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**Car Cruise-in**  
10/4/25  
8:00AM - 1:00PM  
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**RiverView**  
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gredients are sourced from local suppliers," Renden said. However, "This is more than a night out," she said. "It's a night that helps build homes and hope right in Loudon County. "Every ticket purchased supports Loudon County Habitat for Humanity and the families we serve." Cost is \$125 per person; \$250 for two people; \$1,000, "sup-

Join the excitement at the Farragut Lion's Club Car Show. Calling all car enthusiasts! Get ready for the Car Cruise-In on Oct. 4. Bring your classic cars, vintage rides or just your love for all things automotive. This is a fun-filled event for car enthusiasts and families alike.

**Harvest Fest**  
10/26/25  
2:00PM - 6:00PM  
Village Green Shopping Center  
11505 Kingston Pike  
Farragut, TN 37934  
Join the Farragut Business Alliance at Harvest Fest for a celebration of all things fall in East Tennessee. This event features a wide variety of retail and promotional booths, including food and beverage vendors and entertainment. Be sure to participate in the Halloween costume contest. This is a free event and we look forward to seeing you there.

**Harvest Jam**  
10/30/25  
5:00PM - 8:00PM  
Pinnacle at Turkey Creek  
11251 Parkside Drive  
Knoxville, TN 37934  
Fall into fun at Harvest Jam, Pinnacle Turkey Creek's annual autumn celebration. Join us for an evening filled with festive vibes, local flavor and community spirit. This family-friendly event features:  
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• Pop-up vendors and shopping  
• Photo ops, giveaways and more

porter" sponsorship; \$2,500, "builder" sponsorship; \$5,000, "champion" sponsorship; \$7,500, "host" sponsorship; and \$10,000, "presenting" sponsorship. She noted, however, seating is limited. "So, reserve your spot now and be part of this celebration," Renden added. Visit [farmtofamiliesloco.org](http://farmtofamiliesloco.org). For more information about the event, call Renden, 865-458-0704 or e-mail [Rachel@loudon-countyhabitat.org](mailto:Rachel@loudon-countyhabitat.org)

## Sobieski

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to vote," she added. "We started the speaker series we call, 'History Hour,' and we're so glad to have the Suffrage Coalition here today," said Kristi Vining, Town Historic Resources coordinator. "The Women's Suffrage Coalition has worked for decades to locate and preserve incredible stories of men and women in Tennessee who worked to bring voting rights to millions of women." Sobieski also is a Knoxville attorney, founder of Sobieski, Messer & Associates and founder and past president of East Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women and Tennessee Lawyers Association for Women. The right to vote did not happen overnight, as Sobieski related.

She said Tennessee's ratification was caused by a letter written by East Tennessee Febb Burn, the mother of 24-year-old state Rep. Harry T. Burn. That letter convinced him to change his deciding vote, which broke the tie in the legislature. The representative initially planned to vote against the amendment. "But, there are many more stories about what people did in Tennessee, in Knoxville and in this area, East Tennessee," Sobieski said. She read the amendment, "The rights of the citizens of the United States to vote shall not be abridged by the United



Tammy Cheek

Wanda Sobieski, president/founder of Suffrage Coalition in Knoxville, related how women in Tennessee and the United States got the right to vote Aug. 18, 1920, during Farragut Museum's Speaker Series, History Hour at the Museum, in Town Hall Tuesday, Sept. 16.

States or any state on account of sex." "Very, very simple 19 words that caused a firestorm for 72 years in the United States," Sobieski said. Before the 19th amendment, women had no right to own or inherit property, and they were the property of their fathers or husbands and could be treated any way the father or husband wanted, which in-

cluded abuse and commitment to a mental hospital. But, some women saw the injustice, starting in the early 1900s. She related how women stood in picket lines for days, were jailed without charges and beaten through the years, but persevered. Following the event, attendees were treated to a tour of Farragut Museum and a "Suffrage Tea Party."



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# Tri-Star Power Sports & Marine ready to serve

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Whether it's boats or jet skis purchase or repair, Tri-Star Power Sports & Marine is ready to serve the West Knox County community.

Opening Monday, Sept. 8, Drew Phillippi, general manager/partner and Mike Coffee, owner/CEO purchased the former Tommy's Boats Knoxville, 11470 Outlet Drive, next to Top-Golf in Farragut.

"We worked together for the past nine years," Phillippi said. "Mike owned an IT company just down the road called Gravity Networks. That business was recently acquired."

"(Gravity Networks) started in 2010, and he owned it until May 1 (2025)," Phillippi said. "When Mike sold Gravity Networks — he had always admired this building (and) Tommy's was here for not very long before they closed — he kind of inquired about purchasing it and got it for a good price."

In deciding what to do with the building, Coffee chose to

keep it as a boat dealership "because this building was built for a boat dealership," Phillippi said.

"(Mike) still works for (Gravity Networks) — he's got a year-long contract with them — but I decided to leave (Gravity Networks) and came here," he said. "So, we went from IT to selling boats."

"It's been a lot more than I planned on, but we're getting to the finish line now, getting opened and happy to welcome the public," Phillippi said.

Tri-Star sells Avalon, Tahoe and Montara pontoon or triton boats and Excel fishing boats.

"We also do service," the partner said. "Anybody who needs a boat serviced, we have a master technician."

"We hope to grow (the business)," Phillippi said. "We just want to make a good living, selling boats."

Coffee also owns Tri-Star Storage, which is down the road from Tri-Star Power Sports & Marine.

"So any of our customers

who need storage (boats, cars and recreational vehicles), whether it be throughout the winter or taking a trip, we can also offer that," Phillippi said. "We also offer used and pre-owned boat sales."

For people looking to sell their boats, he said Tri-Star will sell the boats for them on consignment.

"In the future, we hope to pick up side-by-sides and ATVs," he added. "But, we have not found a partner to sell those yet."

Customers also will find retail items for sale, such as life jackets, ski ropes, anchors and some clothing.

Currently during the off-season, Tri-Star Power Sports is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday; and closed Sundays.

"Once we get back into the boating season, I'm sure we'll extend our hours," Phillippi said.

The partners are in the process of creating a website.

"We will have a website very soon," he added.



Tammy Cheek  
Drew Phillippi, left, general manager/partner, and Christian Drury, sales representative, are ready to sell and repair boats at Tri-Star Power Sports & Marine.

# Braden's Furniture to honor second-generation owner's retirement

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Braden's Furniture in Turkey Creek announces the retirement of Gary Braden, second-generation owner of the store at 11105 Turkey Drive in Knoxville.

The staff is honoring his 49 years of leadership, legacy and community impact.

"We're grateful for the foundation that's been built here and for the impact Braden's Furniture has had in our community over the years," said Alexander Braden, Gary Braden's son. "The history of this company is something special, and we're proud to carry it forward."

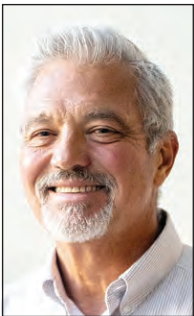
"After 50 years of faithfully stewarding this business, dad now has the opportunity to take his talents, passion and energy into a new chapter," Alexander said. "We're excited to see what God has in store for him next."

"As for the future, my brother and I are well-prepared to

lead," the son said. "He brings more than 25 years of experience in the business, managing our inventory flow and leading our sales team with deep knowledge of both product and people."

"Over the last three years, I've stepped into the company after 15 years in technology and design in Austin, Texas," Alexander said. "I now lead from the systems, marketing and back-office side. Together, our skills complement one another, and we're eager to continue building on the legacy we've inherited."

"His visionary leadership has guided the company for nearly half a century," a press release stated. "Since joining the family business in 1977,



Braden

Gary has carried forward the spirit of his parents, McKinley and Mildred Braden, who first opened the doors of Braden's on May 1, 1956.

"To honor Gary Braden's remarkable career and mark the beginning of an exciting new chapter, Braden's is hosting a \$12 million retirement sale at its Turkey Creek showroom and Maryville warehouse — offering customers unprecedented savings on quality furniture, rugs and home décor."

The sale opens 10 a.m., Friday, Sept. 12, at the Turkey Creek Showroom, 11105 Turkey Drive, Maryville Warehouse, 119 Air Bag Way, Maryville.

There will be storewide reductions up to 70 percent off, with financing options and immediate delivery available.

**Legacy of growth and innovation**

"Gary took the reins of Braden's at just 25 years old, ushering in a new era of growth while staying true to the company's family-centered

values," the press release stated. "From the 1982 acquisition of Fowler Brothers Furniture to the launch of a 110,000-square-foot super-store in 1989, Gary always dreamed big and delivered bold experiences for customers."

**Lifestyle destination**

The release stated the opening of the Turkey Creek Lifestyle Showroom in 2004 "transformed Braden's into a regional design destination, offering everything from Stickley's American craftsmanship to Natuzzi's Italian leather and Ekornes' Stressless seating."

**Community anchor**

Today, "Braden's partners with more than 200 premier vendors, providing an unmatched selection of furnishings for every style and every home," the release added.

Honoring a career built on faith and service

"Gary's leadership has always been about more than furniture," the release stated. "He built relationships, in-

vested in people and inspired a culture of faith, resilience and service."

"Customers and staff alike have long admired his generosity, vision and unwavering belief in Knoxville as a place where family businesses can thrive," it added.

"Gary's story is one of faith, perseverance and commitment," Gary's son Alexander Braden said. "He taught us that a business is not just about sales but about serving people — and that's the heart of Braden's Furniture."

**Looking ahead**

As Gary retires, the third generation — led by sons Nick and Alexander — "will carry forward the family's mission while infusing new energy into the business. Renovations, expanded design services and enhanced customer experiences are on the horizon, ensuring that Braden's remains Knoxville's home for quality furniture and timeless design."

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

## NHC Hosts Rocky Top Tailgate to Cheer on the Vols

NHC Place Farragut and NHC Cavette Hill brought the spirit of game day to life on September 6th, hosting a lively tailgate as the Tennessee Volunteers faced off against East Tennessee State University. The event welcomed staff, friends, and family, all coming together to celebrate their shared love for local sports and community.

A proud supporter of athletics at every level—from college to high school and beyond—NHC brings that same enthusiasm to its campuses. Residents enjoy a variety of spirited events throughout the year, including in-house game days, themed tailgates, and fundraisers, all designed to keep the East Tennessee pride strong and the Vols spirit alive.

To learn more about NHC and their Farragut-area communities, contact Harriet Amonette at [harriet.amonette@nhccare.com](mailto:harriet.amonette@nhccare.com)





# Twenty-seven teams take to the greens

## Loudon County Chamber's Golf Tournament

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Twenty-seven teams took advantage of the warm fall weather to vie for the win at Loudon County Chamber's Golf Tournament at Avalon Golf Club Thursday, Sept. 17, with a Lenoir City Utilities Board team taking home the win. The event started at 9:30 a.m. at Avalon Golf Club. "I want to welcome every-

body here on behalf of the board of directors of the Chamber," board Chairman Stephen Wolfe said. Proceeds from this event are going to fund our Professional Development Reimbursement Fund, which helps our members pay for training and education to help their organizations grow. He acknowledged the event's sponsors: Title, Goodson Brothers Coffee; Players Gift, Outlaw Trailers; Hospitality, Perimeter Roofing; Beverage Carts, Y-12 Federal Credit Union;



**Top left:** Stephen Wolfe, third from left, Loudon County Chamber of Commerce announces the top winner, Lenoir City Utilities Board team, of the Chamber's annual golf tournament after the event. **Top:** Golfing team, from left, Lori Weiss, Ben Halcolmb, and Andrea Fisher take a minute from practicing for a photo before the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Tournament began, which took place at Avalon Golf Course. **Above:** Golfers line up their carts to start the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce's annual Golf Tournament.

Gold, BCI, Fort Loudoun Medical Center, LCUB, SouthEast Bank; Silver, United Community Bank, Centriworks, Restoration 1 and CleanSpark. "This tournament is a scramble format, meaning the

players on each team will decide, after each shot, which one is the best shot," Avalon manager Major Hollin said. "Then, each player on the team will play their next shot from that spot within one club length, no

closer to the hole and not improving your lot. "Then 59 and under will tee off from the white tees, men 60 and older will tee off from

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## Business After Hours



Tammy Cheek

Jessica Haston, left, with CCR chats with Rose Ann Simeone of Guiding Your Path, LLC, during a Loudon County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event in Flemings Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, 11287 Parkside Drive, Knoxville, on Tuesday evening, Sept. 9.



## New business launch

Patriotic Plumbing LLC., celebrated the launching of its new business with a Loudon County Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting. On hand to cut the ribbon were Kasey Thomason (with scissors), owner, his wife, Kerri Thomason (to his right), sons and Chamber members.

**Photo submitted**



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the golds, and ladies will tee off from the red tees,” he said. “Once your team is on the green, there will be a two-putt maximum on all holes. “Each player today gets a throw, a red tee and a mulligan,” Hollin said. “You may not use you special shot package on any prize hole.

“Today, we have closest to the pin and hole-in-one prizes on hole 3, 6, 11 and 16, with the big prize on hole 6,” he added. “We also have a long drive on hole 14 and the putting contest on the putting green. “Today, we are pin location 1 in 90 degrees on all holes, excluding par 3s,” Hollin added. “Please turn your keys on an have a great day.”



Golfer Ben Halcolmb, front left, practices some putting before the game begins at Loudon County Chamber of Commerce’s annual Golf Tournament.

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Admirals  
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band in the Clinch River Classic in Clinton.

“The students in our program are extraordinary and some of the best students Farragut High School has to offer,” said Andrew Smith, who is an eight-year educator and in his first year as director of bands at FHS.

“We are a pretty well-rounded group with students across all grade levels,” he said.

The Marching Admirals perform during halftime at every home football game, and also will have three additional upcoming competitions.

This year’s program is “Heart of Glass,” which was chosen at the end of the 2024-25 school year and announced during the year-end band banquet in May, according to band member Chloe Pippin, who is in her second year on drum set in the front ensemble and is just one of 159 Marching Band members.

The show “is very immersive, and a general story that everyone can relate to,” Smith said. “While it features some music by the Blondie song of the same name, it also has music by Nirvana, Coldplay and other artists.

“The general story [is of] this person with a full heart, suffering heartbreak, then finding the pieces of their heart and putting them back together,” he continued. “We do this in a literal sense as well.”

During Saturday’s competition, the full scope of program props were present for the first time, and they will be in use during the Oct. 3 half-time show.

“The timeline of putting together a halftime show of this nature takes months to plan and make happen,” Smith said. “There are a plethora of details to consider, from the composition/arranging to the drill writing to the choreography, not to mention the uniforms, flags and all the other details. It is extremely complex. “Luckily, we have a great team to help put it all together: Rodney Brown (assistant director) and I work collaboratively planning the details and making them happen with our staff.”

Additionally, he noted the band had “a one-week camp in

June, followed by a two-week camp in July with practice in class every day.

“We also have rehearsals after school every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.”

Parent involvement is an ongoing factor, too. Smith estimated between 20 and 30 parents are regular and constant volunteers.

“It really sounds like a lot, but we truly need more parents on a regular basis,” Smith said. “These parents help with concessions at games, chaperoning the band, the logistics of getting the instruments and band from point A to point B, making props, planning fundraisers, etc.

“There are so many moving parts necessary for just 7:40 of a halftime show and the kids to play in the stands.”

Barbara Pyle is in her fourth year as a parent volunteer, and is currently head chaperone, overseeing the uniforms and first aid, is the treasurer’s assistant II on the Booster Board and also helps coordinate buses for trips, along with other “odds and ends,” she said.

Pyle said she helped revamp the costume inventory portion of the organization last year, “with the help of many volunteers” and specifically calls out fellow parent “Jeannette Wilson, who has helped me a ton this year.”

Pyle’s son Aidan plays clarinet – an instrument she also played in high school – while her younger son, Christopher, plays the trombone.

“My parents didn’t really attend my band activities and I wanted Aidan to know I was there,” she said of her initial involvement. “I just didn’t realize how ‘there’ I was going to be! But I love it and I love the kids and seeing them grow in their talent together.”

Band members themselves bring their own brand of hard work, aptitude and attitudes to the program.

“Marching band is fairly hard due to the long practices multiple days a week,” Pippin said. “Over summer it is really hot and for the people who are marching, it can be very tiring.”

However she adds, she “likes marching band because of the community it provides and I love seeing how the show comes together at the end of the season.”

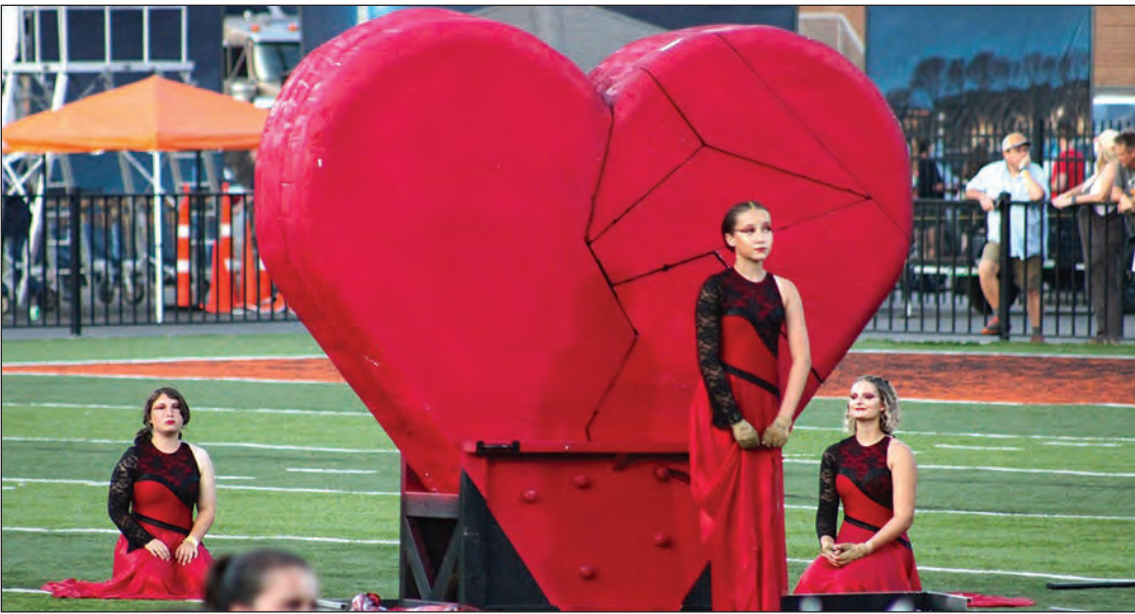


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Members of the Farragut High School marching band color guard from left, Juliana Brandt, Cordelia Silvestri and Skylar Gruhn, are pictured from Saturday’s Clinch River classic competition in Clinton. The band performed a program titled “Heart of Glass” which it has been practicing since early summer.

Fiber optic  
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portion of the overhead utility line system along the south side of Kingston Pike from 13020 Kingston Pike to 13128 Kingston Pike, then crossing Kingston Pike on an overhead utility line system with a directional bore of 540 feet to service 13123 Kingston Pike.

“This project involves the extension of fiber optic cable for Charter Communications mostly along an existing section of overhead utility lines on the south side of Kingston Pike, starting just east of the Advance Auto store at 13020

Kingston Pike and extending west to the Y-12 Federal Credit Union at 13128 Kingston Pike,” Shipley said. “Then the fiber optic cable would extend across Kingston Pike on an existing overhead utility line system to the property under construction for a new Publix grocery store.

“The fiber would then be extended underground to service the building under construction at 13123 Kingston Pike,” he said. “Most of this project is using an existing overhead utility line system.

“The underground portion is on the property at 13123 Kingston Pike,” Shipley said.

“The work is being completed by MasTec Communications, and they have an existing letter of credit to cover the restoration of any areas affected by the installation.

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# Hawks topple Dawgs, first region win since 2020

KEN LAY  
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY – Competing in Region 2-6A football is never easy. One team, however, has had more than its difficulty in the league, but a long streak of futility finally came to an end for Hardin Valley Academy last week. The Hawks won their first region game since 2020 when they toppled Bearden, 24-7,

Friday night to bring their alumni a homecoming victory Friday night. Hardin Valley (3-2 overall, 1-1 in the region) picked up its first league win since 2020 when they defeated Morristown West by forfeit on the final night of the regular season. The Hawks’ last outright region victory came earlier that season against Jefferson County. Years of frustration came to an end for HVA, which had had

a revolving door of coaches since its first head man, Wes Jones, departed for Johnson City and Science Hill several years ago. Tyler Wynn, now in his second season as coach of the Hawks, said he was told Hardin Valley couldn’t compete in the region, which features the likes of the Bulldogs, Farragut, Bradley Central, Cleveland, Oak Ridge and Maryville. “When I came here, everybody told me, you can’t win a

region game at Hardin Valley,” Wynn said. “That was the consensus. You can’t do it. “And I told our kids. That is one of our No. 1 goals.” Hardin Valley checked off that goal from its list as it improved to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the region, tripled its win total from last year and snapped a two-game losing streak in 2025. “We were able to win that first game this season, win more than we won last year, and now win a region game, so

there were three of the huge goals that we set out to accomplish this year,” Wynn said. “I’m unbelievably proud of our seniors and their leadership.” The Hawks never tailed the Bulldogs (0-4, 0-2) on their way to snapping a 21-game region losing streak. Hardin Valley opened a 10-0 lead by halftime. The Hawks scored first when Riley Matz connected

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# Lady Ads come roaring back

KEN LAY  
Correspondent

After dropping its first two district matches recently, the Farragut High School girls bounced back with a pair of victories last week. What’s more, the Lady Admirals didn’t concede a goal to either Knoxville Catholic or Maryville as they appear back on course just in time for a big showdown with Kingston Pike rival Bearden, which comes calling Thursday night. Kickoff for Farragut (5-4-1 overall, 1-2 in the district) and the Lady Bulldogs (9-1-1, 1-0-1) is slated for 7 p.m. at the Farragut Soccer Stadium. “We’ll be there,” Lady Admirals’ coach Jessie Stephens Burkhart said. After Farragut lost its first two league matches to West High (2-0) and Hardin Valley Academy (2-1), things were looking bleak for the Lady Admirals. “Against Hardin Valley, we just didn’t play our best game and we didn’t have our best effort,” Burkhart said. “And Hardin Valley capitalized on that.” The Lady Admirals opened the week on Tuesday, Sept. 16, by picking up their first league win as they blanked Maryville, 4-0, and had four different players find the back of the net against the Lady Rebels, coached by Steve Feather, who were looking to bounce back from a rebuilding campaign in 2024. “Our district is tough and Steve is a good coach and no matter whether or not his team is in a rebuild, his team is going to play hard and he’s going to get the most out of them,” Burkhart said. Kennedy Dade, Leana Mair, Meghan Shimeall and Ava Upshaw all scored for Farra-



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FHS, 22, Ava Upshaw, fights for ball against Catholic, 16, Gaby Mendez during play, Thursday, September 18. FHS, 27, Emma Claire Johnson, has possession ball, protecting it from Maryville. During play, Tuesday, Sept. 16.

gut against the Lady Rebels. The Lady Admirals returned to the pitch Thursday night and blanked the Lady Irish, 2-0, at home as Rowan Unger scored twice.

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Tony Cox

Farragut’s Corom Hlebasko pushes through the second lap of the Norris Dam Invitational on the 5,000-meter Songbird course Saturday, Sept. 20. Hlebasko clocked 16 minutes, 52.99 seconds to place 22nd overall, pacing strongly in the chase pack for the Admirals.

## Hawks XC pack powers to second

STAFF REPORT  
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Hardin Valley Academy once again proved its strength in cross country, but Farragut High School made important strides of its own Saturday at the Norris Dam Invitational on the Songbird course. Hardin Valley surges to second The Hawks took runner-up team finishes in both the boys’ and girls’ races. The boys placed second overall with 65 points, tightly grouping their top five within 33 seconds of one another. Senior Aiden

Rufi (sixth, 16 minutes, 17.68 seconds) paced the Hawks, followed closely by Stephen Bell (11th, 16:35.24), Isaac Socha (13th, 16:40.04), Will Allen (19th, 16:49.99) and Brody VanMeter (20th, 16:51.48). Their pack running produced a 16:38 average. Hardin Valley’s girls, meanwhile, scored 40 points to take second, powered by a top-three sweep of Alexandra Vesser (second, 18:26.08) and Rachel Benson (third, 18:46.52). Ava Woodyatt (ninth, 19:38.71), Zarah Enbom (12th, 19:53.92)

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# Larger theme overshadows Lady Ads’ tough night

BILL HOWARD  
Correspondent

It was a tough outing for Farragut High School’s volleyball team Monday night on the road at Knoxville Catholic High School. But a larger theme was in play, one that transcends the results of a volleyball match. Every season Catholic devotes one of its v-ball matches to Dig Pink, which, according to Lady Irish coach Brent Carter, is a “fundraiser for

breast cancer research and an organization we support called Breast Connect.” Breast Connect, according to Carter, provides outreach and support for women who have been diagnosed and are going through chemo and/or radiation as part of their treatment. Carter’s assistant coach, Michelle Dougherty, was diagnosed with breast cancer in October 2018 but is today cancer-free. “I’m still in treatment and I’m doing alright,” Dougherty said.

Dig Pink started before Dougherty’s diagnosis, but her announcement of that to the team seven years ago has made the event profoundly more personal for each v-ball team since then. Girls on both teams wore pink jerseys, and the officials were clad in pink as well. Adding to the match’s unity theme was the fact FHS coach Andre Alves was Carter’s assistant for eight years. The men consider themselves v-ball “brothers.”

Carter’s team got the best of his “brother’s” Monday night, winning the match two sets to none. The scores were 25-13 and 25-20. “They’re pretty darn good,” Alves said. “Brent and his staff, they do an amazing job. They have all the pieces, defensively; offensively, everything is clicking. Playing at a very high level right now.” The first set was close early, but KCHS then went on runs

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Lady Irish, 2, Nora James, serves during match play.

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# Ads battle back versus Maryville

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*Correspondent*

It was another rough night for Farragut High School’s football team Friday night on the road at Region 2-6A foe Maryville High School.

But the game wasn’t without its hopeful sign for the Admirals.

FHS lost to the Rebels 42-17 to fall to 0-5 overall, 0-2 Region. But the Admirals’ aerial game was effective, as Noah Haag and Corbin Hobson combined for 226 yards, completing 14 passes on 28 attempts.

“We didn’t come out like we should have, taking control of the game early enough” Admirals’ coach Geoff Courtney said. “We put ourselves in a hole once again. But proud of our guys for battling back.”

“They threw the ball well,” said Derek Hunt, MHS coach. “They’re better than a winless record. Coach does a good job. They play us well; they’re hard to prepare for.”

Maryville built a 21-0 lead by the end of the first quarter, scoring on all three possessions. When FHS tried a fake punt early in the second on fourth and nine from its own 32, Haag’s pass was incomplete, and the Rebels were right back in business.

They needed but two plays to make it 28-0, the score coming on a 33-yard pass from Will Jones to Julian Douglas with 10:06 left in the half.

“We gotta execute it a little bit better,” Courtney said. “But at that point we’re already down three scores 14 minutes into the game. It is

what it is.”

The Admirals’ offense finally got going on the ensuing possession. On third and four from their own 26, Haag hit Max Garfield on a slant over the middle, and Garfield took it to the end zone.

The half ended with MHS leading 35-10.

A score on the second half’s opening drive might have changed the game’s momentum for the Admirals, but a promising drive ended with a fumble and gave MHS the ball on its own 20.

On second down from the 26, Jones took it all the way on a keeper. The 42-10 score triggered the mercy-rule continuous clock, which continued the rest of the game.

The Admirals’ Ethan Farhat caught a 24-yard touchdown



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FHS, 3, Corbin Hobson, avoids being sacked.

pass from Hobson late in the game to reach the final score.

FHS’s success through the air was countered by an equivalent difficulty running the ball. The Admirals could muster just 8 yards on the ground in the first half, 45 for the game on 23 carries.

“They’re a good defense,”

Courtney said, “We’ve seen a lot of good things from different guys. We feel like we should be able to run the football eventually down here.

“We got a good football team; we gotta go back to work. We’ve got a big region game with Bearden ... we gotta go get ready.”



Tony Christen

Farragut’s Teagan Williams, 13, keeps the play alive with a dig during last week’s home conference match against Lenoir City. The Lady Admirals swept the Lady Panthers 3-0.

## Senior night success for Lady Admirals

**BILL HOWARD**  
*Correspondent*

It was Senior Night for Farragut High School’s volleyball team last Thursday night at Lynn E. Sexton Gymnasium.

And for anyone associated with the Lady Admirals’ v-ball program, it was a happy night indeed.

Against District 4-3A foe Lenoir City High School, Farragut was dominant, winning the match three sets to none. The set scores were 25-17, 25-11, and 25-11.

FHS coach Andre Alves was understandably pleased, both for his team and his three seniors.

“I’m just so happy because it was a special night, Senior Night,” Alves said. “(Senior setter) Bella (Ekeler), (right-side hitter) Teagan (Williams), and (outside hitter) AO (Addison Owen). They’ve been here for a long time and they’ve given so much to this program. So

happy for them.”

“Really rough night,” Lady Panthers’ coach Tyler Hardin said. “We gotta do the fundamental things right. That’s the biggest thing we struggled with, not being able to bounce back from mistakes.”

Farragut fell behind 9-5 in the first set, but then turned it around, winning 11 of the next 13 points to lead 16-11. LC stayed in it, until FHS won the set’s final six points to close it out.

Five of the those final six were served by libero Hailey Aken. Freshman outside hitter Megan Frana had four kills in the set, to go along with kills and aces from several players.

“Megan had a great game,” Alves said. “She’s a hammer, I love her arm. She hits like a guy so I love that.”

The second and third sets were all Farragut. A 14-4 FHS lead in the second led to an easy cruise to the 25-11 win.

Aiken served out the final four points.

FHS opened the third set with four straight points, only to lose the next four. But the Lady Admirals then erupted, winning five in a row – and 11 of 13 – to take control of the set.

They closed out the set winning seven of the final nine points, three of which were kills by Frana.

“Harder matches, I would say, you learn a lot more about yourself as a team but having a match like this occasionally, it’s fun to have,” Frana said.

Frana led Farragut with 11 kills while Aiken was high with six aces. Ekeler had 31 assists. Ekeler’s sister Abby – a former UTK v-baller – was in attendance with other family members.

“I love my family so it was really fun having them here,” Ekeler said. “A lot of the girls don’t see the court very often, so it was good they got to play.”

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“It’s always good to win and get clean sheets,” Burkhart said.

Knoxville Catholic, which plays one of the area’s toughest schedules, received high praise from its coach, Josh Martin.

“I hate to lose but I’m really proud of my girls for their great effort at Farragut,” Mar-

tin said. “Farragut is a great team and Knoxville has great teams in both the public and private schools.

“Of course, you have Bearden and West and you have Webb in our district. You have a couple of good private school teams (Baylor and Girls Preparatory School) in Chattanooga, but Knoxville has a great mix. You can play an all-Knoxville schedule and see the best teams.”

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of 6-1 and, shortly after, 10-2 to make it 21-10. The Lady Irish's winning point came on a service error.

In the second set, the teams were tied at six, but Catholic, again using excellent athleticism and ball movement, won nine of the next 12 points to lead 15-9.

FHS came back with six of the next seven to trail by only one, 16-15; but four of the next five made it 20-16 Catholic, which then closed it out from there. Farragut gave the Lady Irish five points in the set on service errors.

"We played pretty well tonight," Carter said. "A little flat in the second set but, all in all, pleased with how we played. We have eight or nine – maybe 10 – kids who can get it done."

"Too young, too many errors," Alves said. "But I'm proud how we competed, especially in the second set. All of a sudden we're getting more touches on the block, playing better defense ... I'm proud of my team."



Tony Christen

Above: Lady Irish, 8, Mia Kinney, keeps the ball in play. Left: Farragut's Outside Hitter, 10, Madelyn Kupferer digs to return a one of many Irish volleys.



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with Brody Lamb on a 23-yard touchdown pass. Logan Holbrook converted the ensuing extra point to make the score, 7-0, with 4 minutes, 5 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The only other points of the first half came from Holbrook, who converted a 42-yard field goal less than a minute into the second stanza.

HVA's defense came up with two turnovers as Michael Arce had a fumble recovery and Carter Jones intercepted a pass he appeared to return for a touchdown but the play was blown dead, by an errant whistle. The points came off the board but the Hawks retained possession.

They couldn't, however, cash in and turn the Bearden miscue into points.

In the second half, Matz

scored on a 1-yard plunge, making the score 17-0 midway through the third frame.

Bearden scored early in the final period when Paxton Parrott had a 25-yard touchdown run before HVA's Ayden Perry closed out the scoring with a 6-yard run a short time later.

Even in defeat, Bulldogs' coach Brad Taylor remained upbeat. He did, however, lament his squad's turnovers.

"Obviously we can't afford turnovers. I think we had two tonight," Taylor said. "That being said, I thought we played better."

"Hat's off to Hardin Valley. They played tough and they had a good game plan and they didn't give up any big explosive plays."

Both teams will be home this week as Bearden hosts Farragut in a battle of winless teams and the Hawks entertain state power Maryville.

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and Ava Berkheimer (17th, 20:13.17) rounded out the scoring as the Lady Hawks averaged 19:23.

**Farragut boys find leader in Shagan**

Farragut's boys, who placed 14th in the team standings with 330 points, were led by junior Sam Shagan, who broke into the top 10 with a 10th-place finish in 16:25.99 — one of the top individual performances by an area runner. Senior Corom Hlebasko added a strong run with a 22nd-place finish in 16:52.99, showing the Admirals' front end can compete with the region's best.

Behind them, the Admirals

leaned on developing depth as Paxton Pitts (127th, 20:39.00), Evan Grossman (158th, 21:59.75) and Pierce Ward (162nd, 22:14.24) completed the scoring lineup. Farragut's five-man average was 19:38, and the Admirals closed with a five-minute, 48-second spread between their first and fifth runners.

**Lady Admirals build depth**

On the girls' side, Farragut placed 11th as a team with 303 points. Senior Caroline Faugot led the way with a 57th-place finish in 22:58.67. The Lady Admirals showed balance in their pack running, with Macy Alberding (75th, 24:16.69), Jaina Hereford (79th, 24:27.92) and Kelly Saya (81st, 24:37.43), all

finishing within 21 seconds of one another.

Freshman Mackenzie Muckenfuss (103rd, 26:07.18) rounded out the scoring five, while Savannah Sweers-Dunn (120th, 27:54.93) and Evelyn Holmes (134th, 29:42.45) provided additional depth. Farragut's average was 24:29 with a three-minute, eight-second spread among its top five.

**Bearden highlights**

Bearden's girls finished ninth with 259 points, highlighted by junior Brielle Pickett's 27th-place effort in 20:53.92. The Lady Bulldogs also counted points from Afton Cruze (48th, 22:36.43), Saibh O'Neill (70th, 23:50.45), Mia Smalley (77th, 24:20.18) and Riley Dixon (110th, 26:54.44).

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# Tasting event to benefit Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

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Rotary Club of Farragut invites the community to its Rotary Reserve: Bourbon and Wine Affair.

“This is a tasting experience benefitting Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry and Rotary Club of Farragut,” RCF club fundraising chair Stephanie Markowitz said. “There’s a portion that goes to Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry (housed at Faith Lutheran Church in Farragut); but then, the excess money will go to other Rotary projects and other charities that we serve in the community.”

“I know that we have partnered and worked with Shepherd of Hope before,” she said.

The event, which is open to the public, is slated for Sunday, Oct. 19, in Water Into Wine bistro & lounge, 607 N. Campbell Station Road, Farragut. Cocktails begin at 5 p.m. and the event will take place from 6 to 8 p.m.

“It’s an evening of fine bourbons and exquisite wines, gourmet bites and buffet dinner after the tasting and a bourbon- and wine-themed silent auction,” Markowitz said.

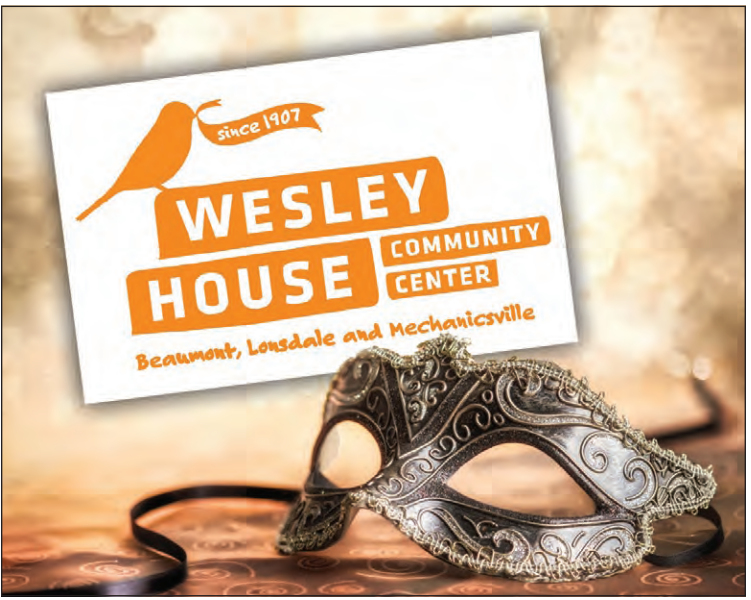
Following the cocktail hour, RCF president Candace Viox, owner of Water Into Wine, explained the bourbon and wine tastings, which include a presentation by a representative of Nelson’s Brewery (a Nashville-based company for the bourbon) and a winery distributor, also feature tapas, or appetizers.

“They are going to have the choice of bourbon or wine,” Markowitz said. “Three different bourbons (in a flight).”

“If they choose wine, there is a selection of a white wine flight or a selection of a red wine flight,” Viox said. “Each wine flight offers a taste of

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# Masquerade for Wesley House to be held Friday, Oct. 3



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The West Knox County community can don black ties and evening wear as they help raise funds for people in need by attending the Masquerade for Wesley House fundraising event.

The masquerade ball, which will be Friday, Oct. 3, at Bridgewater Place Event Center, 205 Bridgewater Road, Knoxville, is “our signature annual fundraiser, and all the proceeds go to our programs,” said Beverly Holland, Wesley House senior director of advancement and donor engagement.

While the event starts at 6:30 p.m. and ends at 9:30 p.m., Holland said there will be a cocktail hour starting at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets to the event are \$150 per person and a table of 10 is \$1,300. They will be on sale until Tuesday, Sept. 30, by going on line to [wesleyhouseknox.org/masqueradeball](http://wesleyhouseknox.org/masqueradeball) or [wesleyhouseknox.org](http://wesleyhouseknox.org) and go to its events tab.

The event will feature the crowning of queens and kings.

While historically, kings and queens were chosen by how much they raise, Holland said this year, king and queen nominees will be staff members, and the public can support one of those staff members.

“There are four staff members — Juanita Miller, Rev. Aaron Soloman, Sasha Holloway and Danarius Ross — who are going after kings and queens,” she said. “If they

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“My mother is a buffalo;  
She roams the plains where grasses grow.  
Her days are simple, wild and free.  
That’s the life I’d like for me.”



Photo by Tammy Cheek  
Retired minister Wyn Bryant and daughter, Kim Barry, started writing poetry as a lark and now have published two books, “My Mother is a Buffalo” and “Do You Ever Stop to Wonder.”

# Writing whimsy Father-daughter duo publish poetry books

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A lark for West Knox County father and daughter, Wyn Bryant and Kim Barry, recently had a great time collaborating on writing poems of whimsy, which led to two books for youngsters of all ages.

Bryant and Barry recently self-published “My Mother is a Buffalo” and “Do You Ever Stop to Wonder.”

“We started writing silly rhymes to each other, just as a lark,” said Bryant, a retired Presbyterian minister who also previously worked at Oak Ridge National Laboratories and who lives close to the Farragut-West Knox County line. “It never occurred to us to turn them into books until some friends and family suggested it.”

“Since dad’s retired, he’s gotten into a lot of different things,” said Barry, who grew up in Knoxville and moved to New Jersey and Atlanta before returning to Knoxville, where she works as a certified financial advisor. “He and I play pickleball and things like that.”

“He decided it would be fun to write a poem, so he said to me, ‘How about I write the first stanza and you write the second stanza, and we’ll go back and forth,’” she recalled. “So we did that a few times over texts. Then, he compiled a few of the poems and sent them to my aunt, and she really liked them.”

“Then it just kind of took off,” Barry said. “He started writing poems day after day. He would send me new poems all the time.”

“Sometimes, I would add a little bit to them, and sometimes I would say, ‘Dad, these are great,’” she said.

Eventually, Bryant shared the poems with a friend in Dallas, Texas, and the Presbyterian who is involved with people who self-publish works. She encouraged Bryant and Barry to self-publish their works in two books.

“We sent her all the poems, and she said, ‘You know, there are too many here. If you write one more poem, it would make two books,’” Bryant said. They did.

While intended for children, he said, “The idea is they come out of the imagination of a small child.”

“To a kid that’s 7 or 8 years old, everything is reality,” Bryant added. “They can just invent their own reality. If they want to say, ‘my best friend is a tree,’ so it is ... they’re just free thinkers.”

“I’ve got a lot of first cousins my same age, and in the process of sending these poems out to

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# FMS Science Bowl team finishes in Top 16 at national competition

**STAFF REPORTS**  
editor@farragutpress.com

Farragut Middle School's Science Bowl team finished among the top 16 middle school teams in the nation during a recent competition in Washington, D.C.

The team, consisting of Jaishen Jiang, Elena Wu, Aarya Khule, James Ha and Jaden Han, represented their school and community at the U.S. Department of Energy's National Science Bowl, according to Kathy Browning, the team's coach and seventh-grade science teacher at FMS.

"Out of 48 highly competitive teams from across the United States, Farragut's strong performance earned them a \$1,000 award for the school's science club," Browning said.

She added the team "demonstrated exceptional knowledge in science, math and engineer-

ing through a series of fast-paced, buzzer-style rounds.

"This is a tremendous accomplishment for our students and a testament to their hard work, teamwork and love of science," Browning said. "We are so proud of their dedication and the way they represented Farragut Middle School on the national stage.

"The National Science Bowl, sponsored by U.S. Department of Energy, is one of the nation's most prestigious academic competitions, bringing together thousands of students each year to test their knowledge in science and mathematics," she added.

Looking ahead, Browning said the Farragut Middle School Science Bowl team "has already set an even higher goal: to break into the top 12 in the nation at next year's competition."



Photo submitted

Farragut Middle School Science Bowl team members, from left, Elena Wu, Aarya Khule, Jaishen Jiang, James Ha, Jayden Han, are all smiles as they are joined by FMS assistant principal Brandon White, showing their pride of the national recognition.

## communityplanner

- **The Farragut High School Softball Team will hold a fundraiser at Blaze Pizza**, 10978 Parkside Drive, on Wednesday, Sept. 24, from 5 to 9 p.m. Blaze Pizza will donate 25 percent of your purchase to the team when you present the flyer, which can be found at facebook.com/FarragutSB/. Show the flyer in store or use the promo code for online orders.
- **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 mobile device. In most cases, this means double the savings: one coupon from the book and one electronic. The cost of the Coupon Book is \$20, with proceeds directly supporting educational programs and initiatives in schools across the district. The Coupon Book campaign will run through Wednesday, Sept. 24.

- **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

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### Poetry

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my aunt, we've also sent them to my cousins," Barry said.

"They really got a kick out of them, too.

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Masquerade

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have a specific staff member they want to support, they will put that in the memo during the ticket sale.”

At the ball, “we will be crowning the king and queen,” Holland added.

Additionally, there will be a dinner and performances by WH’s dance team, Lyra Aerialists and stilt walkers and. Hosted by WATE-TV anchor Lori Tucker, there also will be dancing, a disc jockey, silent auction and competition for whomever has the best mask.

Attire is formal wear, black tie and masks, Holland said.

“Wesley House has been serving Knoxville since 1907,” she said. “It started with three women working in a mill while their husbands were at war and realized they didn’t have childcare,” she related. “They joined together to take care of each other’s kids.”

Since then, the organization has become a licensed child-care program currently with 86 children in the after-school program and a summer care program also.

Along with childcare, Wesley House also has a senior care program, which was started in 2013.

“We serve them weekly meals; they have social time together; and they play a lot of Bingo ... for household items,” Holland said. “We also have different partners for that, like University of Tennessee, (and) Office of Social Work.”

Wesley House also has a food bank called the Red Bird Store.

“The thing we try to do at Wesley House is preserve people’s dignity,” she said. “The reason (it’s called Red Bird Store) is we don’t want the kids to call it a food bank. You don’t have to lose your pride and dignity to go to Wesley House.”

Several area churches support Wesley House in various ways.

“(The seniors) go to different churches in the area and the churches provide them with lunch and activities,” she said.

For instance, Concord United Methodist Church sponsors the Friends and Donors Breakfast and donates directly to Wesley House’s food pantry while First Farragut UMC’s UWF group support’s Wesley House’s senior citizen program by serving and sponsoring lunches and participates in WH’s Christmas in July.

“Concord United Methodist has partnered with Wesley House Community Center for over 35 years,” CUMC missions director Jane Currin said. “Years ago, we made repairs to the old Wesley House building, playground and to homes of seniors in the community. We helped to provide activities and meals for the children during their summer and holidays.

“In more recent years, we have focused on providing lunch and prizes for the Grannies several times a year when they visit Concord for their Friday outings,” she said. “For the last 11 years, we have delivered a meal and visited the Grannies on Martin Luther Kings Jr. Day.

“We shared fresh vegetables

grown in our Concord Community Garden with the Grannies and with the Red Bird Store and Pantry housed at Wesley House. In addition, we donate canned and dry goods for pantry. In August, their pantry served over 8,000 persons.

“We have a few dry soup recipes that we make during (Vacation Bible School) and MLK Missions BLITZ that we share, along with the ingredients to make them into a meal,” Currin said. “The Tennessee taco soup is a local favorite.

“With the mix, they get a pound of ground beef plus a can of diced tomatoes, corn and black beans,” she added.

“The chicken and rice mix includes three cans of diced chicken plus an onion and two carrots, allowing the family to be able to make a meal when the arrive home from the pantry,” Currin said. “We have also supported the pantry with financial donations.”

Cokesbury UMC on Kingston Pike is “one of our biggest supporters, allowing us to host multiple events in their building,” Holland said. Additionally, “they contribute financially and provide in-kind donations for our food pantry and Thanksgiving basket project.”

Middlebrook Pike UMC “hosts events in their gym and supports us through their UWF group, providing snacks and lunch for both our seniors and Youth Development Program,” she said.

Bearden UMC’s youth ministry volunteers regularly, helping clean classrooms on weekends.

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Tasting

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three paired wines.”

Markowitz pointed out attendees cannot do bourbon and wine — they have to choose.

A buffet meal will follow the tasting experience.

“After dinner, (attendees) can purchase more (alcohol),” she said.

Tickets are \$150 per person.

“We’re also looking for table sponsors, which is \$2,500 for a

table,” Markowitz said. “That includes six people to the event.”

For tickets, visit the club website, [rotaryfarragut.org](http://rotaryfarragut.org) or at Water Into Wine (cash or check only).

“If a Rotary member, we can invoice them, (but) they don’t receive their ticket until they have paid in full,” she said.

Tickets are limited as the event is limited to 60 people, Markowitz said. The last day to purchase and pay for tickets is Wednesday, Oct. 16.

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GO! Contemporary Dance Works will be performing Friday, Sept 26 at the Tennessee Amphitheatre at World’s Fair Park. Featured in the photo above are Natalie Nettles, a senior at Farragut High School, and Catherine Driscoll, a junior at Christian Academy of Knoxville.

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on hemlock trees over the past 40 years. “My Botanical Life with Hemlocks” is a free educational program.

- **Greek Fest 2025, a three-day celebration of Greek culture,** cuisine, faith and philanthropy, will be held Sept. 26–28 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Knoxville. There will be authentic Greek dishes, live performances by award-winning Greek dancers of all ages, interactive cooking demos, dance lessons and guided tours of the restored St. George Church. There also will be a marketplace with handmade jewelry, Greek imports and festival favorites to take home. For more information, visit [www.greekfesttn.com](http://www.greekfesttn.com)
- **Fall into Dance, an essential part of GO! Contemporary Dance Works’ annual programming,** will open GO!’s 2025-26 season at Tennessee Amphitheatre in the World’s Fair Park 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](http://gocontemporarydance.com). To purchase Penny4Arts tickets, call the office at 865-539-2475.

- **Farragut High School graduating class of 1975 will host its 50th reunion** on Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. The reunion will be held at Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding, 11800 US - 11 East in Lenoir City. 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/fhnsclass-1975](http://myevent.com/fhnsclass-1975).
- **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 in need receive gifts and holiday joy during the Christmas season. Registration takes 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 ([southernusa.salvationarmy.org/Knoxville/](http://southernusa.salvationarmy.org/Knoxville/)) or interested organizations can call TSA at 865-525-9401 for more information.
- **Farragut Lions Club’s 9th annual Car Show** will take place from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 4, in JCPenney’s parking lot along Parkside Drive. The show features cars and motorcycles from vintage to new. The event is free for spectators. For more information about entering a vehicle, call 865-679-4779.

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The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut, at its meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2025, adopted the following ordinances on second and final reading:

- Ordinance 25-09 to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 109 – Signs, to clarify when signs may be removed by property owners (Town of Farragut, Applicant)

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**1. Ordinance 25-18,** an ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Investment Fund and ARPA Fund Budgets, Passed by Ordinance 25-10.

A copy of the proposed code of ordinances is available online at [www.townoffarragut.org](http://www.townoffarragut.org) or the recorder’s office for anyone who desires to examine it in advance of the hearing.

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Beer Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 5:50 PM

- I) Call to Order
- II) Approval of Minutes
- A) Approval of September 11, 2025 Minutes
- III) Beer Permit
- A) Approval of a Special Occasion Beer Permit for the St John Neuman “Harvesting for Him” Fall Festival
- B) Approval of Class 5-Off Premise Beer Permit for Publix Tennessee, LLC

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FARRAGUT BOARD OF MAYOR & ALDERMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 AT 6:00 PM  
AGENDA

- I. Roll Call, Silent Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Mayor’s Report
- V. Ordinances & Resolutions
- A. Ordinances
- 1. First Reading
- a. Approval of Ordinance 25-18, an ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Investment Fund and ARPA Fund Budgets, Passed by Ordinance 25-10.
- 2. Second Reading
- a. Approval of Ordinance 25-14 an ordinance to amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 General Fund and Capital Investment Fund Budgets, Passed by Ordinance 25-10.
- b. Approval of Ordinance 25-16, to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Section 2.104 to replace the existing section, Copies of Records and Ordinances,

- in its entirety with a new section titled Guidelines for Access to and Reproduction of Public Records and Schedule of Charges for Reproduction of Public Records
- c. Approval of Ordinance 25-17, to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 2, Administration, Division 3-Recorder; Section 2.103 Town Treasurer; to separate the roles of the Town Recorder and Town Treasurer
- B. Resolutions
- 1. Approval of Resolution R-2025-19, Revised FY2026 Fee Schedule
- VI. Business Items
- A. Appointment of South Ward Alderman
- B. Approval of the Special Event Permit for St. John Neumann Catholic Church “Mustang Miler” 5K and Fun Run, October 18, 2025.
- C. Approval of contract between the Town of Farragut and the Public Building Authority with respect to

- property management of the West Knox Senior Center
- D. Approval of Dates for the November and December Board of Mayor and Aldermen meetings.
- E. Approval of Purchase of Illuminated Street Signs from TAPCO using OMNIA Contract Number #2023-200
- F. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Cannon & Cannon, Inc. for Development of Design Plans for Culvert Replacement
- G. Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Barge Design Solutions, Inc. for Design of Sugarwood Drive Access to Kingston Pike
- H. Approval of purchase of an F-750 Regular Cab Diesel Dump Truck
- I. Approval of the Farragut Christmas Parade Route
- VII. Citizens Forum
- VIII. Town Administrator’s Report
- IX. Town Attorney’s Report

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen welcomes and invites Farragut residents to participate in public meetings.

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School	Win-Loss	Points for Game	Net Difference
Knoxville Catholic High School	3-1	13-10 L	+60
Christian Academy of Knoxville	3-2	48-21 L	+33
Hardin Valley Academy	3-2	24-7 W	+5
Concord Christian School	2-3	42-35 L	+68
Bearden High School	0-4	24-7 L	-158
Farragut High School	0-4	42-17 L	-80
Webb School of Knoxville	0-5	70-40 L	-126

# In a week of losses, HVA notches notable win

Despite defeat, KCHS remains on top of scoreboard

**KEN LAY**  
*Correspondent*

Week 5 of the 2025 high school football season is now in the rear-view mirror and the last standing unbeaten team went down to defeat in the farragutpress How the West was Won, presented by Billy Houston Group, Realty Executives.

Knoxville Catholic (3-1) returned to the gridiron after an open date in Week 4. The Irish had a 10-0 halftime lead only to see Montgomery Bell Academy score 13 unanswered points after the break to claim a 13-10 victory at Blaine Stadium.

Catholic quarterback Mack Bartholomew went 14-for-25 through the air and amassed 216 yards and threw a touchdown pass. He also rushed for 31 yards on eight carries.

University of Tennessee commit Tyreek King had six receptions for 100 yards and a TD for the Irish, which hosts Silverdale Baptist Academy in its homecoming game on Friday night.

Silverdale handed Christian Academy of Knoxville (3-2) its second loss of the 2025 campaign. The Warriors, who were playing their third consecutive road game, fell in the Chattanooga area, 48-21. Quarterback Sawyer Anderson completed 16-of-28 passing attempts for 233 yards and one touchdown.

Gabe Linkous totaled eight receptions for 123 yards and a touchdown catch.

Defensively, Kyler Cook had 11 tackles, two tackles for loss and one quarterback hurry for CAK, which returns home for its annual showdown against Webb School of Knoxville in the Battle of the Bluff this week.

The Spartans will enter Warrior Stadium in search of their first win of the season. Webb (0-5) dropped a 70-40 decision to Grace Christian Academy on Thursday in the Karns Community.

Shavar Young was a double threat offensively for Webb as he rushed for 77 yards and a score. He also had 11 receptions for 119 yards. On special teams, Young compiled 107 return yards. On defense, he sparkled as well as he forced a fumble.

Gregory Tate III was one of the top receivers in the area last week as he had 10 catches for 173 yards and a touchdown. Webb quarterback Gage Porter was 25-of-34 for 345 yards and three touchdowns through the air. Kicker Clay Fultz made a pair of field goals and was a perfect 4-for-4 on extra points.

The Battle for the Bluff is one of two rivalry games taking place this week.

Long-time rivals Bearden (0-4) and Farragut (0-5) will col-



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The Hardin Valley Academy Hawks won their first region game since 2020, defeating Bearden 24-7.

Maryville this week.

Concord Christian School (2-3) dropped a tough 35-28 decision to Middle Tennessee Christian School Friday at Blankenship Field in Oak Ridge. It was the second consecutive loss for the Lions, who have a bye this week since The King's Academy suspended its program.

CCS running back Maurice Smith had 123 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries.

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