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Honaker



KCSO policereports

■ **Stolen Equipment:** The Knox County Sheriff's Office is investigating the theft of construction equipment from a job site on Campbell Lakes Drive. The complainant reported Sept. 21 that a Caterpillar skid steer and mulcher attachment had been stolen sometime between Sept. 18 and Sept. 21. The equipment was valued at a combined \$188,000. A GPS tracker on the property reportedly pinged at another location Sept. 19. Investigators were also advised that a nearby business might have surveillance footage.

■ **Stolen Trailer:** Two suspects reportedly stole a trailer from Farragut High School early Sept. 20. According to the Knox County Sheriff's Office, surveillance footage showed two men pulling the 12-foot, single-axle trailer by hand from the school's southeast parking lot toward West End Avenue. The footage was not clear enough to identify the suspects. The trailer, which has Farragut High School branding on its wooden sides, was entered into a national law enforcement database as stolen.

■ **Stolen Firearm:** A man reported Sept. 16 that a handgun was missing from his vehicle after he had taken the vehicle to a dealership for scheduled maintenance. According to the Knox County Sheriff's Office, the man last saw the Glock 43 9 mm handgun in his

vehicle Aug. 10 and noticed it was missing Aug. 14. He told deputies he searched his home and vehicle but could not locate the firearm. The handgun was valued at \$500.

■ **Theft:** A suspect allegedly stole a \$29.97 Kate Spade magnetic wallet from Nordstrom Rack on Parkside Drive on Sept. 9. According to the Knox County Sheriff's Office, surveillance footage showed the suspect remove the wallet from its packaging and later conceal it in a handbag while purchasing other merchandise. The suspect then left the store without paying for the wallet and departed in an SUV. Store personnel and law enforcement later used transaction information, social media photographs and a driver's license photograph to identify a suspect.

■ A man reported losing \$8,100 after purchasing a watch through what he believed was a legitimate website, rex-watchsllc.com. According to the Knox County Sheriff's Office, the man authorized a money transfer and received an invoice but became suspicious after the watch was not shipped. He later discovered duplicate invoice numbers while testing the website with another email address. The man contacted the legitimate business and was told the website was fraudulent and that efforts had been made to have it removed.

Clarification

Regarding the state fuel tax, state senate District 7 candidate Bryan Langan clarified, "Though I would consider ending the fuel tax, due to the volatility of fuel prices and the fact that many Tennesseans don't drive, I would rather we implement temporary suspensions of the fuel tax as neces-

sary to provide relief. However, because I believe every Tennessean deserves to have food in their stomach, clothes on their back and shoes on their feet, If elected, I would introduce legislation to end the state sales tax on groceries, clothing under \$50 and footwear under \$100.

Corrections

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and Renaissance Title & Escrow along with MR10 Realty, Cup. Some sponsors were inadvertently omitted from an article that ran on the front page of the Wednesday, Sept. 16, issue of the farragutpress. We regret the error.

Tickets for Taste of Turkey Creek are \$40 general admission and \$125 for VIP. The prices of the tickets were listed incorrectly in an article that ran on the front page of the farragutpress Wednesday, Sept. 23, issue. We regret the error.

Henderson, Huckaby push changes to elected officials' pay

Staff reports
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Knox County Mayor Betsy Henderson is backing Knox County Commissioner Brandon Huckaby's proposed ordinance to rescind a pay increase for Commissioners and school board members.

"I have said all along that politicians should not give themselves pay raises," Henderson said. "After the Commission passed a 6% pay increase for themselves in June, I joined my fellow school board members in unanimously voting to ask the Commission to repeal that raise.

"As mayor, I have worked alongside my colleagues to come up with a creative solution to end self-dealing pay

raises by politicians in Knox County," she said. "I am proposing an ordinance that would tie Commissioners' and school board members' pay adjustments to the same state-certified formula used for other elected officials.

"This will create a clear standard that holds politicians accountable while removing conflicts of interests and self-dealing," she added. "I want to thank Commissioner Brandon Huckaby for his leadership on this, and I ask the rest of the Commission to join him in supporting it."

Huckaby's proposed ordinance, if passed, would allow Commissioners and school board members' salaries to be determined by the state. Expressly, it would request

that any increase on County Commissioners and school board members must be "equal to the percentage increase set by the state for other county officials pursuant to TCA §8-24-102(d)."

In an online Sept. 12 article by Huckaby, he stated, "While adopting the county budget in June, the previous Commission made a change that gave the general government employees a much needed 6% raise.

"In the days that followed, there was a lot of confusion about whether that increase also applied to elected officials," Huckaby stated. "Initial media reporting suggested it included sheriff and mayor,

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Utility oversight adds cost to culvert project

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Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen questioned a nearly \$50,000 change order for the South Monticello Road culvert replacement before unanimously approving it Thursday, Sept. 24.

"The purpose of this item is to approve a change order request from Adams Contracting LLC for changes required," assistant Town engineer Eric Schindler said.

Adams Contracting was awarded the contract May 7 to replace an existing 42-inch corrugated metal pipe with a 42-inch reinforced concrete pipe near 11619 S. Monticello Road.

However, utility conflicts were discovered soon after construction began, Schindler said.

"Upon further review, the utilities were not marked when the design survey was completed," he said. "Our design consultant, Cannon & Cannon, performed multiple revisions in an effort to obtain a workable set of plans."

Once those revisions were completed, the final plan called for a straight headwall instead of the U-type headwall originally planned.

Adams Contracting submitted a change order for \$49,908.05. The additional work includes removing and resetting a new catch basin on the upstream end of the pipe, grading and installing the new straight headwall, disposing of the U-type headwall and covering additional time and equipment needed to complete the project.

The change order increases the contract from \$139,767 to \$189,675.

Vice Mayor Greg Wiberley questioned how the utilities went unidentified during the design process.

"I'm just curious on the unmarked utility part," Wiberley said. "I know when I've called Tennessee One Call before, I get a list of utilities that they contact and can verify that those markings have been made. What happened in this instance, where things weren't identified?"

"It was an oversight on the design surveying team," Schindler said. "They mistakenly made the assumption that the cross drain was a straight removal and replacement and, if no conflicts existed at the time, that there would be no conflicts for the replacement.

"It's an error that, frankly, I don't foresee ever happening again," he added. "It's not something we expected to see."

Wiberley questioned whether the design consultant was being held responsible for the mistake.

"Well, in my experience, when my subcontractors don't perform like they're supposed to, we hold them accountable," he said. "I know Cannon & Cannon is paying for the original headwall, correct?"

"That's correct," Schindler said.

Alderman Joey Ruffalo asked whether all utilities had been verified against the final construction plan.

"Absolutely," Schindler said.

Ruffalo also asked about the revised completion date, including an estimated four-

week lead time for the new headwall.

"I don't have an exact date on that," Schindler said. "Ideally, four weeks is their kind of conservative estimate."

The board unanimously approved the change order, allowing Adams Contracting to order the precast straight headwall.

Schindler said the Town also is working on an agreement with Cannon & Cannon that would reimburse the town \$16,076.37 for the first phase of additional work resulting from the design error.

In other action, the Board:

- Approved on first reading a budget amendment transferring \$16.1 million from the Capital Fund available fund balance to capital improvement program expenditures to cover previously approved projects that were not completed by the end of the fiscal year.
- Approved on second reading a budget amendment transferring \$40,000 from the Capital Fund available fund balance to fiscal 2027 CIP expenditures for the Everett Road Greenway Connector project because of a higher-than-expected bid.
- Proclaimed Oct. 11 as Daughters of the American Revolution Day.
- Declared a tractor with a boom mower, three trailers and two Ford F-150 trucks surplus property to be sold.
- Approved the purchase and installation of illuminated street signs for \$213,847. Mayor Alex Cain asked that two signs planned for Turkey Creek

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again, which is always the ultimate deciding factor.”

For Honaker, “I was born and raised in Farragut, went to Farragut schools, and now my husband Brian and I are raising our two children here,” she said. “This community shaped me, and I want my kids to inherit a Tennessee that works for families like ours.”

She said in early 2026, she watched the state political arena and “I realized that waiting for someone else to step up was not an option.

“I am running because District 14 deserves a representative who answers to constituents, not special interests, and who shows up, listens and does the work,” Honaker said. “My faith calls me to serve, and this is how I am answering that call.”

About her qualifications, Honaker responded, “My path has not been traditional, and that is a strength.”

She spent more than a decade working in restaurants, many of which as a front of

house manager. She earned a political science degree from Maryville College and later earned an automotive repair and estimation certificate from Ranken Technical College in St. Louis, Missouri.

For the past 10 years, Honaker worked in corporate operations at a Knoxville company, managing budgets, planning large-scale events and coordinating across departments.

“Also, I’m a mom. We need more moms in charge,” she added.

As a state representative, Zachary served as Deputy Speaker of the House, the Finance Committee, Appropriation Sub-committee and served on the Commerce, Ethics and Calendar and Rules Committees.

“As for an individual initiative that I’m most proud of, it was the stand I took against the COVID tyranny on behalf of the people of our state,” he said. “I sponsored, and the GOP supermajority, passed the COVID protection bill in October of 2021, making Tennessee just the second state to

pass such a bill.”

If re-elected, Zachary said he would focus on infrastructure.

“A few years ago, by working with [Tennessee Department of Transportation] and Chairman [Becky] Massey, I was able to secure approval and funding for the overhaul of both the Campbell Station and Watt Road exits,” he said. “Additionally, we worked with TDOT to approve the largest interstate enhancement road project in Knox County’s history that will move the weight stations and work to expand the interstate through Knox County,” Zachary said. “One of my top priorities will be continuing this work with our next governor to ensure Knox County’s infrastructure is a top priority of TDOT’s and the next administration.

“Additionally, last year I passed a property tax cap bill through the House,” Zachary said. “We are one of only four states with no cap.

“Unfortunately, the bill failed in the Senate,” he added. “I plan to bring this bill back in 2027. I’ve already dis-

cussed with Sen. [Marsha] Blackburn and will have her support when she becomes our next governor. We need the Senate to join us in protecting property owners.

“Finally, back in 2021, I voted against the bill to expand the use of surveillance cameras, now known as Flock cameras,” Zachary said. “The Wild West use of these cameras across our state must stop.

“I have already drafted a bill to address, with the top priority being the protection of our Fourth Amendment rights and ensure no Tennessean is tracked by these cameras,” he said.

Honaker’s priorities for the House seat also include privacy issues, among others.

“First, I plan to work with other representatives on eliminating the tax on groceries,” she said. “After that, we have to get public money back into our public schools where it belongs. And, we have to prioritize privacy by placing better regulations on Flock cameras and protecting our data from surveillance pricing, etc.”

Culvert
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Road instead be installed on Village Commons Boulevard. The second phase will add 36 illuminated street signs at 13 intersections throughout Farragut.

- Approved a special events permit for St. John Neumann Catholic Church and School’s annual Mustang Miler 5K on Saturday, Oct. 17. The event will run from 8 to 11 a.m., beginning at the school and church. The course will use the Grigsby Chapel Greenway, traveling east before turning around at the trailhead at the Park and Ride lot at the west end of Campbell Lakes Drive and returning to the starting point.

The final opportunity to submit candidate endorsements in Letters to the Editor or PressTalks for publication before the November 3rd election is

10 a.m. Monday, October 5th

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but that was not accurate.”

He stated as he dug into the issue, “I learned that state law establishes annual compensation adjustments for most county officials while County Commission compensation is handled separately through our annual budget process. “Because Board of Education members receive the same monthly compensation as Commissioners, those adjustments affect them as well,” Huckaby explained.

“The current process has historically been handled this way, in part, to avoid Commissioners having to directly vote on their own salaries,” he stated. “However, I do not think our current system provides the clarity or transparency that it should.

“I am currently working with legal and finance on legislation that would tie future Commission and school board compensation adjustments to the same state-certified formula used for other county of-

Residents
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to the lane, you got the power pole, mailboxes [impairing the line of sight onto Smith Road],” he said.

Burney Circle resident Paul Johnson proposed keeping Boring Road open with right-in, right-out access.

“Boring Road should remain open to the public for public safety and for residents and emergency vehicles,” he said. “We as residents of Baldwin Park and other areas, which will now be Stonemeade com-

ficials,” Huckaby stated.

“Under Tennessee Code Annotated § 8-24-102, general county officers receive annual compensation adjustments tied to state employee increases, with those adjustments capped at 5% per year,” he added. “That formula applies to offices, including the county mayor, sheriff, trustee, property assessor, county clerk and register of deeds.

“Personally, I am not comfortable being in the position of setting my own future salary, and I suspect many of you feel the same way,” Huckaby stated. “For that reason, I am proposing that we consider an approach similar to Hamilton County and tie future Commission and school board compensation adjustments to the same state-certified metric.

“That would give us one clear, predictable and transparent standard rather than requiring future Commissions to revisit their own compensation each year,” he added. “I would like to hold a workshop to discuss this proposal.”

ing in there soon, need two ways in and out, and one of the policies of the Town of Farragut is to have multiple ways out. That was a new policy instituted a number of years back.”

Town engineer Darryl Smith said the Board is considering four options: keep Boring Road closed; make Boring Road at Kingston Pike a right-in, right-out intersection; reconstruct Boring Road from about 300 feet east of the rear school entrance to Kingston Pike; or take no action for now.

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not positive.”

“Is there any way to adapt the traffic light system to maximize flow at peak times?” Wiberley asked.

“We will have to adjust the time,” Smith said.

Wiberley also questioned how students would be evacuated in an emergency and whether Boring Road or Smith Road would be used.

“That’s a good question,” Smith replied. “I do not know the answer to that.”

Wiberley said residents in nearby neighborhoods also are concerned about whether emergency vehicles would be able to reach their homes if Boring Road remains closed.

“I’ve contacted [Fire Chief] Jeff Devlin with Rural Metro and Brad Hall with Knox County Sheriff’s [Office],” Smith replied. “Neither of them were very enthusiastic about closing the road, but they both understood the reason behind it. So, I took that as they don’t see it as a big problem.”

His comment elicited numerous coughs from the crowd.

Alderman Joey Ruffalo asked about the traffic impact study conducted when the school was proposed.

Smoak said a traffic impact

study was conducted a couple of years ago as part of plans for the new Farragut Area Elementary School north of Ingles Market.

“The traffic impact study did not address additional traffic on Boring Road because the school system thinks that they’re not going to allow parents to drop off kids in the back [along Boring Road],” Smith said. “The [Town] staff disagrees with that because it’s very hard to enforce.”

Ruffalo asked what evidence supported the assumption that parents would use Boring Road to drop off their children.

“That is just observation at the other [primary] school,” Smith answered.

“KCS Board approved preliminary plans in January 2024,” Smith said. KCS broke ground on the school in May 2025 and anticipates opening it in August 2027.

“We received the traffic impact study from KCS in July 2024. We expressed concerns over the increased traffic on Kingston Pike, Smith Road and Boring Road.

“It’s important to make the point here that the Town has very limited authority to influence Knox County Schools’ plans,” Smith said. “They are their own entity ... they are not within our jurisdiction.”

However, KCS agreed to add length and width to the ve-

hicle queuing loop, remove a portion of the median on Village Commons Boulevard to increase the queue lane and improve about 800 feet of Boring Road.

“All told, there are 4,765 linear feet of drop-off queue width there,” Smith said.

Staff and buses will enter and leave the school using Smith Road then to Kingston Pike.

Boring Road between the school and Kingston Pike is designated “to be improved.” Smith said the road is only 14 feet wide and drivers do not have an adequate line of sight to turn onto Kingston Pike.

“A left turn is virtually impossible during peak hours,” Smith said. “You really can’t put a school in a location like this without adding traffic to an already congested corridor.

“We’re expecting issues on Kingston Pike, Smith Road and Boring Road,” he added.

To help mitigate some of that traffic, Smith said the Town plans to construct an access road from Sugarwood Drive to the CVS Pharmacy entrance.

“We’re putting a four-way stop at the intersection of Smith Road and Boring Road and a crosswalk with beacons at the back of Country Manor subdivision, where the greenway intersects with Boring Road,” he said.



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FirstBank celebrates 10 years on Wall Street

Staff reports

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Ten years ago on Sept. 16, FirstBank, with 120 years as a hometown bank, officially went public on the New York Stock Exchange.

Then Monday, Sept. 14, Chris Holmes, president/CEO of the entire FirstBank company, which includes the Farragut market, rang the opening bell to mark that milestone.

“The company, with a 120-year history and 10-year public history here on the New York Stock Exchange, we’re just really honored to get to ring the opening bell this morning.

“Ringing the opening bell at the NYSE today is a testament to the dedication of our nearly 1,700 associates and the deep trust our clients place in us every day,” he said. “A decade ago, we promised our investors and clients that access to public capital markets would accelerate our growth without diluting our commitment to local decision-making and community-first banking.

“Achieving nearly five times asset growth while simultaneously earning J.D. Power’s No. 1 ranking for customer satisfaction proves that you can scale nationally while remaining deeply connected with the communities you serve.”

“Since its \$128.5 million [initial public offering] in 2016, the largest banking public of-

fering in Tennessee history, FirstBank has executed a disciplined growth strategy, growing total assets nearly five times to approximately \$17 billion and consistently increasing book value per share,” a press release stated. “Through organic growth and strategic M&A, FirstBank has established itself as one of the Southeast’s leading financial institutions.”

“Relationship means that, as our customer, you know that you can trust us whenever you need to speak to someone about your financial affairs,” Holmes said. “We really center the company on relationships and being easy to do business with.

“Those are the things that really have made us successful for 120 years, are making us successful today and are going to make us successful tomorrow,” he added.

When the bank went public 10 years ago, he joined Wall Street executives to celebrate, but he did not get a chance to ring the bell.

Coming back, he said celebrating by ringing the bell is “an incredible honor.”

“It’s a rare trajectory for a hometown leader, taking a small-town Tennessee bank and scaling it to become the dominant mid-size bank in the Southeast with offices in five states, including four full-service branches across Knox County,” a press release stated.



Photo submitted

William “Bill” Carpenter III, left, New York Stock Exchange chairman of the board, presents the gavel to FirstBank president/ CEO Chris Homes the gavel to ring the bell.

“Since the bank’s record-setting initial public offering in 2016, Chris has effectively maintained FirstBank’s 120-year-old relationship banking approach while building something that has the financial backing and strength to grow assets over five times from \$2.9 billion to over \$16.8 billion,” the release added.

“Behind the ceremonial NYC event lies a story deeply tied

to the Southeast’s economic rise,” the release stated. “Since executing its record-setting \$128.5 million initial public offering in 2016 ... FirstBank has grown deposits to \$14.3 billion across key Southeastern migration hubs.

“While economic studies show over 84% of post-IPO companies get delisted within a multi-year window, FirstBank has proven that a region-

al bank can achieve national capital market scale without abandoning its local, relationship-first core.

The bank has used the “High-Tech, High-Touch” model, in that it secured J.D. Power’s No. 1 ranking for customer satisfaction in the region by pairing seamless digital banking tools with local decision-makers who sit across the table from business owner.

Dalen owl flies into state ‘Coolest Thing’ final four

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Dalen Products, a West Knoxville manufacturer, has advanced to the final round of Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s 2026 Coolest Thing Made in Tennessee.

Dalen Products, located at 700 Dalen Lane, off Gilbert Drive, is one of the top four finalists in the competition for its scare owl.

Others in the final four are INFINITI QX65 from the Nissan Smyrna Vehicle Assembly Plant in Smyrna, a superconducting magnet from Crymagetics Inc. in Oak Ridge and Tennemo Rice from Tennemo Rice Family Farm and Mill in Dyersburg.

“We’re incredibly proud,” Dalen president Bob Teska, CPA said. “Dalen is a 50-year-old Knoxville company that most people have probably never heard of, but there’s a pretty good chance they’ve seen our owl.

“To see this little product that has quietly represented Dalen for five decades make the Final Four is pretty special,” he said. “We’re definitely the underdog, but at this point, we might as well go win the thing.

Teska said the owl was introduced in 1984 and “has become our most iconic and recognizable product.

“Since then, we’ve sold more than 9.3 million of them,” he added. “If you’ve ever seen an owl sitting on someone’s roof, dock, garden or fence post, there’s a pretty good chance it was ours.”

Making the final four “means a lot to us, especially

to our employees,” Teska said. “We’re a small company of about 40 people, and many of the people who make and ship that owl every day have been with Dalen for over 20 years.

“To have something they make right here in Knoxville recognized alongside products from some of the biggest manufacturers in Tennessee gives everyone a real sense of pride,” he said. “It’s also been a lot of fun. The whole company has gotten behind it.

Teska said Dalen’s production is seasonal, but it typically produces about 300,000 owls per year “with production ramping up significantly as we prepare for the spring gardening season.”

Dalen Products is a third-generation, family-owned company, which has been manufacturing gardening and garden-protection products in Knoxville for 50 years. “Today, about 85% of what we sell is manufactured or sourced in the United States, and our products are sold through major retailers across the country,” Teska said. “My role is basically to oversee the business and make sure this 50-year-old company is positioned to be around for the next 50.

“We’d love to bring this one home for Knoxville,” he said. “We’re up against some impressive companies and products, and we know we’re the underdog, but we’ve got a 42-year-old owl, about 40 employees and a lot of people rooting for us.

“If East Tennessee gets behind us and votes — and gets their friends to vote — I like our chances,” Teska said. “The four finalists showcase the range of products

being made across Tennessee, from advanced technology and automotive manufacturing to consumer products and agriculture,” a TCCI press release stated. “The group includes manufacturers from East, Middle and West Tennessee, representing all three Grand Divisions. Over the course of the competition, more than 50,000 votes have been cast.

“This year’s Top 4 demonstrate the incredible diversity of products being made right here in Tennessee,” stated Josh Brown, president/CEO of the TCCI. “Each finalist represents a different part of our state and a different story about the people, innovation and manufacturing expertise behind Tennessee-made products. We look forward to

seeing which one Tennesseans select as this year’s Coolest Thing Made in Tennessee.”

Final voting began Wednesday, Sept. 9, and continued through 8 p.m. CT, Thursday, Sept. 24. Tennesseans could vote once per day for their favorite finalist at coolestthing-madeintn.com.

The 2026 Coolest Thing Made in Tennessee was announced Wednesday, Sept. 30, at the Tennessee Chamber’s Manufacturing Excellence Luncheon & Expo 9 a.m. in Lebanon, Tennessee. Tickets were available for purchase on the Tennessee Chamber website at <https://tnchamber.chambermaster.com/events/details/manufacturing-excellence-luncheon-expo-september-30-2026-lebanon-tn-3129>.



Photo submitted

Photo of an owl on a mailbox of a home in Farragut.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



2026 Dave Landeo Tailgate

The 2026 Dave Landeo Tailgate for Alzheimer’s Tennessee was the biggest and best yet. Held at Roger’s Place on Friday, September 18, on the eve of the UT vs. Kennesaw State football game, hundreds of supporters showed up to listen to music, enjoy delicious food and drinks, bid on silent auction items and support the organization that does so much. With six different locations throughout the state, Alzheimer’s Tennessee’s mission is to serve those facing Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, to promote brain health through education, and to champion global research, prevention and treatment efforts. To learn more, call 888-326-9888 or visit alztennessee.org



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• Simply Physio welcomes Dr. Khianna Ferguson, PT, DPT, as its newest member of the ST team. She is a graduate of Loma Linda University and specializes in vertigo, dizziness and balance disorders. She also has advanced training in treating TMJ/TMD pain.

Town of Farragut’s Artfest

Roughly 150 to 200 families, whose children came prepared to show their artistic skills, attended Town of Farragut’s annual Artfest in Farragut Community Center Saturday morning, Sept. 12.

Although the event was planned to be held outside, the morning’s rain took it indoors.

“It seems to be going well,” Town Recreation and Event manager Rachel Malone said. “This is the first time we held it in the morning instead of the afternoon, so we’re happy with the crowd we have.”

Children painted on easels, made masks, decorated with stickers, designed with Legos and more during the event.

Right: Norah Lazarian, 3, with mom Christina Lazarian



Volunteers, from left, Sue-Ann Hansler, Cynthia Smith and Hayden Hasan



Quinn Brackett, 3, with stickers



Volunteer Elsie Smith paints the face of Claire Malone, 6



Evelyn Brackett, 18 months



Brandt and Nicole Showalter with daughters, Amelia, 2, and Evelynn, 4



Palmer June Stone, 3



Gabe Ma, 6



Sierra Lowrimore with son, Elias, 3 with Legos



Josh and Melissa Vanacker with granddaughter Emma, 5, served by their daughter, Gabbie, seated, a volunteer, and volunteer Lyn McConnell



Forest Chasteen, 4

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Lady Ads win big at LC

Bill Howard
Correspondent

It was exactly the kind of performance a coach wants to see as the post-season looms. Last Thursday, Sept. 24, on the road at Lenoir City High School, Farragut High School's volleyball team put in a dominant performance, sweeping the Lady Panthers 3-0. Only the third set was competitive, as FHS won 25-10, 25-9, and 25-20, and improved its Region 2, District 4 record to 2-3. Lady Admirals' coach Whitney Lee was pleased not just with the win, but that she was able to

empty her bench, and get players valuable experience. "We were more consistent in sets one and two, which I was happy with," said Lee. "Everyone played this match and that's always fun to see, since they're putting in the work every day." Farragut had long scoring streaks in each of the first two sets. The third set was more balanced. Among the Lady Admirals' many contributors: Sophomore middle hitter Chloe Cole had four kills and a block. Sophomore outside hit-

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Jake Nichols

Farragut's Brenton Haag (22) celebrates with teammate Max Hilton (1) looking on during the Admirals' 10-0 win over Bearden Friday, Sept. 25.

Ads sink Dawgs in rivalry battle

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Brenton Haag could not have scripted a better moment to score his first touchdown inside Eddie Courtney Stadium. With five minutes, 20 seconds left in Farragut's annual region rivalry matchup with Bearden, the junior tailback stretched across the goal line and landed in the east end zone. After a 20-yard field goal from Caleb Bell and an interception from Easton Lear to put Farragut in prime field position, Haag's TD all but secured the Admirals' 10-0 victory on Friday, Sept. 25, in their

first victory of the 2026 season. Shawn Raines' interception of Bearden tailback Paxton Parrott on the next drive put the game away for good, and the ensuing victory formation cued up a field-storming to celebrate the Ads' sixth win over the Dawgs in the last eight tries. With the victory, FHS now leads the series 44-24. "We knew it was going to be a four-quarter war — that's what this game always is," Farragut coach Geoff Courtney said amidst the chaos. "There's been times where they've been better than us, times we've been much better than them,

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Friends, teammates, rivals for one spot

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On Thursday, Oct. 8, Sophie Williams will make her second-straight state tournament appearance at Sevierville Golf Club. But to get there, the Farragut junior had to navigate a difficult process. After tying senior teammate Harper Holmes with an 87 at the regional tournament on Monday, Sept. 28, Williams and Holmes faced off for the third and final individual spot available. Williams sunk her putt for par, and Holmes made bogey. The sequence pro-

pelled Williams on to state for another season, but it kept Holmes from reaching the same destination for the third consecutive year. "They're close friends and neither one wanted to do the playoff because they knew it was two girls fighting for one position," Farragut coach Ryan Mahoney said. "They're teammates and friends, but you have to only have one move on for TSSAA rules." "I've never seen it before in five years," Mahoney added of the sequence that unfolded at Island Pointe Golf Club.

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Soccer Dawgs hold off Lady Ads

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Ava Upshaw raced forward and delivered a swift kick with her left foot. In most circumstances, the ball she just kicked would have sailed cleanly into the net for a goal.

Except this time, it landed in the padded palms of Bearden freshman keeper Fallyn Baker, whose save and clean sheet combined with three timely goals in a 3-0 Bearden win last Thursday, Sept. 24. "That goalie made an awesome save on Ava,

and if we put that in, it becomes a little more interesting," Farragut coach Jessica Burkhardt said moments later. "I feel like we were inconsistent and didn't have everybody on at the same time. That's hard to do when you're playing a team as well-built

as Bearden, so we just didn't have enough players on the field on at all times. "It's frustrating because we weren't all on at the same time, but we also weren't off by much. We still created some

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FARRAGUT

Brenton Haag
RB/LB, Jr.

HARDIN VALLEY

Riley Matz
QB/DB, Sr.

CATHOLIC

Braylen Gibbs
WR/DB, Jr.

WEBB

Matthew Rogers
RB, Jr.

Spot
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“Obviously it’s not uncommon, but it doesn’t happen every day. Hardin Valley and us both had two good teams, and West and William Blount had great players too. My heart goes out to Harper. I hated to see her season end this way.”

As a team, the Lady Ads finished second with a 174 that included Olivia Coleman’s 88 as the third FHS score.

The Hardin Valley girls won the region title with a 167, as HVA’s Addisyn Newman was the medalist with a 76.

HVA’s boys team fell short of returning to the state tournament, though Arjun Patel medaled as well with a 70 followed by Bearden’s William Ibbotson with a 72. Ibbotson’s score led a Bearden team that won the boys team title, pushing the Dawgs on to the state tournament for the first time since 2024 and third time in the last four years.

For Farragut, Will Feehan and Bryce Coulter saw their individual seasons end after shooting 81 and 77, respectively.

“Those two boys, they have been with me the last three years,” Mahoney said. “They are a good part of the reason we’ve had 50-plus kids try out every year. They’re great kids, both had really good seasons. It’s sad to see the senior year end for both of them, but I’m super proud of them. They fought hard all day and we are excited to see what the future holds in their next chapter.”

The same sentiment can be applied for Williams next week at state and for her and Coleman next season.

But for Holmes, the road ends after a playoff that no one in navy will likely want to relive.

“It’s so bittersweet,” Mahoney said. “Sophie and Harper are really close and good friends. It’s the whole range of emotions. Super happy for Sophie, heartbroken for Harper, but that’s sports and that’s why we watch them. You never know.”

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ter Megan Frana had 10 kills, and sophomore middle hitter Olivia Cope had six kills along with her two blocks.

Junior middle hitter Katherine Cabaniss contributed four kills. Sophomore setter

Soccer
From page 1B

things that, if the ball had bounced our way a little more, maybe the outcome is a little different.”

As-is, though, Farragut came into the final week of the postseason still seeking its first win over Bearden since 2017, per FHS SID Jack Tate.

The teams could meet in the postseason, as they have four times, though the Dawgs currently carry a 13-game win streak in the series.

And in the latest edition, BHS coach Ryan Radcliffe looked for a youth movement to carry the torch.

Rivalry
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and it’s always come down to the fourth quarter.

“Two 0-5 teams coming in tonight, and look at this place. Our crowd, their crowd, a big game that’s important to both communities. We knew we’d have to continue to make plays into the fourth quarter and they continued to do that.”

Indeed Farragut did, overcoming a rough start in the process. FHS turned the ball over on its first play from scrimmage, one of two interceptions on the night.

But Bearden proved unable to capitalize, as both teams traded possessions throughout the first half.

Finally, with 6:09 left in the third quarter, Bell’s kick broke the stalemate to cap a 12-play, 65-yard drive that was aided by a Bulldog personal foul penalty.

Emberly McNair was all over the floor, getting five kills, two blocks and six digs to go along with a team-tying high in assists, with 13.

Junior setter Madelyn McCurry tied McNair with 13 assists, and had six digs as well.

Freshman outside hitter Emmy Walkup and junior out-

“They’ve got some horses, some girls that are big and strong and physical, and we knew it was going to be a challenge and would take a lot out of us,” Radcliffe said. “But that’s been our message — that it’s not supposed to be easy. It’s not like getting out of our district or state or anything ever is. You just hope they know that it’s worth it.”

“I was really proud of how much youth we had on the field,” he added. “That was my concern for girls that have never experienced this game. To me, they reacted very well.”

Most of the first half fea-

Self-inflicted wounds continued to hamper both teams into the fourth quarter, as a Parrott run was called back going into the final frame.

Two plays later, Lear leaped for the play of his freshman year by snagging an Aidan Thacker pass and returning it 36 yards to the Bearden 34-yard-line.

The drive looked as if it might fizzle out, but Elijah Sadler turned a 3rd-and-11 into a gain of 12 before Haag took four of the next five carries.

The last one ended in a game-icing score on what Haag called “the best feeling I’ve had as a football player.”

“He did not want to come out of the game,” Courtney added of Haag. “Our guys kept wanting to run behind our offensive line, and with three seniors, those guys did a great job. We needed to punch it in and stretch out that lead, and Brenton has been the bell cow

side hitter Madelyn Kupferer combined for 13 digs, seven for Walkup.

William Blount 3, Farragut 0 Two nights earlier at home, FHS fell to the Lady Governors 3-0. The set scores were 27-25, 25-11, and 25-17.

“We came out flat in set two and tried to battle back in the

tured a stalemate between the squads, but junior Landree Horner found the back of the net through a mass of bodies with 5:54 left in the first half.

Kaitlyn Zalk scored the second goal for Bearden with 21:43 to play, and a final score from Bulldog senior Madi Bowlin iced the win exactly 20 minutes later.

“I think a lot of games, we’ve been off with little things, still creating a lot of chances,” Radcliffe said.

Another big moment came with a late whistle on the Lady Ads, as Upshaw collided with Baker and her Bearden teammate, Taylor Cope.

so he wanted it.”

Haag’s night ended with 17 carries for 43 yards and the score, while Cruz Williams took the ball as many times for 69 yards.

Bearden made one more push, driving 68 yards to reach the Admiral 5-yard-line.

But when Parrott rolled out to pass on a trick play, Raines made an interception to go with his nine tackles. That tied Dylan Parks for most on the night.

“In position, doing their job, playing with depth,” Courtney said of Raines and Lear alike. “We got pressure on the one, and that forced him into throwing the ball underneath. Our defense has made plays all year.

“Everyone knows our schedule, and we’ve been up against some tall tasks and a lot of those guys are undersized. We were without Mason Swor tonight too, and hopefully we’ll

third, but couldn’t pull it off,” Lee said. FHS’s district record after the match was 1-3.

Frana led in kills with 11. Cabaniss added seven kills, while Walkup got six, along with two aces.

McNair had another huge match, with 13 assists and 10 digs. McCurry added 11 assists.

Burkhart noted the explanation she received from the official, who cited a push on the Farragut side.

“For risk of not getting fined, I would say that the ref told me my girl pushed the other girl in the back,” Burkhart said. “From what I saw — well, we’ll say she allegedly pushed the girl in the back, so he called a foul. I have to trust he saw it better than me.”

The Lady Ads looked to regroup this week, facing Maryville on Tuesday, Sept. 29, in the regular-season finale.

The Lady Bulldogs took on West at home that same night, as Bearden hoped for a similar result as last week.

get him back. Carter stepped in tonight: Easton stepped in some dime package stuff — they just made plays.”

Conversely, the moment encapsulated a tough night for a Bearden offense that proved unable to reach the end zone against Farragut’s front.

“Our guys played their tail ends off,” Dawgs coach Brad Taylor said. “Just a couple self-inflicted wounds offensively, and we’ve got to fix that. Really proud of a lot of guys who played really hard; we just have to be able to get it into the end zone. Hats off to Farragut — I know that’s big for them, so congratulations.”

Going forward, Bearden will look to regroup against Oak Ridge this week. Meanwhile, Farragut has a quick turnaround with a Rivalry Thursday matchup against Hardin Valley.



FARRAGUT YOUTH FOOTBALL

Photos courtesy of Devin Driscoll

More fun with the 5th grade Admirals squad during the 2026 youth football season.

5TH GRADE

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| 0 Jojo Jessee | 12 Sailor Sheldon | 33 Matthew Johnson |
| 00 Thatcher Fowler | 13 Caden Pearson | 34 Landon Tucker |
| 1 Patrick Stewart | 14 Casen Campbell | 37 Cruz Walters |
| 2 Victor Delchini | 15 Beckham Lear | 43 Steven Emison |
| 3 Charlie Clement | 16 Camden Morton | 44 Braden Knapper |
| 4 Sawyer Elegante | 17 Dre Shell | 58 Reid Thomas |
| 5 Drake Bruck | 18 Ben Bowling | 66 Nelson Rekers |
| 6 Noah Bertini | 21 Ezra Unger | 68 Levi Haun |
| 7 Wells Clinton | 22 James Langlois | 76 Zeke Oliphant |
| 8 Lucas Klimkowski | 23 Sullivan Overton | 87 David Scanlin |
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Rotary Club of Farragut president Brian Walker, right, welcomes Webb School of Knoxville president Dr. Ansel Sanders to speak to Rotary Club of Farragut members in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, Sept. 9.

Webb School, Rotary partners to prepare future leaders

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For 17 years, Rotary Club of Farragut and Webb School of Knoxville have been intertwined through Interact and the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Club members heard about that connection and the school from Webb's president, Dr. Ansel Sanders, during the club's meeting in Fox Den Country Club Wednesday, Sept. 9.

"We're really indebted to Rotary, and more specifically, Rotary Club of Farragut for your partnership," Sanders said.

The connection started with the 2009 formation of Interact, a high school-level service club, which is connected to Rotary Club, for students between the ages of 12 and 18, at Webb.

That partnership continued with Rotary Youth Exchange Program, which provides inbound students from other

countries to attend the school.

This year, its inbound student from France is attending Webb entirely tuition free, RCF member Bill Nichols said.

"She went to her first football game last Friday night and was stunned and excited at the same time," Sanders observed.

For the past several years, [Nichols is] really our liaison from your Rotary Club to the school," Sanders said. "And that partnership, for us, is really, really important and it's really meaningful.

"Bill helps us facilitate some of our exchange student opportunities that we have at the school," he said.

In addition to Nichols, Sanders praised club members Jonathan Johnson and Larry Sheumaker for their support to the school and Liz Gregor, a long-time Webb faculty ad-

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BBQ and Bluegrass

Anchor Learning Center hosts outreach event



Anchor Learning Center students form a ring to learn square dancing in an activity at Anchor Learning Center's recent annual BBQ and Bluegrass community outreach event.

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Anchor Learning Center's recent held its annual BBQ and Bluegrass community outreach event at 1672 Harbor Crest Way Sunday, Sept. 20.

Attendees enjoyed food, bluegrass music by Cannon Creek, games and student-only worship time.

"Rich and Nina Levenson donate their barn venue each year for the event," said Sherry Shope, Anchor Learning Center executive director. "The event is held to bring together students, parents, supporters and volunteers of the organization for fun and fellowship.

"We teach three blocks per day of Old Testament classes in the fall and three classes of New Testament in the spring to Farragut High School students for elective credit, made legal by parental permission, conducted off campus and without any government funds," Shope said. "This



Photos submitted

Hallie Johnson, left, and Morgan Draper register attendees.

event gives all of the students an opportunity to hang out together with each other, former students of the program and prospective students."

Shope said the center was started with a goal of providing "released time" religious instruction for Farragut High School students who meet at Faith Promise Church in Far-

rragut. ALC consists of three staff members and a board of nine parents and leaders in the Farragut community that represents five churches.

Any FHS student interested in taking a class as an elective must have his or her parents' permission. For more information, visit info@alcfarragut.com

Farragut Harvest Festival returning this October



Courtesy of Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance

The annual Farragut Harvest Festival will be held Sunday, Oct. 25.

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On Sunday, Oct. 25, Shop Farragut and the Farragut Business Alliance will welcome people to the Village Green Shopping Center for the annual Farragut Harvest Festival. The event is set to run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

More than 30 vendors are scheduled to be on hand with space available for approximately five more, according to Shop Farragut executive director Ashley Lynch. She noted First Century as the presenting sponsor, along with Town of Farragut, Lee

Company and Grayson BMW as well.

Trick or treating options will be available for children, and there will be a costume contest with judging at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. that day. Also, live music will be on hand, and vendor shopping will be available as well.

The Sherry's German Street Food truck will be in attendance, as will That Pour Thing with plenty of offerings.

The German food truck offers everything from meat dishes to pretzels and desserts while That Pour Thing includes custom drink fusions with creamy twists, along with

popcorn and apple slices with drizzles and toppings, too.

Alcohol will be available at the Water into Wine tent, and people can find goodies from ShopFarragut and others there, too.

For Lynch, this event is a bit different than Dog Daze, which she undertook this summer as part of her first year as the executive director.

"It's a lot more simple," she said. "Dog Daze is three days, and this is just one, but still the same action-packed fun. It's going to be a great time and a great way to participate in the community."

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Chamber academy puts AI to the test

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Loudon County Chamber of Commerce members heard how they can use artificial intelligence, or AI, to assist in their daily business when the Chamber held its Breakfast Academy at Lenoir City Utilities Board in Lenoir City Tuesday, Sept. 15, featuring Todd Mayberry, senior regional consultant with Tanasi Studio.

Presented by Wamplers Farm Sausage, the seminar was Part 2 of LCCC's AI series, in which Mayberry shared how one can develop ideas with AI, how to challenge assumptions and how to check the evidence.

"In December of 2025, my world changed completely," Mayberry recalled. "I'd been working in venture-backed software for 20 years with developers and designers all over the world ... then all of a sudden, AI small teams did the work that once required larger teams, and we had to rethink our entire operations.

"What happened, a month before, is Anthropic had released a new model, and it had scored higher than any human

candidate on the performance engineering hiring exam," he recalled. "There was extreme capabilities on the coding side ... With the recent models that have come out lately, the ceilings are starting to reach in all other sectors of knowledge."

So, "what we realized is we could build faster, but we still had to make sure that we were solving the right problem," Mayberry said.

"Has anybody been on a project or started up a company that probably was not around in a year or two years? Maybe, it was because it wasn't researched," he said.

As people test theories and assumptions, Mayberry warned AI can absorb them with information bias and "we forget we are making all these assumptions."

To avoid confirmation that "you're on the right path" from AI, he said one has to ask is the idea "good for what?"

"What are the outcomes that we're looking for ... profits, steadier revenues, retention?" Mayberry added. "Then, we also have to think under

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Tammy Cheek

Christy Fitzgerald, right, Director of Membership with Loudon County Chamber of Commerce, welcomed Todd Mayberry, Senior Regional Consultant with Tanasi Studio, to speak to Chamber members about how to "pressure test" artificial intelligence as part of LCCC's Breakfast Academy, which took place in Lenoir City Utilities Board offices in Lenoir City Tuesday, Sept. 15.

Teams tee off for Chamber tournament

Christy Fitzgerald

Contributor

The greens at Avalon Golf & Country Club buzzed with energy Thursday, Sept. 24, as the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce successfully hosted its annual golf tournament.

Our entire Chamber team is absolutely thrilled to bring this staple event back to life each year alongside our presenting sponsor, Lenoir City Utilities Board, as it serves as our premier opportunity to connect, unwind and build relationships outside the traditional office setting. This annual event has grown to become a cornerstone tradition for Loudon County's local business community.

This year's activities featured fierce competition on the course, including the popular long driver opportunity and our Young Professionals putting contest. All the money raised from these special contests goes directly to support the high school golf teams in our county: Greenback, Lenoir City and Loudon.

These crucial dollars will help fund the golf activities of all three schools and ensure they have the assets they need to compete and succeed.

Meanwhile, general funds raised through team registrations and hole sponsorships go back into financing the Chamber's community programs and local economic development initiatives.

The tournament followed its traditional four-person scramble format, allowing players of all skill levels to contribute to their team's success. This year, the course saw an incredible turnout with 26 teams taking over the fairways. With four players on each team, a total of 104 golfers participated in (the Sept. 24) tournament. Thanks



Photos Tammy Cheek

Top: Shannon York, left, and Gary Gable, on the TVA Employees Credit Union team, get ready to head off to play in the Loudon County Chamber of Commerce golf tournament Thursday, Sept. 24, at Avalon Golf & Country Club in Lenoir City. **Above:** Tim Jackson, front, and Luke Chandler of Perimeter Roofing head to the Avalon Golf & Country Club links to compete in Loudon County Chamber of Commerce's annual golf tournament.

to an outpouring of community support, this year's turnout represents the same number of teams and players as last year's event, matching our previous high mark of 26 teams and 104 golfers.

The competition was tight at the top of the leaderboard, but a few teams managed to separate themselves from the field. Taking home first place

was Outlaw Trailers, followed by Peoples Bank in second place and Kimberly-Clark securing third place. We want to extend a massive thank you to our winning teams, our presenting sponsor LCUB, our title sponsor Perimeter Roofing and all the local businesses that have stepped up to make this year our most successful outing yet.



Second Harvest

Jake Nichols

Second Harvest's Chief Development Officer Kristi Rule speaks to a guest during a networking and September kickoff event on Thursday, Aug. 27.

Business After Hours



Tammy Cheek



Above: Loudon County Chamber of Commerce President Rodney Grugin, left, and Mike Pope, Owner of Pope's Garden Center, mingle during the Chamber's Business After Hours networking hosted at Pope's Garden Center, 8995 U.S. Highway 11, Lenoir City, on Tuesday, Sept. 8. **Left:** Loudon County Chamber of Commerce ambassadors, April Ray, Covenant Health, and Daniel Vesco, Centriworks, greet Chamber members.

AI
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what conditions.
“Lastly, what would count as success?” he asked.
“What I found with the AI models is they’re very good when you tell them where you want to be — what my definition of success is,” Mayberry said. “If you don’t do that, sometimes [AI] assumes things and will move you in the wrong direction.
“So we need to ask AI to judge an idea as we tell it what we are trying to accomplish,” he said. “There are some

frameworks that can help us with this.”
Mayberry recommended one framework, called CRIT, which is based on the steps of Context, Role Interview, Task and that “helps us define that success before asking for the solution,” he said.
With context, he explained one has to give AI context, “so, when you’re starting a new chat, maybe fill it out a little more so AI knows what your project is about.”
With Role, Mayberry said, “you can actually tell your AI agent to take on a certain perspective, a certain persona,” such as acting as a

business advisor or as the devil’s advocate.”
With Interview, he said, “You get the AI to ask you questions, one at a time, to fill in those blanks. This helps you get rid of those assumptions.” While interviewing, Mayberry suggested using transcription software, such as Whisper Flow.
Then after you’ve done those three things, he said you could set it up for the Task, in which give AI an assignment.
He said that formula could help you think through an idea and pressure test it.

Grand re-opening



Tammy Cheek

ORNL Federal Credit Union branch manager Caren Salazar (with scissors) prepares to cut the ribbon to celebrate its grand re-opening on its newly remodeled location, 2859 Highway 72, Loudon, on Sept. 9.



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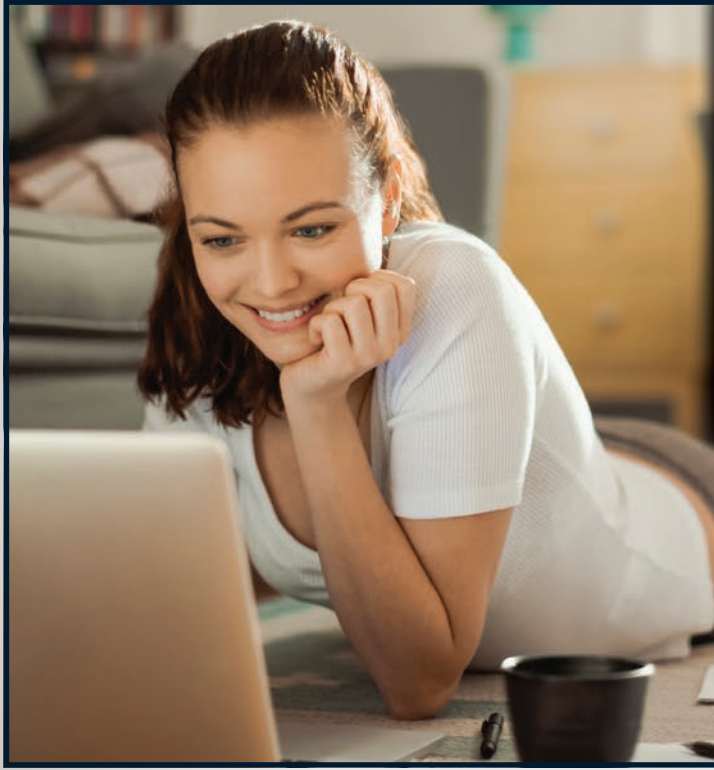
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Obituary

Joyce Beasley Warnick McConnell, who was devoted to her family and known for her kindness to all and goodness in all circumstances, died on September 14, 2026, in Knoxville, Tennessee. She was 93.

Joyce was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. She was a “people person” whose radiant smile enchanted children and welcomed adults. While she loved to “visit” with others, she talked less about herself and inquired more about the lives of the people she was with. That was just her nature.

Born in West Tennessee on Dec. 23, 1932, during the depths of the Great Depression, Joyce was the third oldest of eight children to Marvin and Bethel Beasley and grew up on their small farm in Henry County. It was a hardscrabble life, and she contributed daily by milking cows, churning butter, making biscuits, and caring for younger siblings.

At age 12, she began working at her uncle’s small grocery store in McKenzie, making \$3 a day when she wasn’t at school. During her teenage years, she saved enough to buy her parents their first refrigerator, a bicycle for her younger brothers, and a used car for her family. Hard work and generosity were among her many virtues.

Joyce graduated with the Class of 1950 from McKenzie High School in Carroll County. Her beautiful smile served her well, flashing it one day at

a group of people walking into the Dixie Coffee Cup in McKenzie. Tommie Warnick, a young seminary student, thought Joyce was smiling just at him. He convinced “the girl with the smile” to go on a date, and they married on Aug. 23, 1954.

The couple had two children, Bruce and Marta, and created a warm and loving home for them as Tom pastored Cumberland Presbyterian churches in Bradford, Oak Ridge, and Murfreesboro.

In 1975, the family moved to Memphis after Tom was elected Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Cumberland Presbyterian denomination. For more than a decade, Joyce served as assistant manager of the denomination’s Christian education bookstore.

After 42 years of marriage, when Tom died, Joyce moved closer to family in Knoxville. In 1999, she married Don McConnell, a widower and retired Army chaplain and lieutenant colonel. Together, they enjoyed family life, RV trips, and a Peekapoo pup named Missy until Don’s death in 2021.

Joyce loved music and gardening and was active in church. Children were naturally drawn to her and, in addition to working as a preschool teacher for a time, she taught many children’s Sunday school classes through the years.



Joyce is survived by her children Bruce (Karen) Warnick, of Knoxville, and Marta (Bill) Aldrich, of Franklin; grandchildren Matthew (Juanita) Warnick, Courtney (Matthew) Lawson, Ben (Moriah) Warnick and Michael (Alison) Aldrich; stepchildren Roger (Lori) McConnell and Jeff (Emily) McConnell; four step-grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In addition to losing her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by six brothers: Robert, Allen, Wray, Morris, Phillip, and Kenneth Beasley, all of McKenzie; a sister, Sue Barker, of Lowell, Indiana; and stepdaughter Sara McConnell, of Richmond, Va.

Joyce’s funeral was set for 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, Sept. 18, at the Farragut Chapel of Click Funeral Home in Knoxville, preceded by visitation at 2 p.m. The following day, a brief graveside service was held at 12 p.m. Central Time at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in McKenzie, Tennessee, where Joyce was buried beside her husband Tommie.

In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes memorials to Joyce’s favorite charity: the T.V. Warnick Endowment Fund to train ministers. (Make checks out to Board of Stewardship and write T.V. Warnick Endowment Fund on the memo line. Mail to the Cumberland Presbyterian Center, Board of Stewardship, 8207 Traditional Place, Cordova, TN 38016.)

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to our culture.” Students formally sign the code, promising “not to lie, cheat or steal or tolerate those who do.”

“If you visit the school, you will notice the lockers don’t have locks,” Sanders said. Books and laptops are left unattended. It’s because of the community of trust that exists. You trust the person next to you and they trust you.”

Saint John Neumann prepares for Harvesting for Him fall festival

Tammy Cheek

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Saint John Neumann Catholic Church and School welcome the community to its annual Mustang Miler 5K and Fun Run and its Harvesting for Him fall festival.

The Mustang Miler 5K and Fun Run will take place from 8 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 17, at the school, 625 St. John Court.

“The 5K will start and finish at the St. John Neumann Catholic School and Church property and will use the Grigsby Chapel Greenway, where participants will run east on the greenway and then turn around at the trailhead at the Park and Ride lot at the west end of Campbell Lakes

Drive to return to the start,” Town Community Development director Mark Shipley told Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen Thursday, Sept. 24.

“This is the same course that has been used previously and officers will be stationed at major road crossings,” he said, adding the event is anticipated to have about 75 adults and 50 children participating and about 150 spectators.

The Mustang Miler will be followed by the fall festival Sunday, Oct. 18 at the church and school.

Sponsored by NerdsToGo Knoxville, Adkisson & Roth Commetic and Family Dentistry, the free event offers games, a cake walk, food trucks, beverages and other features.

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- The Salvation Army of Knoxville has opened registration for its annual Angel Tree and Silver Bells programs, providing Christmas assistance to children and seniors in need throughout Knox County. Registration is being held through Friday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The Salvation Army Knoxville, 409 N. Broadway St. Evening hours also will be available Wednesday, Sept. 30. The Angel Tree program provides Christmas assistance for children ages 0–12, while Silver Bells serves seniors ages 55 and older. Complete registration information is available at SalvationArmyKnoxville.org

- The Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) will host a bi-annual Senior Job Fair featuring prospective employers and vendors seeking to hire adults 55 and older for part-time and full-time employment on

Thursday, Oct 8, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at O’Connor Senior Center, 611 Winona St., 37917. Job Fair attendees can explore job opportunities in the fields of retail, administrative, service industry, home health care, hospitality and more. Job seekers should bring copies of their resume and be prepared to fill out job applications.

- Knoxville Bar Association and Legal Aid of East Tennessee are offering a free Legal Advice Clinic on Oct. 14 at the Knox County Public Defender’s Community Law Office, 1101 Liberty St. Veterans seeking legal help are encouraged to attend from noon to 2 p.m. Veterans who are not able to attend in person may use the telephone clinic option. Pre-registration is required for telephone clinic and veterans are asked to call Legal Aid of East Tennessee at 865-637-0484 to preregister.

Webb, Rotary

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visor, for also facilitating the youth exchange program at the school.

Webb School is an independent, private, college preparatory school off Dutchtown Road.

Third-generation educator Robert Webb founded Webb School of Knoxville as a high school in 1955 with four students in the basement of Sequoyah Presbyterian Church. At the end of that year, there were 11 students. Today, there are 1,065 students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and faculty and staff of 120.

In 1956, the school was moved to the old Staub School site in downtown Knoxville, where the University of Tennessee Aquatic Center currently is located. Then, it was moved to its current location in 1959, related Sanders, who came to Webb in 2023.

The middle school was added in 1974, and the lower school was included in 1998.

The pre-kindergarten section was added in 2016.

The school’s motto is “leaders, not ordinary people,” Sanders said.

At Webb, it’s about “how over what,” meaning “students learn how to think, not what to think,” he said.

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The Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut, at its meeting on September 24, 2026, adopted the following ordinances on second and final reading:

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

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.



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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 8th day of October 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.

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Concord Christian School	3-3	47-17 L	-19
Farragut High School	1-5	10-0 W	-157
Webb School of Knoxville	0-6	35-32 L	-101
Bearden High School	0-6	10-0 L	-198

Clutch plays, comebacks highlight Week 6

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A Hail Mary victory, a key rivalry win and a 17-point comeback.

All that and more took place in a wild Week 6 across the Farragut and west Knoxville high school football landscape.

And oddly enough, the most exciting finish did not even come in the state of Tennessee.

On Friday, Sept. 25, the Knoxville Catholic Fighting Irish made the four-hour trip south to the home of the SEC baseball tournament, Hoover Metropolitan Complex.

And after winning three of their first four games by one possession in the final moments, the Irish weren't about to let another golden opportunity slip away.

Trailing the home-squad Buccaneers 17-14 with two seconds left on the clock, senior QB Mack Bartholomew uncorked a 30-yard rainbow of a pass.

Waiting at the end of it was Alabama commitment Braylen Gibbs, a junior wide receiver for Catholic, who out-leaped the defenders for a Hail Mary catch that gave the visitors a 20-17 victory in the Yellowhammer State.

"Braylen is a 6-foot-3 kid, and we had a bunch of tall guys down there deep enough," Irish coach Philip Shadowens said that night. "Mack threw it up and he made a play. He found a way to make one. We tell our kids to fight until the last second, and it's validating for them that you have a chance until the last second ticks off the clock. Just an unbelievable play."

Oddly enough, Gibbs is not the first Shadowens receiver to make a stunning last-second catch. At Blackman High in Murfreesboro, Shadowens coached former Tennessee wide receiver Jauan Jennings,



Jake Nichols/ Photo courtesy of HT Productions

After falling behind 17-0, the Christian Academy of Knoxville Warriors stormed back to beat Webb School of Knoxville last weekend at CAK. Catholic's Braylen Gibbs (3) caught a Hail Mary pass from Mack Bartholomew to give the Irish a 20-17 win over Hoover High School at the Hoover Metropolitan Complex Friday, Sept. 25, in Hoover, Alabama.

who made a similar grab to beat Georgia in 2016.

The catch marked Gibbs' second touchdown of the game, and it put Catholic back in the win column after a loss to Montgomery Bell Academy the previous week.

"It was great to find a way to win that and be 5-1," Shadowens said. "This trip was something special for the kids for their high school careers, and to find a way to win that game makes it even sweeter. Great players have come through there and it was something they'll never forget. That's what high school football is all about."

A similar sentiment can be offered for Chad Speck's Christian Academy of Knoxville (CAK) Warriors, who stormed back from a 17-0 deficit against

Webb School of Knoxville for a 35-32 win. The final sequence came down to the last two minutes, as the CAK defense made a stop before driving down for a Seaton Moffett touchdown with 1.8 seconds left on the clock.

Moffett went 14-for-28 through the air for 103 yards and a score, but he added 13 carries for 75 yards and two rushing touchdowns with a touchdown reception from Isaac Kannah's throw. Speaking of Kannah, he added 20 carries for 186 yards and a touchdown along with two catches for 24 yards. Defensively, Marvin Wyrosdick had 21 tackles and Sawyer Anderson totaled 13 for CAK.

"Seaton and Isaac, they made a lot of things happen and gave us a chance to punch it in," Speck said Friday. "Seaton showed a lot of toughness and



competitiveness. He's a gamer who makes big time plays when the team needs him. It feels like he refuses to be denied at times, and he's stepped up from a leadership standpoint. He's a physically tough player."

"And Isaac Kannah, he's tough as nails," Speck added. "He's really hard to tackle, he runs hard, he's elusive, explosive."

The mood is even more buoyant for the Warriors considering that Moffett, a junior, and Kannah, a sophomore, will be back next year.

"It's exciting," Speck said. "We want to be focused on the moment we're in, but honor these seniors. The great thing about playing guys when they're young is they get a lot of experience and they make a lot of explosive plays. And nei-

ther one does what they're doing without the offensive line that's playing its tail off.

"Webb tested us in a way we hadn't been before, and we needed to see the guys respond. We reminded them they've been built for this, and they really had to lean into that culture to turn it around."

Farragut saw a similarly positive result, beating Bearden 10-0 for a rivalry win that marked its first victory of the 2026 season. For more on that game, see the corresponding story by Jake Nichols.

Hardin Valley came up short against Maryville in a 45-20 loss, while Concord Christian dropped to 3-3 after a 47-17 loss to Grace Christian Academy. Dasani Moulden recorded two touchdown grabs in the result.

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Vols to face familiar foe in Golesh, Auburn

This weekend, a former Tennessee assistant returns to Rocky Top. Before becoming a head coach at South Florida and now Auburn, Alex Golesh worked under Josh Heupel at Central Florida and Tennessee.

In Heupel's first two years at UT, Golesh sparked the Vols' offense as the offensive coordinator and tight ends coach. In 2022 specifically, Tennessee led the nation as the top-ranked total and scoring offense, as Golesh was named a finalist for the Broyles Award, given annually to the nation's top assistant coach.

Coming off his first SEC win as head coach, Golesh is bringing that same firepower back to Knoxville this Saturday with versatile QB Byrum Brown under center.

The Tigers will look to utilize the same approach they had in last week's 21-15 win over Vanderbilt, while the Vols will look to bounce back after a 20-17 loss to Texas the same day.

"Another conference game, good opponent," Tennessee coach Josh Heupel said in his press conference Monday, Sept. 28. "Coach Golesh and his staff have done a good job since he became a head coach at USF. A lot of familiarity with their staff. Looking forward to the contest."

Like Heupel, Golesh's path has included multiple stops.

"You try to take things you like, and every job is different," Heupel said of the transition. "You're look-

ing at all the pieces of the puzzle, from personnel to staff to where the program currently is. You adjust and try to put the program in the best footing."

The Tigers may run some similar concepts as Kennesaw State, which is led by former Vols running backs coach Jerry Mack.

"There's some similarities in what Jerry Mack and Alex and Auburn are doing," Heupel said. "A lot of differences based on personnel. Both quarterbacks are mobile, but they'll use (Brown) in the run game a lot more."

Heupel also detailed what needs to change from the Texas loss, emphasizing accountability throughout the program.

"I got to take ownership of the things I've got to do better, and our staff does as well," he said. "A lot of good but there's things that have to get corrected. Whether you win or lose, you've got to flush it. And when you get on the field, it's about what's next."

That's especially true for the offense and its front five, which gave up 10 sacks to the Longhorns.

Heupel said the offensive line "has play at a bigger level consistently for 60 minutes to give us a chance to move the football."

Quarterback Faizon Brandon will look for a bounce-back week, too.

"First of all, he wants to play at a high level," Heupel said. "He knows he can and needs to play better than he did Saturday. That's a guy that,



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Farragut's tie to Auburn: John Bland

This Saturday, Oct. 3, Tennessee will debut a "Neyland Legacy" Smokey Grey alternate uniform in its second SEC tilt against the Auburn Tigers.

And there is a unique link between the visiting program and Farragut High School.

After playing under his father, the late Farragut coach Dan Bland, John Bland wound up as a graduate assistant at Auburn under legendary coach Pat Dye.

"With Auburn being in the SEC, I had grown up around that, lived in Knoxville and my dad played at Mississippi State," said Bland, now the head coach at Little Rock Catholic in Arkansas. "It was good to get down there."

Once Bland arrived on The Plains, he came to appreciate far more than the lemonade at Toomer's Drugs.

One of his years there, the Tigers faced Tennessee in Knoxville.

"It was good being back there in the press box and seeing a different side of it," Bland said. "And Coach Dye, he had some great assistant coaches that

treated me well. They counted on us to help mold the team, and Coach Dye was a great leader."

Some of the assistant coaches Bland worked for were Pat Sullivan — Auburn's first Heisman winner — and Tommy Bowden, the son of legendary Florida State coach Bobby Bowden.

"We were playing Florida one year, and Coach Sullivan and Coach (Steve) Spurrier were out there talking," Bland mused. "We wondered if they were out there talking about how they cleaned their Heisman trophies."

While Bland said he enjoyed his time under Dye, he credited plenty of his knowledge to his father and Johnny Majors, too.

"I learned things from them I still use today," Bland said. "I think more players today need more of Pat Dye and Johnny Majors than NIL and the transfer portal. But Coach Dye was a legend. He was one of the best coaches in the country, and I learned an awful lot from him."

~ Jake Nichols

since he's gotten here, has taken ownership and taken correction to improve. And the guys around him have to do their job, too."

The Vols will have a chance to do that Saturday with kickoff slated for 3:30 p.m. ET on ESPN.

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LineUp University of Auburn

0	Sylvester Smith-Reed	S	37	John McGuire	P
1	Champ Anthony	S	38	Alex McPherson	K
3	AnQuon Fegans	S	39	Max Bourke	P
3	Locklan Hewlett	QB	40	Hunter Ousley	TE
4	Jeremiah Koger	WR	40	Chris Wells	DE
4	Rayshawn Pleasant	CB	41	Jared Smith	E
5	Chas Nimrod	WR	41	Connor Gibbs	K
5	Eric Winters	S	42	Cole Colony	S
6	Bryce Cain	WR	43	Conner Williams	DL
6	De'Marcus Riddick	LB	44	Adam Balogoun-Ali	LB
8	Kaleb Harris	S	45	Antonio Melendez	LB
8	Christian Neptune	WR	46	Grey Reebals	CB
9	Elijah Melendez	LB	48	Peyton Floyd	S
9	DeShawn Spencer	WR	50	TJ Hedrick	OL
10	Walter Mathis Jr.	DL	51	Michael Matthews-Canty	LB
10	Tristan Ti'a	QB	51	Kail Ellis	OL
11	Keshaun Singleton	WR	52	Deryc Plazz	OL
11	Darrion Smith	DL	52	William Grier McDuffie	LB
11	Will Myers	QB	53	Travis Wakefield	LS
12	Brady Marchese	WR	54	Coleman Granberry	LB
12	Blake Woodby	CB	55	Kenneth McManus IV	OL
13	Kory Pettigrew	WR	55	Cade Carlson	S
13	Chris Murray	DL	56	Cole Skinner	OL
14	Hudson Kaak	P	57	Harrison Clemmer	OL
15	Brian Williams Jr.	WR	59	Hudson Powell	LS
15	Da'Shawn Womack	E	60	Cade Barnett	OL
16	John Colvin	QB	64	Benton Cantey	LS
16	Bryce Deas	LB	65	Stanton Ramil	OL
17	Xavier Atkins	LB	69	Jacob Strand	OL
17	Byrum Brown	QB	70	Parker Pritchett	OL
18	J.J. Faulk	E	71	Tai Buster	OL
18	Sam Turner	WR	72	Cole Best	OL
19	Rhys Brush	QB	73	Mykall Lundy-Foster	OL
19	Jake Johnson	TE	75	Bear McWhorter	OL
19	Jaquez Wilkes	E	76	Jack Leyrer	OL
20	Shamar Arnoux	CB	77	Wilson Zierer	OL
21	Gavin Jenkins	CB	78	Mason Mathis	OL
22	Alvin Henderson	RB	79	Jo Simmons	OL
22	Andre Jordan Jr.	CB	80	Will Upton	WR
23	Jeremiah Cobb	RB	81	Jonathan Echols	TE
23	Fred Gaskin III	S	82	Arlis Boardingham	TE
24	Nykhahi Davenport	RB	83	Xavier Newsom	TE
24	Shadarius Toodle	LB	84	Ryan Ghea	TE
25	Cole Gamble	RB	85	Hunter Herring	TE
25	Damonte Tabb	S	86	Jack Ellenburg	WR
26	Christian Burnette	RB	87	DJ Broughton Jr.	TE
26	Wayne Henry	S	89	Jake White	WR
27	Devin Williams	CB	90	Nate Johnson	E
28	Tae Meadows	RB	91	Tavian Branch	DL
28	Shadrick Toodle Jr.	S	92	Wil Frazier	DL
29	Omar Mabson II	RB	93	Charley Schwinger	K
30	Scrap Richardson	CB	94	Cody Sigler	DL
30	Bryson Washington	RB	95	Jourdin Crawford	DL
31	Joe Phillips	E	96	Malik Autry	DL
32	Maxwell Kimpel	WR	97	Jacobe' Ward	OL
33	Kamari Todd	CB	98	Corey Wells	DL
35	Dallas Walker IV	DL	99	Saint Farrior	DL
36	Stuart Andrews	RB			

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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 Ogumoro	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			