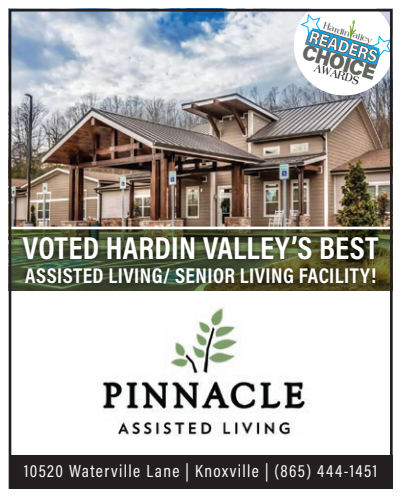
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Courtney steps down as Farragut football coach

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For the first time in more than three decades, someone without the last name Courtney will lead the Farragut Admirals football program.

Farragut football coach Geoff Courtney, the son of TSSAA Hall of Famer Eddie Courtney, announced his resignation Tuesday, Nov. 3.

In his time at the helm, Courtney posted a record of 8-24 with a 1-9 record his final season in 2026. Prior to being named the head coach in 2024, Courtney served on his father's staff as offensive coordinator, helping Farragut reach its lone state title in 2016.

Eddie Courtney did not have a comment, but Geoff detailed his decision in an email sent to the farragutpress Tuesday.

"After much thought and reflection, I have made the decision to step down as Head Football Coach at Farragut High School, effective immediately," he said. "It has been an honor and a privilege to lead the Farragut Admirals football program over the past three seasons. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work alongside so many outstanding young men, dedicated coaches and supportive families who have invested so much into this program."

In his statement, Courtney thanked his players for their commitment, effort and willingness to grow and develop on and off the field.

"While our results on Friday nights did not meet the expectations of this proud program, I could not be prouder of the growth, perseverance and character these young men have demonstrated throughout our time together," he said. "To our assistant coaches, thank you for your loyalty, dedication and countless hours of work on behalf of our players. Your commitment to developing young men extends far beyond the game of football, and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work alongside you.

"I also want to thank the Farragut administration, our parents, and the entire Farragut community for their support throughout these past three seasons. The tradition, pride and expectations surrounding Far-

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Courtney

Officials investigating alleged FHS hazing



Jake Nichols

The Knox County Sheriff's Office is actively investigating a reported hazing incident involving members of the Farragut High School football team.

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Farragut High School students, believed to be eight football players, according to a spokesperson from the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO), are facing misdemeanor assault charges with two facing bullying charges after a reported hazing incident.

In a release, the sheriff's office said it was made aware of the event by parents on Monday, Nov 2. Moreover, a KCSO spokesperson noted he only became aware of it when other media outlets requested information on the matter.

"Our Schools Unit immediately identified the students involved and took action to hold those responsible accountable," the release stated. "Students involved face citations for misdemeanor charges for assault and harassment for bullying."

The sheriff's office is not aware yet of what happened, though the investigation remains ongoing through the aforementioned KCSO Schools Unit.

Any suspensions or school disciplinary measures will be handled by Knox County Schools, and the duration of those suspensions will be handled by the school system itself, per KCSO.

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Jake Nichols

100 new affordable apartments will be built at 360 Lovell Road, just past Parkside Drive.

Lovell housing project gets green light

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A proposal for city of Knoxville to fund $750,00 for 100 new affordable apartments at 360 Lovell Road, just past Parkside Drive, won a unanimous "yes vote" by Knoxville City Council at its meeting Oct. 27.

The development, Union at Smoky Mountain, is located just past Parkside Drive in a vacant, wooded area between Taco Bell and McDonald's.

"We are thrilled to celebrate the beginning of construction on this

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Fatal Farragut-area crash

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On Saturday, Oct. 31, a single-vehicle crash resulted in the death of one person near Farragut Primary School. Multiple reports indicate the accident occurred in the early morning hours, as officers responded to the scene around 3:03 a.m. The only person in the vehicle died, according to the Knox County Sheriff's Office (KCSO).

Two days after the accident, on Monday, Nov. 2, a KCSO representative confirmed it was a single-car wreck with one occupant traveling at a high rate of speed.

Details have not been released yet, as KCSO noted that it is waiting on dental and DNA records to be verified. Moreover, KCSO has made contact with the family of the deceased individual, but identification has not been released yet.

farragutpress 'Dream Team' racks up TPA awards

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The Chicago Bulls had Michael Jordan. NASCAR had Richard Petty and Dale Earnhardt. Alabama had Nick Saban.

And in the same dominant, award-winning vein, the farragutpress has the quiet yet confident team of Tony Christen and Cindy Wilfert.

Having racked up more than 220 Tennessee Press Association honors together since 2018, the design dream team added to its total with 12 awards this year, including eight first-place finishes.

There were a total of 231 entries from 17 newspapers in this year's contest.

With entries judged by members of the Maine Press Association, along with other judges from Arkansas and North Carolina, the farragutpress awards spanned multiple categories.

First-place finishes were as follows:

Best Special Section, Even Better Now (N-2); Best Self-Promotion of a Newspaper, farragutpress Fur Family (N-2); Best Sales Promotion for a Retailer, YMCA ad series (N-1,N-2,D-1); Best Use of Single Color Ad, Water into Wine (N-2); Best 1/4 Page or Smaller Ad, Camp Big Fish (N-2); Best Professional Service Ad, McKinnish Law (N-2); Best Furniture and/or Appliance Ad, Keith Window Company (N-1,N-2,D-1); Best Niche Publication, Tellico Pulse (N-2,D-1).

In second place, farragutpress totaled three awards: Best Use of Single Color Ad, Chota Health (N-2); Best Professional Service Ad, Main Street Architects (N-2); and

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New staffers focus on service, communication

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Town of Farragut is welcoming two new staff members to its team, Town recorder Karla Magnuson and public information officer Jeannine O'Malley.

Magnuson takes on the role of Town recorder, which Town administrator David Smoak held until Magnuson was hired near the end of last month.

"I'm excited," Magnuson said. "It's like coming back home."

Magnuson was a planning technician for Highlands County Board of County Commissioners in Florida in 2023 and deputy clerk with Highlands County Clerk of Circuit Court from 2014 to 2023.

"I moved here from Florida in 2024," she said. "I took a job here [with the Town] as an admin assistant in June of 2024. I used to do the [Farragut Municipal] Planning Commission minutes with [Community Development director] Mark [Shipley].

"I left this year to go to the city of Oak Ridge [as a deputy court clerk], but then the Town recorder's position was open, so I'm back," she said.

"I love it," O'Malley said about her new position. "It's a wonderful group of people, from everyone here at Town Hall to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

"I'm very fortunate to get to work with such a great group of people," she added.

O'Malley comes to Farragut from her work as a social media and digital marketing manager with Blount Partnership, an umbrella organization for Blount County Chamber of Commerce, Blount County Industrial Development Board, Smoky Mountain Tourism Association and Workforce Development.

"I live over here, so the opportunity to work close to home was something that was very appealing to me," she said. "I also love the Town of Farragut.

"My family moved to this area in 2020, and I feel like it's an ideal place to live.

"I also was interested in this role, managing communications for the Town," O'Malley said. "It will be my job to be the liaison between the Town and the community."

Magnuson is staff member to whom the public goes for records requests. She said her goals for the role are to "keep accurate records that are easy to access and that is an all-around pleasant experience for those who need them.

"Looking up a record or asking a question shouldn't be a hassle," she said. "That's what I'm here for.

"I want to help the residents find what they're looking for quickly and they get that pleasant, wonderful smile," Manguson added. "I love people. I'm a talker.

"I know no stranger," she said. "I get that from my mother."

While in Florida, Manguson was in county government for 10 years, of which seven were in official records.

"My last year was in planning and development, so I'm familiar with the records process, how things are recorded, official documents, minutes and whatnot," she said. "I came up here [to Tennessee], and when I was in planning and development, I got to learn the inner workings of Farragut, the departments.



Tammy Cheek

Town of Farragut has welcomed new Town recorder Karla Magnuson and public information officer Jeannine O'Malley.

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Best Niche Publication, Sweetwater Pictorial History Book (N-2,D-1). There also was a third-place finish for Best 1/4 Page or Smaller Ad for Sunago Coffee (N-2).

Notably, the farragutpress finished ahead of bigger outlets in multiple categories.

"As I enter my third year in this position, I continue to be impressed by the talent, dedication and creativity of our farragutpress Production department," farragutpress general manager Kathy Hartman said. "Each year, Tony Christen and Cindy Wilfert raise the bar, and their success at the 2026 Tennessee Press Association Contests and Awards is well-deserved. With 12 placements, including eight first-place awards, along with additional recognition for our sister newspaper, their work speaks for itself.

"In an ever-changing media landscape, particularly with the growing influence of AI, it is refreshing to see the value of genuine talent, creativity and personal dedication recognized. Tony and Cindy are more than a talented design team; they genuinely take pride in their work and go the extra mile to make sure our clients are pleased with the finished product. This recognition is a testament to their hard work, and I couldn't be prouder of what they continue to accomplish."



Jake Nichols

Farragutpress designers Cindy Wilfert, left, and Tony Christen dominated this year's Tennessee Press Association (TPA) awards.

"I feel blessed," Christen added of the awards he shares with Wilfert. "The first year we did it, I never expected to win one, let alone how many we have won to date. You never know if they will pick anything you like or if you have done anything that peers or papers around the country will see and respect and think it's award-winning. So to have won 12 in total, eight first place, and to have beaten three big daily papers is a huge accomplishment.

"To do it knowing it's just the two of us and that a lot of people have bigger budgets, bigger companies and a lot of them have moved everything overseas, it shows that the work we do is very important," he added. "And we are able to do what we do and get recognized."

As Christen and Hartman alluded, the progression of technology makes their work that much more valuable.

"But we are still doing everything from the ground up, and I think that is incredibly important," he said. "And I also feel blessed because I am still working with a good friend of mine, someone I have a deep amount of respect for and have for a number of years now, and that the company still allows us to do it and people here trust us. The owner of the company, Mr. Horne, still likes what we do, and that says a lot for the type of people we are and what we have accomplished."

Courtney

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ragut Football are what makes this program special.

"Farragut Football has a rich history and a standard of excellence that deserves to be upheld. Although we did not achieve the competitive success we worked toward, I remain proud of the foundation we worked to build and the relationships established along the way.

"My sincere hope is that the administration, coaches, players, and community can move forward with a shared vision, united in their commitment to building a top-tier football program capable of consistently competing with the best in Class 6A. Farragut has the tradition, resources and community support to achieve that standard, and I wish everyone involved nothing but the very best as they work toward that goal.

"As for me, I look forward to spending some valuable time with my family, reflecting on the experiences and relationships that have shaped me and seeing where the next chapter of life leads. Coaching has always been about much more than wins and losses, and I will forever be grateful for the opportunity to have made a difference in the lives of the young men I have been fortunate enough to coach.

"I wish the players, coaches, administration, and entire Farragut community continued success. I will always be thankful for my time as an Admiral and will carry out the relationships and memories from these past three seasons with me. Thank you, Farragut, for the opportunity to lead."

Farragut athletic director Donald Dodgen offered a statement on Courtney's resignation, citing a relationship that dates back more than three decades.

"I'm thankful for what he's done for Farragut High School in the classroom and on the football field," Dodgen said. "I hate to see this happen but I totally understand why. I've known Geoff a long time, since he was a little kid, and the Courtney family goes back a long way at Farragut. Geoff and his father Eddie have both been very vital to the Farragut High School program. I wish him all the luck in the world. And anything I can do to help him or his family, I am more than happy to do."

As far as the next coach, Dodgen noted they have not begun a search yet.

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Hazing

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"All students involved are juveniles," the release continued. "No identifying or other information is being released. Those charged are presumed innocent unless proven guilty."

The farragutpress reached out to Knox County Schools for further comment but had not received anything as of press time Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Farragut High School principal Dr. John Bartlett did say the following in a brief statement Tuesday morning: "We are handling everything according to Knox County School Board policy and in conjunction with our Knox County sheriff's partners. At this point in time, it is an ongoing investigation, so those are all the comments we have."





Lovell

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incredible property with community members, partners and friends," said Parker Zee, vice president of development for The Annex Group, which is developing the apartments. "Union at Smoky Mountain is going to be part of Knoxville's continued growth.

"In recent years, several businesses have launched or expanded here, bringing hundreds of new job opportunities," Zee said. "As more jobs come to the area, so, too, come more people needing a convenient place to live near work.

"We believe Union at Smoky Mountain will bring more than just a desirable commute," he said. "It will feature impressive and robust amenities for households to enjoy, including a community center, fitness center, business center, playground and gazebo."

According to the city's resolution, it authorizes the mayor "to execute any documents necessary to award an amount not to exceed $750,000 from the Affordable Rental Development Fund to Impact Housing Indiana Corporation for the development of 25 affordable rental housing units to be located at 360 Lovell Road (Parcel ID No. 131 05703) in Council District 2."

The request for the resolution was made by the city's Housing and Neighborhood Development Department.

The city's funding would pay for 25 of the 100 apartments in the development.

"For every $1 we're putting into this, we're getting $50 from other places," DuBose said. "This is a substantial investment in housing."

Vivian Shipe of East Knoxville, favored the development but urged the city council to not stop there.

"This is what we need," she said. "But, what I'm coming to speak to you about is we need this everywhere, not just always in West Knoxville … we need you to start courting investors and get into those [other] areas.

"Those are the things I'm hearing from the community," Shipe added. "We need it especially for our seniors when we're looking at 1/4th of our community in Knox County being over the age of 65 by 2030.

"We can't just keep putting everything in 37922, 24, 34 [zip codes]," she said. "We've got to start coming this way, so my suggestion is … as we start courting other places to come here, let's start building … east."

"I just want to echo that support," Councilman Nathan Honeycutt said. "I strongly support this development in our community because it will help working families find a place they can call home.

"I think it's an appropriate location, you know, along a corridor that already has infrastructure in place and utilities and access to transit," he said. "People will be able to walk to work — they'll be able to walk to the stores — so it's going to bring needed housing type to a needed area, and I appreciate that and fully support it.

"I want to acknowledge that I understand people have traffic concerns regarding additional development in that area, and we will continue to work with the city to address those on a reasonable basis," Honeycutt said. "But for me, you know, the most important thing in this development is that working with the city and [Knoxville Community Development Corporation], we will give more Knoxville families a stable home and an opportunity to build a better future. So, thank you for this development."

"I want to thank Kevin DuBose [director of Housing and Neighborhood Development for Knoxville], and the Housing and Neighborhood Development team," Mayor Indya Kincannon said. "I'm really proud of our track record of investing in affordable housing in every part of the city.

"This is another positive step in the right direction to addressing our affordable housing needs," she said.

"I appreciate director DuBose, and this another example of the good work that they have done," Councilman Charles Thomas said. "This particular project fits the boxes I like to see checked as far as the location, infrastructure and the range of affordability that it addresses, too, is impressive."

According to DuBose, the approximately $40 million development would create housing opportunities for people with a range of incomes.

DuBose said all the apartments in the complex would be income-restricted, not just the 25 receiving funding from the city. It would serve households earning 80% or less of the area's median income. As such a family of four earning $85,000 or less could be eligible.

Correction

Knoxville Symphony Orchestra principal second violin, Edward Pulgar, tunes his violin before working with Farragut High School students in KSO's Side By Side program last week. The photo, which ran in the community section on Page 6B of the farragutpress, was identified incorrectly. We regret the error.

Lace up to honor local veterans

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Area runners can lace up their running shoes to celebrate veterans with the annual Veterans Salute Race Saturday, Nov. 7.

"This is a recurring event that supports veteran causes," Town Community Development director Mark Shipley stated in a report to Farragut Board of Aldermen. "The event set-up will begin at 8 a.m. and the breakdown will conclude at 10 a.m, for both the 5K and 10K," he said.

The event will start and finish at the Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

"Participants will follow some streets in the Village Green subdivision and finish along the west side of North Campbell Station Road, where the outside southbound lane will be coned off for the section of the race described as the 'Salute Corridor' along the frontage of Founders Park," he said. "There will be over 20 volunteers and three or four [Knox County Sheriff's Office] officers at key points on the course to help with traffic flow.

Shipley said the course starts in front of FCC on Jamestowne Boulevard, runs through Village Green neighborhood and finishes back at the community center. Set-up will begin at 6 a.m., and it will close down at 10:30 a.m.

"Join us for the Veterans Salute Races to honor and remember our military personnel," said event organizer Shahin Hadian, owner of Fleet Feet Knoxville. "A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Knoxville chapter of Irreverent Warriors, with the mission of bringing veterans together using humor and camaraderie to improve mental health and prevent suicide, and United Veterans Council of East Tennessee, in support of its Wreaths Across America program.

"Along the last section of the race will be the Veterans Salute Corridor in Founders Park, Hadian said. "Signs will be displayed in the corridor to honor the service and sacrifice of our military."

Other races soon to take place are the:

- annual Farragut Frosty 5K event from 6:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Dec. 19, starting and ending at Farragut Community Center. With 500 participants expected, the event raises funds for Farragut High School cross country teams.
- annual Hot to Trot 5K/10K/Fun Run from 7 to 11 a.m, Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 26, starting at the Fleet Feet Knoxville store, 11619 Parkside Drive, and runs through Turkey Creek. Some temporary closures will occur with access remaining for emergencies. The 10K involves two laps of the 5K course and the Fun Run is on a portion of Parkside Drive. About 200 spectators are expected.

Farragut feels the bill squeeze

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Farragut households are feeling more of a squeeze than any other city in Tennessee, or even in the country.

According to DoxoINSIGHTS, an online data tool that reports household bill-paying spending statistics, residents in the Town of Farragut are paying more than the average median than the state and the country.

The site reported the median household in the United States pays $2,107 per month — or $25,286 per year — on bills, which is 30% of the income.

Meanwhile, Household bills in Farragut are 6 % higher than U.S. median, according to DoxoINSIGHTS.

"The median household in Farragut pays $2,228 per month or $26,734 per year on bills," the site reported. "Farragut household bills are $1,449 per year higher than U.S. median of $25,285.

In Tennessee, "statewide, household bills are 17% lower than the U.S. median at $1,743 per month," it reported.

Also, it stated, Farragut is the No. 14 most expensive municipality in Tennessee for household bills.

"The median household in Tennessee pays $1,743 per month or $20,914 per year on bills," it added.

"Tennessee households bills are $4,371 per year lower than U.S. median of $25,285," DoxoINSIGHTS reported. "However, the state is No. 36 most expensive state in the U.S. for household bills.

"Household bills account for 20 percent of annual household income of $135,472 in Farragut," it stated. "Statewide, household bills account for 30% of annual income of $70,757 in state."

More concisely, cable and satellite TV bills are 40% higher than national median in Farragut, which averages $175 while the national median is $125.

According to its website,

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Letter to the editor

Dear Editor,

Since 1980, Farragut has had a development plan created with strong public involvement. This process has worked. It has allowed our town to grow while protecting its residential character. However, the current plan is now outdated and a guiding document that carries the Town into the future is needed.

Protecting Our Community

Farragut was founded to protect its residential character from the haphazard development Knox County was known for. One of the Town's first actions was adopting the Community Development Plan to limit growth that did not match the community's wishes. The Town has kept updating that plan with public input ever since.

History of Planning

• 1982: The Town adopted its first zoning ordinance and zoning map.

• 1991: An extensive community development plan, Farragut 2000, was adopted.

• 2001: The Farragut Land Use and Transportation Policy Plan was adopted.

• 2012: The Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) was adopted, with strategies and a future land use map (FLUM).

From 2018 to 2024, the community updated several transportation corridors on the FLUM. The public also removed high-density multifamily housing from the map. However, the outdated 2012 strategies still allow high density. The next update should remove high density from the plan and address any remaining concerns on the FLUM.

Why the CLUP Matters

The CLUP is a guiding document. Decisions made by the Planning Commission must be consistent with it. A proactive plan protects our values and gives homeowners predictability about future development, which could spiral out of control without one. A clear plan lets the Town guide development rather than simply react to proposals. It also tells developers what the community expects while eliminating the opportunity for sweetheart deals to be made by the appointed or elected officials.

Residents Have Voice

Workshops, hearings, surveys, and steering committees give residents real say. This public input builds trust and helps ensure elected officials do not make sweetheart deals with developers that ignore the public's collective demands.

Looking Ahead

Public involvement has shaped Farragut's plans for more than 45 years, and that should continue. The updated CLUP should be commitment to Farragut's citizens. It should guide elected and appointed officials toward the community's shared vision, not the interests of individual developers.

~ Joe LaCroix
Farragut, TN

Dear Editor,

The Town of Farragut held its 70-Acre Park Master Plan Neighborhood Input Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the Great Lawn Pavilion at McFee Park.

Residents were shown a modified draft concept plan based on an online survey of 723 responses, about 80% of them from confirmed Farragut residents. Missing, however, were the results of the previous meeting, where attendees submitted feedback on the proposed park.

Residents gave their feedback once again at this meeting. This time I photographed and transcribed the input, and I've summarized it here. Several major themes emerged:

Keep it natural. A significant number of comments asked for "trails only" and said keeping the trees was critical. One suggestion was to model the park on Knoxville's Third Creek Greenway, with "one restroom, trailhead parking, natural old growth and native fauna," as a sensible base concept.

Cost. Many residents worried about the cost of the park and whether it could lead to a property tax. There was a clear warning that building and maintaining the park should have no impact on residential taxes, so the design should make low maintenance a priority.

Skip the extras. Comment after comment rejected add-ons such as a disc golf course and an event center.

Protect the neighbors. Residents of Red Poppy Drive raised concerns about the parking lot, playground and restrooms, and asked that those features be moved away from their backyards with a wider tree buffer. Several residents worry that trail access at Wild Basil would bring parked cars onto their streets.

Take traffic seriously. Many comments raised concerns about cut-through traffic from Lenoir City, congestion on McFee Road, and the safety of the proposed roundabout for drivers and pedestrians.

For transparency, so the whole town can weigh these legitimate concerns about safety, cost and daily life, I have submitted a full transcription of every note from the meeting to the Farragut Press.

I encourage the Farragut Press to publish it, and I encourage residents to share any additional views with the Town before the master plan is finalized.

~ Angel Ray
Farragut, TN

Freaky Friday 2026

Cousins Genevieve Barbie, left, and Catalina Dickinson donned their princess attire while Neyland Travis, far right, portrayed Philadelphia 76ers small forward LeBron James for Town of Farragut's Freaky Friday Fright Night, which took place Friday, Oct. 30. They were among thousands of children who enjoyed the trick-or-treat atmosphere.

Tammy Cheek





Bill

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doxoINSIGHT, it "provides a unique, aggregated and anonymized view into America's bill pay economy."

Concerning auto insurance payments, doxoINSIGHT reported Farragut is 107% higher than the national median. While the Town residents pay an average of $150, the national median is $130.

Likewise, Town residents are paying 11% percent more for mobile phone service than the national median.

And, Farragut residents are paying 15% more for electric services compared to the national median.

It's Cost of Bills Index "empowers billers and service providers to make precise comparisons of household bills across all 50 states, encompassing, 97% of zip codes."



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Finding the root of better health



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Melissa Osborne, owner/board-certified nurse practitioner, provides IV therapy, functional medicine and other services.

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Melissa Osborne, owner/board-certified nurse practitioner, is getting to the root cause of people's health issues in her business, Rocky Top Vitality.

Located in Saah Salon, 102 S. Campbell Station Road, Suite 21, Osborne offers IV therapy — hydro-hydration, high-dose vitamin infusions and injections; red light therapy; and she just started offering functional medicine, as well as thyroid and hormone optimization.

She explained functional medicine gets to the root cause of diseases. Osborne also works with gut health and heavy metal and mold toxicity testing and treatment.

She is the only supplier in the state who carries a particular pharmacy brand of vitamins.

"So, everything is very high dose," said Osborne, who has more than 20 years experience as a nurse practitioner. "For instance, if you're needing an immunity infusion, my drip has 15,000 milligrams of vitamin C versus the standard infusion only has 6,500 milligrams.

"Everything I do is premium potency," she said.

Osborne graduated from Georgetown University with a master's degree and has oversight from a board-certified emergency medicine physician with more than 40 years of experience.

"And also my clients, when they come in here, they get a private room and one-on-one experience," she said. "A lot of IV clinics will put six or seven people in a room and there's no privacy. Those places are not HIPA compliant necessarily.

"When my patients come in the door, they're my focus," Osborne said. "And if they want to have a friend come with them, I can accommodate them. It's really up to the patient, but I want them to have my one-on-one attention."

For the IV infusion, she doesn't charge a consultation fee.

"They just pay for the price of the infusion," Osborne said.

To learn more about Rocky Top Vitality or to book an appointment, call 865-902-2GLO, email to Melissa@rockytopvitality.com or visit online at www.rockytopvitality.com

Having worked in corporate medicine for a long time, she decided, "I didn't want my patients to be a number; I wanted to really establish a relationship with them and to really get to the root cause of illness."

That realization stemmed from her health experience.

"Five years ago, I was diagnosed with an autoimmune disease," Osborne shared. "[Doctors] couldn't figure out what

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business briefs

• Priority Ambulance recently announced Allison Washington, vice president of human resources, was recognized by Birmingham Business Journal as a recipient of its HR Impact Award.

The award recognizes human resources leaders who are making a meaningful impact within their organizations through leadership, innovation, employee engagement, talent development, workplace culture and strategic business partnerships.

• Kimberly Pettigrew, director of healthy communities for United Way of Greater Knoxville, recently was selected by Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health as a Bloomberg Fellow beginning in August 2026.

Pettigrew is the first fellow selected from Tennessee to enter the Doctor of Public Health Program at Johns Hopkins through the Bloomberg

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Shipping stop has a new captain

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Goin' Postal's new owner, Tyler Pyle, invites everyone to the ribbon cutting and open house for the one-stop postal shop in Village Green Shopping Center.

The event will take place from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 11519 Kingston Pike, with the ribbon cutting taking place at 11 a.m.

"I'm excited," Pyle said. "It's been a nice welcome. Everybody's been very supportive and welcoming. I'm getting to know people in the community and seeing what all Farragut has to offer."

Goin' Postal will continue its current services, which include packing and shipping using all four major carriers — postal service, FedEx, UPS and DHL — for domestic and international — as well as shipping insurance and express services.

"We take drop-offs for all those carriers," Pyle said. "We can accept returns through Happy Returns and Amazon."

However, he specified Goin' Postal cannot accept the QR codes for Amazon. "It has to have a label," he added.

To help with shipping needs, the business also carries shipping supplies, such as boxes, tape and packing peanuts.

Goin' Postal also provides promotional and marketing items, such as business cards and flyers, and such services as copying and printing, faxing, notary services, and shredding.

It even provides custom yard signs.

Additionally, the business has physical and virtual mailboxes, as well as retail products, such as greeting cards, gift bags, tissue paper, gift items and office supplies.

Pyle acquired the business Tuesday, Sept. 1. In addition to taking ownership at Goin' Postal, he is chief operating officer with Weatherly Consulting, a nuclear operation consulting firm in Oak Ridge.

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Goin' Postal's new owner, Tyler Pyle, welcomes customers to its one-stop postal shop in Village Green Shopping Center.



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The store's chocolates are made in small batches by Bradley's chocolate team in Knoxville, with favorites ranging from Bon Bons and caramels to seasonal specialties and signature Tennessee treats.

Bradley's also creates custom gift baskets for personal, corporate and special-event needs. More than a gift shop, Bradley's Gift & Home strives to provide a welcoming place where customers can slow down, browse and find something special.

The Farragut location is at 138 Biddle Farms Blvd., next to Tupelo Honey.







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was going on. I got bounced from Mayo Clinic to different doctors, still don't know what's going on.

"I said, 'You know what, there's got to be more than just prescribing medication. We need to really focus on what is causing a patient's systems rather than treating symptoms alone,'" she recalled.

"That was the driving force for this and God's been really good," Osborne said, adding she opened last December.

"Business is going really, really well," she added. "I've got a lot of repeat clients, and it's truly become my passion to focus on preventative health." About functional health, Osborne said, "A lot of times people go to the doctor after they've have a chronic illness for a long time, and it's a lot more difficult to treat once it's in advanced stages.

"And, functional medicine, as soon as you start having symptoms, we will take a look at the big picture," she said. "We will go back, like childbirth to adulthood, is there anything that could be contributing these symptoms.

"A lot of times, adverse childhood events, trauma, could cause autoimmune disease in people as they get older," Osborne said. "It's really just important for patients to understand what's going on with their bodies, and if they have symptoms for a long time, don't wait until it becomes a chronic problem. Let's nip it in the bud before it gets to that point."

While she does not take insurance, she does accept flexible spending accounts and health savings accounts, which are accounts in which one designates pre-tax money to be taken from a patient's pay.

Her hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays; from 4 to 8 p.m., Fridays; and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturdays. She is closed Sundays.

"I am flexible, though, so if somebody needs an appointment or I need to go mobile for IV therapy for somebody or they need a functional medicine appointment after hours, they can always reach out to me on a case-by-case basis," Osborne said.

"We like to partner with other small businesses — small businesses helping other small businesses is part of what we do, helping them with their promotional and marketing needs," he said.

Goin' Postal is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday; and closed Sunday.

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When he learned Goin' Postal was for sale, it "was a great opportunity to be a part of the community and help people in a different way than I was doing in my other job … something that was the right time, right place to see it for sale," he said.

Pyle said his goal at Goin' Postal is "to continue what was already built. There's a strong customer base and a lot of the community already recognizes it as a place to come to bring their packages to ship out and not only that but provide promotional and marketing items.

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Fellows Program, a national initiative providing public health training to individuals in organizations working on critical challenges facing the United States. Fellows receive a full scholarship to earn a Master of Public Health (MPH) or Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) degree from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

• Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus recently supported the Wesley House Community Center's annual Lights On Afterschool event, helping connect more than 200 parents and children with valuable resources and support services in the Knoxville community.

The event brought together local families, community organizations and volunteers to provide access to mental health resources, community support services, substance misuse prevention education and youth prevention programs. Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus sponsored food for attendees.

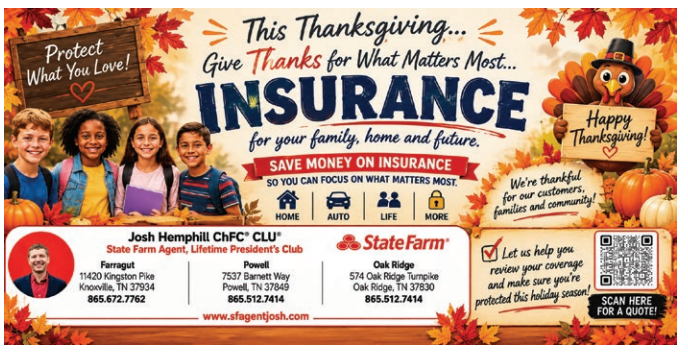
According to Wesley House Community Center, the event's success was made possible through the support of numerous community partners and volunteers. The organization expressed gratitude to all who participated, shared resources and contributed to the event.


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Hawks, Ads punch state XC tickets

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Leaves crunched underfoot at Victor Ashe Park while fall foliage appeared in oranges and deep reds.

Yet even amidst those beautiful seasonal colors, shades of light and navy blue were most prominent in the TSSAA regional cross country championships Wednesday, Oct. 28.

Hardin Valley Academy swept the event, taking first place in individual and team results for the penultimate boys and girls races in the 2026 season.

Allie Vesser (18:50.88) claimed a third-straight region title for HVA, finishing a full 30 seconds ahead of teammates Ana Berkheimer (19:20.67) and Zarah Enbom (19:22.81), who finished second and third, respectively.

On the boys' side, Aiden Rufi (15:57.02) led the Hawks in first place, fin-

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Above: Farragut's Chase Temples (9749) finished second in the region championship race last Wednesday, Oct. 28, pacing a FHS team that will make its return to the state meet this weekend in Memphis.

Above left: Hardin Valley's Alexandra Vesser (9769) won her third-straight region title last Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Victor Ashe Park. HVA swept the team and individual results, clinching first in each category.

Win or go home: teams enter playoffs

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After more than two months of grueling matchups each Friday, the calendar has flipped to a new page: the postseason.

And with dozens of games set for this weekend, four of those matchups will involve teams from the farragutpress coverage area.

Fresh off a region title with a record of 9-1, the Christian Academy of Knoxville Warriors will host Pope John Paul II (2-8) in the first round of the Division II-AA playoffs at CAK.

This marks the fourth postseason appearance in as many seasons for the Warriors under head coach Chad Speck, who has engineered a complete turnaround in his time at the helm.

But it will be CAK's first meeting against the school more commonly known as "JPII."

Similar history is on the line for Tyler Wynn at Hardin Valley Academy, where the Hawks defeated Ooltewah last weekend to cement their first playoff appearance since 2018.

This week, HVA (7-3) will travel to face Science Hill (7-2) in Johnson City.

The teams last played in Week 3 of the 2020 regular season, as the Hilltoppers defeated the Hawks 48-21. If HVA can pull out a win, it would mark the team's first playoff win since 2016. For reference, that 2016 squad advanced to the quarterfinals before falling to Oakland.

At Webb, the first year under George Quarles will see a postseason trip despite a 2-8 regular sea-

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Irish 'fight' to the very end



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The Knoxville Catholic Fighting Irish have lived up to their nickname this season, continuing to battle despite knowing their season would end last Friday, Oct. 30.

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Last Wednesday, Oct. 28, the Knoxville Catholic football offices were abuzz with activity.

Suddenly, amidst the paper-shuffling and chair-creaking, there came a loud ovation as head coach Philip Shadowens roused his team.

With one full practice left, the Irish appeared ready to storm into Covenant Health Park to face a Baylor squad ranked No. 9 in the country on MaxPreps.com.

Led by five-star Tennessee commitment David Gabriel Georges, the Red Raiders posed a larger threat than any team on Catholic's already-loaded schedule.

That ultimately proved true in the result two days later, as Georges scored all three of Baylor's touchdowns in a 21-7 victory.

Yet even with the loss, Catholic's record stands at 7-3 — their best win-loss ratio since joining Division II-AAA in 2019. Any other year, that would set up the Irish for a playoff run.

Except three months and 19 days before Shadowens' film session, Knoxville Catholic put out a release sending shockwaves through Tennessee high school football.

A TSSAA investigation found illegal communication between a non-faculty assistant coach and a player, and the school ultimately self-imposed a one-year postseason ban with a two-year probationary period.

In an instant, those postseason hopes were dashed.

Disappointment ran through the Catholic locker room, as palpable as the July heat. But soon enough, that sadness was replaced by resolve.

"Initially, it was very frustrating and I was pretty upset," senior quarterback Mack Bartholomew said. "But then I took it like every game is a playoff game because it could be your last. So going from that, we have had one of the

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Bearden season ends in state semis

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To anyone who knows the history of the Bearden soccer program, a state championship berth feels almost inevitable.

Yet for this season's Lady Bulldogs, that was far from the case.

Gone were program mainstays Jayla Blue (Tennessee), Tyler Roth (Western Kentucky) and Emma Rainey (Carson-Newman).

Throw in the loss of longtime keeper Sophie Keener and center back Cadence Nesbitt to ACL injuries, and the Soccer Dawgs really did start fresher than they might have liked.

But even with a new crop of Bearden players — including plenty of freshmen — the Dawgs scratched and clawed their way to the team's 14th state tournament appearance in program history.

Along the way, they enjoyed several clutch finishes led by senior

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Webb's Mary Mac Emery (27) celebrates with teammate Emorie Barton (15) after Barton's goal against Lipscomb Academy. Emery was named MVP for the Division II-AA East region in the 2026 season.

Area standouts rack up DII soccer awards

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Since girls soccer seasons across the area have ended, awards have begun to roll in. While we will have the Division I awards for Farragut, Bearden and Hardin Valley at a later date, several of the Division II awards are compiled here.

At Concord Christian, the Lady Lions made program history by winning a state tournament game for the first time ever. Ivey Fender, Addison Rogers, Elizabeth "EKR" Reed and Kiran Keeton took home All-Region awards for CCS, and head coach Jason Jennings offered plenty of good things to say on each player.

"Addison Rogers, our junior midfielder, played incredible in the region games," he said. "EKR is our keeper. In the region, she played amazing with 26 saves and two shutouts. Had an elite save against CAK in the opening minutes to keep the game scoreless. She's a junior. Kiran Keeton is a senior center back. In the region, she helped lead our defense that gave up only one goal in regulation and overtime. She scored the PK in the second half against CAK in the region championship match and also netted one in the penalty shootout.

"And Ivey Fender is the freshman," he added. "She's our striker. She had the only goal in the quarterfinal regional match against Silverdale."

Christian Academy of Knoxville saw selections, too, starting with region MVP and All-Region selection Olivia Law. Ellie Leemon, Addison Loetz, Marlee Stokely and Ella Bennett also earned All-Region honors.

At Webb, All-State nods have not yet come out, but multiple players earned All-Region s.

Mary Mac Emery took home region MVP for the Division II-AA East region. Gracen Daniels earned All-Region for Webb as well, as did Layla Kassira, Piper Luhn, Lauren Newell, Simone Romain and Gideon Bradford, who earned Honorable Mention.

For Catholic, Gianna Notarianni and Sophia Pumariega captured All-Region honors for Division II-AA East as well.

Admirals honor seniors in final outing

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Throughout Eddie Courtney Stadium, there were emotions of all kinds.

Players hugged and laughed, cried and smiled. Together, members of the 2026 senior class mourned their final game — yet celebrated the relationships formed over the course of four seasons together.

Ultimately, it is those friendships that will be remembered more than the 1-9 record, or the 45-8 result that glowed on the scoreboard in the distance.

"They've been resilient, steadfast all year," former Farragut head coach Geoff Courtney said. "A great group to be around. I will remember their love for one another. It has been difficult, been tough this season, going back into the offseason. But they have been a great group as far as doing everything we have asked them to do. Great effort, very coachable and they have a great spirit about them. It has been fun to be with them every single day this year."

The final day was no exception, as Farragut's pregame featured a bit more ceremony than most.

Before the seniors walked out to be recognized, suit-wearing students executed their version of Pat McAfee's kicking contest in the Farragut version of ESPN's "College GameDay."

After a successful 37-yard field goal and plenty of senior recognition, the Admirals took the field for their final action in the 2026 campaign.

They held Cleveland to a 10-0 lead through the first quarter, but the visiting Raiders extended their lead to 31-0 by the final two minutes of the third. They found the end zone twice more, capitalizing on multiple Farragut turnovers.



Photo courtesy of Rock Munyan

Farragut senior Kaden Renfro (40) was lifted into the air by teammate Holden Fritz (61) after scoring a touchdown to cap the Admirals' Senior Night matchup against Cleveland last Friday, Oct. 30.

But in-between those scores, with Cleveland ahead 38-0, came the Admirals' favorite moment of the night.

Farragut drove to the Raider 3-yard-line, handing twice to linebacker Kaden Renfro near the goal line. On the third try, he broke the plane, then found himself lifted into the air by teammate Holden Fritz.

After trying to prevent opponents from scoring so many times, Renfro had a touchdown to call his own, too.

"We put that in for him," Courtney said. "He's been very deserving, very productive and disruptive on the defensive line all year. Kaden is a great kid, man. He is well-liked by everybody, always has a smile on his face. We felt like if we got in that situation tonight at the goal line, we'd let him pound it in."

"That was probably one of the top feelings of the season for me," Renfro added. "In practice, my coaches told me they had a play designed for me on the goal line, telling me I earned it. I was a little worried I might fumble, but when they called up Heavy, I was really locked in."

"It was really special," he added of celebrating with teammates. "They were all so happy for me. It was a really good feeling as they congratulated me, and I couldn't have done it without them. It's a bond I'll never forget."

Elijah Sadler added the two-point conversion on a catch from Hayes Sharp, marking the final margin for the night.

Going forward, Farragut will look to hit the weight room this offseason to prepare for 2027. They will also be looking to find a new head coach after Courtney stepped down on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

But as younger players prepare to step into new roles, those moments from last Friday may remain in their minds.

Notice of PEL Study Availability and Comment Period

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has completed development of the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor Planning and Environment Linkages (PEL) Study and associated planning products. The PEL Study examined solutions to address congestion, improve travel times and enhance system modernization along portions of Interstate 40 and Interstate 75 in Anderson, Knox and Loudon counties. A PEL Study is a collaborative approach that integrates transportation planning with environmental review. By connecting these phases, duplication of effort is reduced, leading to more efficient decision-making, improved public involvement and agency outreach and better overall outcomes. The I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor PEL Study considered improvements to approximately 17 miles of the I-40/I-75 corridor west of Knoxville, from the I-40/I-75 interchange in Loudon County to the I-640 interchange just west of downtown Knoxville. As part of this process, TDOT also evaluated a possible new corridor within the study area. TDOT hosted six public meetings between November 2025 and June/July 2026 across the study area and gathered input from residents, businesses, community stakeholders and local governments throughout the PEL Study process. Materials presented at all public meetings can be found on the I-40/I-75 West Knoxville Corridor PEL Study website: https://www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/projects-region-1/west-knoxville-corridor.html. TDOT has identified PEL Recommended Alternatives for public and agency review and comment. The draft recommendations and supporting materials are available on the PEL Study website. Planning products are also available in-person for review at the following locations until November 26, 2026:

Lenoir City Public Library	Farragut Branch Library	Bearden Branch Library
120 W Broadway St.	417 N Campbell Station Rd.	100 Golf Club Rd.
Lenoir City, TN 37771	Knoxville, TN 37934	Knoxville, TN 37919

Following consideration of public and agency comments and FHWA review and approval, TDOT intends to adopt or incorporate the PEL Study planning products and recommendations into future National Environmental Policy Act reviews, as appropriate, consistent with 23 U.S.C. 168. PEL Study Report recommendations are not final project commitments. Before advancing a PEL Recommended Alternative as a programmed project, TDOT must identify and allocate funding. The PEL Recommended Alternatives are based on their ability to address the study needs, purposes, objective, study goals, methodologies and evaluation criteria. The PEL Study Report, supporting materials and PEL Recommended Alternatives are also available for public review on the PEL Study website. No additional public meeting is planned. Public comments will be accepted through November 26, 2026. Individuals are encouraged to review online materials and, when possible, identify the applicable section, page, figure, table or appendix to assist in evaluating and addressing comments. Public comments received during the review period will be documented and considered before the report is finalized. Please submit comments by one of the following methods:

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best seasons Catholic has ever had."

Among those wins: victories over perennial powers Cardinal-Ritter (MO) and Hoover (AL), the latter of which came on a Hail Mary. In total, seven of Catholic's 10 games this season were decided by one possession — and six resulted in wins.

"I've been blessed over the years with Smyrna and Blackman, having a lot of teams that are tough and won a lot of games," Shadowens said. "But playing in the league and schedule we do, I don't know there was a tougher schedule played in the Southeast. And to accomplish what we did with five seniors, knowing you don't have a playoff, we could have used all that as an excuse to lose. Instead, we found ways to win. And from that standpoint of mental toughness, it has to rank as one of the best I've had in 33 years of being a head football coach."

That pride does not completely erase the disappointment, as Shadowens said he filed the penalty and ensuing ban under "things are beyond your control."

But the lessons learned will carry far longer for the coach and his players.

"That finality is upsetting for our kids, but they have used that anger, that disappointment as fire, and that has led us through the year," Shadowens said. "I often use an analogy: when you get in a fight you can sit in the corner, put your head down and hope it ends, or you can fight your way out of the corner. It's a life lesson. We learn life lessons all the time about the valleys we go through in life.

"And when you find out you can't go to the playoffs, that's a valley. But you can lay in the valley or you can climb the hill again. And we chose to climb mountains, to come out of the corner fighting."

In 2027, that team will look a bit different. Bartholomew will be gone, as will four other seniors.

But with playmakers like Ryheem Lee, Kruise Buntyn and David Thomas set to return, the Irish are reloading with a specific goal in mind: to honor the seniors that helped them navigate a season unlike any other.

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son. The Spartans are making their first postseason appearance since 2024, as they lost to Battle Ground Academy 42-7 that season. The road does not get much easier this time around, as Webb will travel to Franklin to face the same BGA team this Friday, Nov. 6. This matchup is one that features two high-profile coaches in Quarles and Wildcats coach Bobby Bentley, who coached at the college level before leading his BGA team to a state championship last season. In this matchup, Webb will look to shut down an offense that features another notable name in quarterback Bo Bryan, the son of country music star Luke Bryan.

And right here in Farragut, Concord Christian (7-3) will make its second consecutive postseason appearance this weekend when it hosts Fayette Academy (6-4) Friday night. It will be the school's first time hosting a playoff game after Steve Matthews' squad cracked the postseason for the first time ever last year.

Since CCS does not have lights on its field and playoff games must be kicked off at 7 p.m. ET, the Lions will host the Vikings at Farragut's Eddie Courtney Stadium.

"I think it's going to be great," CCS coach Steve Matthews said. "We are excited about it, and it's right down the street. For the playoffs, you have to have 7 p.m. kickoffs. Carson-Newman, where we have been playing our games, was unavailable, and Farragut was good enough to let us use their place. Hopefully we will have a great crowd and environment."

Bearden
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newcomer and Webb transfer Landree Horner. Then there were contributions from freshmen such as Fallyn Baker in the net and Reese Underwood in the midfield.

That youthful trend continued in the state quarterfinals, as BHS bounced back from a 1-0 deficit to defeat Ravenwood 2-1 with goals from sophomore Hannah Nye and freshman Myranda Lima.

But it drew to a close one round later, as BHS ran into a buzzsaw in eventual state champion Houston for a 5-0 loss.

With the result, Bearden's season ended at 17-4-1 with district, regional and sectional titles to go with the program's seventh-straight state tournament appearance.

"You look at what we lost in three All-State players, two potential All-Americans with Jayla and Tyler, and Emma with her production defensively. And then lost two starters in Sophie and Cadence, so



Jake Nichols

Bearden's Avery Stevens (1) goes up for a header against West. Stevens and the rest of her BHS teammates put together an impressive season.

the five top players, to still get back there and just get out of Knoxville is a huge credit to this group and their mentality of not expecting anything less than what's expected from Bearden soccer," head coach Ryan Radcliffe said.

Punch
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ishing just ahead of Farragut's Chase Temples (16:00.77).

As a whole, Farragut High School finished runner-up in and third place in team results for the girls and boys races, respectively, with Zoi LeCours (19:17.24) taking fourth in the girls individual portion to go along with Temples' second-place finish.

In the girls' race, FHS claimed a tiebreaker win over Oak Ridge since its sixth-place runner finished higher than the Wildcats' counterpart.

"We were a little banged up on the girls' side, missing one of our top runners, so we wanted to compete," Admirals coach Garrett Jones said. "We were projected second and wanted to come home with that. Oak Ridge gave us a good battle; that's a tough team. But really happy with how we ran there.

"For the boys, we wanted to get the individual win, and Chase ran about as best he could; really proud of him and the work he's done. And the boys battled hard. West put up a pretty good performance today. But we will try again next week at state, and survive and advance is the name of the game. We punched our ticket and were competitive, so it was a good day for us."

With the result, FHS advances to state for the 39th time in the boys program's history and makes the 45th state appearance in the girls team's annals.

The boys will be looking for their first team title since 2023 in their ninth straight state appearance, while the girls will hope for their first team championship since 1990 in their 14th straight state berth.

For Hardin Valley, this will mark the Hawks' eighth-straight trip to state and their 16th appearance overall, while it will be the Lady Hawks' 17th state berth and 17th appearance at the final TSSAA event of the season.

"This was a build-up to our state competition, so we wanted to be sharp here to be sharper next week," HVA coach John Witsell said. "They've just got to bear down, be them and run like they do."

To do that, Hardin Valley will rely on runners like Vesser, who cracked a smile as she completed her third consecutive region championship.

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Taste of Turkey Creek

Thousands from the area enjoyed tasting what Pinnacle at Turkey Creek eateries had to offer while supporting Breast Connect, a non-profit organization supporting individuals impacted by breast cancer, at Taste of Turkey Creek, which took place Friday evening, Oct. 9, at the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek along Parkside Drive.

In addition to enjoying samples from Pinnacle's restaurants, singer Mike Mauldin entertained the crowd.



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From left, Mike Maddux, Sharon Wender and Robin Maddux with Moonshine Mountain Cookie Company



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From left, Rachel Kovac, Allyson Simpson and vice president Jasmine Allmon



Flemings' staff, from left, Leah Kincler, Tiffany Humphreys, Celia Lane and Andrew Gatto



Martha Giles, left, and Mary Ritchie

Blessing of the Animals

Cats, dogs, guinea pigs, a horse and even a dragon received a blessing early this month when Episcopal School of Knoxville and St. John Neumann Catholic Church held a Blessing of the Animals. Blessing of the Animals, which observes St. Francis of Assisi, is an annual religious ceremony during which pets and animals are brought to a church or outdoor space to receive a blessing. While most of the pets at SJN Catholic Church's event were dogs and cats, ESK's students and teachers also brought a bearded dragon, hamsters, horse, bunny and even stuffed animals.



From left, Brittany Tyree, Remy Tyree and Sophia Taylor



Gema Santana with Sasso, left, and Teresa Carbajal with Lucas



ESK teacher Sloane Cogdill and lab, Kobi



Andy Chadwell with sixth-grade daughter Amaris and boxer, Star



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Brewster shares gilded age connections

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Who would have thought an East Tennessee family would have ties to the Vanderbilts, Astors and other people of the gilded age?

Retired librarian, historian and genealogist Kate Brewster told the story of Richard Thornton "R.T." Wilson and his family that married into the gilded age royalty of early 20th century New York and Rhode Island.

"They call this family the 'marrying Wilsons,'" she said. That was because they married their children to the wealthy families of the 1800s and early 1900s.

In writing a freelance story for a publication, Brewster ran across the story of Wilson.

"He's a true rags to riches story," she said of Wilson.

After his father died in 1849, he moved from Georgia to Loudon. A traveling salesman, Wilson did some gold mining. He had $30 in gold strapped around his waist, according to Brewster.

He traveled around, selling cotton to dry goods stores and mills, and made his way east to Loudon. In 1850, Wilson went into business with Ebenezer Johnston, who helped Wilson establish a grocery and dry goods business. He then married Johnston's daughter, Melissa Clementine "Clemmie" Johnston.

In 1861, during the Civil War, the Wilsons moved to Macon, Georgia, where Wilson worked for the Confederate Army, bartering cotton with

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Photos by Jake Nichols

Sophia Martinez, 6, showed off her whiskers and cat ears during the Shop Farragut Harvest Fest Sunday, Oct. 25.

Harvest Fest brings fall fun

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Princess crowns, superhero outfits and fireman costumes popped through the crowd as children toting Jack-o-lantern Halloween baskets walked with their families through the parking lot of Village Green Shopping Center.

People with costume-clad dogs ambled toward the food trucks lined along one side or one of the many booths within the area.

Finally, after the band "Please Rewind" belted hits such as "Summer of '69," attendees gathered to check out the costume contests.

All the excitement comprised the annual Harvest Fest, presented by Shop Farragut and the Farragut Business Alliance Sunday, Oct. 25.

"I love it, and I love seeing all the kids," Shop Farragut president Candace Viox said. "To see all these little babies and younger kids all dressed up, and even older kids and grandparents and family units, that's what Farragut is about anyway. It's a fun event. We take good care of our community during the holidays."

Viox noted 40 vendors at the event, as well as five food trucks offering German food, Mexican cuisine and even snow cones, which became a popular treat as the sun shone through a cloudless sky.

But the October heat did nothing to deter the crowd, which enjoyed events, such as face-painting and a small putting green, along with a bit of outdoor shopping at different booths.

"I feel like it's a great event," Shop Farragut executive director Ashley Lynch said. "I'm very happy. We've only had one vendor that didn't show up, and there are lots of families and great contests going on."

She admitted this festival was "a little easier" than the organization's previous event, Dog Daze in August.

"But also, there was a learning curve with it being my first time," Lynch said. "This was pretty cut and dry. I'm excited to see everyone's interpretation of Dolly, honoring an icon and a legend."

As Lynch alluded, this year's new costume category featured Farragut's best interpretation of the late country music icon Dolly Parton, whose hit song "9 to 5" played during the presentations.

The winner of that contest turned out to be 8-year-old Declan Clements, who received a gift basket after rocking her blonde curls and a coat of many colors.

"Best overall" went to

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Declan Clements, 8, took home the award for "Farragut's best Dolly Parton" at Shop Farragut's Harvest Fest Sunday, Oct. 25, at Village Green Shopping Center.

Seniors to take center stage in Morning Pointe talent show



Photo submitted

The Sapphires, an acapella quartet, won second place in last year's Seniors Got Talent division for ages 70 and older.

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Morning Pointe seniors in 12 acts will take center stage when the 8th Annual Morning Pointe Seniors Got Talent Knoxville finals returns 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 10, at the Bijou Theater, 803 S. Gay St., downtown Knoxville.

Tickets are on sale now for the evening of live entertainment of music, comedy and more by older adults.

"Talent takes many forms, and Knoxville audiences will see that firsthand when Morning Pointe Seniors Got Talent returns to the stage this November," Morning Pointe Senior Living public relations specialist April Espinoza said.

This year's 12 finalists are: Lillie Madison, 84, singer; Rickey Starr, 67, singer;

Jim Braddock, 74, harmonica player;

Susan "Susie" Orengo, 63; singer; Mark Walker, 62, dancer; Mount LeConte Jug Band, ages 70 to 78 —David Howard, Jim Randle, John Nabors and Chris Hill; Robert "Robb" Zeiser, 61, comedy and juggling;

Karrie Johnson, 75, singer; Kory Lawrence, 69, singer;

Jasmine Quartet, 63 to 72 — Sandy Wells, Susan Brooks, Melinda Bruer, Diane McGrath; Andy Miller, 61, singer; and Diva Ressler, 77, singer.

Tickets are available at https://knoxbijou.org/bijou-events/6th-annual-morning-

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The 2026 Farragut High School Homecoming Court. From left: freshman Catherine Craft, junior Heidi Remensperger, senior Sydney Derr, senior Lyzah McClunie, senior Lydia Finnegan, senior Layla Baker and sophomore Sarah Shoup.

FHS Homecoming Court

Farragut High School held its annual Homecoming festivities Friday, Sept. 18, at halftime of the football game between Farragut and Maryville.



Right: 2025 FHS Homecoming Queen Maggie Doyle, left, hugs the newest Homecoming Queen, Lydia Finnegan, during Farragut's halftime ceremony.

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Seniors

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For more information about Seniors got Talent visit https:// morningpointefoundation.com/events/seniors-got-talent/

Presented by Morning Pointe Foundation with Morning Pointe Senior Living, "the evening will feature an entertaining mix of singing, harmonica, dance, comedy juggling and group performances, bringing together local talent for a live competition that celebrates the creativity and abilities of older adults," she said.

Espinoza added the event is more than a competition.

"It is an opportunity for older adults to share their talents with the community, pursue their passions and experience the excitement of performing in front of a live audience," she said.

For the audience, it is a chance to "discover performers with a range of skills and personalities while supporting a mission that helps prepare the next generation of healthcare professionals," Espinoza said.

Harvest Fest

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3-year-old Millie Barry, who earned the win with some mean dance moves in her tiny astronaut suit.

In the other categories, 6-year-old goldendoodle Lily won the contest for "best pet" in her witch getup. The sibling trio of Teddy, Emmett and Alfie won "best under five" for their joint effort as "The Little Rascals," and the Johnson family won "best group" for their Star Wars outfits.

Overall, one person summarized the event with four words, "This was so fun!"

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• Buddy's bar-b-q is partnering with Alzheimer's Tennessee to launch a special fundraising initiative. The 2026 Buddy's Coupon Books are available at all Buddy's bar-b-q locations. Each book costs just $1 and provides $15 in savings on Buddy's menu items. All proceeds benefit Alzheimer's Tennessee. The coupon books also include helpful resources and tips about Alzheimer's and brain health. Coupon books will be on sale through November, and coupons are valid through March 15, 2027. For more information, visit www.alztennessee.org/buddys.

• Food City is preparing to kickoff its 9th Annual Friends & Pets in Need Holiday Food Drive. Now through Thursday, Dec. 31, specially marked bags containing non-perishable food items, as well as bags containing pet food products, will be available for purchase for only $15 (plus tax) at all area Food City locations. Customers wishing to purchase the bags may deposit them in the collection bins located at the front of the store. 100 percent of the products collected will benefit local hunger relief organizations and animal shelters throughout the region.

• Food City's annual Race Against Hunger campaign will run from now through Monday, Nov. 30. Food City customers are invited to make a $1, $3 or $5 contribution as they checkout or round up their order total to the next dollar amount. Customers shopping online will also have the opportunity to make an online contribution. 100 percent of the proceeds raised will benefit local hunger relief organizations. Approximately four meals are provided for every dollar donated.

• The 19th Annual Dogwood Arts Chalk Walk will be held on April 10, 2027, and artist registration is open now. Each spring Downtown Knoxville transforms into a vibrant, open-air art gallery as more than 300 artists take to the pavement to bring their creativity to life. Chalk Walk spots fill up fast. Visit https://www.dogwoodarts.com/chalkwalk for more information and to register.

• The Maryville College Music Department will welcome choirs from across East Tennessee for its Invitational Choir Festival set for Saturday, Nov. 7, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Six area ensembles will perform at the Clayton Center for the Arts, accompanied by MC Concert Choir and the smaller ensembles Lads, Lassies and Off Kilter. Tickets are $12.50 and available for purchase at the Clayton Center box office or online at claytonartscenter.com.

• On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Remote Area Medical will host its second annual live telethon on its social media channels. Join RAM and guest hosts Abbie Ham and Mike Witcher from 2 to 10 p.m. to see exclusive content, learn more about RAM's mission, hear from patients and volunteers and donate to help support RAM. Prize drawings will be held each hour of the telethon. For more information on how to watch, donate or volunteer, visit https://www.ramusa.org/answer-the-call-2026/ or call 865-579-1530.

• The familiar sound of Salvation Army bells will soon return to East Tennessee as the organization's annual Red Kettle Campaign gets underway. The official kickoff celebration will take place Friday, Nov. 13, at the Knoxville Ice Bears game, marking the start of the holiday fundraising season. The Salvation Army is calling on community members to volunteer as bell ringers throughout the campaign. As more kettle locations open in the coming weeks, the need for volunteers will increase significantly. Volunteers can find available locations and sign up for shifts at SalvationArmyVolunteer.org.

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History Hour

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the British and made a fortune during the war.

Then, they made the move to Boss Tweed's mansion at 511 Fifth Ave., New York. There "he was a successful banker and invested in rebuilding the railroads," Brewster related.

While in New York, Wilson and Clemmie became part of the inner social circle of the "400," as they were friends of Caroline Schemerhorn Astor.

The title of "marrying Wilsons" came about because Clemmie was adept at marrying the Wilson children to New York and Rhode Island elite. Their oldest son, Orme, married Caroline "Carrie" Astor; Belle was married off to Sir Michael Herbert; Mary Rita married Ogden Goelet; Grace married Cornelius Vanderbilt III; and Richard Jr. married Marion Mason, who was not the gilded age elite, according to Brewster.

Herbert was the younger brother of the 13th Earl of Pembroke. Brewster said she was called a "dollar princess" because while the American rich families wanted titles, the European aristocrats wanted the money they could obtain from American's rich families.

Brewster said the marriage of Grace Wilson and Cornelius Vanderbilt III was scandalous at the time, as they were married in the Wilson's residence.

"Only members of the bride's family was present," the newspaper account of the wedding stated. "Probably no other wedding in years has so aroused the interest and sympathy of New Yorkers. From the time the engagement was announced, a few months ago, up to the present, the Vanderbilt family has made it known its uncompromising disapproval of the match.

"The fact that the bride is a few years older than the bridegroom has been the main obstacle to their union," the article stated.

So, Brewster said the marriages linked the Wilsons to the Astors, Herberts, Goelets, Vanderbilts and Masons.



Tammy Cheek

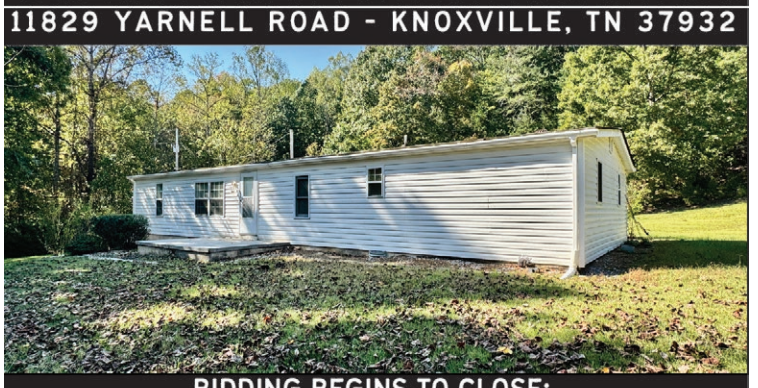
Retired librarian, historian and genealogist Kate Brewster, left, was introduced by Farragut historical resources coordinator Kristi Vining as the speaker during the Town's History Hour Wednesday, Oct. 21, in Farragut Town Hall.

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Warriors secure Stetson and region

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Christian Academy of Knoxville quarterback Seaton Moffett (16) has helped the Warriors reach a 9-1 mark and a region title in the 2026 regular season. CAK also won the annual "How the West was Won" contest for its regular-season finish and point differential. The CAK offensive line has paved the way for an impressive regular season for the Warriors in their 2026 campaign.

With the regular season in the rearview mirror, high school football programs across the state of Tennessee are looking toward the postseason.

But before a fresh slate rolls around, the final regular-season weekend brought plenty of drama, too.

Christian Academy of Knoxville outlasted Lakeway Christian Academy 28-21 in overtime last Friday, Oct. 30, as Seaton Moffett hit Sawyer Anderson for the game-winner. The victory gave CAK a region title and the 1-seed in the Division II-AA East playoffs, but it also put the final mark on their victory in the 2026 "How the West was Won" competition.

The contest has been an annual occurrence for more than two decades, as the seven teams within the farragutpress coverage area — Farragut, Bearden, Hardin Valley, Christian Academy of Knoxville, Knoxville Catholic, Webb School of Knoxville and Concord Christian School — compete for the regular-season title.

The Warriors finished second to Concord Christian in last year's contest, as the point differential put CCS over the hump. This time, with a 9-1 regular-season record and a point differential of 213, Chad Speck's squad left no doubt in a contest sponsored by PureMagic Car Wash.

En route to the win last week, Moffett led CAK with 17 passes on 24 attempts for 219 passing yards and two touchdowns, adding 21 more on the ground. Isaac Kannah totaled 108 yards with 96 on the ground and two more scores while Hunter Bennett reeled in seven catches for 111 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, Bennett Jelks racked up plenty of stats with 18 total tackles, a pass breakup and an interception. Notably, Jelks was a part of all four of the Warriors' tackles in overtime.

"It was an extremely special regular season for us," Speck said. "Obviously we hope to make a run in the playoffs, but this was my first freshman class — these seniors. They've been in this program and culture for four years, and those guys really owned it and led it."

Speck made sure to emphasize his team's Christ-centered approach and how it has fueled this season.

"Everything we've tried to teach the boys is we play to a standard not a scoreboard, and for us, love is that standard," he said. "We want them to be the men God has called them to be, wanting to make a name for Jesus and not for ourselves. I've felt from day one that the Lord has said, 'I want to do impossible things through the CAK athletic program, but it has to be me and what I'm about.' So all glory goes to God."

At Hardin Valley, the Hawks cemented their first playoff appearance since 2018 with a dominant 58-22 win over Ooltewah. HVA got some help from Maryville, which held off Oak Ridge 48-17, but did plenty on its own to make program history, too.

Eight different Hawks found the end zone against the Owls, putting together one of the most versatile performances in Tyler Wynn's tenure as head coach.

Levi Amey led the team with nine carries for 104 yards and a TD, while Cruz Azambuja and Beau Wise led the defense with five tackles apiece.

At Concord Christian, the Lions took down Chattanooga Grace 56-7, taking two fumbles for touchdowns by Sean Bean and Todd Lundy. Offensively, Dylan Brown went 6-for-7 for 171 yards and three touchdowns. On the receiving end were Dasani Moulden, who caught three passes for 80 yards and a score; Dereon Bonner, who had one catch for a 52-yard touchdown; and Amare McKenzie, who reeled in two catches for 14 yards and a touchdown.

Webb finished off its first regular-season under George Quarles with a 35-20 loss at Boyd Buchanan, and for Catholic, the Irish fell to Baylor 21-7 in the Covenant Health Classic to mark their final outing for 2026.

Tennessee commitment David Gabriel Georges punched in all three TDs for the visitors, but Braylen Gibbs made a fantastic diving catch of his own to set up the Irish's lone touchdown. Following a penalty and a timeout, Mack Bartholomew powered over the pylon for his final score in green and gold.

In other area results, Farragut lost 45-8 against Cleveland in its season finale with the lone points coming from Kaden Renfro and Elijah Sadler, and Bearden lost 35-21 against Bradley Central. Major Dean hauled in the first two touchdown catches of the night, and Kannon Sipe added the third to mark the Dawgs' final score of the season.



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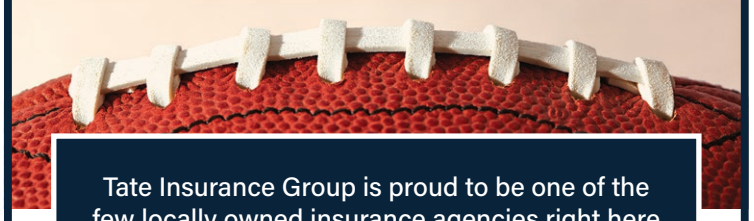


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Vols to welcome Cats for 'Dark Mode'

On Saturday, Nov. 7, No. 16 Tennessee (6-2) will welcome eighth-ranked Kentucky to Neyland Stadium for a top-20 matchup in Knoxville.

The Vols won last year's meeting 56-34 in Lexington and hold an 86-26 advantage in the win-loss margin of this rivalry. At home, UT boasts a 45-11-6 mark against the Wildcats, and they hold a five-game win streak in the series with an 8-2 mark in the last 10 meetings.

But this year's matchup could be a bit more interesting than years' past, as Kentucky looks far different than the typical Wildcat teams that come to Knoxville. The Cats beat Vanderbilt 34-17 two weeks ago and carry a 7-1 record into this contest. Under new head coach Will Stein, UK knocked off South Carolina and LSU in back-to-back weeks with each win coming on a two-point conversion in overtime.

Offensively, they rank one spot higher than Tennessee at seventh in the SEC with 33 touchdowns and 263 points so far this season, as Nashville native and Pitt transfer Kenny Minchey has brought plenty of mobility to the Kentucky backfield.

As for Josh Heupel's Vols, they will be looking to rebound from their loss to South Carolina. Coming off a bye week, UT will defend its home turf on Homecoming in new black Adidas threads.

"Excited," Heupel said in his weekly press conference Monday, Nov. 2. "November is the best part of the year, playing meaningful football. First SEC night game for us with Dark Mode and Homecoming, playing a really good football team that's playing extremely well. Their ability to finish games in different ways, turnover margin is elite. It will be a great test, and we are looking forward to it."

Given Kentucky's recent finishes, Heupel addressed the Wildcats' surge and why they have been successful.

"They finish extremely well, and it comes down to doing ordinary things at a high level," he said. "Not hurting yourself with penalties, doing your job, 11 guys operating as one. Defensively, we have to control the line of scrimmage and get them off the field.

There's a lot of eye candy with their motions and shifts on offense, and Coach Stein and their staff have done a really good job.

"The major thing is they are playing smart football in all three phases, a quarterback that doesn't turn it over and they are a complete football team: offense, defense, special teams."

Once again, Heupel declined to name a starting quarterback in his Monday presser, though Brentwood native George MacIntyre has taken the snaps in each of the last three games.

Moreover, with playoff rankings beginning to emerge, Heupel noted the importance of staying focused on the task at hand.

"There's always a ton of noise outside your building, a lot of things you can get caught up in — things that don't matter, rankings and things like that," he said. "We've got one opponent this week, and it's Kentucky. It's the biggest game of the year because that's who we play. We need to stay focused on what matters and go play good football."

~ *Jake Nichols*

Clabo name carries legacy at FHS

This weekend, Tennessee will face the Kentucky Wildcats as "Dark Mode" returns to Neyland Stadium.

As kickoff nears, we are taking a look at a unique Farragut-Tennessee connection this week.

In his playing days, the late Neil Clabo excelled for the Farragut Admirals before continuing his career at The University of Tennessee and in the NFL.

A 1970 graduate of FHS, Clabo became the top recruit in the state his senior year, according to his obituary. He was a Parade and Sunkist All-American, being named All-Southern and All-State, too. Clabo also excelled in basketball, becoming a top-five prospect on the hardwood with All-State and All-East Tennessee honors. He even earned All-County awards for baseball, but his football and basketball jerseys are retired at FHS, where he still holds several records.

As a Vol, Clabo started as a running back during his freshman year. But he switched to punting after an injury.

Ultimately, that switch led him to a career as an All-SEC punter, where he honed a craft that pushed him onward to the professional football ranks with the Minnesota Vikings.

As a newcomer in Minnesota, Clabo was named the Vikings' Rookie of the Year and made the All-Pro rookie team. The pinnacle of his career was playing in Super Bowl XI, fulfilling a career that saw 225 punts and 8,977 punt yards through his professional career. After retiring from the NFL, Clabo returned to Farragut and worked there until his retirement.

In 2013, Clabo was inducted into the Farragut High School Sports and Greater Knoxville Halls of Fame.

And well after his death in 2024, Clabo is remembered fondly by anyone who encountered him.

"He was probably the best male athlete that ever went through Farragut High School," Farragut athletic director Donald Dodgen said of Clabo. "He was a very good guy, would do anything for you. He worked here for 30 years as an in-school suspension person, working a lot of ballgames for us, and just did a lot of things for us. A really good guy."

~ *Jake Nichols*

LineUp — University of Kentucky

0*	Martels Carter Jr.	RB	33*	Sam Brown III	DB
0*	Bo Barnes	ILB	33*	Rico Crowder	WR
1*	CJ Baxter Jr.	RB	34	Isaiah Jackson	RB
1*	Andre Clarke Jr.	DB	35	Matthew Obermeier	K
2*	Jovantae Barnes	RB	36	Andrew Weber	DB
2*	Sam Greene	OLB	37	Spencer Leadbetter	WR
3*	Aaron Gates	DB	38	Tyler Wright	DB
3*	Kenny Minchey	QB	39	Saxton Howard	WR
4*	Antwan Smith	ILB	40	Cole Marszalek	LS
4*	Nic Anderson	WR	44	Justin Kattus	TE
5*	Jordan Castell	DB	47	Spencer Radnoti	LS
5*	Ja'Kayden Ferguson	WR	48	Thomas O'Hara	P
6*	Shane Carr	WR	50	Max Anderson	OL
6*	Ahmad Breaux	DT	52	Cameron Miller Jr.	OL
7*	Jamarrion Harkless	DL	53*	Ben Reeves	OLB
7*	DJ Miller	WR	53*	Lance Heard	OL
8*	Lorenzo Cowan	OLB	55*	Aba Selm	OL
8*	Mikkel Skinner	TE	57	Jordan Knox	OL
9*	Alex Afari Jr.	LB	59	Jack Wheeler	LS
9*	Matthew Ponatoski	QB	60	Mason Howard	OL
10*	Dyllon Williams	DB	61	Jason Ekperuoh	OL
10*	Callum Wither	QB	62	Ben Myers	OL
11*	Braxton Urquhart	DB	64	Ryan Meeker	OL
11*	Lincoln Watkins	TE	66	Tino Merlo	OL
12*	Brock Coffman	WR	67	Mark Robinson III	OL
12*	Hasaan Sykes	DB	68	Alexander DiMartino	OL
13*	Cyrus Reyes	DB	69	Hank Timon	OL
13*	Denairius Gray	WR	70	Rob Fogler	OL
14*	Ty Bryant	DB	71	Malachi Wood	OL
14*	Brennen Ward	QB	72	Coleton Price	OL
15*	Carson Cruver	QB	73	Olaus Alinen	OL
15*	CJ Works	OLB	74	Jermiel Atkins Jr.	OL
16*	Jesse Anderson III	DB	75	Hayes Johnson	OL
16*	JacQai Long	QB	77	Tegra Tshabola	OL
17*	Justyn Hartley	ILB	78	Cameron Jones	OL
17*	William Drakeford Jr.	QB	79	Jay Clark	OL
18*	Mark Manfred III	DB	80	Ashton Cozart	WR
18*	Xavier Daisy	WR	81	Willie Rodriguez	TE
19*	Kevis Thomas	DB	82	Nelson Tambling	TE
19*	Kenny Darby	WR	83	Prince Jean	WR
20	Terhyon Nichols	DB	84	Davis McCray	WR
21*	Nasir Addison	DB	85	Elijah Brown	TE
21*	Tovani Mizell	RB	87	Henry Boyer	TE
22*	Deuce Alston II	RB	88	Adam Zouagui	K
22*	Grant Godfrey	ILB	89	Cash Harney	WR
23	Brian Robinson	DL	90	Mi'Quise Humphrey-Grace	DL
24	Jaden Smith	DB	91*	Jacob Kauwe	K
25	Tavion Wallace	ILB	91*	Jaden Williams	DL
26*	Jason Patterson	RB	92	Ben Duncum	DE
26*	Andrew Purcell	DB	93*	Wilson Berry	P
27	Isaiah McMillian	DB	93*	Kalen Edwards	DL
28	Demarcus Gardner	DB	94	Tavion Gadson	DL
28	Ahmir Smith	RB	96	Dominic Wiseman	DT
29	Jordan Colbert	RB	97*	Tyler Thomas	DE
30	Grant Grayton	DB			
31	Quintavion Norman	ILB			
32	Devin Smith	ILB			

An asterisk (*) designates duplicate jersey numbers shared across offense, defense, or special teams.

LineUp — University of Tennessee

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