





Jake Nichols

Melinda Moore looks through selections at the Farragut Branch Library during the Friends of the Knox County Public Library’s used book sale.

Bookworms raise money for local nonprofit

Jake Nichols
jnichols@farragutpress.com

On Friday, Sept. 11, a long line stretched out from the front door at the Farragut Branch Library on Campbell Station Road.

People waited with bags, totes and even large moving boxes in anticipation of the library’s annual used book sale, which is one of several that happens in partnership with Friends of the Knox County Public Library.

Since 1970, Friends of the Knox County Public Library has fostered a love of libraries, books and reading in the area.

They raise money for local libraries, having donated more than \$1 million dollars to the Knox County Public Library, according to their website.

“I’m not sure how long we have been hosting the book sale here, but we love our Friends of the Library organization,” said James Mauk, the branch manager at the Farragut library. “They’re great partners and support us here at the library and we are happy to have them.”

This event is one of several across the area. The Cedar Bluff location will be hosting a sale on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 13-14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A sale with the same hours will unfold at the Bearden library Friday and Saturday, Dec. 4-5.

“For a lot of years,” said Chris Truka, the Farragut branch lead for Friends of the KCPL. “I only joined about a year-and-a-half ago, so I can’t tell you how many years. But I’m guessing at least 10

or 15. Long time. But for the sales this year, every sale we’ve had has broken records from the previous sale.

“More people in line when we get here in the morning and more sales. So they are growing in popularity and we love that. That’s why we had to expand in here this year because we didn’t have enough room for all the people.”

With an expansion into the library from the atrium area, Truka said the Farragut event raised a total of \$7,465.45 between last Friday and that Saturday, Sept. 12.

“Part of the money is set aside for branch use,” Truka wrote in an email. “During fiscal year 2025-2026, Knox County branches spent almost \$21,000 on purchases ranging from furniture to art supplies.”

To mitigate the amount spent on such supplies, events like last weekend’s sale are held throughout the year. Adults and children alike dug into everything from mysteries to sports novels and cookbooks to find ones that they would enjoy.

“That’s our goal, to get books back in the hands of children, mostly, and adults when we can,” Truka said last Saturday. “I just spoke with a lady I took a basket to, and she said, ‘I never expected to be so successful today.’ So that’s the people we want here.”

She said bookworms lined up as early as 8:15 that morning in anticipation of the event. But aside from working, Truka also finds happiness in seeing others discover the joy of reading.



Tammy Cheek

A crew works on repairs to a sewer system in Farragut Monday, Sept. 14.

BOMA From page 1A

that what’s advised, or should we be more prudent in testing the waters?”

LaPine replied that at one of the committee’s recent meetings, members discussed the testing process in response to the contamination.

“There were some questions from the committee to the staff regarding the process,” he added.

Sewer From page 1A

of public services. “As a general rule, Town staff will document concerns and notify the appropriate department immediately.

“For urgent issues, including matters of public safety and environmental concerns,

“We can do testing on a more regular basis if you like,” Town Engineer Darryl Smith said. “I can find out how much it costs and bring that to you any time.”

LaPine explained the committee’s responsibilities include overseeing stormwater matters and water-quality programs and serving as an advisory body to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The committee also hears appeals of notices of violations and

civil penalty assessments related to water quality.

LaPine also said the committee received updates regarding stream-bank mitigation at Founders Park at Campbell Station.

Wiberley related an anecdote about a pond at Anchor Park, where signs had been posted indicating the pond could present a hazard.

“I think maybe we need to identify more clearly why that is,” he added.

High-impact facility, roadway, park or service issues;

■ Complaints involving leadership, employees or service failure;

■ Board, elected official, attorney, media or outside agency involvement; and

■ Repeated, sensitive or cross-department concerns.

the staff member receiving the call will notify the appropriate office by phone or in-person, not email only,” he said. “Additionally, the updated process that directs citizen calls also be routed to Town Administration when they concern the following:

Public safety, environmental risk or potential harm;

ACT / SAT / PSAT

Helping students improve test scores for 40 years.

Taking reservations for private tutoring for Sep/Oct ACT.

Still time to join our classes to prepare for Sept/Oct ACTs.



Celebrating 10,000 students tutored since 2004!



www.testprepexperts.com
mike@testprepexperts.com
865-694-4108

Correction

The photo of Kat Mahn that ran in the business section of the Wednesday Sept. 9, issue of the farragutpress was submitted courtesy of Kat Mahn. The photo credit was listed incorrectly. We regret the error.



The Town of Farragut is looking for qualified applicants to fill a vacant North Ward alderman seat following Alex Cain’s election as Farragut’s new mayor.

The person chosen will serve until the next municipal election in August 2028, when the seat will be up for election as outlined in the Town Charter.

Applications must be turned in by noon Sept. 18.

Apply by scanning the QR code.



We need your INPUT on the future of Farragut!



Fill out the online survey by Sept. 25th!

FARRAGUT 2045: COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Planning the town’s future growth and development.

FUTURE 70-ACRE PARK MASTER PLAN

Creating a vision for Farragut’s newest community park.



https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PS5FRC5

865 Fest ready to spark Knoxville’s startup scene

Jake Nichols
jnichols@farragutpress.com

This month, Knoxville’s 865 Fest (formerly known as Startup Day) will write a 14th chapter. Scheduled to take place Tuesday, Sept. 29 at Bridge-water Place in West Knoxville, 865 Fest will feature “a full day of programming,” according to a release, including startup pitch competitions, fireside chats, breakout sessions and panel discussions. “This event invites investors, entrepreneurs, business leaders and community members to celebrate Knoxville’s vibrant and ever-growing startup ecosystem,” the release stated. “Each year, hundreds of attendees participate in Knoxville’s premier entrepreneurial event.” This year’s edition will feature a fireside chat with Knox County Mayor Betsy Hender-

son with City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon set to provide welcoming remarks. Other event programming will include three feature panels focused on three topics: how industry is advancing quantum technologies, supporting commercialization, growing high-wage jobs and building the talent pipeline needed for the future, presented by Three Roots Capital; Knoxville’s emergence as a nationally recognized destination city, and the role that food plays in attracting visitors, talent and investment, presented by Visit Knoxville; the ups and downs of growing a business and how entrepreneurs in East Tennessee operate, manage, and scale their businesses, as discussed by 865 Fest pitch alumni. There also will be two breakout session rooms, presented by PYA and LocallQ. These will cover various topics designed

to inspire and equip entrepreneurs and connect them with resources to help them succeed. 865 Fest’s signature startup pitch competition will once again feature six of Knoxville’s top startups. In this competition, founders will pitch their companies before a panel of judges and a live audience for a chance to win up to \$15,000 in cash prizes. Attendees will vote for their favorite startup to win the \$5,000 Crowd Favorite Award, and judges will select the \$10,000 Judges’ Choice winner. Judges for the event include Rachel Mehta, partner & VP of sourcing for She’s Independent Investments; Michael Dirla, principal at Greater Sum Ventures; Mike Thibodeaux, VP of business services at Comcast. Moreover, the Innova865 Alliance, which spearheaded 865 Fest, announces six startup companies to pitch that reflect

“Knoxville’s diverse entrepreneurial spirit,” the release stated. These are Aquafer Technologies, New Horizon Precision, Applied 2D Materials, DataRook, Fibarcode and AtomQ. For the third consecutive year, there also will be an emerging entrepreneur pitch competition for students and new graduates, organized by the Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at the University of Tennessee. Startups in this competition will compete for a \$3,000 cash prize. The event will feature the presentation of the annual Traction Award, given to a Knoxville entrepreneur who has made significant traction since participating in Startup Day. This award will be presented by AXLE Logistics. “Investors, entrepreneurs and business leaders look forward to 865 Fest every year,” said Breanna Hale, executive

director of the Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship & Innovation at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, and Innov865 Alliance member. “Knoxville’s signature startup event is a day in which we celebrate the innovation and the ever-growing startup ecosystem in our region. The event showcases the resources available to entrepreneurs in the area and why East Tennessee is a great place to start and grow a business.” Doors for the event will open at 8:30 a.m. EST on Tuesday, Sept. 29, for a networking breakfast and registration. Programming will begin at 9 a.m. and lunch will be provided for attendees. Registration is now open, and the general admission price is \$100. Tickets will be available to students at no cost. To purchase tickets visit <https://www.innov865.com/event/865-fest-2026>

Auction
From page 1A

of \$50, but some [bourbon] may be valued at quite a bit more,” Blaylock said. “The wine will be valued at \$25 or more, and basically what you will do is you will pay either \$50 for the bourbon or \$25 for the wine to pull a cork. “The cork will have a number on it, and after all of them sell, then we will have the people who bought a cork pull come back and they will see which ones they want,” she said. “So, some people will at least get a bottle valued at what they paid for it, but some may get bottles that are valued way more ... just for fun.” She said 20% of the silent auction proceeds are going to go to The Dream Connection, the Chamber’s member non-profit. The Dream Connection is a local organization made up of volunteers. “They have a board of directors who pay all their ad-

ministrative expenses, but every dollar that goes to them for fundraising goes to fulfill wishes of children who are either terminally ill at Dolly Parton Children’s Hospital or chronically ill,” Blaylock said. “The kids’ dreams are like going to Disneyworld or Dollywood or meeting a local celebrity or a football player or having a room makeover. “So, we’re really, really excited to see how much money we can raise to cover the cost of at least one, two or three dreams for children,” she said. “We’re really excited to part-

ner with them.” Blaylock added she also is excited that all 300 reserved tables and seats now are sold out. “As of this week, because of all the things that we’re going to have at the event — the dance floor, the game tables and the silent auction tables — we were limited to just 300 seats, so we are sold out at 300 already this week,” she said. However, “we have released a general admission ticket for \$100,” Blaylock said. “We would love for anyone who wants to just come have fun and support Dream Conne-

tion with us, anyone who wants to, can purchase that \$100 general admission ticket.” Those tickets can be purchased on the Chamber’s website at farragutchamber.com. With that ticket, they will get to play the games, they can dance, enjoy food and beverages, bid in the silent auction, but “general admission tickets do not come with a seat of any kind,” she said, explaining that basically would be standing-room only entry. “The fact that it’s the first week of September and we have already sold out seats

is wonderful,” Blaylock said. “We’ve talked a lot, this week, to the board of directors at The Dream Connection, and they are so excited that the event is sold out. “They are just so humble and thankful for the opportunity for more people who learn about who they are and the work they are doing for kids who are being treated at Dolly Parton Children’s Hospital,” she said. “They just want to continue to make dreams come true for kids in East Tennessee.”



PRINT YOUR BRAND

From business cards to vehicle wraps

GRAPHIC CREATIONS

Since 1987

Knoxville & Oak Ridge Locations
865.522.6221 • www.graphiccreations.com





Estate Planning

Wills, Trusts, Probate, Conservatorships, Special Needs Trusts

Cathy Warmbrod
Attorney
McDonald, Levy & Taylor

MLT
McDonald, Levy & Taylor, PLLC
MY LEGAL TEAM

10805 Kingston Pike, Suite 200 | Knoxville, TN 37934 | Next to Costco
Phone: 865-966-4343 | www.mltlaw.com



12700-12800 RENAISSANCE Farragut

12760 Kingston Pike • Farragut, TN 37934 • 865.675.3823 • www.renaissance-farragut.com

Begin Your Journey to Better Health at

ASH

CHIROPRACTIC & WELLNESS



12752 Kingston Pike, Suite 103, Farragut, TN 37934
865-671-1000
ashchiropracticnox.com



BUNDLE & SAVE!

Like a good neighbor, State Farm is there.®



Laura Ash, Agent
12744 Kingston Pike | Knoxville, TN 37934
Bus: 865-675-0888
laura@laura-ash.com



State Farm, Home Office, Bloomington, IL

Stop by these businesses at Renaissance | Farragut and tell them you saw their ad in

farragutpress

Your Community Your Voice Your Newspaper Since 1988

Renaissance businesses, place your ad on this special group page!

Call Glen at 865-218-8884



BUY LOCAL BUY FRESH



WE ARE OPEN... STOP BY THIS SATURDAY!

- * Fresh Produce
- * Grass Fed Beef
- * Baked Goods & More

EVERY SATURDAY

9 am – 12 pm *Rain or shine*

RENAISSANCE | Farragut Shopping Center
Just east of Watt Rd. @ 12740 Kingston Pike

www.dixieleafarmersmarket.com

Creativity Takes Center Stage *at NHC Farragut's Second Annual Art Show*

NHC Farragut recently hosted its Second Annual Art Show, giving residents the opportunity to put their creativity and talents on display! Residents proudly showcased their artwork while family members, friends, staff, and fellow residents came out to admire their creations and celebrate their accomplishments.

The event was filled with smiles, conversation, and plenty of artistic inspiration. Guests enjoyed looking at the variety of artwork while visiting with the resident artists and learning more about the pieces they created.

With snacks and drinks on hand, the art show became more than just an afternoon of art—it was a celebration of friendship, creativity, and the talented individuals who make NHC Farragut such a special community.

Residents enjoyed sharing their work with the people who mean the most to them, and their loved ones were thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate alongside them. The Second Annual Art Show was a wonderful success and a fun reminder that creativity has no age limit!



Our talented resident artists proudly show off their one-of-a-kind creations!



Family and friends came out to admire, celebrate, and cheer on our talented resident artists!

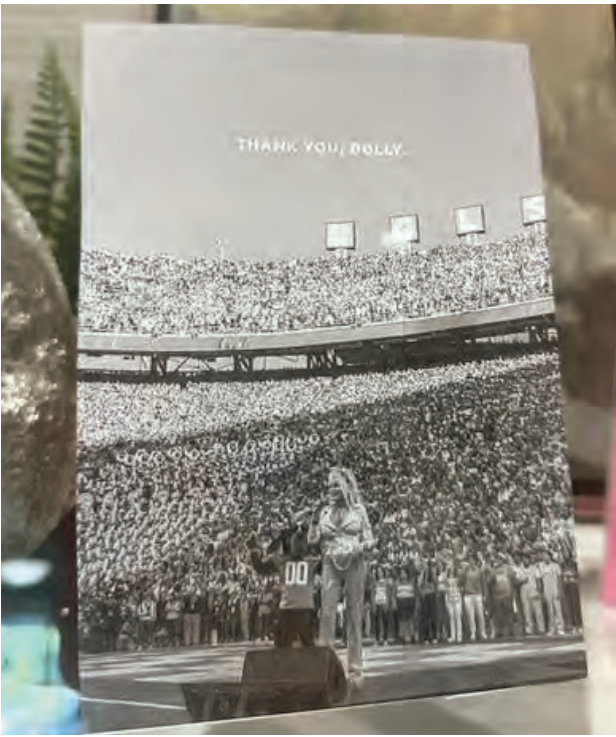


Good friends and great art made for a wonderful celebration!



Honoring Dolly

AT NHC CAVETTE HILL



Board
From page 1A

the role of the mayor until the next regular municipal election,” Smoak said.

“This has come up one time previously in Farragut when Mayor [Ralph] McGill passed away near the end of his term in 2018 and then-Vice Mayor Ron Pinchok was sworn in as mayor for a couple of months until the election in August of that year,” the administrator added.

In addition to the vice mayor selection, Mayor Alex Cain appointed Angel Ray, Michael Wilson and John Tague to fill vacancies on the Farragut Municipal Planning Commission. Cain, as mayor, and Wiberley, who was chosen to serve as the Board’s representative, also

will sit on the Commission.

“Tennessee Code Annotated 13-4-101(a)(1) provides the process by which Municipal Planning Commissions are appointed,” Smoak said. “Specifically, the statute states, ‘The chief legislative body of any municipality ... may create and establish a Municipal Planning Commission.’ It goes on to state, ‘One of the members shall be the mayor of the municipality or a person designated by the mayor, and one of the members shall be a member of the chief legislative body of the municipality selected by that body. All other members shall be appointed by such mayor, except as otherwise provided in subsection (b).’

“There are currently three vacancies on the MPC and

Mayor Cain will appoint members to serve for one- and/or two-year terms,” Smoak added.

Meanwhile, applicants are being sought to fill the North Ward alderman seat vacated when Cain was elected mayor.

According to the Town’s website, “The person chosen will serve until the next municipal election in August 2028, when the seat will be up for election as outlined in the Town charter.” Applications must be submitted by noon Friday, Sept. 18.

After receiving the applications, the Board will deliberate and vote on which applicant will fill the alderman seat.

“To be eligible for the office of alderman, a person must reside within the desired ward for at least one year preceding

the election; be a registered voter in the Town of Farragut, specifically in the North Ward; not currently holding any other incompatible public office under Tennessee law; and must disclose any financial, employment or personal conflicts of interest that could affect Board service,” the website stated.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved an amendment to the Capital Improvement Fund, transferring \$40,000 from the CIP available fund balance to fiscal year 2027 CIP expenditures for the Everett Road greenway connector project. The project bid came in higher than originally budgeted.
- Approved the appointment

of Sohini Patel, a pharmacist, as the Farragut Intermediate School representative on the Town’s Education Relations Committee. Patel has children in the school system.

- Presented annual donations of \$27,000 each to Farragut Primary, Farragut Intermediate, Farragut Middle and Farragut High schools, as well as \$15,000 to the FHS Education Foundation.
- Discussed but took no action on future executive sessions concerning legal matters or future workshops on the history and process of the new Comprehensive Land Use Plan update. Board members agreed both discussions could wait until November, after a new North Ward alderman is chosen.

Senate
From page 1A

only Democrat on the school board — and I worked in the last presidential election down in Savannah for [the National Education Association],” he said. “They had a program where people could volunteer to go to battleground states, so I worked down there for five weeks in the presidential campaign.

“When the election was over ... I just decided if there was anything else I could do to step up in the situation we’re in that I would do it,” Miller said. “I explored the options and decided the best thing for me to do was to run in District 5.”

Miller taught in public schools, correctional facilities and a drug abuse prevention center, as well as creating hands-on vocational and drug education programs. He served as chairman of a special education department and subsequently taught English as a second language.

“I’ve always believed in putting people first and finding practical solutions that work for everyone,” he said. “There needs to be a strong voice against this voucher program, which is wasting our taxpayers’ dollars, giving money

to people who are already sending their kids to private schools.

“There’s a lack of accountability,” Miller said. “The private schools have shown their test scores are not even on par with public schools.”

He also wants to see universal prekindergarten, which he said would help the economy.

“I think there’s money in the budget for these things,” Miller added.

As a senator, he said he would fight for strong public schools, tax-free groceries and “people over profits.”

For Matlock, the opportunity to run was unexpected.

“This is kind of a surprise,” he said about his decision to run for the District 5 seat. “I certainly had no thoughts of getting in a seat [McNally] held.

“But,” he added, “it’s an opportunity to serve eight years after I left in a different chamber.”

Matlock has previous state legislative experience, having represented District 21 in the Tennessee House of Representatives from 2007 to 2018.

Matlock said fellow Republicans then asked him to seek the District 5 seat.

“[McNally’s] retirement opened up the district for someone to step in behind him,”

he said. “He hadn’t indicated when he was going to retire.

“He’s beloved, served the district and the state 48 years exceptionally well as a senator and then was elected by his peers to be lieutenant governor 10 years ago and served that,” Matlock said of McNally.

But once McNally announced his retirement, Matlock said, “people called and were very kind in their comments, and so I thought the process has begun.

“Over a period of days and weeks, the doors kind of opened for me,” he said.

Matlock has owned Matlock Tire and Auto Repair Service since 1982, with locations in Farragut, Lenoir City, Hardin Valley, Athens and Maryville.

As a business owner, “I have been in customer service my entire life,” he said. “Public service is really much the same.

“If you want to accomplish for people what their needs are, if you’re a good listener, if you have the ability to be accessible for folks when they ask questions, if you’re responsive to those questions, if you find that it’s something that you are similarly are capable of, you can do that,” Matlock said. “And, I have done it for six terms in the House, so I

had a chance to know how the process works.

“It’s not for the weak of spirit or faint of heart,” he said regarding public service.

Matlock said he is not running on any particular agenda.

As in customer service, “I think I’ve got the ability to reason through issues,” he said. “I’m not hyperpartisan. While I am a conservative Republican ... I have many,

many friends who politically would say they are on a different side, but they know if they come to me, they may not get exactly the answer they seek, but they know they’re always going to get someone who tells them the truth, someone who will work hard to try to help them, and once elected, I’ve been able to set aside the party affiliations and represent everybody.”





They matter to me.

Mansour Hasan, Agent
10811 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37934
Bus: 865-690-7100
mansour.hasan.qyec@statefarm.com



I get it. Your home and car are more than just things. They're where you make your memories and they deserve the right protection. It's why I'm here. LET'S TALK TODAY.



State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company • State Farm Fire and Casualty Company
1706814 Bloomington, IL



**OUR AMERICAN STORY:
VOICES FROM
TENNESSEE**

SEPT 10 - OCT 15

**FARRAGUT MUSEUM
FARRAGUT TOWN HALL**

★★★★★★★★

THE FARRAGUT MUSEUM PRESENTS OUR AMERICAN STORY: VOICES FROM TENNESSEE, A NEW TRAVELING EXHIBIT FROM THE TENNESSEE STATE MUSEUM THAT HIGHLIGHTS THE LIVES AND LEGACIES OF REMARKABLE TENNESSEANS WHOSE STORIES CONNECT WITH AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATION'S HISTORY.

**FARRAGUT MUSEUM IS OPEN
11 AM - 2 PM TUES-SAT**

**Tailored Guidance
for Life's Next
Financial Chapter**

Preparing for a new financial chapter? We offer financial planning and investment management to support individuals and families in making informed, tax-efficient decisions. As a fee-only fiduciary, we are committed to putting your interests first.

✓ Personalized financial plans built around your goals

✓ Fee-only fiduciary guidance

✓ Over 30 years of trusted experience

Connect with us to get started!

 (865) 288-2121  patriotinvestment.com



Editorial Department

Tammy Cheek,
Writer 865-218-8873
tcheek@farragutpress.com

Jake Nichols,
Writer 865-218-8880
jnichols@farragutpress.com

Production Department

Tony Christen,
Production Manager 865-218-8872
production@farragutpress.com

Cindy Wilfert,
Designer 865-218-8872

Circulation

Tony Christen,
Circulation Manager 865-218-8872
production@farragutpress.com

Advertising Department

Glen Coleman,
Account Executive 865-218-8884
gcoleman@farragutpress.com

Charlene Waggoner,
Account Executive 865-218-8877
cwaggoner@farragutpress.com

Lynn Perella,
Account Executive 865-218-8879
lperella@farragutpress.com

Linda Tirban,
Classified Display,
Service Directory 865-218-8881
linda@farragutpress.com

Receptionist

Terrie Ware 865-218-8871
Monday – Wednesday, Friday
receptionist@farragutpress.com

Publisher

Tony Cox 865-218-8883
tcox@republicnewspapers.com

Editor email: editor@farragutpress.com **Website:** www.farragutpress.com

Press Talk: Call: 865-671-8255 **or email:** editor@farragutpress.com **Phone:** 865-675-6397

farragutpress is published weekly at 11863 Kingston Pike Farragut, TN 37934

Deadline for Letters to the Editor and Presstalks is Monday at 10 a.m. for that Wednesday's edition.

Presstalk rules: Keep calls to a 90-second maximum · e-mails to 250 words maximum · Libelous & malicious comments will not be published; profanity will be edited out · Comments will remain anonymous but must come from verifiable phone/email · Names of individuals (including public figures) will not be published

Letter to the Editor rules: Must not exceed 400 words · Include name, address & telephone number to be verified · All Letters to the Editor from any citizen must have a minimum four-week period between publication · Must not have inaccurate information, such as wrong statistics, from which to form an opinion · We reserve the right to reject publication based on factors including threats, name-calling and foul language

Full rules can be viewed at farragutpress.com under Opinion and Presstalk.

Obituary Information and Deadlines: Send obituary & photo, if applicable, to editor@farragutpress.com. The cost is \$25 for the first 200 words and 25 cents for each additional word thereafter. The cost to submit a photo is \$10. We only use thumbnail "head and upper chest" portrait photos. The submission deadline for obituaries is 10 a.m. on Monday for that Wednesday edition. Payment must be received by 10 a.m. on Tuesday for that Wednesday edition.

Call 865-675-6397 or email editor@farragutpress.com with questions.

Find our 2026 policy for submission of political profiles at farragutpress.com.

General Manager

Kathy Hartman ... 865-218-8878
khartman@farragutpress.com



YOUR TENNESSEE PRESS ASSOCIATION
AWARD WINNING NEWSPAPER



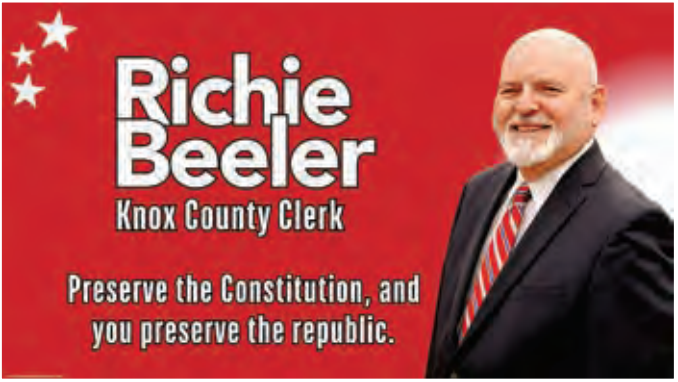
The Community The Voice The Inspiration Since 1988



constitution day

Constitution Day 2026 is on
Thursday, September 17, 2026,
commemorating the signing of the
U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787.

Presented By:



America’s search for a plan of national government was a slow, difficult process. Compromise, cooperation and creativity were required as Americans moved from being colonials in a patriarchal monarchy to citizen-leaders in a representative republic of federal states.

Most of this process took place in the midst of a long revolutionary war. Not only were these “the times that try men’s souls,” in the words of Thomas Paine, they also were the times that tested Americans’ intellects and practical political skills in creating a strong, national, republican government.

Articles of Confederation

The Continental Congress adopted the Articles of Confederation, the first constitution of the United States, on Nov. 15, 1777, but the states did not ratify them until March 1, 1781. The Articles created a loose confederation of sovereign states and a weak central government, leaving most of the power with the state governments. Once peace removed the rationale of wartime necessity, the weaknesses of the 1777 Articles of Confederation became increasingly apparent. Divisions among the states and even local rebellions threatened to destroy the fruits of the Revolution. Nationalists, led by James Madison, George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and James Wilson, almost immediately began working toward strengthening the federal government. They turned a series of regional commercial conferences into a national constitutional convention at Philadelphia in 1787.

After undergoing more than a year of planning and compromise in the Continental Congress, the Articles of Confederation and Perpetual Union Between the States was finally ready to be sent to the states for ratification. Nearly four years would pass before all 13 states had ratified the document—Maryland being the last to ratify on March 1, 1781—and it was put into action. The Articles provided for a one-house legislature, a weak executive, no national power of taxation, a lack of standard currency and voting by state—flaws that would eventually lead to its failure.

Financial Crisis Fears

In 1786 James Monroe (1758–1831), then a congressman from Virginia, expressed fears the rejection of efforts to grant a national impost for revenue “endangers the govt” and “will most probably induce a change of some kind.” These fears of economic instability and lack of operating funds for the national government fueled calls for a national convention to revise the Articles of Confederation.

Plans to Revise the Articles of Confederation

Rufus King (1755–1827), a member of the Confederation Congress and a delegate to the Federal Constitution Convention of 1787, expressed concern for a 1785 Massachusetts legislative call for a national convention to revise the Articles of Confederation. In his letter to Nathan Dane (1752–1835), a Massachusetts delegate to the Confederation Congress and architect of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, King correctly predicted any new government would be less republican and the larger states would want more control of the new government. The Massachusetts delegates refused to submit the request to Congress or to the other states.

Washington Voices Doubts About a ‘general Convention’

In early 1786 George Washington (1732–1799) recognized the Articles of Confederation needed to be revised, but he still harbored doubts about calling a “general Convention.” Despite his fears that a bad solution or a failed attempt to change the Articles might worsen America’s economic and political conditions, Washington believed that “something must be done, or the fabrick must fall.”

Washington and Madison Plan for a New Government

In this letter written in 1787 on the eve of the federal Constitutional Convention, James Madison warned George Washington of the dangers from both temporizers and radicals. Madison also sketched his plans for a new federal government and constitution to be formulated in Philadelphia. Proportional representation and a national legislative veto over state laws were just two of Madison’s major proposals.

Setting for the Creation of the Federal Constitution

Delegates to the Federal Constitutional Convention of 1787 created the instrument of government in the East Room on the first floor of the Pennsylvania State House, which is known as Independence Hall because the American Declaration of Independence was adopted here on July 4, 1776. In order to secure secrecy, the delegates took an oath and met behind closed doors and windows with pulled drapes.

Nine states needed

The federal Constitution was to go into effect once nine states had ratified it. After New Hampshire and Virginia became the ninth and 10th states to ratify the new federal Constitution in June 1788, Pennsylvania nationalists held a parade in Philadelphia to celebrate the establishment of the new federal republic. New York followed suit in July 1788, but Rhode Island and North Carolina did not join until after the 1789 formation of the new government.

‘Bill of Rights’ proposal, rejection

In the final days of the Constitutional Convention, as delegates rushed to complete work on the final draft of the Constitution, George Mason of Virginia and Elbridge Gerry of Massachusetts proposed that the Constitution be “prefaced with a bill of rights.” On Sept. 12, 1787, after little debate, the proposal was unanimously rejected by the delegates as unnecessary to protect individual rights. James Madison recorded Benjamin Franklin’s doubts five days later.

Preamble to Bill of Rights

Amending the federal Constitution to include a Bill of Rights was the essential political compromise in the creation of the U.S. government. Even though Federalists believed that individual rights were fully protected by state and common law, they knew Anti-Federalists would never embrace the new Constitution until amendments protecting specific rights were adopted.

Therefore, in 1789 Congress passed proposed amendments to the Constitution as one of its first orders of business. Viewed as unnecessary by many and a mere diversion by others, the first 10 amendments, which are known as the “Bill of Rights,” became the bedrock of individual rights and liberties.

“The Conventions of a number of the States having at the time of their adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added.”

Backdrop after Constitution formed

The new federal Congress that assembled in New York in the spring of 1789 and the newly inaugurated president, George Washington, faced enormous tasks. An entire government had to be created in the aftermath of a bitter national battle for ratification of the new federal Constitution. All administrative offices and the military forces had to be created and organized. All federal officers had to be appointed. A federal judiciary had to be created and staffed. Opposition to the new federal Constitution had to be defused. Inventiveness, cooperation and compromise were the governing principles in these Herculean endeavors.

“In the extent and proper structure of the Union, therefore, we behold a republican remedy for the diseases most incident to republican government.”
-James Madison, Federalist No. 10, Nov. 23, 1787

Concerns about Constitution

Mercy Otis Warren (1728–1814), America’s most prominent female writer during the Revolutionary War era, strongly objected to the absence of a Bill of Rights in the federal Constitution of 1787. In Observations on the New Constitution, Warren expressed the concern that the Constitution set no limits on the power of the judiciary and contained no rotations of offices or term limits for federal officials.

Madison, Washington on amendments

Nationalists, such as James Madison and George Washington, were wary of calls from state ratifying conventions for a second national constitutional convention. They feared a new convention would result in changes to the Constitution that would weaken a federal government or, worse, create a deadlock that would make establishing the federal government impossible. Ultimately, Madison and Washington endorsed mild constitutional amendments as a way of avoiding structural changes to the federal government.

North Carolina: “need Bill of Rights”

The North Carolina Convention for the ratification of the federal Constitution met in July and August 1788 but adjourned without acting because the Constitution did not include a Bill of Rights. The convention adopted the Declaration of Rights shown here. After the Federal government had proposed amendments to the Constitution consistent with a bill of rights, the North Carolina convention reconvened and ratified the Constitution November 21, 1789.

Virginia pressures for amendments, Bill of Rights

Even before the new U.S. Constitution was approved by the states, ratifying conventions in several states proposed amendments, such as these from Virginia. This pressure from the states forced James Madison to seek a bill of rights in the form of amendments to the Constitution soon after the new Congress first met in 1789.

Bill of Rights ‘a diversion’

Many supporters and opponents of the proposed amendments to the federal Constitution, known as the “Bill of Rights,” considered them a diversion from substantive changes to the Constitution. Aedanus Burke (1743–1802), an Anti-Federalist Congressman from South Carolina, asserted on Aug. 15, 1789, that they were “little better than whipsyllabub, frothy and full of wind” and were like “a tub thrown out to a whale, to secure the freight of the ship and its peaceable voyage.”

Jefferson’s call for a ‘Bill of Rights’

Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence and America’s minister to France, continued to call for a bill of rights in letters to James Madison. Jefferson’s open support for revisions to the Constitution was instrumental in Madison’s plans to propose these amendments to the new federal Congress soon after its first meeting of Congress, even though the amendments diverted attention from the formation of the new federal government.

Bill of Rights approved

From hundreds of proposed amendments to the Constitution, Congress gave final approval to twelve amendments. The 10 that were sanctioned became known as the Bill of Rights. Copies prepared under the direction of John Beckley (1757–1807), clerk of the House, were sent to President George Washington on Sept. 25, 1789, for dispersal to the states for ratification. Amendments three through 12 were approved and went into effect on Dec. 15, 1791, when Virginia became the 11th state to ratify them. Massachusetts, Connecticut and Georgia did not vote to ratify. Although Amendment Two was rejected in the 1790s, it later became the 27th amendment to the Constitution.

To learn more about our Constitution visit:
www.archives.gov/founding-docs/constitution

A detailed look at federal Separation of Powers

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

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

- The legislative branch makes laws, but the President in the executive branch can veto those laws with a Presidential Veto.
- The legislative branch makes laws, but the judicial branch can declare those laws unconstitutional.
- The executive branch, through the Federal agencies, has responsibility for day-to-day enforcement and administration of Federal laws. These Federal departments and agencies have missions and responsibilities that vary widely, from environmental protection to protecting the Nation's borders.
- The President in the executive branch can veto a law, but the legislative branch can override that veto with enough votes.
- The legislative branch has the power to approve Presidential nominations, control the budget, and can impeach the President and remove him or her from office.
- The executive branch can declare Executive Orders, which are like proclamations that carry the force of law, but the judicial branch can declare those acts unconstitutional.
- The judicial branch interprets laws, but the President nominates Supreme Court justices, court of appeals judges, and district court judges who make the evaluations.
- The judicial branch interprets laws, but the Senate in the legislative branch confirms the President's nominations for judicial positions, and Congress can impeach any of those judges and remove them from office.

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

- The legislative branch's roles include:**
- Drafting proposed laws
 - Confirming or rejecting presidential nominations for heads of federal agencies, federal judges, and the Supreme Court
 - Having the authority to declare war

- The executive branch's key roles include:**
- President - *The president is the head of state, leader of the federal government, and Commander in Chief of the United States armed forces.*
 - Vice president - *The vice president supports the president. If the president is unable to serve, the vice president becomes president. The vice president also presides over the U.S. Senate and breaks ties in Senate votes.*
 - The Cabinet - *Cabinet members serve as advisors to the president. They include the vice president, heads of executive departments, and other high-ranking government officials. Cabinet members are nominated by the president and must be approved by the Senate.*
 - The executive branch also includes executive departments, independent agencies, and other boards, commissions, and committees.
- The judicial branch includes the Supreme Court and other federal courts.
- It evaluates laws by: Interpreting the meaning of laws
 - Applying laws to individual cases
 - Deciding if laws violate the Constitution

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

INTERESTING FACTS about this nation's founding

Not Worth a Continental

During the American Revolution the Continental Congress issued paper currency to finance the Revolutionary War. These notes, called "Continental," had no backing in gold or silver, but were instead backed by the "anticipation" of tax revenues. Easily counterfeited and without solid backing, the notes quickly lost their value, so that the term "not worth a Continental" became common slang. After the war Congress and the state governments continued to produce money contributing to what Madison referred to as the "mortal diseases" of the government under the Articles of Confederation and resulting in calls for a new federal constitution to strengthen the national government.

Congress Adopts the Northwest Ordinance

The Northwest Ordinance, adopted by the Confederation Congress on July 13, 1787, established a precedent for the organization of territories outside of the nation's original thirteen states. A minimum of five territories or states were to be created. Each was to have a republican government with an executive, legislative council (upper house), assembly, and judiciary. Not only was the territory north and west of the Ohio River to be settled by Americans and admitted into full statehood in the union, but the Ordinance stipulated that those territories would be free from slavery or involuntary servitude and have a bill of rights.





**Come live the
"Good Life"
at The Villages
of Farragut!**

Good Times,
Great Neighbors,
Fabulous Food,
Safe and Secure Environment,
and Lots of Love!

Call Melody or Leah today to
schedule a time to visit!

865.671.2500



*Celebrating
our
great nation*



**Contact Harriet Amonette for tours
(865) 777-9000 | nhcfarragut.com**

ASSISTED LIVING MEMORY CARE RESPITE REHABILITATION

**IT JUST TAKES A MINUTE
TO BE PREPARED**

Help us better serve you more quickly during an outage or emergency.
Please register with our Outage Management System.
Call 1-844-Our-LCUB (687-5282) and choose Option 1.

GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR YOU





**"The Constitution is
the guide which I
will never abandon."
-George Washington**

**Richie
Beeler**
Knox County Clerk

The last opportunity for submission of candidate endorsements to run before the November 3rd election is
10 a.m. on Monday, October 5
for publication in the Oct. 7th edition of farragutpress.
No candidate endorsements will be run after the Oct. 7 edition.

New business activity heats up in Farragut

Tammy Cheek
tcheek@farragutpress.com

From one end of the town to the other, Farragut has been experiencing a heat wave of commercial growth with new businesses and new developments moving into town.

“It’s always exciting when we have a brand new business,” Town administrator David Smoak said following the opening of a new Biddle Farm business, Nektar Juice Bar last month.

“So far this year, Farragut is

averaging over two new-business certificates of occupancy a month,” he said. “Farragut is a great place for businesses to thrive.

“Between the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce, Visit Farragut and Shop Farragut, we have a strong network dedicated to helping local businesses grow and succeed,” Smoak said.

Biddle Farms at Town Center completed its commercial phase last year, and businesses started moving in. To date, Smoak said he thinks the de-

veloper only has a couple more open spaces left.

“Both of those are in the process of being filled right now,” he added. “They’ve got tenants that are working on leases, so we’re really encouraged that this time next year, this place will be all filled up here.”

To date, Biddle Farms has Aldi, Bradley’s Gift and Home, Elle Boutique, Super Chix, Tupelo Honey Southern Kitchen & Bar, Parlor Doughnuts, Nektar Juice Bar, Chase Bank, SweatHouz, Urban Nail Bar, Diamond Gallery and Cove-

nant Health Urgent Care.

Paris Baguettes, a bakery-café franchise, is expected to open between late November and early December in Biddle. The franchise owners are a couple of University of Tennessee alumni bringing their artisan cakes, croissants, sandwiches and specialty coffees to the town center as their first East Tennessee location.

Nearby, Pinnacle at Turkey Creek has welcomed Nordstrom Rack; Curate MedAesthetics, formerly Ideal Image; and Koma Tea & Natural

Handmade Desserts, among others, according to Gabi Walsh, marketing manager for Pinnacle.

“The Nordstrom Rack had a huge grand opening on June 25 and was one of the company’s biggest openings in the country,” Smoak said.

Coming soon, Degree Wellness and Noire Nail Bar are two of several companies looking to make Pinnacle their home, according to Walsh.

On the west end of town,

See NEW on Page 10A



Jake Nichols

Farragutpress staff writer Jake Nichols, left, and general manager Kathy Hartman visited the University of Tennessee’s College of Communication and Information last month.

farragutpress staffers visit University of Tennessee’s CCI

Staff Report
Correspondent

On Monday, Aug. 10, farragutpress general manager Kathy Hartman and staff writer Jake Nichols visited The University of Tennessee’s College of Communication and Information (CCI).

During the visit, they walked through The Media Center, where students can “immerse themselves in hands-on experiences by taking on the same roles they’ll find in real-world workplaces,” according to the college’s website. “The Media Center offers free workshops and lectures featuring industry and academic experts, giving students additional exposure to knowledge and skills they’ll use in their future careers.”

This visit included a tour

of multiple student-run podcast and TV studios and a look at the student media outlets housed within the college.

Also, there was an ongoing discussion about future collaboration between the college and the farragutpress.

As they swapped ideas, Nichols and Hartman sat down with Tennessee staff members Nick Geidner, a professor and director of The Media Center; Cheryl Welch, publications advisor; and Amy Jo Coffey, a professor and the director of Tennessee’s School of Journalism and Media.

The farragutpress is grateful for the college’s hospitality during a busy time of year and looks forward to what could come of this developing relationship between the two entities.

Popular Lego, collectibles store continues growth

Jake Nichols
jnichols@farragutpress.com

Patrick Burnette sorted through comics on an average Thursday, filing a collection that has grown almost as much as the children and families who pick through them.

The same can be said for the other inventory that packs the walls at Brickhouse Collectibles in Farragut, where the 55-year-old Burnette has sold Legos, comics, collectibles and other assorted items since Aug. 1, 2020.

“Farragut’s growing, man,” he said with a smile. “And I see a lot of the people as they move in. I guess they look around, have kids wanting Legos or comics, so I hear the words ‘new to Knoxville’ a lot. In six years, I still see new faces every day. The growth of Farragut is definitely making a positive impact on business.”

That impact has ebbed and flowed through the years, as Burnette cited a downturn in 2024.

“We definitely move with the economy,” he explained. “This is not a need, but a want. But no one ever really stops buying — they might not buy a \$50 set but will buy a \$20 set. We had a downturn a couple years ago but it’s definitely come back around in the last 18 months.”

Now, the store is on the cusp of even more growth with Burnette set to move to a larger building in the same parking lot by the middle of 2027.

“We’ll be four times bigger



Jake Nichols

Patrick Burnett, the owner of Brickhouse Collectibles in Farragut, has enjoyed seeing the growth of his customers and business through his six years here.

hopefully next year,” he said. “A lot of space for cool stuff that I can find. But it will almost be like starting a brand-new business, so we’ve got the floor plan, laying it out, looking at space for things I carry and things I’ve wanted to add but haven’t been able to yet. All of it will be in the same vein as things in here — stuff I like.”

The Lego aspect — what the store is “built on,” Burnette said, will remain at the forefront, as it distinguishes his store from other similar shops around the area.

There is a pick-a-brick section, where people can fill a gallon with loose Lego bricks for \$19.99, a quart for \$9.99 or a

sandwich bag for \$4.99.

“It’s a much cheaper option,” Burnette said. “We sort everything, wash it and people come in and look.”

Beyond the Legos themselves, shelves line the walls with different collectibles and comics. There are even a few Shohei Ohtani bobbleheads on the counter near the front of the store.

“If I don’t have something a customer needs, that’s on me, not them,” Burnette said. “So I’m happy to send them to anyone else that may have it.”

Oftentimes, though, people will come into Burnette’s

See GROWTH on Page 10A

Ready to elevate your visibility?

Amplify your reach—pair your print ad with a targeted Facebook campaign and get in front of thousands of engaged, local decision-makers!

Call Kathy at 865-218-8878 for more information.

farragutpress

IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON...
SAVE BIG ON INSURANCE!

HOME
PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST

AUTO
GET BACK ON THE ROAD FASTER

LIFE
PROTECT YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE

GOOD COVERAGE
KEEPS YOUR GAME PLAN ON TRACK!

MORE SAVINGS = MORE GAME DAY MOMENTS!

CALL OUR TEAM TODAY FOR A FREE QUOTE!

PROTECT WHAT MATTERS MOST | PLACE OF MIND ALL SUMMER LONG | LOCAL TEAM YOU CAN TRUST | ENJOY TODAY, WE'LL HANDLE THE REST

Josh Hemphill Team
Farragut
11420 Kingston Pike
Knoxville TN 37934
865.672.7762
www.sfagentjosh.com

State Farm
COMMERCIAL INSURANCE

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

YMCA's 2nd annual Night of Impact

The YMCA of East Tennessee came together for its 2nd Annual Night of Impact on Thursday, September 10, at Riverview Family Farm.

With a 1920s theme, guests embraced the evening in true style, creating a memorable night of celebration, connection, and purpose.

The gala benefited the YMCA's Annual Campaign, which helps fund programs, resources, and opportunities that ensure children, families, and individuals throughout East Tennessee have access to the support and experiences they need to thrive.

It was an incredible evening celebrating the impact we can make when we come together for a good cause—and the difference that collective generosity can make in our community.

To learn more about the YMCA of East Tennessee and its Annual Campaign, contact Erin Stidham at estidham@ymcatn.org or visit ymcaetn.org.

YMCA

Night of Impact

Growth
From page 9A

store and find exactly what they’re looking for. And when they do, the spark of curiosity is lit for children and adults alike.

“I’m happy to be able to facilitate that because I am one of them,” Burnette said. “I think it’s great to have a heartfelt

conversation into what they’re thinking and liking.”

For Burnette, that passion began on a military base in Germany in the 1980s.

The child of two U.S. Army officers, Burnette heard a friend discussing Marvel’s famed flaming motorcyclist, Ghost Rider.

That led to an exploration of the X-Men comics, which led

him to Wolverine specifically.

“And he’s still one of my favorites,” Burnette noted.

He turned that passion into the ownership a similar store in Maryland with a group of friends in the 1990s, then worked for Scripps and Discovery later in his career.

But when the COVID-19 pandemic brought everything to a stop, Burnette thought back

to his childhood. He used a severance package from a previous job to purchase the property in Farragut, wrote up a business plan and opened that August.

Now, even while preparing for the expansion, he is enjoying every moment of this venture — even down to the sorting and filing that must be done before opening the doors.

“It’s kind of what you hoped for,” Burnette said. “It’s a lot of work, don’t get me wrong. But I couldn’t do this much work if it was for someone else. It’s very rewarding to see kids growing up, to kind of have an impact. It’s been everything I hoped for with a lot of hours, but I don’t regret a minute of it.”

New
From page 9A

there has been an influx of commercial activity as well.

Saturday, Sept. 12, Golf Envy, owned by Christian and Beverly Miller, cut the ribbon to celebrate its grand opening at 12756 Kingston Pike, Suite 102, in Renaissance | Farragut. Golf Envy is a 24-hour, high-tech indoor golf simulator experience.

Also, Kingston Pike Villages, a commercial development located between the former Little Joe’s Pizza and Farragut Junction apartments, consists of about 33,000 square feet.

“The retail site is 7 acres,”

said Daniel Smith, the Farragut Junction/Kingston Pike Villages developer. “We have two more acres to develop.

“They could be developed as similar retail shops, or potentially built to suit for a specific users, like a restaurant or brewery,” he added.

So far, seven tenants have leased spaces, covering about 60% of the development, Smith said. “We expect roughly 12 to 14 individual tenants.

“So far construction is proceeding on time, and we are hopeful to begin delivering spaces to tenants for their individual build outs by December,” he said.

Smith expects tenants to

start moving in around summer 2027.

“A few may be open by the end of spring,” he said.

While Smith could not identify the tenants, media reports indicated a Starbucks, Covenant Health primary care physician office, Pacific Dental Office and Edward Jones Investments among those leasing space.

Watt Road also will be experiencing some commercial growth with Serenade at Farragut, a Planned Convenience Commercial development at 421 Watt Road featuring 30 townhomes and about 10 businesses, including two restaurants with outdoor patio seating.

“I am very optimistic about developing this project,” said Eddie Kherani, owner of Reliance Development, LLC, the developer. “For years, local residents have hoped for a mixed-use development on North Watt Road to serve the community and save them a drive to downtown Farragut or Turkey Creek.

“Additionally, recent renovations and field additions at Bob Leonard Park make this a prime location for development,” he said. “We are hoping to attract two anchor restaurants, a coffee shop, an ice cream parlor, a nail salon, a pizzeria and a smoothie shop among others.”

Right now, “we currently have four businesses committed to leases,” Kherani said.

Further down the road, developer Steve Maddox of Maddox Companies is developing 260 acres off Watt Road as a Prosperity Crossing project, a mixed-use project as a regional sports tournament and training destination.

Located on the northeastern quadrant of the Watt Road interchange of I-40/75, the site currently is undergoing massive, active site construction and land grading.

According to Maddox Industries, it targets late 2026 for the earliest phases of development.



Barbara Lowry,
ABR, CRS

865-567-6671 cell
865-693-3232 office
lowrybarb@aol.com

Thinking of Selling
or Buying and want
an experienced and
patient professional
to work with?
CALL ME.

Terry Goodson
Realtor®, ABR, GRI, e-pro

10255 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN, 37922-3274

865.696.2759 Direct
865.693.3232 Office

Sold@TerrySellsKnoxville.com
WWW.TerrySellsKnoxville.com



BERKELEY PARK

SOLD



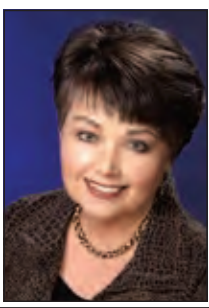
842 PRINCE GEORGE PARISH DRIVE
MLS 1333586 | 4 BR, 4.5 BA | 3,468 SQUARE FEET
Main Level Master Suite and large 2nd-Floor Bonus Room. Main level also features a Convenient Office, Powder Room, family-sized Dining Room, and a Living Room with extra-high ceilings, an abundance of windows, wet bar, and see-through fireplace. Chef’s Kitchen is equipped with an island with a gas cooktop.
\$980,000
EMMA BEA STALLINGS
CRS, GRI, ABR, BS
ebstall@aol.com • 865-693-3232 • 865-607-3607
Personal Care, Personal Service



Buying or Selling a Home?
*Put over 25 years of experience and
knowledge to work for you!*
2025 Diamond Award Winner



Pam Owen Realtor
865-693-3232
www.pamowen.com
pam@pamowen.com





Alice Pigott
693-3232 | 604-2187 | thepigotts@gmail.com



SUSAN CALABRESE,
Realtor®, SRES, ePro, SRS, ABR
Mobile:(865) 591-9204 | Office:(865) 693-3232 | www.SusanCalabreseRealtor.com

Helping You from Start to Finish!
Contact Me for All Your Buying and Selling Needs.





- Billy Houston Group • 124 N. Winston Road Suite 103, Knoxville, TN 37919 • 865-577-7653

Blevins Group • 819 W Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37803 • 865-999-4663

Corporate • 124 N Winston Road, Knoxville, TN 37919

Dwight Price Group • 527 W. Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN 37801 • 865-888-7653

Ebenezer • 8915 Linksvue Drive, Knoxville, TN 37922 • 865-531-2020

Farragut • 10255 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37922 • 865-693-3232

Main Street • 307 North Main Street, Sweetwater, TN 37874 • 423-836-9494

Maryville • 1213 W Lamar Alexander Pkwy, Maryville, TN 37801 • 865-983-0011

North • 3232 Tazewell Pike, Knoxville, TN 37918 • 865-688-3232

Oak Ridge • 226 Jackson Square, Suite D, Oak Ridge, TN 37830 • 865-482-3232
- South • 820 Sevier Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37920

The Bailey Group • 2322 W Emory Road, Powell, TN 37849 • 865-947-9000

The Price Agency • 2728 E Broadway Avenue, Maryville, TN 37804 • 865-999-7272

Vose Property Group • 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 1101, Knoxville, TN 37922 • 865-357-8008

West Hills • 124 N. Winston Road, Knoxville, TN 37919 • 865-588-3232

Young Marketing Group • 410 Montbrook Lane Suite 103, Knoxville, TN 37919 • 865- 281-1321

Downtown Knoxville • 323 Union Ave, Knoxville, TN 37902 • 865-805-8222

Hardin Valley • 10330 Hardin Valley Road, Suite 202, Knoxville, TN 37932 • 865-999-7348

Smoky Mountains • 405 Boyds Creek Hwy., Seymour, TN 37865 • 865-505-1000

Farragut's Olivia Cope (25) spikes the ball over the net against Bearden on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

"A win never hurts," said FHS coach Whitney Lee. "We were moving (the ball) better. We'd

Farragut led 12-7 in the first, but five of the next six by Bearden cut it to 13-12. The Lady Admirals then ran off nine of 11 to lead 22-15, and closed it out with the final three

Lee was asked if she had any worries about the match at that point.

See RIVALRY on Page 2B

Farragut's Brenton Haag (22) muscles his way for extra yardage against Powell. Haag led the Admirals with 67 yards last Friday against Bradley Central.

See ADS on Page 2B

Hardin Valley's Witt Joseph (20) celebrates with a teammate after scoring the Hawks' first touchdown against West Ridge Friday, Sept. 11.

See HAWKS on Page 2B

Emma Kate Smith to-



Jake Nichols

Hardin Valley’s Hannah Rhoden (43) attempts to score past the diving Oak Ridge goalie during the Lady Hawks’ 1-0 win over the Wildcats Sunday, Sept. 6.

Teams
From page 1B

taled two goals that day, while Reagan Louchart and Meghan Shimehall notched one apiece.

The next day, FHS held on to beat Science Hill with an early header from Smith and a bit of insurance late from Cadence Hawk. Ava Upshaw and Mia Swartzentruber provided the assists, while Emery Wylie posted a shutout in the victory.

“We were down 2-1 at one point, and we fought back and won 4-3,” Lady Ads coach Jessica Burkhart said Sunday. “We maintained that composure at 1-0 today and took some pressure right there, especially missing a key starter in Ada Becker. For them to adjust to that, it was a good sign for them mentally.”

Burkhart credited Swartzentruber for her assist to Hawk, as she dribbled toward the net before finding the open teammate for the score.

“We had been talking during halftime about putting the ball in front of the goal for something to happen, and she did a great job on that,” Burkhart said.

Burkhart also credited Radcliffe for consistent water breaks throughout the tournament, noting that such implementation “was a big reason we were able to play.”

Hardin Valley Academy saw similar success — and hydration breaks — through a pair of 1-0 victories over Liberty Creek and Oak Ridge.

Hannah Rhoden found the net against the Wolves with an assist by Anna Ogle,

while Marely Ortega scored on a penalty kick against the Wildcats.

“We’re proud of the girls fight this weekend,” HVA assistant Mandy Marshall said. “They battled through some injuries and the heat. I thought we did well both games with possession but we struggled connecting in the final third. But we’re super proud of them for battling and finding a way to win both games. This is a great tournament for us playing excellent competition as we head into district play starting Thursday.”

Radcliffe echoed similar thoughts for his Lady Dawgs, who saw goals from Landree Horner and Avery Stevens in a 2-0 victory over Science Hill Friday. The hosts followed that with a dramatic 4-3 win over Badin (OH) Saturday night, as Kennedy Lucas, Madi Bowlin and Leighton Corum found the net before Reese Underwood delivered the game-winner with a shutout from Fallyn Baker in the net.

It was a fitting finish for BHS, which is looking to new faces after the graduation of All-Americans Jayla Blue and Tyler Roth.

“They came out with a lot of offensive firepower and scored some great goals against us, but we were able to bounce back,” Radcliffe said. “I told the girls I was really happy with how we responded. I had six or seven freshmen on the field late in the game. With a big district game against Houston next weekend, you hope tournaments like this get you ready for those games.”

HVA downs Dawgs in sweep

Bill Howard
Correspondent

It was a serving clinic last Thursday night, Sept. 10, at Bearden High School.

Behind powerful serving that repeatedly set up winning points, Hardin Valley Academy’s volleyball team swept the Lady Bulldogs 3-0. The set scores were 25-14, 25-16, and 25-16.

The Lady Hawks improved their record to 13-2, (2-1, Dis-

trict 2, Region 4).

“I was really pleased with the way we played tonight,” said HVA coach Eric Boden. “I thought we served really well and the girls played together.”

“They’re a really good team,” said Kaitlyn Davidson, BHS coach. “I thought we played hard but we never really found our rhythm.”

HVA ran out to a 5-1 lead in the first set, then the teams traded points to a 17-11 Lady Hawks’ lead. An 8-3 stretch by

Valley closed out the set, 25-14.

Scoring runs, so common in v-ball, hit the Lady ‘Dogs (7-8, 0-3) hard in the second set. Down 10-9, they then lost 10 of the next 12 points, and HVA led 20-11. BHS won four of the next five, but dropped four of the final five to trail two sets to none.

In the set, HVA’s senior setter Caroline Clauss won five straight points on her serve in one stretch. She did the same thing in the third set.

Rivalry
From page 1B

see it translate,” Lee said. “They covered each other really well and that gives

them confidence.”

“I think we were ready to come back in and finish that last set,” said Cabaniss, of dropping the third..

Sophomore setter Ember-

ley McNair added: “I think it (the win) really helped our confidence. It was our energy for sure. I think we’re improving and gonna continue to improve.”

Hawks
From page 1B

and our kids were extremely focused. Our kids did everything they could’ve done to be ready, and when that comes to fruition, you’ve got to be proud.”

In that win, HVA reeled off four first-half touchdowns before stacking on two more with

a field goal in the final two quarters.

Matz led the Hawks with a 4-for-7 passing clip, hitting Witt Joseph and Cade Evans for touchdowns en route to 76 passing yards with a rushing score for himself, too.

Tailback Ayden Perry rumbled for two more scores on 22 carries for 181 yards.

But perhaps the most telling score came in the first quarter, as Jeremiah Brown knocked the ball loose from West Ridge’s Jackson Price after a towering punt by Logan Holbrook.

Once Brown slammed into Price and the ball fell to the ground, the HVA sophomore picked up the pigskin and stepped into the end zone.

Ads
From page 1B

was good, tackled them inside the 20, but punt coverage and punting team weren’t up to the standard. Our guys will be happy to be back at home, but we’ve got to get back to teaching the fundamentals: running, catching, throwing, blocking.”

Courtney noted his team’s positive approach to its pregame routine, which brought an hour’s travel down I-75 to Cleveland.

“Our kids are believing and doing the things we ask them to do and are being resilient,

and those things are positive,” Courtney said. “Felt like we had good travel, good pregame, good approach, but it went to the wayside there early. When you’re dealing with a young team and things don’t go well early, they tend to unravel pretty quickly.”

FHS trailed 7-0 less than two minutes into the game, as its first punt was returned for a touchdown. Another special teams gaffe came before halftime, at which point Bradley Central held a 28-0 advantage.

Wyatt Walker came up with an interception to halt a Bears drive in the first quarter, returning it for 14 yards to give

the Admirals some life. By the end of the night, Farragut found some success on the ground with 125 rushing yards between Brenton Haag, Cruz Williams and Dayton Parks.

Haag took the ball 11 times for 67 yards, good for more than 6 yards per carry, while Johnny Jacobs hauled in three catches for 16 yards. Hayes Sharp added a 5-for-9 completion clip for 31 yards against Bradley Central.

Dylan Parks led FHS with nine tackles on defense, followed by Thatcher Cherry (eight), Walker and Kaden Renfro with six and Mason Swor with five.

Tennessee

HOME REPAIR & REMODELING Co., Inc.

Licensed, Bonded & Insured • Lic:#00007016

A business built on **hard work.**
A reputation built **on quality.**

*All Work Guaranteed!
Over 30 Years Experience*

“We are a Complete Home Repair, Remodeling & Maintenance Co.”

ROOF REPAIR Specialists

“Call today for a FREE estimate!”
865-274-3791
Email: tennesseehomerepair@yahoo.com

Are you caring for a former
**Y-12, K-25,
X-10 or ORNL
Worker?**

Become a CNS Cares Employed Caregiver for Better Benefits

“Switching to CNS Cares has been really positive for me and my wife. My wife got better pay right away plus health benefits, vacation pay and 401k.”

Call 865-328-3868 or visit CNSCares.com/TN

CNSCares

Caring for Tennessee Energy Workers

Lock in with TIG

If it matters to you, it is protected by us.

HOME | AUTO | LIFE | BUSINESS | HEALTH

TATE INSURANCE GROUP *presents*

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BEARDEN

Zac Nicaud
RB/DB, So.

CAK

Isaac Kannah
RB, So.

CONCORD

Dylan Brown
QB, Fr.

FARRAGUT

Brenton Haag
RB/LB, Jr.

HARDIN VALLEY

Riley Matz
QB/DB, Sr.

CATHOLIC

Mack Bartholomew
QB, Sr.

WEBB

Garrett King
QB, Jr.

6423 Deane Hill Drive • 862.8233 • www.tateinsurancegroup.com • scott@tateinsurancegroup.com

From Bearden to the big leagues

Jake Nichols
jnichols@farragutpress.com

One day during the spring of 2010, Jack Tate watched eighth-grader Lane Thomas smack a 420-foot home run at Bearden High School.

The hit planted a seed in Tate’s mind, and the first-year coach held onto it until Thomas arrived from West Valley that fall to begin his freshman year.

“Before he came out on the field for fall workouts, I met with the older players,” Tate said. “I told them I wanted them to treat him like he’s been here forever because he’s going to play on TV one of these days.”

It’s been 16 years since Tate offered that prediction, and it has been proven correct countless times.

After being drafted in 2014 by the Toronto Blue Jays, Thomas has played for the St. Louis Cardinals, Washington Nationals, Cleveland Guardians and Kansas City Royals.

Most recently, he signed with the Atlanta Braves, located just three hours south of his alma mater in west Knoxville.

And when Tate arrived home on Thursday, Aug. 7, he turned on his television to find announcers talking about the same player who had learned from him almost two decades ago.

“I turned the channel right when he was on-deck to pinch-hit, and I got my iPad up to try to film it,” said Tate, who moved on from Bearden in 2020 to become the sports information director at Farragut High School. “He hit a double down the line, and the announcers talked about him a lot.”

The discussion ranged from Thomas’ likeable nature to his walk-up song, Brooks and Dunn’s “Boot Scootin’ Boogie.”

Tate spotted that same laid-back nature in a young Thomas, who flashed his talent early during Tate’s second year as the Bearden coach.

“He started the first game his freshman year,” Tate said. “We went down to a tournament in Florida, and he led all the teams in that tournament with nine hits through five games.”

Thomas went on to start most of the games that season, playing in the corners in right or left field.

As a sophomore, he moved over to centerfield and hit leadoff, becoming one of the top home-run hitters in the state while delivering a .404 average at the dish.

“And nobody could ever intentionally walk him,” Tate said, “because we had three senior All-State players in the two, three and four spots. So they couldn’t pitch around Lane.”

Nor could they score on him — something Maryville players learned the hard way.

“During a district game that year, (Maryville) had a runner on third with one out, and they hit a ball to the warning track in center field at Bearden,” Tate said. “I thought that would be a run, and the Maryville runner was going three-quarter speed toward home thinking he’d score. Lane threw a one-hopper that beat the guy to home plate. I was shocked, and so was that runner.”

Through his final two years at Bearden, Thomas’ stock continued to rise. He posted a .410 batting average as a senior, slamming 17 home runs with 40 RBIs before being drafted by Toronto in the fifth round at 144th overall.

“When he first got drafted, I went and saw him with the Gulf Coast Blue Jays,” Tate said. “They were playing at the Phillies’ stadium, and I was so nervous and excited his first at-bat.”

He stayed the rest of that week to watch Thomas, then saw him again in Bluefield, West Virginia, and again in Nashville when Thomas starred for the Triple-A Memphis Redbirds.

The following continued once Thomas made the big leagues with St. Louis, Washington, Cleveland and Kansas City.

It continued this season, too, as Tate caught the Braves’ series against Tampa Bay from Tuesday, Sept. 8 to Thursday, Sept. 10.

And when Tate spotted Thomas warming up inside Truist Park, he might have thought back to the moment he first saw that potential 16 years ago.

“I’m just so happy for him and proud of him,” Tate said. “His wife, Chase, I had her in class before I had Lane, and his whole family is great. It’s been a pleasure to watch him succeed.”



Former Bearden stand-out Lane Thomas, left, smiled alongside his former coach, Jack Tate, before an appearance with the Washington Nationals in 2023. Tate has traveled across the country to see Thomas play, having coached him at BHS years ago.

Photo courtesy of Jack Tate



Gavin Hare and RK Advisor Luke Belangee talking through the next shot.

Planning for the Miss

When I was a graduate assistant for the Ball State men’s golf team, I spent countless hours around talented golfers. We talked plenty about swing mechanics, but what stuck with me most was what happened before every shot: a conversation about wind, yardage, club selection, and the safest place to miss.

It was never about hitting the perfect shot. Most golfers execute a shot perfectly maybe once a round. The goal was avoiding the big mistakes, because it’s hard to score well with double bogeys.

That mindset has stayed with me because investing works the same way. When we build a financial plan for clients, we’re not counting on markets cooperating every day, month, or year. Declines and uncertainty are part of the process. A golfer can’t control a gust of wind, and an investor can’t control what the market does next.

What we can control is our plan and our emotions.

A thoughtful plan is built with uncertainty in mind from the start. Diversification, asset allocation, and a long-term perspective help prepare for the “misses” that are bound to happen. We can’t eliminate risk, just like a golfer can’t eliminate

every bad shot, but we can avoid taking on unnecessary risk.

The hardest part, in both golf and investing, is staying committed when things go sideways. After a poor shot, it’s tempting to force a big recovery. After a downturn, it’s tempting to abandon the plan altogether. Reacting on emotion rarely works out.

The best golfers I worked with taught me to trust the preparation. They didn’t rebuild their swing after every missed green. They took a breath and got back to the plan.

Investing takes that same discipline. A plan isn’t built for perfect markets. It’s built to help you navigate the imperfect ones.

If you’d like to talk about how your financial plan is designed to help you navigate market uncertainty, reach out. We’re happy to help.



Luke Belangee, CFP®
Associate Advisor
lbelangee@rkcapital.com
11905 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37934

www.farragutpress.com

farragutpress is now accepting political profile submissions for the 2026 election cycle.

As the 2026 election season approaches, farragutpress is providing political candidates with an opportunity to share their message directly with readers through candidate profiles published in the newspaper.

- Each candidate may submit one profile, and the written content should be 400 words or fewer.
- One photograph may accompany the profile.
- While the newspaper will not alter the substance or message of submitted profiles, it reserves the right to make spelling and grammar corrections as needed / AP style.
- All submissions will be reviewed by the Publisher prior to print deadlines to ensure they meet established standards.
- Candidates need to provide contact information with their submission in case clarification or follow-up is necessary.

Candidates may email their political profiles to editor@farragutpress.com

The deadline for political profiles prior to the November 3rd election is 12 p.m. on Friday, October 2nd.

Deadline for profiles is Friday by 12 p.m. prior to the following week’s publication.



We’re Here to *Get You There.*

Our local advisors work side-by-side with you to get your financial plan where you want it to be.

Call Us at 865-218-8400 to Start Planning.

rkcapital.com

Rather & Kittrell is a Registered Investment Advisor



Local Service - Local Agent

Farm Bureau
INSURANCE
Tennessee

AUTO • HOME • LIFE



JOHN TIERNAN
865-769-7602
john.tiernan@fbttn.com

Songs, saddles merge
at STAR fundraiser



Jake Nichols

Amanda Hara, left, joins STAR executive director Emily Justus, right, in announcing contest winners during the 10th annual Songwriters in the Round fundraiser at Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR) on Saturday, Aug. 29.

Jake Nichols

jnichols@farragutpress.com

LENOIR CITY — As the sun dipped below the hills of East Tennessee, a cool August breeze carried guitar strums and singing voices toward the horses grazing in a nearby pasture.

The sweet sounds stemmed from the 10th annual Songwriters in the Round fundraiser at Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (STAR).

Taking notes from the famed Bluebird Café’s songwriter rounds in Nashville, the event brings together four country music lyricists to raise money for STAR’s 40-year mission of providing equine-assisted ac-

tivities for people with physical, mental and neurological disorders.

This year’s event took place on Saturday, Aug. 29, raising \$69,000 to support STAR’s mission. The night brought renowned musicians Phillip Lammonds, Matt Warren, Nicole Witt and Andy Austin, who sang together beneath a string-light chandelier with guests looking on from chairs near the small stage.

“This is my second Songwriters in the Round, but it’s STAR’s 10th,” STAR executive director Emily Justus said. “So it changes a little bit every year, and this year we have

See STAR on Page 5B



Photo submitted

Virtue Church members gather for last year’s National Back to Church Sunday.

Virtue Church encourages
community to ‘Find Your Place’

Staff Reports

editor@farragutpress.com

Virtue Church will join thousands of churches across the country Sunday, Sept. 20, for National Back to Church Sunday, an annual, nationwide effort encouraging people to reconnect with a local church and experience Christian community, according to Laura Lyle of Virtue Church.

“Virtue Church is inviting the Farragut community to ‘Find Your Place’ during a special outdoor, dog-friendly worship service followed by a free community cookout,” Lyle stated in a press release. “The service will begin at 11 a.m.

at Virtue Church, 725 Virtue Road in Farragut. Everyone is welcome, and attendees are encouraged to bring their dogs and enjoy a relaxed Sunday morning outdoors.”

“With recent studies showing that loneliness is a real issue in our culture, we want our community to know that the church is here as a place where people can connect, make friends and find support when life gets hard,” Virtue Church Pastor Bill Lyle said. “You don’t have to have everything figured out before you walk through the doors — or, in this case, join us outside.”

This year’s Back to Church

Sunday theme, “Find Your Place,” focuses on the need for belonging and authentic community in a world that has become increasingly digital, transient and disconnected.

“Virtue Church hopes the event will give people who may not currently attend church an easy, welcoming opportunity to experience Christian community without pressure,” Laura Lyle stated.

“We know visiting a church for the first time can feel intimidating,” she stated. “That’s why we want this Sunday to be simple and welcoming. Come as you are, bring your family,

See VIRTUE on Page 5B

Fall events bring community together for Alzheimer’s Tennessee

Tammy Cheek

tcheek@farragutpress.com

KNOXVILLE — Alzheimer’s Tennessee is inviting Farragut and Knoxville-area residents to join in a season packed with community spirit, education and support for local families facing dementia.

The fun begins with the Dave Landeo Tailgate, which takes place from 4:30 to 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18, at Roger’s bar, 8817 Kingston Pike near

Farragut.

“This isn’t just a party for Vols fans,” said Samuel Moore, Alzheimer’s Tennessee director of communications. “It’s a chance for Knoxville to come together and support local families facing Alzheimer’s disease. Every dollar raised stays right here in East Tennessee.”

Local favorite musician Dave Landeo leads the celebration with live music, special guests, Vols spirit and great barbecue.

“I was born and raised in Tennessee and will always be a Vol,” Landeo said. “I’m honored to help and grateful to be part of a community that always comes together, whether for game day or for something as important as supporting families facing Alzheimer’s.”

Landeo started the event after his mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease.

“Her journey made me realize how precious life is and how important it is to support

each other – family, friends our whole community,” he said.

There is no charge to attend but the best way to help is to get a VIP ticket, which costs \$25 per person. It includes a barbecue plate, beer ticket and access to a special VIP area. Extra donations are welcome and go straight to helping local families.

WVLT’s Rick Russo will broadcast live, and every dollar raised stays local.

“Knoxville knows how to

have a good time, and this tailgate is proof,” Moore said. “But what really makes the Dave Landeo Tailgate special is the way our community shows up — not just to celebrate but to help each other.

“Every year, we see friends, families and fans rally together to help local people facing Alzheimer’s,” he said. “Every dollar raised stays right here at home, making sure East

See ALZHEIMER’S on Page 7B



Parkway Dental

Dr. Dan Lovely, DDS

Family & Cosmetic Dentistry

Accepting New Patients

We accept most insurance plans, including Medicare supplemental, Humana, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Delta, CIGNA, MetLife, United healthcare and others

323 Fox Road, Suite 200 | Knoxville, TN 37922

865-690-5231

www.parkwaydentaloffice.com



More Living.
Less Worry.

Memory care that adapts with them.

Schedule a Tour!



865-345-5474



THE
Lantern

at Morning Pointe

Alzheimer's Center of Excellence
HARDIN VALLEY

2433 Reagan Road | Knoxville, TN

Assisted Living next door!

Press Planner

Send upcoming events for the Press Planner to editor@farragutpress.com

• Feed-A-Pet is a program of the CAC Office on Aging and serves to provide pet food for limited-income older adults who need extra help to feed their pets. To help with this ongoing need, Feed-A-Pet is hosting a Fall Pet Food Drive. Visit www.knoxseniors.org/our-services/feed-a-pet/ to donate online or to see the list of needed items and drop-off locations.

• Dunkin' is celebrating game day across East Tennessee with the fan-favorite orange-sprinkled Vols Donut (available every Saturday the Vols take the field during the regular season), a \$6 Vols Meal Deal and appearances from the Dunkin' Community Cruiser throughout the season. To stay updated on the latest happenings at Dunkin', visit Dunkin-Donuts.com or subscribe to the Dunkin' blog to receive notifications at news.dunkindonuts.com/blog

• The Knox County Schools 2026 Coupon Book is available for purchase now through Wednesday, Sept. 30. This is the 38th year of the district's largest fundraiser. Each coupon book costs \$20, with \$15 of each

sale directly supporting educational programs and initiatives in schools across the district. Each book has a unique code printed on the inside cover granting access to the Cash-book app, which unlocks many of the same coupons found in the physical book on a phone or mobile device.

• MEDIC is celebrating Tailgate Week from Sept. 14 through 18. Donors will be automatically entered to win two tickets to the UT versus Auburn game. Donors will also be entered to win one of the daily \$50 Food City gift card giveaways. Each donor will receive a special edition football-themed shirt and coupons to Texas Roadhouse, GSM Cabin Rentals, Papa John's and Sal-sarita's. All first-time donors will receive a \$25 e-gift card with a valid email address. Donors can visit www.medicblood.org to find a mobile drive location or information on donation centers. Appointments are not required but always encouraged and can also be made on the website.

• Friends of Cavett Station invites the public to com-

memorate Cavett Station Day on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10:30 a.m. The program will be held at Mars Hill Cemetery, located at 438 Broome Road, Knoxville. This year's program will be presented by Olivia Cawood, President of Friends of Cavett Station. Her program, "Cavett Station: Another Perspective," will focus on the effect the Cavett Station Massacre had on the lives of the Creek and Cherokee men involved, particularly Major Ridge, James Vann and John Watts. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Visit friendsofcavettstation.org for more information.

• Ballet alumni and friends are invited to honor the memory of Cheryl Van Metre, the founder of both the Van Metre School of Dance and the Appalachian Ballet Company. A memorial celebration will take place on Friday, Sept. 25, at the Van Metre School of Dance, 215 W. Broadway, Maryville. The Memorial Celebration evening will begin at 5:30 p.m., with a Champagne Toast at 6 p.m. followed by a time for alumni and friends to share memories and

celebrate the impact Cheryl had on countless lives. The memorial celebration is open to all ABC alumni and friends and does not require a ticket, inviting everyone to come together in remembrance. The celebration will conclude at 6:45 p.m.

• The Emerald Masquerade Ball will celebrate 55 years of the Appalachian Ballet Company. Scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. at the White Star Station, this event invites the community to come together in support of dance, creativity and local talent. The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres catered by Foothills Milling Co., a silent auction and a performance by the dancers of the Appalachian Ballet Company, followed by an opportunity to dance the night away. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit appalachianballet.org

• Young-Williams Animal Center will host a cross-city fundraising competition tied to the University of Tennessee Volunteers vs. University of Texas Longhorns football game. The tailgate-style

event will feature adoptable pets, food, games and a live broadcast of the game. Young-Williams Animal Center and Austin Humane Society in Austin, Texas, will compete to see which shelter can raise the most donations by the end of the game, all while raising money to help homeless pets in their communities. The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Young-Williams Animal Center, 3201 Division St. A simultaneous event is expected to take place at Austin Humane Society. The Longhorns will play at Neyland Stadium for the first time in program history in an SEC battle of the UTs with kickoff set for noon. The fundraising competition will launch Monday, Sept. 21, with a live goal meter on the Young-Williams Animal Center website. The campaign goal is \$5,000, with supporters encouraged to rally behind their team and shelter throughout the week and on game day. To learn more about the event or make a donation, visit young-williams.org.

STAR

From page 4B

about 225 people here in a sold-out arena. They get this really cool, intimate event.

"The best part about this event is you don't really know which direction it's going to go. These are songwriters that are playing off the cuff, and they'll say they go where the audience takes them. They tell different stories, and that's where it starts."

On Saturday, the stories came from four wide-ranging careers.

"They're all a little different," Justus said. "They are from the Carolinas, Tennessee, all over. And they all have different careers, writing for Hootie and the Blowfish, George Strait, Rodney Atkins. So it's a wide-ranging, talented group that's been in some pretty cool rooms. This is our second-biggest fundraiser of the year, and all the money goes back to our programs."

And those programs pair the aforementioned horses with human beings who appreciate the animals' steady nature.

STAR offers therapeutic riding, a "Heroes and Horses" program for veterans and a "Reflections" program for those dealing with Alzheimer's and early-onset dementia. There is even a program called "Minis in Motion," where STAR workers take miniature horses into senior centers for people to appreci-

ate them.

"The great thing about equine-assisted learning is that it's for everyone," Justus said. "We are able to work with children as young as 4 and up. There's really no ceiling of age; you don't really graduate from our programs."

"But it is a really unique offering for families dealing with disabilities or special situations that they can't find therapeutic activities for elsewhere. We are a really unique offering in this region. And there's also this incredible unspoken language between horse and human. What we do here is really hard to replicate or duplicate in anything else. It's really all across the board. Horses are for everyone."

Justus recalled one example of that message, as a beloved horse — Samson — reportedly stood perfectly still during a lesson with a rider perched in his saddle.

"And in the middle of the lesson, Samson just stopped and would not move, no matter

what the instructor said," Justus said. "A few seconds later, his rider began having a seizure. So he could feel it before anyone else even noticed. It's a cool thing you have to see and know to experience."

Lammonds, who has been part of the songwriters' round at Shanghri-La for multiple years, reinforced the impact of what they do on a daily basis.

"Man, I've learned so much. I had no idea half of the things they do," he said. "The scope they cover and how useful it is and everything that happens is based on a connection with two animals, a human being and a horse."

"I'm a dog person from way back, but everyone that has come says this is just an amazing event. At the end of the day, it's so easy to see what is happening here. Anybody that's got that same kind of heart, they need to be a part of it. If you're sitting around wondering what you can do for your area, I can't think of a better thing."

Virtue

From page 4B

bring your dog, have lunch with us and meet some new people.

"Our hope is that you'll discover a place where you can belong, grow and most importantly, find the hope that is found in Jesus," Laura Lyle added.

The Back to Church Sunday movement began in 2009 and

brings together churches from denominations across the country with one simple goal: encouraging Christians to personally invite friends, neighbors and community members to church, she stated.

The free Community Cook-out will take place immediately following worship.

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



Whitson Smith
Attorney
McDonald, Levy & Taylor

Personal Injury
Estate Litigation & Probate
Wills, Estate Planning & Conservatorships



MLT
McDonald, Levy & Taylor PLLC
MY LEGAL TEAM

10805 Kingston Pike, Suite 200 | Knoxville, TN 37934 | Next to Costco
Phone: 865-966-4343 | www.mltlaw.com



The **MORNING SHOW**
with **DARRELL**

JOIN US FOR:

- YOUR FAVORITE 70'S AND 80'S MUSIC
- PETE MICHAELS TRAFFIC
- LOCAL INFORMATION AND WEATHER
- LOCAL INTERVIEWS • FOX NEWS

105.3 WFIV
good times. great music.

Email: darrell@wfiv.com • WFIV 105.3 • 865-218-5609

Worship & Praise

Call Linda at 865-218-8881 to place your ad



CHRIST COVENANT PCA
12915 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37934
865-671-1885

Worship Times
9:30 am
and
11:00 am

For more information go to
www.christcov.org

Sunday Bible Class 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Nursery & Children's Worship Provided
Wednesday Bible Study 7 to 8 p.m.
Weekday Preschool - Monday-Thursday



136 Smith Rd. • 865-966-5025 • farragutchurch.org

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
225 Jamestowne Blvd.
Farragut 966-9626
SUNDAY WORSHIP
9 a.m. & 11:11 a.m.
www.faithloves.org



CONCORD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
11020 Roane Drive
Sunday Worship Services
Traditional & Contemporary Worship
9:00 and 11:00 AM | Concurrently
All Worship Services on-site and online.
Nursery available for both services.
11:00 AM Kids Church (K-5th)
ConcordUnited.org
Watch our services on
[Youtube.com/ConcordUnited](https://www.youtube.com/ConcordUnited)



Union Cumberland Presbyterian Church
"A Place to Call Home"

Sunday Worship* 11AM
Sunday School *9:45 – 10:45AM
Bible Studies Monday 10:30AM
Wednesday "Half-Time" Dinner 6PM
Bible Study - All Ages* 6:45PM
**Nursery Available*
400 Everett Road, Farragut
www.UnionCPChurch.com
865-966-9040



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
"Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith"

Family Friendly Casual Worship 9 a.m.
With a children's program for ages 3 and up.

Traditional Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Livestreams at fpctn.org
Loving Nursery from birth to age 3 at both services

209 Jamestowne Blvd.
Located behind Village Green Shopping Ctr.
(865)966-9547 • fpctn.org



TWO RIVERS CHURCH
WORSHIP SERVICES
SATURDAY | 5:30P
SUNDAY | 9:30 & 11:00A
MID-WEEK TIMES
WEDNESDAY | 6:30-8:30P
Middle School Ministry
High School Ministry
The WELL (Prayer & Worship)

 /TwoRiversTN
Web: 2RC.tv | P: 865.777.2121
275 Harrison Ln., Lenoir City, TN 37772



FIRST FARRAGUT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Worship Service
Sundays at 10:30 AM
ffumc.org/events
12733 Kingston Pike
865-966-8430 • www.ffumc.org

NEW COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
Fredrick E. Brabson, Sr., Senior Pastor

Worship Complex
10319 Starkey Lane
Knoxville, TN 37932

Contact Information
Church: (865) 671-3370
Fax: (865) 966-2072
Email: newcovenant@newcovenantbc.com
Website: www.newcovenantbc.com

Weekly In-Person Services
Sun: Family Bible Hour (9:30 AM)
Sun: Worship Service (11:00 AM)

Recorded Services

On ZOOM
Wed: Prayer Meeting & Bible Study (6:45 PM)
Wed: Cultivate (7:00 PM)


"Winning Souls and Changing Lives for Jesus Christ is a Total Family Ministry"

Reveizes take final step on Camino journey

Carlos Reveiz
Correspondent

Buen Camino Always
After 36 unforgettable days, my dear wife Nancy, our Camino family, and I completed an incredible journey from Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port to Finisterre — 584 miles and 1,278,588 steps across Spain. But in many ways, our Camino began long before we ever took that first step.

Twenty-two years ago, I first learned about the Camino de Santiago. For years, I would say, “One day, I’m going to walk the entire Camino.” Then one morning last year, I woke up and realized I was tired of saying “one day.” We are not guaranteed tomorrow. So, I made a decision that changed my life. After 33 years in the corporate world, I retired and decided it was time to start living life on our terms. And what a decision that turned out to be.

It is difficult to find words that truly capture what the Camino gave us. We expected an adventure. What we experienced was so much more — physically demanding, mentally challenging, emotionally healing and, without question, life-changing. Every morning began much the same way. We taped our blisters, covered our feet with Vaseline, laced up our shoes and headed out the door knowing another day of miles, hills, aching muscles and the unknown was waiting for us. Some days were easy. Some days were incredibly hard. But every day, we learned something.

The Camino teaches resilience. It teaches you that progress isn’t about how fast you walk. It’s about continuing to move forward. When your feet hurt, when your legs are tired and when the next hill seems impossible, you simply put one foot in front of the other. And then you do it again...and again. Until suddenly, you realize you’ve made it farther than you ever thought possible.

The People Made the Journey
Along the way, we met countless peregrinos from every corner of the world. What struck me most wasn’t where people came from, what language they spoke, what they did for a living or how much money they had. None of that mattered. On the Camino, titles, careers and bank accounts disappear. We were all simply pilgrims. We shared the same basic goals: walk, encourage one another, help when someone needed it, find a place to sleep and share a meal at the end of the day. And somehow, that simplicity brought out the very best in people. Kindness was everywhere. A stranger would notice you were struggling and offer a word of encouragement. Someone would share food when you were hungry. Another pilgrim would help carry a backpack or tend to a blister. People who had been strangers just hours earlier would sit together over dinner, laughing as if they had known each other for years. The Camino reminded me that the world is filled with good people — and sometimes we simply need to slow down long enough to notice them.

Our Camino Family
One of the greatest gifts of our journey was finding our

Camino family. Five strangers started walking together, and somewhere along the way, those strangers became family. We laughed together. We struggled together. We encouraged one another. We celebrated milestones together. We shared food on the trail and helped each other through the difficult days. Before long, people affectionately began calling us “The Brady Bunch.” And the name couldn’t have fit better. Although one member of our family left us in León to meet a friend, she never really left us. She remained part of our conversations, our memories and our hearts. That is another beautiful thing about the Camino.

What the Camino Taught Me
The Camino gave us far more than beautiful landscapes, historic villages and incredible memories. It reminded us to slow down. To appreciate a sunrise. To enjoy a conversation. To celebrate a simple meal. To be grateful for a comfortable bed. To stop worrying about things that don’t really matter. And most importantly, it reminded us that some of life’s greatest treasures aren’t things we can buy. The Camino didn’t just change how far we can walk. It changed how we see the world — and how we choose to live in it.



Photo courtesy of Carlos Reveiz

Carlos and Nancy Reveiz celebrated the end of their Camino journey by drawing “2026 CAMINO” in the sand of the beach where their final steps were completed.

One More Memory to Add to a Lifetime
Over my lifetime, I’ve been blessed to experience some amazing physical adventures and athletic accomplishments, including playing a small part in the success of the magical 1985 Sugar Vols season. The SEC magical championship season will always hold a special place in my heart. Completing the Camino now ranks right up there with them. But this accomplishment is different and extra

special because I didn’t do it alone. I got to experience every single step with my dear wife, Nancy. There were hills we weren’t sure we could climb. There were days when our bodies were exhausted. There were moments when we wondered how we were going to keep going. But we did, together encouraging each other and that makes reaching Finisterre even more special.

Read more of this story at www.farragutpress.com

classifieds

Classified Advertising Rates	Classified Advertising Deadlines	Classified Payments
Line Ads Private Party 15 words \$47/4 weeks Commercial 25 words \$57/4 weeks Each additional word 25¢ per week Display Ads \$12.00 per column inch	Line Ads Mondays, 11:00 am Display Ads Space & Copy: Fridays, noon	Payments may be made by cash, check or credit card. Prepayment is required on all classified advertising. These Cards Gladly Accepted:

To place your ad in the farragutpress classifieds please call (865) 675-6397.

306 PETS FOR SALE

AKC Golden Retriever Puppies ready now! Healthy beautiful puppies from DNA tested parents. First shots, vet checked, dewormed regularly. \$1,200-Knoxville, TN. Visit our website for photos: www.elysianfamilyranch.com. For more information Call 575-751-1089.



Farragut Town Hall | 11408 Municipal Center Drive

FARRAGUT MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 AT 1:00PM

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Minutes

3) Business Items

A) Volunteers and Docents Update

B) Museum Operations Update

C) Vote on FY27 Committee Goals

4) Discussion Items

5) Communications From the Public

6) Adjournment

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or veteran status pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodations due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting



Farragut Town Hall | 11408 Municipal Center Drive

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Farragut will hold its **Annual Staff Picnic** on **Friday, October 2nd from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at McFee Park; 917 McFee Road, Farragut, TN 37934.**

Please be advised that **members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may be in attendance.**



Farragut Town Hall | 11408 Municipal Center Drive

VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

AGENDA

I) Call to Order

II) Approval of Minutes

A) Approval of the August 25, 2026, meeting minutes.

III) Staff Report

A) Wall signs approved since the last meeting.

IV) Business Items

A) Review of a tenant-panel sign for Elux Nail Bar, located at 13121 Kingston Pike.

B) Review of a new primary ground sign for the Dolly Parton Children’s Hospital Home Healthcare Office, located at 11227 West Point Drive.

V) Citizens Forum

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or veteran status pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodations due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting



Farragut Town Hall | 11408 Municipal Center Drive

ARTS & BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 AT 11:30 AM
Farragut Community Center • 239 Jamestown Blvd.

1) Call to Order

2) Approval of Minutes

A) Approval of August 17, 2026 minutes

3) Business Items

4) Discussion Items

A) Art Fest Recap

B) Freaky Friday Fright Nite

C) Celebrate the Season

D) Farragut in Bloom

5) Communications from the Public

6) Adjournment

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or veteran status pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodations due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting



Farragut Town Hall | 11408 Municipal Center Drive

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town of Farragut will hold its 2026 Introduction to Farragut class meetings on the following dates from 6:00PM to 9:00 PM at Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN 37934:

- September 2, 2026 • September 9, 2026
- September 30, 2026 • October 14, 2026
- October 28, 2026

Graduation for the 2026 Introduction to Farragut class will be on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestown Boulevard, Farragut, Tennessee 37934. Please be advised that members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen may be in attendance.

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or veteran status pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodations due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting



Farragut Town Hall | 11408 Municipal Center Drive

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE ON PROPOSED CODE OF ORDINANCES

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 24th day of September 2026, at the Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Farragut, TN 37934, to hear citizen comments on the following ordinances:

1. Ordinance 26-17, on second reading, amending the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Capital Investment Program Fund Budget Passed by Ordinance 26-10

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. It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or veteran status pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodation due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting.

It is the policy of the Town of Farragut not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, natural origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, religion, disability or veteran status pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Public Law 93-112 and 101-336 in its hiring, employment practices and programs. To request accommodations due to disabilities, please call 865-966-7057 in advance of the meeting

Alzheimer's
From page 4B

Tennessee families have the support they need. That's what makes this tailgate so much fun."

"As a musician, I've played at a lot of fundraisers, but this one means the most to me," Landeo said. "I want to do whatever I can to help."

For more information, visit alzTennessee.org/Tailgate or contact Alzheimer's Tennessee.

Another upcoming event is Walmart 500 Monday through Friday, September 21-25, at area Walmart locations.

"Keep an eye out for Alzheimer's Tennessee teams at local Walmart stores through-

out that week when they will be bringing awareness, sharing educational resources and spotlighting the lifesaving Silver Alert program," Moore said.

"Since its launch in 2021, Silver Alert has helped return more than 500 at-risk adults with cognitive challenges safely to their families in Tennessee," he said. "Stop by to learn more, pick up helpful information, a Silver Alert Kit — a wandering prevention resource and forms helping first responders in the event wandering does occur — plus discover how you can support this vital community safety effort."

Also, Alzheimers Tennessee will hold:

- a half-day Caring and Coping Workshop Tuesday, Sept. 29, at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church, 9132 Kingston Pike. It offers expert advice and practical support for caregivers and families. Nationally recognized speakers, Dr. Monica Crane and Melanie Bunn, will share strategies, hope, and encouragement for those on the dementia journey.
- Boos, Brews & Bingo, hosted by Business Professionals Against Alzheimer's, on Thursday, Oct. 1, at Orange Hat Brewing Company off Hardin Valley Road. This event brings together the Halloween spirit, craft beer and fierce Bingo competition, all for a good cause.
- 34th Annual Smoky Mountain Walk to Make Alzheimer's a Memory Oct. 24, Saturday, Oct. 24, in Sevier County High School to raise awareness and bring the community together. This year's fundraising goal is \$160,000—all to stay in East Tennessee.
- an online Alzheimer's Disease Management & Research Symposium Thursday and Friday, Nov. 12-13. This two-day virtual gathering brings together leading experts in brain health and care. Open to physicians, caregivers and anyone interested in learning more about dementia research and best practices.
- Give Back Days: Throughout the season, local businesses across the area are hosting special Give Back Days where

a portion of sales supports Alzheimer's Tennessee. These events are a simple, fun way to help and see the power of small acts add up for local families.

"These events are where the heart of Farragut and Knoxville really shines," Moore said. "Whether it's cheering at the Landeo Tailgate, learning at a caregiver workshop, or coming together for a walk, you see neighbors connecting and supporting each other in ways that matter. The best part is knowing every dollar raised stays right here, helping local families facing Alzheimer's. That's what makes these events so special to all of us."

For more information about the events, visit www.alzTennessee.org or call 865-544-6288.

service directory

miscellaneous services

Service Directory Advertising Rates
1 Block.....\$65/mo.
2 Block.....\$120/mo.
3 Block.....\$180/mo.
4 Block.....\$235/mo.
6 Block.....\$350/mo.
8 Block.....\$465/mo.

Spot color \$5/mo.
Process color \$15/mo.

To place an ad in the [farragutpress](http://farragutpress.com) Service Directory, contact Linda at 865-218-8881

Service Directory Payments
Payments may be made by cash, check or credit card. Prepayment is required on all classified advertising.
These Cards Gladly Accepted:

Service Directory Advertising Deadlines
Display Ads
Space & Copy: Fridays, noon

BUILDINGS and FENCES by ...
BROWN'S
CUSTOM FENCING & CONSTRUCTION
Contractor LC # 00049769
423-235-7400
800-249-6274
www.brownscustomfencing.com

WE BUY HOUSES
865-444-8804

DEEP CLEAN • SANITIZE • REPAIR & SERVICE • GRILL POLISH

Professional BBQ Grill Cleaning
We'll handle the grill cleanup so you can enjoy more time with family
Protect your investment
Book a Cleaning NOW and receive a **FREE GRILL INSPECTION!**

Bar-B-Clean
BARBECUE CLEANING
865-407-2269
Bar-b-clean.com/Knoxville

home repair & improvement

GET READY FOR FALL
MAKE APPOINTMENTS TODAY!

INTERIOR & EXTERIOR PAINTING
PRESSURE WASHING
Honest • Reliable • Neat & Clean
Licensed & Insured | REFERENCES

Howard Mitchell
PAINTING & DRYWALL
865-202-8350

Let us remodel your bathroom!
Enjoy a bathroom for your lifestyle

HomeTek
West Knoxville/Farragut's Premiere Contractor
BUILD - IMPROVE - REMODEL
865-368-2869
Licensed & Insured

FAVE
Nominated in City View Magazine "Best of the Best" 2013-2025

Is Your Home Ready For The Years Ahead?

KNOXVILLE AGING IN PLACE, INC.
Aging Safely and Happily at Home
Knoxvilleaginginplace.com (865) 637-1735
Licensed Bonded Insured
Showroom Now Open!
320 Nancy Lynn Ln, Suite 9, Knoxville, TN 37919

- Ramps - Own or rent
- Bathroom Remodeling
- Kitchen Improvements
- Bedroom Enhancements
- Household Upgrades

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Cross Home Repairs Off Your List
• Licensed & Insured • 5★ Rated
• 20+ Years Experience
• No Job Too Small

Call Or Text 865-973-9798
FREE Estimates
TN HI License #13152

WEST KNOX HANDYMAN
HOME SERVICES & REPAIR
www.westknoxhandyman.com

RANDY THE PAINTER
FREE ESTIMATES Call: 865-522-3222 Text: 865-455-5022

- ★ Interiors & Exteriors Painting
- ★ Drywall, Sheetrock, Wood Repair & Soft Roof Washing
- ★ We Paint Vinyl Siding
- ★ FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED
- ★★★★★ 5 star Google Reviews

30% Off
All Interior Painting Through February 2027

Licensed & Insured • 46 Yrs Experience

lawn and landscaping

FATHER & SON LAWN CARE

A Complete Lawn Service
We Specialize in Mowing Large Properties and Quality Lawn Maintenance
Make Appointments NOW For Fall

AERATION
We provide our aeration services with our own commercial ride-on aeration equipment
• Slit Seeding • Over Seeding • Fertilizing
Licensed & Insured

Call Robin 865-705-3856 • Blake 865-963-8351

CONCRETE WORLD
"Concrete Plus"

Decorative • Stamp • Driveways
Footers • Sidewalks • Slabs
Patios • Pavers
Serving Knox County Area

Free Quotes • Senior Discounts
References Available
Dwayne Springfield
(865) 203-5675

Do you have a unique business or service?

Advertise in the [farragutpress](http://farragutpress.com) service directory!

Call Linda at 865-218-8881

HOME REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENT

Pilgrim Painting
Local & Family Owned
Repaint Specialists
Residential & Commercial
Serving Farragut & the Knoxville area for over 30 years
Licensed • Bonded & Insured
We take the Pain Out of painting!

We do Home Improvement Projects in addition to:
• Interior/Exterior Painting
• Pressure Washing
• Staining
• Drywall & Carpentry

FREE ESTIMATES 865-291-8434
www.pilgrimpaintingknoxville.com
Major credit cards & online payments accepted
Home Improvement License #291843

Mills Lawn Care
Residential & Commercial

BOOK NOW
LEAF REMOVAL BUSH HOGGING

Fall & Winter Cleanup
• Pruning
• Mowing • Mulch
Delivery Available

CALL TODAY
Free Consultation & Quote
865-242-2695
Gary & Tammy Mills, Owners

Residential & Commercial Landscape Design
★ DESIGN ★ INSTALL ★ MAINTAIN

DREAM GARDENS
EST. 1997 KNOXVILLE, TN

- Custom Landscaping & Beds
- Professional Installation
- Plants, Shrubs, Flowers, Trees
- River Rock, Mulch, Pinestraw
- Sod, Seed & Restoration
- Outdoor Lighting Systems
- Irrigation & Drain Systems
- Pavers, Walkways, Retaining Walls
- Patios, Fire Pits, Mailbox Areas
- Parking Areas & Entrance Ways
- Bed Refreshing, Weeding, Pruning
- Seasonal Cleanup & more, just ask!

Privately serving the Knoxville community since 1997

DREAM GARDENS INC.
Reed Strozier • 865-258-1844
DreamGardens865.com | Reed@DreamGardens865.com

RIVERSONS PAINTING
RESIDENTIAL PAINTING DONE RIGHT
FARRAGUT • KNOXVILLE • MARYVILLE

(865) 324 -0123
riversonspainting@gmail.com
riversonspainting.com

Farragut, Knoxville, Maryville, TN
LICENSED & INSURED
25+ years Professional Experience

Quality Work, Lasting Results

Serving East Tennessee since 1974

Termite & Pest Otis Control Service
Locally Owned & Operated

Serving East Tennessee for over 50 years!

Licensed by TWRA and TN Department of Agriculture
CALL TODAY 865-690-1662

Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly
Residential & Commercial Pest Control

- Termite Control
- Mosquito Control
- Wildlife Removal
- Pre-Construction

Mention this ad for 25% off first monthly or quarterly pest control service.

Visit us on Facebook

www.otispestcontrol.net

KNOX TENN ROOTS STUMP GRINDING GROUP

TWO MACHINES. ONE GOAL. GONE STUMPS.

SC402 THE HEAVY HITTER
SC362 THE ACCESS MACHINE

- ANY SIZE STUMP
- MULTIPLE STUMPS
- BACKYARD ACCESS
- ROOT FLARE GRINDING
- CLEANUP AVAILABLE
- FAST FREE ESTIMATES

865-851-4239 **GROUND & GONE**

HOW THE WEST WAS WON SCOREBOARD			
School	Win-Loss	Points for Game	Net Difference
Christian Academy of Knoxville	4-0	49-0 W	+152
Knoxville Catholic High School	4-0	28-22 W	+33
Hardin Valley Academy	3-1	45-14 W	+98
Concord Christian School	3-1	30-23 W	+47
Webb School of Knoxville	0-4	41-7 L	-63
Farragut High School	0-4	42-0 L	-118
Bearden High School	0-4	35-0 L	-147

Young Lions, big win highlight week 4

Jake Nichols
jnichols@farragutpress.com

Relatively speaking, the Concord Christian School football program is still in its infancy.

You wouldn't know that looking at the results, though.

Last Friday, Sept. 12, the Lions (3-1) pulled off a historic win at Halls, winning 30-23 to highlight this week's "How the West was Won" results.

And before the score went final, CCS even started fast with a 27-9 lead at halftime.

"We got off to a quick start in the first half," head coach Steve Matthews said. "Had a great two weeks of practice, picking up the intensity with more blocking and tackling and fundamentals. I feel like that really helped us."

In the process, CCS took down a Red Devils program that features a whopping 994 more students in total enrollment.

Freshman quarterback Dylan Brown went 19-for-30 through the air for 297 yards and three touchdowns, as he continues to showcase the talent that Matthews first noticed in the preseason.

"For a freshman to come in and do what he's doing, he's doing an outstanding job," Matthews said. "It starts with the pass protection and a great offensive line. He still makes freshman mistakes sometimes, but the sky is the limit for his future. Accurate with the ball, makes great decisions."

"We started throwing in the summer and you saw the talent with his release, but you don't really know until you go 11-on-11," he added. "He got in some scrimmages but wasn't the starter at the time, but it really wasn't until CAK that I saw the composure and the decision-making ability."



Jake Nichols

Above: Hardin Valley's Jeremiah Brown (1) celebrates after returning a fumble for a touchdown against West Ridge. **Right:** Concord Christian's Amare McKenzie (0) helped lead the Lions to a historic victory last Friday, Sept. 11, against Halls.

Alistair Middlebrook totaled 24 rushing attempts for 112 yards and a touchdown, filling in nicely for Maurice Smith since he was dealing with an ankle issue. Out wide, all three of the top CCS receivers hauled in touchdowns: Amare McKenzie with seven catches for 95 yards and a touchdown, Dasani Moulden with six receptions for 124 yards and a score and Todd Lundy with five grabs for 68 yards and a third score.

"Offensively a couple penalties stopped us," Matthews said. "But otherwise we were hitting on all cylinders. With such a young team, you have to temper those emotions at halftime, too."

"We knew Halls would fight back, and we took our foot off

the gas a little in the second half but held on at the end.

"Just a great win for our team and community," he added. "Usually startup programs don't have high expectations, but I've told everybody we don't want to be patient. We want to be good right now. So this gives us confidence we can schedule big teams and go hold our own."

CAK (4-0) had a similar effect against Oneida, beating the Indians 49-0 for a 4-0 start. Isaac Kannah and Hunter Bennett delivered two touchdowns apiece, while Marvin Wyrosdick finished with nine tackles and Masyn Apalategui totaled 119 return yards on the night.

Over at Hardin Valley, the Hawks won 45-14 over West Ridge to move to 3-1 under



Tyler Wynn. For more on that game, see corresponding article by Jake Nichols.

And at Catholic, the Irish (4-0) gritted out another tough finish for a 28-22 victory over Cardinal Ritter (MO).

For the third time in four games, the Irish won the game with a clutch drive in the final two minutes.

"Our kids showed a lot of heart and a lot of grit, and it's shown in the four games we played," head coach Philip Shadowens said. "We don't always play well but we always play hard."

QB Mack Bartholomew ran in a 23-yard touchdown for the win with 20 seconds left, as he led the Irish to two scores in

their last two possessions to overcome a 16-7 deficit.

"It's awesome being 4-0," Shadowens said. "But we know there's so many more steps our football team has to make."

George Quarles might offer a similar sentiment for his Webb squad, which jumped out to a 7-0 lead over Lakeway Christian last week. But the Lions responded with 41 unanswered points, routing the Spartans (0-4) in Knoxville.

Farragut suffered a similar fate against Bradley Central, falling 42-0, while Bearden lost 35-0 at Science Hill. For more on the FHS matchup, see corresponding story by Jake Nichols.

Wash your car again and again! Visit our Dixie Lee, Lovell Road and Farragut locations to learn how you can receive unlimited washes for as low as \$19.99 per month or check us out online at PureMagicCarwash.com.

GO BIG
ORANGE



IN
STYLE



Rick Terry
Jewelry Designs

11320 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37934
(865) 777-3793

farragutpress
GAME DAY 411
September 19 • 7:45 PM et
The University of Tennessee **VS** Kennesaw State

GO VOLS!

**A COMMUNITY DESIGNED WITH
YOUR LOVED ONE IN MIND**



Assisted Living | Memory Care | Respite | Rehab



*Visit our award-winning
campus today!*

(865) 777-9000

WWW.NHCFARRAGUT.COM



**BUY LOCAL. INSURE LOCAL.
CHEER LOCAL.
BUYING LOCAL SUPPORTS
OUR COMMUNITY.**



Tate Insurance Group is proud to be one of the few locally owned insurance agencies right here in Knoxville. Just like we support our local football teams, we believe in supporting the people and businesses that make our community strong.

Have you asked your insurance provider if they're locally owned? Do you know where their parent company is located?

**Tate
Insurance
Group**
HOME | AUTO | LIFE
BUSINESS | HEALTH



Lock in with TIG
If it matters to you, it is protected by us.
HOME | AUTO | LIFE | BUSINESS | HEALTH

TATE INSURANCE GROUP PROUDLY REPRESENTS THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES:



6423 Deane Hill Drive | 865.862.8233
www.tateinsurancegroup.com | scott@tateinsurancegroup.com

RAMSEY TRUSTED

Call us for a comprehensive insurance review
Home • Auto • Life • Business • Health



NEXT GAME
September 19
Kennesaw State
at Tennessee



FARRAGUT TENNESSEE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

Vols prep for Owls before SEC play

This Saturday, Sept. 19, Tennessee returns to Neyland Stadium to take on Kennesaw State.

The first-ever matchup between the teams will provide a tune-up for Tennessee, which will open SEC play the following weekend against a Texas team that stormed back to beat Ohio State in thrilling fashion last Saturday, Sept. 12.

But before turning their attention to the top-ranked Longhorns, the Vols will look to clean up some things this weekend against the Owls.

And when the teams take the field for a 7:45 p.m. kickoff, there will be plenty of familiarity on both sides. “Saturday, we’ve got an opportunity to play a good Kennesaw State team,” Tennessee coach Josh Heupel noted in his press conference Monday, Sept. 14. “A lot of familiarity with their staff, and they’ve done a really good job. It’s an opportunity for us to grow and get better as a football team.”

As Heupel alluded, former Tennessee running backs coach Jerry Mack is making his return to Knoxville this weekend as the Owls’ head coach.

Heupel called Mack “a good leader of men,” noting his ability to recruit well and build a solid staff at his latest stop.

Before that, Mack worked with UT tailbacks from 2021 to 2023, recruiting former Karns standout DeSean Bishop in the process.

Now, Bishop will look to get off to a fast start against his former posi-

tion coach.

Bishop is coming off a two-touchdown performance against Georgia Tech, having paced the Vols 45-24 in Bobby Dodd Stadium.

He led a Tennessee offense featuring timely throws from true freshman quarterback Faizon Brandon to receivers Radarious Jackson and Braylon Staley.

On the defensive side, Jeremiah Telander and Dejuan Lane stopped the Jackets in their tracks with game-changing interceptions with Lane’s going for a touchdown.

Those efforts helped UT overcome 14 penalties, matching the most in a game through Josh Heupel’s six seasons as head coach.

“Our football team has the ability to grow into a good team if we make the choice to do the right things,” Heupel said Monday, noting he had already shown players the film of those mistakes. “Our players have to make a choice to not hurt the football team.”

Meanwhile, Kennesaw State is coming off a 31-17 loss to its Atlanta rival, Georgia State. Quarterback Rickie Collins threw 22 completions on 35 attempts for 260 yards, one touchdown and an interception.

The Vols will be missing tight end Ethan Davis, who suffered an ACL tear in Atlanta and will be out for the remainder of the year.

“This game requires the next guy up, and you’ve got to be prepared when your opportunity arises,” Heupel said. “I hate it for Ethan,

Troy Fleming brings UT experience to Ads

The Farragut Admirals have a new coach in the building, and he should be quite familiar to Tennessee fans.

From 2000 to 2003, Troy Fleming became known as a bruising fullback for the Vols. After being drafted in 2004, he suited up for the Tennessee Titans, Denver Broncos and Carolina Panthers.

After leading the Concord Christian program a decade ago, he is back in Farragut working with the Admirals’ running backs and fullbacks.

And he’s trying to pass on the lessons he learned in Neyland Stadium, which will host the Vols-Kennesaw State matchup.

“I focus on fullbacks, and Coach (Robert) Nevins focuses on running backs,” Fleming said. “But we focus on teaching them to be tough, run behind their pads and being explosive in everything they do. In this era of football, it’s all about the quarterback and throwing the ball. But people still come to watch the running backs, and we tell them we want to put on a show. And give credit where credit’s due, too, because it’s a team effort when it comes to rushing.”

For his fullbacks, Fleming said he preaches the importance of physicality.

“Set the tone,” he said. “That first hit, the opponent should know it’s going to be a long night. Our goal is to open a hole for the running back. They’ll throw us a bone here and there to show off our skillset, but more than anything, set the tone with the first hit and punch them in the mouth.”

“He knows the details of the running back position, knows what it takes to play at a high level and knows what it takes to get a young man at this age to work,” Ads head coach Geoff Courtney added. “If they’ve got dreams to go to the next level, he’s been there. We are happy to have him.”

~ Jake Nichols

the growth of the person and the player. But the next guy has got to be prepared and take advantage of

that opportunity.”

~ Jake Nichols

LineUp



Kennesaw State

0	Perry Fisher	DB	41	Byron Jackson	OLB
1	Rickie Collins	QB	42	Omari Stephenson	LB
1	Donovan Westmoreland	OLB	44	Baron Hopson	LB
2	Landon Varnes	QB	46	Jeremy Greaves Jr.	OLB
2	Tony Williams Jr.	DB	47	Charlie Robinson	OLB
3	Jecari Bryson	DB	48	Colt Muschara	WR
3	Skyler Williams	QB	49	EB Bailey	DB
4	Zion Booker	WR	50	Anthony Cater Jr.	OL
4	Alexander Ford	DB	51	Mike Wallace Jr.	OL
5	Jamarcus Harrison	QB	52	Havik Pettigrew	OL
5	Tay’vion Lawson	DB	53	AJ Miller	DL
6	Latrell Murrell	RB	54	Eseosa Aigbokhae	OL
6	Marcus Patterson	DL	55	Mateo Guevara	OL
7	Navelle Dean	WR	55	Ugonna Nwoha	DL
7	Luke Evans	DB	56	JaDarious Lee	OL
8	Corey Kelly	OLB	56	Zay Wilson	OLB
8	Devaughn Slaughter	WR	57	Ben Blanton	LS
9	Davis Bryson	WR	58	Khary Beler	DL
9	Isaac Paul	DB	58	Daniel Cepicky	OL
10	Ethan Tookes	DB	59	Jamiel Williams	OL
11	Tywon Christopher	LB	60	Brock Walters	LS
11	Brayden Munroe	WR	61	Yusuf Okanlawon	OL
12	Kody Jones	DB	62	Darius Neals	OL
13	Dylan Gary	WR	64	Gunner Cantrell	LS
13	Cam Miller	DB	65	Nick Thorne	DL
14	Kaleb Gray	DB	66	Luke Duska	OL
15	Devin Morgan	DL	69	Chase Stevens	OL
15	Javon Rogers	WR	70	Chase Richardson	OL
16	Dylan Green	WR	71	ZaMario Woodgett	OL
16	Alfred Thomas	LB	72	Haston Crawford	OL
17	Gerard Bullock Jr.	TE	73	Aidan Williams	OL
18	Josh Anglin	LB	75	Precious Ekeh	OL
18	Julian Lapene	QB	76	Nikola Milovac	OL
19	Reed Jesiolowski	TE	77	Enrico Maghelli	OL
20	Celley Davis	RB	79	Marlo East Jr.	DL
21	Antonio Ferebee II	DB	80	Josh Williamson	WR
21	Triston Morgan	RB	81	Erik Ronning	WR
22	Preston Clemmer	DB	82	Darren Pinkard	TE
23	Jonathan Mathis	RB	83	Spencer Wise	TE
24	Boogie Woods III	RB	84	Keon Davis	WR
25	Joshua Troupe	RB	85	Kayden Miller	WR
26	Devin Ingram	RB	86	Jet Tabb	WR
27	Jordan Holmes	DB	87	Chase Tatum	TE
28	Karson Moss	LB	88	Jamari Harrold	TE
29	Ja’Lyen Judson	DB	89	Daniel Kinney	K
30	Phillip Cato	DB	90	Jonathan Keys	DL
31	Kai Russell	OLB	91	Zakir Abdul-Salaam	DL
32	Jaden Martin-Burgess	DB	92	Jackson Cooper	DL
33	Montra Sanford	LB	95	Connor Coxwell	DL
34	Matt McKenzie	P	96	Jaiden Grimes	DL
35	Brody Bond	DB	97	Jaiden Crawford	DL
36	Taiwo Ogundele	LB	98	Zechariah Duke	P/K
37	CJ Outland III	DB	99	Nasir Smith	DL
38	Maliki Wright	DB			
39	Leo Attard	K			
40	Amarion Jones	OLB			

LineUp



University of Tennessee

59	Dereon Albert	DL	12	George MacIntyre	QB
34	Zay Anderson	DB	44	Drake Martinez	TE
71	Ed Baker	OL	43	Jackson Mathews	DB
2	Justin Baker	RB	4	Mike Matthews	WR
24	Hunter BarnesR	B	40	KJ McClain	DB
55	Mike Bethea II	DL	25	Tim Merritt	DB
18	DeSean Bishop	RB	20	Tevis Metcalf	DB
66	Kamari Blair	OL	1	TJ Metcalf	DB
48	Bennett Brady	LS	75	Wendell Moe Jr.	OL
7	DaSaahn Brame	TE	58	Nic Moore	OL
11	Faizon Brandon	QB	17	Daune Morris	RB
42	DJ Burks	DB	6	Qua Moss	DB
11	Jordan Burns	LB	33	Jordan Norman	DL
0	Amare Campbell	LB	55	Antoni Ogunoro	OL
47	Isaiah Campbell	DL	79	Gabriel Osenda	OL
38	Brayden Carroll	WR	56	Sam Pendleton	OL
7	Arion Carter	LB	27	Jadon Perlotte	LB
95	Breeze Carter	DL	72	Jesse Perry	OL
38	Jowell Combay	DB	35	Ben Petermann	WR
30	JaColby Cooper	WR	13	Mason Phillips	QB
31	Lane Cope	WR	3	Tre Poteat III	DB
93	Grady Dangerfield	PK	59	Charlie Powell III	OL
0	Ethan Davis	TE	34	Will RajECKi	RB
9	Joakim Dodson	WR	28	Cooper Ranvier	PK
81	Ian Duarte	WR	4	Ty Redmond	DB
9	Mariyon Dye	DL	8	Jadais Richard	DB
85	CJ Edwards	DL	39	Darryl Rivers	DL
15	Edrees Farooq	DB	36	Nathan Roberts	WR
26	JJ Finch	DL	19	Nathan Robinson	DL
99	Logan Foley	P	98	Jackson Ross	P
44	Christian Gass	DL	28	Brayden Rouse	LB
35	Carson Gentle	DL	26	Doren Sacha	WR
63	Jeremy George-El	OL	70	David Sanders Jr.	OL
2	Xavier Gilliam	DL	50	Ryan Scott	LB
78	Gage Ginther	OL	57	Grier Short	LB
37	Kedric Golston II	DL	87	Nuk Simmons	DL
36	Carter Gooden	DL	30	Javonte Smith	DB
6	Javin Gordon	RB	1	Travis Smith Jr.	WR
56	Zach Groves	DL	13	Edwin Spillman	LB
29	Isaiah Hardge	DB	14	Braylon Staley	WR
88	Deon Hardin	WR	8	Ryan Staub	QB
12	Jaedon Harmon	LB	60	Thomas Storm	OL
97	Hezekiah Harris	DL	22	Jeremiah Telander	LB
80	Cole Harrison	TE	21	Jamyran Theodore	DB
69	Donovan Haslam	OL	82	Trent Thomas	TE
51	Jeremias Heard	OL	85	Luke Thompson	WR
5	Daevin Hobbs	DL	94	Josh Turbyville	P/PK
99	Charles House III	DL	74	Shamurad Umarov	OL
53	Blake Howard	LS	17	Ethan Utley	DL
3	Radarious Jackson	WR	23	Sidney Walton	DB
29	Jack-Henry Jakobik	WR	18	Tyree Weathersby	DL
19	Tyreek King	WR	51	TJ White	LB
65	Michael Kostantonov	OL	77	Ory Williams	OL
10	Dejuan Lane	DB	87	Luca Wolf	TE
14	Kayin Lee	DB	31	Joel Wyatt	DB
24	Dylan Lewis	DB			