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\$42,500 SJN 'facial'



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St. John Neumann Catholic School student Mary Beth Hay gives SJNC Church and School pastor Joe Reed a taste of pie during a celebration held at the school Wednesday, April 26, as the culmination of a Mustang Madness fundraising campaign. Patrick Wade, SJN director of development for the school and parish, said students competed to raise the most money for the school. With a \$40,000 goal, students raised \$42,500. As a reward, they had a day of running, competitive games and throwing a pie in the face of administrators and the pastor.

HVA Galloway pair support Speas, but Henderson wait-see

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KNOXVILLE — A husband and wife tandem, both with deep ties to Hardin Valley Academy and the Hardin Valley community, spoke on behalf of bringing back Dr. Rob Speas as HVA principal during Knox County Board of Education's Public Forum time to conclude its Thursday, May 4, meeting.

The only remaining varsity sports head coach/teacher from the school's opening day in August 2008, Jennifer Galloway was joined by her husband, Keith Galloway, a former HVA varsity basketball head coach/teacher, in voicing their support to lift Speas' indefinite administrative leave, which came a few days after criticism was voiced about the handling of an intentionally set gas leak (by a since-fired custodian) at the school March 30.

However, 6th District KCBE representative Betsy Henderson stated in an e-mail to farragutpress, "While this incident is still being investigated, I support (superintendent) Dr. (Jon) Rysewyk's decision to put Dr. Speas on leave until the investigation is complete. Because we do not yet know all the facts, it is important that the administration continue the investigation uninterrupted."

"... Dr. Rysewyk sent a message to parents with an update May 1," she added. "It said, 'As we have worked through the formal review, our process has crossed over into items that are also being investigated by the Knox County Sheriff's Office. Because of the ongoing criminal investigation, we are unable to provide a detailed update at this time.'"

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Jennifer Galloway

'Walkability, Advanced Traffic Management' among Chamber Infrastructure topics

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From relieving traffic to the possibilities of "choice" lanes, Town of Farragut, state and Knox County officials shared what they are doing to help deal with the population growth in regards to area roads during a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Speaker Series on Infrastructure Impact held in Fox Den Country Club Thursday, May 4.

"I want to find out if they are going to put some (short cuts) for us to get to work," said Bin There Dump That consultant Connor Buis, who was among 130 who attended the breakfast series. "I'm on the road all day."

A panel consisting of Farragut Mayor Ron Williams; Steve Borden, Tennessee Department of Transportation Region 1 director/assistant chief engineer; Knox County Mayor Glenn Ja-

cobs; and Jim Snowden, Knox County chief engineer, fielded questions about traffic and other road concerns.

"What are the biggest trouble spots you hear about traffic in Farragut and surrounding areas?" moderator Whitney Kent, WVLT-TV account executive/host, asked Williams.

He answered the Interstate's proximity affects the Town's traffic.

"All of us locals, we just get over to the left lane (of Interstate 40/75) and, in a few minutes, we get through it. We get off at Campbell Station and Watt Road," Williams said.



Williams

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In-school ABA autism therapy support at KCBE; May 19 is key

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Final of a two-part series

KNOXVILLE — With three Knox County Board of Education representatives voicing support and none directly expressing opposition to inviting Applied Behavior Analysts

into Knox County Schools to offer what advocates say is vital classroom assistance to students with autism, an important meeting is set to examine the issue Friday, May 19.

Though not currently allowed by Knox County Schools,

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Support voiced for FBA survival; Krempasky praised

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Four Farragut business representatives voiced their support of Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance and its executive director Steve Krempasky during Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen's citizens comments portion of its meeting Thursday, April 27.

During a BOMA workshop, which occurred before the regular meeting, FBA chair Candace Viox, Water Into Wine bistro & lounge owner, described what FBA does for the community and its role.

While no action was taken, Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said she wanted to see the funding defined between community events and Shop Farragut events.

"We couldn't do what we do for our small businesses without Steve, and that's why I reached out to several of our small business partners in the area," Viox said. "The events are vital to our marketing."

"A lot of our mom and pops, the jewelry makers, the people who make candles in their basements, the bakers that make cookies, they don't have large budgets," she added. "They can't afford to go to Rossini Festival and spend \$1,000 for a weekend at an event."

However, Viox said they can come to a Shop Farragut event and "be able to reach people from our



Krempasky

neighborhood: the Hardin Valley and the Choto area.

"I just want to make sure Farragut Business Alliance continues to get funding because our businesses need it," she added.

"I'm here to advocate for Steve Krempasky and the Farragut Business Alliance," said Cheri Inveld, co-owner of Euphoric Cheese Shop and soon-to-open Sparrow Wine Bar. "Steve was one of the first people affiliated with the Town to come welcome us to the community when we were under construction, approximately two-and-a-half years ago."

"It was this sense of community and friendship that attracted us to locate our business here in Farragut in

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business

"I appreciate everyone coming out, seeing everybody here and the impact we're making. We want to ... give people a quality service and do things a little different,"

- Keith Lane, who co-owns a new area business that has transformed itself from home-based into brick-and-mortar. (Read story beginning on page 5A)

community

"All my principles, my teachings, my ideas are based on God. ... If I have somebody whose behavior does not fit Godly principles, then they should not be on this team,"

- Heidi De La Rocha, who has a state championship team where young egos are kept in check through religious faith. (Read story beginning on page 3B)

sports

"We had others who scored quite unexpectedly, and that tells me we are improving all across the board. It really was an overall collective contribution to the team victory,"

- Vic Wharton, head coach of a team looking to hit its stride heading toward the state tournament later this month. (Read story beginning on page 1B)

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'Engaged' turnout for Farragut's public strategic plan meetings

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While the Town of Farragut hosted two public meetings on its strategic plan in Farragut Community Center Tuesday night, April 25, and Wednesday morning, April 26, the turnout was light but engaged.

However, "We've had about 570 folks visit the website (Farragut Forward) that's been developed just for this project," said Julia Novak, executive vice president with Raftelis, who leads the management consulting practice of the firm heading up the project.

She added of those who visited the website, many did not comment.

Commenting on the Town's "vision" statement, "Farragut — redefining quality of life with a beautiful, close-knit, connected community where families and businesses thrive," attendee Don Mann replied, "I see the word 'connected community.' I think a lot of us are very frustrated about the traffic that's happened.

"All that infrastructure comes after growth, but it's getting pretty heavy right now," he added. "When I see connected community, we're connected by cars, and it's very difficult to get around the cars lately."

Sue Stuhl, former Town Parks and Recreation director, said connection to her means side-walks but agrees about the traffic issues.

"I agree with the traffic issues, but I also feel that traffic is very close-knit and connected on a personal level," Megan Hedge said. "Our neighborhoods are connected ... and the schools feel connected."

Still, she also agreed about the traffic issues, as well as school overcrowding issues.

While five attended Wednesday's meeting, Novak said eight attended Tuesday's gathering. On Wednesday, attendees most voiced concerns about traffic in regards to developments in Town, as well as safety.

Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen currently are in the process of updating its annual

Strategic Plan, for which it hired Raftelis, a consulting firm, to complete.

Following residents input as to what adjustments they should see and suggestions for projects, Novak said her group will "pull all that together, along with the information from the website, and present it to the Town as part of the strategic planning workshop we have with the Board," taking place Tuesday, May 9, after deadline. (See in a future farragutpress issue)

The Board developed a strategic plan in 2017 and are using that plan as the framework for the basis for starting this year's plan, she added.

"I'm very interested in what's going on in Town," Mann said. "I've been a resident 20 years. I'm very close to property being considered for future land development."

"I'm just here because we are in a small group that organized for something specific and we're still working on that, but it also opened our eyes to planning and the whole process," Lori Lyell said.

Novak said there are four elements of the plan: a vision statement, mission, values and strategic outlines or goals.

She also asked, "What do we know to be true today? What we hope will be true in the future — our vision? And, how do we get there?"

"Strategic plan is in that three- to five-year time frame," Novak added. "I've been doing strategic planning for local governments for 20 years, and I will say that the time frame for a plan is getting shorter and shorter because the rapidity of change is so much faster."

Regarding quality of life, "there's some anxiety in this Town right now," Mann said. "There's a Biddle Farm development that's created a lot of controversy."

"Redefining if you want something smaller, different (than Knoxville) ..." Lyell said.

"...Safer," Hedge added.

The Town does not have a property tax, thus no police department, so ordinances, such as for noise, cannot be enforced, said Julie Blaylock, FWKCC president/CEO.

KCSO reports

• At 11:47 a.m., Saturday, May 6, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report a burglary to his vehicles at a Blue Herron Road residence. Complainant advised an unknown suspect entered an unlocked 2007 Chevrolet Silverado and took items without permission, and also entered a 2015 Mazda 6 without permission. "He advised no items were stolen from the Mazda, but advised it is unknown if it was locked or unlocked," the report stated. He advised no damage has been observed to either vehicle. Total value of loss was listed at \$30.

• At 7:01 p.m., Thursday, May 4, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report theft from a Super 8 Motel room, 11748 Snyder Road. Complainant said an unknown suspect stole a gold chain necklace, with a value listed at \$4,000, and a gold bracelet, with a value listed at \$2,500, from the motel room. Complainant said he was advised to make a report.

• At 1:59 p.m., Tuesday, May 2, a KCSO unit responded to Farragut High School, 11237 Kingston Pike, after receiving a complaint that a laptop computer had been stolen from the school's library. The librarian said she had searched all over to confirm that it had, in fact, been stolen. Total value of loss was listed at \$1,126.

• At 4:45 p.m., Monday, May 1, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a burglary to her storage unit at a Snyder Road location. She advised she had last seen the unit around Jan. 1, and received a call from the business May 1 "and was told the lock on her unit had been cut, and to come check to see if anything was taken," the report stated. She said the property taken from the unit had a total value of \$1,630, which included \$600 in furniture and lights valued at \$500 and \$350. She advised the storage facility doesn't have cameras.

• At 12:06 p.m., May 1, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report a stolen license plate from a Kingston Pike residence. Complainant said he discovered the assigned license plate to his 2012 Honda Civic was switched with another license plate. The officer responded to the residence to recover the license plate left on his vehicle. Complainant was involved in an accident on Sunday, April 30, and the assigned license plate was on the vehicle at the time of report. Total value of loss was listed at \$65.

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• **NAMIWalk East Tennessee, the leading community event in support of mental health fundraising, is set to take place at Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza, at the intersection of Kingston Pike and North Campbell Station Road, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 20.**

This is the premier mental health fundraising event in the Knoxville area during May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month.

"This fundraiser raises awareness and funds to support free local support, education and awareness programs for all in the community; to

build a community of hope for families and people with by mental health conditions," a NAMIWalk press release stated. Learn more at www.namiwalks.org/tennessee.



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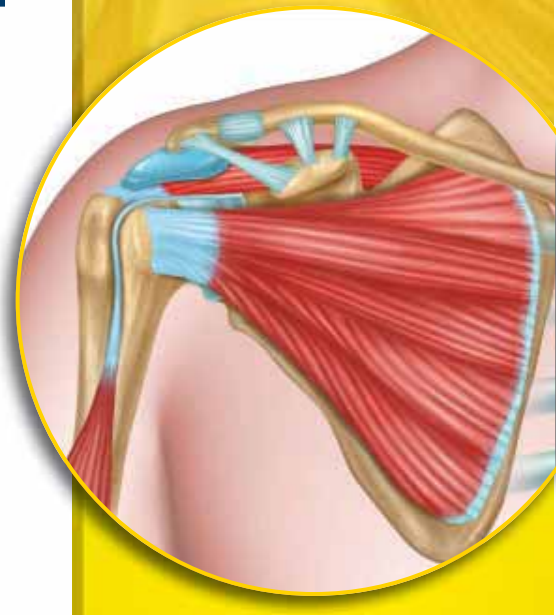
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Evaluate FBA

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the first place," she added. Additionally, "the events of the Farragut Business Alliance are a great way for Farragut citizens to gather, connect and make memories," Inveld said. "I'm afraid if Steve's position goes away, so will some of these opportunities that strengthen our community."

Krempasky "is the one who asked me to come and be part of the board of Farragut Business Alliance," said Debby Funk, owner of Embroidery Boutique by Designs for You and Funky's Meat Snacks. "He always supports my businesses and what I do, but I wanted to state I'm on the side of the business that a lot of my business is not in Farragut."

"My actual business is in Farragut, but I bring a lot of outside businesses to Farragut," she added. "So, when we have these events and things, I personally feel that we should not be alienating outside businesses because, for me, it helps my business to be able to have these outside companies come to these events and support us."

ABA-beyond

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"When we start putting medical decisions into educational policy, I think we're in a place we shouldn't be," said Jennifer Owen, 2nd District rep, in support of in-school ABA, during a non-voting workshop meeting Monday, May 1.

ABA therapy in KCS "should have happened a long time ago," she added.

Owen said ABA is a "prescription from their doctor, just like if they were taking a medication," adding the Board "is not qualified to question a medical diagnosis. ... We should be deferring to the physician of that student."

While saying disruptive behavior, such as a child of need

"I hope what you heard me say, what I'm trying to do is delineate out Shop Farragut and our community events," Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said. "Our community events are of value, but ...they're not necessarily tied to just Farragut."

"In my mind it's a funding issue," she added. "It shouldn't matter to you what bucket it comes from, (but) to me it matters because I'm approving a budget and it has to make sense."

With the Shop Farragut funds, "we have to show some value of that, separate from the community events, which also have value but in a different way," Povlin said.

Michelle Austin, JCPenney general manager, also publicly supported FBA, but as a large business representative.

"This is my fifth JCPenney's that I've been in," she said. "Steve greeted me, probably in the first six months of my coming to that store, and I knew at that moment that he felt all the businesses were part of the community, whether we're large or small, and I appreciated that."

As part of a corporate business, Austin said she tries to

who "runs out the door every day ... is disruptive to absolutely everything in the whole school," Owen said the child's ABA therapist can help prevent this.

Katherine Bike, 4th District rep, reiterated that the much-needed ABA therapy causes these students of need "to miss a lot of school" without being allowed during school hours.

Moreover, Bike said she is "a member of the autism community ... I have some experience with my son."

"As a parent with a son with Sensory Processing Disorder I understand he needs some things other children in his educational setting don't need," said Daniel Watson, 3rd District rep.

The task is "how to we create

get back to the grass roots and be part of community events.

"I appreciate FBA because I feel like it really helps all the businesses feel (like they are part of the community) whether they are big or small," she said.

Being involved in the community, "We have been big supporters of Steve and Shop Farragut when it comes to these events because it's a way for us to meet potential customers," The Knox Fox Real Estate Group co-owner Eric Whitener said of himself and wife, Teri Jo Fox. "It's a way for us to grow our business and grow our brand in a way we wouldn't be able to do otherwise."

"I'd never be able to have an event in my parking lot because it doesn't have the ability; I don't have the budget," he added. "So, being able to piggy back on these (FBA) things is an important thing for us."

"Another thing for us to consider, too, is what it means to the community — the ability to bring people together and bring businesses. ... I do think these are good opportunities for businesses who want to come to Farragut to get the exposure they need."

a policy that allows for the appropriate access to individual medical and therapeutic interventions for individual children?" Watson said.

Such in-school therapies "are going to have a lifelong impact on these children," he added.

"I am not opposed to ABA therapy at all," said Kristi Kristy, 9th District rep and Board chair, but added this issue "needs to go to policy review" before taking action. "... I would like to see a policy that is more comprehensive."

Susan Horn, 5th District (Farragut) rep, said the Board needs to look "more broadly because there will be other things. ... So that we have an answer for this and other like issues that will come up."



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Infrastructure

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"But the travelers don't know that," he added. "They see (congestion) and they hop on their Google (GPS) or whatever else and it says to get off and go to Kingston Pike and take a right, go to Campbell Station, take a right and get back on the freeway."

"So, really with the new exits that are going to be done at Campbell Station and Watt Road and, I assume, widening of the freeway, I think that will help the traffic jams that we have."

He added the Town also is in Phase 1 of obtaining the Advanced Traffic Management System, a traffic light upgrade allowing the Town to manage the lights to help alleviate traffic when needed.

Countywide, "even relatively short distances, 2 to 3 miles, can be insurmountable when sidewalks don't exist along major thoroughfares. In addition to working on improved mass transit, are there plans to look at longer distance walkability?" Kent asked county panelists.

"One thing that is very important to us is parental responsibility zones," Jacobs answered. "According to law, if you live a mile-and-a-half (from) an elementary school, we're not required to provide bus transportation."

"In a lot of cases, those kids are going to walk to school, and for parents, without a sidewalk, we literally made it impossible for them to comply with the law safely," he added. "That's something we're looking at."

Knox County is collaborating with City of Knoxville and



Jacobs

Town of Farragut to update the county's Comprehensive Land Use Transportation Plan through Advance Knox, which is being considered.

"One of the things we want to do to further that walkability goal is to have places more conducive to walking, (such as) Town centers and corridor redevelops, where developments connect with each other," Snowden said.

Regarding state highways and Interstates, Kent asked about "easy path lanes."

"Governor (Bill) Lee signed the Transportation Moderation Act recently, and the legislation included a choice lane for Tennessee drivers who can pay to avoid congestion during peak hours," she added in her question. "Where will those first be implemented and soon can we see them?"

Borden estimated those lanes are about seven years out, "but we're at the beginning of the process."

Speas situation

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Once the investigation is complete, "I have requested that KCS host a public meeting at HVA so everyone can hear the facts and ask questions," Henderson said. (More on Henderson's thoughts later in this story)

Jennifer Galloway
 "... 865 Ready is a new initiative in Knox County Schools, but many don't know that Dr. Speas already started that movement in his first four years at Hardin Valley," said Jennifer Galloway, varsity girls basketball head coach since 2008. "We are headed in the right direction to prepare our kids to be 865 Ready and for them to make an impact in the Knoxville community and beyond."

"This is largely because of Rob Speas," she added. "And

despite (having) some of the most challenging years with COVID and its aftermath, we are moving forward — and we are moving forward fast."

"We have changed our building lay-out and our schedule so that our kids have the space and time to experience all that the 865 Academies program has to offer. Rob is a leader in this movement; he is the driving force behind the innovative things we are doing at HVA."

However, "Momentum has been halted over the last month. We are in a holding pattern as we wait for answers while our leader is being investigated, and we watch while his name is getting dragged through the mud," said Jennifer Galloway, also freshman academy dean. "HVA and Dr. Speas have been misrepresented in the news and on social media."

"So now we wait for answers, hoping that we get our

leader back — and not just another setback," she added. "What do I mean by 'setback?' Some teachers at HVA are under the impression that even if Dr. Speas is exonerated by the investigation, he still may not be back at HVA next year."

"I can't imagine why this would even be considered with as much support as he has from our staff and community. ... No one seems to be willing to say that if Dr. Speas did nothing wrong, then of course he would be re-instated at HVA."

If Speas is not re-instated, "Our 865 Ready efforts will be set so far behind it might take us years to recover," Jennifer Galloway said.

Regardless, "We'll find a way to be better in all we do academically, athletically and artistically — and Rob Speas, he will land on his feet wherever that may be," she said. "But Rob is a Hawk, his own kids are Hawks ..."

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• I read the Letter to the Editor in the April 26 farragutpress. The writer asked very good questions. Shouldn't the Town have public workshops so the people that live on McFee Road could have been heard before this (park) was budgeted?

There is a new mixed-use development named Property Crossing that's being built near Watt Road, and it will feature 12 turfed ballfields that will be lighted, and it will have indoor arenas. Add a dozen or more hotels, restaurants and retail stores — all privately funded.

Why did the Town want to compete with the superior athletic facility that is privately funded? (A privately owned property near the Kingston Pike/Campbell Station Road intersection) would make a nice place for a park. And so would the remaining Biddle land that is south of South Campbell Station Road.

Why should the Town build another park on the Loudon County line? It doesn't seem to make sense.

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"So, when this investigation shows he did the right thing, please make sure the place he lands is back at Hardin Valley Academy."

Keith Galloway
 "... We are incredibly disheartened by how this whole situation is playing out with the gas leak incident ...," Keith Galloway said. "... An absolutely false narrative spread on social media, causing people to believe something happened that did not happen. ... They are the loud minority and they do not represent what our community thinks of (Speas)."

Saying he's gotten to know Speas "in multiple capacities these last few years," Keith added, "There is no one I would rather have more as a principal at HVA than Rob."

"... He took the challenge seriously of continuing what Sallee Reynolds had successfully started (first HVA principal from 2008 to 2019), but in

his own unique way. ...

Keith Galloway said "it would be an absolute travesty if he does not end up back at HVA. Our community wants him there and the vast majority of students and parents want him there. ... and the teacher and staff want him there. ..."

More from Henderson
 "This incident has been incredibly hard on our community and especially the parents, students and staff at HVA," Henderson stated.

"... Dr. Rysewyk makes decisions based on facts in any given situation and not based on public opinion or even the opinion from a board member," she added.

"... Parents, teachers, and students deserve to know the facts. I have encouraged the KCS staff to complete the investigation as quickly as possible without sacrificing thoroughness so our community can begin to heal."

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Moorefield takes on Goin' Postal

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After purchasing Goin' Postal eight months ago, new owner William Moorefield things are good so far.

Goin' Postal, 11519 Kingston Pike in Village Green Shopping Center, "provides shipping, FedEx and (U.S. Postal Service)," Moorefield said. "We can do anything the post office can do and more.

"You don't have to go there and wait in line," he said. "We do a whole lot of notary service here," as well as fax, sell stamps, copy and shred documents.

"Now, we do full-time notary," Moorefield added. "We always have a notary here ... They did not have that before.

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Tammy Cheek

William Moorefield, the new owner of Goin' Postal, 11519 Kingston Pike in Village Green Shopping Center, is ready to help customers with mailing, shipping, notary service, faxing, copying and shredding documents.

businessbriefs

• **Carley LeQuire recently joined the team of agents at Weichert, Realtors - Advantage Plus in Knoxville.**

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• **Anthony Villarosa of Knoxville recently was inducted into the Business Honor Society in Scranton, Pennsylvania.** He was among the 32 University of Scranton students inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the business honor society.

To be considered for induction, students must rank in the upper 7 percent of the junior class, upper 10 percent of the senior class or upper 20 percent of the graduating master's class. The University's chapter of the honor society was established in 1997.



Tammy Cheek

Beau McKee is new co-owner of Knoxville's Johnny Brusco's New York Style Pizza, 1620 Choto Markets Way in Markets at Choto, with Chris Gambill. They are serving up an array of items from pizzas and Italian dinners to wings and subs.

Expanding brand

Johnny Brusco's new owners add new features

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KNOXVILLE — Johnny Brusco's New-York Style Pizza's new owners and long-time friends, Beau McKee and Chris Gambill, have more than just pizza on the menu at the restaurant, 1620 Choto Markets Way in Markets at Choto.

Along with the signature pizzas, the restaurant serves subs and wraps, wings, salads, Italian dinners, stromboli, calzones and appetizers, from bread stix to fried pickles.

McKee and Gambill took over the Choto franchise Saturday, April 1.

"I'm excited," McKee said. "With the growth Knoxville is experiencing, I think we can expand the brand in Knoxville and surrounding areas. That's the plan — fingers crossed.

"We've already brought back the smash burgers," he added. "We've added a couple appetizers."

One feature unique to the franchise is customers can order pizza by the slice.

While the Johnny Brusco's brand items are proprietary and must stay the same, "they do allow us some flexibility to run features," McKee said. "Down the road, we'll probably add some sandwiches and stuff to the menu.

"Probably this summer,

we'll do like a seasonal pizza and a salad," he added.

McKee pointed out the current appetizer menu includes a lot of fried items and bread.

"We kind of lightened stuff up," he said. "We've got a housemade hummus appetizer and it's served with fresh veggies, pita chips. And we currently are doing a buffalo chicken dip."

This summer, they are planning on adding a salad with goat cheese, maybe fruit and a light vinaigrette.

"We're also going to have a full bar," McKee said. "We're in the final stages of our liquor license being approved.

"Hopefully, within a week, we'll have wine and liquor in here as well," he added. "We're going to do some signature cocktails, probably leverage

the Italian theme.

"We're going to have specials throughout the week and happy hour. Hopefully, down the road, we'll implement some brunch hours."

Outside, "we're going to have a bunch of games on the patio — darts, got some new corn hole boards — and make that a happening spot," McKee said.

The restaurant is old hat to both men.

"I've always been in the restaurant industry," McKee said. "We actually worked as servers at Ruby Tuesday a long time ago. I trained him.

"But (Gambill) got out of the restaurant business and was doing some other things, and finished that phase of his life,"

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Michelle Hollenhead

Matt Ryerson, executive director of United Way of Greater Knoxville, was guest speaker for FWKCC Enterprise Club luncheon.

FWKCC honors 'above, beyond' members

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce honored its Enterprise Club members with a special inaugural luncheon Thursday, April 29, in Chesapeake's West.

"This is a first-time event we plan to offer annually to bring together our Enterprise Club members," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock explained. "They go above and beyond for us every year, and we wanted to do an event to thank them and express our appreciation for their contributions to our organization."

"Enterprise members are the pillars of our Chamber community," she added. "They provide support to our organization and, more importantly, to the hundreds of businesses, entrepreneurs and non-profits we serve. They have modeled true leadership by supporting us all."

Enterprise Club members include nearly 40 businesses and entities, including Town of Farragut, Knox County Government, First Utility District, First Horizon Bank, LCUB, Tennessee Healthcare, FirstBank, The Knox Fox Real Estate Group, farragutpress, TDS, Dex Imaging, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Parkwest Medical Center, Fairfield Inn & Suites/Marriott and SouthEast Bank.

Of the event, Blaylock said, "We were proud and honored to be able to bring together so many regional business leaders and business owners, who we rarely have the chance to get in the same room together, and to be able to tell each of them, 'Thank you' in person for the impact they are making in the community via their support of our Chamber."

She and board chair Christine Dean of AA-Air Company and Central City Heating & Air Conditioning, specifically thanked Chamber Board member and ambassadors, the VIP Committee and committee chairs, along with event sponsors, His Security & Technology, The Knox Fox Real Estate Group, Movement Mortgage and Burns Mailing and Printing.

The Chamber also took the opportunity to recognize Terry Smiley of FirstBank for being named the Chamber's 2022 Ambassador of the Year.

Keynote speaker was Matt Ryerson, president/CEO of United Way of Greater Knoxville, who discussed several aspects of societal challenges, including housing, transportation and the lack of affordable child care while sharing what can be done as a community to address these issues.

Painter 1: from home to brick-mortar office

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Painter 1 has grown from a home-based to a brick-and-mortar business, and recently celebrated its move to a new location — 117 Center Park Drive near Pellissippi Parkway — with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting Tuesday, April 18.

"I appreciate everyone coming out, seeing everybody here and the impact we're making," said Keith Lane, who co-owns the business with his wife, Keli Lane, who also is vice president of customer support. "We want to touch a lot of people, give people a quality service and do things a little different, even with our painters and with our staff."

Commuting from Alcoa, "Pellissippi makes life a lot easier," Keith said during a subsequent interview.

Painter 1 provides interior and exterior, residential and commercial painting services.

"Pretty much any building," Keith said. "We also do wood repair, drywall, carpentry services and things like that. It kind of complements our painting business."

The carpentry and other services "are part of the in-



Tammy Cheek

Painter 1 co-owners, Keith Lane (second from left) and his wife, Keli Lane (with scissors), celebrated their new office at 117 Center Park Drive with a Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce-sponsored ribbon cutting with staff, Chamber members and other supporters Tuesday, April 18.

clusive services of painting," he added. "If we don't do a service, we try to be a one-stop shop, where we send people to referrals and have good contacts. That's why we're so active in networking groups and Chambers."

The business serves Knox County and "any county that touches Knox County for residential," Keith said. "For com-

mercial, we'll pretty much go anywhere throughout the country if the price is right."

The Lanes started the business in their home.

"We were in there up until March, and we started in February 2021," he said.

The big thing about moving to a brick-and-mortar was

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New western location for Childhelp



Tammy Cheek

Childhelp CEO Ken Bender (with scissors) celebrates the organization's addition of its second location, 408 N. Cedar Bluff Road, with staff and Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members during a FWKC-sponsored ribbon cutting at the new location Wednesday, April 5.

Goin' Postal

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"Banks, especially the larger chains, can't do a lot of different notary services that I can do, so they end up sending a lot of things here," he added.

Additionally, "I have 134 P.O. boxes — I have vacancies available," Moorefield said.

The company also provides lamination, and he is expanding to buy and sell used books, as well as taking book donations.

"It seems a lot of people have books sitting around taking up space," Moorefield said.

He bought the business from Frank Venable in August.

"I had been doing office work — accounting — for construction and stuff for the last several years, and I wanted to branch out on my own," Moorefield said. "I loosely knew Frank and his son; I found out they had this for sale, and after a few months of investigation here I am.

"It's good so far," he added.

"It's a great community, a lot of support, and I think it's getting better all the time — happy to be here."

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.

"This place, before, used to close down in the middle of the day," Moorefield said. "We don't do anything like that."

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Painter 1

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"as we grew, we obviously had more people, and that was more people in and out of the house," Keith said. "We needed that separation."

He added they also wanted that separation in their mindset of work and home.

"We have been working for a while, and our commercial sales manager, Keri (Lesperance) — she's a former property manager — I've had her looking for about six months," Keith said. "We knew the location we wanted, which would have been right near Pellissippi.

"An opportunity came along and she assured me it was a great deal," he added. "The location was perfect, so we went for it."

Wednesday, March 1, was their official "first day moving in," Keith said.

He has been in the remodeling business for 25 years.

"I've always known — and

Keli has always had the dream of — owning a business," he said. "It's just a matter of timing."

Keith went through a number of careers — then in 2015 he "happened" into a franchise painting company.

"I just kind of fell in love with the business," he said. "I thought it was something I was really good at. That's when we decided we were going to wait for the right timing and we're going to open our own business."

"Oddly, it came about during the COVID pandemic," Keith added.

They went with the Painter 1 franchise, and "it's been great," he said.

Painter 1's business hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, but will work with customers on schedules.

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Brusco's

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McKee said. "Up in Johnson City and Bristol, he and a partner purchased two Johnny Brusco's."

"After talking to the franchise people in Atlanta, they found out this (restaurant) might be for sale also," he added.

"I was already living in Knoxville, so (Gambill) and I got together ... here we are."

The restaurant, which offers dine-in, takeout and online ordering, is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and from noon to 9 p.m., Sunday.

However, McKee said once they have their full bar, they expect to expand those hours.

"We'll probably stay open 'til 10," he added.

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Hawks outlast Ads for 4-4A tourney title



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Hardin Valley uses unearned runs to capture deciding game

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Heading into Monday night's championship round of the District 4-4A Baseball Tournament, Farragut High School had to beat Hardin Valley Academy twice to be crowned tournament champs.

The Hawks, on the other hand, had to win only once. The talented arch-rivals

didn't disappoint during a rare visit to UT's Lindsey Nelson Stadium for what turned out to be a doubleheader May 8.

In a wild first game replete with clutch hits, costly errors and opportunistic defense, FHS won 7-4 in 10 innings.

In the winner-take-all second game, HVA (27-4) bounced back with a 7-5 win — taking advantage of seven unearned runs thanks to five Farragut errors — to claim the 4-4A

Led by head coach Tyler Roach, far right, the HVA Hawks celebrated a District 4-4A tourney title Monday night, May 8, in UT's Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

tournament championship.

Hawks head coach Tyler Roach was, unsurprisingly, proud of his boys responding the way they did in the night-cap.

"It says a lot about our guys ... when you lose the first game the momentum is sucked away

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Farragut knocks out Bearden, gets 10-inning win vs. HVA Monday

BILL HOWARD
Correspondent

KNOXVILLE — Ending rival Bearden's season while earning a Region 2-4A berth with a 10-2 victory Saturday afternoon, May 6, Farragut baseball (28-8) claimed a 10-inning 7-4 win against Hardin Valley Academy (27-4) in the District 4-4A title round Monday night, May 8, at UT's Lindsey Nelson Stadium (see additional Monday night details in the related story to the left).

In the first game, the teams battled to a 4-4 tie after seven. FHS led 2-0 and 3-1, only to trail 4-3 after five.

In the sixth, Farragut head coach Matt Buckner pinch-hit

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FHS boys KIL track-field #1

Balance gives Ads first Knox crown in 21 years

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HARDIN VALLEY — With strong showings in field events and distance running, while holding its own with relays and sprints, Farragut High School's boys track and field team won its first KIL Championship in 21 years after two days of competitions ending Tuesday evening, May 2, at Hardin Valley Academy.

Senior Trevor Coggin, a University of Tennessee signee, "had a spectacular meet winning the 3200-(meter run, (9:20.44) and taking 2nd in the 1600 with All-American Keegan Smith (Knoxville Catholic sophomore) as first," FHS head coach Vic Wharton said. "Michael Mendonca took second in the 800 in another dramatic finish, with Keegan Smith taking first. Both races were photo finishes."

Admiral junior Jullian Gorfido won pole vault at 13-feet-6. "Jullian has been very consistent all year and broke the school record, jumping 14 feet at the Dead End meet (last) weekend," Wharton said.

"Tyson Jackson also broke his own school record in discus with a throw of 169-(feet)-5" to

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KCHS edges HVA for girls title, as Lady Admirals finish third

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HARDIN VALLEY — It couldn't have been much closer for the 2023 KIL Track & Field girls championship, as Knoxville Catholic edged host Hardin Valley Academy 121-119 to win the crown following two days of field and running events ending Tuesday, May 2.

With 90 points, Farragut's girls took third place.

Champions

Only a freshman, Chloe Truss of Catholic swept the sprinting events, taking the 100-meter dash (12:33), the 200 (24.99) and the 400 (56.89).

Maddie Archdale, HVA junior, was a double distance champ, capturing the 800 (2:17.87) and the 1600 (5:11.93).

In the field event jumps, Webb sophomore Lennox Langham swept the long jump (16-feet-11.00) and the triple jump (36-feet-05.75).

Gracie Waite, Lady Hawks junior, swept the throwing events, winning discus (122-feet-03.00) and shot put (34-feet-10.70).

Farragut's one girls champ was senior high jumper Callie

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Alan Sloan

Trevor Coggin, in back, Farragut High School senior distance star runner, looks to gain ground on teammate Braden Ebbert, FHS junior, near the 800-meter run finish during the KIL meet at Hardin Valley Academy Tuesday evening, May 2. Coggin rallied in the last few meters to edge Ebbert and win the 800, as the Admirals easily won the boys meet, while the Knoxville Catholic Lady Irish edged HVA to capture the girls crown, with the Lady Ads third.

Stringing together a few wins: FHS soccer

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Scoring what might have been their final goal in a Farragut High School home boys soccer game, seniors Eric Sonnenschein and Ty Finnegan also have the satisfaction of knowing their goals produced a goodbye victory.

Sonnenschein's sharp-angled 25-yard strike on the left side broke a scoreless tie in the 60th minute versus East Hamilton Thursday evening, May 4, before Finnegan's successful penalty kick in the 76th minute — set up by a nice move by Sonnenschein in the offensive box — gave the Ads a 2-0 victory on FHS Senior Night.

District tourney triumph

Even better was a dramatic 3-2 District 4-AAA Tournament opening-round win at No. 4 seed Lenoir City Monday evening, May 8 — with Farragut taking its first lead of the game in the 79th minute.

The victory gives the Admirals a shot at mighty, and unbeaten, top-seeded rival Bearden (11-0-3) on the road starting at 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 10, in a loser-go-home tourney semifinal. Junior forward Anders Deets scored the last-minute game-winner — his first varsity goal — improving the Admirals' record to 5-10-1 as the tourney's No. 5 seed.

Down 1-0 at the half, Far-

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A big celebration among Farragut boys soccer players takes place after senior Ty Finnegan, second from right, converted a penalty kick for an insurance goal in a 2-0 Admirals victory on FHS Senior Night versus East Hamilton Thursday evening, May 4. Celebrating with Finnegan, from left, are seniors Camden Williams and Eric Sonnenschein, and junior Anders Deets.

Ads soccer

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Farragut tied in on senior Jack Bukovitz's goal in the 46th minute. Down 2-1, the Admi-

rals once again tied the score, coming in the 69th minute, on a goal by Sonnenschein.

The Panthers, meanwhile, see their season end with a 15-3 record.

FHS boys KIL

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finish first, the coach added.

Sophomore Bryce Thompson "won shot (put) at 51-(feet)-10," Wharton said. "Dane Skinner had a breakout race in the 300 hurdles, surprisingly finishing second and (earning) a new PR by two seconds.

"... We had others who scored quite unexpectedly, and that tells me we are improving all

across the board," the coach added.

The other FHS boys champ was the 4 X 200 relay (1:32.69).

Other top finishers

Other area boys top finishes were Aiden Shaw (HVA) in the 200 and 400-meter dashes; McKale Hayes (Hardin Valley) in 100 and 300 hurdles; the HVA 4 X 400 and 4 X 800 relays; Cayden Douglas (Bearden) in high jump; and Braylon Harmon (KCHS) in the 100 dash.

KIL girls

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Lefler, vaulting 5-feet-00.00.

Pole vault champ was sophomore Liliane Helton of Con-

cord Christian School (10-feet-06.00).

In the relays among local schools, KCHS took the 4 X 400 (4:04.15), while Webb captured the 4 X 800 (9:35.82).

Hawks No. 1

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from you," Roach said. "But we punched 'em in the nose real quick right away. I'm so proud of them."

The punch Roach referenced was seven runs HVA scored in the second and third innings of the second game. Down 1-0 after one, the Hawks scored three in the top of the second.

With two on and no outs, HVA's Jacob Dillon laid down a bunt. Admirals' pitcher Charlie Bozeman's errant throw to first allowed both runners to score.

Dillon later scored on a sacrifice fly by Caleb Neely.

FHS cut it to 3-2 in their half of the second, but the Hawks promptly made it 7-2 in the third.

Ty Denton and Will Webb started the inning with singles, and both came around helped by a wild pitch and an infield error.

A hit batsman and another error brought in Henry Ferguson. A sacrifice fly later scored Caden Channell.

The Admirals (28-8) made it 7-3 in the sixth, then created last-inning drama when Eli Evans' double scored Mark

Underwood, who'd been hit by a pitch, and Lukas Buckner, who had singled.

Jett Johnston's flyout ended the game.

Hawks' freshman pitcher Jax Sparks went six innings, giving up four hits and three runs.

"It's something I've worked on, trying to keep myself calm under pressure," Sparks said. "I felt pretty confident at the beginning, but you never know."

"What a competitor Jax Sparks is," Roach said. "For a freshman to do that in that situation ... huge, huge."

Farragut baseball

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Cooper Schulze, and Schulze promptly tied the game with a home run.

In the 10th, starting pitcher Jett Johnston, who threw three shutout innings then moved to third, hit a two-run homer on the first pitch. "Just looking for a pitch up and got it, crossing my letters," Johnston said

about the homer. "I had one play to do with that ball and that was to hit it out here, and that's exactly what I did."

Brennon Seigler later scored when a throw to second went into the outfield.

"I feel good about what our guys did," coach Buckner said. "We played really good baseball for a long period of time. We had a bad inning (in game two). Probably cost us that

game. But we're right where we need to be moving forward. Two great teams, great atmosphere."

The Region-2-4A tourney starts Friday, May 12. HVA travels to Oak Ridge while the Ads will play at Knoxville Central. A fifth meeting between the 4-4A foes would hardly be surprising a day later.

"This ain't over," Buckner said.



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'Glory to God' for state title: Heidi on gymnastics girls

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Knowing it's the Godly way or the highway at Heidi's Musical Gymnastics, 13 girls ages 7 to 10 have followed basic Christian principles while maintaining a special dedication to competitive success.

It paid off last month. Among at least a dozen statewide competitors, this Farragut gymnastics hub (159 West End Ave.) combined the girls' skills to win a team state championship in the Bronze Division of the USA Gymnastics Excel Program in Clarksville April 2.

Moreover, "We've been in the top 100 throughout this year out of all the gyms in the United States ... in the Bronze Division," said Heidi De La Rocha, co-owner (with husband, Ashley De La Rocha) and chief instructor, with her team having finished third statewide in 2022 and fifth in 2021. "It's amazing."

For all of this program's statewide and national success, however, De La Rocha wants one thing made clear: "first and foremost, our program is the foundation of Jesus," she said about her family-run business. "All my principles, my teachings, my ideas are based on God."

Though a given young gym-

nast may be quite talented, "If I have somebody whose behavior does not fit Godly principles, then they should not be on this team," De La Rocha said, emphasizing non-Christians also are welcome to join Heidi's Gymnastics.

However, "If they don't want to hear about Jesus it's probably not going to be a good fit for them," she added. "... We pray; and before we start a

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(Above) Heidi's Musical Gymnastics USA Gymnastics Excel Bronze state championship team members, from left, are Lily Ostrowski, Elle Sherrod, Iris Hicks, Elizabeth Proseanchin, Clara Johnson, Riley Phillipppi, Gemma Nicoara, Shelby Pistole, Aveleen Shirley, Teagan Beavers, Layla Oakley and Lucy Koboldt. Not pictured is Lola Fields. Also not pictured are Silver Division gymnast Raleigh Henry, Bella Morabito and Amelia Phillips. (Left) Eventually the All-Around Excel Bronze individual state champion, Lily Ostrowski scored a perfect 10 on balance beam, as did teammate Clara Johnson (not pictured in action).

Photos submitted

Sixth in World for Webb 1466 Robotics team

Webb FIRST Robotics 1466 members (no order): Adithyan Binoy, Pete Clark, Emily Ford, Charile Frost, Greg Glenn, Daisy Howard, Nolan Humphrey, Alex Kalinin, Dmitri Kalinin, Andrew Konar, Nicholas Kurzak, Gabe Lambert, Agni Lolis, Ridge Long, Charlie McDowell, Nicholas Mirocknikoff, Andreea Muntenau, James Overall, Maïlle Pappano, Kolbe Pick, Nathan Pope, Radhika Ramchandren, Sol Schoenbach-Lee, Henry Shamiyah, Noah Thomasson, Eric Waldman, Everett White.



Photo submitted

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Webb School of Knoxville's 1466 FIRST Robotics high school team recently returned from the FIRST World Championship, which took place in George H. Brown Convention Center in Houston, Texas, from April 19 through April 22, where it placed sixth out of 77 for autonomous routine.

"They did pretty well," said Jennifer Lawrie, science teacher and robotics coach. "We did not end up playing in the playoffs there, but the robot performed really, really well."

"The performance was right where we thought it should be," she

added. "They were really proud of their autonomous routine — the robot has to do some things autonomously. We were sixth in our division of 77 teams for autonomous scoring, which was definitely an outstanding performance for us against some pretty incredible teams."

Overall, "It was a real exciting event," Lawrie said. "I think they had 59 countries represented, 18,000 student participants and about 50,000 spectators — all in this one building, cheering robots and competing on the field. It's a pretty big event."

"We did the best that we could

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Of three planned seatings, the one for 3 p.m. still has availability. Tickets are \$75 per couple or \$40 per single ticket cost. E-mail info@boydharveyhouse.com or call 865-221-7629 for more information.

• **Spaces remain available for 2nd Annual Send Senior Citizens Love Golf Tournament Monday, May 22,** at Gettysvne Polo, Golf and Country Club in Bearden.

A fundraiser for non-profit SSCL, founded by Ashley

Lynch of Farragut, the tourney offers mail and female flights (with prizes for first- and second-place); a chance to win \$1 million; Hole-in-One and Closest to the Pin prizes on every par 3, plus Longest Drive prize. Extra mulligans and red tees available for purchase.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. followed by lunch, then a 1 p.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$500 for a foursome. For more information, e-mail Ashley.Lynch@sendseniorslove.org.

The idea for SSCL started when Lynch's own grandparents retired to an area nursing home in 2017. When visiting

them, she noticed how many other seniors didn't receive much attention. After Lynch's grandparents passed away, in their honor and memory, she started SSCL to improve the lives of seniors, overseeing regular collections and distributions of art, letters, cards, socks, toiletries and other items.

• **Dogwood Arts released its daily schedule for 2023 Southern Skies Music Festival** in World's Fair Park Saturday and Sunday, May 20-21.

General Admission Day Passes are on sale for \$50.

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Dog bed wetting may be more than incontinence

Q: I have been finding my dog's bed is wet in the morning for a couple of weeks. I used to notice this a few times a month, but now it is every day. Sandy seems to feel great, but she acts like she may not even know it's happening. Could she be incontinent? R.S., Farragut

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Age is an important consideration. Middle-aged and older dogs are more likely to have incontinence compared to puppies and young adults. If Sandy is spayed, she could have developed an estrogen responsive urinary incontinence. There is



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Deckard, Johnson are HVA valedictorian, salutatorian for Class of 2023

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Hardin Valley Academy announces two of its top students, valedictorian Grace Deckard and salutatorian Elijah Johnson.

"I felt very honored that I achieved such as prestigious honor," said Deckard, the daughter of Edward and Victoria Deckard and sister of Joy Song Deckard. "It means a lot to me because it makes all the hard work this past year feel worth it."

Deckard recalled she was "a little surprised" of the news she was chosen "because it was very close between me and the salutatorian."

At HVA, she is student representative for Knox County Schools Board of Education and a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Technology Student Association, Student Council, National Honors Society and projectU.

"I have enjoyed Hardin Valley Academy very much throughout my high school career," Deckard said. "The friends I have made have always helped

me if I'm struggling with a class or getting a project done for a club. The teachers and staff have also always helped foster my growth both in and out of the classroom."

Regarding who most inspired her, Deckard replied, "I think my friend, Iris Li, inspired me the most because she showed me what it meant to be both a leader and woman in STEM."

After graduating from HVA, Deckard plans to major in civil engineering at Vanderbilt University.

"I want to pursue a career in engineering because of my desire to help others and my passion for STEM," she said. "Civil engineering interests me because I have always had a passion for building and designing."

"I believe that seeing the joy from others pushes me to always want to find the best solution for every problem,"



Deckard

Deckard said. "Thus, I believe that civil engineering will allow me to take my childhood passion of building to help me achieve my desire of helping others."

As salutatorian, Johnson recalled he was extremely excited to be chosen for that designation.

"This designation is very meaningful to me, as I feel it represents the culmination of my work throughout high school," said Johnson, son of Perry and Courtney Johnson and brother to Conner Johnson,

However, he recalled he was not surprised at the news.

"This was something that I had been working toward since my sophomore year of high school," Johnson said.

He is an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction; a recipient of an AP Capstone Diploma; a National Merit Semifinalist and Finalist, for which



Johnson

he was awarded a scholarship. He also earned the Quest for Excellence National STEM Award, is an NSLI-Y Department of State Mandarin Scholar (Summer 2022), a researcher for Oak Ridge National Laboratory Summer Math Science Institute and a 2023 QuestBridge National College Match finalist, which he matched to Columbia.

Additionally, Johnson is involved with HVA's Mu Alpha Theta chapter, STEMbassadors, National Honors Society, a Language Immersion Program through his Chinese class and is employed with Double Dogs along Kingston Pike.

"The Language Immersion Program is particularly meaningful to me because, when I studied abroad in Taiwan, I was able to meet my language partner, which to me, felt like actualizing our friendship," Johnson said. "I also played basketball for Hardin Valley during my first three years, but I decided to take my senior year off in order to work, pursue other interests

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6th in world

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for the situation we were given because we had to, basically, switch out drivers," said team co-leader, Dmitri Kalinin, a senior and Webb's salutatorian. "It actually worked really well. Our robot still worked; our auto never failed. It was always a perfect autonomous routine every time.

"We actually had the sixth highest auto score in our division," he added.

Webb's FIRST Robotics high school team consists of 26 students, led by Kalinin and senior Agni Lolis.

"We get our game challenge in January," Lawrie said. "From that point, basically, students have to build everything from scratch. That's software, that's electronics, that's game planning, that's getting practice in with the robot.

"We then attend tournaments, where we compete against other teams usually from all over the Southeast, but we also have international teams we compete against, as well, in regional tournaments," she added.

This past season, the Webb team competed in Smoky Mountain Regional Competition in Knoxville Coliseum on April 1 and the Rocket City event in Huntsville, Alabama, April 5-8.

"The team did really well at Smoky Mountain," Lawrie said. "They ranked third but were knocked out in the playoffs a little earlier than they were hoping to."

Still, "they were pretty excited about that (third place designation before the playoffs)," she added.



Kalinin

Additionally, the team won a Robot Design Quality Award at Smoky Mountain "for a robust, well-designed robot," Lawrie said.

"It was a great thing to pick up a technical award at an event," she added.

However, "we qualified for the World Championship ... at Rocket City Regional.

At Rocket City, "the team ranked second overall out of 51 teams," Lawrie said. "It went into the playoffs pretty strong and made it to the finals.

"They played a double elimination bracket," she added. "It was a bit dramatic for the team because they actually lost early in the playoffs.

"So, they had one loss and then they had to play against every other team in the playoffs in order to get to the finals. They didn't have an easy route, but they did really well and made it to the finals."

As a finalist in the Alabama competition, the team qualified for the World Championships.

Webb started its robotics program during the 2003-04 school year.

"This is our 20th robot the teams have built in our 20th year in competition," Lawrie said. "We definitely think this has been a highlight year for us.

"This is strongest robot the team has ever built," she added. "They've been pretty proud of that."

Webb has won regional competitions over the years, but placing among top teams worldwide is a "tall order," Lawrie said. "The last year we attended the World Championships was 2018."

Along with the FIRST high school team, the school has four other robotics teams: FIRST Tech Challenge (team) with smaller scale robots (mostly seventh and eighth graders) and three FIRST Lego League teams for students in grades four to eight.

"They've all had pretty strong seasons," Lawrie said about the teams' competitions.

Ask Vet

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medication to help if that's the case.

If Sandy is an older dog, there are more factors to consider. Diabetes and chronic kidney disease can increase urination frequency and mimic incontinence. Pets can have abnormal urination patterns related to back or pelvic pain.

Age-related brain changes, similar to dementia, can also cause abnormal urination pat-

terns, as can cancer in the urinary tract system.

If Sandy has normal tests and no prior medical issues, incontinence is a real possibility for Sandy. The problem could be with her sphincter or bladder muscle itself. There are medications that can help. Lifelong treatment is typical.

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<p>I. Roll Call</p> <p>II. Approval of Agenda</p> <p>III. Approval of Minutes</p> <p>A. April 27, 2023</p> <p>IV. Mayor's Report</p> <p>A. National Public Works Week Proclamation</p> <p>B. National Travel & Tourism Week Proclamation</p> <p>V. Ordinances</p> <p>A. Public Hearing & Second Reading</p> <p>1.) Ordinance 23-06, an ordinance to amend the Farragut Municipal Code, Chapter 105, Article 2. - International Building Code, Section 105-20 (i), to extend the expiration time frame for certain permits, and Section 105-20 (s), to correct a clerical error by referencing the appropriate section and to amend Chapter 105, Article 3. -</p>	<p>International Residential Code, Section 105-53 (c), to extend the expiration time frame for certain permits, and Section 105-53 (h) to remove this section and renumber accordingly</p> <p>VI. Business Items</p> <p>A. Approval of Special Event for Farragut High School's Farragut Frost 5K, December 16, 2023</p> <p>B. Approval of Amendments to Traffic Calming Policy</p> <p>C. Approval of Supplement Request from Urban Engineering, Inc. for Additional Design Services for Sonja Drive/Admiral Road Sidewalk Project</p> <p>VII. Town Administrator's Report</p> <p>VIII. Town Attorney's Report</p> <p>IX. Citizens Forum</p>
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Glory to God

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practice sometimes I will talk about Christian values and principles and morals.

"I give all the glory to God."

Other details

"We did an Excel program, and that program is a very competitive program — but it's also very fun," said De La Rocha, a youth gymnastics coach/teacher for more than 30 years. "I create the routines, I do all the choreography; we highlight areas where (each gymnast) is strong at. ... With the Excel program, I can pick whatever skills they are good at to show their strengths."

"We've been going against gyms that are big, you know like massive, that have all the equipment," she added.

Limited to roughly 2,000 square feet of operational space at Heidi's, "We have to move up and down our equipment all of the time," said De La Rocha, who also gives private lessons. "But we have everything we need" while also raising the ceiling and "taking out a storage room" to add more floor space.

"And we work really, really hard," she added. "It takes a certain person to want to be challenged" at the competitive level. Performing in front of an audience "takes a lot of

courage and a lot of strength."

Individually, "I had two girls who got perfect 10s on balance beam," De La Rocha said about Lily Ostrowski, 9, the All-Around state champion in her age group, and Clara Johnson, 8. "And beam is not easy."

Background

A former college gymnast at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, De La Rocha started Heidi's Musical Gymnastics in June 1999.

With her family having moved from California to Farragut in 1995, "We only started our competition program four years ago," she said. "We had been doing recreation classes." Having moved from another

location to West End Avenue in 2001, Heidi's Gymnastics roughly doubled its square footage space with a move a few doors down to its current location "about 12 years ago."

All instruction is led by De La Rocha and her daughter, Savannah De La Rocha. "My husband does the business end," the co-owner said.

By the numbers

With 16 total competitive team members up to age 12, "My three other girls, they competed in Silver Division," De La Rocha said.

Individually, Raleigh Henry finished 28th among 157 Silver Division competitors, "which was amazing," De La Rocha

said. "Her work ethic is impeccable. This was her first year in Silver."

Meanwhile, Heidi's remains a recreational gymnastics location for about 135 other young, local gymnasts "from 18 months (old) all the way up to 12 or 13," De La Rocha said.

Over the history of her gym, De La Rocha said she's trained well more than 1,000 mostly young girls, both competitive and recreational. "I have one mom (whom) I used to teach when she was 5 years old, and now she brings her kids to me," the owner added.

Visit the gym's website at heidismusicalgym.com or call 865-409-8356.

HVA val-sal

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and focus on my college applications," he added.

"I think Hardin Valley Academy is a phenomenal school. It has provided me with so many resources and opportunities to pursue my interests and has fueled me academically."

One of the things most special about HVA "is the faculty members," Johnson said.

"Several of the staff here have made a lasting impact on me, such as Ms. Sanford, my STEM counselor; Dr. Chen, my Chinese teacher; Ms. McInturff, my calculus teacher from junior year; and Ms. Fox, my junior and senior year English

teacher," the senior added.

However, "I would say the person that has most inspired me throughout my high school years has been my father," Johnson said. "He is my favorite source of inspiration, as no matter what obstacle he faces, he never shies away from the challenge at hand."

"His unwavering persistence

and unwillingness to give up instill within me confidence that I can achieve my goals," the son added.

After high school, Johnson plans to attend Ivy League Columbia University, majoring in mechanical engineering and minoring in Chinese language and economics.

"I also hope to continue to

study mathematics at Columbia," he added.

"My dream career is definitely some kind of engineer, a research economist or a mathematical/physics researcher/professor. I am really interested in Chinese and math; so as long as I am able to incorporate them into my career, I think I will be extremely happy."

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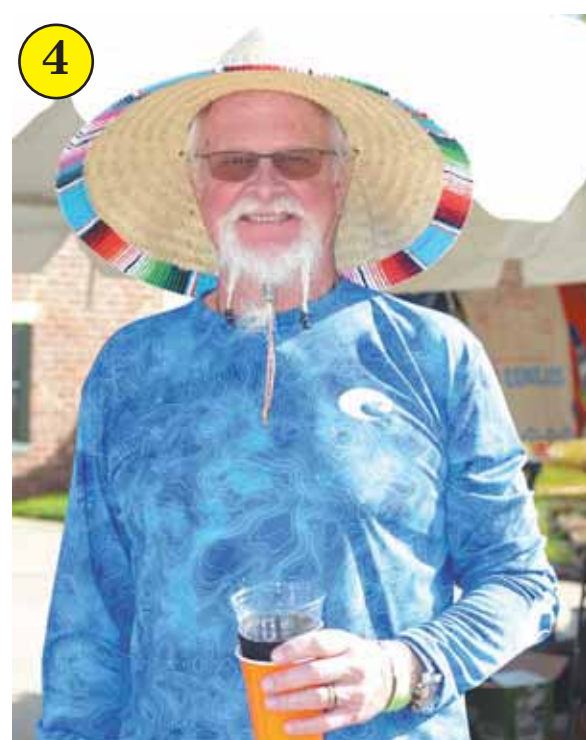
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People enjoyed the selections from food, beverage and business vendors, along with the live music selections from the John Stone Band, which got some people dancing.

All the while, the event benefitted Remote Area Medical, which provides free medical, dental and vision care to people living in remote areas.

"It's been amazing," said Poppy Green, RAM marketing manager. "We had a good turnout.

"We had plenty of delicious food and more than 100 types of tequila and mezcal," he added.




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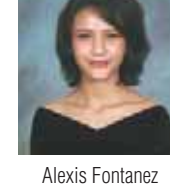
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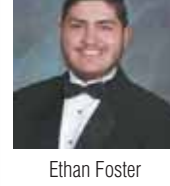
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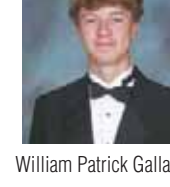
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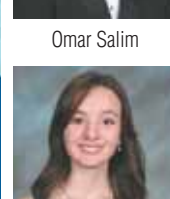
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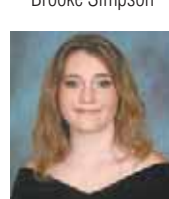
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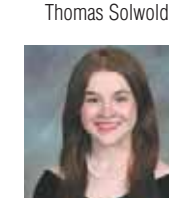
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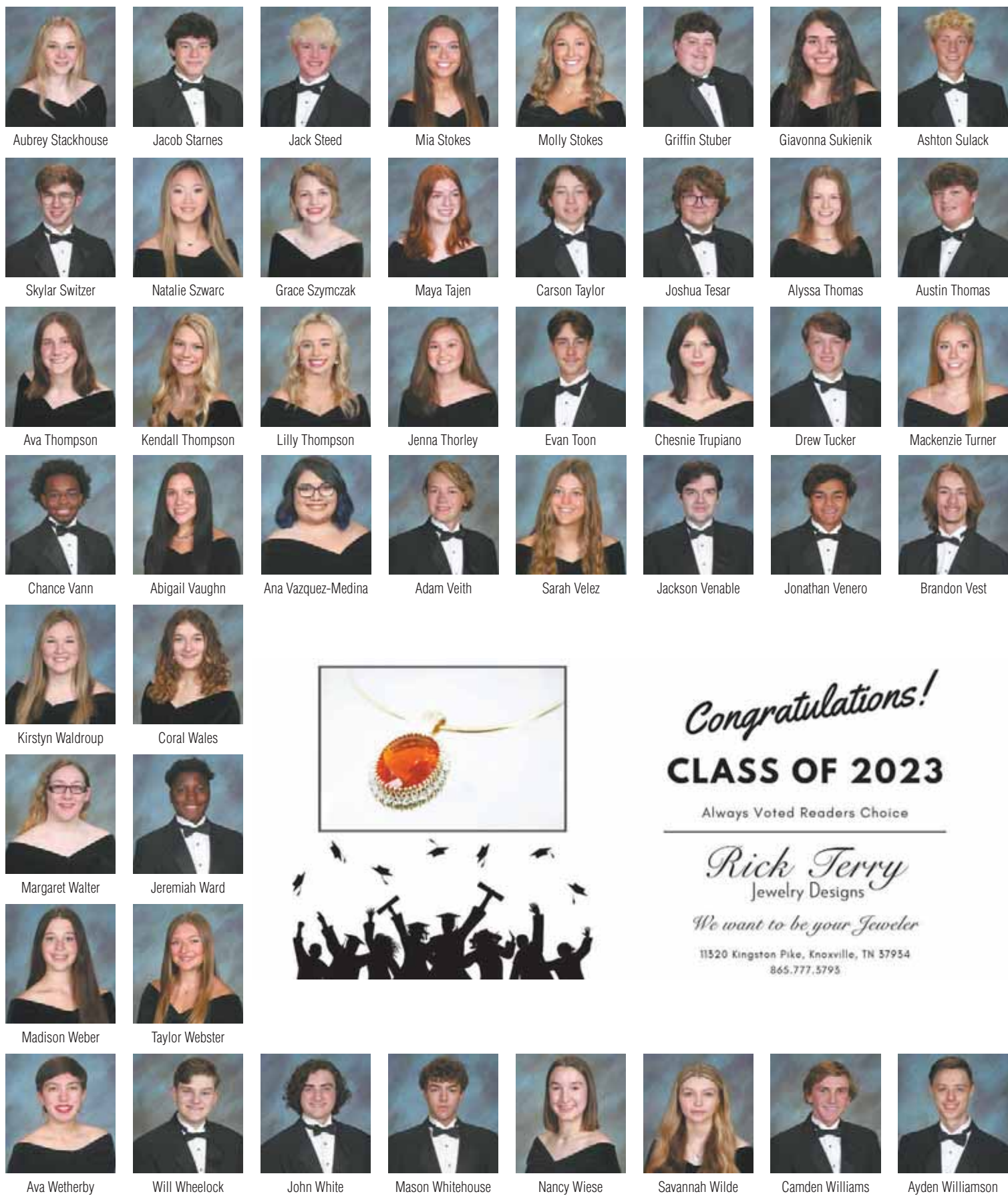
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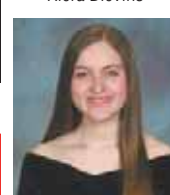
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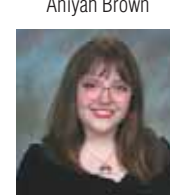
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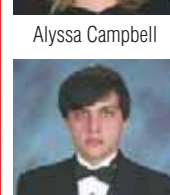
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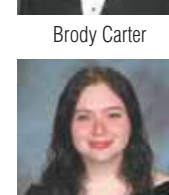
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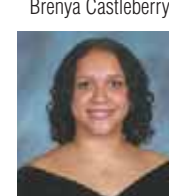
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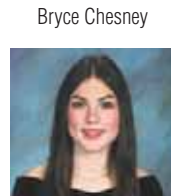
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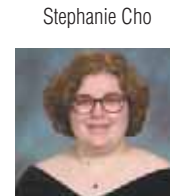
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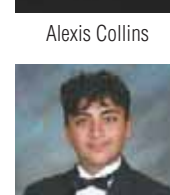
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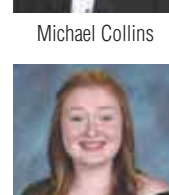
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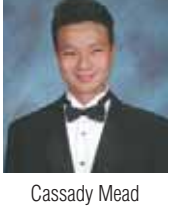
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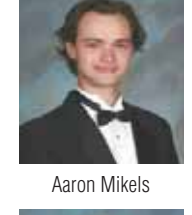
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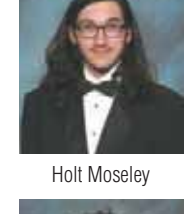
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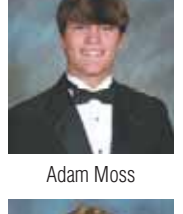
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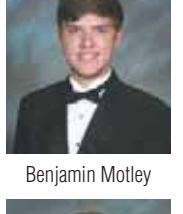
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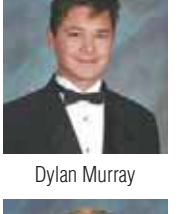
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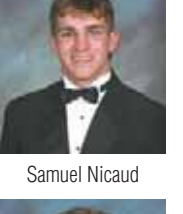
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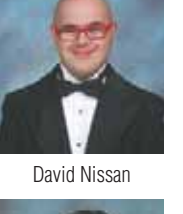
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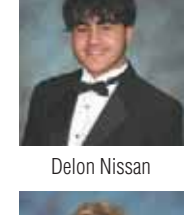
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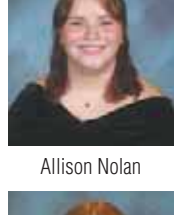
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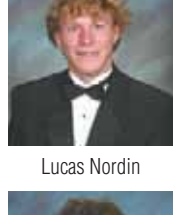
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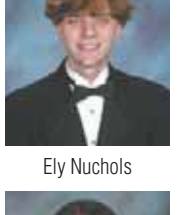
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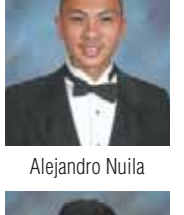
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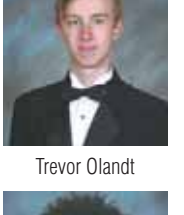
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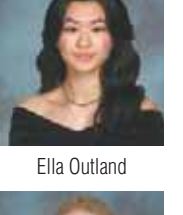
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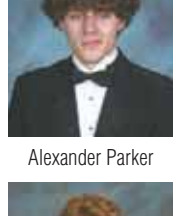
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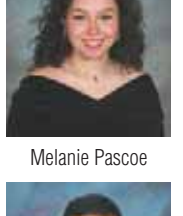
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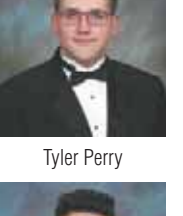
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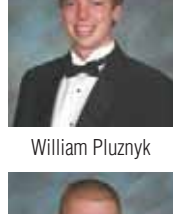
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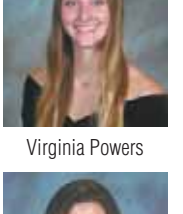
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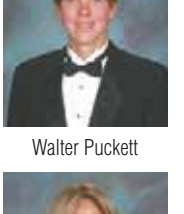
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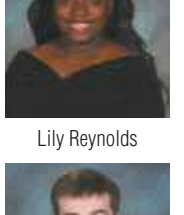
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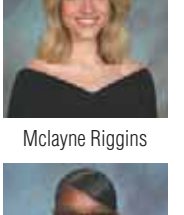
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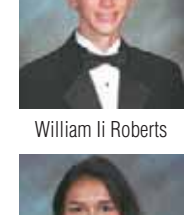
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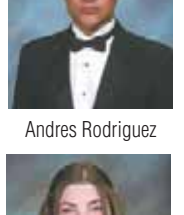
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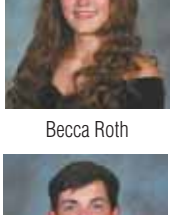
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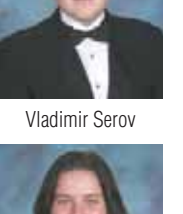
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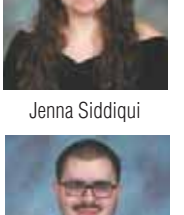
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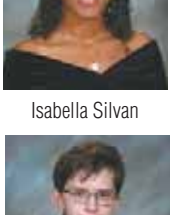
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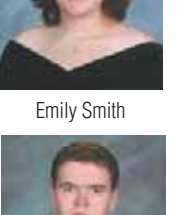
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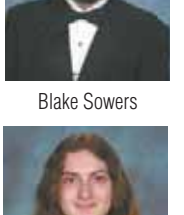
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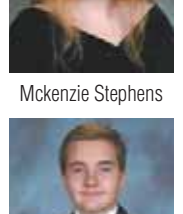
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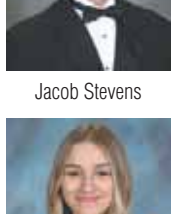
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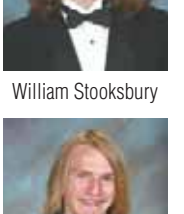
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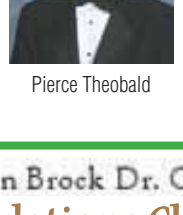
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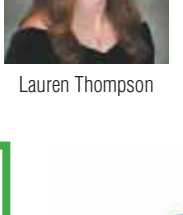
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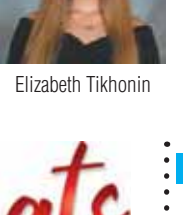
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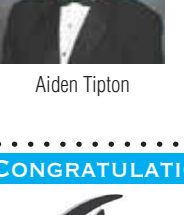
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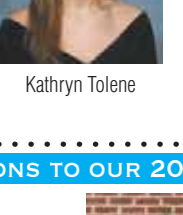
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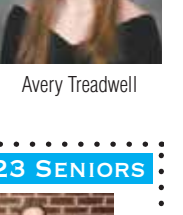
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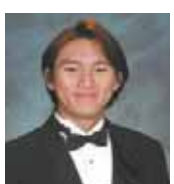
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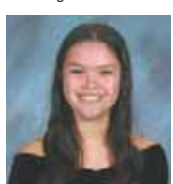
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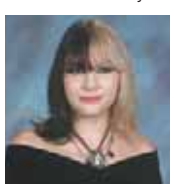
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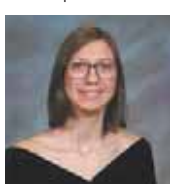
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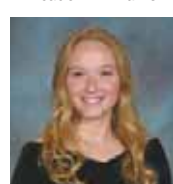
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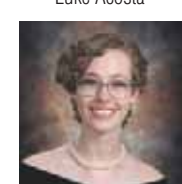
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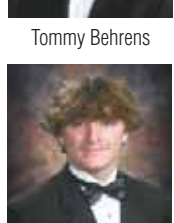
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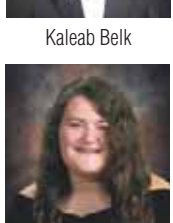
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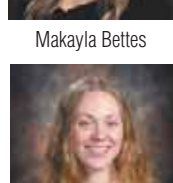
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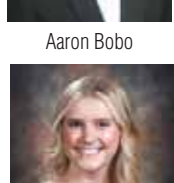
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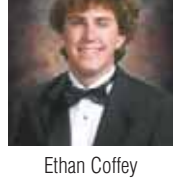
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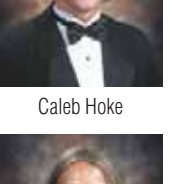
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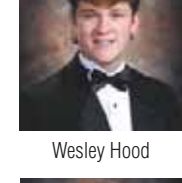
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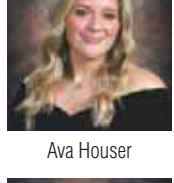
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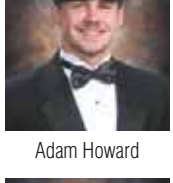
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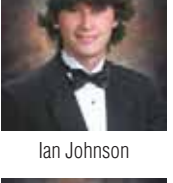
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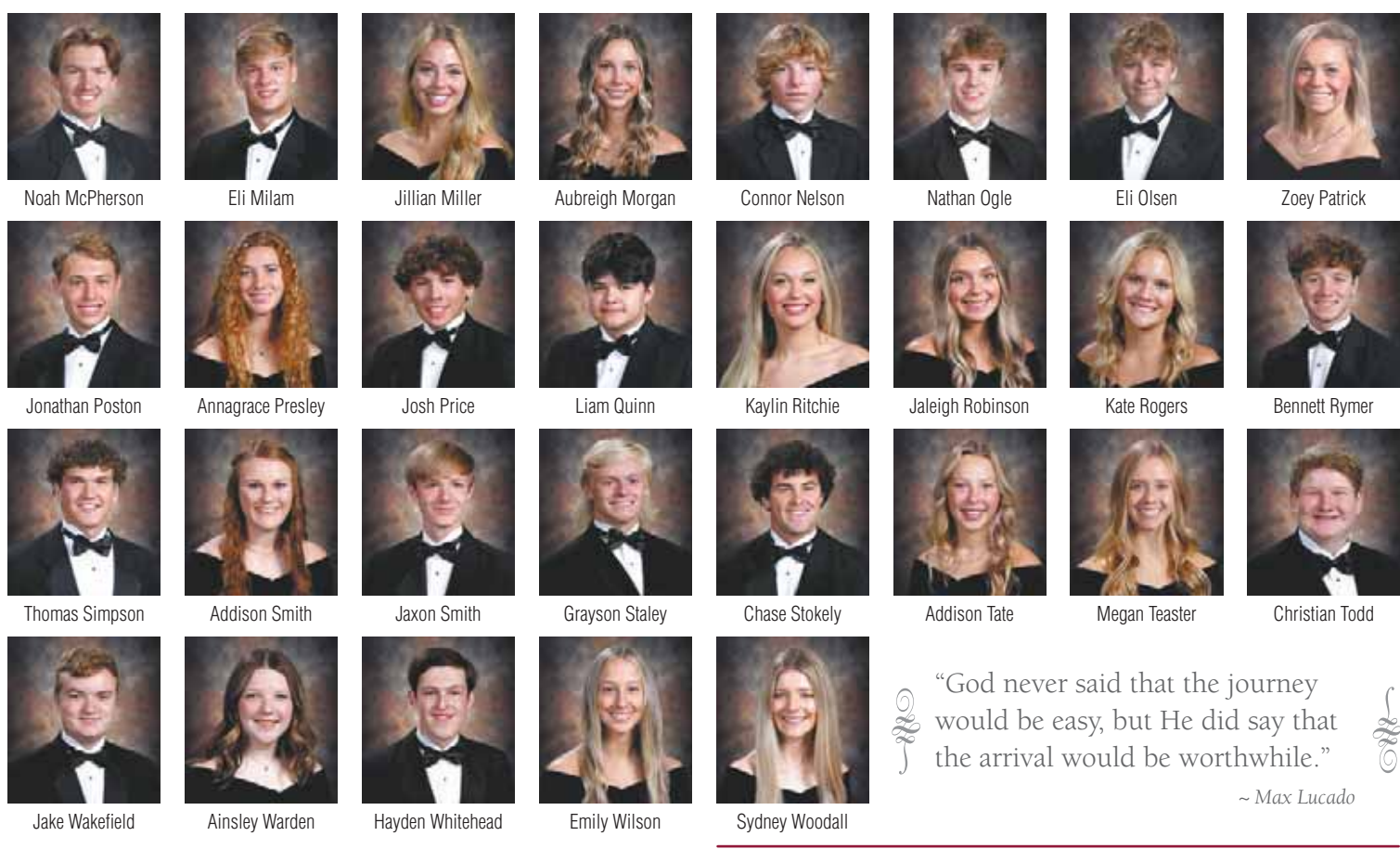
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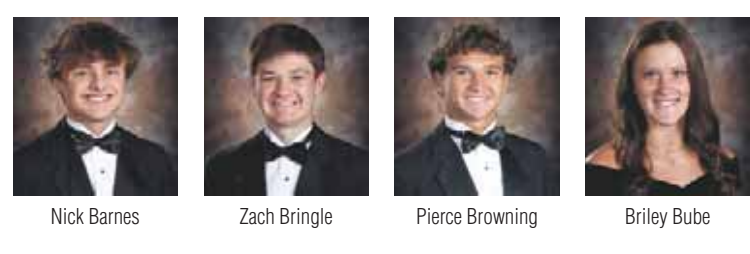
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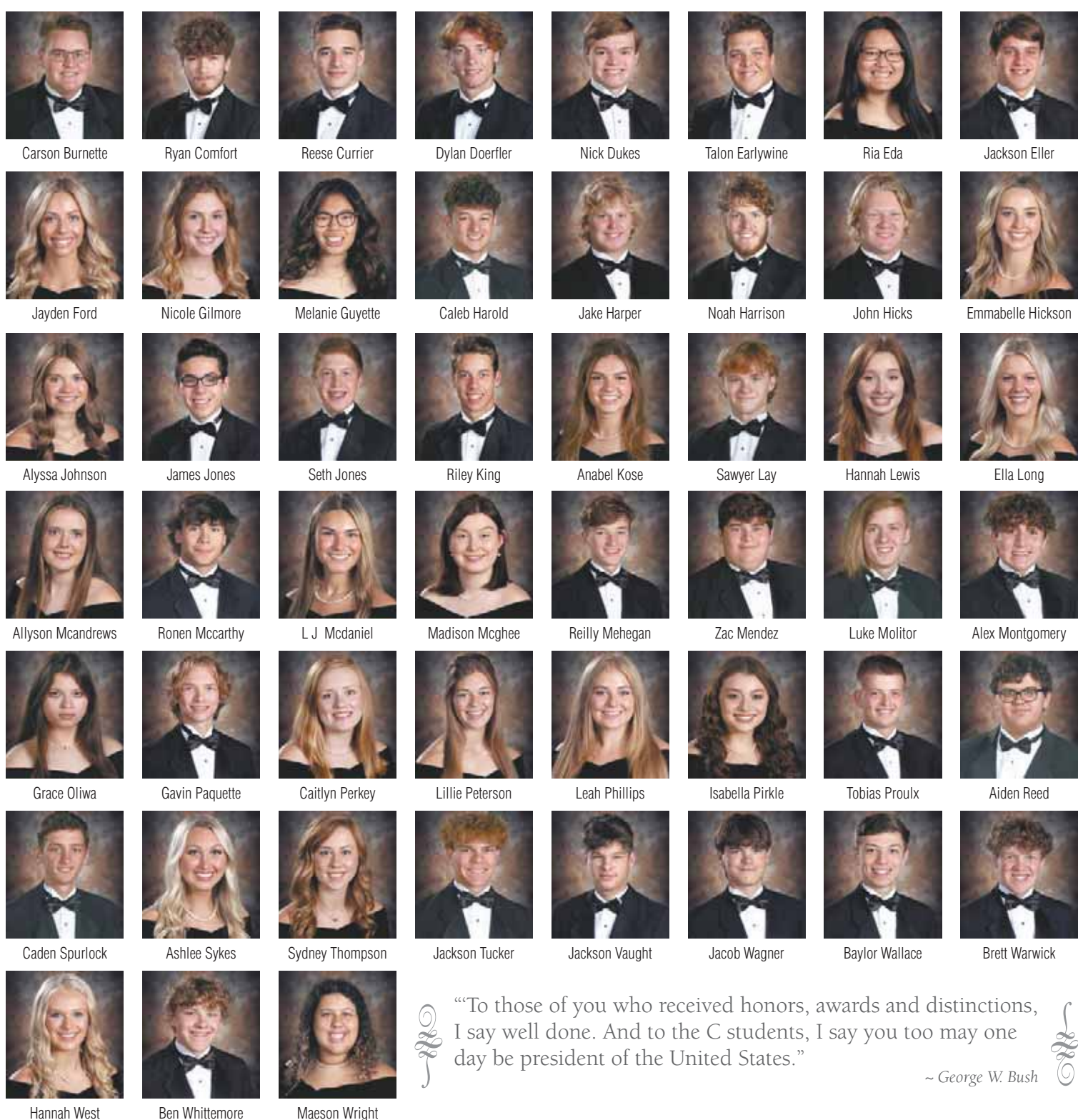
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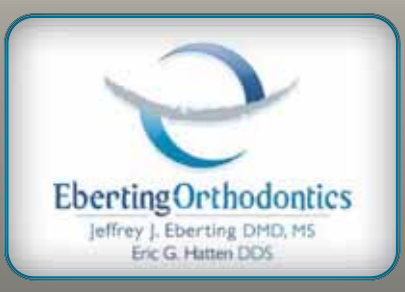
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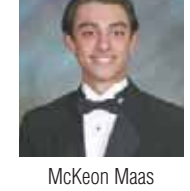
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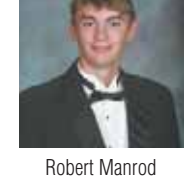
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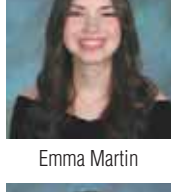
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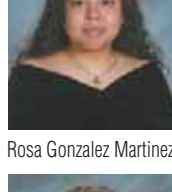
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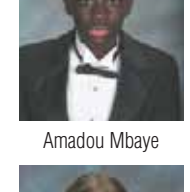
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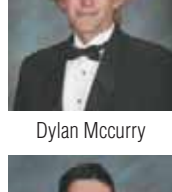
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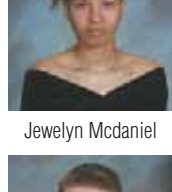
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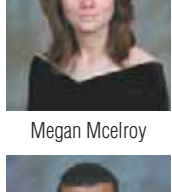
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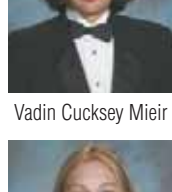
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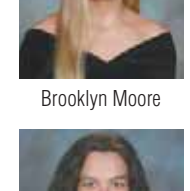
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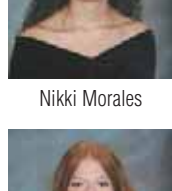
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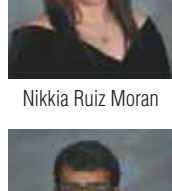
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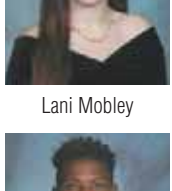
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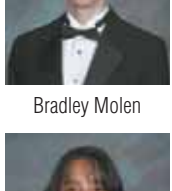
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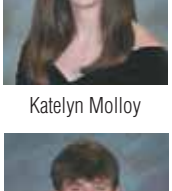
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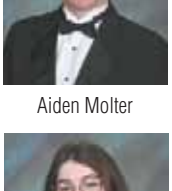
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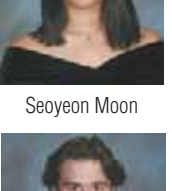
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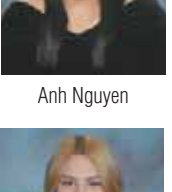
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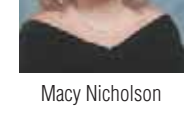
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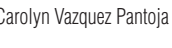
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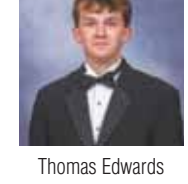
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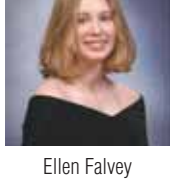
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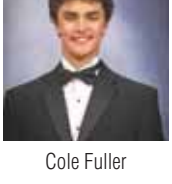
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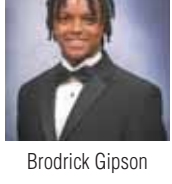
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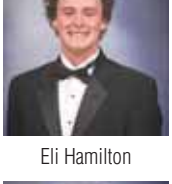
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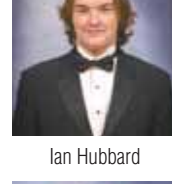
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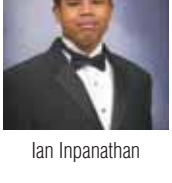
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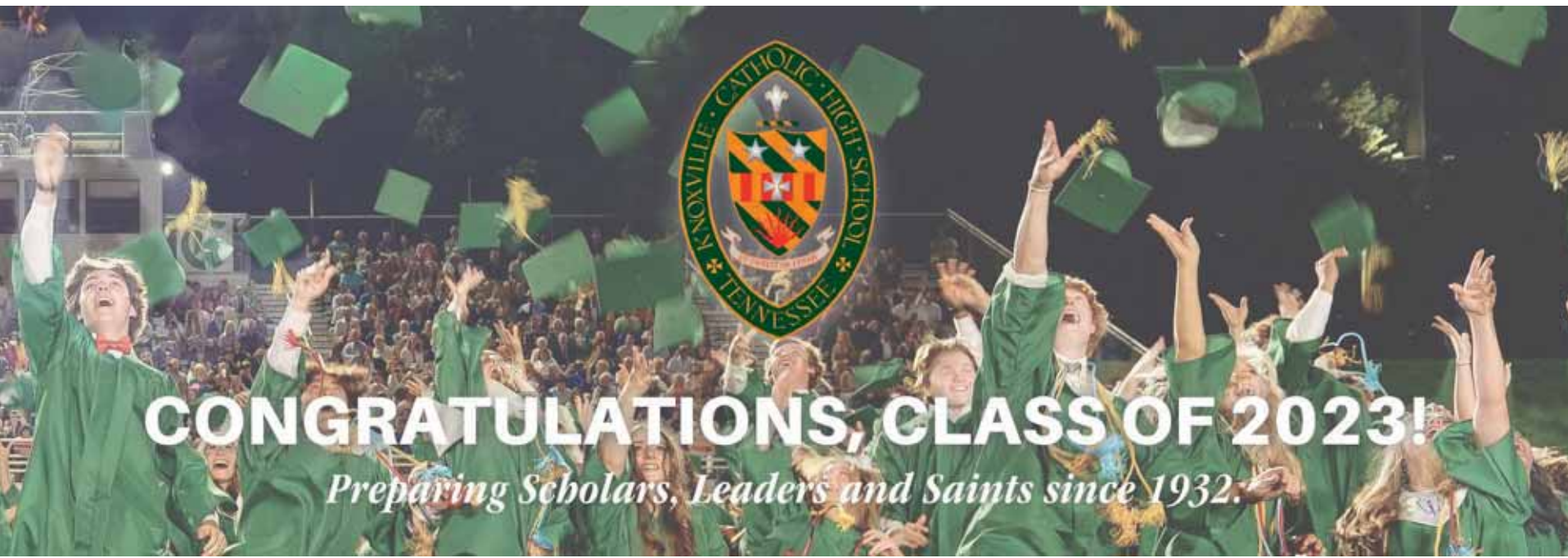
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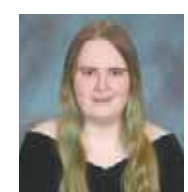
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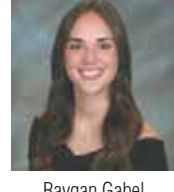
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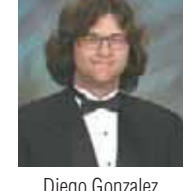
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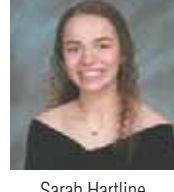
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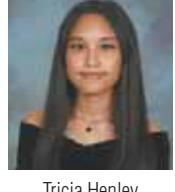
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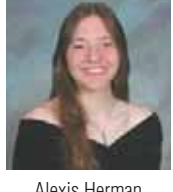
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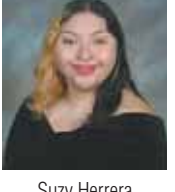
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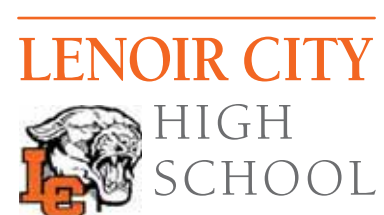


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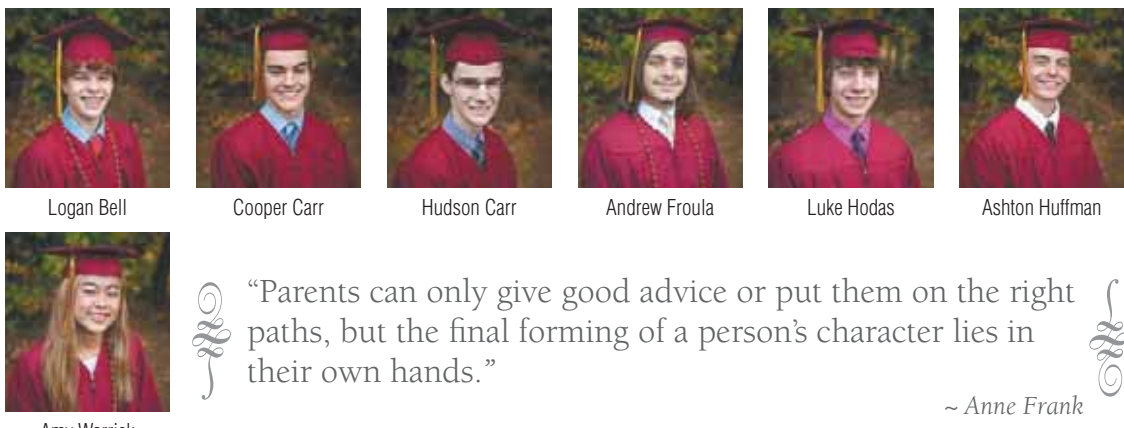
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Ellis Glead with his parents, Laura and Doug Glead.



Jett Johnston with his parents, Jessica and Jack Johnston, and sister, Mya



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Griffin Mashburn with his parents, Billie Jo and Rob Mashburn, and brother, Cooper.



Eli Miller alongside his parents, Jennifer and Rusty Miller, with sister, Catherine, left, and "Papaw Dave."



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Ashton Sulack with his parents, Stephanie and Pete Sulack, along with siblings including Eli, Isaiah and Zeke



Mark Underwood with his parents, Jill and Allen Underwood



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Devon Pulver is alongside his parents, coach Matt Pulver and Karen Pulver



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Ian Sorochan (yellow) is alongside his parents, Lisa and John Sorochan, along with his brother, Charlie, and grandparents, Dave and Lynn Lundberg.



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Jack Bukovitz (No. 17) is joined, from left, by his father, Brian Bukovitz; brother, Eric; and mother, Keri Bukovitz



Ty Finnegan is joined by his father, Tim Finnegan, right, and siblings, Luke and Lydia. Not pictured is his mother, Marla Finnegan.

SOFTBALL



Sophia Leto (with flowers) with supporters, front row from left, her mother, Vanessa Leto; team manager Molly Barber; brother, Christian; and sister, Isabella. In back is Sophia's father, Vince Leto, left, and her brother, Antonio.



Avery Mattina (with flowers) is alongside teammate Amelia Dorset. From left are Avery's grandparents, Lee and Judy Bazyn; and parents, Tammy and Joey Mattina.

TENNIS



Ava Guzowski (with flowers) is flanked by FHS teammates Aubrie Conger, left, and Christie George. Family members in back, from left, are Ava's aunt, Sandy Junn; her grandmother, Claudia Courter; parents Nicole and Frank Guzowski III; and grandparents, Frank Guzowski II and Sue Guzowski.



Farragut High School girls and boys tennis team seniors for 2023, from left, are Joshua Tesar, Bekah Graham and Alyssa Thomas.



TRACK & FIELD

Senior members of the 2023 Farragut High Schools boys and girls track & field teams, in alphabetical order, are Jason Bahati, Annie Bryant, Nhan Bui, Kathleen Cary, Baylor Clinton, Trevor Coggin, Liam Cronin, Quinn DeGuira, Ocean Edwards, Elijah Gibbs, Rebekah Graham, Riley Hanson, Samantha Harvey, Ulysses Hull, Tyson Jackson, Katerina Kovalevskaya, Callie Lefler, Ryan Marasigan, Michael Mendonca, Emma Miller, Wrenna Morris, Jarek Morton, Kennedy Reynolds and Thomas Witthauer.

