion, which serves as a trailhead for the Adaptive Mountain Bike and Hiking Trail. The parking lot will accommodate trail users, as well as visitors, to a future dog park, which is expected to open in late spring 2026, according to a Town press release.

The release stated Phase 4 improvements were funded

through a cost-share arrangement with 65 percent provided by Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation American Rescue Plan program and 35 percent contributed by the Town.

• Visitors to Knox County generated \$2,126,389,188 in spending in 2024, representing a 4.34 percent increase from 2023, according to newly released data from Tourism Economics and Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. The Town of Farragut contributes to and benefits from tourism spending, a Town press release stated.

"Visitor spending is essential

for towns like Farragut," Farragut Tourism manager Hallie Reid stated in the release. "The dollars left behind by our guests support parks, roads and community programs while helping us provide important services without adding a town property tax."

Knox County ranked fourth out of 95 Tennessee counties in tourism spending in 2024, according to the release.

Direct visitor spending in Knox County generated \$134,801,587 in state tax revenue and \$79,142,008 in local tax revenue. To see how Visit Farragut promotes visitor spending, see VisitFarragut.org.



**Mansour Hasan, Agent**  
10811 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37934  
Bus: 865-690-7100  
mansour.hasan.qyec@statefarm.com

I get it. Your home and car are more than just things. They're where you make your memories and they deserve the right protection. It's why I'm here. LET'S TALK TODAY.

**They matter to me.**

**State Farm**

State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company • State Farm Fire and Casualty Company  
1706814 Bloomington, IL

# Fall Fun at W2W!

- New Fall Menu is live on September 25
- Game Day Happy Hour at our bar 3-6pm now through December.
- Gameday Food and Cocktail specials
- Dog Friendly Patio

607 N. Campbell Station Road, Farragut • 865-392-1586  
Monday 3pm-10pm • Tuesday-Thursday 11am-11pm | Friday & Saturday 11am-12am  
Closed Sunday

**WATERintoWINE**  
bistro & lounge

www.WaterintoWineKnoxville.com • w2wKnoxville@gmail.com



**farragutpress**  
Your Community Your Voice Your Newspaper Since 1988  
YOUR TENNESSEE PRESS ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNING NEWSPAPER

<b>Publisher</b> <b>Tony Cox</b> .....865-218-8883 tcox@republicnewspapers.com	<b>General Manager</b> <b>Kathy Hartman</b> ... 865-218-8878 khartman@farragutpress.com
<b>Editorial Department</b> <b>Alan Sloan,</b> Editor..... 865-218-8880 editor@farragutpress.com	<b>Advertising Department</b> <b>Glen Coleman,</b> Account Executive .... 865-218-8884 gcoleman@farragutpress.com
<b>Tammy Cheek,</b> Writer..... 865-218-8873 tcheek@farragutpress.com	<b>Laura Sayers,</b> Account Executive ..... 865-218-8879 lsayers@farragutpress.com
<b>Production Department</b> <b>Tony Christen,</b> Production Manager/ Circulation Manager. 865-218-8872 production@farragutpress.com	<b>Charlene Waggoner,</b> Account Executive..... 865-218-8877 cwaggoner@farragutpress.com
<b>Cindy Wilfert,</b> Designer..... 865-218-8872	<b>Linda Tirban,</b> Classified Display, Service Directory ..... 865-218-8881 linda@farragutpress.com
	<b>Receptionist</b> <b>Terrie Ware</b> .....865-218-8871 Monday – Wednesday, Friday receptionist@farragutpress.com

**Editor email:** editor@farragutpress.com **Website:** www.farragutpress.com  
**Press Talk: Call:** 865-671-8255 **or email:** editor@farragutpress.com  
**Phone:** 865-675-6397 **News Fax:** 865-675-1675 **Advertising Fax:** 865-675-6776  
farragutpress is published weekly at  
11863 Kingston Pike Farragut, TN 37934



Spacious Apartments



Cozy Conversation Areas



Coffee Station



Relaxing Library

# NEW SIGNATURE ALCOVE

**HARDIN VALLEY MorningPointe**  
Assisted Living

Limited Signature Alcove Apartments Available  
Call (865) 343-0081 TODAY to Reserve Yours!



**Civic seal**  
From page 1A

amended T.C.A. § 49-6-1018 to officially establish the ‘Governor’s Civics Seal.’”

**Races**  
From page 1A

fic control and a nurse will be present for any medical issues” at both events, she said. “The applicant is proposing to use volunteers to mark the course.”

According to the applications, 100 spectators and 500

**Jacobs**  
From page 2A

ally excited about” is Operation Hero’s Hill, he said. “We are building 20 tiny homes for homeless (military) vets, as well as a community center, computer lab and laundry facilities.

“The homes will be constructed by students from

**Sports history**  
From page 1A

thought it would be fun to feature our own sport legends,” she said. “After meeting with Coach Donald Dodgen (Farragut High School Athletics director), I learned Farragut High School holds 67 state championships and 80 state runner-up championships,

In 2020, the state Board of Education amended SBE Rule 0520-01-03-.07 to further outline the requirements for districts and schools to earn the seal.

participants are expected at the Frosty 5K.

For more information on the PJ Parkinson’s Run, contact Drew Diggs at [info@pjparkinsons.org](mailto:info@pjparkinsons.org)

For more information in the Frosty 5K, contact organizer Garrett Jones at [garrett.jones@knoxschools.org](mailto:garrett.jones@knoxschools.org)

Knox County Schools’ Career and Technical Education programs,” Jacobs added. “We’re working with kids in the construction trades. They will have mentors, folks who are in the construction trades sector of the economy who will be guiding them through this.”

To support the program, visit the website, [knoxcounty.org/operationheroshill/](http://knoxcounty.org/operationheroshill/)

and that doesn’t even include individual winners.”

The Grovewood Baseball Museum, relocating from Morristown to Chattanooga, and the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame also will have items on loan for the exhibit.

Farragut Museum is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and is free.



**TASTE of TURKEY CREEK**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>th</sup> 6-9 pm

SPONSORS



BENEFITING



**PINNACLE**  
AT TURKEY CREEK

**Taste of Turkey Creek**  
From page 1A

clusive tastings, four drink tickets and a VIP gift.

Tickets are available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-turkey-creek-2025-tickets-1544991654629>

“We’re excited to host the community, once again, for an evening that truly highlights everything we love about

Turkey Creek,” Walsh stated. “From incredible food to live entertainment and family fun — there’s something for everyone.”

This year’s event is made possible thanks to the generous support of the following sponsors: Total Wine & More, Century Fire Protection, TVA Credit Union and TDS Internet.


A portion of the proceeds

from Taste of Turkey Creek will benefit the Pat Summitt Foundation, helping to advance research, provide care for patients and caregivers and educate the public about Alzheimer’s disease.

**Event Details**

For more information, follow Pinnacle at Turkey Creek on Instagram and Facebook for updates.

We accept most all insurance plans.



**Parkway Dental**  
Family & Cosmetic Dentistry  
Office of Dr. Dan Lovely, Jr.

323 Fox Road, Suite 200, | Knoxville, TN 37922  
865-690-5231 | [www.parkwaydentaloffice.com](http://www.parkwaydentaloffice.com)

**Go Ahead... Break the Bank!**

19 Months Certificate of Deposit

3.81%<sup>\*</sup> APY





**TNBANK**  
[www.tnbank.bank](http://www.tnbank.bank)

Member FDIC

<sup>\*</sup>(APY) Annual Percentage Yield. APY accurate as of 08/25/2025. \$1,000 minimum balance to obtain APY. Penalty may be imposed for early withdrawal. No institutional investors. TNBANK, 401 S. Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.

**THE PAST YEAR**

83,931 more of our neighbors served by your food bank

**THE YEAR AHEAD**

213,970 East Tennesseans experience food insecurity



**NOW**  
is your chance to  
map the meal gap

**DONATE**



To **donate now**, scan the **QR code** or **visit the web address below**.  
Thank you for providing meals (and hope) to our neighbors!

**SecondHarvestETN.org/mapthegap**



Women in Business series: Part 3 of 3

Faith, strength guide two local business owners

MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD  
Special to farragutpress

Women have made incredible strides in the business world, and farragutpress has been documenting their contributions since its inception nearly 40 years ago. That ongoing awareness evolved into the newspaper's annual Women in Business section, which publishes its 2025 edition this week, highlighting more than 50 outstanding women and their business acumen. farragutpress is "proud of the incredible women in our community," noted one of those outstanding women, farragutpress general manager Kathy Hartman. "[The Women in Business] publication is a tribute to the women who are making a difference – not just in the boardrooms or on balance sheets, but in the culture of our workplaces, in the mentorship of future leaders and in the resilience they bring to

every challenge. "Their stories reflect determination, creativity and leadership in action," she added. "We believe it's our responsibility as a local news organization to spotlight these voices ... [as] It's about representation and inspiration for young professionals, for entrepreneurs and for anyone who believe in the value of equity in business. "This is why Women in Business is so important to us." This series concludes by highlighting the unique stories of two Farragut business owners.

**Prayer guides restaurant owner**  
Water into Wine owner Candace Viox said the concept of her business "was born in my soul" following the unexpected death of her mother, her own health issues and becoming a single mom of four children. She enrolled in the Pellissippi/UT Culinary Arts program in 2012 [and] "decided I was going to learn how to open a re-

lational restaurant unlike any around." Finding support from her family and college professors, Viox graduated top of her class in 2014 and took on an internship with Farragut restaurant Seasons. Following that, "I realized it was time for me to sink or swim, and I began looking for a small and intimate location that I could afford on my small budget," Viox recalled. "I was creating a new concept from scratch. I prayed and asked God if He wanted me to open a place where everyone could feel loved. "I was sure He would say yes and that He had a plan." She said from the beginning,



Viox

"God's plan was amazing. In January 2016, we found the space in the Gallery Shopping Center in Farragut. We started construction in March 2016 and opened in May 2016, one day after the five-year anniversary of my mother's death. "I was able to toast her, and a portrait of us is proudly displayed on the wall in the back lounge," she added. It was her mother who inspired the restaurant's name. "My mother said 'If Christ's first miracle was turning water into wine, I can drink it!' And we shared many glasses of wonderful wine over the years. So the name is in homage to my mother, Linda Boone." Marking nearly a decade in operation, Viox said the venture has not been without its challenges. "Restaurants are one of the hardest industries to be successful in, male or female," she said. "The liability concerns, customer service, cost controls, labor challenges and

minimal net profit can wear someone out." Then the pandemic posed its own set of difficulties. "All businesses have challenges .... then you add in the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 — the forced business closures and the distancing regulations for dining service, and that was hard," she reflected. "It forced us to get creative with to-go options. I had staff who needed to work to pay their bills and others who wanted to stay home and collect their COVID check. "It was a mess for our industry, and thankfully, we were fully recovered in 2024." Since then, a new challenge has been serving a new group of patrons. So many people have moved to Farragut from other states, and their expectations and tastes are much different from our Southern neighbors. It has forced us to regroup on menu items, wine choices and cocktail offer-

See WIB on Page 5A

Farragut can expect a new coffee shop

TAMMY CHEEK  
tcheek@farragutpress.com

Farragut can expect to have a new coffee shop in Town. Tyler Brown and Daniel Witteck with 7 Brew Coffee of Alabama presented a site plan at Farragut's Staff-Planner meeting Tuesday, Aug. 5, for a coffee shop to be built in the parking lot of PGA Superstore along Parkside Drive. That plan, then, was approved by Farragut Municipal Planning Commission during its meeting Thursday, Aug. 23. 7 Brew Coffee, with Southern Brew Corp. as the franchise owner for North and Central Alabama, is a coffee chain focused on the drive-through experience, according to its website. With its start in Arkansas and growing to more than 190 stands across the country, it offers a variety of drinks, including original coffees, energy drinks, teas, lemonades, smoothies and shakes. "It's pretty much 100-percent brick building, except for the windows," Town Com-

munity Development director Mark Shipley observed during the Staff-Planner meeting. "(The building's) only 500 square feet." During the FMPC meeting, he acknowledged it would be a unique use of space in a large parking lot, such as that at PGA Superstore. "What we typically do is brick and then (use) hardy above it, but with the square footage change and I know your requirement for masonry is pretty stringent," Witteck said. Witteck and Brown were asked to bring a color board with the brick samples to the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, Aug. 14. "There's actually more landscaping after this project than there is out there now," Shipley said. "So, that's a good thing." However, he asked, "how does this drive lane work?" "So, the three lanes are meant, where volume requires,

See COFFEE on Page 5A

AuPairCare support local women, families

TAMMY CHEEK  
tcheek@farragutpress.com

AuPairCare, an exchange program/child-care business, recently joined forces with Helping Mamas Knoxville as part of Celebrate Exchange Day, for which the program asked the community to volunteer or donate to support local families. AuPairCare regional director Emily Long of Farragut urged the public, to "join us as we partner with Helping Mamas Knoxville (Monday, Aug. 18, at Helping Mamas, 10908 McBride Lane) to volunteer your time, donate essential items or do both as we work to support thousands of local women and families. "(AuPairCare) is a cultural exchange



Photo submitted

From left, current South African au pair Jorja Hattingh, Casey and Emily Long (seated), sons John, Granville and Vanden and Christie Veltman (blonde), previous au pair, also from South Africa

program, where au pairs come over (to the United States), they live with host families in our area (and provide childcare to those host families)," Long explained. As a host family, "we provide room and board and a weekly stipend, and (the exchange au pair) provides childcare," she said. "We recruit from 43 different countries. We've had au pairs from Chile, Brazil, South Africa, Germany, France. "They come on visa ... they are all here legally," Long added. "We go through a matching process. You interview the different au pairs you want to welcome to your home. "They can provide up to 45 hours of childcare while they're getting to experience

See AUPAIRCARE on Page 5A

is Hiring for an  
**Executive Director  
Position**

This Part-Time position is the visionary and strategic leader of the FBA driving business engagement, economic growth and community connections. They work with the Town of Farragut, business owners and civic leaders to advance the mission of this organization.

Specific job duties can be found at [www.shopfarragut.com](http://www.shopfarragut.com).  
Letter of interest and resume to [info@shopfarragut.com](mailto:info@shopfarragut.com).

Did you work  
at **Y-12,  
K-25, X-10  
or ORNL?**

**Find out why more Energy Workers  
are switching to CNS Cares**

"When they say they'll be there, they'll be there.  
I have peace of mind knowing I'm getting all the care I need."

Call 865-328-3868 or visit [CNSCares.com/TN](http://CNSCares.com/TN)

**CNSCares**  
The Difference Is Care.



WiB  
From page 4A

ings. It's been fun mixing it up while keeping our traditional food and drink items for our regulars."

As a woman, Viox feels a responsibility to give back through community service and mentoring opportunities. She also has ensured Water into Wine is "a safe space .... for women to meet up in our community."

At heart, Viox is thankful and gives all credit to God.

"I share with people all the time, the only reason we are still around after nine years is because of God's blessing and grace. I have never wavered on the kind and loving message of Water into Wine. Our Bible study on Mondays continues to this day. My testimony of surviving, healing, forgiveness and display of leadership is shared on a regular basis. My staff enjoys the encouragement and the smiles when I hand out a 'little Jesus' to a patron I just witnessed to or prayed with."

"Because of my faith, we have fared pretty well, and we are excited for the next five years serving our community."

**Membership led to ownership**

The late Dee Matchett founded OsteoStrong in 2017, and Farragut resident Lisa Hall became acquainted with both owner and company as a member.

"Dee was my coach and I immediately connected to her passion for bone health," Hall said. "Her sudden passing [in 2021] was a tragic loss for our entire community."

Yet, Hall believed in the business and decided to purchase it the following year.

"[I] have felt truly honored to carry her vision forward by offering a holistic, science-backed way for people to improve their bone density and overall musculoskeletal strength," she said.

Additionally, "we're incredibly fortunate to still have Dee's daughter, Glory, on our team. She's a naturopathic doctor with a thriving practice of her own, and she brings so much heart, knowledge and depth to the center."

"Her presence continues to honor and extend her mother's legacy."

OsteoStrong is Hall's first business, although her background included holding a Master of Science degree in

nursing and working in the "corporate healthcare world."

"Clinically, I worked in post-anesthesia surgical recovery and emergency-trauma nursing. On the administrative side, I focused on education, case and risk management and project development."

The business has "been a big shift but one that draws on every part of my background," she said.

Although Hall admits to experiencing some challenges, she said, "Fortunately, I love problem-solving, so I dug in with a shovel in both hands."

"More importantly, I've been very fortunate to work through the challenges with such an incredible team by my side. Each of our coaches has played a key role in our growth and in keeping the business running smoothly and efficiently."

"Several of them started out just like I did — as OsteoStrong members. They're the true superstars who make the magic happen every day."

Hall also has started a second complementary business, Mona Lisa Wellness, which is a new Echolight Radiofrequency Echographic Multi-Spectrometry ultrasound, which is radiation-free.

"Together, Mona Lisa Wellness and OsteoStrong offer a comprehensive solution for bone health: combining advanced diagnostics, our cutting-edge strength-building program and AlgaeCal Plus bone building supplements," Hall added.

"Starting and growing these businesses has been one of the biggest challenges — and biggest blessings — of my life," she said. "I never expected to become a business owner, certainly not under the circumstances that brought me here."

For women thinking of opening their own business, Hall is encouraging.

"Definitely — go for it!" she said. "Do your research, put together a solid business plan and build a team you trust."

In her own case, "Throughout the process, I followed the path of the Holy Spirit and leaned on guidance from people who've been there," she said. "Starting or running a business takes grit, grace and courage — especially when things get tough. But when you stay aligned with your purpose, doors will open in ways you never expected."

"If there's one thing I've learned, it's that strength and healing comes in many forms. Whether you're building bones, building a business or rebuilding after setbacks, we're all capable of more than we realize."

"And no one has to do it alone."

AuPairCare  
From page 4A

America," she said.

"Exchange Day is a worldwide celebration of the power of international exchange and people-to-people diplomacy," Long said. "Originally launched in 2014, this special day highlights the impact of global connection and community support."

"Here in Knoxville, AuPairCare is celebrating Exchange day by giving back — together," she added.

"Exchange Day is a worldwide celebration of the power of international exchange and people-to-people diplomacy," Long said. "Originally launched in 2014, this special day highlights the impact of global connection and community support."

"Here in Knoxville, AuPairCare is celebrating Exchange day by giving back — together," she added.

er," she added. "Here's how you can be a part of the impact. Volunteer with us. Help stuff care bags for moms and babies in our community."

Helping Mamas is looking for diapers of all sizes; baby wipes; feminine napkins and other products; new and gently used baby and toddler clothing; and baby gear, such as swaddles, bottles and carriers.

"Since 2018, Helping Mamas Knoxville has served over 25,000 women and their

families across East Tennessee through our 70-plus partner organizations and mobile distribution program," Long said. "Every diaper, every bag packed and every hour volunteered brings relief and dignity to families in need."

"This is a hands-on opportunity to directly serve families and make a real difference," she added. "In order to volunteer, please create an account at <https://volunteereitn.galaxydigital.com/user/register/> and sign a waiver."

Coffee  
From page 4A

we would serve all three lanes, but the first two lanes are under the canopy, and those are our main two serving lanes," Brown explained. "The outside third lane acts as a bypass for large vehicles."

"If there's a ton of volume,

then we would use that third lane to serve as well," he added.

"Do they carry the coffee out to (the customers)?" Shipley asked.

"Yes, sir," Brown said. "It's like a Chic-fil-A, but with no drive-thru window."

"There's no passage window, where someone's handing something out to someone,"

Witteck said. "It will always be a runner coming from inside, running it out to whichever car is getting their order and running back inside."

"So it's run by people in their early 20s who are running everywhere," he added and laughed.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Laughter Lights Up  
NHC Farragut with the  
Tellico Village Clowns

Residents at NHC Place in Farragut were treated to a delightful afternoon of laughter and fun on Wednesday, August 6th, as the Tellico Village Clowns pulled out all the stops. From colorful balloon hats to comical birthday serenades and a non-stop stream of jokes, the performance brought joy to everyone in attendance.

This special event is just one of many memorable experiences created by the dedicated team at NHC Farragut. Their commitment to comfort, engagement, and quality care ensures that whether your stay is short-term or long-term, you'll feel right at home—and may not want to leave!

*For more information about NHC Farragut, please contact Harriet Amonette at [harriet.amonette@nhccare.com](mailto:harriet.amonette@nhccare.com)*





**Estate Planning**  
*Wills, Trusts, Special Needs Trusts & Probate, Personal Injury, Social Security Disability*

**Whitson Smith**  
Attorney  
McDonald, Levy & Taylor

**MLT**  
McDonald, Levy & Taylor  
MY LEGAL TEAM

10805 Kingston Pike, Suite 200 | Knoxville, TN 37934 | Next to Costco  
Phone: 865-966-4343 | [www.mltlaw.com](http://www.mltlaw.com)



**WATCH BATTERY COUPON**

**\$799** Includes Battery & Installation\*

7023 Kingston Pike In the West Hills Center  
584-3966  
[www.fostersjewelry.com](http://www.fostersjewelry.com)  
\*1.5v only (Most watches included) Must present coupon. Expires 9/30/25



CONCERTS FOR OUR OWN PRESENTS



CONCERTS UNDER THE CANOPY  
TENNESSEE AMPHITHEATER

**The ULTIMATE Tribute to Cher!**

#1 CHER TRIBUTE SHOW

**THE BEAT GOES ON.**

**September 4, 2025**  
Tennessee Amphitheater

*Join us for Dinner with a VIP Upgrade!*



Purchase Tickets at [www.concertsforourown.org](http://www.concertsforourown.org)





Place your ad on the farragutpress Markets at Choto page.



Contact Glen Coleman at 865.218.8884  
or [gcoleman@farragutpress.com](mailto:gcoleman@farragutpress.com)



2350 S. Northshore DR, Knoxville 37922  
865-392-1221 | [cravenwings.com/](http://cravenwings.com/)

## Signature Self-Storage

at Choto is a locally owned and operated self-storage facility in the Choto area of West Knoxville. We pride ourselves on having a safe, clean, accessible facility, serving both residential and commercial clients. Signature Self-Storage at Choto wants to help our customers keep their belongings safe and secure, whether it be Grandma's furniture or your business records.

- Clean & Secure! • Climate and non-climate controlled units available!
- Secure gated entry with 24/7 access • On-site manager Monday-Friday
- 83 Cameras covering every hall and driveway! • Drive-up access



At the Corner of Northshore and Choto  
865-500-3111 | [www.SignatureSelfStorage.com](http://www.SignatureSelfStorage.com)



*Johnny Brusco's Pizza*  
NEW YORK STYLE  
ITALIAN DINNERS  
SALADS  
DELI TRAYS  
& MORE!

WE CATER  
*Any Event!*



865-671-0403  
1620 CHOTO MARKETS WAY  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37922



MEDI SPA  
AT CHOTO

OPTIMIZE YOUR WELLNESS WITH US!

- Medical Weight Loss
- Testosterone / Hormone Replacement Therapy
- Iv Infusions / Vitamin Drips
- Injectables (Botox, Dysport, Sculptra, Restylane)
- Morpheus 8 Laser Resurfacing and Collagen Stimulator
- Photofacials
- Laser Hair Removal
- Hair Restoration Treatments
- Exosomes and Platelet Rich Plasma Treatments
- Lashes, Facials, Peels, Waxing
- Hydroglo Facial
- Microneedling
- Skincare and Supplements





Hawks fly out of Morristown, 2-0

KEN LAY  
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY – The 2025 high school season is a mere two weeks old, but Hardin Valley Academy already has doubled its win total from last year. The Hawks kept their perfect record intact, improving to 2-0, with a 34-0 victory over Morristown East Friday night at HVA. But, second-year head coach Tyler

Wynn knows plenty of work lies ahead for his squad, which will hit the road for the first time this season as it travels to Cleveland to play Bradley Central this week. “I’m proud of these guys,” Wynn said. “We’ve won two games but we still have a lot of work to do.” It was the defense that took center stage for the Hawks, which won their second consecutive meeting against the Hurricanes.

HVA forced Morristown East into five turnovers. Samuel Mann forced a fumble and came up with an interception while re-coding 18 tackles for the Hawks, which scored points off of most of the Morristown East miscues. Owen Vaughan returned an interception for a touchdown while Tran Rowe recovered two fumbles and recorded three sacks on the night. “Our defense is playing well right

now,” Wynn said. Offensively, the Hawks had their share of struggles last week as they rushed for only 126 yards on 30 attempts. Levi Amey led the Hawks’ ground attack as he rushed for 56 yards on 10 carries. Mann and Nick Rivers each had rushing TD’s for the Hawks. Quarterback Riley Matz was 15-for-26 through the air on the night. He

See HAWKS on Page 3B



Carlos Reveiz carlos@crfoto.com

Admirals Conner Parris, 20, Harrison Smith, 1, Colt Brooker, 42), and Stephen Doubleday, 36 tackle Powell running back.

Ads storm back, fall short  
A game that was a battle for the ages

BILL HOWARD  
Correspondent

It was an extraordinary fourth-quarter comeback by Farragut High School’s football team Friday night at home against Powell High School. Unfortunately for the Admirals, it didn’t hold up. After storming back from a 20-7 deficit in a wild final period to lead 21-20, FHS couldn’t stop Powell on its next drive, which gave the Panthers a 26-21 lead with 2:20 left. The Admirals had one final chance, but, with under a minute left on fourth and nine from the Powell 33, quarterback Corbin Hobson was stopped short. Powell then ran out the clock to win 26-21. “Great game,” FHS coach Geoff Courtney said, “Powell’s got a heckuva club. We made some plays in there to win the game ... we just didn’t make enough winning plays.” “Unbelievable effort by both sides,” PHS coach Matt Lowe said. “Couldn’t be more impressed with the effort and the resiliency of these young kids.” The Panthers led 7-0 with 6:26 left in the first when, after forcing FHS to punt on its first possession, quarterback Brodie Hollowell hit Dezion Jackson for a 70-yard touchdown up the right sideline.

“Unbelievable effort by both sides,”

~ Matt Lowe,  
PHS head coach

On Farragut’s next possession, Hobson was picked off on second down, and Powell was right back in business on the FHS 24. On third and 10, Hollowell threw a screen pass to Johonauan Moore, who took it in for the score. With 3:55 left in the first, FHS was down 14-0 and things looked bleak. But the Admirals answered on their next drive, A kickoff return put the ball on Powell’s 43, and Farragut cut it to 14-7 when Hobson scored on a two-yard keeper on the drive’s ninth play. The score held to halftime.

Powell made it 20-7 at the end of the third when Hollowell hit Moore for a 4-yard score on fourth down. Farragut then failed to make a first down and lined up to punt on fourth down. But Noah Haag took the quick snap and hit Abram Shelton, who galloped to the PHS 10. Two plays later, Hobson took it in from the three, and Farragut trailed 20-14. “We had that play in our bag and we thought it was a good time to do it,” Courtney said of the faked punt. On its next possession, Powell’s punt was blocked. A Powell player picked up the ball and tried to advance it but then fumbled. The Admirals’ Stephen Doubleday recovered it, and FHS had a first down on the PHS 31. On

See ADS STORM BACK on Page 3B

Your local hometown team is ready to tackle anything that comes your way and help you score big savings by picking the right insurance plays! Call us today!

**Josh Hemphill Team**  
Farragut  
11420 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville TN 37934  
865.672.7762  
www.sfagentjosh.com

Lady Spartans roll 6-0-1

KEN LAY  
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE – During the opening two weeks of the 2025 high school girls soccer season, Webb School of Knoxville has won six of its first seven matches. Last week, the Lady Spartans (6-0-1) played some of the state’s top teams. They concluded the week at the annual Bearden Invitational, playing two games and clos-

ing out their stay at the elite tournament with a 2-0 victory over defending Class AAA state champion Germantown-Houston at Bearden’s Turner-Allender Field on Saturday afternoon. Against the Lady Mustangs, Landree Horner and McKalie Ball both buried the ball into the back of the net. Emerson Clarke and Simone Romain were credited with assists in

See LADY SPARTANS on Page 2B



Carlos Reveiz, carlos@crfoto.com

Emma Claire Johnson, 27, fights for ball again

Lady Admirals go 3-1-1

KEN LAY  
Correspondent

Knoxville --- Farragut High School’s girls soccer team was busy last week and it faced some stiff completion. The Lady Admirals (3-1-1) competed in the Bearden Invitational late last week and they closed their stay with a 2-1 victory over Station Camp on Saturday at Turner-Allender Field. Farragut played its final match of the tournament without starting goalkeeper

Emery Wylie, who suffered a concussion during pregame warm-ups. So coach Jessie Stephens Burkhart enlisted the services of sophomore Rigsby Williams, a field player. “Emery got a concussion before the game, so I used a field player, Rigsby Williams,” Burkhart said. “I’m really proud of her for stepping up for her team.” The Lady Admirals have already played a tough schedule,

See LADY ADMIRALS on Page 3B

‘No lead is safe’, as Admirals fall to Spartans

BILL HOWARD  
Correspondent

Of the many cliches in sports, “no lead is safe” rang painfully true for Farragut High School’s volleyball team last Thursday night at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium against Webb School of Knoxville. The Lady Admirals won the first two sets and seemed to be

cruising to an easy best-of-five win. Three sets later – all won by Webb – FHS had lost the match three sets to two. Late leads in both the fourth and fifth sets slipped away. Lady Admirals’ coach Andre Alves didn’t hide his disappointment about his squad’s inability to hold its lead. “Very, very disappointing,” he said. “We took our foot off

the gas. They’re a very good opponent; we just took them for granted (after the first two sets) and we never recovered.” “We’re a young group and we’re finding ways to work through hard things,” Lady Spartans coach Nicklin Hames said. “I thought they stepped it up and found a way to fight.” FHS built a 12-2 lead in the first set. Each team then had

runs of several points, but when Farragut won five of the last seven, it won the set 25-16 and led 1-0. Farragut again built a lead in the second set, 10-5. A late 5-0 run by Webb cut Farragut’s lead to 20-18. Five of the last seven by FHS gave the Lady Admirals a 25-20 second set, and a 2-0 lead. The Lady Spartans led 8-3

early in set number three and finished with a six to three run to take the set 25-20. A 9-4 stretch in mid-set kept Farragut in it. Webb started the fourth set with a 6-1 run, followed by Farragut’s identical run to a 7-all tie. The teams traded points to a 22-20 FHS lead. The Lady

See NO LEAD on Page 3B

We love what we do because of YOU.  
See how much we love our Members!

Follow Us On Social Media!   
☎ (865) 544-5400 📧 tvacreditunion.com  
Federally Insured by NCUA.





# Victor Ashe Fall Classic



Photos by Tony Cox

**Above:** Farragut’s Chase Temples powers through the final lap at the 2025 Victor Ashe Fall Classic in Knoxville. Temples clocked 16:38.20 to place third in the varsity race, helping the Admirals capture the team title with 55 points. Andrew Cabaniss, Nick De-Guira, Tyson Ebbert and Anders Kofoed also packed the scoring punch that sealed the Farragut varsity boys team’s first-place finish. **Above right:** Farragut’s Addison Haynes pushes through the wooded trails during the early stages of the 2025 Victor Ashe Fall Classic. Haynes clocked 20:23.10 to help the Lady Admirals secure a runner-up team finish with 78 points. She joined Zoi LeCours, Christie George, Bailey Ann Smith and Emmy Graber in the scoring pack that lifted Farragut to second place overall. **See the stories at [farragutpress.com](http://farragutpress.com)**

## Lady Spartans

From page 1B

the match. Goalkeeper Lauren Newell posted a clean sheet against Houston for her second shut-out of the week. Thursday, the Lady Spartans played the first game of the tourney and had to come back to salvage a 1-1 draw against District 3-AAA favorite Oak Ridge. The Lady Wildcats darted out to a 1-0 lead when Noel Norstedt scored in the ninth minute of the match. Webb would answer with a marker by Mary Mac Emery late in the opening half. The Lady Spartans had a chance to capture a victory in the waning moments of the match but Oak Ridge’s all-state goalkeeper Marleigh Frazier stopped

a penalty kick after Ball was fouled in the goal box. “This was a tough game and Oak Ridge is a really good team,” Webb’s second-year head coach Elaine Roth said. “We had a good game and a tough game against Farragut on (Tuesday, Aug. 26) and we were missing some starters due to injuries. “I was happy with the way we came back but we still have a lot to work on.” The Lady Spartans opened the week at home last Tuesday with a 1-0 victory over the Lady Admirals. Ball tallied the lone marker of the match off an assist from Bradford. That was the first goal Farragut’s defense had allowed all season. Newell recoded a shutout against a potent Lady Admirals offensive attack.



**No lead**  
From page 1B  
Admirals were on the verge of the set and the match. The Lady Spartans finished with six of the last eight to take the set 26-24 and knot the match at two sets apiece. FHS fell behind 7-4 in the final set but ran off five straight to lead 9-7. Leading 12-9, the win was again at hand. Six in a row by Webb closed it out, 15-12. “We just couldn’t finish,” Albes said. “We hit way too many balls out of bounds. You take yourself out of the game when you do that.” Reese Goodson had 15 kills for the Lady Admirals. Megan Frana led the team with five aces. Hailey Aiken led with 23 digs; and Bella Ekeler was high with 31 assists. “We lost our mojo,” Lady Admirals’ middle hitter Olivia Cope said. “We tried firing up. I think we were just tired.”

Lady Admiral, Bella Ekeler, 17, returns one of many Spartans rallies. The Lady Admirals fought hard, ultimately falling to the Lady Spartans.

Tony Christen



PATRIOT  
INVESTMENT  
MANAGEMENT

# Plan. Build. Protect.

Schedule a consultation today!

Let Patriot Investment Management analyze your portfolio for fees, performance, and risk.

- ✔ Patriot is a fee-only fiduciary.
- ✔ Patriot utilizes low-cost index funds.
- ✔ Patriot creates personalized plans.

(865) 288-2121

patriotinvestment.com

Veteran owned since 1993



Serving Farragut and West Knoxville since 2005

**865.675.3474**

[info@waycoolhvac.com](mailto:info@waycoolhvac.com) | [www.waycoolhvac.com](http://www.waycoolhvac.com)





### Estate Planning

Wills, Trusts, Special Needs Trusts & Probate

**Cathy Warmbrod**  
Attorney  
McDonald, Levy & Taylor

**MLT**  
McDonald, Levy & Taylor, PLLC  
MY LEGAL TEAM

10805 Kingston Pike, Suite 200 | Knoxville, TN 37934 | Next to Costco  
Phone: 865-966-4343 | [www.mltlaw.com](http://www.mltlaw.com)

## Tennessee HOME REPAIR & REMODELING Co., Inc.

Licensed, Bonded & Insured • Lic:#00007016

A business built on **hard work.**  
A reputation built **on quality.**  
All Work Guaranteed!  
Over 30 Years Experience



**“We are a Complete Home Repair, Remodeling & Maintenance Co.”**

**ROOF REPAIR Specialists**

**“Call today for a FREE estimate!”**  
**865-274-3791**  
Email: [tennesseehomerepair@yahoo.com](mailto:tennesseehomerepair@yahoo.com)



## A COMMUNITY DESIGNED WITH YOUR LOVED ONE IN MIND



Assisted Living | Memory Care | Respite | Rehab



Visit our award-winning campus today!  
(865) 777-9000 | [WWW.NHCFARRAGUT.COM](http://WWW.NHCFARRAGUT.COM)



Lady Admirals

From page 1B

and they’ve already sustained some key injuries.

But they had enough to pick up their third win of the season.

“We were tired on Saturday and we were just trying to hang on,” Burkhart said. “I’m really proud of our girls; I’m pleased with their work rate and I’m happy with their effort.

“We’ve played a really tough schedule.”

Meghan Shimeall and Ava Upshaw scored goals for the Lady Admirals.

Farragut opened tournament play with a 0-0 draw against defending Class AAA state champion Germantown-Houston on Thursday night at Turner-Allender Field.

“We played great defense and we got a good result against Houston, the defending state champ,” Burkhart said. “I was really happy with their effort.”

Hawks

From page 1B

finished with 189 yards and connected with tight end Logan Holbrook on a touchdown pass.

It was a night when several Hawks performed at a high level, but Holbrook had a huge impact on the contest. He was a perfect 4-for-4 on extra points and made a pair of field goals. He also had a touchdown reception and came up with a pair of long punts that flipped field position in HVA’s favor.

“Logan Holbrook was all over the place for us,” Wynn said. “He made all of his extra points and he was 2-for-2 on field goals.

“He also caught a touchdown pass and he had a 56 yard punt and a 44-yard punt and did a good job flipping the field.”

Next up for the Hawks is a region showdown against Bradley Central. It will be Hardin Valley’s first road game of the 2025 campaign.

Ads storm back

From page 1B

first and goal from the four, Haag ran it in, and the Admirals led 21-20.

But the Panthers then won it with an 11-play drive, the score coming on Caleb Acres’s 1-yard plunge with 2:20 left.

“Give them credit, they were down,” Courtney said. “We gotta learn to finish games.”

Hobson completed 60 percent of his passes (9 of 15), but could manage only 38 yards. Admirals’ running backs Luke Finnegan and Charlie Noble combined for 84 yards on 19 carries.



Carlos Reveiz, carlos@crfoto.com

Above: FHS, 22, Ava Upshaw, fights for ball. Left: FHS, 28, Kennedy Dade fights hard to recover the ball.



Want to see more? Go to [farragutpress.com](http://farragutpress.com)

4th Annual

BOOTS & BEAUTIES

Father Daughter Dance

*Presented by the FHS Dance Team*

28

ALL AGES

5-7pm

September | FHS Commons

*Food Trucks, Snacks, Pictures*

*Dancing & more*

Register by 9/17 to guarantee a t-shirt

\$55 Dad/Daughter

\$20 each additional sibling

Follow FarragutDanceBoosterClub on Instagram and Facebook









Tim Hathaway

ABR

Multi-Million Dollar Producer

Cell: 865-643-3232

Office: 865-693-3232

REALTY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATES

www.timhathaway.com

E-mail: tim@timhathaway.com



If it matters to you, it is protected by us.

HOME | AUTO | LIFE | BUSINESS | HEALTH

TATE INSURANCE GROUP *presents*

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

6423 Deane Hill Drive • 862.8233

www.tateinsurancegroup.com • scott@tateinsurancegroup.com

BEARDEN



Photo Unavailable

Paxton Parrott

RB-LB, Jr.

CAK



Collin Crider

DL, Sr.

CONCORD



Photo Unavailable

Kohbe Ward

QB-DB, Fr.

FARRAGUT



Noah Haag

RB-LB, Sr.

HARDIN VALLEY



Photo Unavailable

Logan Holbrook

DE-TE, Jr.

CATHOLIC



Tyreek King

WR-DB, Sr.

WEBB



Gregory Tate III

WR-DB, Sr.



# Fun with Farragut Fleet

Farragut area children had their day of exploring and climbing when Town of Farragut hosted its annual Fun with Farragut Fleet in Mayor Bob Leonard Park off Watt Road Saturday, Aug. 23.

Parents watched as their children climbed on the Town’s tractors, lawn mowers, backhoes and more. And, the fun did not end there. Knox County Sheriff’s Office, Rural Metro Fire, First Utility District and construction companies made their vehicles available to investigate and even blow horns.

Youngsters checked out the sheriff’s office’s helicopter, motorcycles, cruisers, SWAT vehicle and hazardous waste vehicle; a fire truck, concrete truck and utility trucks.

Photos by Tammy Cheek

Right: KCSO Capt. Tom Walker, right, explains the bomb disposal robot to Madison Warren, 3, left, Matthew Conner, 3



Asher Davis, 2, on a Rural Metro fire truck



Grayson Gaines, 4, in a First Utility District truck



Jonah Dixon, 5, with mom, Christi Dixon, at the KCSO helicopter



Carson Cardwell, 7, on a backhoe



Andy Warren, 5, learns about the Knox County Sheriff’s Office helicopter from Sgt. Brandon Gilliam, KCSO aviation unit, with dad Matt Warren behind them



Kayla Powers and Brandon Williams with FUD



Rosemary Birge, 4, in a concrete truck



Gabriel Ma, 5, on a KCSO motorcycle



Levi Johnson, 9, left, and brother, Tripp Johnson, 11



Mayford Rhodus, 3, in a Rural Metro fire truck



Lydia Arnder, 5, in Town’s backhoe



Ezra Cotton, 6, on a KCSO motorcycle



Shop Farragut

TOWN SAMPLER

REGISTER TODAY TO WIN \$200 in Gift Cards and Prizes from participating Farragut businesses. For more information go to [www.shopfarragut.com](http://www.shopfarragut.com)

Area residents can vote in neighboring county

**TAMMYCHEEK**  
*tcheek@farragutpress.com*

Farragut area residents can have a say in what entertainment is available, even in a neighboring county.

Loudon Alive, a non-profit 501(c) organization, is competing for a grant to bring a series of concerts to City of Loudon's Tate & Lyle Performing Arts Amphitheater in Loudon Municipal Park, 1470 Roberson Spring Road, that would begin in 2026.

To win the grant, it is asking for area residents to vote for Loudon.

Tammy Roberts, Loudon

Alive board member, said Loudon Alive, whose purpose is to "Make Loudon a better place to work, live and play," applied for the grant from the Levitt Foundation, which is giving away the multi-series music grant for amphitheaters in rural areas that amounts to about \$120,000 over three years — up to \$40,000 per year.

"It's perfect," she said about the amphitheater. It's so under-utilized.

"If you get the grant, it will provide a multi-series music event at the amphitheater in Loudon," she said. "We're in competition with eight other cities, and six will win.

"And, the way we're going to win is by voting in a public voting process by texting "Loudon" to 877-409-5525.

Voting opens 1 p.m. EST, Friday, Sept. 5, and ends 8 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15.

"Make sure they get an ac-

**See RESIDENTS on Page 6B**

CUMC Golf Tournament honors longtime leader

**STAFF REPORTS**  
*editor@farragutpress.com*

Golfers, community members and supporters gathered for the annual Concord United Methodist Church Golf Tournament benefiting Loudon County Habitat for Humanity at Willow Creek Golf Course Monday, Aug. 11.

"This tradition has helped Concord United Methodist raise the funds to build a new Habitat home each year in partnership with a local family," said Rachel Rendon, Loudon County Habitat for Humanity director of development. "This year's tournament carried special significance as Loudon County Mayor Buddy Bradshaw issued an official proclamation declaring Aug. 11, 2025, as Terry Taylor Day in Loudon County.

"Taylor has faithfully overseen the golf tournament since 2007, leading 18 successful tournaments that have raised more than \$300,000 to support the construction of 14



homes and critical neighborhood infrastructure, including Habitat's Hilltop Hideaway community," Rendon said.

"Through Terry's leadership, compassion and commit-

**See CUMC on Page 7B**



Tammy Cheek

**Above left:** Second Harvest of East Tennessee chief development officer Kristi Rule, left, join attendees. **Above:** From left, Loudon County Chamber president Rodney Grugin and Farragut West Knox Chamber president/CEO Julie Blaylock listen to Blount Partnership vice president Tammy Ford speak. **Left:** Michael Torano, Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee chief marketing officer, welcomes the crowd to the food bank's 4th Annual Hunger Action Month Kickoff Breakfast.

Making an impact

Chambers, businesses partner with Second Harvest to promote Hunger Action Month

**TAMMYCHEEK**  
*tcheek@farragutpress.com*

Between 150 and 200 showed their support to Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee's 4th Annual Hunger Action Month Kickoff Breakfast, which took place at the food bank office, 136 Harvest Lane, Maryville, Thursday, Aug. 28.

"What a lively, energetic crowd," said Michael Torano, Second Harvest chief marketing officer.

"This is an amazing event," said Wil Davenport, owner of More Than Memories and Farragut West Knox Chamber member. "I love the way it brings so many people together for such a great cause.

"I have been reading about, with funding being cut, it's particularly a good time to be investing in bringing food for the community and drawing awareness to this, so I'm super excited to be here today," he said.

"The impact this (event) makes is it spreads awareness of Second Harvest and our mission to lead the community in the fight to end hunger," Second Harvest chief development officer Kristi Rule said. "It is significant because the whole month of September,

with Hunger Action Month is a month of advocacy, food drives and even gaining financial support, all to end hunger across East Tennessee."

Among the supporters, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Loudon County Chamber of Commerce and Blount Partnership partnered with Second Harvest on the event, as well as sponsors Vicki Williams of Movement Mortgage, Casey Mynatt of City Wide Facilities Solutions, Aaron Crecy of Junk Galaxy and Daniel Monday of Slamdot.

"We believe that no one should have to wonder where their next meal is coming from, so we wanted to join forces and just show up each year for Second Harvest Food Bank of East Tennessee," Mynatt said.

**See IMPACT on Page 6B**

LCUB's gift to FHS



Photo submitted

Lenoir City Utilities Board presented Farragut High School with a check in support of FHS programs at FHS Tuesday morning, Aug. 19. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Farragut Alderman Alex Cain, FHS head baseball coach Garrett Copeland, LCUB COO/general manager Leon Shields, FHS athletic director Donald Dodgen, FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett, LCUB Board members LeeAnn Foster and Mike Arms and Knox County School Board member Lauren Morgan.

GRAPHIC CREATIONS

FROM business cards TO vehicle wraps...

865.522.6221 | GRAPHICCREATIONS.COM | KNOXVILLE & OAK RIDGE LOCATIONS

PROUD MEMBER OF THE FARRAGUT WEST KNOX

Building brands starts here

ROSE MORTUARY

With compassion and comfort, we have been proudly serving the families of this community since 1884.

Broadway Chapel  
1421 N. Broadway  
523-2121

Mann Heritage Chapel  
6200 Kingston Pike  
588-8578

[www.rosemortuary.com](http://www.rosemortuary.com)

Robert Starkey, Kent Marcum, Frank Davis,  
Keith Richards, William Martin, A.H. Pickle

A LOCALLY OWNED FAMILY BUSINESS

I get to be her daughter again—not just her her caregiver.

Personalized Care, Farm-to-Table Meals, and Activities

THE Lantern at Morning Pointe

Alzheimer's Center of Excellence

HARDIN VALLEY

NOW OPEN!

(865) 343-0409

2433 Reagan Road



Impact  
From page 5B

“We’re happy to be here this morning, always a pleasure to come to Second Harvest,” said Tammy Ford, vice president of Blount Partnership. “We have been out here many times ... and we love what they would do not just for Blount County but for our community.”

“On behalf of Farragut West Knox Chamber, it is also a pleasure to see your bright, shining faces this morning,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. “This event has grown so much over the past four years.

“It started out, not small but certainly not this (size),” she added. “And for us, it is so good to see businesses collaborating with each other, with non-profits in the spirit of supporting the greater good, which is our community and feeding our community.”

“Thank everybody from Loudon County for coming out,” Loudon County Chamber president Rodney Grugin said. “It’s great to have a partnership with not only with Second Harvest but with Blount County and Farragut West Knox.”

Donors unable to travel to the Maryville site can visit drop-off sites all across East Tennessee, according to Rule.

“You have Kroger grocery stores that will have Second Harvest food barrels in the lobby,” she said. “You can drop off (items) at your local Chamber — Farragut West Knox Chamber, Blount Partnership or Loudon County Chamber — and they’ll collect the peanut butter.



Tammy Cheek

Paul Boyles, owner of Paul Boyles Executive Coaching, and Joy Litzenberg, travel agent with Small World Big Fun, network.

“Right now, through September, we’re asking for peanut butter or other nut butters because it’s a super food,” Rule said. “It’s a healthy protein for all of our neighbors.”

Additionally, she said, “you can check with Knoxville TVA Credit Union, as well as SmartBanks in your area; they are collecting for us as well.

“Hunger has no look,” she observed. “Anybody can be hungry.

“For some of the neighbors whom we serve, it may be an occasional thing to where their budget was larger than what they anticipated as far as expenses,” Rule said. “So, sometimes they’ll come to us, just needing help on occasion.

“But, we also have other neighbors who have taken in extended family members, and they may be living on a retired budget,” she said. “So, sometimes they need help on an ongoing basis.

“We would just encourage people that hunger can be anybody,” Rule said. “So, if you are so inclined to help, there’re always ways through buying an extra can of something at the grocery store and dropping it into a food drive barrel (or) making a cash donation.

“Ninety-five cents of every dollar we receive goes directly into a hunger relief program,” she said. “One dollar will provide three meals.

“So at the end of the day, if you want to have an incredible impactful return on your investment, we would be gracious and humbled by cash donations so that we can stock our shelves and get food on the tables of neighbors who are facing food insecurity,” Rule added.

Second Harvest Food Bank carries non-perishable foods, but it also supplies fresh produce, proteins, dairy products and frozen items.

Residents  
From page 5B

knowledge that they received your text because that’s what you’ll get,” Roberts said. “‘Some people,’ the Levitt Foundation said, ‘will spell it wrong, will have something in there, and we’ll never get it,’ and a vote they don’t get is a vote we don’t have, so make sure they get this message back that says they received your text.”

She said the voting process is the final stage of the grant process.

The grant is supported by a “joint partnership between the Levitt Foundation, a national

social impact funder at the intersection of music, public space and community building that supports the largest free outdoor concert series in America, and the Tennessee Entertainment Commission with support from Tennessee Department of Economic & Community Development and Tennessee Department of Tourism Development.

“The story behind it is Mortimer Levitt was a poor kid in New York City, whose father was a vendor at Coney Island,” Roberts said. “His family couldn’t afford a ticket for him to get in and listen to the concerts.”

classifieds

625 AUCTION

ONLINE ONLY ESTATE AUCTION  
1201 LIVE OAK CIRCLE - KNOXVILLE, TN 37932



OPEN HOUSE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH FROM 11AM-1PM  
BIDDING BEGINS TO CLOSE  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH  
REAL ESTATE | 12:00PM-Noon (ET)  
PERSONAL PROPERTY | 7:00PM (ET)

Conveniently located just off of Lovell Road  
2-story home with approx. 2128 Total SF with 4 bedrooms & 2.5 bathrooms  
Large 0.48+/- acre corner lot  
Rear patio & deck with pergola for outdoor entertaining and relaxation  
Main level with formal living & dining rooms, eat-in kitchen and large family room with fireplace  
2-car attached garage with adjoining workshop/storage room  
Easy access to I-40, Pellissippi Parkway, and Turkey Creek shopping and dining

PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD INCLUDING:  
2010 Ford Fusion, patio tables & chairs, outdoor swing, grill, fire pit, pottery crock, home decor items, Fostoria glasses, duck head fireplace tool set, table lamps, console tables, Lane coffee table & end table, maple cabinets, framed wall mirror, brown tufted leather chairs, round accent table, wall regulator clock, Noritake china sets, flatware, flat screen TVs, washer & dryer, cedar chest, dressers, bedroom furniture, misc. tools, metal shelves, and more!!!

FOR MORE DETAILS, TERMS & ONLINE BIDDING VISIT:  
www.powellauction.com

POWELL AUCTION & REALTY, LLC  
6729 PLEASANT RIDGE ROAD  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37921  
865-938-3403  
KENNY PHILLIPS, AUCTIONEER - LIC # 2385

ACT / SAT / PSAT

Helping students improve test scores for 40 years.

Register now for fall individual tutoring and classes

Michael K. Smith, Ph.D.

Celebrating 10,000 students tutored since 2004!

TEST PREP EXPERTS

www.testprepexperts.com  
mike@testprepexperts.com  
865-694-4108

Worship & Praise

Call Linda at 865-218-8881 to place your ad

CHRIST COVENANT PCA

12915 Kingston Pike  
Knoxville, TN 37934  
865-671-1885

Worship Times  
9:30 am and 11:00 am

For more information go to  
www.christcov.org

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

225 Jamestowne Blvd.  
Farragut 966-9626  
SUNDAY WORSHIP  
9 a.m. & 11:11 a.m.  
www.faithloves.org

CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11020 Roane Drive

Sunday Worship Services

Traditional & Contemporary Worship  
9:00 and 11:00 AM | Concurrently  
All Worship Services on-site and online.

Nursery available for both services.

11:00 AM Kids Church (K-5th)

ConcordUnited.org

Watch our services on  
Youtube.com/ConcordUnited

WESTGATE CHURCH PRESENTS

4th ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT Benefitting

CONVOY OF HOPE

Saturday  
September 27, 2025  
Shotgun Start 8:00am

Three Ridges Golf Course  
6101 Wise Springs Road  
Knoxville TN 37918

\$100 PER GOLFER  
\$400 Per Team  
4 man Scramble

SWAG Bag  
Trash (Red Tee, 2 Throws, Mulligan)  
Yard Sticks (\$25 per Team)  
Putting Contest  
Long Drive  
Closest to Pin  
2 Flights  
Trophies for Flight Winners

Corporate Sponsorships  
Eagle - \$1000 includes 1 Team, Hole Sponsorship, Logo on Sign  
Birdie - \$500 Hole Sponsorship, Logo on Sign  
Par - \$250 Hole Sponsorship

For information or registration, contact Matt Jackson  
865-771-9582 or mjackson726@icloud.com or use QR Code

First Farragut United Methodist Church

Worship Service  
Sundays at 10:30 AM  
ffumc.org/events

12733 Kingston Pike  
865-966-8430 ☎ www.ffumc.org

Sunday Bible Class 9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM  
Nursery & Children's Worship Provided

Wednesday Bible Study 7 to 8 p.m.  
Weekday Preschool - Monday-Thursday

farragut CHURCH OF CHRIST

136 Smith Rd. • 865-966-5025 • farragutchurch.org

TWO RIVERS CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

SATURDAY | 5:30P

SUNDAY | 9:30 & 11:00A

MID-WEEK TIMES

WEDNESDAY | 6:30-8:30P

Middle School Ministry  
High School Ministry  
The WELL (Prayer & Worship)

f / i / t / TwoRiversTN

Web: 2RC.tv | P: 865.777.2121  
275 Harrison Ln., Lenoir City, TN 37772

FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith”

Family Friendly Casual Worship  
9 a.m.

With a children's program for ages 3 and up.

Traditional Sunday Worship  
11 a.m.

Livestreams at fpcn.org

Loving Nursery from birth to age 3 at both services

209 Jamestowne Blvd.  
Located behind Village Green Shopping Ctr.  
(865)966-9547 • fpcn.org

NEW COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH

Fredrick E. Brabson, Sr., Senior Pastor

Worship Complex  
10319 Starkey Lane  
Knoxville, TN 37932

Contact Information  
Church: (865) 671-3370  
Fax: (865) 966-2072  
Email: newcovenant@newcovenantbc.com  
Website: www.newcovenantbc.com

Weekly In-Person Services  
Sun: Family Bible Hour (9:30 AM)  
Sun: Worship Service (11:00 AM)

Recorded Services

On ZOOM  
Wed: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (6:45 PM)  
Wed: Cultivate (7:00 PM)

“Winning Souls and Changing Lives for Jesus Christ is a Total Family Ministry”



CUMC  
From page 5B

ment, families in our community have found stability, safety and hope,” said Tony Gibbons, executive director of Loudon County Habitat for Humanity. “His dedication reflects

not only his faith but also his vision for what is possible when a community comes together.” “Over the years, the tournament has united golfers, local businesses, church members and volunteers around Habitat’s mission of build-

ing homes, communities and hope,” Rendon said. “Thanks to this ongoing effort, Concord United Methodist and Loudon County Habitat have partnered to provide more than 20 families with safe, affordable housing.” The proclamation recog-

nized Taylor’s “steadfast leadership,” noting his service “has helped families build generational wealth and achieve healthier, more secure living conditions,” she said. “Loudon County Habitat extends heartfelt gratitude to Terry Taylor, Concord Unit-

ed Methodist Church and all who contributed to making this year’s tournament a success,” Rendon said. “Together, the community continues to build a legacy that will impact families for generations to come.”

classifieds

To place your Classified ad in farragutpress please call 865-675-6397 or fax 865-675-1675.

700 VEHICLES FOR SALE  
**RV for SALE**  
2019 Thor ACE 30.2  
22,400 miles  
Bunkhouse, sleeps 6  
REDUCED \$10,000  
\$77,500  
865-266-3704

**CARRIERS NEEDED**  
The farragutpress currently has openings for Newspaper Carriers in Farragut and nearby areas.

<b>Route A1</b> (Fox Den area) 400 - (\$40 per week)	<b>Route A3</b> (Avalon) 280 - (\$28 per week)
<b>Route F</b> (Concord Hills/ Farragut Crossing area) 770 - (\$77 per week)	<b>Route I</b> (Old Concord/ Wood Harbour area) 710 - (\$71 per week)

This is a contract labor position. Must have reliable transportation, a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.

**farragutpress**  
For more information, please contact Tony Christen at (865) 218-8872 or by email at production@farragutpress.com

**farragut**  
11408 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE | FARRAGUT, TN 37934 865.966.7057 | WWW.TOWNOFFARRAGUT.ORG

**Notice for Alderman Appointment 2025**  
Position: South Ward Alderman – Appointment to Fill Midterm Vacancy  
Location: Town of Farragut, TN • Posting Date: August 29, 2025  
Application Deadline: September 10, 2025, by 12:00 PM EST

**Overview**  
The Town of Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen is seeking qualified applicants to fill a vacant South Ward Alderman seat due to the passing of the previous Alderman. The appointed individual will serve until the next municipal election for the South Ward seat in August 2026, at which time the seat will be subject to election in accordance with the Town Charter, the Farragut Municipal Code and Tennessee Code Annotated.

**Eligibility Requirements**  
Applicants must meet the following criteria:  
• Be a resident of the Town of Farragut, reside in the South Ward, and maintained continuous residency in the South Ward for at least one year prior to the appointment. View the Farragut ward map here.  
• Be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age.  
• Be a registered voter in the Town of Farragut, specifically in the South Ward.  
• Not currently holding any other incompatible public office under Tennessee law.  
• Disclose any financial, employment, or personal conflicts of interest that could affect Board service.

**Legal References:** TCA §6-18-201, §6-18-301; Town of Farragut Charter, Sections 3.02 & 4.01

**Application Process**  
Applicants must submit the following:  
1. A resume or brief biography outlining relevant experience, community involvement, and qualifications.  
2. Proof of residency and voter registration (e.g., driver's license, utility bill, voter registration card).

**Applications may be submitted:**  
• Online: www.townoffarragut.org/470/Job-Opportunities  
• By email: recorder@townoffarragut.org  
• By mail: Town Recorder, Town of Farragut, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN 37934  
• In person: Town Hall (Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.)

**Deadline:** September 10, 2025, by 12:00 PM EST; All resumes must be received by this time. Resumes received after that time will not be considered for purposes of this appointment. The appointee will be required to take the oath of office prior to assuming official duties. The appointed Alderman will serve until the next regular municipal election for the South Ward seat in August 2026.

**Questions**  
Contact the Town Recorder's Office at (865) 966-7057 or email recorder@townoffarragut.org

service directory

The farragutpress is not responsible for errors in an advertisement if not corrected by the first week after the ad appears. This newspaper is not responsible or liable whatsoever for any claim made by an ad or for any of the services, products or opportunities offered by our advertisers. We do not endorse or promote the purchase or sale of any product, service, company or individual that chooses to advertise in this newspaper, and we reserve the right to refuse any/all advertising we deem inappropriate or unacceptable by our company standards.

miscellaneous services

**FREE FLOW PLUMBING**  
Complete Satisfaction Guaranteed  
ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING REPAIRS  
• Water Heaters • Boiler Work  
• Housing Additions  
• Renovations/Remodel  
• Gas Lines • Well Pumps  
LICENSED • INSURED • BONDED  
35 Years Experience  
937-718-2772

**BACON**  
Junk Removal • Demolition • Hauling  
Residential & Commercial  
Ask about our discounts!  
**REED BACON**  
Owner, Operator  
Text or Call 865.254.4464  
www.baconjunkremoval.com

**Dream Gardens**  
Landscape Designs • Professional Installation  
Exciting Outdoor Lighting • Bed Remodeling • Sod Installation  
Top-notch Weeding, Pruning & Mulching • Leaf Removal  
Reed Strozier • 865-258-1844 • www.dreamgardens865.com

**FATHER & SON LAWN CARE**  
A Complete Lawn Service  
We Specialize in Mowing Large Properties and Quality Lawn Maintenance  
**Make Appointments NOW For Fall**  
AERATION  
We provide our aeration services with our own commercial ride-on aeration equipment  
• Slit Seeding • Over Seeding • Fertilizing  
Licensed & Insured  
Call Robin 865-705-3856 • Blake 865-963-8351

**Mills Lawn Care**  
Residential & Commercial

**BOOK NOW LEAF REMOVAL FALL & WINTER CLEAN-UP**  
Bush Hogging  
Mulch & Rock  
Delivery Available  
**CALL TODAY**  
Free Consultation & Quote  
865-242-2695  
Gary & Tammy Mills, Owners

**Service Directory Advertising Rates**  
1 Block.....\$60/mo.  
2 Block.....\$115/mo.  
3 Block.....\$170/mo.  
4 Block.....\$225/mo.  
6 Block.....\$335/mo.  
8 Block.....\$445/mo.

Spot color \$5/mo.  
Process color \$15/mo.

**Service Directory Advertising Deadlines**  
**Display Ads**  
Space & Copy:  
Fridays, noon

**Service Directory Payments**  
Payments may be made by cash, check or credit card. Prepayment is required on all classified advertising.  
**These Cards Gladly Accepted:**  
VISA MasterCard American Express

home repair & improvement

**HOME REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT**  
**Pilgrim Painting**  
Repaint Specialist  
Commercial & Residential  
Serving Knoxville & the Farragut area for 29 years  
Licensed • Bonded & Insured  
We take the Pain Out of painting!

We do Home Improvement Projects in addition to:  
• Interior/Exterior Painting  
• Pressure Washing  
• Staining  
• Drywall & Carpentry  
**FREE ESTIMATES 865-291-8434**  
www.pilgrimpaintingknoxville.com  
Major credit cards & online payments accepted  
Home Improvement License #291843

Let us remodel your bathroom!  
Enjoy a bathroom for your lifestyle  
**HomeTek**  
West Knoxville/Farragut's Premiere Contractor  
BUILD - IMPROVE - REMODEL  
865-368-2869  
Licensed & Insured

Neighborhood FAVE  
Nominated in City View Magazine "Best of the Best" 2013-2024

**HANDYMAN SERVICES**  
Cross Home Repairs Off Your List  
• FREE Estimates  
• Licensed & Insured  
• 20+ Years Experience  
• 5★ Rated  
• No Job Too Small  
Call Or Text 865-973-9798  
**WEST KNOX HANDYMAN**  
HOME SERVICES & REPAIR  
www.westknoxhandyman.com

**RANDY THE PAINTER**  
Celebrating 45 years in 2025  
Commercial & Residential  
**30% OFF**  
all Interior & Exterior Painting  
Soft Wash System  
We now offer roof, Sidewalk and Driveway cleaning  
Carpentry • Sheetrock  
Check out our 5★ Google Reviews!  
LICENSED & INSURED  
**FREE ESTIMATES 865-522-3222**  
Cell - 865-455-5022 - Call or Text rharvey9160@gmail.com randythepainterandcrew.com

**Howard Mitchell**  
Painting & Drywall  
Interior & Exterior  
30 Years experience  
Pressure Washing  
Make Appointments Now for FREE Fall Estimates  
Licensed & Insured  
References Available  
Honest • Reliable • Neat • Clean  
865-202-8350

**NEED A HAND**  
Advertising Your Business?

Serving East Tennessee since 1974  
**Termite & Pest Otis Control Service**  
Locally Owned & Operated

**Serving East Tennessee for over 50 years!**

Licensed by TWRA and TN Department of Agriculture  
**CALL TODAY 865-690-1662**  
www.otispestcontrol.net

Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly  
Residential & Commercial Pest Control  
• Termite Control  
• Mosquito Control  
• Wildlife Removal  
• Pre-Construction

Mention this ad for 25% off first monthly or quarterly pest control service.

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER  
Visit us on Facebook

Place an ad in the farragutpress service directory!  
Call Linda at 218-8881





HOW THE WEST WAS WON SCOREBOARD			
School	Win-Loss	Points for Game	Net Difference
Hardin Valley Academy	2-0	34-0 W	+54
Knoxville Catholic High School	2-0	28-7 W	+35
Concord Christian School	1-1	42-7 W	+18
Christian Academy of Knoxville	1-1	28-21 L	+10
Bearden High School	0-1	63-13 L	-50
Farragut High School	0-2	26-21 L	-25
Webb School of Knoxville	0-2	47-30 L	-39



Photo courtesy of Carlos Reveiz/crfoto.com  
Farragut High School's #3, Corbin Hobson, throws ball and #63, Ayden Perez, blocks Powell #8.

# Two teams remain undefeated

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

Week 2 of the 2025 high school football season is now in the rear-view mirror and only two teams remain undefeated in the quest for area gridiron supremacy in the farragutpress How the West was Won will be presented by Billy Houston Group, Realty Executives.

Action commenced Thursday, Aug. 28, as Knoxville Catholic High School continued its two-game road trip with an impressive 28-7 victory over Class 4A power Anderson County in Clinton in a regionally televised contest in Clinton.

The Irish (2-0) jumped out to a 14-7 lead before blowing things open against the Mavericks (0-1) with a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Mack Bartholomew finished 15-for-23 through the air, amassing 287 yards. He threw a touchdown pass to Tyreek King. Bartholomew also had five carries for 70 yards against Anderson County.

Catholic will play its home opener at Blaine Stadium when it hosts Lipscomb Academy Friday night. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m.

Hardin Valley Academy, meanwhile, also is undefeated after Week 2. The Hawks have doubled their win total from last season. HVA shut out Morristown East, 34-0, at home last week. Hardin Valley's defense stole the show, forcing five turnovers by the Hurricanes. The Hawks turned most of those miscues into points. Logan Holbrook dominated on offense and special teams. He made two field goals and his punts often pinned Morristown East deep.

He also had five receptions for 83 yards while catching a touchdown pass from quarterback Riley Matz. The Hawks open Region 2-6A play this week against Bradley Central in Cleveland.

Concord Christian School picked up its first win of the 2025 season. The Hawks defeated Middle Tennessee Christian School Friday night at Blankenship Field, 42-13.

Quarterback Kohbe Ward went 4-for-5 for 135 passing yards and two touchdowns for the Lions. Maurice Smith rushed for 76 yards and two touchdowns as Concord improved to 1-1 on the season.

CCS will play Orlando Christian in Florida this week.

Christian Academy of Knoxville fell



Tony Cox  
Knoxville Catholic's Tyreek King (7) shakes off Anderson County defensive back Evan Pyatt and finds daylight down the sideline during Thursday night's Rivalry Thursday showdown. King's explosive run set up the Fighting Irish's opening score in their 21-7 win over the Mavericks.

to Heritage, 28-21, at Warrior Stadium Friday night. Collin Crider had six tackles for the Warriors (1-1) which hit the road for the first time this season. CAK opens region play against Notre Dame Friday night in Chattanooga. It will be the Division II-AA East Region opener for both schools.

Bearden (0-1) finally got the chance to open its 2025 campaign when it traveled to Alcoa and lost, 63-13, to 10-time defending state champion Alcoa. Paxton Parrott had a big night for the Bulldogs, which had their scheduled season opener canceled due to inclement weather against Knoxville West in Week 1.

Parrott had a hand in both of Bearden's scores. He caught a touchdown pass and threw for another TD.

Bearden will be at home for the first time this season as it hosts Maryville (1-1) Friday night.

Farragut dropped to 0-2 on the season as it lost to Powell (1-0), 26-21, at Bill Clabo Field. Noah Haag and Corbin Hobson each had rushing touchdowns for the Admirals, which will play at Upperman in Middle Tennessee on Thursday at 8 p.m. EDT.

Webb School of Knoxville also fell to 0-2 with a 47-30 loss to Asheville School Friday night at David Meske Stadium.

Shavar Young had a 55-yard touchdown scamper and Gage Porter lofted a touchdown pass to Gregory Tate for the Spartans, which will play at Silverdale Baptist Academy in Chattanooga on Friday in the region opener for both teams.



Like football, real estate takes strategy, communication, and a trusted team. Whether buying, selling, or planning your next move, I'm here to help you score.





BILLY HOUSTON  
865.207.1212  
865.577.SOLD  
BILLYHOUSTONGROUP.COM  
124 N WINSTON ROAD, SUITE 201  
KNOXVILLE, TN 37919



GO BIG  
ORANGE



IN  
STYLE



*Rick Terry*  
Jewelry Designs

11320 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37934  
(865) 777-3793

**farragutpress**  
**GAME DAY 411**  
September 6 • 3:30 p.m. et  
The University of Tennessee **VS** ETSU

**GO VOLS!**

**A COMMUNITY DESIGNED WITH  
YOUR LOVED ONE IN MIND**



Assisted Living | Memory Care | Respite | Rehab



*Visit our award-winning  
campus today!*

(865) 777-9000

WWW.NHCFARRAGUT.COM



**Tate  
Insurance  
Group**  
HOME | AUTO | LIFE  
BUSINESS | HEALTH

**BUY LOCAL. INSURE LOCAL.  
CHEER LOCAL.  
BUYING LOCAL SUPPORTS  
OUR COMMUNITY.**

Tate Insurance Group is proud to be one of the few locally owned insurance agencies right here in Knoxville. Just like we support our local football teams, we believe in supporting the people and businesses that make our community strong.

Have you asked your insurance provider if they're locally owned? Do you know where their parent company is located?



TATE INSURANCE GROUP PROUDLY REPRESENTS THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES:



6423 Deane Hill Drive | 865.862.8233

www.tateinsurancegroup.com | scott@tateinsurancegroup.com

**Call us for a comprehensive insurance review  
Home • Auto • Life • Business • Health**





**NEXT GAME**  
*September 6*  
**ETSU**  
at **Tennessee**



FARRAGUT TENNESSEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

# Vols prepare for home opener against ETSU

It is now officially Football Time in Tennessee as the Volunteers prepare to play their home opener Saturday at Neyland Stadium – and the Volunteers are looking forward to kicking off the home portion of their schedule.

“We get a chance to open it up here at home. You know, first experience for a bunch of our guys on game day inside of that stadium, with a packed house and that first Vol Walk.” Tennessee coach Josh Heupel said. “So, I look forward to seeing all of our fans.”

Tennessee (1-0) will host in-state rival East Tennessee State University with kickoff slated for 3:30 p.m. It is coming off a solid performance last week as it defeated Syracuse, 44-26, at Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

The Vols had a solid offensive performance against the Orange on Saturday, led by quarterback Joe Aguilar, who made his debut for the Big Orange. Aguilar went 16-for-28 through the air, amassing 247 yards and three touchdowns.

And Heupel liked what he saw from the Appalachian State transfer.

“I thought he was good in the decision-making and communication,” Heupel said of Aguilar. “I said that after the football game. (He was) super calm and I thought he used his feet at the right moment.

“(He had) great demeanor throughout the course of the game. (There’s) a lot to really like from it.”

Like Tennessee, the Buccaneers enter the game with a 1-0 record. ETSU also opened its 2025 campaign on Saturday and notched a 45-17 victory over Murray State in Johnson

City, leaving Heupel, the Vols’ sixth-year head coach impressed.

“ETSU, if you look at how they performed on Saturday, a bunch of yards, a bunch of points, and they really did some good things on the defensive side of the ball, too,” Heupel said.

For Heupel, it’s not so much about ETSU, which will be an undermanned FCS opponent. It’s more about how Tennessee progresses as its Southeastern Conference opener against Georgia looms on Sept. 13.

“(We’re) pleased with the win from Saturday,” he said. “But today, it’s about how we get better and move forward.

“I thought the guys were good inside of our meetings, and we got (that) on the field, too. I’m looking forward to a good week.”

Tennessee’s defense struggled at times against Syracuse, and the Vols likely will be without two key players against the Bucs. Defensive lineman Jaxson Moi and defensive back Rickey Gibson III were injured Saturday and both will miss the home opener.

“Jaxson is out this week and I hope to get him back quickly,” Heupel said. “Rickey will be out for an extended period. How long? I don’t have that timeline.

“So everybody’s got to be ready and prepared when they get the call and we’ve got to continue to grow.”

Tennessee’s defense will face a unique situation this weekend as the Buccaneers will use two quarterbacks.

Cade McNamara, a transfer from Michigan, will share quarterback duties with Jacoby Criswell.

McNmara completed 12-of-17

## Local Big Orange connection: Neil Clabo & Bill Bates

The 2025 college football season is here and Tennessee will play its home opener Saturday against in-state rival East Tennessee State.

Kickoff is slated for 3:30 p.m. at Neyland Stadium.

Prior to each Vols’ home game, farragutpress will shine the spotlight on players or coaches who, after their high school careers in West Knox County, moved on to the University of Tennessee to don the Big Orange.

This installment will look back at the two Farragut High School graduates who played on the NFL’s grand stage, the Super Bowl, Neil Clabo and Bill Bates.

Clabo, who passed away on July 10, 2024, due to complications from Alzheimer’s Disease, appeared in Super Bowl XI for the Minnesota Vikings, who lost to the Raiders, 32-14, on Jan. 9, 1977, at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California.

While playing for the Big Orange under head coach Bill Battle, Clabo was a second-team All-SEC selection in 1973 and a first-team all-conference performer in 1974.

He was drafted by the Vikings in 1975 and was named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team later the same year. He was inducted into the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2013.

Bates, a defensive back and return specialist for the Vols from 1979-82 and was a second-team all-conference performer at Tennessee during his junior and senior seasons.

He went undrafted in the 1983 NFL Draft but signed with the Dallas Cowboys and played 15 seasons and was part of three Super Bowl Championship teams (following the 1992, 1993 and 1995 seasons).

He was named to the All-Rookie Team in 1983 and was selected to the Pro Bowl in 1984.

He was later an assistant coach for Dallas (1999-2002) and the Jacksonville Jaguars (2003).

“Bill was one of the best players to come through Farragut High School,” FHS athletic director Donald Dodgen said.

~ Ken Lay, Correspondent

passing attempts for 146 yards against the Racers while Criswell was 5-of-8 for 34 yards.

“Both of them play well,” Heupel said. “As a staff, you want to call it

differently, but both of them play well.

“It’s about the preparation for who they are.”

~ Ken Lay, Correspondent

## LineUp



### East TN State University

0	Chris Davis Jr.	JACK	32	Drew Francis	LB
0	Cole Keller	TE	33	Dre Delinois	LB
1	Brian Alston	DL	35	Jeremiah Curry	LB
1	Justin Franklin	WR	36	Alijuan Bleechington	DB
2	Jackson Crosby	WR	37	Hayden Ross	LS
2	Jason Duclona	DB	38	Brock Winstead	LS
3	Kaven Call	DL	39	Oscar Roden	K
3	Devontae Houston	RB	40	Vashawn Nalls	RB
4	Hakeem Meggett	WR	43	Logan Miller	DB
4	Kendall Williams	DB	44	Grant Bullard	LB
5	Jimmy Bowdry	DB	45	Trevor Moffitt	LB
5	Karim Page	WR	46	Samuel Iroh	JACK
6	Jacoby Criswell	QB	47	Ramani Bruton	DB
6	Jivon Oggs	DB	48	Jaiden Daniels	RB
7	Sterling Galban	WR	49	Isaiah Thomas	JACK
7	Mike Jenkins	DB	50	Josh Meltzer	DL
8	Jeremiah Harrison	WR	51	Isaiah Hall	OL
8	Rashad Whitehead	DL	52	Frank West	OL
9	William Wells	DB	55	Will McCraw	OL
10	Ty Anderson	QB	56	Connor Doeren	OL
11	Moin Gammage	DB	58	Maddox Radcliffe	OL
11	Cade McNamara	QB	59	Taylor McClure	LB
12	Ephraim Floyd	WR	60	Micah Sumpter	OL
12	Kensly Johnson	DB	64	Braxton Shipp	OL
13	Jackson Byrd	QB	65	Cole Norred	OL
13	Jackson Norkunas	DB	67	Seth Williams	OL
14	Qua Birdsong	LB	68	JT Cook	OL
14	Trenton Wanjogu	WR	70	Eli Dorton	OL
15	CJ Gilmore	DB	71	Johnathan Cline	OL
15	Ewan Johnson	K	72	Eli Greene	OL
16	Nate Brackett	P	73	Joshua Benson	OL
16	Javion Clark	DB	74	Jay Wade	OL
17	Marlon Ayers Jr.	DB	75	Frankie Tinilau	OL
17	Ethan Lane	K/P	77	Ashton Flinn	OL
18	Ryan Barrett	DB	79	Mitchell Dunlap	OL
18	Zion Cooley	TE	80	Koda Cutlip	WR
19	Xavier Gaillardetz	WR	81	Taharin Sudderth	TE
19	Andrew Hand	DB	82	Izay Bridges	WR
20	Weston Edmondson	QB	83	Colin Rutland	TE
20	Tywan Royal	DB	84	Hudson Makuch	WR
21	Jason Albritton	RB	85	Travien Watson	WR
22	Nick Hunter	JACK	86	Matthew Manning	WR
23	Khalil Eichelberger	RB	88	Charlie Browder	TE
24	Ezra Sexton	RB	90	Dailen Howard	DL
25	Cole Horine	DB	91	Brenden LeBlanc	DL
26	D'Marius Rucker	RB	93	Ki'Shawn Harvey	DL
27	Teddy Wilson	LB	95	Jaden Pierce	DL
28	Jamari Farmer	LB	97	Isaiah Potts	DL
29	Elijah Taylor	JACK	98	Jai Barnes	DL
30	Drew Armbrister	LB	99	Mason Ball	DL
31	Brycen Dowdell	DB			

## LineUp



### University of Tennessee

0	Ethan Davis	TE	37	Montrell Bandy	DB
0	William Wright	DB	38	Andre Stewart	DB
	Rickey Gibson III	DB	39	Malcolm Kinzer	WR
	Travis Smith Jr.	WR	39	Jayden Loftin	DL
2	Peyton Lewis	RB	40	Colin Brazzell	DB
2	Andre Turrentine	DB	40	Seamus Meagher	TE
3	Jermody McCoy	DB	41	Steele Katina	DB
3	Jack Van Dorselaer	TE	42	Braylon Harmon	WR
4	Mike Matthews	WR	42	Tyre West	DL
4	Ty Redmond	DB	43	Jackson Mathews	DB
4	Jourdan Thomas	DB	44	Christian Gass	DL
5	Daevin Hobbs	DL	47	Isaiah Campbell	DL
5	Radarius Jackson	WR	47	John Rosen	LS
6	Joey Aguilar	QB	48	Bennett Brady	LS
6	Jalen McMurray	DB	50	William Satterwhite	OL
7	DaSaahn Brame	TE	50	Ryan Scott	LB
7	Arion Carter	LB	51	Jeremias Heard	OL
8	Colton Hood	DB	51	Jaxson Moi	DL
9	Mariyon Dye	DL	53	Lance Heard	OL
9	Star Thomas	RB	55	Brenden Anes	LB
10	Kaleb Beasley	DB	55	Antoni Ogumoro	OL
11	Jordan Burns	LB	56	Kellen Lindstrom	DL
12	Jaedon Harmon	LB	56	Sam Pendleton	OL
12	Jake Merklinger	QB	57	Grier Short	LB
13	Mason Phillips	QB	58	Herb Gray	DL
13	Edwin Spillman	LB	58	Nic Moore	OL
14	Braylon Staley	WR	59	Charlie Powell III	OL
15	Edrees Farooq	DB	65	Michael Kostantonov	OL
15	George MacIntyre	QB	68	Bennett Warren	OL
17	Chris Brazzell II	WR	69	Gus Hill	OL
18	DeSean Bishop	RB	70	David Sanders Jr.	OL
18	Tyree Weathersby	DL	71	Max Anderson	OL
19	Joshua Josephs	DL	72	Jesse Perry	OL
19	Daune Morris	RB	73	Brian Grant	OL
20	Justin Baker	RB	74	Shamurad Umarov	OL
20	Bryson Eason	DL	75	Wendell Moe Jr.	OL
21	Tre Poteat	DB	78	Gage Ginther	OL
22	Jeremiah Telander	LB	81	Amari Jefferson	WR
23	Boo Carter	DB	83	Trey Weary	WR
24	Hunter Barnes	RB	84	Tommy Winton III	WR
25	Timothy Merritt	DB	86	Cole Harrison	TE
26	Sidney Walton	DB	87	Joshua Helsdon	DL
26	Carson Whitehead	WR	87	Miles Kitselman	TE
27	Jadon Perlotte	LB	88	Deon Hardin	WR
28	Marcus Goree Jr.	DB	89	Mike Bethae II	DL
29	Jack-Henry Jakobik	WR	89	Joakim Dodson	WR
29	Jordan Ross	DL	90	Dominic Bailey	DL
30	Jamal Wallace	DL	90	Max Gilbert	PK
31	Caleb Herring	DL	93	Grady Dangerfield	PK
33	Ben Bolton	LB	94	Nathan Robinson	DL
34	Emmanuel Okoye	DL	94	Josh Turbyville	P/PK
35	Carson Gentle	DL	96	Isaiah Inge	DL
35	Ben Petermann	WR	97	Josh Schell	DL
36	Dylan Lewis	DB	98	Jackson Ross	P
36	Nathan Roberts	WR	99	Charles House III	DL



# Talk of the Town

A Publication of the Town of Farragut



Fall 2025

## Farragut festivities usher in the holidays

Fall in Farragut brings out a unique beauty and some of the Town's most festive events. Don't miss these free, annual events that are sure to delight the entire family! For more information, visit [townoffarragut.org/townevents](http://townoffarragut.org/townevents).

### Freaky Friday Fright Nite

Attention, ghouls and ghosts! Grab your candy baskets and head to Mayor Bob Leonard Park from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, for Freaky Friday Fright Nite! Strut your stuff around the walking trail in your favorite costumes while local businesses, community groups and Town of Farragut volunteers fill your bags with goodies.

This is a free event, but participants are asked to bring items to benefit the local Ronald McDonald House. See [townoffarragut.org/townevents](http://townoffarragut.org/townevents) for a list of needed items.

### Light the Park

From dusk to 10 p.m. nightly, from Nov. 24-Jan. 1, thousands of holiday lights will twinkle along Campbell Station Road as part of Light the Park. The fun begins with Countdown to Light the Park from 5:30-7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 24. Enjoy live entertainment, crafts and refreshments while we wait



for Santa to flip the big switch, illuminating thousands of holiday lights!

After a successful first addition to our Light the Park festivities last year, the synthetic ice rink will make a return to Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza! See "Campbell Station Skate" for more info.

Children can send their wish lists directly to Santa via the gi-

ant mailbox at Founders Park. Letters must be mailed by Wednesday, Dec. 17. 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 and Instagram.

### Celebrate the Season

Start the holiday season off right with Celebrate the Season from 4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Farragut Community Center. Families can have portraits made with Santa and enjoy cookie decorating, crafts and a holiday-themed movie during this free evening

See **HOLIDAYS** on Page 2



### Farragut Alderman David White passes away

The Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen and Town staff are deeply saddened by the passing of Alderman David White on Aug. 21 following a courageous battle with illness. A dedicated public servant and pillar of the community, his loss is deeply felt by all who knew him.

David was elected as Ward 2 (South Ward) alderman in 2022.

A Farragut native, David graduated from Farragut High School in 1964. He worked as a machinist at Y-12 in Oak Ridge

See **WHITE** on Page 4

## Farragut receives Tennessee Municipal League Innovation Award

The Town of Farragut received an Excellence in Innovation Award from the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) during the organization's annual meeting in August. The award was recognition for the Town's Advanced Traffic Management System (ATMS).

Farragut's ATMS project was completed in spring of 2025. The goal was to address traffic issues resulting from a growth in population both inside and outside of town.

Town leaders knew that by managing traffic signals they could better control congestion and the resulting air quality is-

sues from idling vehicles. The ATMS project began in 2016 when Farragut's Engineering Department applied for and received a Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant through the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT). Funding from the grant was used to install the ATMS on the town's 26 traffic signals.

Extensive research into traffic patterns turned into timing plans for each signal, allowing for the most efficient traffic flow. The system also provides centralized control over each signal, meaning the Engineer-

ing Department can override a scheduled plan if needed. Major intersections are monitored from cameras at Town Hall so that problems can be quickly spotted and corrected.

Since the project has been completed, officials have received positive feedback from motorists, and data shows that travel times have improved.

"Traffic has been the biggest source of complaints I've received for the past few years," says Farragut Mayor Ron Williams. "The ATMS has successfully improved travel times,

See **AWARD** on Page 2



## More fall fun in Farragut

In addition to the traditional annual events this fall, Farragut Parks & Rec is excited to bring fun, new events to the Farragut Community Center. From science experiments to puzzle swaps, there's something for everyone!

National Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) day is Saturday, Nov. 8. To celebrate, the Parks & Rec Department will host **STEM Day** at the community center from 1-3 p.m. that day! This free event will include small group projects, building competitions and an outdoor experi-

ment demonstration. Although this is a free event, registration is required.

If you love puzzles, mark your calendar! A beloved event, **Puzzle Palooza**, returns from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13, at the community center. Teams of up to four people race to complete a 300-piece puzzle. Registration is required for participation.

Additionally, a **Puzzle Swap** will take place from 10 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Nov. 15, at the community center. Bring

See **FALL FUN** on Page 2

## Visit Farragut festivities in the town center

### Campbell Station Skate

Farragut's synthetic ice rink is back for another season of holiday fun beginning on Saturday, Nov. 22. Located at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza and surrounded by a dazzling display of holiday lights, it is the perfect spot to make memories with family and friends. Plan a full day by pairing your skate time with shopping and dining, with many options just a short walk from the rink.

### New this year

The rink will now be closed on Mondays. Tuesday through Thursday hours are 4-8 p.m., and Friday through Sunday hours are 1-8 p.m.

On weekends from 4-8 p.m., spaces will be available for coffee and hot chocolate vendors. Food trucks and vendors must register in advance and hold a current Farragut food truck license. Please email [visitfarragut@townoffarragut.org](mailto:visitfarragut@townoffarragut.org) if you are interested.

Tickets can be reserved starting in November. Stay up to date by following @VisitFarragut on social media and check-



ing [visitfarragut.org](http://visitfarragut.org).

### Winter Market at Biddle Farms

Join us for the first Winter Art Market at the Biddle Farms Community Green from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14.

Browse unique, handmade creations from talented local artisans including pottery, woodworking, stained glass and more, just in time for holiday gift giving. Along with shopping, en-

joy festive activities such as a business passport challenge, a gingerbread house contest, and plenty of surprises throughout the day.

Interested in being a vendor? Email [visitfarragut@townoffarragut.org](mailto:visitfarragut@townoffarragut.org) for more information.

Look for more vendor and activity updates in late September. Keep up with Farragut's holiday happenings at [visitfarragut.org](http://visitfarragut.org).



# WHO TO CALL

## Town of Farragut Contacts

*(All Town of Farragut phones have an 865 area code)*

Ron Williams, Mayor..... 966-0214 (rwilliams@townoffarragut.org)  
Drew Burnette, Alderman (Ward II) ..... 203-5048 (dburnette@townoffarragut.org)  
Alex Cain, Alderman (Ward I) .....966-7057 (acain@townoffarragut.org)  
Scott Meyer, Vice Mayor, Alderman (Ward I) ..288-0694 (smeyer@townoffarragut.org)  
David Smoak, Town Administrator..... 966-7057 (dsmoak@townoffarragut.org)

**Administration, Engineering,.....Phone 966-7057, Fax 675-2096**  
**Community Development**  
**and Public Works**

Alcohol License/Permits .....Allison Myers (amyers@townoffarragut.org)  
Finances  
Accounts Receivable ..... Pam Hall (phall@townoffarragut.org)  
Citizen Requests..... Allison Scott (ascott@townoffarragut.org)  
Engineering.....Darryl Smith (dsmith@townoffarragut.org)  
Event Permits ..... Maria Rayas (mrayas@townoffarragut.org)  
..... Karla Magnuson (kmagnuson@townoffarragut.org)  
Farragut Court..... Allison Scott (ascott@townoffarragut.org)  
..... Maria Rayas (mrayas@townoffarragut.org)  
Landscaping ..... Mark Shipley (mshipley@townoffarragut.org)  
Sign Permits .....Bart Hose (bhose@townoffarragut.org)  
Farragut Museum..... Kristi Vining (kvining@townoffarragut.org)  
Personnel ..... Michelle Pence (mpence@townoffarragut.org)  
Planning Requirements ..... Mark Shipley (mshipley@townoffarragut.org)  
Zoning & Subdivisions .....Bart Hose (bhose@townoffarragut.org)  
Public Relations..... Wendy Smith (media@townoffarragut.org)  
Stormwater Quality..... Cliff Mann (cmann@townoffarragut.org)  
Traffic Enforcement Program.....Jennifer Davis (jdavis@townoffarragut.org)  
Tourism .....Hallie Reid (visitfarragut@townoffarragut.org)

**Codes ..... Phone 675-2384**

Building Inspections..... Karla Magnuson (kmagnuson@townoffarragut.org)  
and Permits..... Maria Rayas (mrayas@townoffarragut.org)  
Building Codes ..... Pete Bruce (pbruce@townoffarragut.org)  
.....Elliott Sievers (esievers@townoffarragut.org)  
.....Karl Swierzko (kswierzko@townoffarragut.org)  
.....Andrew Weaver (aweaver@townoffarragut.org)  
Fire Safety/Inspections..... Charles Wilson (cwilson@townoffarragut.org)  
Codes Enforcement/ ..... Mark Shipley (mshipley@townoffarragut.org)  
Property Maintenance ..... Jon Ramirez (jramirez@townoffarragut.org)

**Town Hall**  
8 a.m-5 p.m. Monday-Friday  
11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN 37934  
General email: towninfo@townoffarragut.org  
Website: townoffarragut.org

**Social Media**  
Facebook: Town of Farragut, Visit Farragut, Farragut Parks & Rec,  
Farragut Stormwater Matters  
Instagram: town\_of\_farragut, visitfarragut, farragutparksandrec  
X: townoffarragut, ToFFieldUpdate (athletics/field information),  
ToFVolleyball (volleyball league)  
YouTube: Town of Farragut

**Parks & Recreation ..... Phone 218-3376**

Parks  
AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org

Athletic Field Rental & Athletic Programming  
Ryan Rhodus (AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org)

Community Center Gym & Classroom Rental  
(CommunityCenterRentals@townoffarragut.org)

Rentals: Pavilions and Community Center Events  
Arleen Higginbotham (PicnicReservations@townoffarragut.org)

Special Events, Programs and Volunteers  
Rachel Malone (ParksandRecInfo@townoffarragut.org)

General: Ron Oestreich (roestreich@townoffarragut.org)

General Parks & Rec information on programming and events:  
ParksandRecInfo@townoffarragut.org  
Athletic field reservations: AthleticFieldReservations@townoffarragut.org  
Pavilion rentals: PicnicReservations@townoffarragut.org  
Community Center rentals: CommunityCenterRentals@townoffarragut.org

**Farragut Community Center**  
8 a.m-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday  
239 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut, TN 37934  
Website: townoffarragut.org/parksandrec

**Anchor Park:** 11730 Turkey Creek Road

**Founders Park:** 405 N. Campbell Station Road  
**Mayor Bob Leonard Park**  
Main Entrance: 301 Watt Road, Farragut; West Entrance: 700 Harrison Lane, Loudon

**McFee Park:** 917 McFee Road

**Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza:** 11409 Kingston Pike

**BlueCross Healthy Place at Farragut Town Hall:** 11408 Municipal Center Drive

*It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or veteran status pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs.*

# Applications are now being accepted for vacant alderman seat

The Town of Farragut is looking for qualified applicants to fill a vacant South Ward alderman seat following the passing of the previous alderman. The person chosen will serve until the next South Ward municipal election in August 2026, when the seat will be up for election as outlined in the Town Charter. Learn more at townoffarragut.org/news.

# Tourism Talk

The Town of Farragut’s Tourism team has exciting updates and opportunities to share!

**Seasonal Trails:** We are bringing back our two seasonal trails this holiday season, including the Farragut Fall Trail and the Festive in Farragut Trail. These trails are designed to help residents and visitors explore the town! Follow Visit Farragut on social media for announcements about these trails and details on how to participate. If you’d like your business to be featured on one of our trails, use the QR code below or email hreid@townoffarragut.org

**Learn more through our blog:**  
The Visit Farragut blog is full of ideas for things to do around town! Upcoming posts cover fall events, the Farragut Fall Trail and locally owned businesses. Check out the blog page on our website.

- Save the date:**
- 10/4: Car Cruise-In
  - 10/10: Taste of Turkey Creek
  - 10/26: Harvest Fest
  - 10/30: Harvest Jam
  - 10/1-10/31: Farragut Fall Trail

For more information about these events, visit **VisitFarragut.org**. Follow **Visit Farragut** on Facebook and Instagram for all things **#FunInFarragut**.



# Shop Farragut hosts 2025 Harvest Fest

Mark your calendars to support Farragut businesses at Shop Farragut’s 2025 Harvest Fest from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Village Green Shopping Center.

The festival features over five dozen retail and promotional booths, including food trucks and beverage vendors, plus live entertainment under a large festival tent! This free event takes place rain or shine.

Guests are encouraged to wear Halloween costumes and collect goodies from vendor booths. A costume contest will include categories like Best Baby, Under 12, Pet, Group, Over 50, Best of Festival and Judges’ Choice. Don’t miss this fun, annual celebration of local businesses!

## Holidays

*From page 1*

of family fun. It’s a great way to start the holiday season!  
**New Years at Noon**  
Join us at the Farragut Community

Center for a New Year celebration for the whole family! From 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31, kids enjoy snacks, crafts, refreshments, games and a New Year’s countdown! Parents are required to attend with their children.

## Award

*From page 1*

especially on the Kingston Pike corridor. Travel time through the seven signals

in the corridor has been shortened by 140 seconds during midday peak. Continuing to improve traffic flow through adaptive technology is a top priority for the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.”

## Fall Fun

*From page 1*

a gently used puzzle to swap for a new one. This is a free event, and puzzles can be dropped off beginning Saturday, Nov. 1. For details, visit townoffarragut.org/townevents.

To round out the holiday fun in Farragut, join our **Gingerbread House Competition** from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, at the community center. Teams

compete to build the best gingerbread house; winners will be decided via public vote on Parks & Rec social media. All supplies will be provided for this sweet event! Registration is required.

For more details or to register for these events, visit townoffarragut.org/townevents. Questions can be directed to Recreation and Event Manager Rachel Malone at rmalone@townoffarragut.org.

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 2025 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), cash and check payments are 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 and Instagram) for up-dated 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

**Beginner Crochet 101**  
Tuesdays, Oct. 21-Nov. 4, 5-6:30 p.m.  
Ages 16 and up, \$15  
Join this crochet class for beginners! No experience necessary and all supplies are provided. Learn the basics of using tools and terminology, how to make stitches and how to read patterns. We will create small pieces for you to take home and enjoy.

**Beginner Crochet 201**  
Tuesdays, Nov. 11-25, 5-6:30 p.m.  
Ages 16 and up, \$15  
This crochet class is also for beginners, but is a good next step. Learn more advanced stitches and techniques while still practicing basics and applying your knowledge of reading patterns. We will create small pieces for you to take home and enjoy.

**Design a Wreath Workshop**  
Wednesdays, Oct. 1, Nov. 5, Dec. 3, 6-7 p.m.  
Ages 16 and up, \$10 per class  
Want a unique and festive wreath for the holiday season? Design and create your own wreath at these workshops. One wreath per registrant and all decorating supplies will be provided. October's workshop will include fall, Halloween and other elements. November's workshop will include fall, Thanksgiving and other elements. December's workshop will include winter, Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year and other elements.

## FAMILY

**Create a Family Ornament**  
Wednesdays, Nov. 19 and Dec. 10, 6-7 p.m.  
All ages, \$10 per family, per class  
Commemorate the year by making a treasured keepsake. We will use a combination of supplies including, but not limited to, air dry clay, paint, stencils, beads, fabric, embellishments and other fun decorations! All supplies are provided, but feel free to bring any pictures and other decorations.

**Family Basketball**  
Thursdays, 4-6 p.m.  
All ages, \$2 per person  
No need to 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. This session is specifically for youth and families to shoot around and play without the intensity of pickup open gyms.

**Short Story Contest**  
Stories must be submitted by Sunday, Nov. 30  
All ages, free  
Want to show off your writing skills, demonstrate your creativity or tell others what's important to you? If so, you should submit a short story to the Farragut Parks & Rec Short Story Contest! All ages are encouraged to participate. Winning pieces will be displayed at the Farragut Community Center. Please submit your entry via RecDesk at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register). If unable to use RecDesk, please email it to [parksandrecinfo@townoffarragut.org](mailto:parksandrecinfo@townoffarragut.org) or drop off a paper copy to the Com-

munity Center. Read the full rules at [townoffarragut.org/family](http://townoffarragut.org/family).

## FITNESS

**Rise and Shine Yoga**  
Mondays and Fridays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.  
Ages 16 and up, \$4 per person  
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!

**Sunrise Stretch**  
Wednesdays, 8:15-9:15 a.m.  
Ages 16 and up, 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. 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.

**Total Fitness**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
Ages 16 and up, \$4 per person  
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. 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.

## YOUTH

**Afterschool Art**  
Wednesdays through Nov. 26, 3:30-5 p.m.  
Ages 6 to 12, \$4 per child  
Each week, our school-aged artists will create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not required.

**Art Adventures**  
Tuesdays through Nov. 25, 2-3:30 p.m.  
Ages 6 to 12, \$4 per child  
Each week, our school-aged artists will create a new project with varying mediums. All skill levels are welcome! Preregistration is not required.

**Beginner Ballet**  
Level 1: Thursdays, 3-4 p.m., ages 4-6  
Level 2: Thursdays, 4-5 p.m., ages 7-12  
\$30 per month  
Beginner Ballet teaches the fundamentals of ballet and focuses on grace, flexibility, teamwork and creativity. Please come to class with hair pulled back, tights, leotard, ballet shoes and a smile!

**Creative Space**  
Mondays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.  
Ages 6-12, free  
School-aged kids can work on homework, work puzzles, learn a new art technique, write in a journal, crochet...the possibilities are endless! Limited supplies for various activities will be provided.

**Creative Writing Workshop**  
Thursdays, Nov. 6-20, 4-5 p.m.  
Ages 8 to 12, \$10  
Learn about the process of creative writing and walk away with a complete story. Participants can enter their finished product into the Short Story Contest (see Family Programs). Registration is required for this program.

**Elementary Homeschool PE**  
Grades K-5 (ages 6 to 10)  
Tuesdays through Dec. 16, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays through Dec. 17, 1-2 p.m.  
Cost: \$2 per child  
This PE class features sports and group games that emphasize teamwork, good sportsmanship, physical activity and fun! Participants must be at least 6 years old to participate. Preregistration is not required.

**Fall Break Camp**  
Oct. 6-10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Cost: \$75 per camper  
Ages 6 to 12  
Each day, we will engage your camper in a variety of activities, from sports and games to crafts and movies. Space is limited. Please pack a lunch for your camper each day. Registration is required; deadline is Oct. 2.

**Hidden Talents**  
Wednesdays, 4-5 p.m., Nov. 12-Dec. 17  
Ages 8 to 12, \$10 per child  
This program is a space for kids to express themselves, try new things and build confidence! Each week has a different theme – comedy, dance, music, art or storytelling – and ends with an optional share circle. It's not a competition, just a fun place to explore your talents and cheer each other on.

**Learn a Sport Series**  
Tuesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Oct. 7-Nov. 11  
Ages 8 to 12, \$10 per child  
Ready, set, play! In this active and exciting 6-week series, beginner athletes get hands-on experience with a different sport each week – perfect for trying new activities, building skills and staying active. No prior experience is needed, just a willingness to learn and move!

**Middle School Homeschool PE**  
Grades 6-8 (ages 11-14)  
Wednesdays through Dec. 17, 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$2 per child  
This PE class emphasizes organized sports, competition and physical activity, while including plenty of group games, teamwork and fun! Preregistration is not required.

**Nature Ninjas**  
Mondays, Oct. 13-Nov. 17, 4-5 p.m.  
Ages 6 to 10, \$10 per child  
Get outside and get moving! Each week features a new nature-themed mission: scavenger hunts, movement games, building with natural materials, etc. We will meet at various Farragut parks dressed for the weather and ready to explore. Bring a water bottle and your sense of adventure!

**Toddler Takeover**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10-11 a.m.  
Ages walking to 5 years, \$2 per child  
Join us for guardian-supervised indoor playtime and let your child explore our bright, colorful, age-appropriate equipment!

**Youth Dodgeball**  
Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Ages 8-12, \$2 per child  
This staff-led program is an hour of everyone's favorite – dodgeball! Bring water, athletic shoes and good sportsmanship. Registration is not required; please check in at the front desk before entering the gym.

**Youth Free Play**  
Mondays, 4-5 p.m.  
Ages 4 to 12, \$2 per person  
Burn off some energy in this open gym free play! Equipment is provided; parents/guardians must stay in the gym during the program.

## OPEN GYM

**Drop-in Dodgeball**  
Tuesdays, 7-9 p.m.  
Ages 18 and up, \$2 per player  
Drop-in Dodgeball provides adults the opportunity to make friends and get exercise. We will divide into two teams and play classic dodgeball. We look forward to playing with you!

**Pickleball Open Gym**  
Mondays and Fridays, noon-3 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 4-9 p.m.  
Ages 14 and up, \$4 per person  
Grab a paddle and get ready to play! During this time, the gym is on the challenge court system. 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.

**Pickup Basketball**  
Thursdays, 6:30-9 p.m.  
Ages 14 and up, \$4 per person  
No need to 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. This session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

**Pickup Volleyball**  
Mondays, 6:30-9 p.m.  
Ages 14 and up, \$4 per person  
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. This session is specifically for individuals who want to play scrimmage-style, non-refereed games.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Mental Health Awareness Movie Night**  
Friday, October 10, 6-8 p.m.  
All ages, free  
Come enjoy popcorn, a craft and Inside Out with the whole family! Registration is not required for this indoor movie night. Bring blankets

and chairs to get cozy!

**Howl-O-Woof**  
Thursday, Oct. 30, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
McFee Park  
Bring your furry friend to this hound Halloween event! Vendors, treats, activities and a costume contest are available for participating pups. Please note that online registration is required for the costume contest.

**Freaky Friday Fright Nite**  
Friday, Oct. 24, 5-7 p.m.  
Mayor Bob Leonard Park  
(See "Farragut festivities" on page 1.)

**STEM Day**  
Saturday, Nov. 8, 1-3 p.m.  
All ages, free  
(See "More fall fun" on page 1.)

**Puzzle Palooza**  
Thursday, Nov. 13, 6-8 p.m.  
All ages, \$10 per team  
(See "More fall fun" on page 1.)

**Puzzle Swap**  
Saturday, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-noon  
Puzzle drop-off: Saturday, Nov. 1, through Saturday, Nov. 15, at noon  
(See "More fall fun" on page 1.)

**Teen Paint Night**  
Thursday, Nov. 20, 6-7:30 p.m.  
Ages 13-17, \$5 per participant  
Participants create a painted masterpiece on canvas, and light refreshments will be served. Registration is required. All supplies are provided.

**Countdown to Light the Park**  
Monday, Nov. 24, 5:30-7 p.m.  
Founders Park at Campbell Station  
(See "Farragut festivities" on page 1.)

**Youth Art Show**  
Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6-8 p.m.  
Ages 6-12, free  
Family and friends are invited to come view the art projects of the Art Adventures and Afterschool Art classes. Aspiring artists interested in participating should attend Art Adventures or Afterschool Art to receive more information.

**Celebrate the Season**  
Thursday, Dec. 4, 4:30-7 p.m.  
(See "Farragut festivities" on page 1.)

**Gingerbread House Competition**  
Thursday, Dec. 11, 6-8 p.m.  
All ages, \$10 per team (up to four participants), \$5 per additional team member  
(See "More fall fun" on page 1.)

**'Twas the Night with No Parents**  
Friday, Dec. 19, 5-8 p.m.  
Ages 6 to 12, \$10 per child  
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 food, games, crafts and a holiday movie.

**New Years at Noon**  
Wednesday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
(See "Farragut festivities" on page 1.)

# Meet me at the Museum

Have you been to the Farragut Museum yet? Meet me at the Museum for some exciting happenings in Farragut:

- History Hour is the Farragut Museum's monthly speaker series. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, our guest speaker will be Wanda Sobieski from the Women's Suffrage Coalition. On Tuesday, Oct. 14, Town Administrator David Smoak will talk about Town of Farragut operations.

Both events are at 11 a.m.

- The museum has a new temporary exhibit featuring Farragut sports, the town's dedicated athletes and their proud legacy. The exhibit is open through the end of the year. Displayed items include a jersey from MLB star Kyle Waldrop, socks from NFL player Bill Bates, shoes from World Champion triathlete Eric Bell and a whistle from FHS Coach Eddie Courtney.

If you love Farragut sports, you won't want to miss this exhibit!

- The Farragut Museum will remember the Day of Infamy from 6-7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 1, at Farragut Town Hall with a presentation by local historian Frank Galbraith.
- A Farragut mural, created by Ella Pinchok, will be added to Gallery One at the end of Sep-

See MUSEUM on Page 4





# Community Center Corner

The Farragut Community Center has something to offer everyone this fall! From hands-on crafting to new kids' programs, it's a good time to stop by and see what we're up to. Whether you want to get creative, enjoy quality time with family or simply shake up your routine, we've got fun options! Some programs require registration at [townoffarragut.org/register](http://townoffarragut.org/register).

**Beginner Crochet 101 & 201**

Start with the basics or learn a few new stitches in these beginner-friendly crochet classes. Supplies are included, and you'll leave with a small project you can use. Registration is required.

**Design a Wreath Workshop**

Make your own seasonal wreath with all supplies provided. Each month has a

new theme so you can come back and create something different every time. Registration is required.

**Create a Family Ornament**

Bring the family and make a keepsake ornament together. We'll have plenty of supplies, but you're welcome to bring your own touches, too. Registration for one of two sessions is required.

**Creative Space**

Kids ages 6-12 can use this free time on Mondays to work on puzzles, art, journaling or homework, or try something new. No registration required.

**Creative Writing Workshop**

For ages 8-12, this short series covers the basics of writing a story. Kids will walk away with a finished piece and can even enter it in our short story contest. Registration is required.



**Hidden Talents**

This is a fun new program that allows kids to try out comedy, dance, music, art or storytelling. It's all about building confidence and having fun, not competition. Registration is required.

The Community Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. Stop by this season and see what's happening – you might just find a new favorite activity!

**White**

*From page 1*

before embarking on a career in commercial and residential real estate development for the next forty years. He was married to his wife, Sandy, for 59 years.

"During his term as alderman, I considered David White a friend," says Town of Farragut Mayor Ron Williams. "Our condolences go out to Sandy and the rest of the family."

**Museum**

*From page 3*

tember! The mural will feature items found throughout the museum and spruce up the gallery.

- The Farragut Museum is always seeking volunteers to serve as docents. Museum hours are 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

- Please follow the Farragut Museum on Facebook and Instagram for the most up-to-date information and special events!

# Parks & Recreation



## Field use requests for spring/summer 2026

Application packets for athletic organizations requesting field use at any Farragut park for spring and summer 2026 will be available on [townoffarragut.org/fielduse](http://townoffarragut.org/fielduse) or at the Farragut Community Center beginning Wednesday, Oct. 1. Tournament applications are also available and can be requested through the winter of 2025. Town fields will open for the spring season on Sunday, March 1, 2026.

The deadline to return completed field use packets is noon

on Tuesday, Dec. 30. One representative from each group requesting field use for spring/summer 2026 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. 6. For more information or to request a packet, please email the Parks & Recreation Department at [athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org](mailto:athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org) or call 865-218-3376.

## Make plans for 2026 park rentals today

If you are considering having a birthday party or gathering at one of the Town's pavilions in 2026, make reservations 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 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 [townoffarragut.org/rentals](http://townoffarragut.org/rentals). Questions? Call the Parks & Recreation Department at 865-218-3376.

## Founders Park at Campbell Station to reopen during the fall season

First Utility District (FUD) will suspend work in Founders Park at Campbell Station to allow Town staff to prepare for Light the Park, the Town's annual holiday light display.

Once work is suspended in mid-September, the park will reopen for public use, and will remain open through Light the Park, which ends on Jan. 1, 2026. Some trails will remain closed during the fall.

We appreciate FUD working with us to allow Light the Park to happen this year, and we appreciate the patience of the community as this important utility work continues in January.

## Notes for fall and winter park use



Restrooms at five Town of Farragut parks and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza are open year-round. Beginning Saturday, Nov. 1, through Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026, restrooms at Anchor Park, Mayor Bob Leonard Park (lower restroom), McFee Park, Founders Park at Campbell Station, Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza at the Campbell Station Inn and BlueCross Healthy Place at Town Hall 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 syn-

thetic turf fields and courts.

The restrooms at Founders Park at Campbell Station and Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza will be open until 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, through Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026, to accommodate those viewing holiday lights. Restrooms will be closed on Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Thursday, 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 Saturday, Nov. 1. The field closures allows the Parks & Recreation Department to perform fall and early spring maintenance and protect the fields during wet and cold weather. Fields will reopen on Sunday, March 1, 2026. 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 Department at [athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org](mailto:athleticfieldreservations@townoffarragut.org) or 865-218-3376.

## Request for Light the Park Vendors



A favorite Farragut event returns on Monday, Nov. 24, when Light the Park kicks off at Founders Park at Campbell Station. From Nov. 25 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, visit [townoffarragut.org/townevents](http://townoffarragut.org/townevents) beginning Monday, Sept. 15. Food vendors with a Town of Farragut permit will receive an email on Sept. 15 with sign-up instructions.