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BIG EARS 2027 LINEUP ANNOUNCED

Jeff Tweedy, Thundercat, Norah Jones and lots, lots more

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Big Ears Festival will return April 1-4 to downtown Knoxville with one of its most ambitious lineups ever, continuing to push boundaries without losing sight of founder Ashley Capps’ original vision: creating space in a noisy world to stop and listen together. ● The 2027 lineup, announced Sept. 14, pairs some of the world’s most acclaimed singer-songwriters, from Jeff Tweedy to Natalie Merchant, with other pioneers including Kronos Quartet, Oneohtrix Point Never, Robert Glasper and Thundercat. ● They’ll share stages in downtown churches, clubs, theaters and repurposed industrial buildings with other notable acts, including comedian Hannibal Buress, My Morning Jacket frontman Jim James and Australian indie rocker Courtney Barnett. Other highlights include Bob James, Mavis Staples, Melvins, Rosanne Cash, Sylvan Esso, Wednesday and Weyes Blood.

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TOP: Nick Sanborn performs with GRRL x Made of Oak during Big Ears Festival at The Standard on March 27. Sanborn’s return with Sylvan Esso is one of many reasons fans are celebrating the 2027 lineup. ANGELINA ALCANTAR/NEWS SENTINEL

Gas plant plan gets boost from EPA change

Rollback sets up conflict with judge’s earlier ruling

Mariah Franklin
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The Trump administration and a federal judge have sent the Tennessee Valley Authority mixed signals in recent weeks about the utility’s plans to generate power from fossil fuels.

The Environmental Protection Agency on Sept. 14 rolled back caps on greenhouse gas emissions from fossil-fired power plants like those TVA operates at the Kingston plant in Roane County, the Cumberland plant in Stewart County and other sites across its seven-state service region.

The rollback came two weeks after a federal judge ruled TVA – which recently put natural gas at the forefront of its future energy plans – broke the law in approving a planned 1,500-mega-watt natural gas plant at the Kingston facility.

The EPA announcement reflects a broader effort by the Trump administration to scale back climate regulations that officials argue have limited energy production. EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin, according to reporting by Reuters, said reducing those regulations will help meet growing electricity demand and speed development of new energy projects.

“Americans have been demanding more common sense at federal agencies under President Trump’s leadership,” Zeldin said at a news conference. “That means cutting red tape so we can build new power-generating infrastructure.”

Federal judge finds ‘fundamental’ errors in TVA natural gas plan

The EPA news followed a sealed order signed Aug. 31 by Senior U.S. District Judge Curtis L. Collier that found “fundamental” errors in TVA’s decision

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WHAT’S THAT?

Site near Concord Park is readied for development

Sophia Tiedge
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Eight acres have been cleared near

Concord Park on the edge of Farragut and could become a massive mixed-use development.

The land is for sale at just over \$4 million, an online listing shows. Conceptual site plans from Oliver Realty show a mixed-use development with ground-level retail, up to 132 residential units and 192 parking spots, which is permitted under the land’s

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Wooded land has been cleared on Concord Road near Northshore Drive in Farragut.
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