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Rick Lewis, a neighbor of Carole Turk, whose home was destroyed by fire Friday, Feb. 12, tried in vain to find Turk's glasses and cell phone following the fire.

## First Ingles tenant

### P3 Martial Arts to move

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P3 Martial Arts will be the first tenant in the newly renovated "old" Ingles shopping center building.

Currently located in Village Green shopping center — where it has been for five years — P3 will be relocating to 11805 Kingston Pike "some time in the not-too-distant future" according to owner Scott Bailey, who said the business simply outgrew its space.

"We began in 3,200-square feet in Village Green, then leased another 1,700 square feet," he said. "We outgrew that and are now leasing almost 10,000 square feet in the Ingles shopping center."

The "old" Ingles center, which housed a handful of businesses after Ingles built its new store a few hundred feet to the west and opened in 2008, had fallen into

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# Charred, challenged

## Daughter tells the depth of her mother's loss as fire destroys home

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A Choto community resident and her dog were rescued from her burning home Friday morning, Feb. 12 — but the house was a total loss and the fire remains under investigation.

Carole Turk, who is wheelchair-bound, and her dog, Jade, were saved by Rural Metro Fire department firefighters, who arrived at the home, located at 1628 Nighbert Lane, at 4:18 a.m.

"She was at the threshold of her front door, and unable to get out, and our crew with Station 242 helped her to safety," said Jeff Devlin, Rural Metro Fire assistant chief of operations.

"That was, and is, our top priority when we get to the scene, then we concentrated on fighting the fire," he added.

Turk was cared for by neighbors Rick and Ruth Lewis, then later transported to Parkwest Medical Center, where she was

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## After 31 for Town, Brewer says 'bye'

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Long-time Town employee Scott Brewer bid Farragut goodbye Friday, Feb. 12, following 31 years of service: 18 in Public Works, culminated as a foreman, before his final 13 years as an engineer tech.

"It was just time," said Brewer, who is leaving to work as a superintendent with Southern Site Inc., the grading company most recently working in Farragut on McFee Park and Ivey Farms. "There just comes a time in a man's life when you know it's time to move on."

His service was celebrated with a reception Feb. 12 in

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## Going back-to-back



Alan Sloan

## A repeat PureMagic-HWWW performance by Warriors

Celebrating a repeat as PureMagic How the West Was Won champions among six Farragut-area high schools who annually compete for best regular season high school football record, Christian Academy of Knoxville players hold the Stetson Hat trophy and \$1,000 enlarged check — \$500 each from sponsor PureMagic Carwash, represented by Sales & Marketing manager Christopher Peters (light green shirt, right) and contest presenter farragutpress, represented by publisher Tony Cox (sportcoat beside Peters). Led by head coach Travis Mozingo (plaid shirt, left), the program hosted this ceremony in the school lobby Friday morning, Feb. 12.

### business

"I thought of it during the wedding for our wedding guests, but we had so few people that I didn't get a chance to actually give it to them,"

- Dylan Ogle, whose idea to start a business was inspired by his wedding. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

### community

"One day I saw a story on the news. I thought that this was a great idea, but I realized something was missing,"

- Tyler Perry, a Boy Scout with a special Eagle Scout project. (Read story beginning on page 1C)

### sports

"He's an awesome kid, works hard. I'm super happy for him. ... Very deserving. We look forward to more stuff in the future,"

- Marc Giles, a coach with a blossoming young athlete earning a big honor. (Read story beginning on page 1B)



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## correction

### Getting it right for Rob, family

In an Feb. 11 front page story about the life of the late Rob Goebel, which looked back at his accomplishments and passed along high praise from friends and work colleagues, we inadvertently misspelled his first name in two references.

We regret the errors. Here are those corrected references: "Rob was a good guy with high standards for restaurant operations and food quality," said Rick Eldridge, human resources director for Copper Cellar, parent company for Calhoun's restaurants.

According to friends' comments on Mr. Goebel's online obituary: "Rob was an individ-



Rob, 1989, FHS

### Tenant

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disrepair until about two years ago, when its parent company began renovations spurred by Town officials.

An outside commercial real estate firm was contracted to rent the renovated space, but never got any traction until Town Mayor Ron Williams was able to contact one of the Ingles vice presidents, who finally got the ball rolling in 2020.

"We are sure looking forward to that business moving in," Williams said. "I really think it will pique the interest of other businesses, especially as (COVID-19) vaccines are becoming more readily available."



Photos courtesy of Knox County Parks & Recreation

## Barriers at Concord Park

Due to ongoing vandalism of the grounds (cars and trucks "doing donuts"), Knox County Parks & Recreation employees put up posts and cables earlier this month at the entrance to Concord Park, near the Dog Park. "Another expense because some folks don't know how to behave," Mike Donila, Knox County Communications director, said. The crew took five days to complete the barrier at a cost of \$1,100 to the department, Donila said. "Roughly every other week, the Concord staff had to go down to the area and fix 6-inch ruts where people would do donuts," he added. "That's the centerpiece to the entrance to the marina, and it just looked bad. ... We are asking people to keep an eye out, and if they see anything to call the Knox County Sheriff's Office (865-215-2243) or the Knox County Parks & Recreation Department (865-215-6600)."

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## KCSO reports

• At 10:42 a.m., Monday, Feb. 15, a Knox County Sheriff's Office unit responded to a Sonja Drive residence due to a threatened suicide. Officer spoke with the victim, who advised he had a history of substance abuse, and said his wife left him and took their children. Victim advised he no longer wanted to live and was thinking about taking his own life. AMR arrived and transported victim to Tennova Turkey Creek Medical Center.

• At 9:18 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 14, an officer responded to a Highwick Circle residence on reports of a domestic issue. Officer came into contact with victim/complainant, who said her ex-boyfriend/suspect had attempted to contact her, through a third party, trying to convince her not to press charges. A records check revealed suspect was under bond release conditions and had an Order of Protection to say clear of the victim. A domestic blue card was given and explained on scene.

Officers made contact with the suspect/arrestee at a Northshore Hills Boulevard address. He said he was talking to a mutual friend about the incident and recalled saying, "It would be nice if (victim/complainant) would drop the charges against him." The mutual friend then contacted the victim, putting suspect in violation of his bond release conditions and the Order of Protection. Suspect/arrestee was taken into custody without incident.

• At 11:11 a.m., Feb. 14, officers responded to a Willingham Drive residence for an unresponsive male and a domestic matter. Officers spoke with female victim/complainant, who said male victim/suspect was laying on the floor in the living room asleep and unresponsive. AMR was advised they were clear to enter the residence. Victim/suspect said they had a verbal argument earlier in the day and she threw some food out the backdoor, and as victim/suspect was going to get that food, victim complainant advised she told him he wouldn't be eating it in the house and briefly locked him out.

She said when victim/suspect was allowed back inside he went to the couch and fell asleep. She said victim/suspect had been acting unusually since Friday, Feb. 12, and had been sleeping more than normal — but he wouldn't go upstairs to bed. After several hours she attempted to wake him, but he was unresponsive at that time. Victim/complainant said she thought he was acting, and attempted to get him up and help him upstairs to the

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Town Hall, complete with a red velvet cake and a chance to say goodbye to his co-workers. Brittany Spencer, Town Special Events & Program coordinator, came bearing a homemade pineapple upside-down cake she had baked for Brewer. "It's his favorite," she added while wiping away tears. "We're one family here, and I just don't like it when people leave. I'm going to miss him." Brewer was touched by the gesture alongside his toddler granddaughter, Ophelia (nicknamed Opie), and wife, Ellyn. The couple currently reside in Karns, where they are rais-

ing Opie, but previously lived in Farragut, where they raised their three sons. Brewer, a Maynardville native, began working for Public Works director Bud McKelvey in 1990, fresh out of the U.S. Army. "I was a soldier returning home, and the position in Public Works was available," he said, noting that during those 18 years he became that department's first foreman. "My favorite memories involve the people that worked for me at the Public Works department, and those that I worked for after I came to the Engineering department," Brewer added. "The snowstorm in March of 1993 is another memory. We

worked from Friday at 8 a.m. straight through until Saturday night at 8 p.m. Came back on Sunday at 6 a.m. and went home at 6 p.m. By Monday morning, all the streets in Farragut were clear." Overall, working for the Town "has been a great experience," Brewer said. "The current and past administrations have been great, and I am only one of four who have worked for all five Town Mayors. "It's been lot of fun, I've made a lot of friends. We've had some heartbreak, too, but overall it's been a great experience," he added. "The citizens of Farragut are some of the best people in the world to work for. It's been an honor and a privilege."



Michelle Hollenhead

Scott Brewer, Town of Farragut Public Works and engineering employee for 31 years before recently deciding to move on, is pictured with his wife, Ellyn Brewer, and their granddaughter, Ophelia, or "Opie," as featured guests among those attending his going-away reception Friday, Feb. 12, in Town Hall.

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bedroom. Instead, victim/suspect fell on the floor and was snoring. When she attempted to wake him up again, she advised he punched her in the face, and she punched him back. Victim/suspect was conscious when AMR arrived, but was slow in his moments and

had slurred speech. He agreed to go to Tennova Turkey Creek Medical Center. Victim/complainant said the couple had not had any history of domestic violence during their relationship. She was given a Domestic Violence Blue Card and was advised of her domestic violence rights. Officer reported the incident "did not appear to be domestic-related."

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## letterstotheeditor

### Member of FCRGD responds to Mayor

In the Feb. 4 issue, the farragutpress ran a story titled "FCRGD-led 244 'table' demands, requests fall short."

In that story, unsubstantiated allegations from Farragut Mayor Ron Williams were quoted. Williams accused unnamed people in Farragut of harassment. Williams vaguely implied the local citizen Group Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development were at fault.

Why did the farragutpress print these unproven allegations? The story took on an ugly Op-Ed tone due to the unwarranted unproven charges by Williams.

What Williams did not say is that in the history of the town of Farragut, no single issue has had more community response than the three ordinances on the Biddle Farm in the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on Jan. 28. 244 Farragut citizens wrote e-mail comments requesting that the vote on the Biddle Farm be tabled or voted down.

There was a change.org petition with over 1,500 signatures that the Mayor and Aldermen also ignored.

Not only did Williams falsely allege harassment, he further insulted the people of Farragut by claiming that this group of people believe

they "have a monopoly on what is the correct vision for the future of the Town of Farragut."

How is it wrong for the people of Farragut to want to be heard? This is America. Not Russia.

The truth is the Mayor and Aldermen want a monopoly on what is the correct vision for the future of the Town of Farragut. That was proven when the Mayor and Aldermen completely ignored the hundreds of people who told them they did not want the Biddle Farm project as designed.

What is so hypocritical is that the Mayor requires the following rules for the people of Farragut to send e-mail comments to the Mayor and Aldermen:

6. Comments shall address issues, not individuals or personalities;

7. Comments may support or oppose issues or measures, but the motives of those with differing views shall not be questioned or attacked

8. Personal attacks and malicious comments shall not be tolerated

Williams' attacks and malicious comments to the people of Farragut are a gross double standard. The Emperor wears no clothes here. The Mayor owes the people of Farragut an apology.

Mike Mitchell, FCRGD member

### Much praise for the late Rob Goebel, Horne

I would like to make a few comments, per our community, on various topics.

First and foremost, I would like to thank the farragutpress for its coverage last week of the passing of Mr. Rob Goebel. Mr. Goebel, along with Ms. Alexis Clayton, were both murdered by a coward Jan. 24 at a local eatery where they worked. I knew Rob professionally from his previous management duties of Calhoun's at Turkey Creek. During the early 2000s to its conclusion in 2010, the Farragut Community Alliance held its board meetings, its Leadership Farragut program, and several candidate forums and open houses at Calhoun's banquet room.

Rob was an incredible supporter and sponsor of the FCA and the Farragut community. Rob was always a joy to talk to and had a great sense of humor, but most importantly was consistently looking to help others in various ways. It was no surprise to hear of his heroic actions during his last seconds of life as told to me by his sister at his visitation, as that was the honorable type of man Rob was.

Secondly, I would like to thank Mr. Doug Horne for his lifetime commitment to the Farragut community in which he is a resident, investor and volunteer. Many communities do not have a local paper serving as the historical record of the community, and the farragutpress is delivered free without subscription each week by a dedicated team supported by Mr. Horne. We are very fortunate to have a premier local paper, as proven through the numerous accolades the farragutpress has achieved through the Tennessee Press Association, etc.

Local papers are facing incredible challenges in a post Internet/social media world, and especially during the past year with COVID-19/Chinese Virus, and as such our community is very fortunate of Mr. Horne's continued investment

not only in its paper, but with economic development opportunities. Mr. Horne has incredible national experience in various business matters, and has even served as a board member for the prominent and international not-for-profit Samaritan's Purse, which many know through its "Operation Christmas Child" program.

Over the years, Mr. Horne has donated much to our community (time, expertise, artwork, land, etc.) without compensation. With all of this being said, it is very disappointing in comprehending the negative "tone" by some members of the community — towards the gracious opportunities Mr. Horne brings to his hometown — as documented, ironically, in his own paper over the past months. The community needs to be thankful for Mr. Horne on many fronts, including his continued investments and opportunities (Horne is owner of Republic Newspaper, Inc., parent company of farragutpress).

Lastly, I would like to inform the community of a current public relations initiative that is preparing the City of Knoxville and Knox County elected officials for a proposed downtown baseball stadium. This is a great opportunity for any community EXCEPT for the use of public taxpayer money, tax concessions and bonds.

It is common (and extensively documented) knowledge that public funds for professional stadiums and similar venues is a horrible risk for communities. I have witnessed this firsthand in Memphis during the 1990s and researched such public-private partnerships as part of my Master of Public Administration program of that same era. Knox County government has no business in pursuing this fiduciary risk, and if I was the Knox County Mayor I would avoid this public partnership/investment at all cost.

Bill Johns, Farragut

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• Thank you farragutpress for taking the time to print the information about this huge problem that our town leaders have concerning the proposal to build hundreds of more apartments. Having lived here most of my life, it has saddened me deeply over the years to see so many greenspaces disappear. In light of the hundreds and hundreds of signatures opposing this development, I understand that possibly the (Board of Mayor and Aldermen) may (have been holding) a class on government (in the form of columns)? Hmmm — something is not right.

• The people of the Town of Farragut have been dropped on our heads during a trust fall with our elected officials. We will never again trust the mess that the BOMA is. I will be elated to get to vote out the current Farragut Aldermen as their misdeeds and refusal to act in the will of the people and in the best interest of our children is a travesty. They should be ashamed of themselves because of their refusal to listen to their constituents. The very reason we live in this community is because of its charm and lack of dense housing developments. The proposal of around 1,000 apartments in three developments will destroy Farragut.

• Please keep calls to a 90-second maximum (call 671-8255 24 hours a day, seven days a week); Please keep e-mailed Presstalks to 250 words maximum ([editor@farragutpress.com](mailto:editor@farragutpress.com));

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• Comments remain anonymous.

### Fire loss

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treated for smoke inhalation and later released, according to her daughter, Kristy Conklin of Jefferson, Georgia. Turk has since gone to live with her daughter.

"Her neighbors were such a blessing," Conklin said.

At the time crews arrived, the home was already "80 percent engulfed" according to RMF. Their efforts were further hampered when a 2,800-foot fire hose was run over by a car, whose driver did not stop.

The hose was "busted" and likely damaged the vehicle, RMFD reported.

"Someone came around a curve and not only hit the hose, but dragged it, and that caused it to burst," Devlin said.

"We were already 2,300 feet from the hydrant, so we had to set up a relay pump, which is not something that happens super quick," he added. "Unfortunately, this delay allowed the fire to grow and damage more of the home that may not have been damaged had the supply line not been driven over and destroyed.

"Please do not drive over fire hoses in the streets. If you don't know what it is, don't drive over it."

He said the fire is under the

investigation by Knox County Sheriff's Office fire marshal.

### Coping, Go Fund Me set up

The house fire was just the latest recent blow for Turk and her family, as she lost her husband, Jim Turk, Jan. 5.

"It's just been one thing after another," her daughter said Monday, Feb. 15.

The Turks had lived in their home for 27 years, and Conklin said her mother "lost everything."

"We are so thankful she and her puppy are OK, but she only got out with the clothes on her back and is basically going to have to start over," the daughter added.

"She doesn't know what caused the fire. She said she heard a 'pop, pop, pop' then a loud 'whoosh,' which woke her up. The next thing she knew, she saw flames."

A family friend, Margaret Marsh, set up a Go Fund Me account over the weekend to help Turk move forward.

"She is going to need everything," Conklin said. "We had to go buy her new clothes over the weekend, but she will also need furniture and other items in the future because we are hoping to get her into a retirement community or an apartment."

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## Earth Fare is back

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Customers arrived at Earth Fare, 10903 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek, excited and ready to shop, and the store's associates were eager to serve.

Closed since February 2020, Earth Fare re-opened its doors for business at 8 a.m., Wednesday, Feb. 11.

"I'm absolutely thrilled," Laura Marsh of West Knoxville said while she went through the cashier's station. "I've been waiting. Anyone who is health conscious and concerned for their family, this is the place."

She added that before the store closed it was the only store where she shopped.

"This place looks out for you," Marsh said.

"It's about time," said another customer, who asked not to be identified.

"Yeah!" a different customer exclaimed as she raised her hands up walking through the doors.

"I'm so excited," Betsy Bevis, marketing director, said about the store's re-opening. "This community has been extremely vocal about wanting Earth Fare to come back."

"The local healthcare workers at Tennova (Turkey Creek Medical Center), just down the road, have been very vocal about that," added Bevis,



Tammy Cheek

Earth Fare sales associates, from left, Joshua Sinclair and Tacha Brandon, serve a customer on re-opening day, Wednesday, Feb. 10, at the store, 10903 Parkside Drive in Turkey Creek.

who had been in marketing for four years before Earth Fare closed. "This is a great place for lunch."

"Turkey Creek has been very supportive as well.

The store maintains its phi-

losophy to sell organic-only products, from produce to unbleached wheat.

"Every single thing that we do will always lead back to our

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## businessbriefs

• Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville announced J Corbitt, Terry Patton and Marilyn Varnes recently were named the top agents in the office for January. Corbitt was named the overall Top Agent of the Month while Patton and Varnes were named the Top Selling and Top Listing agents, respectively.



Corbitt

• Grant Padley recently was promoted to UScellular's retail sales manager for the East Tennessee area. Padley has been with UScellular for 13 years, and in his new role will lead the wireless carrier's team of Knox-area stores.



Padley

• BarberMcMurry Architects designers Trey McMillon, AIA, and Tayler Johnston, NCIDQ, recently earned their licensure in architecture and interior design, respectively.

Johnston joined the firm in 2020 with a Bachelor of Science degree in interior architecture from the University of Tennes-

see. She also is a WELL-accredited professional, which is a sustainable design framework for improving health and human experience.

McMillon is a licensed architect in Tennessee. He joined the firm in 2019 with a Master of Architecture degree from Virginia Tech and a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is interested in urban planning and community design.



McMillon

• Dustin Coffey, former director of operations with Master Services, recently took over as general manager in Knoxville. He has more than eight years of experience in the construction and maintenance fields, has held multiple leadership positions within Master Services and is certified in basement waterproofing, crawl space repair, concrete leveling and foundation repair.



Coffey

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## Wedding plan leads Ogle to launch Rhodes-Tec

**TAMMY CHEEK**

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Coming up with the idea for his business last October, when he started making hand sanitizers for his wedding, Dylan Ogle of Hardin Valley launched Rhodes-Tec, LLC., in December 2020.

Creating a new hand sanitizer that moisturizes and adds essential oils, "I thought of (the hand sanitizers) during the wedding for our wedding guests, but we had so few people that I didn't get a chance to actually give it to them," Ogle, 28, recalled about certain details of his marriage to Tiffany Hopkins. "I thought I would

continue (to make the hand sanitizers) and sell them ... stores need it, hospitals need it. I thought I could help the community."

After conducting a lot of research and using CDC's COVID requirements as a starting point, he put his own spin on the product.

"I really wanted the best for it," Ogle said. "I wanted to make sure it's natural, and I wanted to be sure it was locally sourced."

"I'm all about local, helping the local people," he added, noting the alcohol comes from a local chemical company and

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Tammy Cheek

## Ribbon cut of 'Inspirations' at new studio

Kimberly Delacourt (with scissors), owner of IDS Inspirations Dance & Gymnastics Knoxville, joined supporters, staff and Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members as she prepared to cut the ribbon during the Chamber-sponsored event at the studio, 10541 Kingston Pike, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

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## Ogle's new biz

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the oils come from a local essential oil maker.

"People like it," Ogle said.

As he made more product, he improved upon it.

Ogle said Rhodes-Tec's hand sanitizers are quick-drying and, while it includes 91 percent isopropyl alcohol, he uses moisturizers.

"It doesn't dry your hands out," he added.

Ogle also uses essential oils, so "you don't get that bad alcohol smell," he said. "I smell (the product) myself when I make it to make sure (the oils) overcome the smell of the alcohol. I want to make sure the customers happy."



Ogle

In coming up with a name for the business, Ogle laughed and said Rhodes-Tec "just popped into my head."

To purchase the sanitizers, visit Rhodes-Tec LLC Facebook page, which provides quotes, sizes and choices of essential oils. Customers can post on the page.

"They can get multitudes (of essential oils)," he said. Among those are lemongrass, peppermint for winter months, eucalyptus, tea tree, lavender and sweet orange. "Lavender is a popular scent," he said. "People love lavender." The bottles range from 32 (1.082 ounces) to 383 milliliters (1.284 ounces).

Meanwhile Ogle, who grew up in Hardin Valley and is a Class of 2012 Hardin Valley Academy graduate, also works for his dad, Mark Ogle, at Hardin Valley Body Shop.

While starting his business has been both stressful and fun, he said, "I just thought I would try to help because of COVID."

## Earth Fare

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food philosophy," Bevis said. "That was one of the things when we opened the doors in 1975 that we have stayed true to.

"You won't find any artificial fats, colors, sweeteners, preservatives, bleached flour — any of that — in our store," she added. "Even all of our food made in our kitchen and on our hot bar, they don't have the artificial colors, preservatives, so we keep it clean."

Although the store closed last February — after Earth Fare declared bankruptcy — Bevis said that was the same time plans for the re-opening began.

"In that process, there were two key local leaders in Asheville, who did not want to see Earth Fare close, so they started the process of gathering funds and understanding the business, and they decided to bring back Earth Fare," Bevis said.

"The plan was not for 50 stores — it was for three to start with — but we've seen a great growth and interest in those stores. Three went to eight and then this (store) is No. 19," she added.

Now owned by hotel and racquet clubs owner Dennis Huls-

ing, Bevis said he always has been in to health and fitness.

"He was an avid Earth Fare customer," she said. "He just couldn't let (Earth Fare) go, so he bought it out of bankruptcy in an auction. He got all of the property, as well as the name brand and logos.

"This store, in the bankruptcy, was almost destroyed," Bevis added. "They went through liquidation, and with that they sold off property, cases, aisles, speakers from the ceiling. So, when we knew we wanted to come back here, it was like putting together a Humpty Dumpty, putting all the pieces back together."

The crew started on the store about six months ago.

"It's amazing how this store turned out," Bevis said. "But, this store had a great following. There're a lot of local businesses who support us, as well as guests — customers — and team members.

"We had a lot of team members come back," she added.

The store's hours are from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Sunday.

"We will open one hour early on Mondays for senior and high-risk shopping," Bevis said.

For more information, call the store at 865-777-3837.

## Briefs

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Coffey replaces Josh Sulfridge, who moved to Atlanta, Georgia, to establish a new basement, waterproofing, crawl space repair, concrete leveling and foundation repair operation within the company. Jason Nelson, who has been with the company for more than six years and has 18 years of experience in residential and commercial



Nelson

construction, was named new director of operations.

• **East Tennessee Community Design Center recently was presented with an official proclamation** from the Tennessee Senate by state Sens. Becky Duncan Massey (R-District 6) and Dr. Richard M. Briggs (R-District 7) recognizing the firm and its work during the past 50 years. City of Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon also publicly recognized ETDCDC and its 50 years of service to non-profits and community groups.

• **As development engineers at Y-12 in Oak Ridge, Jason Steward and Jonathan Peak of Knoxville recently** "created a corrosion protective coating for reactor components for a high-priority White Sands Mis-

sile Range project," a Y-12 press release stated. "When a tight delivery schedule ruled out other methods, Steward and Peak took a creative look at the past" ... bringing back "a technology that had not been used at Y-12 on reactor components since the 1960s."

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## Webb rolls to district basketball boys title

CAK reaches finals thanks to huge rally

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — For the third consecutive season, the Webb School of Knoxville boys basketball team is the Division II-A East Region District 1 Tournament champion.

The top-seeded Spartans used some early stifling defense to get past Cedar Bluff area rival Christian Academy of Knoxville, the No. 3 seed, 83-55 in the title tilt Saturday night, Feb. 15, in Webb's Lee Athletic Center.

The Spartans (25-2) closed the opening frame on a 12-3 run to take an 18-7 lead by stanza's end. From there, Webb would never really lose control of the contest against the third-seeded Warriors, although CAK (18-9) would hang around and remain within striking distance for a while despite committing numerous turnovers against Webb's defensive pressure.

"I thought we had a pretty good way about us defensively, and by doing that, it allowed our offense to get going," Webb head coach Ricky Norris said. "Then we were able to get some guys in some good spots and got them some good opportunities."

"I think our pressure wore them out and really became too much for them," he added.

Lukas Walls led Webb with a game-high 22 points. Jaylon Green and David Sanger each scored 16 points. Luke Lentz chipped in with 13 and Devin Mixon finished with seven for the Spartans.

Dante Oliver, sophomore wing, led CAK to this game after the Warriors erased a 17-point deficit late in the third quarter at No. 2 seed Concord Christian School, rallying past the Lions 66-64 in the tourney semifinals Thursday, Feb. 11. *(More on this game later in the story).*

Oliver scored 18 against Webb, while Luke Carter and Denzel Jackson finished with

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Alan Sloan

Brady Curns of Hardin Valley Academy (facing camera) has the edge on James Grimes of Heritage in the Region 3-AAA Wrestling tourney 106-pound final at FHS Saturday, Feb. 13. Curns won 4-2.

## Garabrandt, Meade, Burns, Curns champs

Three other area boys, six girls also earn wrestling state berths

**ALAN SLOAN**  
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Three area wrestlers well-versed in the Division I-AAA state wrestling tournament — capturing Region 3-AAA championships last week — will be joined by a freshman region champ in their state trip to Chattanooga.

Farragut senior Zach Garabrandt (130-41 career record), who repeated as 138 region champ at FHS Saturday, Feb. 13, is joined by three-time region champ Matheson Meade of Bearden at 170 (119-21 career record), a third-place state finisher in 2019, along with Bulldogs

teammate and fellow senior Dylan Burns (104-29 career record), a two-time region runner-up who was champ at 126 Saturday.

New to region championship success is freshman Brady Curns of Hardin Valley Academy (13-2 season record), who defeated James Grimes of Heritage 4-2 in the 106-pound final Saturday.

"He's an awesome kid, works hard. I'm super happy for him," HVA head coach Marc Giles said of Curns. "... Very deserving. We look forward to more stuff in the future."

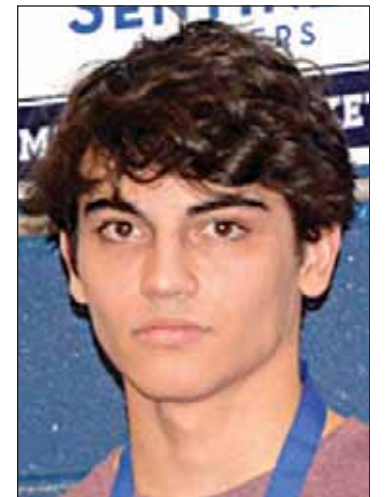
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Zach Garabrandt



Matheson Meade



Dylan Burns

## Hoops titans showdown goes to Irish; Lady Dawgs stop Ensworth streak

**KEN LAY**  
Correspondent

**KNOXVILLE** — B.J. Edwards has a knack for stepping up when his team needs him most, and he did that again earlier this week.

Edwards, a junior guard and Mr. Basketball Finalist statewide, scored 22 of his game-high 34 points after halftime to help the Knoxville Catholic High School boys basketball team nab a 61-51 non-region victory over Bearden High School in a battle of Knoxville Area hoops heavyweights Monday night, Feb. 15, at BHS.

"That's just what he does," Catholic head

coach Mike Hutchens said of Edwards, named Most Valuable Player of the 2020 Division II-AA state tourney after leading the Irish to the program's first hoops state title. "He was really feeling it tonight."

"This was a tight game against a good team and my teammates did a good job getting me the ball," Edwards said. "I needed to take over the game for us to get a win."

"I think he made winning plays," Bearden head coach Jeremy Parrott said. "But he's their best player and that's what he's supposed to do."

It was the second victory over the Bulldogs (24-3) this season for the Irish (19-3), winning 60-48 at KCHS in December.

This game featured two teams ranked second in Tennessee in their respective classifications: the Bulldogs in Division I-AAA and the Irish in Division II-AA.

Bearden clung to a 29-26 edge at half-time. It was 15-15 after one quarter.

But after the break, the Irish cranked up their defense. Catholic surrendered just six points in the third stanza.

KCHS also got 12 points from guard Blue Cain. Elijah Bredwood led the Bulldogs with 13 points. Walker Kyle added 11.

**BHS girls shock Ensworth**

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## Despite late Lakeway surge, Lady Warriors district runner-up



Alan Sloan

CAK Lady Warriors display their Division II-A East District 1 runner-up plaque Friday, Feb. 12.

**ALAN SLOAN**  
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**WHITE PINE** — While Lakeway Christian Academy star post Maggie Vick sat out much of the first half versus Christian Academy of Knoxville with two fouls, the Lady Warriors played this powerful Region II-A East Division I top seed even for two-and-a-half quarters.

But missing their own stand-out post, Caroline Meyers, to an injury, and feeling the effects of Lakeway's tighter man-to-man defense during most of the second half, the Lady Lions pulled away for a

69-50 district tourney title win at LCA Friday, Feb. 12.

"We had some girls knock down some shots," said CAK head coach Abby Williams about Lady Warriors guards Emma Carroll (14 points) and Madi Jones (team-high 15), while guard Keira Leffew (12 points) "played really well ... got to the rim."

CAK (19-10), the No. 2 tourney seed, lost both regular season games to LCA decisively.

Pulling away while led by the inside scoring of Vick (17 points) along with forward Nia Ivie, tourney and regular season district MVP (22 points), Lakeway improved to 23-5.



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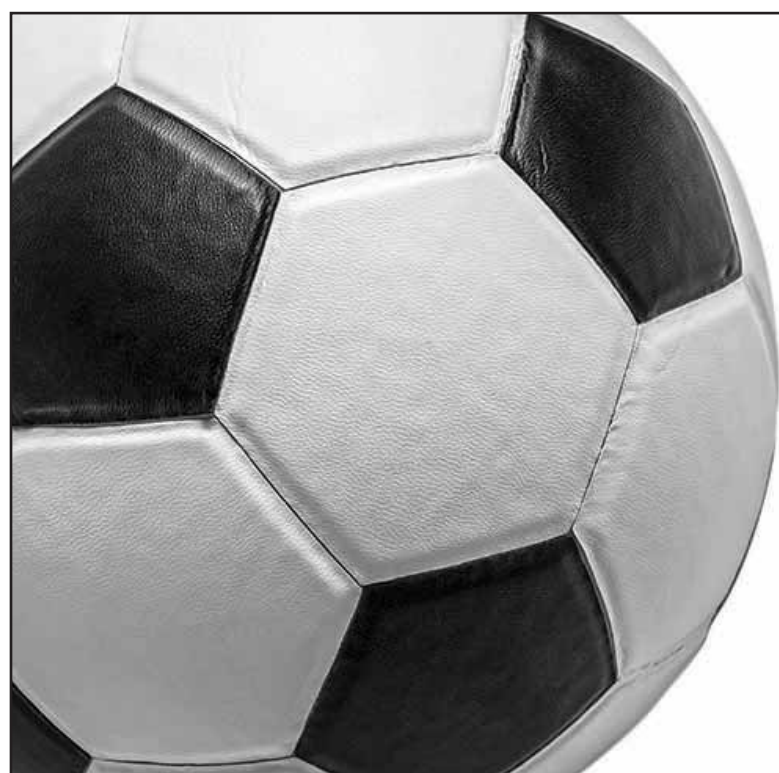


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Sarah Strider with mother, Bonnie Gray  
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# Senior Night



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Concord Christian School's Girls Basketball Senior Night honored five student/athletes participating in their final CCS season Friday, Feb. 5. Four hoops cheerleading seniors joined Hope Arnold, the lone basketball senior player. Each was escorted by a parent or parents to center-court, where they were recognized for various accomplishments and goals.



Hope Arnold with parents, Julie and Steve Arnold



Tali Beeler and parents, Sandra and John Beeler



Cheerleader Ella Denham with parents, Mike and Tracy Denham



Cheerleader Harley Dearing with her mother, Lisa



Lily Scott and parents, Terri and Brent Scott

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# National Signing Day

## FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL ADMIRALS



FHS football signees, standing from left, are Trey Nesbitt (Missouri Western State University), Camden Kuhn (Samford University, Alabama) and Eli Purcell (Wofford College, South Carolina). Sitting, from left, are Bridges Coffey (Tennessee Tech), Canaan Jackson (Missouri Western State) and Logan Foody (University of Dayton, Ohio).

**Above:** Carson Mitchell, Shelton State CC (Alabama), Baseball, with family and FHS head coach Matt Buckner (far left)



Jessie Rennick, Track & Field (Bryan College, Dayton, Rhea County), with parents

David W. Rhodes, Track & Field, High Point University (North Carolina) with father, David A. Rhodes

Bryce Burkey, Cleveland State CC, Baseball, with family and FHS head coach Matt Buckner (far right)



Cathy Hu, track & field/Cross Country, MIT, with parents

AJ Rinehart, Walters State, Golf, with family



Parker Evans, Tusculum University, Baseball, with family and FHS head coach Matt Buckner (far right)

**Photos**  
Alan Sloan

## BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS

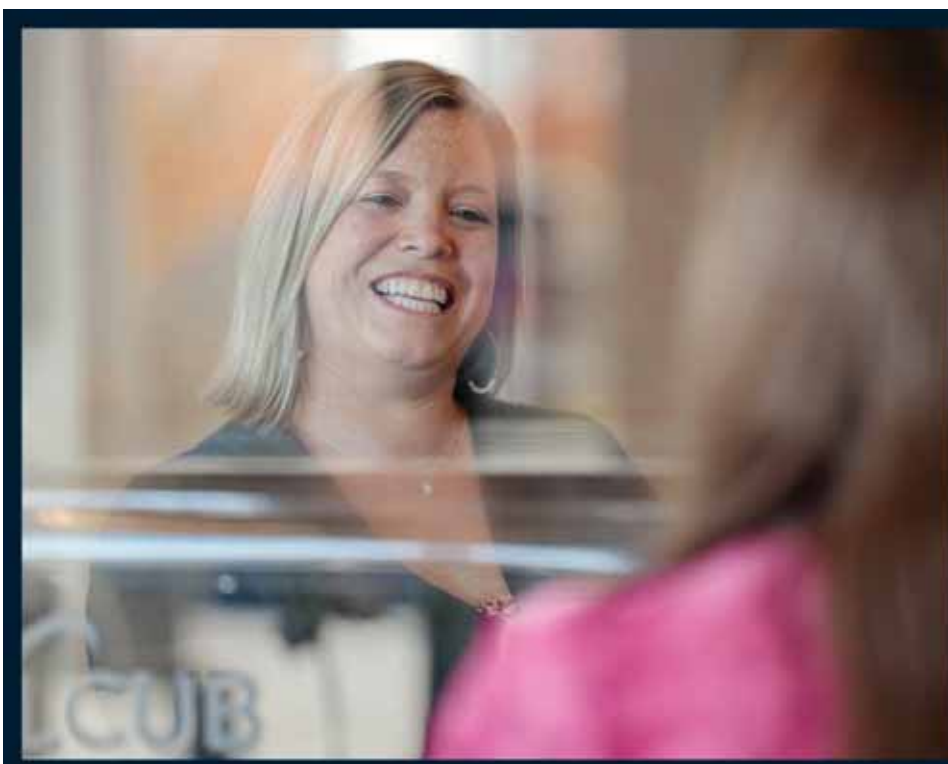


Jalen Nevels, Emory & Henry College (Virginia), Football, with family

Jay Pemberton, Emory & Henry College (Virginia), Football, and family

Ty Seritt, Emory & Henry College (Virginia), Football, and family

**Photos** Michelle Hollenhead



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# HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY HAWKS



Braxton Clarke, Midland College, football, with parents Audrey and Michel Clarke



Kate Salsbury, Carson-Newman University, Swimming, with family and coach Gardner Howland, right



Ian Salyer, Carson-Newman University, track & field with parents, Marta and Nathan Salyer



**Right:** Deshawn Carey-Parker, Tusculum University Football with family

Photos Tammy Cheek

# KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL



Emma Schaad, Tusculum University softball, with family



Kennedy Noe, University of North Georgia, golf, with family



Landon Cox, Carson, Newman University, football, with family



Luke Davenport, Middle Tennessee State University, football, with family

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# WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE



Corey Williams, University of Pikeville (Kentucky), football with parents, Christopher and Renee Williams



Ilijah Bane, Rhodes College (Memphis), football, with family



Jackson Bradley, Cornell University (Ivy League), football, with family



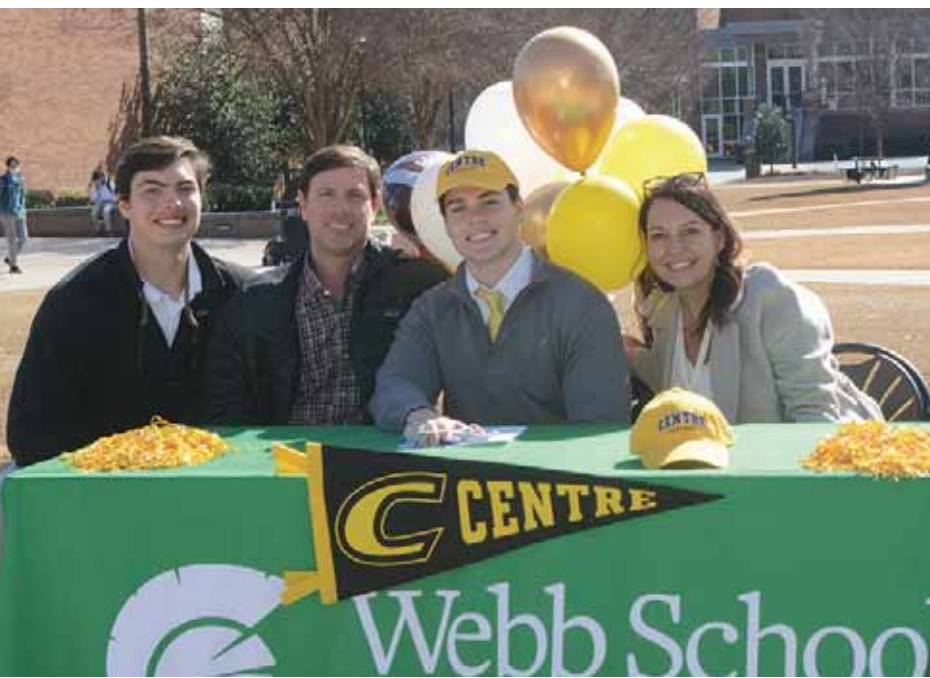
Jackson Musrock, University of Memphis, baseball, with family



Jordan Sandberg, Washington University (St. Louis), volleyball, with family




Noelle Fuchs, Duke University, women's rowing, with family



Tabb Layton, Centre College (Kentucky), football, with family



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## HVA grad steps up to help de-clutter Hardin Valley

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Hardin Valley's roadside litter problem was tackled head on last week by local business owner Jackson Sutton.

"I saw on social media where people were upset about the trash situation, and my customers have complained about it," said the Hardin Valley Academy Class of 2019 graduate who has owned and operated Sutt's Landscaping since 2018. "But I also noticed how a lot of people complaining weren't really doing anything about it.

"I did find a litter group that goes out twice a year, but I thought if we could maybe do it monthly, it

would really make a difference. Plus, we have all the equipment, and I realized a lot of people don't have great access to be able to do roadside clean-up in a larger scale, or can't do it safely."

Sutton decided to lead by example, announcing on Facebook he would lead a collection effort "to restore some areas," starting Wednesday, Feb. 10, and encouraged residents to post roads that needed the most attention.

He and co-workers Eric Branner and Zane Cantinella picked up supplies and worked for seven hours



Sutton

that day, collecting 40 bags of garbage along Solway Road, starting at the Ken-Jo Market and ending at the U.S. Cellular soccer fields.

Sutton said he picked that particular stretch of roadway "because I have a lot of customers (among the neighborhoods) back that way, and they complained a lot about the trash. I was aware of it, and was also hoping to not only make the people I work for happy and give them a reason to smile, but also thought we could make even more people happy that way.

"We were very careful to do it safely, but there were some places we just couldn't get to or were private

See **CLEAN UP** on Page 5C



Photo submitted

Farragut Boy Scout Tyler Perry, left delivers the Sensory Calming Kits to Capt. Jeff Bagwell, Rural Metro Fire public information officer.

## Boy Scout sees R-Metro need, sparks 'Toy SACKs' Eagle project

**TAMMY CHEEK**  
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Farragut Boy Scout Tyler Perry has put together an Eagle Scout project to help Rural Metro Fire and special needs youths at the same time.

Perry, a Concord-area resident and member of Troop 15, which meets at Virtue Cumberland Presbyterian Church, recently presented 20 Sensory Calming Kits, which he calls "Toy SACKs," to Rural Metro Fire to be used for children with special needs. He will sit for the Boy Scout Board of Review in March to earn his Eagle Scout award.

For Perry, the son of Dean and Tracy Perry, the project was dear to his heart.

"Most Eagle Scout projects are outdoor buildings, landscaping or cleanup," said Perry, who has been scouting since the second grade. "This wasn't really me."

Perry describes how he discovered "Toy SACKs" in the following paragraphs:

"One day, I saw a story on the news. It was about a firefighter in another city that has an autistic child who developed a helpful guide

and a small packet of 'toys' to help distract special needs kids in times of emergency and stress.

"I thought that this was a great idea, but I realized something was missing. You can't offer a child some simple toys and expect that to solve the problem. For a special needs child in the middle of a sensory meltdown, there is no reasoning.

"You can't focus on anything except the sights, sounds or smells that are bothering you. You react, sometimes violently, in some effort to stop the constant assault on your senses. In this state, no amount of crayons or toy cars will help.

"I know because I am autistic. You have to first address the sights, noises, and smells that are traumatizing you.

"There are tools that can help with that. Many special needs kids have these tools to help them, but might not be with them in a time of emergency. These items can also offer comfort to any child who needs it. Then, the toys can be added to help."

See **'TOY SACKS'** on Page 5C

## Spelling out new challenges, Girl Scout Troop leaders talk online cookie sales

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Despite COVID restrictions, Farragut residents still can support their local Girl Scouts in their cookie sales campaign.

The Girl Scouts of the Southern Appalachians are offering online ordering and delivery for its cookies to keep everyone safe during the ongoing pandemic. The cookie sales campaign, which started Jan. 1, allows customers to visit [www.iwantcookies.org](http://www.iwantcookies.org) to place an order that will be shipped immediately to their door, according to a press release from the Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachia Council.

"In years past, it was easy to find Girl Scout cookies, as our confident young girls set up and ran their cookie booths all over town," Lynne Fugate, CEO of the Girl Scouts of the Southern

Appalachians, stated in the press release. "While the pandemic has changed that tradition, it remains important that anyone who wants to support the development of these young girls and order cookies can still easily — and safely — do so."

"Each Troop gets to decide how they would like to do the cookie sales given the COVID situation," said Amy Shved, leader of Troop 21110, which meets at Farragut Christian Church. "For troops that wanted to do digital cookie orders, basically, each of the girls had an opportunity to create a profile. They have a link they can share on any social media or through e-mails with friends, family, co-workers, people like that.

"And, if an individual is wanting to sup-

See **ONLINE COOKIES** on Page 4C



Photo submitted

Jiu Bei Childress, left, and Madyn Williams, members of Girl Scout Troop 20294 in Farragut, are selling Girl Scout cookies online this year.

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Cheerleaders, from left, are freshmen Mia Holloway, Chanley Nagle and Emma Knight, and senior Marla Lowery

## #HVHawkNation

Basketball tournament time at Hardin Valley Academy brought out the “usual suspects” in the school’s gym Tuesday night, Feb. 16. Parents of players joined cheerleaders among Hawks fans ready to support the boys varsity team, as HVA hosted Lenoir City in the opening round of the District 4-AAA Tournament.

Photos by Alan Sloan



The family of Hawks junior guard Nick Liakonis are younger brother, Theo, and father, Tony Liakonis



Sophomore cheerleader Loryn Crocker, left, holds junior cheerleader Makenna Bayne



Jada Reed, 6 months, is in good care while being held by grandma, Candy Fansler, as Jada’s mom, Leslie Reed, is close by



The family of Hawks senior forward Jaylen Jones are younger brother, Jaxon, and mother, Krista Jones



The family of HVA junior post Dale Henley, from left, parents, John and Lisa Henley, and younger brother, Neal



The parents of HVA junior guard Julian McCoy are Carrie and Dorian McCoy



Shane Wells, HVA boys varsity head coach



Jennifer Galloway, HVA varsity girls head coach, left, alongside children, Reese, 9, left, and Bo, 6, with Tiffany Cantrell, Lady Hawks varsity assistant coach



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## Online cookies

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port a specific Girl Scout, it’s probably just best to contact that girl scout’s parents,” she added. “They would have the link to their particular profile so they can order directly from that girl; but if not, they can always go to the Girl Scout website and just order through that.”

Residents also can support a particular troop by entering their ZIP code into the Girl Scout Cookie Finder on the website, and the program will connect them with a local troop to place their online order.

“You also can access the Girl Scout Cookie Finder by texting ‘COOKIES’ to 59618 or down-

loading the Girl Scout Cookie Finder app,” Fugate stated. For Troop 20294, which has been meeting at Farragut’s Outdoor Classroom during COVID, their leader Samantha Williams said, “each of our girls have setup a digital cookie site.”

“We also have a troop digi-

tal site on the national cookie finder,” Williams said. “Some of our girls did door-to-door sales and some are being creative, using new cookie door hangers in their neighborhoods.”

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These patients become weak and tired, as their blood sugar continues to fall. Many of these dogs also vomit. In cases of large amounts of xylitol being ingested, collapse and seizures can occur. Some pets will also experience acute liver necrosis and liver failure; the exact mechanism for this is still poorly understood.

Knowledge of xylitol toxicity is key. If your dog accidentally eats chewing gum, check the ingredient list on the packaging. If it contains xylitol, bring the packaging and your pet to your veterinarian as soon as possible. The treatment plan and prognosis is based on the weight of your dog, how much gum was ingested and the amount of xylitol in that particular brand of gum.

Blood sugar levels will be monitored and treatment started if necessary. Severe hypoglycemia is treated with IV fluids with dextrose (sugar), and this can lower the potential for more serious complications. Blood tests to monitor for liver damage are also performed. Early treatment certainly improves the prognosis for these pets.

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- Approval of Minutes for the August 26, 2020 meeting
- Public hearing on a request for a variance to Chapter 4, Section XXII. – Pedestrian Facilities, of the Farragut Zoning Ordinance to omit approximately 125 feet of sidewalk along Admiral Road in association with the Horizon Plaza site plan for the property at 11011 Kingston Pike, east intersection of Admiral Road and Kingston Pike, Zoned C-1 and FPD, 6.08 Acres (Urban Engineering, Inc., Applicant).
- Public hearing on a request for an administrative interpretation as to whether a dog behaviorist and trainer would be considered a “professional service”, as defined in Chapter 2 of the Farragut Zoning Ordinance (Balance Paws K9 Training, Applicant).

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## FARRAGUT VISUAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD AGENDA

Tuesday, February 23, 2021 7:00 p.m.

This meeting can be viewed live on Charter channel 193 and TDS channel 3. Town meetings continue to be held virtually to adhere with the Knox County Health Department’s recommendations regarding crowd size and social distancing, and as permitted under Governor Lee’s Covid-19 pandemic related orders. A recording of the meeting can also be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofFarragutTenn>.

Meeting comments may be emailed to [comments@townoffarragut.org](mailto:comments@townoffarragut.org) and must be received by 12:00 pm on February 22nd to be included in the record of the meeting. For questions please e-mail Bart Hose at [bhose@townoffarragut.org](mailto:bhose@townoffarragut.org), Holley Marlowe at [hmarlowe@townoffarragut.org](mailto:hmarlowe@townoffarragut.org) or Mark Shipley at [mshipley@townoffarragut.org](mailto:mshipley@townoffarragut.org).

- Approval of minutes for the January 26, 2021 meeting.
- Review of individual tenant panel(s) (ground sign) for Admirals Dough-Joe located at 11665 Parkside Drive.
- Review of individual tenant panel(s) (ground sign) for Evolve Smoke Shop located at 715 N. Campbell Station Road.
- Review of individual tenant panel(s) (ground sign) for Knoxville Orthodontics located at 11213 West Point Drive.
- Review of a landscape plan for Kingston Pike Village – Phase II (Grocery & Shops), 13140 Kingston Pike.

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### 'Toy SACKs'

From page 1C

"They can calm (the young people) in an emergency, whether it be a fire or a medical event or an accident," said Capt. Jeff Bagwell, public information officer for Rural Metro Fire. "(Perry) put together one (kit) for each (fire) engine.

"He is a 100 percent fantastic young man to put this together for his Eagle Scout project," Bagwell added about Tyler.

When RMF arrives on a scene "with a child who's experiencing some kind of an event, whether it be a medical event, an accident or just locked in the car — and we've had that happen — it's hard to communicate with some of these kids, depending on their level of special needs that they may have," Bagwell said.

"To give them a stuffed animal — or you can give them

some kind of a device or a toy that can soothe them and calm them to where they can communicate better, — it always makes it better."

There are more than \$5,000 worth of tools and toys in the kits, Perry's father, Dean Perry, said.

"And, (they) even gave us extra supplies," Bagwell said. "He even created a video that we can show our people on what's in the kit and how to use it."

Despite the pandemic, "This would allow (Bagwell) to upload it onto their Rural Metro website and allow his people to be trained before distributing the kit," Dean said.



Perry

"These (Toy SACKs) are to be stored on fire trucks and other emergency vehicles to address sensory overload issues in special needs children, as well as any child who needs a little extra comfort during a time of stress," the father added.

The kits contain items such as noise-reduction headphones, dark migraine-level sunglasses, odor-reducing masks, weighted blankets, a sensory calming brush, an electronic dry erase board for non-verbal children, individually packed wet wipes, a laminated tip sheet with tips on working with special needs children and a booklet explaining the contents of the kit.

Dean said the toys included are stuffed animals, stress balls, fidget spinners, click fidgets, calming board books, coloring books, activity workbooks featuring firefighters and other officers of the community, crayons and Play-doh.

### 'Mama K No. 1 Vol' at CCS



Kienzl



Alan Sloan

Now designated as Concord Christian School athletics' "#1 Volunteer," Dawn "Mama K" Kienzl was recognized during a ceremony featuring a banner (above left) being unveiled, which now hangs above the gym floor, before the CCS Lady Lions hoops game versus Maryville Apostolic Friday, Feb. 5. "Mama K" gives a big hug to Robin Baxter (left in photo), CCS administrative assistant to the athletic director. As hoops official scorekeeper, "What sets Dawn apart from others (is) her dedication and volunteering are not limited by having a child enrolled at the school. Rather, she is motivated by a genuine desire to help and invest in the athletic programs at CCS to improve, sustain and help them function more efficiently ...," it was told during the ceremony.

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### Clean Up

From page 1C

property, and we didn't want to trespass," he added. "... It was a really great feeling when we could see how much better everything looked as we were going along."

They also got inspiration from drivers as they worked.

"We had a lot of people slow down and thank us and tell us what a good job we were doing,

or just wave. It was really encouraging to us when we were working," Sutton said.

He is hoping the effort will become a monthly endeavor and include other volunteers.

"I know of several troubled areas, like Campbell Station, from Hardin Valley into Farragut," he said, indicating that stretch is on his radar. "Several areas were mentioned on Facebook needing some trash pickup.

"We had some folks indicate they wanted to volunteer last week; but really, there wasn't time to involve others in the cleanup ...," he added. "We may end up doing our own Facebook page for the cleanup, but right now if people want to get involved they can call me or text me (865-304-3230).

"I really just want to make people smile everywhere they go in our Valley."

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## Wrestling

From page 1B

Though only the top two region finishers advance to the TSSAA Class AAA Boys Wrestling State Championship, which has been rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 26, three other area wrestlers also earned state berths: region runner-ups Connor Lyons of Farragut (126), only a freshman, and Bearden grapplers Jason Alvarez (152), a sophomore, and junior Aiden Duarte (182).

About Garabrandt, FHS head coach David Garabrandt (Zach's older brother), said, "He's been wrestling now, I believe, for 12 years. He's put in a lot of work."

"Over the last couple of years he's had a personal trainer, gone to plenty of camps," the coach added about Zach's level

of commitment.

Though qualifying for state all four years, "He has yet to place at state," David said. "I think getting in the top six would be an accomplishment there."

About Lyons, "Although he lost his finals match (5-2 to Burns), it's probably one of the better matches he's wrestled," coach Garabrandt said. "The kid he wrestled in the finals is a fantastic wrestler."

"I think (Lyons) can win a match or two at state," he added. "If he wrestles like his potential, he could get on the



Lyons

podium (top six)."

Bearden head coach Donnie Floyd said Meade and Burns "wrestled exactly how I wanted them to. ... They did exactly what they needed to do to win. ... They're peaking at the right time."

Though Meade won three matches in the 2020 region "in just 29 seconds," this year the senior's efforts featured a pin and a 6-0 title match victory.

"I thought he wrestled better this year than he did last year," Floyd said.

Bulldogs seniors Jack Hauke (160) and Carlos Osuna (220)



Alvarez

were both less than two minutes from qualifying before heart-breaking losses.

### Six girls to state

In recent regional competition at Heritage High School, four FHS girls wrestlers earned their way to Chattanooga for the TSSAA Girls state tourney Thursday, Jan. 25 (top four taken): sophomore Hailey Webb (160), senior Katherine Vail (119) and juniors Elaina Thibeault (150) and Emily Manning (215).

A first-year wrestler, Webb "wrestled the best I've seen her all year," coach Garabrandt said. "She really impressed me

— she was one of the ones who surprised me."

In her third year of wrestling, Vail "was able to put all of her training into getting to state for the first time."

Coach Garabrandt said Thibeault "broke a rib at regions" and cannot compete at state. "... But she wrestled through that injury" to finish third and qualify.

Manning "is in her second year of wrestling," he added.

HVA's one girls qualifier is freshman Ella Murphy, region champ at 190 — and unbeaten at 12-0.

"She's got a chance to win the state championship," Giles said.

Bearden's girls qualifier is Kiera Blevins (second in region at 150). Jordan Eikenberry (125) was unable to compete in region due to an injury.

## Irish-BHS teams

From page 1B

winning steaks was snapped in Nashville Saturday, Feb. 6.

The Bearden Lady Bulldogs went to Music City and topped Ensworth 47-39, snapping the two-time defending Division II-AA state champs' 60-game winning streak.

"We wanted a measuring stick," said BHS head coach Justin Underwood, whose team was 24-1 by week's end. "I thought we showed resilience and played great defense."

Jennifer Sullivan, a Bearden junior wing, scored 22 points — 17 in the second half. Senior Zneyah McLaughlin added 10. Emily Gonzalez contributed nine and Avery Treadwell six.

## Webb-CAK

From page 1B

12 points apiece.

"Our effort was there," CAK first-year head coach J.D. Johnson said, but he added the Spartans "execute so well that they are definitely difficult to

handle. They've done that to us all three times now."

### CAK 66 Concord 64

In an emotional game at CCS with a loud crowd and a mid-court altercation late that resulted in each team losing two key players, Oliver went wild.

The sophomore put the War-

rriors on his back late, scoring 22 in the fourth-quarter alone — 11-of-12 at the foul line in the final stanza — while ending with 36 total points.

To settle things, Oliver's driving 8-foot game-winning shot barely beat the final buzzer to break a 64-64 tie.

"I'm just trying to do whatever I have to do for my team to win," the sophomore said.

Luke Carter added 12 points for CAK. The Lions (18-8 after losing) had four in double figures: Noah Gilder (17), Chase Morgan (15), Jose Rodriguez (13) and Juan Rodriguez (12).

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