

Road improvements, contracts get the green light

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Road improvements and contracts for other Town projects got the green light from Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen during its meeting Thursday, Sept. 11.

In one action, the Board unanimously approved an agreement with Blue Ridge Waterways Inc. to purchase steam mitigation credits for the Union Road improvement project, which are credits bought from water restorations.

“I just want to know when this (Union Road) project’s going to start,” Vice Mayor Scott Meyer said. “It was planned before I was in office, and that was eight years ago.”

“We are about eight years into this now, and we are nearing the point where we should have all the right-of-way. Permitting is continuing,” Town engineer Darryl Smith said. “We hope to have it started early next year.”

“All road projects have an environmental impact,” he said. “The Union Road project impacts Little Turkey Creek as

it crosses a narrow bridge.”

Smith said the widening of the road would expand the bridge.

“By expanding the width of bridge, there is also a width of stream of 58.4 feet, which requires the purchase of 58.4 stream credits,” he said.

“A stream mitigation bank is a site where streams are restored, enhanced or, in some cases, preserved to compensate for unavoidable impacts to streams that occur elsewhere, often due to development projects,” Smith explained. “It’s a way to achieve the goal of ‘no

net loss’ of ecological functions and values in stream ecosystems, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

“The Union Road project includes construction of a triple 12-foot-by-8-foot box bridge that will reduce the length of Little Turkey Creek by 58.4 feet,” he said. “The (Environmental Protection Agency) requires the Town to make up for the loss of habitat within the same watershed if possible.”

“Our engineering consultant for the project, Kimley Horn, has determined the best price

available for stream credits within the Town’s watershed is from Blue Ridge Waterways Inc.,” Smith said.

In the agreement, he said the Town would purchase from Blue Ridge Waterways 58.4 mitigation stream credits at a cost of \$2,000 per credit and for a total cost of \$116,800.

“This is considered a project cost, and is eligible for 80 percent reimbursement — \$93,440 — through the Knoxville Regional Transportation Planning Organization,” he said.

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Six candidates apply for South Ward

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To begin the process of selecting a South Ward alderman to replace the late David White, the Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously voted on how to proceed during its meeting Thursday, Sept. 11.

“It’s something we don’t do very often,” Town administrator David Smoak said of the appointment process. “With the passing of Alderman David White on Aug. 21, there remains a vacancy on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.”

“On Aug. 29, the staff reached out to the public by publishing in the farragutpress and on our website for individuals interested and qualified to serve in that capacity to turn in their applications,” Smoak said.

The Town received résumés from six candidates before the Wednesday, Sept. 10, deadline: Reed Honken, Joe LaCroix, Sean Murphy, Kimberlie Jo Parks, Brian Walker and Greg Wiberley.

Smoak explained the Town charter includes provisions for filling vacancies in Section 6-3-107(b)(1-2). “... By affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining members, the Board shall fill a vacancy in the office of alderman for the unexpired term, but any portion of an unexpired four-year term for alderman or mayor that remains beyond the next municipal election shall be filled by the voters at that election, if the vacancy occurs at least 20 days before the latest time for filing nominating petitions for candidates in that election. (2) All such elections by the Board shall be made by voice

“Each elected official may nominate one person or concur with a nomination that has already been made,”

~ **Tom Hale,**
Town attorney

vote, on the calling of the roll. If a tie vote occurs in filling a vacancy on the board, the presiding officer shall vote a second time to break the tie.”

“The voting process to appoint the next South Ward alderman is determined by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen,” Smoak said. “Staff has reviewed the provisions in Robert’s Rules of Order and consulted with several cities that had recent alderman or council appointments to provide options for the Board.”

Town attorney Tom Hale outlined two voting options for the Board’s Thursday, Sept. 25, meeting:

In Option 1, he explained each applicant would have three minutes to speak in alphabetical order by last name. Then the mayor would open the floor for nomination by Board members..

“Each elected official may nominate one person or concur with a nomination that has already been made,” Hale said. “Once the nominations are complete, the first nominee would be voted on by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

“If the vote on the first nominee is a tie, the mayor then casts a second vote to break the tie, either for or against the nominee,” the attorney said. “If the nominee does not receive a majority of votes, the second nominee will be voted on in the same way as the first nominee, and so forth. Voting will continue until one applicant receives a majority vote (three votes).”

“The successful applicant will be appointed as South Ward alderman until the next municipal election in August 2026,” Hale added.

In Option 2, he said, “each Board of Mayor and Aldermen member may nominate an applicant. Applicants not nominated will be elimi-

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Victorious!



Tony Christen

Lady Admirals’ outside hitter Megan Frana, 6, goes airborne in one of many rallies versus the Lady Spartans.

Lady Ads route Spartans

In a game that had everything, the Lady Admirals and Lady Spartans duelled trading kill shots, attacks and digs in a Monday Night clash for the ages.

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Breakfast speaker shares ‘History Beneath Our Feet’

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members, guests and the public had an opportunity to learn more about the Town’s past when the Chamber presented “History Beneath Our Feet,” a breakfast speaker series that took place in Farragut Town Hall and Pleasant Forest Cemetery Wednesday morning, Sept. 10.

The series featured local historian and retired history

teacher Frank Galbraith, who grew up in historic Concord, and David Stinton, a Pleasant Forest Cemetery board member.

“We try to do about three or four of these programs every single year,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. “We do a lot of different topics. We spend a lot of our time on critical issues that affect our region, like infrastructure, housing, some of our candidate races that come up.”

“But we like to sprinkle

in some more community-focused events that deal with history in our area and just getting to better know the place that we live,” she said.

Making it possible were Simply Magical Vacations by Amy, which sponsored the event; Speaker Series Committee; Chamber board of directors and members.

Galbraith focused on the Town’s early past and its connection to Adm. David Glasgow Farragut, whose father, Jorge (George) Farragut, was a fer-

ryman in old Concord and who came to America from Minorica, part of the Balearic Islands.

“He heard about the conflicts going on or about to go on in the Colonies and crossed the Atlantic (Ocean),” Galbraith related. “He fought for us, the Colonies, was captured then released in a prisoner exchange and fought some more. Eventually, he came to the Knox County area.”


“In July 1801, they had a baby boy, whose name was James Glasgow Farragut,” the

historian said.

Eventually, the Farragut family moved to Vicksburg, where George’s wife died and James was taken in by the Porters. He later would take the name David Porter after his adopted father.

He would have a military career starting when he was 9 years old and continue through his life. The highlight of that career was when he was on a ship in Mobile Bay, when he

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Appointment of new alderman is important to all Farragut residents



David and Sandy White

Town of Farragut staff were shocked and saddened at the recent passing of Alderman David White. He was a passionate representative of the people and he didn't shy away from disagreements. I personally appreciated his sense of humor, which I primarily witnessed behind the scenes.

Now, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen is tasked with filling David White's vacant South Ward seat until the next election in August 2026. As of the Sept. 10 deadline, six Farragut residents had applied. Each will get to make their case for why they should be appointed at the Sept. 25 BOMA meeting.

The last time a vacant seat was filled, Ron Williams left a South Ward seat vacant when he was elected mayor in 2018. The Board appointed Drew Burnette, who went on to win that seat twice by election. In 2016, Louise Povlin was appointed to fill a North Ward seat left vacant when Ron Honken moved away. Louise went on to win the seat by election twice, serving as vice mayor during her second term.

While the public won't vote on the new aldermen, this is an important process, and anyone who cares about the Farragut community should take notice. The Board will make important decisions in

the coming years, and anyone who has concerns about safety, transportation, zoning and public services should pay attention to this appointee and what they think about these issues.

The Town's charter dictates that the appointment is made by a voice roll-call vote by the Board with the mayor having two votes in the event of a tie. Last week, the Board voted on a voting process that would begin with allowing each of the applicants to speak, followed by voting that ends once a nominee has three votes.

As a reminder, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen adopts Town ordinances and policies, approves comprehensive planning and zoning requirements, approves annual budgets, approves Town contracts and reviews and prioritizes capital improvement projects. The Board also is responsible for the appointment of citizen committees and the Town administrator, Town attorney and municipal judge. In short, the Board charts the course for the Town.

Local elections have a huge impact on communities and the next election is less than a year away. This is a good time for Farragut citizens to stay informed by signing up for agenda alerts and watching

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Town gives back



Tammy Cheek

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Vice Mayor Scott Meyer, far left; Alderman Alex Cain, second from left; Mayor Ron Williams, fifth from left; and Alderman Drew Burnette, far right, presented a donation to the following school heads, Farragut Primary School principal Lynn White, third from left; Farragut Intermediate School's Suzanne Parham, fourth from left; Farragut High School principal Dr. John Bartlett, fourth from right; Farragut Middle School principal Gregory Adams, third from right; and Toni Scott, president of FHS Education Foundation, second from right, at the Board's meeting Thursday, Sept. 11.

Phase 4 of McFee Park



Tony Christen

Town of Farragut cut the ribbon Wednesday, Sept. 10, on Phase 4 of McFee Park, which includes a 127-spot parking lot and pavilion to serve as a trailhead for the adaptive mountain bike and hiking trail, as well as a future dog park. On hand for the event were, from left, Town Parks & Recreation Director Ron Oestreich, Farragut Municipal Planning Commissioner Ron Pinchok, Town administrator David Smoak, Mayor Ron Williams, Town engineer Darryl Smith, Brian Walker with Arts & Beautification Committee, Franklin Group (contractor) project manager Heidi Jones, Town senior engineering tech Ben White, Ross/Fowler architect David Craig and Parks & Athletics Council member Joe LaCroix.

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nated from further consideration. In the first round, “Each nominee shall be voted on by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen,” Hale said. “If the vote on a nominee is a tie, then the mayor casts a second vote to break the tie, either for or against the nominee.”

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or attending Board meetings. Those who are informed can correct misinformation when they hear it, which is especially important in this age of online rumor mongering. You don’t have to run for office to be an advocate for your community, but you do have

In second and subsequent rounds, “voting will continue until one applicant receives a majority vote (three votes). “The successful applicant will be appointed as South Ward Alderman until the next municipal election in August 2026,” he added. “I think the fundamental difference between the two options is that in the second option is contemplated that there

to stay engaged and understand the issues. There are few quick fixes, and anyone who claims that there are probably hasn’t done their homework. If you care about Farragut, start studying. Sign up for agenda alerts and find the latest news from the Town of Farragut at townoffarragut.org.

would be a vote on every applicant that was nominated,” Hale said. “In the first option, the first nominee to get a majority vote would be appointed and there would be no further votes on any of the other nominees. Parks, one of the applicants, questioned the process. “When the mayor already has influence on the process ... the perception is clear,” she said. “The mayor can handpick a re-

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“Will this take care of the flooding of Union Road,” Mayor Ron Williams asked. Yes, “this should take care of the flooding,” Smith answered. “I think the grade is much wider than the existing bridge.” Concerning another road project, the Board unanimously approved improvement plans for Boring and Smith roads in which it contracted with Cannon & Cannon Inc. to design a mid-block crosswalk at the Boring Road/Smith Road intersection, an all-way stop at that intersection and school zone flashing beacons. “This project is being undertaken in preparation for the opening of the new Knox County school that is currently under construction,” assistant Town engineer Eric Schindler said. “The design fee is lump sum in the amount of \$37,950 (Boring Road Mid-Block Pedestrian Crossing, \$15,200, and Boring Road/Smith Road Intersection Improvements, \$22,750).

“I’m glad to see this where it’s at,” Williams said. “It’s going to be a really needed item.” On another matter, the Board voted unanimously to approve a bid and award a two-year contract to Global Synthetic Ice for a synthetic ice rink at Mayor Ralph McGill

placement ... that is not what a democracy looks like.” Hale responded that the mayor’s tie-breaking vote is set by the charter. “Unless we change the charter — which I don’t think we can, since it was adopted by the Tennessee legislature — that’s the rule,” he said. Alderman Alex Cain asked about past procedures. Smoak said the Board had used Op-

tion 1 at least twice before. Vice Mayor Scott Meyer, Alderman Drew Burnette and Mayor Ron Williams all expressed support for Option 1. “I’m fine with keeping Option 1,” Burnette said. “I’m comfortable with Option 1,” Meyer added. Cain, who initially favored a random draw, ultimately joined the unanimous vote for Option 1.

in compliance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 10-7-503. Ordinance 25-16 is based on the approved policy.” The new policy outlines: the process for making requests in inspecting public records or receiving copies and a copy of the request form; the process for responding to requests; a statement of any fees charged for copies and procedures for billing; name or title of contact information of person designated as PRRC. • a General Fund budget amendment to increase expenditures by \$90,000 for the Administration Department budget in order to separate the roles of the finance director/treasurer and the Town recorder. Along the same line, the Board separated those positions. • on second reading, by the late Alderman David White’s request, to amend the sign ordinance to state a sign is non-compliant when it: “has been placed on property without the consent of the owner ... when a sign is placed in the Town’s right-of-way. For purposes of this ordinance, the right of way shall be deemed to extend from 12 feet from the back of street curb or the outer edge of the street pavement where curbing does not exist.” • A resolution for the Town, Knox County and City of Knoxville joint hazard mitigation plan.



Tammy Creek

David Stinton relates the history of Pleasant Forest Cemetery.

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had himself tied to the ship’s mast and he declared, “Damn the torpedoes, full steam ahead.” The Town’s historic highlights do not end there, as Stinton can show at Pleasant Forest Cemetery. “Lots of people drive up and down Concord Road and never really pay attention to the (cemetery) sign or think about it,” Stinton said “Pleasant Forest was established in 1796, the same year that Tennessee became a state. “A lot of history has happened over there,” he said. At the Town Hall and cemetery, Stinton described some of the veterans and other people interred in the cemetery, such as Archibald Roane, the second

governor of Tennessee; Jimmy Campbell, who served in the War of 1812; Lt. David Boyd, a Revolutionary War veteran; Abraham Lowell (or Low), founder of Lowell’s Ferry; the late Bob and Marie Leonard; and the late Mayor Ralph McGill. “In 1796, the elder David Campbell of Campbell Station Road donated 2 acres of property to the local Grassy Valley Church, and it was given to Pleasant Forest for the cemetery,” Stinton said. Following the two speakers, attendees had a chance to tour Farragut Museum, where they could learn about the admiral and other historic figures, and Pleasant Forest Cemetery, where noted people were laid to rest.

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Plates for a Purpose, helping culinary students' education

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The Knox County community can enjoy a gourmet event while helping with the education of culinary students from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, in Plaid Apron, 1210 Kenesaw Ave., Knoxville.

“Join us for an unforgettable evening of connection, cuisine and community at Plates for a Purpose — a An Elevated Autumn Evening – hosted by Kev-

in Green Elevates,” said Green, a chef-turned keynote speaker, who added the evening features Chef Drew McDonald of Knoxville’s Plaid Apron and the talented students of Pellissippi State Community College’s Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management program.

The dinner includes four courses paired with wines and a “purpose on every plate,” Green said. “Savor a seasonally inspired four-course menu crafted with the finest local ingre-

dients and thoughtfully paired perfect wines, all served in the warm, intimate setting of the Plaid Apron.

“Together, we’ll help the next generation of chefs rise and thrive and strengthen



McDonald

our local culinary workforce in the process,” he said.

“One hundred percent of the proceeds directly support scholarships and hands-on learning opportunities for PSCC Culinary Arts students,” Green said. “Come for the flavors. Stay for the impact.”

Seats are limited. Reservations are \$125 per person and can be made by visiting online at <https://www.pstcc.edu/foundation/plates-for-a-purpose/>

McDonald has studied and

trained under some of the best, including Nashville, New Zealand and Walland’s Blackberry Farm.

“He’s committed to farm-to-table and has had his Plaid Apron for 14 years here in Knoxville,” Green said.

PSCC’s culinary and hospitality program has 70 students in the program.

“We’re excited about the impact that resources like this

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Chamber gears up for Gala

Annual fundraiser scheduled for October 2

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Once again, Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce staff, members and the community are gearing up for the Chamber’s annual The Auction: A Fundraising Gala and Dinner Affair 2025.

Tickets currently are on sale for this year’s event, which will take place beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2, in The Venue, 7690 Creekwood Park Blvd., Lenoir City.

“We have some treats for sponsor tables,” FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. “I think they’re going to be very, very pleased and surprised at what they encounter on their tables when all their guests get there.

“We are very lucky to have 14 sponsors, so 140 of our special guests will get a special treat,” she said.

Additionally, “we’ve got some fantastic items in the live auction that we are finalizing,” Blaylock said. “Those are going to include a chauffeured trip to Smokies Stadium with an opportunity to throw the first pitch; tickets to shows at the Tennessee Theatre with limo service and dinner; and a couple other things that we want to keep in our back pocket. You’ll have to come to the auction to find out.”

The event starts with the silent auction, which ends at 7:15 p.m., followed by the dinner, welcome comments, introductions then the live auction, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Individual tickets are \$99 for everyone — Chamber mem-



bers and the public — and \$850 for a Chamber member table of 10. Non-member tables of 10 are \$950 per table.

Tickets are available at farragutchamber.com

“Our auction committee for 2025 has done a fantastic job,” Blaylock said. “We have fabulous sponsor support, and we’ve already sold 350 tickets (last week).

“All that is super important because the support of spon-

sors and attendees are what makes a larger donation to our non-profits possible,” she said.

“This year, we are excited to donate 20 percent of item sales and 20 percent of net operating proceeds to the two non-member profits,” Blaylock said. “You’ll notice this year the non-profits who will get a portion of the proceeds are Alzheimer’s Tennessee

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Tennova launches new health initiative

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Tennova Healthcare recently has developed an exciting new initiative designed to empower the Knox County community to live longer, healthier lives.

Enjoy the Ride: Navigating a Longer, Healthier Life is a free 12-day, longevity-focused e-mail series which launched on Monday, Sept. 15.

According to the Center for Disease Control, Americans’ average lifespan is longer than ever — 74.8 years for men and 80 for women — but Americans’ healthspan — how long a person is healthy and free

of disease — is decreasing.

“Baby Boomers are more likely than their parents to have cancer, lung disease, heart disease, diabetes, high cholesterol, obesity, hearing problems and mobility difficulties,” the CDC stated in a press release.

“Longevity merges lifespan and healthspan in the idea of growing older and staying healthy at the same time.”

“Longevity takes into account not only a person’s chronological age but also biological age,” said Dr. Valeriya Korchina, a primary care provider with Tennova Medical Group.

“Age-related decline

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Roane State



Photo submitted

Roane State Community College Healthcare Simulator operation specialists Rebecca Conway and Kody Benson (back) talks with Joe Runco with Accurate Pest Solutions during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking hosted by RSCC in Farragut Community Center Thursday morning, Aug. 21. Runco is a newer member of the Chamber.

businessbriefs

• Caroline Platt of Knoxville recently was accepted into the Peace Corps. Platt departed for Morocco on Sept. 12 to begin training as a youth development facilitator volunteer.

A 2023 graduate of University of Vermont with a bachelor’s

degree in political science, she served two terms as an AmeriCorps VISTA in Knoxville. As a youth development facilitator in Morocco, Platt will collaborate with community members to assess youth needs and design empowerment programs.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Wrapping Up a Great Season on the Green!

Everyone enjoyed the final days of summer and the last YMCA Golf Tournament of the 2025 season, held at Egwani Golf Course on Monday, September 8th. With perfect weather and plenty of fun, it was a great day to close out the season in style!

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The team is already hard at work planning the 2026 Golf Tournament Series, set to tee off in May 2026.

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doesn't have to be a foregone conclusion. With informed, proactive choices, at age 80, a person essentially could have the level of health expected at age 60."

"The Enjoy the Ride e-mail series is designed to help people make proactive choices for long-term wellness," the Tennova press release stated. "Daily road trip-themed e-mails include information

work for Alzheimer's and dementia research, support and treatment," she said. But, "they're attached to different organizations. Alzheimer's Association-Tennessee Chap-

about conditions most prevalent with aging, ways to prevent those diseases and descriptions of how healthy choices can impact longevity."

"We find people in their 30s are already considering longevity, especially if they have a family history of conditions like heart disease or dementia," said Tony Benton, CEO of Tennova Healthcare East Market. "We're happy to see this trend because it's never too early to start thinking about what you want your future

health to look like — and we want to help people map that for themselves."

To learn more about maintaining your brain, vision, hearing, heart, kidney, liver, gut, musculoskeletal and sleep health as you age, sign up for Enjoy the Ride: Navigating a Longer, Healthier Life, at Tennova.com/longevity.

"We'll also give away prizes every day to help you on "the road ahead," the release stated.

ter is attached to the national Alzheimer's Association. Alzheimer's Tennessee is just within the state of Tennessee, but they do work at the local level."

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dinner will have on our (PSCC) students' success and growth in the culinary field, both in terms of execution and proceeds," Green said. "Our students work toward either an AAS degree in culinary arts with concentrations in baking and pastry or savory foods.

"Our hospitality students graduate with an AAS in hospitality management," he said. "Students in both programs will earn their ServSafe Managers, Life-saving Certifications and their ABC serving license along the way in the two-year program.

"Our kitchens are located in the Ruth & Steve West Workforce Development building on

the Blount campus," he said. "The allocated funds will be used to support our 70 culinary, baking and pastry and hospitality students to receive real-world exposure and professional development in the classroom and kitchen through guest instructor sessions, competitions and workshops."

Green said he and McDonald are friends and colleagues.

"We realized the gap in the local workforce and wanted to make a deposit into local culinary talent, and we wanted to support Pellissippi State as we both have connections there, coming from my five years in education in Blount County and understanding the needs and challenges of supporting students with resources," he said.

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A detailed look at federal Separation of Powers

The Constitution of the United States divides the federal government into three branches: legislative, executive and judicial. This ensures that no individual or group will have too much power.

That was an important decision because it gave specific powers to each branch and set up something called checks and balances. Just like the phrase sounds, the point of checks and balances was to make sure no one branch would be able to control too much power, and it created a separation of powers. Here are some examples of how the different branches work together:

- The legislative branch makes laws, but the President in the executive branch can veto those laws with a Presidential Veto.
- The legislative branch makes laws, but the judicial branch can declare those laws unconstitutional.
- The executive branch, through the federal agencies, has responsibility for day-to-day enforcement and adminis-

tration of federal laws. These federal departments and agencies have missions and responsibilities that vary widely, from environmental protection to protecting the Nation's borders.

- The President in the executive branch can veto a law, but the legislative branch can override that veto with enough votes.
- The legislative branch has the power to approve Presidential nominations, control the budget and can impeach the President and remove him or her from office.
- The executive branch can declare Executive Orders, which are like proclamations that carry the force of law, but the judicial branch can declare those acts unconstitutional.
- The judicial branch interprets laws, but the President nominates Supreme Court justices, court of appeals judges and district court judges who make the evaluations.
- The judicial branch interprets laws, but the Senate in the legislative branch confirms the President's nominations for judicial positions, and Congress can impeach any of those judges and remove them from office.

The legislative branch is made up of Congress (the 100 elected U.S. Senators and 435 elected House of Representatives members) and special agencies and offices that provide support services to Congress.

The legislative branch's roles include:

- Drafting proposed laws
- Confirming or rejecting presidential nominations for heads of federal agencies, federal judges and the Supreme Court
- Having the authority to declare war

The executive branch's key roles include:

- President - The president is the head of state, leader of the federal government and Commander in Chief of the U. S. Armed Forces.
- Vice president - The vice president supports the president. If the president is unable to serve, the vice president becomes president. The vice president also presides over the U.S. Senate and breaks ties in Senate votes.
- The Cabinet - Cabinet members serve as advisors to the president. They include the vice president, heads of executive departments and other

high-ranking government officials. Cabinet members are nominated by the president and must be approved by the Senate.

- The executive branch also includes executive departments, independent agencies and other boards, commissions and committees.

The judicial branch includes the Supreme Court and other federal courts.

- It evaluates laws by: Interpreting the meaning of laws
- Applying laws to individual cases
- Deciding if laws violate the Constitution

Each branch of government can change acts of the other branches:

- The president can veto legislation created by Congress. He or she also nominates heads of federal agencies and high court appointees.
- Congress confirms or rejects the president's nominees. It can also remove the president from office in exceptional circumstances.
- The Justices of the Supreme Court, nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate, can overturn unconstitutional laws.

Separation of Powers: Roosevelt's 1930s 'packing' try

Taken from a United States Courts podcast:

Separation of powers.

Separation of powers is the fundamental way our government balances power, but it isn't a new concept. Historically, it dates back to ancient Greece.

Aristotle taught that mixing the best aspects of monarchy, aristocracy and democracy would make an effective government. This idea evolved over time, and in 1787 the Framers at the constitutional convention blended these models. They organized our government into three separate but equal branches.

But what is the separation of powers?

The idea is that each branch has its own power and areas of authority. The Framers achieve this by giving each branch a different role. The legislative branch makes the laws, the executive branch enforces the laws and the judicial branch interprets the laws.

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Congress rejected the President's efforts because they believed such a move would change the balance of power among the three branches.

In this example, we see the separation of powers working in much the same way that it functions today.

You can apply these principles to a modern-day situation. You'll be looking for court cases in which one or more of the following factors come into play: the courts strike down an action of the President or an act of Congress that is seen as exercising power outside of their authority.



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Lady Admirals fierce against West

FHS, 21, Leana Maier, heads ball over top of West player. The Lady Admirals would fall to the Rebels, 2-0.

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Admirals, Rowan Unger, 2, fights for ball against HVA, 5.

Lady Hawks

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come over here and steal one.” The Lady Hawks hosted the Lady Bulldogs Tuesday but results weren’t available at press time. The Lady Hawks still have league matches against William Blount, West High and Maryville, but they’re looking for big things. “Before the season, we set some team goals,” Wilson said. “One of those goals was to go further than we did last year. Another was to beat (everybody in) our district and the other was to go to state.” “Our seniors wanted this

one really bad. (Farragut coach Jessie Stephens Burkhart used to coach (at Hardin Valley).” Burkhart obviously was disappointed after her team dropped the match to the Lady Hawks. “When you don’t play hard and you don’t hustle, this is what happens,” she said. “You can’t expect to win when you play like this in our district, and it’s just going to get harder. “I only have about three or four girls showing up to play every night.” The loss was the third consecutive one for the Lady Admirals.

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Gridiron hard lessons for young team

KEN LAY
Correspondent

Knoxville – Another week on the gridiron produced another lopsided loss for Bearden High School. The Bulldogs, who have scored just 13 points in three games this season, fell to Science Hill, 35-0, Friday night at Bill Young Field. Despite seeing his team shut out in each of its last two games, Bearden coach Brad Taylor remains upbeat. “We’re a young team and we’re still learning,” Taylor said. “We still have a lot of learning to do and we’re just going to keep working. “We have some guys, like Connor Gilbreath, Paxton Parrott and Logan Lamont, who are playing well on defense. Connor is playing well and Paxton Parrott is playing

well for us on both offense and defense.” Lamont had six tackles, a sack and a pass deflection against the Hilltoppers while Parrott finished the contest with seven tackles and one tackle for loss in the contest. Bearden has played one of the toughest schedules in East Tennessee. It’s scheduled season opener against Knoxville West was canceled due to inclement weather. The Bulldogs ended up beginning the 2025 campaign against 10-time defending Class 3A state champion Alcoa (now in Class 4A). Bearden dropped that game, 63-13, despite a solid performance from Parrott, who accounted for both Bearden touchdowns. The Bulldogs lost to Maryville, 56-0, in their Region 2-6A opener. Science Hill also has high

hopes for the 2025 season. “Maryville is a great team and Science Hill can make a deep playoff run,” Taylor said. “They have a really good team.” Offensively, Bearden obviously has had its share of struggles. “We just have to execute better on offense,” Taylor said. “We just have to execute and I have to do a better job getting our guys ready to play.” After two consecutive home games, Bearden hits the road and makes the short trip to Hardin Valley Academy. The Hawks (2-2, 0-1) have lost two straight games after opening the season with back-to-back wins over Karns and Morristown East to open the 2025 season. HVA is looking to snap a long Region 2-6A losing streak as it hasn’t won a league game in five years.

Lady Dawgs up, down season

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

As of Sept. 11, Bearden High School’s volleyball team had a record of 5-8. A recap of the team’s season thus far, with quotes from fourth-year head coach Kaity Davidson. Aug. 19: 3-0 win over Christian Academy of Knoxville. “Overall played a very consistent game. Everyone was doing their job. Very clean match.” Aug. 21: 2-1 loss to Concord Christian School. “It was just not our night. It was very good games but we just could not execute that night.” Showdown at the Sunsphere Tournament (Aug. 22/23): 2-0 loss to a team from Kentucky on Aug. 22. Aug. 23: 2-1 loss to Sevier Co. High School. “Very competitive match. When we played them in preseason it wasn’t a

great match, but I thought ‘oh man, we could take them.’ Unfortunately we just fell short.” Aug. 23: 2-1 win over South-Doyle High School. “Just coming off a long break and we just played our game.” Aug. 23: 2-0 win over Seymour High School. “Started getting our rhythm back, started moving the ball around, and we cleaned up our serve-ceive.” Aug. 23: 2-1 win over Powell High School. “Very competitive. We had to make some adjustments. Just finding our rhythm. I flipped from running a 6-2 (two setters) to a 5-1.” Aug. 25: 2-0 win over Eagleton High School. “We had a lot of fun. We were able to work on some plays.” Aug. 26: 3-2 loss to Knoxville Trailblazers (team of home-schoolers), including a 16-14 final set. “Very competitive game;

they’re a very solid, fundamental team. Back-and-forth battle.” Aug. 28: 3-1 loss to Grace Christian Academy. “I thought once we took that set, things were gonna turn around, but we just didn’t mentally check into that game.” Sept. 4: 3-2 loss to Farragut High School. “I think (the match) was something that needed to happen now to figure out what we needed to do later.” The Lady Bulldogs lost 3-0 to William Blount High School on Sept 9, and 3-2 loss to West High School on Sept. 11. “This season has started off higher than I thought we would be,” Davidson said. “We’re still working out the kinks, as far as what’s working, what’s not working. We’re still adjusting and figuring out those leadership roles.”

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Lady Ads
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served by Hailey Aiken, and 9-3 at the end – gave the Lady Admirals the set, 25-18, and a two-set lead.

Two sets later, FHS’s lead was gone and the match was tied. Several short scoring streaks by Webb, including four of the last five points, gave the Lady Spartans the third set, 25-19.

In the fourth, the girls in green raced to leads of 4-0, and 10-3. Every one of the next 17 points were part of scoring runs by the two teams, which led to a 17-13 Webb lead.

Eight of the last 12 points went to the Lady Spartans – who won the set 25-17 – and the match was knotted.

“Young, inexperienced ... sometimes the moment is too big,” Alves said of his girls losing the lead. “Because they’re so stressed out, so anxious, so nervous ... then errors start piling up.”

But Farragut then reversed the match streakiness and

took the fifth and deciding set, 15-13. Down 12-11, FHS took four of the last five points to close it out.

Megan Frana led the Lady Admirals with 14 digs while Reese Goodson was high in kills with 15. Setter Bella Ekeler led with 27 assists.

“In the third set, I feel like we were too comfortable with how we’d done in the first two,” said Frana, a freshman. “In the fourth set I think we were down on ourselves from our set before. (In the fifth) everyone just kept pushing their hardest.”



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Admirals
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County to take on the Maryville Red Rebels.

Maryville enters the contest in the midst of a three-game winning streak. The Red Rebels routed Cleveland, 44-7, Friday night. Maryville (3-1, 2-0) also has lopsided victories over Knoxville West (48-7) and Bearden (56-0) after losing its season opener to Alcoa, 28-21, in the Pistol Creek Rivalry.

FHS’s 21, Logan Wright, returns a kick off.



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ARTFEST

Many area children showed their talent while others learned some new skills when they attended Town of Farragut's annual Artfest in the parking lot of Farragut Community Center, Sunday, Sept. 14.

Sponsored by Farragut Parks and Recreation, children went from booth to booth and made bookmarks; painted rocks, fans and masterpieces on easels; had fun with spiral painting art and more.

Afterward, they could hang up their works to dry on a line in the center's lawn.

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Hayun Lee, 6



Seowoo Park, 5



Jayden Neumann, 6



Tamara Turner with daughter Jamesly, 5



Emi Pippin,
13



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Ellianna Neumann, 3



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Bailey Box, 4, shows her rock art



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Amelia Ellis, 6, with mom Seta Ellis

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Local homeschooler wins reading contest

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Farragut ninth-grade home-schooler Brextyn Poetze recently won Tennesseans for Student Success' Tristar Reads summer reading contest for this year.

"We'll be presenting Brextyn with a \$1,000 scholarship later this month in Nashville," a state press release stated.

Brextyn spent 26,613 minutes reading during the contest, it continued.



Brextyn Poetze

For Brextyn, the Tristar Reads win "means a lot for me," the ninth-grader said. "I've always enjoyed reading, and it feels amazing to get recognized for the amount of time I spend reading."

"What I enjoy most about reading is being drawn into different worlds and seeing things that never happen in real life occur through the page," he said. "To help me get more hours, I would read un-

til 1 a.m. in the morning and sometimes read all day.

"My favorite book from this summer was 'The Watchmen' graphic novel because it was a superhero mystery book with tons of bloodshed and a touch of sci-fi," Brextyn said. "I also really enjoyed many fantasy books, such as the Eragon series."

Virtue Church planning outdoor, dog-friendly service

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Virtue Church will be joining thousands of churches across the country Sunday, Sept. 21, in observing National Back to Church Sunday at the church, 725 Virtue Road, Farragut.

This year's special event, centered on the theme, "Life is Better Together," will be an outdoor worship service, starting at 11 a.m., when all members of the Farragut community — including their four-legged friends — are invited to attend, according to the Rev. Bill Lyle, pastor of Virtue Church.

He said the church decided to open up the event as a dog-friendly service because "most people that have dogs are like us: The dog is part of the family."

"... our church is a resource and a place where people can connect, find support, prayer and make friends for when life gets hard,"

~ Rev. Bill Lyle,
pastor of Virtue Church

The service will be followed by a celebratory cook-out. Everyone is welcome.

"We know that loneliness is a growing issue in our culture," Lyle said. "Our community should know that our church is a resource and a place where people can connect, find support, prayer and make friends for when life gets hard."

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Farragut Lions Club's to hold 9th annual Car Show

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Knox Countians can help their children and neighbors by attending Farragut Lions Club's 9th annual Car Show, which takes place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, in JCPenney's parking lot along Parkside Drive.

"This is our biggest fundraiser of the year that we do to raise funds to help our club help the community in several areas, primarily kids' sight screening, vision care, providing glasses for those less for-

tunate, hunger and diabetes awareness," said Tom Nitz, Lion tamer and car show committee chairman. "One hundred percent of what we raise goes back into the community in those specific projects, whether that be vision machinery for the kids' eye screenings or buying food for somebody or helping food pantries."

"We want (the show) to be a community event and try to partner with the area businesses as well, just to bring goodness to the community," he said.

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When life gives you lemons ...

Local families sell lemonade to benefit foster kids

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A group of local families recently got together to man a lemonade stand in front of the Painted Tree on Kingston Pike to benefit Isaiah 117 House.

"Anyone in the area could volunteer to do a lemonade stand," said Katelyn Reilly, whose family gathered with others to host a stand at the Painted Tree.

"I personally decided to volunteer for one because I am passionate about adoption and foster care," she said. "Our adopted son who is 5 now was removed from his birth parents' home out of concern for his own welfare due to a drug issue."

"Fortunately for us, his birth mother chose an adoption path for his life, and we were able to bring him into our home two weeks later," Reilly said. "He was only 2 months old (when adopted), but many kids' stories don't have a happy ending like in our family."

"When they are forcefully removed from the home for their safety, oftentimes they leave without warning or many personal belongings and are brought to a child welfare office to await placement," she said. "That is



Photos submitted

Top: Families recently got together to man a lemonade stand at the Painted Tree on Kingston Pike. Among them were, kneeling, from left, are: Lily Rose and Makenna Reilly; back row are Betsy Rose, Lisa Alexander, Lily Alexander, Katelyn Reilly, Emerson Reilly, Hudson King and Haley King.

Above: From left, Lily Rose, Makenna Reilly and Haley King advertise their lemonade stand.

where the mission of the Isaiah 117 House steps in. We are a physical place filled with caring volunteers for children to go while they are awaiting placement in the foster care system."

The non-profit organization, led by Kristi Whitehead, opened its door to children Dec. 10, 2023, in Knox County.

"It can be a very traumatic and scary experience and the volunteers at the house provide food and clean supplies, such as clothing, and emotion-

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• **Fall into Dance, an essential part of GO! Contemporary Dance Works' annual programming,** will open GO!'s 2025-26 season at the Tennessee Amphitheatre in the World's Fair Park on Friday, Sept. 26, at 8 p.m. This outdoor performance is designed for all ages with pre-show festivities beginning at 7 p.m. to include a performance by Knoxville band Mal Nombre. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Fall into Dance is a Penny4Arts performance, in which children attend for one cent with the purchase of an adult ticket. General admission tickets are on sale at gocontemporarydance.com. To purchase Penny4Arts tickets, call the office at 865-539-2475.

• **The UT Arboretum Society will host a special presentation on Zoom with Peter Del Tredici,** botanist, former Senior Research Scientist and former Director of Living Collections at Harvard University's Arnold Arboretum on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. Del Tredici will trace his original research on hemlock trees over the past 40 years. "My Botanical Life with Hemlocks" is a free educational program.

• **The Farragut High School graduating class of 1975 will host their 50th Reunion** on Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

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More detailed information can be found on Facebook ... 1975 Farragut High School Reunion (contact any member).

Also, tickets can be purchased on the website: myevent.com/fhsc1975.

• **The Salvation Army of Knoxville announced registration dates for families with children and/or seniors to register for this year's Angel Tree and Silver Bells program.** This hallmark Salvation Army program ensures children and seniors that are in need receive gifts and holiday joy during the Christmas season.

Registration will take place Sept. 22-26 at The Salvation Army Activities Center, 409 N. Broadway, Knoxville (behind the main building). Hours are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. daily. Registration is open to residents of Knox, Anderson, and Campbell counties.

The Salvation Army of Knoxville is also seeking sponsorship for Angels from local businesses, churches, organizations, and community groups. An interest form can be found on Salvation Army of Knoxville's website (<https://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/Knoxville/>) or interested organizations can call TSA at 865-525-9401 for more information.

• **Knox County Schools launched its 37th annual Coupon Book Campaign on Sept. 4.** This year's book includes many returning favorites along with nearly 50 new vendors.

Purchasers receive both a printed coupon book and access to a mobile app. Each printed book includes a unique code that unlocks many of the same coupons on a phone or mo-

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Virtue Church

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He said the 16th Annual Back to Church Sunday campaign is designed to encourage current churchgoers to invite friends and neighbors to "overcome loneliness and find connection, support and hope at a local church.

"The movement is based on the finding that eight out of 10 people are open to visiting a church if invited; they are simply waiting for an invitation," Lyle said.

Since its launch in 2009, National Back to Church Sunday movement has seen more than

5 million people participate through 33,000 churches, he added.

"Whether you have been to church before or you are exploring faith for the first time, we believe the best way to get through life is with a community of people who support you," Lyle said. "We hope this event provides a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for anyone in Farragut to connect and see that faith and community can provide a powerful sense of belonging."

For more information, visit virtuechurch.org or call 865-966-1491.



Photo submitted

From left, Emerson Reilly, Hudson King, Haley King and Makenna Reilly hold up signs for the lemonade stand.

Lemonade

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al support during that time," said Reilly, an Isaiah 117 House volunteer. "The money raised (from the lemonade stand) was to provide the supplies needed to run and keep up the Isaiah 117 house.

"It is a not a state-funded non-profit," she explained. "We did two lemonade stands: one on Aug.14 in front of The Painted Tree ... We did a sec-

ond stand the Saturday morning after, in front of The Adorable Child.

"Both businesses generously let us give away lemonade for donations in front of their establishments for free," Reilly said. "My kids learned that not all children have a family that can take care of them like they deserve to be taken care of.

"Isaiah 1:17 in the Bible says, 'Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.[a] Take

up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.'

"I tried to teach my kids the importance of helping people who need it and that sometimes the people who need help the most, like children, are powerless to ask for it," Reilly said. "That is where, as Christians, it is our job to step in and our privilege to step in. We tried not just to make it about the money but also about raising awareness for the Isaiah 117 House."



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Lions Club
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While the event for spectators is free, the car entry fee into the show is “strictly by donation,” Nitz said. “We don’t charge to come in, we just ask that they give a donation.”

“Our primary funds from the car show come from the business community in the area by sponsorships.”

The show features cars and motorcycles from vintage to new.

“Our car show is a little bit different than some of the other car shows,” he said. “Being a charity and this being a fundraiser for us, we don’t put any kind of restrictions or requirements on what type of car or what type of vehicle. We welcome everything.”

“We don’t really judge (the entries),” Nitz said. “We don’t

want to get people mad ... normally we try to hand out two different awards, the Mayor’s Choice award and People’s Choice Award.”

Additionally, “We’ll have music, announcements, door prizes,” he said. “We’re hoping to, as we did in the past, serve like a free breakfast sandwich and, at lunch, we do hot dog, chips and a drink” for entry participants.

He added if spectators “come in and want to buy (the food), they are more than welcome to buy (the food) at an established price.”

Lions Club’s efforts go “anywhere to the community where there’s a need,” Nitz said. For example, Nitz said the club helped during the Gatlinburg fires and recent hurricanes.

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of effort to help out in those times of need,” he said. “Our motto, for Lions is ‘We serve,’ and we have another motto that we go by and we say, ‘We’re there’s a need, there’s a Lion.’”

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Left: FHS #3, Corbin Hobson, throws a pass in Friday night’s game against Bradley Central. Above: FHS #20, Connor Parris, tackles a Bradley runner at the goal line.

Warriors victorious in Week 4

Catholic has open date, other teams suffer losses

KEN LAY
Correspondent

Week 4 of the 2025 high school football season is now in the rear-view mirror, and only one team remains undefeated in the quest for area gridiron supremacy in the farragutpress How the West was Won, presented by Billy Houston Group, Realty Executives.

Knoxville Catholic (3-0) had an open date last week. The Irish will put its perfect record on the line as it hosts Montgomery Bell Academy in its Division II-AAA East/Middle Region opener.

Christian Academy of Knoxville improved to 4-1 in 2025 with a 40-0 victory over Oneida last week. Quarterback Sawyer Anderson completed 8-of-11 passing attempts for 155 yards and a touchdown. Wide receiver Gabriel Linkous had six receptions for 129 yards and caught a touchdown pass. The Warriors will play at Silverdale Baptist Academy in their third consecutive road game.

Concord Christian School played a tough Christ



Anderson

School team in North Carolina and dropped a heartbreaker, 26-24, in the Tar Heel State. Reece Franklin was an impact player on both sides of the ball for the Lions (2-2) as he totaled nine tackles and two sacks. He also recovered a fumble on defense. On offense, Franklin had 18 carries for 75 yards.

Concord will open its Division II-A East Region schedule Friday night when it hosts Middle Tennessee Christian School. The game will be contested at Blankenship Field in Oak Ridge.

Hardin Valley Academy (2-2) suffered its second consecutive loss last week as it fell to West Ridge, 35-18, in Northeast Tennessee. Brody Lamb had a big game for the Hawks. He finished the game with four receptions for 73 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for 29 yards on one carry. On defense, he came up with three tackles.

HVA returns home to take on Bearden in a Region 2-6A tilt. Bearden (0-3) lost to Science Hill, 35-0, Friday night at home.



Lamb

The Bulldogs saw their early season struggles continue last week against the Hilltoppers but coach Brad Taylor remains upbeat.

“We’re young and we’re learning,” Taylor said. “We have a lot more learning to do.

“I’ve just got to do a little better job getting our guys ready to play.”

Defensively, Logan Lamont had six tackles and one sack against Science Hill while Paxton Parrott had seven tackles and one tackle for loss.

Farragut, meanwhile, dropped to 0-4 with a 24-10 loss to Bradley Central. Ryan McCue got the Admirals on the board with a 41-yard field goal just before halftime. Farragut’s lone touchdown of the contest came on a 46-yard pass from Corbin Hobson to Aaron Heatherly.

Farragut plays Maryville this week.

Webb School of Knoxville dropped to 0-4 after losing a heartbreaker at Lakeway Christian School.

The Spartans missed a chance to pick up their first win of the season when it failed to convert a two-point conversion after quarterback Gage Porter threw a late touchdown pass to Cullen Heck.

Shavar Young had 283 yards and three rushing touchdowns for Webb, which travels to Grace Christian Academy on Thursday.

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Vols look to bounce back

No. 15 Tennessee is back at Neyland Stadium Saturday as it plays host to Alabama-Birmingham.

Kick off between the Volunteers and Blazers is slated for 12:45 p.m. and the Big Orange will be looking to bounce back from a heartbreaking overtime loss to Southeastern Conference rival Georgia.

Tennessee coach Josh Heupel and the Vols (2-1) are eager to move forward as they prepare to face UAB (2-1) in Knoxville this week.

“At the end of the day in this game, you have to constantly move forward and you have to take advantage of every day,” Heupel said at his Monday afternoon press conference. “You can’t look in the rear-view mirror. You have to look out the windshield and keep driving forward.”

The coach also knows his squad will have to be prepared to face a team in the Blazers (2-1) that will come in to Knoxville looking to upset the Vols.

Heupel said UAB will look to run the ball against Tennessee.

“We have to do a great job against the run,” he said. “With who we’re facing, what they do offensively, shift-trade motions, communications at all three levels and then, pass defense.

“Again, when I talk defense, you guys hear me say this a lot, it’s all 11 being a part of that. It’s communication, second and third level, it’s pattern recognition in our zone concept and it’s applying pressure to the quarterback, which can be just your front four, but it can also be any of the 11 that are in that package.”

Offensively, Tennessee’s attack has been potent this season and wide receiver Chris Brazzell has emerged as a favorite for Vols’ first-year quarterback Joey Aguilar.

Brazzell had 177 yards and three touchdowns in Tennessee’s 44-41 loss to the Bulldogs last week.

“I think attention to detail has been a huge part of his success,” Hepel said of Brazzell. “Under-

standing coverage, understanding his role in the scheme, playing with great fundamentals and technique.

“He’s playing really confident, going up and attacking the football. He did a great job on Saturday, and he has the first couple of weeks too.”

In last week’s loss to Georgia, Tennessee’s defense struggled on third down and Heupel said that must improve moving forward.

“There’s been some really good things, and then some things that we haven’t done well enough,” he said. “At times, we’ve applied great pressure to the quarterback; other times, we can be better at it.

“At times, we’ve played really good coverage, and at times, we feel like we’ve given up some things that we feel like we’re in control of too.”

The loss against Georgia certainly stung, but Heupel said his team has learned from the heartbreaker.

“No moral victories in this game. We are certainly long past anything like that,” he said. “I think competitive makeup, competitive composure.

“The ability to play the next play, that’s the important thing in big things. I thought they handled themselves well the majority of the night. Looking at the film today, the ownership that each individual has to take in the things they can do, where it’s not me that allows a play to unfold.”

The Blazers enter the game coming off a 31-28 victory over Akron. UAB, which has endured its share of struggles in recent years, opened the year with a 52-42 victory over Alabama State before losing to Navy, 38-24, in the second week of the season.

The Blazers are coached by former NFL quarterback Trent Dilfer, a Super Bowl champion with the Baltimore Ravens following the 2000 season. Before arriving in Birmingham, he was the head coach at Lipscomb Academy in Nashville.

~ Ken Lay, Correspondent

Local Big Orange connection: Daniel Hood

Knoxville – The 2025 college football season continues this week as Tennessee will look to get back on the winning track as it plays host to the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Kickoff is slated for 12:45 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 career of Daniel Hood, who played for the Volunteers after a stellar prep career at Knoxville Catholic High School.

Throughout his high school and college football career, Hood persevered through adversity. He played for the Irish from 2007-09 for head coach Mark Pemberton and in 2008, KCHS shocked the high school football world by winning the Class 3A state championship and going 15-0 as it battled through injuries along the way.

“That year, we weren’t expected to win many games,” Hood said. “We lost our top two running backs to start the season, and we ended up going 15-0.”

Hood, an all-region performer and all-state standout during his playing days with the Irish, had a breakout season on offense for Catholic during its state championship run.

“I didn’t have a catch until the second round of the playoffs,” said Hood, who played tight end and defensive lineman and Tennessee Titans Mr. Football award winner for the Irish. “My first catch was a 65-yard touchdown and I had nine catches and five touchdowns.

“We had one game where we beat Kingston, 8-7.”

Hood was recruited by Tennessee head coach Phillip Fulmer, who pulled his scholarship offer.

Hood would, however, go on to play for the Volunteers. With Tennessee, he would have three head coaches, including two of the most unpopular coaches in program history – Lane Kiffin and Derek Dooley.

He has high praise for both.

“If it weren’t for Lane Kiffin and (assistant head coach) Ed Orgeron, I wouldn’t have played for Tennessee. I wouldn’t have been a Volunteer,” Hood said. “Phillip Fulmer pulled my offer.

“Kiffin and Orgeron recruited me.”

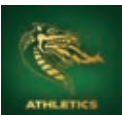
Hood would redshirt in 2009, Kiffin’s only season on Rocky Top. He would leave for USC just days before National Signing Day in 2010.

Enter Dooley, the son of legendary Georgia coach Vince Dooley. The younger Dooley’s tenure in Knoxville didn’t last three years. And he certainly wasn’t a fan favorite.

But it was Dooley’s effort off the field that captured Hood’s heart.

*See the rest of Daniel Hood’s story at
farragutpress.com*

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15	Jamichael Rogers	DE
16	Isaiah Crozier	CB
16	Nate Rogers	QB
17	Elijah Lagg	TE
17	Roy Williams	CB
18	Xavier Daisy	WR
18	Delvon Guley	CB
19	Gabriel Cline	TE
19	Demarcus Smith	DT
20	AJ Brown	S
21	Josh Baka	S
22	Josiah Crawford	S
22	Drew Patterson	RB
23	Donald Lee	CB
24	Tariq Watson	CB
25	James Smyre	DE
26	Gage Messick	LB
27	Patrick Foley	P
28	Brandon Franklin	LB
29	T'sai McDaniel	CB
30	Amari Brundidge	RB
30	Ja'Lyen Judson	CB

33	Kyle McKinney	S
34	Jonathan Allen	DT
35	Owen Simpson	PK
36	Julius Lane Jr.	CB
37	Love Kirby	S
39	Jonah Delange	TE
40	Brayden Johnson	PK
43	Braxtyn Davies	LB
44	Eli Ennis	LB
44	Joshua Rubin	TE
45	Fred Owens	DL
46	Evan Bishop	LS
46	Wyatt Martin	
47	Caleb Moser	LS
48	Phillip Davison Jr.	LB
49	Jacoby Bridges	LB
51	Payton Kirkland	OL
52	Peter Simmons	DL
53	Baron Franks II	OL
54	Daniel Mincey	OL
54	Kyle Mosley	DT
55	JaSire Peterson	DL
56	Myles Cook	DE
57	Aidan Platt	OL
58	Ryan Gunter	OL
58	J'Quan Mason	DE
59	Chris Burge	DE
59	Jaden Ligon	OL
66	Donovan Lawrence	OL
68	Adam Lepkowski	OL
69	Kade Martin	OL
70	JonDarius Morgan	OL
71	Kyrik Mason	OL
72	Brandon Sneh	OL
73	Mason Chorak	OL
74	Barry Walker	OT
75	Calib Perez	OL
77	Logan Moore	OL
78	Nelson Ramirez	OL
79	Rod Orr Jr.	OL
80	Malik Muhammad	WR
81	Aron Marsch	WR
83	Levi Brayton	WR
84	Lamar White	WR
85	Antonio Ferguson	TE
86	Aaron Mattingly	TE
87	Connor Harby	TE
88	J.C. Sivley	TE
90	Zach Johnson	DE
94	James Steel	DE
99	Eamon Smalls	DT

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0	Ethan Davis	TE
0	William Wright	DB
	Rickey Gibson III	DB
	Travis Smith Jr.	WR
2	Peyton Lewis	RB
2	Andre Turrentine	DB
3	Jermod McCoy	DB
3	Jack Van Dorselaer	TE
4	Mike Matthews	WR
4	Ty Redmond	DB
4	Jourdan Thomas	DB
5	Daevin Hobbs	DL
5	Radarius Jackson	WR
6	Joey Aguilar	QB
6	Jalen McMurray	DB
7	DaSaahn Brame	TE
7	Arion Carter	LB
8	Colton Hood	DB
9	Mariyon Dye	DL
9	Star Thomas	RB
10	Kaleb Beasley	DB
11	Jordan Burns	LB
12	Jaedon Harmon	LB
12	Jake Merklinger	QB
13	Mason Phillips	QB
13	Edwin Spillman	LB
14	Braylon Staley	WR
15	Edrees Farooq	DB
15	George MacIntyre	QB
17	Chris Brazzell II	WR
18	DeSean Bishop	RB
18	Tyree Weathersby	DL
19	Joshua Josephs	DL
19	Daune Morris	RB
20	Justin Baker	RB
20	Bryson Eason	DL
21	Tre Poteat	DB
22	Jeremiah Telander	LB
23	Boo Carter	DB
24	Hunter Barnes	RB
25	Timothy Merritt	DB
26	Sidney Walton	DB
26	Carson Whitehead	WR
27	Jadon Perlotte	LB
28	Marcus Goree Jr.	DB
29	Jack-Henry Jakobik	WR
29	Jordan Ross	DL
30	Jamal Wallace	DL
31	Caleb Herring	DL
33	Ben Bolton	LB
34	Emmanuel Okoye	DL
35	Carson Gentle	DL
35	Ben Petermann	WR
36	Dylan Lewis	DB
36	Nathan Roberts	WR

37	Montrell Bandy	DB
38	Andre Stewart	DB
39	Malcolm Kinzer	WR
39	Jayden Loftin	DL
40	Colin Brazzell	DB
40	Seamus Meagher	TE
41	Steele Katina	DB
42	Braylon Harmon	WR
42	Tyre West	DL
43	Jackson Mathews	DB
44	Christian Gass	DL
47	Isaiah Campbell	DL
47	John Rosen	LS
48	Bennett Brady	LS
50	William Satterwhite	OL
50	Ryan Scott	LB
51	Jeremias Heard	OL
51	Jaxson Moi	DL
53	Lance Heard	OL
55	Brenden Anes	LB
55	Antoni Ogumoro	OL
56	Kellen Lindstrom	DL
56	Sam Pendleton	OL
57	Grier Short	LB
58	Herb Gray	DL
58	Nic Moore	OL
59	Charlie Powell III	OL
65	Michael Kostantonov	OL
68	Bennett Warren	OL
69	Gus Hill	OL
70	David Sanders Jr.	OL
71	Max Anderson	OL
72	Jesse Perry	OL
73	Brian Grant	OL
74	Shamurad Umarov	OL
75	Wendell Moe Jr.	OL
78	Gage Ginther	OL
81	Amari Jefferson	WR
83	Trey Weary	WR
84	Tommy Winton III	WR
86	Cole Harrison	TE
87	Joshua Helsdon	DL
87	Miles Kitselman	TE
88	Deon Hardin	WR
89	Mike Bethea II	DL
89	Joakim Dodson	WR
90	Dominic Bailey	DL
90	Max Gilbert	PK
93	Grady Dangerfield	PK
94	Nathan Robinson	DL
94	Josh Turbyville	P/PK
96	Isaiah Inge	DL
97	Josh Schell	DL
98	Jackson Ross	P
99	Charles House III	DL