

Sizable accomplishment: Ads celebrate latest title with ‘ball on the wall’

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There is a new addition to the Ballpark at Farragut, and it is awfully hard to miss.

On Sunday, Aug. 2, the team held its 2026 “Ball on the Wall” ceremony, unveiling the 5-foot aluminum sign recognizing the Admirals’ latest state championship.

This one, the fifth-straight in Class 4A, gives FHS a TSSAA-best 15 titles on a r sum  that remains the best in the state.

It is one of the final forms of recognition each season, following the immediate go-to’s of bleached hair (a tradition for every state tournament) and team-wide leaps into swimming pools (a must-do the night of each championship win).

But long after the hair coloring fades and the uniforms dry out, this sign will remain.

Because each baseball is so large, this year’s version was “stacked” on top of two others — a first for a tradition that dates back to 2006.

Everyone around the pro-

gram, including booster club president Erin Harris, agreed it’s “a good problem to have.”

Since there are now 15 state titles, this ball is the 15th to be drilled into the barrier that sits just a few feet from Kingston Pike.

Each one is specially ordered from Great American Sign Company through representative Steve Carro.

“When we win a state championship, he definitely expects a call from us,” Harris said with a laugh. “We try to get it on the wall before the seniors go off to college.

“And he does all the state championship decals for cars and stuff, too. He’s been a huge support for our program, and we are thankful for him.”

The ceremony itself brought back memories of this team’s impressive run toward its latest crown, which culminated in an 11-5 victory over Houston on Friday, May 22.

It was the Admirals’ fifth win in a row for the 2026 post-season — a fitting nod consid-

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Members of the Farragut baseball 2026 senior class gathered for a photo on Sunday, Aug. 2, as part of the “Ball on the Wall” ceremony recognizing the team’s latest state title. Pictured from left to right: seniors Neyland Williams, Patrick Kovacs, Zain Kureshi-Smith, Aidan Flagg, Travis Brummitt, Jr., Will Dickens and Brody Watkins. Not pictured: Jake Harris and Bradley Wade.

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Cryptocurrency fraud: On July 15 a complainant reported losing about \$800,000 in a months long investment scam after suspects posing as investment advisers convinced the couple to send money through wire transfers and cryptocurren-
cy. The victims later discovered the investment platform and chat groups were fraudulent. The case was referred to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for possible recovery of digital assets.

Fraud: On July 16, a Farragut woman reported receiving a fraudulent computer alert claiming she had accessed illegal websites and was instructed to send nearly \$60,000 in cash and provide personal identification. She stopped the bank transfer after realizing it was a scam and did not lose any money. The report was

later classified as unfounded.

Harassment: A Parkside Drive bank employee reported on July 20 a customer repeatedly called the bank after leaving, using racial slurs and threatening to assault her. Deputies documented the harassment and threats.

Leaving the scene of an accident: On July 24 deputies were conducting an unrelated traffic stop and witnessed a crash on North Campbell Station Road. One suspect fled on foot and was arrested after a brief pursuit on charges including resisting arrest and public intoxication. Another suspect was charged with driving offenses, including driving without a valid license and without financial responsibility.

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- ✓ Stand with neighborhoods affected by new development by listening early, sharing clear facts, and helping residents advocate effectively.
- ✓ Support small businesses through the build-out process by cutting unnecessary delays to help local entrepreneurs open their doors faster and thrive.
- ✓ Improve Town communication so residents receive timely, relevant, and factual information before decisions are made.
- ✓ Keep pushing for transportation solutions inside and beyond our Town limits that reduce congestion and improve safety.
- ✓ Build a strong working partnership with Knox County Sheriff Gibson to support public safety and responsive service for Farragut.
- ✓ Maintain established relationships with Knox County staff and Commissioners to ensure Farragut’s priorities are heard and respected.
- ✓ Stay actively engaged on Knox County decisions and development proposals that affect the Farragut area.
- ✓ Maintain trusted relationships with state representatives and advocate firmly for Farragut’s needs, values, and future.

Just The Facts

LOUISE POVLIN

- ✓ Led the effort to remove apartments from the land use plan
- ✓ Led the effort to reduce the density across the land use plan
- ✓ Led the effort to address the Town’s aging stormwater infrastructure
- ✓ Led the effort to preserve corridor character while improving substandard roads (No more roads like McFee Road and Everett Road)
- ✓ Proactively meets with residents to discuss future development, brings them into the discussion and advocates for their concerns
- ✓ Worked with residents and businesses to amend and update policies and regulations

ALEX CAIN

- ✓ Voted for eminent domain
- ✓ Censured for violating state law
- ✓ Lacks municipal planning and zoning knowledge and experience
- ✓ Lacks leadership experience
- ✓ Does not proactively meet with constituents
- ✓ Lacks institutional knowledge and threatens to undo what generations of Farragut leaders and families worked to build
- ✓ Puts the concerns of a self-interest group over interests of his constituents

A Message From Louise

Farragut was founded in 1980 to protect its residential character. The community wanted local control with a resident-led government. Our boards and committees are still made up of neighbors who step up and serve. Serving in Farragut isn’t a stepping stone to some other higher political office.

Residents deserve direct access to their elected representatives who listen, understand, and act. For eight years, I have done exactly that. I did not shy away from the difficult conversations. I worked directly with neighborhoods across Farragut. I addressed concerns, and I helped find solutions.

I do not answer to outside noise. I go straight to the residents most affected.

I show up. I listen. I get to work.

Please vote for Louise Povlin for Mayor of the Town of Farragut

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Ads

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ering their five-peat. Also, this win marked their 36th victory of the year, which saw the Ads win 10 of their first 12 games to set the tone for the entire season. Most of the 2026 players were on hand for Sunday’s event, including several seniors that

Reports

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Theft of firearms: On July 27, a Farragut man reported that nine firearms and five cases of ammunition were stolen from a home on West Fox Chase Circle between February and May. The complainant believed a handyman hired to work at the residence may have been responsible, but no suspect was identified in the report.

Felony vandalism: A North Campbell Station Road smoke shop sustained about \$3,015 in damage after an unknown suspect broke a window and attempted to pry open a door before leaving

Adams

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What’s next? As Adams’ reach has grown, so has his appreciation for authenticity in every facet of life. Where he used to separate his law from his music, he now blends the two during each jam-packed day. “As a young attorney, I was probably more careful about how I dressed, but as you get older, you become yourself,” he said. “I’ve been wearing cowboy boots since I was old enough to buy my own pair. That was always me. I don’t know that I ever really cared that much about what people thought, either, and I don’t know that I ever did a good job of balancing either one. I kind

enjoyed a final chance to be around their FHS teammates before departing for college. “It is special,” head coach Garrett Copeland said in summation. “Once you get off the bus, this event is the last time that whole group is together. “It’s nice to do one final recognition for them, and the ball on the wall is a statement that summarizes their success.”

without gaining entry. Surveillance video captured the suspect, and the incident remains under investigation.

Fraud: On July 28, a Farragut woman reported a fraudulent \$20 credit card charge made at a restaurant on Parkside Drive. The charge was disputed and refunded by the credit card company.

Theft of goods: Deputies arrested a suspect at a Parkside Drive department store on July 28 after she admitted to shoplifting about \$190 worth of merchandise. The stolen items were recovered, and the suspect was also issued a criminal trespass warning barring her from returning to the property.

of just kicked the door open and said, ‘Here I am.’” Fueled by that approach, he has attacked each day with the same ferocity — only to unwind each night with his wife, Phyllis, and a bottle of wine. Don’t mistake that small indulgence for any sort of break, though. Adams may have plenty of accomplishments under his belt so far, but he has plenty more left in the tank, too. He wants to finish his novel in the next 12 months, and he would like to produce a record every year while continuing to grow his business. And even those may just be the tip of the iceberg for what lies ahead. “Maybe even bigger stuff, too,” Adams said with a smile. “In my mind, I’ve just gotten started.”

Letter to the editor

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to set the record straight about what a big financial supporter the Town of Farragut is — and has been — of the four public schools located in our town limits. We give much more than our fair share to support our schools — more than our population figures indicate that we should. All the while, we are operating our town in a fiscally conservative and debt-free manner. As the mayor for the past eight years, I’m proud of that record. According to the Knox County trustee, in the last fiscal year, the Town of Farragut generated \$24,839,289 in property taxes. Knox County col-

lected a total of \$314,965,778 in property taxes that year. This means that while the Town of Farragut is only 3.2% of Knox County’s total land mass, we generated 7.8% of the total property taxes Knox County collected. And it’s important to remember that Knox County does not take care of our roads, stormwater, parks, community center, engineering, planning and other infrastructure needs. We do all that ourselves. In addition, the Town of Farragut generated \$10,899,674 in local sales tax for Knox County Schools, and we generated \$274,910 in mixed drink taxes for Knox County Schools. This doesn’t even consider di-

rect funding of over \$120,000 the town gives to each of the schools and the Farragut High School foundation, along with countless hours our staff helps support special projects at each of the schools throughout the year. In short, the Town of Farragut is already a strong supporter of our Farragut schools. And we have been since the town was established in 1980. Thank you for letting me ensure that Farragut residents are completely informed of all the facts relevant to Farragut school funding.

~ Ron Williams
Mayor, Town of Farragut

Vote

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Throughout the early voting period, Farragut had the most votes, 1,203, on Friday, July 31, while it had the least, 185, on July 18. In the city of Knoxville, there were 6,981 Republican ballots returned during the early voting, 9,559 Democratic ballots and 250 general. In Knox County, there were 22,275 Republi-

can ballots, 10,555 Democratic and 372 general. In Farragut, there were 3,451 Republican ballots, 1,097 Democratic and 67 general ballots. By age range, the votes cast were 1,768 Republican, 4,000 Democratic and 72 general for ages 18 to 34; 5,943 Republican, 6,281 Democratic and 167 general for ages 35 to 54; 24,996 Republican ballots, 10,930 Democratic and 450 general for ages 55 and older.

Farragut Middle School and Korean Church of Knoxville were the top two precincts with 1,844 at Farragut Middle School, 1,651 and at Korean Church of Knoxville. Voters still have an opportunity to vote from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., on Election Day, Thursday, Aug. 6, at Farragut Middle School for Precincts 66 NE and 66 NW, Farragut High School for Precinct 66SW and Korean Church of Knoxville for Precincts 66SE.

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Cheers
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marina owners,” Nick Batson said. “Didn’t want any part of it.”

“That’s been the hardest part, that we can’t bring it back,” Amy Batson added. “The lack of support from the property owner has been sad.”

The Batsons estimate they have sunk approximately \$80,000 into the restaurant since its opening seven years ago.

The costs have gone toward a new heat and air unit, a new roof, a septic system and, among other items, a tiki bar added more recently, according to the Batsons.

The couple owned the restaurant’s equipment, renovations and everything inside the building — but not the building itself.

“When we got the building, it had spray paint and nothing in it,” Amy Batson said.

She and her husband have claimed marina ownership is

not willing to refund the Batsons for any of the money they put into the restaurant.

Further, they allege that the owners told them “not to spend any more money or do any more updates because he would tear it down in the future.”

They also allege the marina ownership group’s attorney sent a notice just last week requesting rent payment for the month of July, despite the restaurant burning down in early June.

Note: the farragutpress reached out to the ownership at Choto Marina but has not received a response.

Moving forward, the Batsons said other marinas have reached out about opening a restaurant there, so they are weighing their options.

“It’s never going to be the same as it was before, but we would try to make it as close as possible to that same environment,” Nick Batson said.

He did thank several people and companies for their sup-

port: musicians JLuke, Chase Countiss, Jason Ellis, Vaughn Sutherland; fundraiser organizers Kristin and Dan Williams, Jessica Ellam Aesthetics, Nauti K’s, Bacados and many other local restaurants; and special customers, such as Fran and Debbie, Jimmy and Sherri, Tucker McGuire, Craig and Michelle.

“We would like to say thank you to the community for being so supportive through all of this,” Amy Batson said.

Safety
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also included a crosswalk on Turkey Creek Road near Anchor Park and one at McFee Road near McFee Park.

In 2021, the Board approved and the Town installed a crosswalk on Grigsby Chapel Road at the Grigsby Chapel Greenway near the intersection with Campbell Station Road and

a mid-block crosswalk with flashing lights near Mayor Bob Leonard Park that same year. The flashing lights at those two mid-block crosswalks also are solar powered.

At those mid-block crosswalks, pedestrians can push a button to operate the flashing beacons that alert drivers someone is about to cross the road, Smoak said.

Regarding the traffic en-

forcement program, enabled by the Automated Enforcement Ordinance, cameras are located at the following intersections:

- Kingston Pike eastbound at Concord Road and Concord Road northbound at Kingston Pike
- Kingston Pike eastbound at Campbell Station Road and Campbell Station Road northbound and southbound at

Kingston Pike

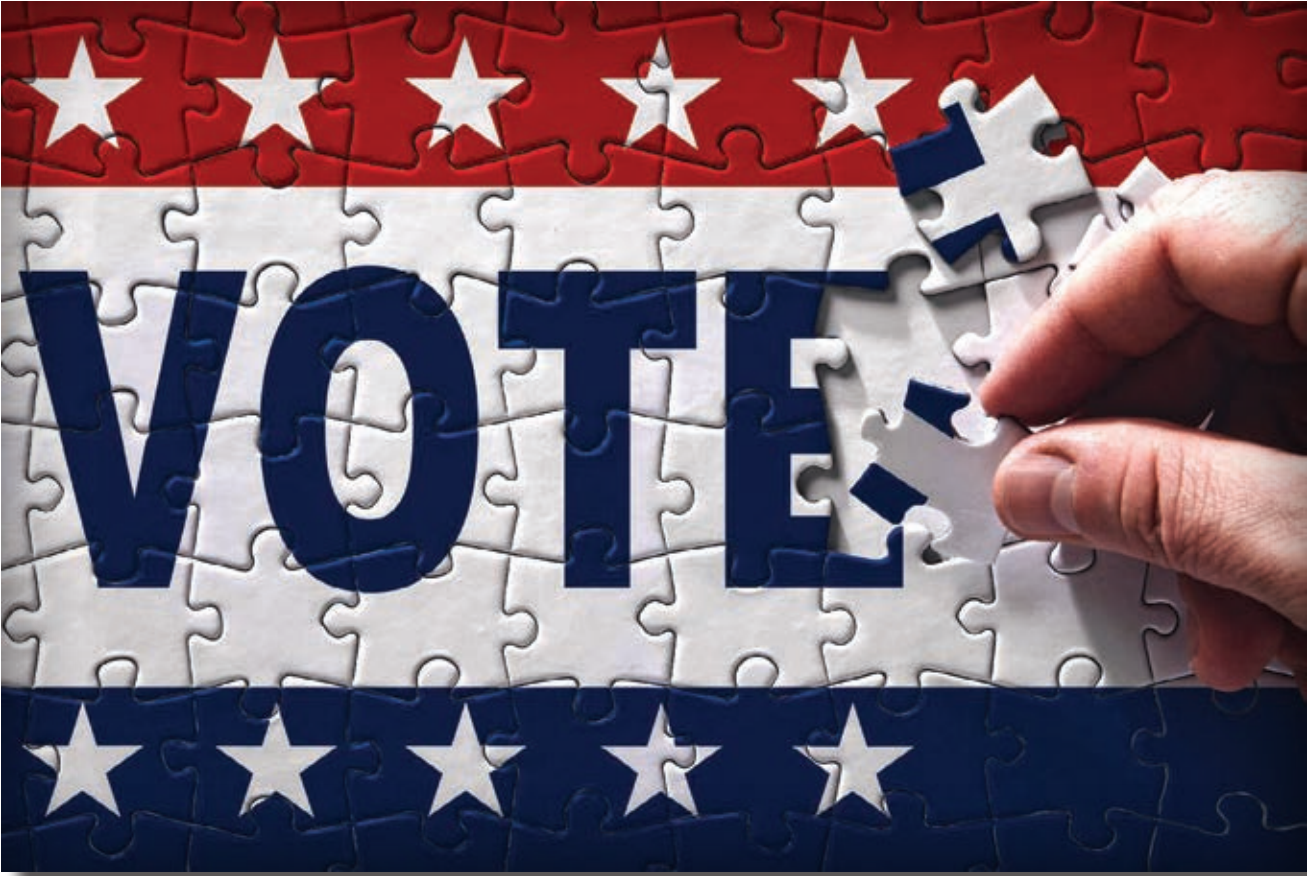
- Kingston Pike eastbound and westbound at Smith Road and Smith Road southbound at Kingston Pike
- Campbell Station Road northbound and southbound at Parkside Drive/Grigsby Chapel Road

According to the Town’s website, the Town has operated the automated traffic enforcement program, or red light cameras,

since 2009.

The website states the four intersections were targeted because of the high traffic volume and the number of red light violations surveyed by the Town’s staff.

“These intersections were submitted to Redflex, who then conducted two additional surveys, which confirmed the violation data collected by the Town,” the website stated.



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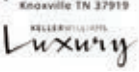


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Right: Agri Feed Pet Supply manager Chris Osterman, left, and assistant manager Melanie Moore are ready to show all the cool merchandise in the Agri Feed store.

Above: Agri Feed Pet Supply sales associate Bella Johnson, far left, helps customers, Desirae second from left, Greg and Leanne Dean find pet needs for their pup.



Agri Feed named one of ‘America’s Coolest’

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Agri Feed Pet Supply, 10420 Kingston Pike, and 5716 Middlebrook Pike, recently was named to Pets Plus Magazine’s 2026 “America’s Coolest” list. “It’s one of just nine independent pet businesses recognized nationally this year out of 25 semi-finalists,” according to Pets Plus. “It was very exciting,” Kingston Pike store manager Chris Osterman said about the nomi-

nation. “It was a great honor, and we’re celebrating 50 years this year, so that makes it even that much more special.” “Judge Claudia Loomis put it best: ‘Being able to evolve and grow for 50 years — that is a huge accomplishment,’” the store’s website stated. “Fifty years in, we’re just getting started.” One step into Agri Feed’s doors shows the store is more than just pet food. Patrons can find equestrian apparel and tack, pet toys, supplements

and other items. And, “we strive on customer service and carrying good, high-quality foods to help the customers do best for their family members because they’re not just pets; they’re part of the family,” said Osterman, who has been with the company for more than 20 years. “Our [Kingston Pike] store has the equine [items]. The Middlebrook Store now has the dog park, and they have a spa.” About lasting 50 years, the

manager said she thinks “being family-owned by mother and son, Melissa and Britt Sturm, kept the business going. Osterman said the business started as a Purina feed store by Britt’s grandfather. When Britt’s father, Brad, took over the store, he expanded the line of merchandise. “We still carry the farm feeds and all that, but now it’s more pet supply,” Osterman said. Patrons can read about the

store’s family history on its Facebook page. The business originally was located off Kingston Pike, near Grassy Valley Church, but moved in 2020 to Lovell Heights shopping center to garner more space. “This is a great location,” Osterman said, adding the new location also gives the business better visibility from the street. Agri Feed is open from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and closed Sundays.

Carhartt networking



Tammy Cheek

Michelle Cohen, left, a Carhartt associate, chats with Hannah Lane with CertaPro Painters during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce networking hosted by Carhartt at the store, 11379 Parkside Drive, Thursday, July 23.

Tennova’s expanded emergency department

A Turkey Creek Medical Center staff member directs a tour of Tennova Healthcare’s Turkey Creek Medical Center’s newly expanded emergency department. The expansion completes a \$3 million investment, adding eight treatment rooms with full trauma care capabilities and more than 3,000 square feet of dedicated emergency care space, according to a Tennova press release. The expansion brings Turkey Creek Medical Center’s total emergency room capacity to 20 patient rooms. According to the release, the expanded emergency department will be fully operational in mid-July. See more in farragutpress’ Medical Focus section.



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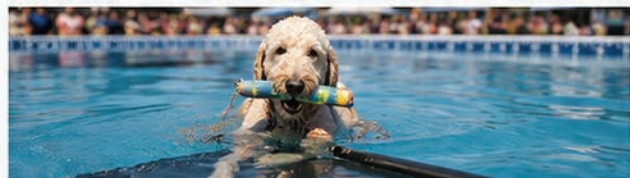


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The Farragut Lady Admirals are ready to begin their 2026 season under new head coach Whitney Lee.

Lady Ads prepping for new era under Lee

Bill Howard
Correspondent

Change and transition are in the air for Farragut High School’s 2026 volleyball team. The Lady Admirals’ v-ballers have not only a new coach in Whitney Lee, but a significant roster change from last year.

“I’m new, and there are a lot

of new players,” Lee said. “Different for me and for them, so just trying to get them to function as one team. Learn each other’s strengths.”

“I think it’s great,” Lee said, of the team’s practices and development so far. “Really pumped about the season.”

Lee, who hails from Florida, has coached v-ball in Burma and South Korea. She joined

the FHS staff in January last year and teaches freshman seminar.

“Here at Farragut, we value education and sports, and we can see how they mix well together and how they can develop the whole person,” she said.

Twelve girls are on Lee’s roster this year, and she insists all will see court time. Only four return from last year, and only

two are seniors. “We’re definitely young,” Lee said.

Junior Madelyn McCurry and sophomore Emberly McNair will be the setters in the team’s 6-2 set (all six on the court are hitters and two are setters).

“They’re both working closely with the hitters and always asking for feedback,” Lee said of the pair.

Emmy Walkup will be one of the outside hitters. “Really nice surprise, moved in from Ohio,” Lee said of the freshman.

Another outside hitter will be sophomore Megan Frana, who saw significant playing time last year. “She’s so good,” Lee said. “She’s such a good

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Haden Roberts will be taking over as the Irish softball coach.

Roberts takes the helm

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Earlier this summer, Knoxville Catholic High School announced Haden Roberts will be taking over as the Irish softball coach after serving in the interim for the back half of the 2026 season.

KCHS made its first state tournament appearance in more than four decades this past spring.

“It was super excit-

ing. I was happy to hear that they wanted me to continue after our run, and that was something I knew I wanted to continue doing,” Roberts said. “The athletes on this team are fun to be around, exciting to coach and it felt good for them to recognize that we helped them reach that point.”

“We are extremely pleased to name Haden

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Leading with spirit

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Dana Jacobs has seen plenty of positives from her Farragut High School cheer team this summer.

Recently, the Admirals showcased their skills at the Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) summer camp at East Tennessee State Univer-

sity (ETSU). Typically, these events allow teams to sharpen their skills, build team unity and prepare for the upcoming season.

FHS took plenty from the camp in these aspects, but it also emerged with an impressive list of accomplishments.

Five Farragut cheer-

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Carter Collier looked for an opening and dashed toward it.

The Farragut junior tailback muscled his way through the Greeneville defensive line, gaining a couple of yards amid the Admirals’ first taste of preseason action.

It was one play of several within Farragut’s new flex bone offense, which debuted in the Admirals’ scrimmage against the Greene Devils on Friday, July 31.

While FHS typically has run a more shotgun-heavy, spread offense since the late 2000s, third-year head coach Geoff Courtney made the switch this offseason — putting new quarterback Hayes Sharp under center with a fullback behind him and an H-back to each side.

Predicated on misdirection, the offense gained popularity with service academies and other college teams, such as Georgia Tech.

Now, it has arrived in Farragut for the 2026 season.

“With depth at certain positions, offensive line into skill, we have a lot of outside receivers, and personnel-wise, it gave us a true two-deep,” Courtney said. “We’re able to be a little more athletic up front.

“We’re still getting the hang of it and have



Jake Nichols

Farragut running back Carter Collier (26) looks for an opening in the Greeneville defensive line during a scrimmage against the Greene Devils on Friday, July 31. Collier and the Admiral offense debuted a new flex bone attack in preparation for the 2026 campaign.

seen some good things in practice, but we got challenged here tonight. First time with a young team under the lights, and we had a lot of guys that missed assignments. But that will improve.”

Courtney noted the last time FHS ran anything close to this was 2006 before switching to spread the following year.

“We had a lot of play-

action pass, heavy run game,” he said. “So we had success with it then. Where our personnel is, we are young at quarterback, offensive line and the skill positions.

“So it will help our backs, tight ends, receivers and our quarterback will really improve in it. You’re just trying to stress the defense at all 11 positions.”

He noted the install

has been “very systematic,” taking roughly a week this summer to put in a foundation that gave the Admirals one formation to run out of Friday night.

The Ads found success on their first drive of an inside run drill, as Abram Shelton and Dayton Parks found the end zone.

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FMS standouts claim national title on travel circuit



Submitted

Members of the High Standard 2013 – Partida travel softball team gathered for a photo after winning the 2026 USSSA national championship tournament in Gulf Shores, Alabama, earlier this month. Four players on the team, Anna Bell, Lydia Lane, Logan Shrader and Josie Pacelli play for Farragut Middle School under Nick Green.

Roberts

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Roberts as the next head softball coach at Knoxville Catholic High School,” KCHS athletic director Jason Sur-las added. “Haden is an out-standing coach with extensive experience in the sport of softball and a man of tremen-dous character who embodies the values of our school. I am confident he will build upon the momentum and suc-cess of our softball program from last season.”

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The following play resulted in a fumble, though, an aspect Farragut will have to work through as it adjusts to a new scheme.

“We didn’t handle the snap too well tonight — we haven’t had that issue until we got out here,” Courtney said. “But Greeneville has a couple big defensive tackles, so the cen-ter-quarterback exchange was under duress. That will im-prove, though.”

He added that he’s been im-pressed with tight ends Bailey Pyle and Max Hilton — who hauled in a pass from Sharp on a corner route during another drill — as well as Collier and Alcoa transfer Elijah Sadler, both of whom fielded punts during special teams work.

Cruz Williams snagged an interception shortly before-hand, Farragut’s lone turn-over of the night.

“He’s one that may not have had as big of a role in the spring,” Courtney said, “but he’s gotten better this summer and this suits him.”

He added Thatcher Cherry, Grant Campbell and John Edelman — who was absent Friday — have all impressed

Before taking over at Cath-olic, Roberts was the head softball coach at Karns High School and Concord Christian School.

Now, he will lead the green and gold with Heather Roberts — co-head coach last season — staying on as an assistant.

“The school had asked me if we wanted Heather to stay, and I didn’t want to be there without her,” Haden Roberts said. “She makes our team a lot better and that was a no-brainer for me.”

up front, each one playing both ways.

So have Kaden Renfro on the defensive line and Shel-ton from his Star spot, as both found their way into the Dev-ils’ backfield numerous times.

“Kaden, we moved him from linebacker to defensive tackle back in April, and he was a force then,” Courtney said. “He’s had a good summer and had a good night, very disrupt-ive on the inside.

“Then Abram was on ev-ery special teams last year and has played quite a bit for us. That’s a cornerstone po-sition of our defense, so you want a guy that’s versatile and makes plays in space while be-ing physical around the box. That’s what he is, so we look for him to have a big year.”

Caleb Bell wrapped up the night with several impressive kicks, even hitting a 49-yarder amidst a 7-of-8 clip at one point once the teams moved over to the game field.

Going forward, Farragut will welcome the West Rebels for another scrimmage this Friday, Aug. 7. As the clock ticks toward the season open-er, Courtney wants to see his team take another step this week.

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On Tuesday, July 21, Nick Green got the first glimpse of his 2026 Far-ragut Middle School soft-ball team.

The Lady Admirals are coming off a memo-rable year, having won the Tennessee Middle School State Champion-ship in October, finishing with an impressive 19-3-1 record.

Now, FMS will look to go back-to-back, and it will have plenty of help from four players who re-turn to the diamond with plenty of hardware.

Lady Admirals Lydia Lane, Anna Bell, Josie Pacelli and Logan Shrad-

er competed in the 2026 USSSA national cham-pionship tournament in Gulf Shores the third week in July. Facing a 10-game gauntlet against teams from Illinois, Indi-ana, Texas, Georgia and Oklahoma, their team (High Standard 2013 - Partida) emerged with the national title, de-feating OK Commit out of the Sooner state by a score of 4-1 in a winner-take-all matchup.

Before that, the Ten-nessee-based team won 9-6 to force the final matchup.

“It was just really fun, and all our hard work paid off,” said Bell, the team’s first baseman. “To win a national cham-

pionship, it was such a good way to end the sea-son, especially doing it with the Farragut team-mates I’ve gotten close to and bonded with. We’ve gotten to know each oth-er really well, and we are really good friends off the field.”

“It was just a really special moment between all of us,” Lane added. “I feel like we’ve all bonded and have each other’s backs.”

While Bell occupied the right corner of the diamond, Pacelli played catcher and third base with Lane at pitcher and first base and Shrader at shortstop.

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Lady Ads

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teammate. Talented and takes ownership.”

Chloe Cole and Chloe Trout share the position of right-side hitter, as well as the first name. Both are sophomores.

“Good athlete,” Lee said of Cole. Of Trout, Lee said she “really soaks in everything we tell her. Likes to learn.”

Another right-side hitter will be Layla Baker, who was hurt last year. “Great leader,” Lee said of the senior.

The other senior is libero

(defensive specialist) Lilly Bower. “Always moving,” Lee said. “She can get to the ball.”

Junior Katherine Cabaness and sophomore Olivia Cope will be the Lady Admirals’ middle hitters. “Really easy to be around; really helps our team environment,” Lee said of Cabaness.

“Smart player,” he said of Cope. “She can read the court really well. Really good hands.”

Another outside hitter position will be manned by junior Hope Blackiston, who saw playing time last year. The other libero is sophomore Eliana

Plawchan. “Communicates really well,” Lee said of Plaw-chan. “Applies really quickly what she’s taught.”

Mike Lee will be Lee’s assis-tant coach. Amie Abram will coach the JV team, and Mad-die Kupferer will be the team’s manager.

Lee thinks team unity is a major strength. “Before prac-tice, after practice, they’re al-ways talking to each other,” she said. “It’s not always the same groups. That gives me a lot of confidence because you can always work through whatever comes.”

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Band Camps

Farragut High School Marching Admirals Band finished its band camp this week and is preparing to perform its first show, Dual Shades, at FHS's first home football game on Friday, Sept. 4.

Led by director Andrew Smith, assistant director Andrew Chunn and drum majors, Ari Kim, Lisa Garner and Evelyn Holmes, there are 142 in the competitive band and 170 in the class band.

Hardin Valley Academy Spirit of the Valley Band members worked out during their annual band camp last week, July 27-31, learning the steps and music for this year's performances.

Photos by Tammy Cheek



FHS: From left, Mary Wang, Eli Turner, assistant director Andrew Chunn, Sophie Stinnett and Henry Green



HVA: Warner Leshner, left, and Eliana Harvey with flutes



HVA: From left, Henry Arft, AJ Sturm, Austin Beemer and Ethan Petallana



FHS: Adlan Smith with baritone



HVA: Nathan Crane with baritone



FHS: Douglas King, front tech instructor



FHS: Hailey Aiken



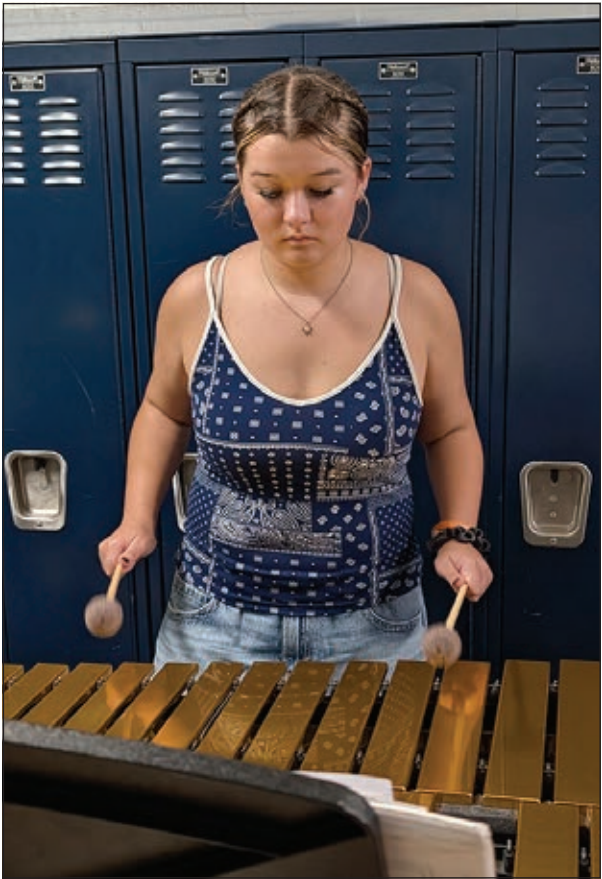
FHS: Nathaniel Gilbert with trombone



FHS: Leif Burress



HVA: Ethan Petallana



FHS: Iddy Burtch



Tammy Cheek

Rotary District 6780 2026-27 Gov. Deb Birdsall received a warm welcome to Rotary Club of Farragut by Assistant District Gov. Ed Anderson, left, and RCF President Brian Walker during RCF's meeting Wednesday, July 15.

Compassion leads Rotary message

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Compassion led the message for Rotary District 6780 2026-27 Gov. Deb Birdsall, who visited Rotary Club of Farragut in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, July 15.

Additionally, club members welcomed back fellow member Tory Kinson's son Garrett, who just returned home from Fukuoka, Japan, as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program.

Garrett, who graduated from Bearden High School in May 25, spent his year between high school and his plan to attend University of Tennessee to study engineering, engaging in experiences that would last a lifetime.

While Birdsall spoke of compassion among Rotary members, her message carries forward to those outside the club as well.

For example, when the club

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Carlos and Nancy Reveiz stopped for a photo in front of the León sign in Spain along their journey. Behind them is the León Cathedral, the building of which was started in 1255.

Across the Meseta...

Camino Journal – Part 3: Into the heart of the Camino

Carlos Reveiz
Correspondent

The Meseta continued to stretch before us, and so did our new normal.

Our little Camino family — Nancy, me, and our three newfound friends — rose before sunrise each morning, packed our backpacks and started another day of walking west across Spain.

At first glance, the Meseta appears endless and unchanging. But the longer you spend there, the more you notice its quiet beauty. Brilliant red poppies painted the fields, tall grasses danced in the wind and golden wheat and cereal crops stretched to the horizon. It wasn't dramatic scenery, but there was something peaceful and almost hypnotic about it.

After nearly 300 miles on foot, our bodies were beginning to adapt. Our legs were still sore when we started each morning, but they had grown remarkably stronger. Day by day, mile by mile, the Camino was changing us physically before we even realized how much it was changing us in other ways.

One of the greatest joys of the Camino is

meeting pilgrims from every corner of the world. Despite speaking different languages and coming from different cultures, we all shared one common goal: to safely reach Santiago de Compostela.

One morning, while packing our backpacks, Nancy noticed a Korean pilgrim sitting quietly in the lobby. He was struggling to care for painful blisters on his feet and didn't know what to do. Without hesitation, Nancy grabbed our blister kit and gently treated his feet.

He spoke very little English, but words weren't necessary. His grateful smile said everything.

The next day, we unexpectedly crossed paths again. Using Google Translate, he explained he wanted to buy us drinks at the next village to thank Nancy for her kindness.

When we arrived, he wasn't there.

Then suddenly, we saw him riding toward us on a bicycle with the biggest smile on his face.

What we didn't know was he had already walked several miles beyond our destination. He had rented a bicycle and ridden back near-

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Parks program at CADES



Tammy Cheek

Park Ranger volunteers Tammy May, left, and Betty Blanton, visited Concord Adult Day Enrichment Services in Concord United Methodist Church Friday, July 31, to provide a program on the national parks.



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Obituaries

Mary Elaine (Hargis) Pryse of Knoxville, Tennessee passed away peacefully on July 25, 2026 surrounded by loving family. Mary was born June 22, 1927 in Cleveland, Tennessee, the daughter of Louis and Nona Hargis. She graduated from Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Virginia.

In 1949 she married the love of her life, Dr. Thomas D. Pryse, a beloved and accomplished orthodontist in Knoxville. They were married nearly 71 years before Tom passed away in 2020; their love story set the standard for what marriage should look like. Mary and Tom had three children (Tandy, Thomas, Jr, and Tegwyn), eight grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren of whom they were very proud.

Mary loved cheering on her children, grandchildren and greats at their various activities, especially horse shows. She also enjoyed traveling the world with Tom through the International College of Dentists. One of her favorite activities was sitting on her farmhouse porch with Tom at toddy time looking for John's Mountain in the distance.

She was a regular at bridge club, garden club, and a member of St John's Episcopal Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

"Nano," as she was affection-

ately known by her grandchildren, had a true servant's heart and spent her time caring for her many loved ones. She was strong, smart, loving, sassy, generous, and really funny. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, Louis and Nona Hargis; her sister, Joyce Hargis Hudson Carter; her husband, Thomas D. Pryse; and her son, Thomas D. Pryse, Jr.

She is survived by her loving daughters Tandy Lacy (Richard), Tegwyn Pryse; grandchildren Mary Helen Posch (Timothy), John Thomas Lacy, Jake Lacy (Emily), Thomas "Trey" D. Pryse, III, Tyson Pryse, Jessica Frazier (Rusty), Danielle Pryse, Elizabeth Carver; great-grandchildren Maggie Miller (Peyton), Dylan Posch, Mari Blair Lacy, Hunter Kate Lacy, Hattie Lacy, Forrest Lacy, Mary Isabel Frazier, Annie Frazier, Boston Boggess, Piper Boggess, Blaze Boggess, Lucy Fowler, Cooper Carver; and many nieces and nephews that she loved as her own.

Receiving of Family and Friends was held at Berry Highland Memorial Funeral Home on Sunday, August 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. A funeral service followed at 4:00 p.m. with livestream available at <https://Berry-Highland-Memorial.livestreamcontrol.tv/a1c44377>.

Graveside Services were held at Berry Highland Memorial Cemetery at Whispering Waters Pavilion on Monday, August 3, 2026, at 11:00 am.

Edward "Ed" Anthony Richard Juhascik, born on March 2, 1945, in Pittsburgh, PA, passed away in Knoxville, TN, with his loving sister, Elaine Oliver, by his side. Ed attended North Catholic High School in Pittsburgh, PA, and Duquesne University, studying history. He served in the Air Force and later worked for the Pennsylvania Welfare Department for 40 years. Ed loved practicing his Catholic Faith in both Pittsburgh and Knoxville, where he moved to be close to his sister and family. He loved his country, serving and loving the underprivileged. Ed was a sports enthusiast through and through; he especially loved any Pittsburgh teams. Go Steelers! He loved to travel, read, listen to live music, drive his Mustang, and spend time with his family eating delicious steaks. Ed had a sharp mind and quick wit,

able to see the humor in life and spread laughter throughout. He always had words of encouragement, appreciating the beauty in his close friends and family.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Emily Juhascik; his brother, Anthony; brother-in-law, Custodio Oliver; and dear friend, Joyce Ray.

Ed is survived by his sister, Elaine Oliver; nephews and niece, including Mark (Kathleen) Oliver, Jennifer (Mike) Spadafora, and Jeremy (Ann) Oliver; and great-nieces and nephews, including Charlie, Matt (Jessica), Nick and Ben



Oliver, Mara, Anthony, Lucas Spadafora, and JJ and John Oliver.

The family received friends on Saturday, August 1, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM at St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 633 St. John Ct., Farragut, TN 37934. A Mass of Christian Burial followed at 11:00 AM.

A graveside service will be held at 10:00 AM on Monday, August 3, 2026, at Christ Our Redeemer Catholic Northside Cemetery, 204 Cemetery Ln., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice. Ed would have wanted his memory honored by supporting a cause that is meaningful to you.

Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel is honored to serve the Juhascik family.

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- Urban Air Adventure Park Knoxville will host Back-to-School Bash on Friday, Aug. 7, from 4 to 8 p.m., at 9626 Kingston Pike. This free-to-attend community event will feature local organizations, family-friendly activities, games, crafts, a school supply giveaway, raffle prizes and opportunities for families to connect with local resources before the new school year begins.
- Fun with Farragut's Fleet returns to Mayor Bob Leonard

Park from 8:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 22. This free event is a way for kids to get up close and personal with big equipment used by the Town and local law enforcement and construction organizations.

This year's event will offer a new sensory hour from 8:30-9:30 a.m. During this time, all participating vehicles will turn off horns and lights to provide a less stimulating environment.

Event participants will in-

clude Farragut Public Works Department, Rural Metro, Smyrna Ready Mix, Knox County Sheriff's Office, First Utility District and more.

For questions, contact Recreation and Event manager Rachel Malone at rmalone@townoffarragut.org.

- St. John Neumann Catholic Church will hold Golden Jubilee Mass on Saturday, Aug. 15,

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Rotary
From page 3B

welcomes a new member who is full of enthusiasm, “sometimes their energy can be overwhelming and they can be hard to be around,” she acknowledged.

“What do we do?” Birdsall asked. “Do we push them away or do we bring them into the fold? Do we take them in and show them, in a loving and compassionate way, how they can use their energy that benefits others and also be part of the club?”

That also could apply to new company staff members or classmates at school.

“We want to make sure that they feel included,” Birdsall added.

“And, then there’s the season in life where you have children,” she said. They have challenges about which others do not know.

“If you have someone in your club who has a family — children especially — and they made a commitment to do something and life becomes complicated for them, Birdsall said. “Let’s give them some grace.”

She advised asking that person, “What can I do to help?”

“And there’s very little in Rotary that’s life or death,” Birdsall added. “Seriously, sometimes we need to give them permission to rest ... what we don’t want them to do is get so overwhelmed [they quit the club].

“Every Rotarian is fighting a battle we can’t see,” she acknowledged. “Compassion builds retention.

“Why do we have 1.2 million Rotarians every single year?” she asked. “That means, for every Rotarian that we tried so hard to bring in, we’re losing



Tammy Cheek

Rotary Club of Farragut member Tory Kinson’s son Garrett reported the impact spending a year Fukuoka, Japan, had as part of the Rotary Youth Exchange program during RCF’s meeting Wednesday, July 15.

them out the back door. Why? “Because they feel unseen or disconnected,” Birdsall answered.

When someone has missed a meeting or two, she advised checking in — not checking up. Call and let them know they are missed.

Also, Birdsall advised listening, not solving.

“Sometimes, they just need someone to listen so they can solve the problem themselves,” she said.

Birdsall also advised making space for the seasons in life while making sure they feel included.

Another message she shared was how to rekindle passion for Rotary, asking why someone became part of Rotary in the first place.

30, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., at World’s Fair Park and The Knoxville Museum of Art. The Asian Cultural Parade will start at 10:30 a.m. at the Water Fountain on the Festival Lawn. During the festival, booths for each country will feature food vendors, activities and ongoing performances. Visit www.knoxasianfestival.com for tickets and more information.



Map submitted

This map of Spain shows the Camino French way (in green) and the progress the Reveiz made along their journey (first 20 days highlighted in red).

Reveiz
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ly 3 miles because he had made us a promise.

In his culture, a promise is meant to be kept.

We were deeply touched. It wasn’t about the drinks. It was about integrity, gratitude and the unexpected friendships that seem to happen every day on the Camino.

After 20 consecutive days of walking, we reached León, one of the largest and most beautiful cities along the Camino. We decided it was finally time to give our bodies a well-earned day of rest.

León is home to one of Spain’s most spectacular Gothic cathedrals, often called the “House of Light.” Its breathtaking stained-glass windows flood the cathedral with an incredible display of color. Pictures simply don’t do it justice.

León also marked the end of the Meseta.

As grateful as we were for everything the plains had given us, we were ready for a change. The endless open landscape slowly gave way to forests, rolling hills and shaded trails beneath towering trees. It felt like the Camino was opening an entirely new chapter.

Our rest day, however, came

with mixed emotions.

Melissa, one of our Camino family members from Chicago, was staying behind an extra day to meet friends. Our paths would separate there.

It’s difficult to explain how complete strangers become family in such a short time. When you spend every day walking together, sharing meals, helping each other through injuries, celebrating victories and encouraging one another through difficult moments, friendships form that are unlike any we’ve ever experienced.

People often say, “The Camino provides.”

I never fully understood what that meant until this journey.

Our Camino family shared everything — food, blister supplies, clothing, advice, laughter and encouragement. We looked after one another without ever keeping score.

One unforgettable afternoon, Europe was in the grip of a record-breaking heat wave. Four of us were staying in an Albergue without air conditioning, and the heat inside was almost unbearable.

Bob from San Diego happened to have a tiny two-bed room with air conditioning.

Without a second thought, he invited all four of us to squeeze

into his little room. It wasn’t comfortable, but somehow it became one of our favorite memories. We laughed, cooled off, shared stories and were reminded once again that generosity doesn’t depend on how much space you have — it depends on how much room you make in your heart.

As we left León, Nancy and I looked forward to one of the Camino’s most meaningful landmarks: the Cruz de Ferro, or Iron Cross.

Standing nearly 5,000 feet above sea level, the simple wooden pole topped with an iron cross rises from a massive mound of stones left by pilgrims from around the world. For centuries, pilgrims have carried a stone from home and placed it at the foot of the cross, symbolically leaving behind burdens, regrets, grief or anything weighing heavily on their hearts before continuing their journey.

For us, the Cruz de Ferro was only three days away.

We had each carried a special stone all the way from home.

Neither of us realized just how emotional that moment would become.

But that’s a story for another day.

Until then... Buen Camino, my friends.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the adoption of municipal code of ordinances will be held by the Board of Mayor & Aldermen of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee, at 6:00 p.m. on the 13th day of August 2026, at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN 37934, to hear citizen comments on the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance 26-16, An Ordinance of the Town of Farragut, Tennessee on Second Reading, Amending the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Capital Investment Program Fund Budget, Passed by Ordinance 25-10.

A copy of the proposed code of ordinances is available online at www.townoffarragut.org or the recorder's office for anyone who desires to examine it in advance of the hearing.

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1) Call to Order	5) Confirm date of next meeting:
2) Approval of Minutes	A) Next Meeting is September 8, 2026
A) Approval of Minutes for May 12th Meeting	6) CIP Update
3) Business Items	A) Monthly CIP and Parks Update
A) Election of Officers	7) Adjournment
4) Discussion Items	
A) TSW Presentation about 70-Acre property	

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Spirit
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leaders were named UCA All-Americans: Piper Belcher, Natalie Borton, Kinley Bothman, Ava Kincaid, and Caity Penn.

Two senior cheerleaders, Belcher and Norton, were selected to apply to become future UCA camp instructors, “an honor extended to athletes who demonstrate exceptional leadership, technical ability, and enthusiasm throughout camp,” per Jacobs.

The team also took first place in the Spirit Routine and Cheer competitions, claimed second place in the Camp Routine competition and earned the St. Jude Children’s Hospital Spirit Stick for collecting the highest number of completed letters of encouragement for St. Jude patients.

FHS also earned the UCA Banana on the third day of camp, a recognition of its spirit, enthusiasm and sportsmanship, and won a Spirit Stick each day of camp for participation and school spirit.

In addition to the team’s

competitive success, FHS won the Leadership Award, one of camp’s highest recognitions.

Voted on by fellow teams, the award is presented to the squad that best exemplifies leadership, sportsmanship, encouragement and positive character throughout the week.

“Our girls represented Farragut High School with incredible pride, work ethic and heart,” Jacobs said. “While we’re certainly proud of the awards and trophies, I’m even more proud of the positive attitudes they demonstrated each day. They encouraged one another, embraced every opportunity to improve and consistently chose to represent our program with class. Those are the qualities that will continue to define our team long after camp is over.”

Jacobs also expressed her appreciation for assistant coach Mackenna Pease and the effort she makes in aiding the Ads.

“I’m incredibly grateful for Coach Pease and the dedication she brings to our program each day,” Jacobs said. “Her preparation, positivity and un-



Submitted

The Farragut High School cheer squad racked up several honors at the UCA summer cheer camp at East Tennessee State University.

wavering commitment to our athletes play an important role in our success, and I am thankful to coach alongside her.”

With camp complete, the Farragut squad turns its attention to preparing for the upcoming football season, as

it looks to build on the momentum, confidence and friendships developed and grown during UCA camp.

FMS
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As a team, they totaled a .402 average with a .500 on-base percentage in 184 total at-bats. They also fielded at an impressive .931 clip and gave up only nine earned runs across 10 games with a 1.385 ERA and 41 total strikeouts.

Lane went 2-0 in the circle, registering a .667 ERA with one earned run, eight strikeouts and two key RBIs throughout the tournament.

Pacelli put together a .375 batting average with 11 RBIs, 24 put-outs from behind the plate and a .966 overall fielding

percentage while Bell totaled a .955 fielding percentage with 21 put-outs at first, one double play and a .500 batting average and 1.250 clip in on-base plus slugging in championship games.

Finally, Shrader hammered out a .333 batting average, a .940 OPS with eight runs scored, six stolen bases and an unassisted double play, earning Defensive MVP for the tournament in the process.

“It builds on what we did last year, winning the fall state tournament with that roster,” Green said of the group’s success. “And they all play different positions, too. Lydia

throws pretty hard and had a pretty good year last year in middle school, so hopefully she can build on that and become a pretty dominant pitcher. Anna hits the ball pretty well and plays first and third, and Josie catches, plays third and had some pretty good at-bats for them over the tournament. And Logan Shrader, the younger one, is pretty good, too. Extremely athletic, the fifth of the Shraders. We had two of them this year in Alexa and Camryn, and Logan is probably more athletic than they are. Now she may not be as good offensively as Camryn at this point, but defensively,

she’s pretty darn good.”

Moreover, he noted this experience will only aid each player once they reach high school, as they already have developed chemistry on the field.

“There’s a limit because you can only have five kids from the same school on the same club team, but it’s good they get to play together, as long as they don’t get sick of each other,” he joked. “Hope they take the things I’ve taught them and apply them to their other teams. I tell them there’s more than on eBay to do anything, so just because this is what we’re running, it doesn’t mean

it’s the right way or the wrong way. But you have to be versatile and be able to run different systems. We’re pretty consistent with our roster so we run the same system from middle school through high school, and I think it benefits them to be able to run the same one all the time. They just have to take the skills that are transferable from one system to another. Them playing at that level together early in their careers will only help as they get older because if we go to the state tournament, then they’ve already played in big games and been successful in them. So that helps a lot.”

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Do you know what the Farragut Mixed-Use Town Center Vision Plan was?

Never before had the town attempted to create an ordinance that would require the town to pay for a \$4.5 million dollar parking garage for Biddle Farm Shoppes, trees in the middle of Kingston Pike, North Campbell Station Road, Concord Road, and an Event Center and Boutique Hotel on Eddy Ford's farm next to the town hall.

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(Page 59 shows the Event Center and boutique hotel on Ford's land.)

Town attorney Tom Hale forbade the plan from becoming an ordinance. Vice Mayor Povlin said in this same Mayor and Alderman meeting,

"This is going to be a work in progress anyway. We're not done with this."

<https://www.farragutpress.com/articles/2024/07/13977>

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen just hired TSW Consultants to redo the Farragut Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Was this what former Vice Mayor Povlin meant when she said, "We're not done with this"?

Farragut residents now have grave concern on what Ms. Povlin now says on her campaign website about the Event Center and Boutique Hotel:

Personally, I don't believe a hotel belongs in the heart of our Town. This is not a flip flop of my opinion, this has always been my opinion. This is my personal opinion.

This complete reversal on the Event Center and Boutique Hotel from the Vision Plan has people of Farragut concerned. If words do not have meaning over time, what do they mean?

Farragut residents need to know this; three votes out of five on the Board of Mayor and Aldermen can force a property tax on town residents and businesses. No voter referendum is required. Three votes can put apartments on Eddy Ford's land. Three votes can issue town bonds. Buying Eddy Ford's land would cost at least \$16 million dollars, the last asking price from the Ford family.

Contrast this complete reversal from Louise Povlin on the Vision Plan to what Mayoral Candidate Alex Cain has committed to. No Property Tax, Prioritize Public Safety, Conservative Budgeting and Spending, Responsible Growth, and Citizen Focused Government.

**Farragut needs new management and leadership.
Alex Cain can and will bring that management and leadership.**

