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Thank you all for what you do. We have lived in the western part of Kingsgate for a long time and there are two new bumps on Midhurst and two on the new Red Mill Lane. The Town did such a good job of paving and now these are not speed bumps, these are killer, killer car bumps. I have not talked to any one human

who is pleased with it. Those things are terrible. They call speed bumps on the east end of Midhurst and on the north end of Red Mill Lane. They need to be fixed and changed. Please, it's just terrible to go over there and your car shakes apart. Some car is going to be really hurt. Please get them to fix this. Thank you so much.

KCSO policereports

- On Oct. 5 a complainant reported that a check was stolen from the outside box at the Farragut Post Office on Municipal Center Drive. The check, for \$3,706.70, was originally written to Elan Financial Services; the payee was later changed while the amount remained the same. The complainant was advised to contact her bank to learn where the check was cashed.
- A complainant reported a wallet theft between 12:30 and 1:24 p.m. Nov. 2 at a grocery store on Brooklawn Street after a man distracted her with

a question and she later discovered the wallet missing, deputies wrote. Reported losses included a wallet, about \$60 in cash, identification and multiple credit or debit cards.

• On Nov. 10 at 11:31 a.m. Knox County Sheriff's deputies arrested a suspect at a residence on Sunview Circle on three misdemeanor failure-to-appear warrants connected to theft cases, according to an incident report. No use of force was reported, and the suspect was transported to the detention facility without incident.

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Station Road.

Also, Campbell Station Skate returns to Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza with a new 40-by 50-foot synthetic ice rink, which will operate from Monday, Nov. 22 to Sunday, Jan. 4.

For more information and to make reservations, see visit-farragut.org/events.

Additionally, "Holiday Tree Village is a new addition to Light the Park festivities," a Town press release stated. "A forest of evergreens, decorat-

ed by local groups and businesses, will fill the green space behind Campbell Station Inn from Sunday, Nov. 28, through Thursday, Jan. 1."

Light the Park continues every evening starting at dusk from Tuesday, Nov. 25, through Thursday, Jan. 1. There will be entertainment and giveaways from local vendors, as well as food trucks at Founders Park many evenings through Tuesday, Dec. 23. A calendar of scheduled activities can be found under Farragut News at townoffarragut.org.

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sign campaign, giving those in hidden shopping centers the chance to share their holiday messages with travelers on Kingston Pike," Viox said.

Participating businesses are asked to "send us your holiday activities/sales/ and in-store promotions, which we will include in our Shop Farragut e-mails, social media posts and on our website," Scott added.



Photo submitted

Shop Farragut Town Sampler

Farragut resident Jessica Thomas brought her boys, Hudson and Weston, along to collect her SHOP FARRAGUT TOWN SAMPLER prize winnings for the month of October. She is delighted to accept her bag of goodies from Shrimp Dock fishmonger, Stephen Paisley. You, too, can join Jessica in the winner's column by entering the November contest at <https://wflv.com/contests/73/shop-farragut-november-2025>

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he added. “The purpose of this study is to look for ways to enhance the movement of freight in these areas; it’s to improve travel time for folks who are trying to get to and from their destinations; it’s to accommodate for current and future travel patterns.

“We’re also looking at improvements in terms of congestion,” Nagi said. “We see so much congestion along this corridor.

However, “the most important thing here is to improve safety,” he added. “We’ve had so many people who have moved into East Tennessee over the past 10, 20 years. You know, the secret’s kind of out about what a great place this is to live.

“But, the down side of that is that everyone is bringing their own vehicle,” Nagi said. “So, our transportation network obviously needs to have some adjustments to be able to accommodate all the people who have moved into our area and the increased traffic that we have here, and that’s a big reason why we’re doing what we’re doing right now.”

Already, TDOT also has related some existing design deficiencies in the corridor:

- Acceleration lanes are too short — drivers cannot reach appropriate speeds and have difficulty merging.
- Bridge clearance is less than 16.5 feet, restricting permitted over-height commercial and military vehicle movements and creating increased risk of bridge strikes.
- Curve radius is too small, creating potential for lane departures and overturned trucks.
- Interchange spacing: there is insufficient distance between interchanges, creating choke point with reduced space for weaving and slowing

down traffic flow.

“I’d like to see the core problems fixed,” Mayor Ron Williams said in reference to traffic and stormwater drainage.

He pointed out the flooding along areas near the interstate, such the pooling occurring at the North Campbell Station interchange, as well as the area near McKay’s books along Weisgarber, which also floods when there is rain, and a “puddle” at Lovell Road.

“You ever see that picture of that woman standing on that mini van where it was underneath the (North) Campbell Station exit?” Williams asked. “Don’t you think that needs to be fixed when it floods?

“We’ve got a lot of flooding going on, not only in our Town, but when you go across the whole 17, 18 miles through there — Cedar Bluff, they’ve got flooding there,” the mayor said. “Everywhere you go along this corridor, you’ve got flooding. That needs to be fixed.

“Everybody thinks this is a road study, but it’s an environmental study,” he said. “That’s where the money came from in order to do the study, so there’s a little bit of misconception about this.”

Some of the improvements being considered are a choice lane and moving the weight scales.

“I guess, additional lanes are the way to do it,” Mann suggested as an improvement. “There’s just too much traffic — two interstates jumbled together. They really should be separated, but I don’t think they can do that now.

“But if they can add some lanes, do something with the exits to help traffic flow better, that would be awesome,” he added. “It’s a mess right now, as you know.”

Town Calendar

Campbell Station Skate

11/22/25

Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza

101 N Campbell Station Road, Farragut

A synthetic ice rink, nestled in the heart of Town, is surrounded by a dazzling display of holiday lights. Campbell Station Skate will be open from Nov. 22 through Jan. 3. This year there will be a food truck stationed at the ice rink on the weekends from 4 to 8 p.m.

For more information such as hours of operation and a link to purchase tickets, go to visit-farragut.org/event/campbell-station-skate/

Countdown to Light the Park

11/24/25

5:30 to 7 p.m.

Founder’s Park

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Wild is coming back to Farragut

Staff Reports
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“We’re bringing something wild back to Farragut,” owner John McFarland stated in a social media report about re-opening Wild Wings Café at its former location in Farragut.

After being closed for four years, the restaurant is scheduled to re-open in December at 11335 Campbell Lakes Road. It follows the closing of its Johnson City location, which had been operating since 2016.

“After years of working toward this goal, we’re so excited to be truly and fully locally owned and operated.”

~ John McFarland, owner Wild Wings Café



Photo submitted

Wild Wings Café, which originally opened in 2016, is expected to return in December at its original location at 11335 Campbell Lakes Road in Farragut.

“Our staff has been given the opportunity to seek employment within our management company while we prepare for the next chapter of this building on Campbell Lakes Drive,” he stated. “From our staff, to our vendors and guests who have been both old friends and new, we are so grateful to the many people who have helped

bring this concept to life.” However, about re-opening Wild Wings Café, “after years of working toward this goal, we’re so excited to be truly and fully locally owned and operated,” McFarland recently stated in social media reports. He also announced his Knoxville locations officially separated from their former

franchise group to operate independently. The original Wild Wings Café business opened in 2007 as the group’s original location in Knoxville, followed by a second restaurant in 2018 in Powell. Reflecting on the Wild Wings Café, he stated, “In our many wild years in Farragut, we’ve

done everything from wakeboarding on the pond to discovering musicians who went on to tour the world. “Looking back on those days has made us even more focused and excited about bringing back Farragut’s home of hot wings, cold beer and good times.”

Harvest Fest

At Harvest Fest on Sunday, Oct. 26, attendees had a chance to meet FBA’s incoming executive director Vic Scott, left, who will man the helm after current executive director Steve Krempasky, right, retires in November.

Tammy Cheek



business briefs

• Johnson Architecture is celebrating a new official architect at the firm as intern architect Debbie McCarter successfully completes licensure. McCarter has contributed to many successful projects, including the new Carriage House spa and Meeting House at RT Lodge.



McCarter


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the Town).”

At 18, he enrolled in the U.S. Air Force Academy, straight out of Billings West High School, Billings, Montana, in June 1995.

Sheffield remembered his parents were supportive of his decision.

“I didn’t grow up in a military family,” he said. “Neither of my parents served.”

His grandparents served in World War II and the Korean War, but “I didn’t have a direct long military legacy in my family,” Sheffield reflected.

Still, he said, the academy offers “a tremendous education. It’s a very selective school, so to be able to get into that school and know that there’s great opportunities on the other side of finishing that program, they were very supportive of that.

“And over the years, they had lots of opportunities to visit me in different parts of the world.”

Sheffield’s inspiration to join started when he was 9 or 10 years old and his family took a road trip from Billings to see family in the Dallas, Texas, area.

“At one point, we stopped in Colorado Springs, Colorado, ... we drove to the U.S. Air Force Academy, which is right there,” he recalled. “My parents let me just see the place as a tourist, if you will, and that stuck with me.

“I will tell you, from the age 9 or 10, I knew I was going to be in the Air Force, and I was going to go to the U.S. Air Force Academy,” Sheffield said. “That was my plan. Of course, that worked out.”

He graduated from the academy in June 1999 and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

“I commissioned into a career field called security forces,” Sheffield said.

He explained its job is to secure and protect Air Force bases in any environment.

“In the United States, that means that they are the guys who stand on the perimeter and make sure people who come on the base have authority and privilege to be there,” Sheffield said. “They are the folks who do all the law enforcement on the base. They are the folks who provide security for those airplanes and those weapons systems on the base.”

In overseas environments, such as a combat zone — Iraq, Afghanistan or Syria, he said, “they are the folks who might do that same role but, as you might imagine, it’s a different environment.

“You’re not protecting against a wayward Coca-Cola delivery driver who goes to the wrong place,” Sheffield said. “You’re protecting against Al Qaeda or ISIS or whatever threat happens to exist in the area you’re operating.”

He deployed to combat zones twice: Iraq in 2007 and Afghanistan in 2010. Aside from those deployments, from where he went temporarily then went home, Sheffield also had four overseas assignments, from where he was physically assigned on a base. He spent a year in South Korea; a year at a small counter narcotics location in Ecuador; three years in Germany, where he was on the staff of the U.S. Africa Command; and a year in Turkey.

In the combat zones, “by virtue of the operating environment we had in both of those countries, there was no rear area — there was no front line (where the combat action is),” he said. “In both cases (Iraq and Afghanistan), those bases were subject to rocket and mortar attacks, perimeter incursions and perimeter attacks.

“You had constant threat of a car bomb or sniper attacks from perimeter,” he said. “But, I can say that at no point did I ever feel that I was directly being targeted. I didn’t feel that someone was actually shooting at me, per se.”

However, “there were definitely times when rockets and mortars impacted much closer to me than I would have liked,” Sheffield said. “I had a couple times where rocket or mortar landed certainly close enough that it would rattle everything in the room, knock things off the shelves, shook all the lights.”

Still, “I was not out in direct combat, fighting against forces,” he added.

Over the course of his career, Sheffield commanded three squadrons. In that role, he wore multiple hats but “in the most basic sense, I was the chief of police for three different military bases,” he said.

Sheffield also was the senior anti-terrorism officer on the base, looking at external threats, and he was the deputy commander of a security

group guarding the Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles, (nuclear missiles) at Minot Air Force Base in North Dakota.

While on the staff of the Africa Command, he was responsible for protection operations, “so when U.S. units were planning to go to Africa to do our country’s bidding, we would build them the plan they would go execute and the portions of the plan that had to do with protecting that force when it went into Africa.”

Most notably, in 2014, Sheffield said there was a massive Ebola outbreak in western Africa.

“United States Africa Command was tasked by the president to help those countries fight Ebola in their countries

and eradicate it and get those countries in a position they could take care of it themselves,” he said.

Sheffield’s office built the plan of how it would send a couple thousand American troops to Africa to set up clinics and logistics chains to help those countries help fight that disease.

“My office planned portions of the plan to protect Americans on the ground in that country,” he said.

Additionally, Sheffield was on the air staff of the Pentagon, which is the headquarters staff of the U.S. Air Force, where he was director of policy for security and anti-terrorism law enforcement for the Air Force.

In his final role with the Air Force, just before retiring, he was vice commander of support at Vandenberg Space Force Base in California, which was created in 2019 and launched rockets into space. He started that role in 2021.

Sheffield is married to Elizabeth, and they have three daughters, Olivia, Layla and Lainey.

He met Elizabeth when he was stationed F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming, then later married in 2005, when Sheffield was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Sheffield’s daughters subsequently were born while stationed at different bases.

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- *Don’t forget about required withdrawals.* If you’re 73 or older, you’ll need to take your required minimum distribution from traditional retirement accounts to avoid a 25% penalty on any amount you should have withdrawn but didn’t. This rule also applies to some people who inherited retirement accounts, including certain Roth accounts.

- *Use your flexible spending money.* Got money sitting in a flexible spending account at work? Remember, these accounts follow a “use it or lose it” rule. Check with your HR department about your plan’s specific deadlines for spending the money and submitting receipts. Whether it’s that dental work you’ve been putting off or new prescription glasses you need, now’s the time to use those funds before they disappear.

- *Boost your retirement savings.* Consider ramping up your pretax retirement contributions before year-end. Not only will this help your future self, but it might also reduce your current tax bill. If your workplace plan allows it, you can even set up automatic increases for next year so you won’t have to remember to do it later.

- *Share the wealth through gifting.* In 2025, the current tax rules let you give family or friends up to \$19,000 per person without affecting your lifetime gift tax exemption. Married couples can combine their allowances to give up to \$38,000 per person. Plus, you can pay someone’s tuition or medical bills directly without these payments counting against your gift limits at all.

- *Navigate new tax changes.* The recently passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act has made several tax provisions permanent, including lower individual tax rates and higher standard deductions. However, it also introduces new changes that might affect your situation. It’s worth sitting down with a financial advisor or tax professional to understand how these updates impact your specific circumstances.

- *Examine your investments.* Take some time to review your investment portfolio. Ask yourself: Did your investments perform as expected this year? Do they still match your goals and comfort level with risk? You might need to rebalance things to get back on track.

- *Build up your emergency fund.* It’s ideal to have enough cash saved to cover three to six months of living expenses in an easily accessible account. This safety net can prevent you from having to raid your retirement savings when unexpected expenses pop up.

- *Review your estate planning documents.* This is especially important if you’ve had major life changes like marriage, divorce or a new baby. Don’t forget to check the beneficiary designations on all your bank and brokerage accounts as well as life insurance policies – these often override what’s written in your will.

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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



NHC Fall Festival Delivers Fun
for Residents and Families

The NHC Fall Festival was a hit with residents and families alike. NHCPlace Farragut and NHC Cavette Hill pulled out all the stops to create a lively and festive celebration. Guests enjoyed classic fall activities that ranged from cake walks and apple bobbing to bean bag toss. The highlight of the day was the hay ride, which quickly became a resident favorite. The event brought out plenty of smiles and a strong sense of community, and everyone left feeling energized and connected.

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They gave it their all

Admirals season comes to an end

Bill Howard
Correspondent

When Farragut High School’s football team traveled to Kingsport last Friday night to take on Dobyns Bennett High School in the first round of the TSSAA 6A State Playoffs, it was easy to think the Admirals had little chance.

Not only was the game on the road, but DB – top seed in Region 1 – had a record of 9-1. FHS – fourth seed in Region 2 – managed only three wins in the regular season.

Someone must have forgotten to tell the Admirals at what a disadvantage they were. They did lose the game, 27-21, but forced the Indians to go into overtime in order to win. Farragut – down 14 in the second half and seemingly out of it – stormed back to tie the game in regulation.

Admirals’ coach Geoff Courtney was rightly proud of the way his boys wouldn’t quit.

“I’m extremely proud of the fight our team displayed on Friday night,” Courtney said. “We battled on every play, overcame adversity throughout the game and pushed the Region 1 champions into overtime.”

FHS took a 7-0 lead on the game’s opening drive when quarterback Corbin Hobson scored on a fourth-down, 1-yard run with 6:30 left in the first.

The Indians tied it at 7 with 8:02 left in the half

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Photos Carlos Reveiz, carlos@crfoto.com

Top: On the left, senior, 16, Noah Haag, being consoled by his dad. On the right, 29, Brenton Haag, being consoled by his mother. **Above:** FHS, 12, Zain Kureshi-Smith, breaks up DB’s long pass attempt late in the game, rain pouring!

Admirals national-bound

Michelle Hollenhead
Correspondent

Farragut Middle and High School dance teams once again are national-bound with their respective first-place wins in the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association competition held in the Knoxville Convention Center Friday, Nov. 7.

Each team won first place in jazz, and both were first runner up in pom, noted five-year coach Macy Brink, who has guided both teams to first-place state victories during her tenure.

“It really is a testament to the hard working girls we have on both teams,

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Photo submitted

State Champion Farragut High School dance team members, front row from left: coach Macy Brink, Emma Kate Kilpatrick, Sydney Derr, Natalie Mahoney, Cassidy Stickley, Mary Aspin Scott, Lydia Finnegan and assistant coach Victoria Norris. Back row, from left, Paisley van Iant, Mary Ella Wendell, Caroline Seagraves, Sarah Shoup, Natalee Mack, Rylee Chronis and assistant coach Brenna Bocik.

CAK, Irish advance in playoffs

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Three local private high school football teams began the TSSAA Division II playoffs last week. The Class

AAA and AA representatives won while the Class A team lost.

The No. 4 East seed in AA, Christian Academy of Knoxville hit the road to Middle Tennessee to play No. 4 West seed Goodpasture Thursday, Nov. 6 and came away with a 42-35 win.

“It was the first road Division II playoff win in school history,” said Warriors head coach

Chad Speck. “And we got that win on a short week.”

Running back Ryan Gibson rushed for 253 yards on 29 attempts and scored twice.

Quarterback Seaton Moffett made seven completed passes, fired three touchdown strikes and had 130 yards passing. Receiver Gabriel Link-rever had four catches, two for TDs. Collin Crider had a 34-yard scoring catch.

Standing out on the Warriors’ defense was Marvin Wyrosdick, who had five solo tackles and 13 assisted stops and forced one fumble.

CAK improved its record to 7-4, while Goodpasture ended its season at 7-4.

KCHS 21 CBHS 18
Knoxville Catholic hit the road to Memphis to play Christian Brothers, the No. 4 seed in the West in AAA. KCHS held on to win 21-18, Friday, Nov. 7.

Irish junior quarterback Mack Bartholomew fired touchdown passes to Tyreek King, who had 100 yards receiving in the first half alone.

Casen Jenkins caught a TD pass from 26 yards in the fourth quarter.

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Spartans, Irish sweep top two at championship

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Memphis — A pair of area high school girls cross country teams swept the top two team spots at the 2025 TSSAA Division II Class AA Championships last week.

Webb School of Knoxville won the team championship at Shelby Farms Park.

The Lady Spartans’ Calysta Garner won the individual state championship as she completed the 5,000-meter course in 17 minutes, 5.62 seconds.

Four of Webb’s scoring runners finished inside the top-10. Jazzlyn Garner came in third as she posted a time of 17:30.34. Carolina Areheart finished fourth (18:07.40) and Emma Cissna was ninth (19:01.41). Ariana Vargas rounded at the scoring for the Lady Spartans. She took 16th place (19:27.35).

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State Champion Farragut Middle School dance team members are, front row from left: Francesca Wilson, Harper Mills, Shea Tafazzoli, Katie Beth Swaggerty, Emmaline Wendell and Lila Spencer. Middle row, from left: assistant coach Laura Warrington, Maddie Horton, Leighton Upshaw, Lillie Jones, Maddie Reed, Lily Tomiko, Ava Kate Taylor, Emery Campbell, sponsor Elizabeth Wilson; and back row from left, coach Macy Brink, Kennedy Prosan, Parker Miller, Layla Schaerer, Brooklyn Knight, Rylee Mack, Audrey McCaleb, Caitlyn Stickley, Sophie Pennekamp and assistant coach Brenna Bocik.

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and how perfectly they execute,” Brink said during a telephone interview Sunday, Nov. 9.

“The girls are just incredible young women, who are not only amazing athletes, but also exhibit humility, generosity and great support of one another,” she added. “I could not be more proud of them.”

Brink said the state wins “are just the first step in that journey to nationals,” which will take place in early February in Orlando, Florida.

FMS has won first place at nationals over the last four years while the high school team has been among the finalists, Brink said.

FMS’s Dance Team has one of its largest teams in recent memory, Brink said, with 21 members. They are: Kennedy Prosan, Parker Miller, Layla Schaerer, Brooklyn Knight, Rylee Mack, Audrey McCaleb, Caitlyn Stickley, Sophie Pennekamp, Maddie Horton, Leighton Upshaw, Lillie Jones, Maddie Reed, Lily Tomiko, Ava Kate Taylor, Emery Campbell, Francesca Wilson,

Harper Mills, Shea Tafazzoli, Katie Beth Swaggerty, Emmaline Wendell and Lila Spencer.

“Even though it is a large team, they have really come together as they work toward the same goals,” Brink said. “It has really been a fun new and exciting challenge for all of us.”

FHS’s Dance team has 12 members: Paisley van lant, Mary Ella Wendell, Caroline Seagraves, Sarah Shoup, Natalie Mack, Rylee Chronis, Emma Kate Kilpatrick, Sydney Derr, Natalie Mahoney, Cassidy Stickley, Mary Aspin Scott and Lydia Finnegan.

Brink said she feels “very proud” to be part of a long tradition of Farragut’s outstanding dance team community.

“We have been able to build on the incredible foundation of Farragut’s dance team excellence we have been privileged to continue,” the University of Tennessee Dance Team alum and Denver, Colorado native said. She added she remained in Knoxville mainly because of her work with the Farragut dance teams. “This community is really something special, and all of the coaches are proud to be part of it.

for one TD and 140 yards and one interception. Dondon Underwood caught a TD pass and had 75 yards total (two catches).

The Lions, the No. 3 seed in the East, ended the season with a 6-5 record while Jackson Christian, the No. 3 seed in the West, improves to 9-2.

Admirals close out season with fifth-place at state

Ken Lay
Correspondent

Memphis — Farragut High School’s boys cross country team closed out its 2025 season with a fifth-place finish at the TSSAA Class AAA State Championships at Shelby Farms Park.

Sam Shagan posted a top-20 finish for the Admirals as he came in 14 with a time of 16 minutes, 12.10 seconds.

Chase Temples finished 36th (16:34.44). Andrew Caboniss posted a 42nd-place finish as he completed the 5,000-meter course in 16:37.51. Tyson Ebbert was 66th (16:53.01). John Williams rounded out the scoring for FHS as he came in

96th (17:11.72).

Hardin Valley Academy also posted a top-10 finish in the team standings as the Hawks came in seventh.

Isaac Socha was HVA’s top finisher as he came in 39th with a time of 16:16.48. Aiden Rufi was 46th (16:37.96). Stephen Bell came in 53rd (16:42.92). Cooper McKaig finished 58th (16:45.85) and JD Rutig came in 69th (16:54.11).

Alexander Montpelier, meanwhile, represented Bearden in the state championships. He finished in 202nd place and posted a time of 18:29.60.

In Division II-AA, Knoxville Catholic placed third. The Irish had three athletes place inside the top-20.

Cade Duncanson placed 13th as he clocked in at 16:07.42. Evan Van De Goff finished 17th (16:22.34). Radek Molchan was 20th (16:37.87). Owen Bannister was 22nd (16:44.69) and Levi Sprecher came in 23rd with a time of 16:44.80.

In Division II-A: Christian Academy of Knoxville placed sixth in the team standings.

Talan Sturdevan was the top finisher for the Warriors as he came in 14th with a time of 17:15.74. Cohen Flatt was 21st (17:32.32). Nate Hickman came in 25th with a time of 17:50. 18. Hayden Adams finished 69th, posting a time of 19:06.73. Ricky Parker was 71st (19:14.15).

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Knoxville Catholic was runner-up in the team standings. The Lady Irish had all their scorers inside the top-20.

Kasey Holliday finished sixth (18:34.33). Drew Gerken was eighth (18:48.97). Caitlin Daniels was 15th (19:26.87). Livi Ray claimed 18th place (19:41.94) and Julia Joyce finished 19th (19:48.01).

In the Division I Class AAA Championship, Hardin Valley Academy finished fourth while Farragut came in eighth.

Ana Berkheimer was 16th with a time of 16:45.22. She was the top finisher for the Lady Hawks. HVA’s Rachel Benson came in 26th (19:15.55). Alexandra Besser was 28th (19:19.15). Ava Berkheimer was 43rd (19:53.45) and Ava Woodyat rounded out the scoring for the Lady Hawks as she finished 46th with a time of 19:55.74).

The Lady Admirals were led by Christie George, who finished 31st (19:30.15), Zoi LeCours was 35th (19:40.26), Addison Haynes finished 40th (19:47.01). Bailey Ann Smith came in 64th (20:13.94) and Em-

ily Graber was 115th (21:16.03).

Bearden had two state qualifiers. Afton Cruze finished 127th (21:43.43) and Payton Hall was 219th (23:58.16).

In Division II Class A: Christian Academy of Knoxville was seventh in the team standings.

Emery Adams was the top finisher for the Lady Warriors, coming in seventh and posting a time of 20:03.65. Lindsay Lloyd came in 12th (20:53.39). Abby Payne came in 59th (23:16.38). Carlie Rouse was 65th (23:30.76) and Ellen Kate Bell was 66th (23:34.04).

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Jackson Christian 27 CCS 13

Concord Christian lost in the Class A match-up last Friday.

Lions’ Maurice Smith rushed 25 times for 277 yards. Quarterback Kohbe Ward completed eight of 20 passes



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FHS, 3, Corbin Hobson.

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when quarterback Levi Chappell ran it in from the eight. Another score, late in the half, gave DB a 14-7 halftime lead.

When Chappell hit Tyree Thomas with a 50-yard touchdown bomb early in the third, FHS trailed 21-7 and things looked bleak. The momentum was about to turn.

Late in the third, the Admirals stuffed a fourth-down attempt by DB and took over on their own 49. On the eighth play, Logan Wright scored from the four on the first play of the fourth quarter to bring FHS to within seven.

“Our defense played with great effort and grit, forcing two huge turnovers and getting off the field twice on fourth down,” Courtney said.

After forcing a punt, Farragut tied the game at 21 when Wright scored from the 13. For the game, Wright had 76 yards on 12 carries, and two scores.

“In the second half, our offensive line and running back Logan Wright gave us a real spark,” Courtney said.

The Admirals (3-8) had first possession in overtime, but fumbled the ball away. After a lightning delay, Chappell scored on a keeper to win it for the Indians.

Mayan Apalategui had 12 tackles for FHS while Noah Haag had 10. Max Garfield had four receptions for 67 yards.

“Despite being banged up — as most teams are this time of year — several guys stepped up and competed with everything they had,” Courtney said.

He reflected on the season: “I couldn’t be prouder of how our team battled throughout the season. We faced adversity head-on, kept fighting, and represented Farragut with pride. It’s unfortunate that we didn’t pull this one out, especially as the team truly started to believe in themselves down the stretch.”

Farragut Middle School Softball Team



Photos submitted

The Farragut Middle School Softball Team had an amazing Fall 2025 season. Both the varsity and junior varsity teams stayed competitive throughout the season with lots of wins and only a few tough losses. The Lady Admiral Varsity team was the winner of the Tennessee Middle School State Championship in Athens, Tennessee, to end their season. They all are continuing their softball journey with their travel ball organizations and we hope to see them back on the Farragut field next season.

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Scenes from area high school Homecomings

◀ Concord Christian School

Concord Christian School's 2025 Homecoming queen and king: Delaney Jane Walker, left, and Ian Young

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Farragut High School ▶

Farragut High School's 2025 Homecoming court, from left to right: Maddi Grace Crawford, Lyzah McClunie, Katherine Evans, Anna Kate Harris, Maisie Hagen, Maggie Doyle and Blair Thurman

FHS 2025 Homecoming queen Maggie Doyle and her father, Matt Doyle

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◀ Hardin Valley Academy

Hardin Valley Academy's 2025 Homecoming queen and king (left) and Homecoming court pictured with their escorts.

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Diabetes Awareness Month feature: Part 1 of 3

Viox doesn't let Type 1 diabetes slow her down

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Water Into Wine owner Candace Viox is always on the go and will not let diabetes Type 1 slow her down.

As a restaurateur, mother of two daughters, Rotary Club president and Shop Farragut Chairman, she never sits down.

"I don't like to be a burden," she reflected. So, Viox takes the necessary precautions.

"I wear a pump, and the pump on my body works with a Dexcom sensor," she said. "So my Dexcom sensor will alert me that my sugar is going up — that my sugar is high — and my pump, made by Omnipod,

talks to my Dexcom sensor and starts giving me insulin."

Viox explained Omnipod is a type of fake pancreas.

"I need to be at a healthy blood sugar — between 80 and 120 — for me," she said. "Some people are different."

When Viox is alerted about her blood sugar, her Dexcom sensor will beep on her cell phone.

"I make the joke, I'm a robot," she said. "When I'm speaking or when I'm in Rotary, I beep," she said. "I just randomly beep. I'll tell people, 'it's not my phone. I'm not being rude, but I have to carry my phone with me all the time because my phone talks to both of those (the Dexcom sensor and pump)."

"If my sugar's going high, it will alert me," Viox said. "If my sugar's going low, it will alert me — very loudly. My body doesn't work so I've got to wear all these things that beep at me."

While she makes a joke of it, she hates the disease.

"I hate being sick," Viox said. "I hate having Type 1 diabetes."

She explained Type 1 diabetes is when the body's pancreas stops working while Type 2 generally affects people who eat more sugar or carbs than their body can create the insulin to combat.

"Generally, that's why Type 2 diabetics tend to be strug-



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Candace Viox, left, has quality time with her daughters, Alexis Monnin and Sydney Viox.

gling with their weight more than a Type 1," Viox said. "Type 1 diabetics have high sugar for no reason."

Usually the sugar is produced as in a fight-or-flight

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FPS Fall Festival



Farragut Primary School celebrated the autumn season by hosting its annual FPS fall festival, which took place at the school, 609 N. Campbell Station Road, Saturday, Oct. 18. From arts and crafts to carnival games, inflatables and a second-grade performance, attendees had plenty of fun on hand to raise money for the school. The festival also featured a bake sale, silent auction and plenty of vendors.

Above: From left, Cecille Skeens, Amanda Rachwen, Chesney Anderson and Crystal Campione

Right: Siblings Oliver and Stella Vallova

Photos by Tammy Cheek

FHS students build gingerbread houses for Fantasy of Trees

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Farragut High School's nutrition across the lifespan class is in gear to present their gingerbread houses for the Fantasy of Trees.

This year's Fantasy of Trees, which benefits East Tennessee Children's Hospital, is slated from 7 to 10 p.m., Wednesday, through Sunday, Nov. 26-30, in Knoxville Convention Center, 701 Henley St., Knoxville. The gala will take place Tuesday, Nov. 25.

It attracts nearly 60,000 people with its 330 beautifully designed trees, holiday accessories, mantles, gingerbread houses and more.

"It's been around since I was a little girl," Lynsey Flatford, who teaches the nutrition and dietetics pathway at the school, said about the fundraiser.

"It's really important to me," she added.

Of the gingerbread houses expected to be sold at the event, FHS's students will be furnishing 18. Flatford said the houses generally sell from \$150 to \$250 each.

Her class has been involved with the Fantasy of Trees, which benefits East Tennes-



Tammy Cheek

Farragut High School nutrition across the lifespan sophomore Farrah McKeehan, left, gets some advice from her teacher, Lynsey Flatford, as they look at completed houses.

see Children's Hospital, since 2012. That's when her class attended the event and saw "all the gingerbread houses, and some made by Greenback High School.

"I called the (GHS) teacher, and she showed me the ropes," Flatford said. "I just decided I wanted my kids to participate. Children's Hospital's a great resource for our community, and I really liked having the kids do things that benefit community service projects in class.

"So, I figured this was a way to give back," she added.

"We've been doing it twice a year since (2012)."

"I'm super excited about the gingerbread houses," said sophomore Hope Blackiston, who is in the class. "It's taught me a lot about the architecture of houses ... and it's so much fun."

Flatford's class is composed mostly of a mix of sophomores, juniors and seniors, some taking the class as an elective for fun while others are taking it because they have chosen the nutrition pathway, which is

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Gingerbread

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part of the health and human sciences academy at FHS. "They work for an hour and a half each day, and it usually takes them four weeks (to complete the houses)," Flatford said. "What's great about this project is it's kind of all encompassing. "They get to be a part of their community and a part of bettering and improving their community through donating the houses to Children's Hospital — that's important," she added. "They also learn basic cooking and decorating skills,

but they also have (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) skills. "To me, this is a STEM project, so science, technology, engineering and math all go into this project," Flatford added. Also, she said students learn such soft skills as communication, conflict resolution, teamwork, time management, planning and making goals. "This is a big project and it is all made from scratch," Flatford said. "They have to plan everything from recipe all the way to final product. They get to chose what style of house they're doing."

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Viox
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response. She explained if a person gets really anxious or is really stressed — the body will produce sugar to give energy to get away or get out of the situation.

“But, my body [produces sugar] all the time, for no reason, in my mind,” Viox said. “But, I don’t have the ability to make my own insulin because my pancreas is inoperative. It doesn’t work.

“So, I wear a pump,” she added.

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease.

Viox reflected she always has to be aware of what she eats, cannot travel by herself and always has to have insulin and a pen in case her technology fails.

“I have had these units come out of my body, and my pump I replace every three days, and that hurts,” Viox said. “My Dexcom, I have to put a new one in every 10 days, and that hurts ... I am always at the mercy of this equipment.”

Additionally, she said she has

a high-deductible health insurance plan and is out of pocket \$6,000 every year before May.

“Type 1 diabetes sucks, and there’s no cure, and there’s nothing they can do,” Viox added. “The only thing we can do now is hope insulin prices come down, medical equipment pricing can come down, maybe possibly they find a cure or a fake pancreas.”

Still, Viox realized, “I am responsible for my quality of life ... this is something I have to deal with every day.”

She did not find out she had Type 1 diabetes until after she was pregnant with her daughter while in her 20s.

“Type 1 diabetes tends to be caught when you are a child or teenager going through puberty and sometimes as a young adult,” Viox said. “But I’m adopted. Since I didn’t have any family history or family background, I was not aware I could be predisposed. The only thing I remember as a child (was) I never craved sweets.

“Later, when I was diagnosed, my doctor said that was my body’s way of protecting me,” she added. “Because,

I’m a Type 1 diabetic, I tend to have high sugar because my pancreas stopped working, so I stopped making insulin.”

While Viox was pregnant with her daughter, “(the doctors) thought I had what’s called gestational diabetes. They thought my pregnancy was causing my diabetes,” she recalled.

“It wasn’t until later that they finally determined, no, my pancreas shut down, it’s not working. I have to start being on insulin,” Viox said.

“And, I was very sick,” she recalled. “When you have high sugar, you can get things like ketoacidosis. That’s where you have too much sugar in your body and causes you to start vomiting and passing out because your body’s trying to get rid of sugar.

“If it can’t get rid of the sugar, it starts shutting down all of your organs,” Viox said. “I had to go to UT emergency room a couple of times, where they had to literally flush my blood out and my body out to

get that sugar out of my body.

“Type 1 diabetes is very frustrating and very difficult because it’s not just ‘Candace, just stop eating brownies’ ... I don’t eat any of that junk,” she said. She noted her only vice is a glass of red wine, but “you’ll never see me drink a cocktail because of all the sugar.

“I have to be very aware all the time of what I am putting in my mouth and in my body with Type 1,” Viox said. “Type 2 diabetics, they are aware; they just like the brownies.”

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Beer Board Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 5:50 PM

I) Call to Order
II) Approval of Minutes
A) Approval of September 25, 2025 Minutes
III) Beer Permit
A) Approval of Class I On-Premise permit for JC Wings LLC d/b/a Wild Wing Cafe located at 11335 Campbell Lakes Drive, Farragut, TN 37934

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut will hold a public hearing on December 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM, at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, to hear citizen’s comments on the following ordinances:
1. Ordinance 25-15 on second reading, an ordinance to amend various provisions of the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Chapter 22., Article 5. - Driveways and Other Access Ways (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
2. Ordinance 25-19 on second reading, to amend Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Capital Investment Fund and American Rescue Plan Act Fund Budgets, Passed by Ordinance 25-10

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2025 Introduction to Farragut class members will be honored at its graduation ceremony at the Farragut Community Center located at 239 Jamestowne Blvd, on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00pm.

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MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 6:00 PM

I) Call to Order
II) Approval of Agenda
III) Approval of Minutes
A) Approval of minutes for the October 16, 2025 meeting
IV) Action Items
A) Request for approval of a Traffic Calming Application for Union Road east side of Everett Road portion (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
B) Request for approval of a Traffic Calming Application for Midhurst Drive from the eastern intersection of Foxford Drive to Barbara Lane (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
C) Request for approval of a plan to extend a sidewalk along the west side of Everett Road from the trail connection coming out of Split Rail Farm Subdivision to the Fox Run Greenway (Town of Farragut, Applicant)
D) Request for approval to extend fiber cable for Comcast along the east side of Concord Road south of Kingston Pike to provide service to 130 Concord Road (Comcast, Applicant)
E) Request for approval to extend fiber cable for Comcast along the east side of Brooklawn Street from Kingston Pike to Neptune Drive and along a portion of the north side of Neptune Drive (Comcast, Applicant)
F) ((This is a discussion item only related to Agenda Item IV) G)) Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Zoning, Chapter 3, Section
XII. - General Commercial District (C-1), Subsection F. Mixed Use Town Center, 3., Building Facade Requirements, to provide for 75% masonry on the net facade area of new buildings that are part of an existing development on the same parcel rather than 75% face brick on each building elevation (The Architecture Collaborative, Applicant)
G) Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for West End Center, Phase 3, 11235 West Point Drive, Zoned C-1/ MUTC (The Architecture Collaborative, Applicant)
H) Discussion and public hearing on a site plan for Lakesedge Retail Center,

11328-11334 Campbell Lakes Drive, 1.04 Acres, Zoned C-2 (Seth Schweitzer, Applicant)
I) Discussion and public hearing on a final plat for the Biddle Farms Townhomes, 305 Hudson Bay Lane, Parcel 003.24, Tax Map 143, 49 Lots, Zoned PCD (Homestead Land Holdings, LLC, Applicant)
V) Discussion Items
A) Discussion on a request to rezone Parcel 05501, Tax Map 152 and Parcel 055, Tax Map 152 (12232 Turkey Creek Road) from Agricultural (A) to General Single-Family Residential (R-2)(Midtown Legal, Applicant)
B) Discussion on a request to amend the Farragut Code of Ordinances, Appendix A - Zoning, Chapter 3, Section XVII. Office district (O-1), as it may apply to “Interactive Sports Analysis Services” being a permitted use and to include a definition for “Interactive Sports Analysis Services” in Chapter 2 of the Zoning Ordinance (Christian Miller, Applicant)
VI) Approval of Utilities
VII) Citizens Forum

The Farragut Municipal Planning Commission welcomes and invites Farragut residents to participate in public meetings.

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2. Christian Academy of Knoxville	6-4	+54
3. Knoxville Catholic High School	5-4	+24
4. Hardin Valley Academy	5-5	-12
5. Farragut High School	3-7	-66
6. Webb School of Knoxville	1-9	-235
7. Bearden High School	0-9	-272

The best of the 2025 regular season

KEN LAY
Correspondent

The 2025 high school football regular season is now in the rear-view mirror in the farragutpress How the West was Won presented by Billy Houston Group, Realty Executives.

The race for the How the West Was Won was tight and two teams, Concord Christian School and Christian Academy of Knoxville, both concluded the campaign with a 6-4 regular-season record with the Lions claiming the trophy by virtue of a tie-breaker based on point differential.

Concord Christian had a scoring margin of plus-170 while the Warriors posted a scoring margin of plus-54.

Knoxville Catholic finished with a 5-4 mark, followed by Hardin Valley Academy (5-5), Farragut (3-7), Webb School of Knoxville (1-9) and Bearden (0-9).

The Lions won the trophy in 2025, their first varsity season since 2018, when they had just one game. CCS, which went 8-2 in 2024 while playing a combined varsity and JV schedule, played as an independent program.

In its return to TSSAA football, Concord earned its first-ever playoff berth. The Lions, however, had a short postseason run as they lost, 27-13, at Jackson Christian School. But the future is bright for the Lions as they had a young team in 2025 and will return several key players, including many starters.

Houston applauded the Lions for winning the trophy in their first full varsity season in nearly a decade.

“It takes an entire team working together to achieve a mindset to be a champion. All the hard work, dedication and collaboration will pay off in a big way,” Houston said. “In sports and in life, if everyone



Photo Courtesy of Carlos Reveiz / crfoto.com
Farragut High School's #10, Max Garfield, makes a long catch.

“It takes an entire team working together to achieve a mindset to be a champion. All the hard work, dedication and collaboration will pay off in a big way.”
~ Billy Houston

works toward a shared goal, great things can be achieved.

“Outstanding job to all the teams in the How the West Was Won, especially Concord Christian School for winning this year's championship.”

CAK, meanwhile, notched a first-round playoff win at Goodpasture Christian School as it came from behind to win, 42-35.

The Warriors, under the direction of head coach Chad Speck, had quite the turnaround in 2025 as they finished third in the Region II-AA East

Region standings. Last season, CAK finished 3-8.

Knoxville Catholic won its first playoff game of the post-season last week. The Irish, who won a region game for the first time since 2023, edged Christian Brothers School, 21-18, in Memphis.

HVA, meanwhile, concluded its best season in several years, finishing .500 and winning in Region 2-6A twice this season.

“We didn't reach our ultimate end game but we made steps in the right direction,” Hawks' coach Tyler Wynn



Photo Courtesy of Concord Christian Football
A celebratory scene from Concord Christian School's game against Providence Academy earlier this season.

said. “Our kids have bought in and they've showed with resilience.”

Farragut made the Class 6A playoffs for the second consecutive season under head coach Geoff Courtney. The Admirals, who had league wins over Bearden, Hardin Valley and Cleveland, nearly pulled off a first-round playoff upset at Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett in overtime.

Webb School of Knoxville won its lone game of the season in Week 10 with a 26-24 victory over Chattanooga

Christian School. The Spartans suffered through a 2025 campaign full of adversity and injuries. They'll have a new head coach in 2026 as Don Mahoney stepped down following the season.

Bearden was winless in 2025 with one of East Tennessee's youngest teams. Coach Brad Taylor, in the first year of his second tenure with the Bulldogs, remained upbeat throughout a rough 2025 season, and Bearden will look to bounce back in 2026 after becoming battle-tested.

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Vols host New Mexico for the first time

The 2025 college football season has now entered its home stretch and No. 21 Tennessee will return to action Saturday following its second open date of the campaign.

It's homecoming on Rocky Top and the Volunteers (6-3) will host New Mexico State (3-6) for the first time in program history,

The Big Orange went into the bye week on a sour note as it lost to Oklahoma in a Southeastern Conference tilt at Neyland Stadium on Nov. 1.

Tennessee head coach Josh Heupel will look to find their way back into the win column this week against the Aggies, who are coming off a loss to Kennesaw State in their last outing.

Kickoff is slated for 4:15 p.m. and the contest will be televised on SEC Network. It will be the Vols' last non-conference regular-season game and will serve as a tune-up for UT's last two SEC games at Florida and at home against in-state rival Vanderbilt.

Heupel said he and his squad are looking forward to their homecoming game this week.

"This is our next opportunity to play (and) what happens, that's after," Heupel said. "You can't control any of that.

"(It's the) same thing we talk about, consistency in our program, all phases of the year. Control and win right now."

The contest will also be Tennessee's annual Salute to Service game, and the Vols will don their Smokey Grey uniforms.

"I hope everybody enjoyed their bye weekend," Heupel said. "(We're) excited to get an opportunity to come back and play a game inside our stadium with our fans.

"It's also the Salute to Service game for us, I want to take an opportunity from everybody from Tennessee football to thank all the men and women that have served our country. The sacrifices that they have made, their families have made, it allows us to live the life we do and play the game that we do. (We) appreciate them very much. We'll be wearing our Smokey Grey uniforms this weekend as we look forward to going and playing and competing."

While the Vols didn't take the field last Saturday, they were anything but idle and Heupel and his team worked to get better.

"I want to see growth, that's a lot of different things in a lot of different areas, but this is our next opportunity," he said. "Play hard, play smart for 60 minutes. Play with discipline, that's a lineman assignment.

"Eyes, keys, technique and go execute. Defensively, you know, win the line of scrimmage and get off the field. Do a great job on the back-end matching things out. Offensively on the line of scrimmage, play with execution out on the perimeter and special teams, go win."

~ Ken Lay, Correspondent

Local Big Orange connection: Don Mahoney

Knoxville — The 2025 college football season continues this week as Tennessee returns home to face New Mexico State and celebrate homecoming on Rocky Top.

It also will be the Volunteers' annual Salute to Service game.

Kickoff is slated for 4:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15 at Neyland Stadium.

Prior to each Vols' home game, farragutpress will shine the spotlight on players or coaches who have ties to both the University of Tennessee and West Knox County.

This installment will look back at the career of former Webb School of Knoxville head coach Don Mahoney.

Mahoney stepped down as the Spartans' head coach last week after Webb completed a 1-9 season in 2025 as it suffered through a campaign filled with adversity and injuries.

Mahoney, who has spent the majority of his coaching career in the collegiate ranks, came to Webb upon his return to East Tennessee and became the school's offensive line coach in 2022. He was on the Spartans' coaching staff under legendary head coach and athletic director David Meske. Meske retired in 2023 after four decades at Webb. During his final season, the team was 10-1 and made a deep postseason run.

Mahoney took the reins of the program in 2023 and guided the Spartans to a 10-2 record. Webb went 5-5 in 2024 before falling on hard times in 2025.

Mahoney served as Tennessee's offensive line coach from 2013-17 under head coach Butch Jones.

In his five years with the Vols, Mahoney was part of a coaching staff that guided Tennessee to 35 victories and four bowl game appearances.

His coaching career began at Central Michigan as a graduate assistant in 1993. Mahoney served in that capacity for two seasons before he was promoted to the Chippewas' tight ends coach and held that position from 1995 to 98.

From 1999 to 2006, Mahoney was offensive line coach at Tulane. He then returned to Central Michigan and coached the offensive line under Jones.

He also worked with Jones at Cincinnati from 2010-12 before the duo came to Knoxville.

Following his tenure with the Vols, Mahoney coached at Concord University and East Carolina.

~ Ken Lay, Correspondent

LineUp New Mexico State



0	DJ Hill-Smith	S	29	Kaden Trevino	WR
0	PJ Johnson III	WR	30	Demanuel Brown	DE/J
1	Kadarius Calloway	RB	30	Dailan Goodman	RB
1	Josiah Charles	CB	31	Lorenzo Smith	CB
2	Armahn Hale	S	32	Max Dean	P
2	Gavin Harris	TE	32	Siddeeq Shabazz	S
3	Shawn Brown	WR	34	David Barela	RB
3	Dakerric Hobbs	CB	34	Zaiden Davis	LB
4	Logan Fife	QB	35	Tyler Martinez	LB
4	Naeten Mitchell	S	36	Nathan Wallin	LB
5	Donovan Faupel	WR	37	Isaiah Rudison	RB
5	Nick Session	S	40	Kyah Francone	K
6	Jackson Owens	WR	41	Braydyn Sage	LS
6	Jamall Thompson Jr.	DE/J	42	Grayson Curtis	LS
7	Saveon Freeman	CB	44	Enzo-Pierre Tayou	DL
7	TJ Pride	WR	45	Rocky Stallworth	LB
8	Dijon Stanley	RB	47	Jalen Brown	LB
8	Brad Vislisle	DE/J	50	Kai Wheeler	OL
9	Terrione Graves	WR	52	Joey Banegas	DE/J
9	Bernock Iya	S	54	Ta'Avili Tuitama	DL
10	Chance Barron	LB	55	Ma'Kyri Lee	OL
10	Jaylen Patterson	QB	57	Bryant Jackson	LB
11	Walter Owens	S	58	Sioeli Helu	OL
11	AJ Williams III	WR	61	BJ Tolo	OL
12	Tory Gethers	LB	62	Ezra Hensley	OL
12	TK King	WR	64	Sam Garcia	OL
13	Quincy Davis	LB	65	JR Hecklinski	OL
14	Sone Aupiu	LB	68	Santos Valdez	OL
14	Adam Damante	QB	70	Mateo Rodriguez	OL
15	Parker Awad	QB	71	Evan Blaettler	OL
15	Larry Jones III	DE/J	72	Merrick Becerra	OL
16	Lorenzo McMillan	RB	73	Janik Ogunlade	OL
16	Gabe Peterson	DE/J	74	Elijah Harvey	OL
17	Raylon Carter	DL	75	Hayden Harlan	OL
17	Ryan Hawk	K	76	Armando Nieves	OL
18	Joshua Goines	TE	77	Gavin Jones	OL
18	Desmin Hatfield- Rushton	S	78	Malik Williams	OL
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25	Obinna Okeke	DE/J	96	Cole Schnettgoecke	DL
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26	Isaiah Griffin	WR	98	Jason Gwan	DL
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0	William Wright	DB	38	Andre Stewart	DB
	Rickey Gibson III	DB	39	Malcolm Kinzer	WR
	Travis Smith Jr.	WR	39	Jayden Loftin	DL
2	Peyton Lewis	RB	40	Colin Brazzell	DB
2	Andre Turrentine	DB	40	Seamus Meagher	TE
3	Jermody McCoy	DB	41	Steele Katina	DB
3	Jack Van Dorselaer	TE	42	Braylon Harmon	WR
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4	Jourdan Thomas	DB	44	Christian Gass	DL
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7	Arion Carter	LB	51	Jeremias Heard	OL
8	Colton Hood	DB	51	Jaxson Moi	DL
9	Mariyon Dye	DL	53	Lance Heard	OL
9	Star Thomas	RB	55	Brenden Anes	LB
10	Kaleb Beasley	DB	55	Antoni Ogumoro	OL
11	Jordan Burns	LB	56	Kellen Lindstrom	DL
12	Jaedon Harmon	LB	56	Sam Pendleton	OL
12	Jake Merklinger	QB	57	Grier Short	LB
13	Mason Phillips	QB	58	Herb Gray	DL
13	Edwin Spillman	LB	58	Nic Moore	OL
14	Braylon Staley	WR	59	Charlie Powell III	OL
15	Edrees Farooq	DB	65	Michael Kostantonov	OL
15	George MacIntyre	QB	68	Bennett Warren	OL
17	Chris Brazzell II	WR	69	Gus Hill	OL
18	DeSean Bishop	RB	70	David Sanders Jr.	OL
18	Tyree Weathersby	DL	71	Max Anderson	OL
19	Joshua Josephs	DL	72	Jesse Perry	OL
19	Daune Morris	RB	73	Brian Grant	OL
20	Justin Baker	RB	74	Shamurad Umarov	OL
20	Bryson Eason	DL	75	Wendell Moe Jr.	OL
21	Tre Poteat	DB	78	Gage Ginther	OL
22	Jeremiah Telander	LB	81	Amari Jefferson	WR
23	Boo Carter	DB	83	Trey Weary	WR
24	Hunter Barnes	RB	84	Tommy Winton III	WR
25	Timothy Merritt	DB	86	Cole Harrison	TE
26	Sidney Walton	DB	87	Joshua Helsdon	DL
26	Carson Whitehead	WR	87	Miles Kitselman	TE
27	Jadon Perlotte	LB	88	Deon Hardin	WR
28	Marcus Goree Jr.	DB	89	Mike Bethea II	DL
29	Jack-Henry Jakobik	WR	89	Joakim Dodson	WR
29	Jordan Ross	DL	90	Dominic Bailey	DL
30	Jamal Wallace	DL	90	Max Gilbert	PK
31	Caleb Herring	DL	93	Grady Dangerfield	PK
33	Ben Bolton	LB	94	Nathan Robinson	DL
34	Emmanuel Okoye	DL	94	Josh Turbyville	P/PK
35	Carson Gentle	DL	96	Isaiah Inge	DL
35	Ben Petermann	WR	97	Josh Schell	DL
36	Dylan Lewis	DB	98	Jackson Ross	P
36	Nathan Roberts	WR	99	Charles House III	DL