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Dead Man’s Farm
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Philadelphia

Founded in 2009, Dead Man’s Farm originally opened in Lenoir City with just one haunted house and only a small group of volunteers. The attraction, now located in Philadelphia, has since grown exponentially, earning numerous accolades over the years.

“Each year we grew, adding new experiences, like concessions, escape games and entertainment, until it became clear we needed more space,” explained Sarah Linginfelter, who owns the property with husband Jeff. “After our 10th season, we purchased a larger farm in Philadelphia, which we call Nightfall Acres. That’s where Dead Man’s Farm has

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made some great connections, so I’m grateful for that process. “This is a very tough one because we have very, very good people,” the alderman said. “I share the sentiment that I was really hoping there wasn’t just going to be one or two people, that there was a good mix of people, and we got that, so I appreciate that. “I’ll finish my time (speaking) by nominating Joe La-

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ment would be to develop preliminary engineering plans for two alternates to provide an access road from Sugarwood Drive to CVS Pharmacy/Kingston Pike. “Barge would consider the impact of two separate options,” Smith said. “Alternate A will be an access road from Sugarwood Drive, crossing the vacant property to the east (adjacent to Kingston Pike). “Alternate B will be an access road crossing property owned by St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church,” Smith said. “Once preliminary plans for the two alignments are complete, we will have a clearer understanding of the impacts to the two properties and can determine which of the two routes is most beneficial. “Barge’s fee for preparation of the preliminary plans is \$80,000, with completion by March 31, 2026,” he said. “Upon selection of the desired route, Barge Design Solutions will submit a supplemental agreement to complete right-of-way and construction plans for the project.” “I would like to meet with these residents first before I

really been able to thrive.” The property now features two main attractions: Bludgeon Haunted House and the Lost Souls Haunted Trail, which has been completely redesigned for the 2025 season. Both attractions are aimed at immersing guests in intricate storylines with a host of eerie characters. “Dead Man’s Farm isn’t just a haunted house, it’s a full evening of fun,” Sarah said. “On top of that, everything is designed to be immersive. Our live actors and sets bring the story to life in a way that makes people feel like they’ve stepped into a live action horror movie. Combined with the authentic farm atmosphere, the crisp air, open skies, bonfires and the energy of the Halloween season, it’s an experience you just can’t find anywhere else.” Escape games, food trucks and shopping are also available on site.

Croix,” he said. Cain explained he had taken a different approach by hosting a public forum Sept. 23 to speak with candidates. He nominated Walker for the seat. Meyer also supported La-Croix. “Each candidate was impressive in bringing a unique skill set,” he said. “But the distinguishing factor was the outpouring of support Joe LaCroix received from South Ward residents and Town committee members. The open alderman seat represents them,

vote for something like this,” said South Ward Alderman Drew Burnette, who voted “no. “It makes complete sense to me,” he said. “I know Sugarwood people who live and work there, but I haven’t talked to anybody about it ... I like the idea, but I haven’t run it past anybody.” “I have to agree with Drew,” said North Ward Alderman Alex Cain, who also voted against the agreement with Barge to design an alternate. “My first thought was we had discussions with residents; we talked with the property owners, CVS and the business owners to say, ‘We’re going to investigate this.’ I’d like to hear a lot of input first from the residents and business owners.” However, “I agree with (the idea of an alternate access),” he said. “When (the new) school opens, that intersection is a disaster sometimes anyway just due to the volume of traffic, but I’d like to hear what people have to say.” “I sit in that traffic every-day,” said Vice Mayor Scott Meyer, who voted for the motion. “Every morning I sit there, and I watch the people try to pull in and out of the subdivision, and it’s chaos.”

“We’ve also added carnival games where guests can play, compete and win prizes,” Sarah said. “And brand new this year, we have a photo booth where you can take home a souvenir picture with one of our live characters.” Guests will have the opportunity to pick out their perfect pumpkin to carve at home, as well. “It all adds up to a full evening of fun, frights and fall atmosphere,” Sarah said. Dead Man’s Farm season will kick off Friday, Oct. 3, with attractions open at 7 p.m. each night through Tuesday, Nov. 1. The annual Dead Man’s Market will also be held Saturday, Oct. 11. Tickets are on sale now at deadmansfarm.com. **Narramore Farms**
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Kingston
Narramore Farms’s beginnings date back to Blake Nar-

not me, and their voices must be heard.” Williams agreed, noting La-Croix had served six years on the Town staff in the IT department and understood its operations. He also encouraged Honken and Walker to remain involved through committees. Each of the candidates brought something to the table for the alderman seat. Honken, a U.S. Army veteran, is a supply chain analyst and production scheduler who serves on the Town’s Tourism/

ramore’s childhood, where he tended to cattle and worked hayfields on his family farm in Kingston. This love of farming continued throughout his life and even into his marriage. In fact, before marrying wife Patricia, the couple would spend ample time in those same hayfields, longing to one day operate a pumpkin patch of their own. The Narramores later purchased the family property and brought that dream to life in 2015 with 1 acre of pumpkins. With a mission of “planting smiles, growing laughter and harvesting love,” Narramore Farms has successfully grown over the years to now include 10 acres of pumpkins, a 5-acre corn maze, goats, chickens and numerous family-friendly activities. “We offer over 25 fun farm attractions, including barrel train rides, horse shoes, disc golf, acres of playground fun,

photo opportunities, farm animals and much more,” said Patricia, noting that her favorite part of operating the farm is seeing families join together. “We love opening the farm up for families to experience real farm life and make memories together. It’s an amazing feeling!” Because, for the Narramores, the farm is more than just a business – it’s a way of life. “Blake and I have worked extremely hard to build our farm from the ground up,” Patricia said. “We farm the land, grow crops, tend to livestock, raise our kids here and teach them how to love their community, farm the land and grow their agritourism business as a family.” Narramore Farms’ 10th anniversary season will begin Sunday, Sept. 27, and continue through Sunday, Oct. 26. For more information, visit narramorefarms.com.

and served on the Home Occupation Committee for eight months, is semi-retired from a small business in Farragut. He also is president-elect of Rotary Club of Farragut. Wiberley, a resident since 1986, brings his more than 50 years of experience in construction and engineering, as well as coaching youth sports. LaCroix brings his 35 years of information technology experience, of which 17 were spent in municipal, state and federal government positions.



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Kat’s ribbon cutting



Tammy Cheek

Kat Mahn (with scissors) celebrates the launching of her new home-based business, Kat’s Purrfect Getaways, with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting in Farragut Community Center Tuesday, Aug. 12. Joining Mahn are her husband, Joe Mahn, to Kat’s right, and daughter, Beau Mahn to her left, and a host of Chamber members.

Elle Boutique opening



Elle Boutique owner Kristine Nicholson, left, and manager Sarah McCaul welcomed guests to the boutique during its grand opening Saturday, Aug. 1, in its Farragut location at 137 Biddle Farms Blvd. in the Town Center.

Tammy Cheek

Hemphill runs for freedom

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Josh Hemphill, principal agent/owner with Josh Hemphill State Farm, 11420 Kingston Pike, made a run for freedom Thursday, Sept. 11.

Hemphill and his team took part in the JHSF Freedom Run to observe the Sept. 11, 2001, tragedies at New York’s Twin Towers and Washington, D.C.’s Pentagon.

“We started the day with our JHSF Freedom Run, remembering the heroes lost on 9/11 and honoring the brave first responders and military who serve our communities every day,” Hemphill stated on his Facebook page. “This emotional run is more than just a run — it’s a tribute to their courage and sacrifice.”

“We invite you to show your gratitude by thanking your local police, firefighters, medical teams and military personnel,” he stated “You can also support them by sending a donation or sharing a special message of thanks. Let’s come together to honor and uplift those who protect us!”

The JHSF Freedom Run is a reaction to a freedom run previously started by Justin Dutcher.

In a later interview, Dutcher said he had just gotten into running in 2022, when he started training for the Knoxville marathon in 2023.

“I am not a social media guy, but I had caught wind that over the years, especially since the pandemic, that some people had essentially lost sight of the meaning and importance of our flag,” he said.

“It was very close to Sept. 11 when I had found this out, and I remembered, when all of that happened in 2001, I was just a third-grade kid, didn’t know much about the world, but I knew that our nation came together like something I hadn’t ever imagined,” Dutcher recalled.

“There were patriotic festivals, yellow ribbons everywhere, flags on every home.

“It was just amazing to see that no matter what background you came from and what your political beliefs were, we came together as one nation under that flag,” he said. “I wanted to somehow cultivate that feeling back to our community and, as I was leaving the house on



Photo submitted

State Farm’s Josh Hemphill, principal owner/agent for Josh Hemphill State Farm, shows his patriotic spirit as he runs in Farragut for the JHSF Freedom Run Thursday, Sept. 11.

the morning of Sept. 11, 2023, I had planned to go for a run prior to work after I dropped my kids off at school. As I passed my flag mounted on my front porch, I thought, ‘You know what, I am going to run through Powell — where I live — and on my route, I will carry that flag to hopefully show people that we can all band back together.’

“I wanted it to not only show the community it’s okay to love your flag and your country, but we also lost many lives and heroes on Sept 11. It was a great way to show love to both causes,” Dutcher said.

“So, the event stemmed from the run I had been doing, and we wanted to find a way to get the community involved,” he said.

While this was the first year holding the Freedom Run, Dutcher said the past two years he “had just run.

“Last year, we did have a small group in Oak Ridge run, then I had completed the Pow-

ell run,” he added.

Although no money was raised, “we just asked the community to somehow give back to our local fire, EMS and police,” Dutcher said.

This year, “Josh Hemphill and I completed the run,” he added. “All of our team members helped support us, take photos, etc.

“We had a great time,” Dutcher said. “We started the event at 5 a.m. in Oak Ridge at our new location on the Turnpike. Josh and I both carried our flags for a 6-mile run up and down the turnpike that started at our Oak Ridge office.

“We then split up, and I ran another 6 miles through the main areas of Powell, starting from our Powell location,” Dutcher said. “Josh went to Farragut and ran what would be our parade route for the Fourth of July.

“No significance on the mileage,” Dutcher said. “We just

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Farragut Fall Sports

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Farragut High School football and soccer photos courtesy of Carlos Reveiz, crfoto.com

Farragut Youth Football photos by Tony Cox | Farragut High School volleyball photos by Tony Christen



Farragut Youth Football: clockwise from top right are 3rd grade YAC, 4th grade YAC and two scenes from 5th grade YAC.



Farragut High School girls soccer: clockwise from left are Kennedy Dade, Ada Becker and Carina Plawchan.



Farragut High School football: clockwise from above right are Max Garfield, Ethan Farhat and Charlie Noble.



Farragut girls volleyball: from left are Hope Blackiston, Bella Ekeler and Reese Goodson (airborne).





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Lady Admirals roll Cats, on to Districts

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

Any team heading into the postseason wants to enter that part of the season playing well and on a roll.

After its final regular-season match Monday night on the road at Oak Ridge High School, Farragut High School's volleyball team can confidently say: mission accomplished.

The Lady Admirals swept

the Lady Wildcats 3-0 in a non-district match. The set scores were 25-20, 25-13, and 25-16.

FHS coach Andre Alves was happy with his team's recent play, including the "Rumble at the Rocky Top" in Gatlinburg over the weekend. The Lady Admirals made the semifinals out of 16 teams.

"Really pleased with how clean we're playing," Alves said. "We won the serving-pass battle I felt like. We're making

good decisions; we're playing together."

"They're a good team but we didn't play with any intensity," 'Cats' coach Meghan Ellis said. "We didn't communicate well; we made too many errors."

The teams traded points throughout much of the first set. A 6-2 run late in the set gave FHS a 20-13 lead. Five in a row by OR made it 20-18, but Farragut then won five of the last seven points.

The Lady Admirals dominated the second set. They led 13-3, and 20-7 behind strong serving and passing. Libero Haily Aiken's defense was air-tight, and the front line, which included setter Bella Ekeler, outside hitter Megan Frana and middle hitters Olivia Cope and Katherine Cabaniss, was effective in both kills and blocks.

Cabaniss replaced Reese Goodson, who left the match early with an ankle injury.

The third set was tight until Farragut, down 10-8, blew it open, winning 12 of the next 14 points to make it 20-12. The Lady Admirals easily closed it out from there.

"The chemistry is finally showing," Alves said. "Good outing, proud of them. Tough one to lose Resse Goodson. Hopefully we'll have her back. That would really hurt."

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Admirals down the Dawgs

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

Emotional win against an old rival



Carlos Revelz, carlos@crfoto.com

It was a football game fully worthy of an intense, decades-old rivalry.

The game had it all: quick-strike big plays, costly mistakes, stark momentum swings. When it was over, Farragut High School had clawed out a come-from-behind 25-21 win over Region 2-6A archrival Bearden High School to finally get in the win column (1-5 overall, 1-2 Region).

The Bulldogs (0-5, 0-3) remain in search of their first win.

"Obviously it's a big win," FHS coach Geoff Courtney said. "A lot of emotions, a lot of excitement. Almost a classic Farragut/Bearden game."

"I'm proud of the way we fought," said Brad Taylor, 'Dogs' coach. "Sometimes these kinds of games hurt more than when you get blown out."

In the first quarter, it looked like Farragut might run away with the game. After an opening kick return to Bearden's 30, the Admirals needed but two plays to make it 7-0. The score came on quarterback Corbin Hobson's 17-yard TD throw to Anderson Glover 47 seconds into the game.

FHS, 42, Colt Brooker (left), and FHS, 16, (right) Noah Haag, tackle BHS, 13 (helmet comes off).

After forcing a punt, FHS then got a 47-yard field goal from Ryan McCue to make it 10-0 with 5:36 left in the first.

Another three-and-out by BHS put Farragut in business on their own 46. On the drive's fourth play, Hobson again connected with Glover, this time from 27 yards to make it 16-0 with 2:04 still to play in the first.

But Bearden wasn't about to roll over. With 8:53 left in

the half, junior Paxton Parrott capped off a seven-play drive with a four-yard keeper around right end to make it 16-7.

Later in the second, the 'Dogs' Connor Gilbreath picked off Hobson with 2:54 left. On the first play of the ensuing drive, quarterback Aiden Thacker hit Grant Cross for a 52-yard score, which led to a halftime score of 16-14, Farragut.

The Bulldogs' comeback effort continued on the first drive of the second half. On the seventh play, Thacker hit a wide-open Parrott for a 38-yard TD. The Bulldogs had their first lead, 21-16, with 9:42 left in the third.

"We got out to a hot start, made several big plays early," Courtney said. "We gotta give them credit; they battled back."

"Paxton Parrott played his

butt off tonight," Taylor said. "A lot of guys ... special teams made some plays."

McCue's second field goal, this one from 39 yards, cut it to 21-19 on the first play of the fourth.

On the ensuing drive, Thacker was picked off by Glover, and the Admirals were suddenly 15 yards away from the endzone.

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Hawks get clipped by Rebels

KEN LAY
Correspondent

Hardin Valley – Hardin Valley Academy's football has accomplished plenty during the first half of the 2025 season.

The Hawks recently won their first Region 2-6A game since 2020, when they toppled Bearden on Sept. 19, and they have already tripled their win total from last season.

But HVA had a tough outing Friday night as they came up on the short end of a 45-6 decision against state powerhouse Maryville in their consecutive home game.

The Rebels (5-1 overall, 4-0 in the region) wasted little time seizing control of the contest as they scored on six of their seven possessions in the first

half and amassed 439 yards of total offense over the first 24 minutes.

The Hawks (3-3, 1-1) conversely mustered just 23 yards of total offense and one first down before halftime.

Maryville had six touchdowns in the first half on its way to opening a 42-0 lead at the break. Rebels' quarterback Will Jones was 19-for-24 through the air. He totaled 288 passing yards and threw four touchdown passes.

Maryville running back Cam Porter had 49 yards on four carries and scored one touchdown on the ground while Cohen Babely had four receptions for 75 yards and three touchdowns. He also had

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Lady Bulldogs extend winning streak

KEN LAY
Correspondent

Bearden High School continued its dominance in one of Knox County's most hotly contested girls soccer rivalries last week.

The Lady Bulldogs extended its winning streak over Farragut with a 4-1 victory Thursday night, Sept. 25 at the Farragut Soccer Stadium.

Bearden hasn't lost to Farragut since Sept. 21, 2017. The Lady Bulldogs(11-1-1 overall, 4-0-1 in District 4-AAA) has now won four consecutive matches since plating Knoxville West to a 0-0 draw on Sept. 12.

The tie represents the first blemish on Bearden's district record in nearly a decade.

Last week's match between the Lady Bulldogs and the Lady Admirals (5-5-1, 1-3-0) was a stalemate as it was locked in a 0-0

draw after the first 40 minutes.

But that all changed soon after the team's took the field after halftime.

Bearden, which controlled the tempo and enjoyed a heavy possession advantage in the first half, had 11 early scoring chances and five of those shots landed on goal. The Lady Admirals mustered only two shots in the opening half. Both, however, landed on target.

The Lady Bulldogs put their first two shots of the second half into the back of the net as Tyler Roth tallied the first marker of the match when she scored just two minutes after halftime to give Bearden a 1-0 lead.

Roth scored her second goal of the match in the 45th minute, elating Bearden coach Ryan Radcliffe.

"I was very pleased with the way that

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Lady Admirals bounce back, three-sets-to-one win over Hawks

Alves challenged team, the team executed

BILL HOWARD,
Correspondent

It was a nice bounce-back last Tuesday night for Farragut High School’s volleyball team. After losing 2-0 to Knoxville Catholic High School the night before, the Lady Admirals went again on the road to face District 4-3A foe Hardin Valley Academy.

The three-sets-to-one win over the Lady Hawks evened FHS’s district record to 3-3, 8-8 overall. FHS coach Andre Alves praised his girls’ growth from one night to the next.

“My challenge to them today was: every ball matters, every pass matters,” Alves said. “And they executed. So I couldn’t be more proud.”

“Farragut’s a really good team; they had a really good game plan,” HVA coach Eric Boden said. “We just couldn’t put the ball away.”

The Lady Hawks led 6-5 in the first set, but a 6-1 run by the Lady Admirals gave them an 11-7 lead. HVA cut it to 13-12, but FHS then won seven of eight points to lead 20-13. The teams then traded points as Farragut won it, 25-17.

Streaky scoring, so common in volleyball, was again quite evident in the second set. Down 8-5, Farragut won nine of 11 to lead 14-10. The Lady Hawks came right back with a 13-4 run to lead 23-18. It appeared the match would be tied at one set each.

“Andre had a talk with us and told how he believes in us and how we can come back,” freshman outside hitter Megan Frana said. “And everyone shifted to ‘we have to win this,’”

Come back FHS did, winning the final seven points to take the set, 25-23. The final six were served by Madelyn Cupferer.

“Seven in a row,” Boden said.

“We just couldn’t do something with the ball. We couldn’t side out (win the point while receiving).”

Scoring runs of 6-1, 5-1 and 5-0 helped the Lady Hawks take the third set, 25-21. In the fourth, the Lady Admirals led 13-11 when Bella Ekeler took the serve.

FHS’s senior setter won nine points in a row on her serve, and HVA wouldn’t recover. The match-clinching set score was 25-14.

“We had a game plan,” Alves said. “We passed really well. Bella went on that huge run of nine points. I think we had a breakthrough today.”

Frana led FHS with 12 kills while Hailey Aiken was high in digs with 16. Ekeler had 36 assists.

“If we play clean like we did today, who knows,” Alves said, referencing the upcoming district tournament.

Tony Christen

Lady Admiral, 17, Bella Ekeler watches teammate, 25, Olivia Cope hit back at HVA.

Spartans remain undefeated in 2025

DAN HARRALSON
Correspondent

Webb’s girls soccer team remains unbeaten during the 2025 regular season.

The Spartans defeated Hardin Valley Academy, 2-1, on Sept. 23 at home. Webb led, 2-0, at halftime after Simone Romain scored in the eighth minute and Mary Mac Emery scored in the 31st minute.

Webb also led Hardin Valley Academy in corner kicks, 2-0, during the first half.

Spartans’ head coach Elaine Roth discussed her team’s unbeaten start to the 2025 season.

“We battled through some early season injuries, and players were coming back into the rotation, so that certainly helps our depth,” Roth said. “I think the girls are gaining confidence at a time during the season where they need it.”

Emery is a junior and committed to Texas on Aug. 5.

“She will graduate in 2027,” Roth said of Emery. “She was voted captain by her teammates, so she is one of our

captains. She is a great leader and I think people really respect her work ethic. She gives direction, but it is in a manner that the girls like to follow. Emery is a great teammate and player.”

Romain is a sophomore in 2025 for Webb.

“Simone is one of our young and talented players,” Roth said. “She actually got quite a lot of playing time last year as a freshman. That experience helps her step into her role as a starter this year. She is one of the ones that seems to get a little more confident, a little more explosive every game.”

Webb concluded its week of competition with a, 2-0, win at Baylor on Sept. 25. Romain scored the Spartans’ first goal and was assisted by McKalie Ball, who scored the final goal and was assisted by Emerson Clarke. Lauren Newell recorded a shutout for Webb.

The Spartans are 10-0-1 with matches versus Briarcrest Christian, Knoxville Catholic and Central remaining in the regular season.



Webb led Hardin Valley Academy in corner kicks, 2-0, during the first half.

Dan Harralson

“We battled through some early season injuries, and players were coming back into the rotation, so that certainly helps our depth,”

~ **Elaine Roth,**
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Hawks
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eight carries for 43 yards as the Rebels notched their fifth consecutive victory.

Maryville, with the game's outcome no longer in question, Hudson Jamerson kicked a field goal in the second half.

The Hawks scored their lone touchdown in the fourth quarter on a 2-yard plunge by Levi Amey. The ensuing two-point conversion failed.

Defensively, Chance Sharp had a pair of late sacks for

Hardin Valley, which travels to take on Farragut (1-5, 1-2) this week at Bill Clabo Field.

Hawks' coach Tyler Wynn said he hopes his team will use Friday night's game as a learning experience.

"We good thing about playing in our league is that you get to see championship football, and you get to see it first-hand and we get to compete against it," Wynn said. "We want to be a championship team and, now, we know what it takes."

"That's all we can take from this."

Lady Bulldogs
From page 1B

we did in the second half," Radcliffe said. "I thought the first half was chaotic, which you can expect in a game like that, but I thought in the second half we came out and had a better reaction to things and trusted ourselves as a team."

Bearden would score two more goals on its way to notching yet another win over the Lady Admirals.

Jayla Blue, a University of Tennessee commitment who picked up an assist on the game's first goal, scored off a set piece as she tallied off a corner kick from Cali Motley, after emerging from a crowded goal box.

Motley scored, making it 4-0, in the 75th minute. Roth was credited with an assist on Bearden's final goal of the game.

The Lady Admirals avoided

the shutout when freshman Lucy Luckadoo scored off a corner kick from Ava Upshaw in the 77th minute.

Despite the loss Farragut coach Jessie Stephens Burkhart was pleased with her side's effort in the first half.

"I thought we came out and executed the game plan we had in the first half," Burkhart said, "We were telling the girls that we weren't just mentally all in it the whole game."

"And when you have mental lapses like that, it's really hard to beat teams as disciplined and as strong as Bearden is."

For the Lady Bulldogs, it was a big win.

"It's a big win, obviously a win in a rivalry game," Radcliffe said. "It's always a fun game to be a part of."

"They have a lot of talent and skill out there and they have some girls that can really play."

Lady Admirals
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Cabaniss was high for FHS with six kills. Teagan Williams led with eight digs. Ekeler had 17 assists and four aces. Cope and Cabaniss each had two blocks.

"I feel like we're finally starting to come together, which is perfect because it's just in time for districts," said Ekeler, re-

ferring to next week's District Tournament. "I thought we played super-clean, handled the ball well. This gives us some confidence going into the tournament."

The Lady Admirals enter the District Tournament 10-8, 4-2 District. Their first match, at Maryville High School will be Tuesday at 5 p.m. against West High School.



Admirals
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On first and goal from the five, Noah Haag ran it in, and with 9:33 left in the game, FHS again led, 25-21.

Bearden was forced to punt on its next possession, and the Admirals were then able to run out the clock.

Thacker was 15 of 27 for 197 yards, two scores and a pick. FHS running back Nathan Jacobs rushed for 140 yards on 15 carries but left the game injured. The Admirals ground out 260 overall.

"Our guys were resilient, we kept our composure in the second half," Courtney said.



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Top: FHS, 14, Nathan Jacobs, runs long. **Above:** FHS, 20, Connor Parris, tackles BHS, 4.

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Friends on the Field

FHS seniors host field event for special needs students

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Seniors in a Farragut High School leadership class have reached out to provide a special day for classmates by

hosting Friends on the Field Friday, Sept. 19, in FHS's baseball stadium.

"It was a fun event dedicated to FHS's special needs students who got to participate in football, kickball and wiffle-

ball," said Noah Haag, a member of a senior team, which is part a Leadership 3 class. "The sparkle squad was there to cheer everyone on. There also were many senior athletes, helping them out with various stations and games.

"We decided to host this event for the special education students in our school because we wanted them to have a memorable experience that celebrated each of them," he said. "There are some people in our school who may not know how amazing these students are.

"No matter the disability, they are just like us: human beings," Haag said. "Getting to know all of them on a personal level has been such a blessing

to my life.

"I'm sure others in my leadership class would say the same thing," he said. "I hope this event becomes an annual tradition at Farragut."

Haag explained the event was a Leadership 3 class project but was not assigned by the teacher.

"Our committee — the All-Stars Committee — created this event and planned everything with the help of administrators and fellow classmates to make it successful," he said. "We did not get a grade for it, but at the end of the semester each of us will have a portfolio that shows our leadership and service to the school and community."

Haag explained Leadership 3

is class "that is all about learning how to be a stronger leader and contributing to our school and community.

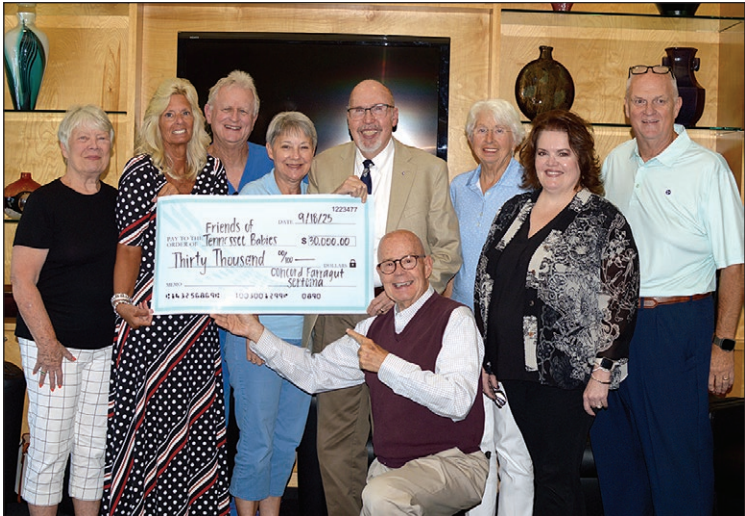
"There are a few committees in the class," he said. "Friends on the Field is an event my committee and I — The All Star Committee — came up with. The other members in my group are Moses Burnett, Ella Schlomer and Alexa Shrader.

"We decided to do this event to support the special ed kids in our school," Haag said. "We organized a bunch of games, like football, wiffle ball and kickball, for them to enjoy.

"Our committee in charge of the event but other classmates

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Sertoma Club presentation



Tammy Cheek

Concord-Farragut Sertoma Club members presented a \$30,000 donation to Friends of Tennessee Babies with Special Needs representatives. "This was our 35th Annual Lindsey Nelson Memorial Golf Tournament and our largest donation from funds raised from the event, Sertoma Club member Angela Harvey said. On hand for the presentation were, from left: club members Sheila Thompson, Michelle Carr, Eric Himmelrich; Friends of Tennessee executive director Babies Robin Hamrick and FOTB executive director/emeritus Don Thompson; and club members, Ray Wells, Janice Williams, Harvey and Todd Bolinger. Club members not pictured were Teena Harness, Nikki Stansell, Cecil Anderson and Ron Zuker.

Rotary Club searching for Hidden Hero

Rotary Club of Farragut has called for nominations from the community for the 2025 Hidden Hero Award to recognize an unsung hero in Knox County community who goes out of his or her way to help others.

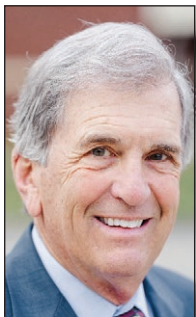
"The Hidden Hero Award is our way to honor an individual in our community who exemplifies the Rotary motto of 'Service Above Self,'" RCF president Candace Viox said.

Anyone may nominate an individual for the Hidden Hero Award; however, "nominees must live, work or render service in Knox County and

demonstrate a strong commitment to service to others," RCF member Thomas Woodberry said.

N o m i - nees do not have to be a member of Rotary.

To nominate a p e r s o n as a Hidden Hero, "complete a brief form e x p l a i n - ing why you think that person deserves special recognition and showing examples of that



Levy

person's service," he said. "The form can be completed in minutes and is available at bit.ly/46uLPKL.

Last year's Hidden Hero was Farrell Levy, a Farragut attorney who founded The Dream Connection, an all-volunteer nonprofit that has made dreams come true for more than 1,100 children suffering life-threatening illnesses.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, Oct. 15. Farragut Rotary Club will announce the award winner in November.

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obituary

Arnold Lee Lane (Arnie), 89, of Farragut, TN, went to be with Jesus, his Lord and Savior, September 26, 2025. Preceded in death by his parents, Bonnie and Glenn Lane. Arnold is survived by his loving wife, Gail “Estee” Lane; daughter Andrea Montgomery and her husband, Craig Montgomery; grandchildren Conner Montgomery and Allison Montgomery; sister Jo Greene.



Lane

Arnold attended Alcoa High School where he was voted most valuable player on the state championship football team in his senior year. A few years later he met Gail, the love of his life, and they were married for over 63 years. He was a salesman by trade (cars and boats professionally, and anything you can imagine in the many garage sales he had over the years). He had ownership in a Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Hickory, NC for a few years, but lived the vast majority of his life in his beloved East Tennessee. He was a fan of all things Tennessee sports and loved motor sports. He was an accomplished table tennis player and competed strongly with nationally ranked players in his age group, including a national champion who happened to live locally. He also enjoyed shooting pool and was an expert in the rules (and was quick to invoke them when his opponent ran afoul of one).

Arnold had a variety of hobbies over the years and was quite the handyman. He was a wizard with engines and could

fix absolutely anything. If there was a tool he didn’t have (or didn’t exist), he would just make whatever he needed. He modified his speed boat extensively and achieved a certified speed of 110 mph in it (much beyond its stock capacity) on the Tennessee River. In his later adulthood he became an avid cyclist until a serious crash – at age 75 – led him to stop riding.

Arnold never met a stranger. He lived in the same house in Farragut since 1982 and there wasn’t a neighbor who ever lived in or near his cul-de-sac who didn’t shoot pool or play table tennis with him, or borrow a tool from him (or all the above) at one time or another. And he befriended people from all over his neighborhood who happened to walk by his yard when he was outside working. Many kindly stopped by to check on him in his final days. About a week before Arnold passed, his mail carrier noticed all the cars in the driveway and was concerned, so he walked Arnold’s mail to the door and came inside to give him a hug, a most fitting testament to the kind of man Arnold was (not to mention the kind of man his mail carrier is). He will be sorely missed by his family and his many friends.

Family and friends will gather for graveside services and interment on Wednesday, October 1, at 11:00am in Grandview Cemetery, 2304 Tuckaleechee Pike, Maryville, TN 37803.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Handyman Ministry at First Baptist Church, Concord, 11704 Kingston Pike, Farragut, TN 37934. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street in Lenoir City, is in charge of arrangements. clickfuneralhome.com

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



Knoxville Ski & Outing Club Hosts Member Appreciation Night

The Knoxville Ski & Outing Club gathered at Concord Yacht Club on Friday, September 26, for a Member Appreciation Night to thank its members. Attendees enjoyed a happy hour and dinner while connecting one-on-one and reviewing upcoming trips and events.

Founded in 1964, the club is dedicated to fostering camaraderie through outdoor activities and social gatherings. Members enjoy happy hours, holiday parties, and travel opportunities to ski and cultural destinations.

This season’s trip lineup includes Steamboat and Crested Butte in Colorado, Heavenly in Nevada, as well as international destinations like Portugal and Austria.

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• **St. John Neumann Catholic Church and School are celebrating autumn** with their annual Mustang Miler 5K and Fun Run and Harvesting for Him fall festival, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 18-19, at the church, 645 St. John Court in Farragut.

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Board of Mayor and Aldermen, SJN event organizer Patrick Wade stated he expects 125 participants and 25 spectators.

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obituary

Emmit Steven Boone, age 79, of Lenoir City, Tennessee, passed away Sunday afternoon, September 21, 2025, at his home. He was a member of Parkwest Church of God, active with the “Young at Heart Group,” and an Usher for many years.

He and his deceased wife, Linda Boone, moved to Tennessee from California in 1992. Emmit was a long-standing member of Trinity Christian Center in Artesia, active in the Youth ministry and an Usher for many years.

Emmit was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Linda, and his two infant daughters, Kimberly Sue and Brianna.

Emmit is survived by his wife of 13 years, Judy; daughter Candace Viox (Richard Rinehart); four grandchildren, Alexis Monnin (Kyle Monnin), Jimmy Viox III, Cabrin Viox, and Sydney Viox; his brother Robert Dale Jones (Rita Jones); and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He worked for Toyota of Knoxville for over twenty years, after which he retired. He was loved by his colleagues. Emmit was known at work for teaching about Jesus, praying for anyone who asked, and attending their weekly Men’s bible study, even after he retired.

Emmit was always a kind, happy, and smiling man. He would stop and talk to you, and you could always hear him coming by the rattle of the 20+ keys on the side of his pants. He always had his Roloids and a hankie in his pocket, and he would tear up easily. He had such a soft soul. Emmit loved Butter Pecan & Rocky Road ice cream. He also enjoyed candy jelly beans, See’s chocolates, and black licorice. He loved God and the United States of America, and he loved wearing his large collection of hats. His favorite song was “The Old Rugged Cross,” and old hymns were his favorite to listen to.

Everyone will remember his love of ALL sports, well, except Basketball. His favorite baseball team was the An-

gels, even though they may not be good. “There’s always next year” he would say. His favorite football team was the Oklahoma Sooners. Faithful to his teams, Emmit sure was. He could talk about stats, players, teams, coaching mishaps- you name it. He loved playing golf and church softball, and he also loved to bowl and play pool with his family.

He was a very loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Emmit was a strong man of prayer. He spent more time on his knees praying than most people do in their entire lives. Emmit was always responsible for reading the Christmas story on Christmas morning. He always carved the Turkey and helped feed large groups of people and first responders on Thanksgiving Day at Water into Wine.

Emmit loved everyone and modeled being “Christ-like” with strong conviction. We know he heard “Well done, My good and faithful servant” when his spirit returned to God (Ecclesiastes 12:7) and was greeted by family and friends who were already in God’s presence. He fought the good fight and finished his course on this earth. Emmit is well, at peace, and no longer in pain.

A special thanks to his nieces, Becky Friley and Brandi Hood, for their support and visits during his time of pain in his last weeks of life. Emmit also wanted Bobby Jones mentioned for his kindness over the years.

Emmit’s daughter and granddaughters are hosting a “Receiving of Friends Ceremony” at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 16, at Clicks Funeral Home Chapel in Farragut, Tennessee. This will be followed by the sharing of celebratory stories from family and friends at 7 p.m.



Boone

Planner
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accommodate way more than the number that attend,” Wade stated.

The event continues with the Harvesting for Him festival, which will take place from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 19, behind the church. It includes carnival games, food trucks, inflatables and more.

Wade stated he expects about 350 people to attend.

For more information, call Wade, 865-777-3410.

• Pinnacle Turkey Creek announces Harvest Jam, a

fall celebration for the whole family, will take place Thursday, Oct. 30, from 5 to 8 p.m. Guests can enjoy a lively evening of seasonal fun, interactive activities, local vendors and festive trick-or-treating throughout the property.

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Field friends
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are helping make it successful,” he said. “We also have few parent volunteers helping us and some senior athletes. “We invited the whole student body to support this event to see how amazing these students are,” Haag said. “It’s not just about the sports and events they’re enjoying; it’s about building a great community within Farragut High School and making sure everyone has a great time with each other. We’re all Admirals.” What did the team learn?

“Our committee learned several things,” he answered. “We found out that planning events takes a lot of dedication, hard work and patience; but most importantly, that it’s all about the people we are doing the event for. It’s not about us. “This (project) has made me a better leader because while planning this event, our committee had to make a lot of changes, pivot in many different directions and show flexibility in order to make this event a success,” Haag said. “Leaders have to be patient but also be willing to attack what lies ahead of them.”



Tammy Cheek
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Irish bounce back, Ads notch a win



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FHS, 16, Noah Haag, and 42, Colt Brooker, tackle BHS Bulldogs, 13. The Admirals outlasted the Bulldogs, 25-21, in the battle for Kingston Pike bragging rights.

KEN LAY
Correspondent

Week 6 of the 2025 high school football season is now in the rear-view mirror in the farragutpress How the West was Won presented by Billy Houston Group, Realty Executives. The 2025 season has now passed the halfway point for point for all area teams.

Knoxville Catholic (4-1), which suffered its first loss of the 2025 campaign in Week 5, falling to Montgomery Bell Academy, found its way back into the win column Friday night with a 55-21 victory over Silverdale Baptist Friday night at Blaine Stadium.

Irish quarterback Mack Bar-

tholomew threw for two touchdowns and ran for two more as the Irish knocked Silverdale from the ranks of the unbeaten.

University of Tennessee commit Tyreek King had five receptions for 104 yards and two TD's for the Irish, who travel to Ensworth this week for a key Division II Class AAA game in the Midstate.

Christian Academy of Knoxville (4-2) routed Webb School of Knoxville, 49-14, in the 2025 edition of the Battle of the Bluff last week.

With the loss, the Spartans dropped to 0-6 on the season.

For the Warriors, running back Ryan Gibson rushed for 221 yards and four touchdowns on 33 carries. Gabriel Link-

ous starred on both sides of the ball for CAK as he hauled in four receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown. Defensively, he totaled eight tackles and deflected three passes.

Webb's Shavar Young scored two touchdowns as his team continued to struggle in 2025.

CAK will return home Friday night after three road games to face Chattanooga Christian School for another key Division II-AA East Region showdown.

The Spartans, meanwhile, will head to Chattanooga to face Notre Dame in a region tilt.

In the other area rivalry game contested last week, Farragut went on the road and

picked up its first win of the 2025 campaign at Bearden's Bill Young Field. The Admirals outlasted the Bulldogs, 25-21, in the battle for Kingston Pike bragging rights.

With the loss, Bearden remained winless and dropped to 0-5.

Farragut's Anderson Glover had a pair of touchdown receptions. He also nabbed an interception on defense. Running back Nathan Jacobs had 16 carries for 154 yards.

Bearden's Grant Cross had six receptions for 95 yards and a touchdown while quarterback Aidan Thacker amassed 202 passing yards and had two touchdowns while lofting an interception. Paxton Parrott

scored two touchdowns for the Bulldogs.

On defense, Liam Powers came up with 12 tackles and four tackles for loss.

Bearden will travel to Oak Ridge this week while the Admirals play host to Hardin Valley Academy at Bill Clabo Field.

The Hawks (3-3) had a tough week on the gridiron as they dropped a 45-6 decision to Maryville at home. Chance Sharp had two sacks for Hardin Valley and Levi Amey had a 2-yard touchdown run.

Concord Christian School (2-3) had an open date last week. The Lions play Providence Academy out of Johnson City this week.

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