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'Rodeo wranglers'

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(Left) "I caught it," Imani Garces, 6, exclaimed after catching his first catfish during the first session of Bob Watt Fishing Rodeo in Town of Farragut's Anchor Park (Fort Loudoun Lake) Saturday morning, May 11. He was among 90 children signed up for the first session. (Right) Brothers Liam Walker, left, and Mason Walker tied for the most fish caught overall during the first session. See many more Fishing Rodeo photos in an upcoming West Side Faces page.

\$1.3 million for Knox Co. broadband announced by Briggs, GOP Caucus

STAFF REPORTS

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State Sen. Richard Briggs (R-District 7, including Farragut) was among Knoxville area General Assembly lawmakers announcing earlier this week the awarding of four major grants from Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, adding up to more than \$1.3 million, to expand broadband to unserved communities in Knox County.

To promote broadband opportunity and high-paying digital jobs, TNECD launched four new programs during this funding opportunity: Digital Skills, Employment and Workforce Development, Connected Community Facilities,

Broadband Ready Communities and Tennessee College of Applied Technology Broadband Workforce grants.

"Those without access to broadband are at a significant disadvantage for education, commerce and connectivity," Briggs said. "These grants will help meet the needs of Knox County citizens still lacking access to broadband. I am grateful to ECD and Gov. (Bill) Lee for their work."

"The BRC grants are being distributed to local governments and support community-based digital skills training, public Wi-Fi projects, distribution of free or low-cost devices and mar-

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Park Place Men of Valor stories told; Kirk all about quilts

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"It's about the veterans," Dixie Lee Hands Touching Hearts quilting group president Paula Kirk said about presenting Quilts of Valor to seven veterans at Park Place of West Knoxville, 10914 Kingston Pike in Farragut, Wednesday, April 24.

Charles "Chuck" Firestone, Larry Goulding, Robert Hungate, Dennis Larrabee, Phil Malkovich, Alvin "Al" Sherrill and Wilfred "Will" Slade each came in front of fellow Park Place residents and family to receive their quilts.

As a member of Quilts of Valor Foundation, Dixie Lee Hands Touching Hearts group near Farragut makes quilts to drape over the shoulders of local veterans, but Kirk said she wants the focus entirely on the veterans.

"We all know that freedom is not free," she said. "While we will never know the true extent of your service and sacrifice, we do know that we owe a debt that we can never repay to you and all those who have served."

"The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization founded by Blue Star Mother Catherine Roberts after her son was deployed to Iraq," she added.

"She had an idea to make and give a quilt to a wounded soldier,

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Tammy Cheek

Park Place of West Knoxville's veterans received Quilts of Valor, as a way to say "thank you for your service," Wednesday, April 24. Seated from left are Alvin "Al" Sherrill, Larry Goulding and Robert Hungate. Veterans standing, from left, are Charles "Chuck" Firestone, Wilfred "Will" Slade, Paula Kirk (Dixie Lee Hands Touching Hearts president), Dennis Larrabee and Phil Malkovich.

One of 29 in U.S.: Town teen earns WC Foundation Scholarship



Connor Archer

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Connor Archer of Farragut, Knoxville Christian School homeschool program Class of 2024 graduate, recently won a national Washington Crossing Foundation 2024 Scholarship designated for seniors planning careers in government service.

Archer, who will attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia, in the fall, received the Gregory Czura, Esq., Memorial Scholarship through the Washington Crossing Foundation. He was among 29 seniors nationwide to receive the scholarship.

"It was a huge honor to receive the scholarship," said Archer, who graduated

from KCS Friday, May 3.

"The prestigious scholarships are awarded annually to patriotic high school seniors dedicated to serving their school, their community and their country," a Washington Crossing press release stated.

"This quality of service is exemplified by Gen. Washington and his men in their heroic Crossing of the Delaware on Christmas night 1776," the release further stated.

The scholarships were presented during a ceremony and luncheon at Washington Crossing Inn in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania.

"Over the course of the weekend, specifically during the ceremony, I met a

lot of extraordinary people who are currently leaders in their communities and industries, as well as people who are rising to that level and will be leaders in the future," said Archer, son of Dr. Daniel and Keri Archer.

"One of the things that past recipients and other people involved with the Washington Crossing Foundation said numerous times ... was that a major component of what the scholarship offers comes from the connections that it offers its recipients rather than the monetary value of the scholarship," he added. "I don't think I would have believed them if I had not been at the scholarship weekend, but

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Pinnacle's Puppy Palooza Parkside

The Pinnacle of Turkey Creek again is hosting Puppy Palooza from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 18, located in front of Condado Tacos, 11383 Parkside Drive.

"We have held this event for three years now, and it is our way of giving back to the community and helping the Humane Society of the Tennessee Valley provide

homes to animals in need," said Gabi Walsh of The Pinnacle. "There will be a dog vendor market, splash zones, a Pup Cup bar, giveaways and more." The event is free and open to the public.

"Bringing your own pups is encouraged," Walsh added. "There will be dog adoptions at the event as well."

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'Superior' is FMS orchestras rating in Ohio



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Eighty-three combined members of Farragut Middle School's eighth-grade and seventh-grade orchestras (FMS seventh-grade orchestra performing above) received Superior ratings during their performances at Music in the Parks at King High School in Mason, Ohio, Friday, May 10. "Farragut Middle School has amazing students, and I think that is reflected in their fantastic accomplishment this weekend," said Ashley Gantt, FMS orchestra director. Parents of orchestra students said the following: "We are so excited about the progress that FMS orchestra has seen under Ms Gantt. The students have a say in the music they play, and you can hear the difference that makes on stage. The festival was a great way to stretch their skills, and they proved themselves. So awesome and proud of them, and kudos to you (Gantt) for making that possible with your leadership and talent to make them what they are."

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I can now see that I will have a lifetime of connections arising from this award, which will be of far greater worth to me in the long run than the monetary value of the scholarship."

Archer is involved with his church — Christ Covenant — "especially in the youth group, where I am the team lead for all the tech relating to worship (sound, slides, etc.)."

He also is involved in a discipleship group at the church, where he has had the opportunity over his high school years "to learn from and be mentored by older men in the church," he said.

"I have had the privilege of serving on multiple short-term mission trips, where I have been stretched as a person and learned the importance of serving the community around me," Archer added. "I also participated in TeenPact,

a Christian Government/Leadership school, where I got to participate in a mock legislature and much more."

Outside of church and school, Archer is part of a competitive shooting team, N2Dust Shotgun Sports — which is part of the Scholastic Clay Target Program — through which he has competed in skeet, trap and sporting clays.

"I also spent many years playing in a recreational baseball league," he said.

At Liberty University, Archer will study mechanical engineering and has been accepted into its Honors Program.

"I am not entirely sure what I want to do in the field of engineering after college, but I think it could be very interesting to work in research and development, specifically on aircraft," he said. "I have also considered trying to do some sort of research for the government or serving my country in some other capacity."

Broadband boost

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keting for low-cost Internet plans," according to a press release from Virginia McFarland, deputy press secretary for Tennessee Senate Republican Caucus.

"The DSEW grants are being distributed to organizations that will offer a variety of training and education programs to advance digital skills and workforce development, creating a pipeline for well-paying digital jobs," the release further stated.

Digital Skills, Education and Workforce grant recipients: Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee,

\$500,000, serving parts of Knox County; Shora Foundation, \$204,385, serving parts of Knox County; and University of Tennessee, \$512,916, serving parts of Knox and 20 other East Tennessee counties.

"Grantees across all programs are investing matching funds and will complete their projects by Dec. 31, 2026," the release further stated.

Applications for the second round of CCF and BRC programs will open Wednesday, May 15, and the DSEW program will open June 15.

Another key local figure in the political process of broadband to Knox County was state Sen. Becky Massey (R-District 6, Knox County).

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KCSO reports

Despite requesting Knox County Sheriff's Office reports early Monday morning, Sept. 13, none were received by farragutpress as of deadline at 8 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14.

We expect to have KCSO Reports to publish in our Wednesday, May 22, issue.



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hoping to offer healing and comfort.

The mission of the foundation “has grown and changed from that early day,” Kirk said. “At the heart of the foundation’s mission is the thought of giving something back to veterans who have served our country with honor and to thank them for their service.

“As of Feb. 29, 377,384 Quilts of Valor have been presented.”

Park Place veterans’ stories are told

Firestone served from 1964 to 1967, when he was a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army. After being commissioned, he served as a field artillery officer with the 173rd Airborne Brigade as a member of the Long-Range Recon Patrol team.

“The 173rd Airborne Division was the first major United States Army ground formation deployed to Vietnam,” Kirk said.

During his service, Firestone received a Bronze Star; 2-Oak Leaf Clusters, for which he was thrice awarded; a Purple Heart; and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Silver Star.

Besides serving in Vietnam, he also served as an instructor at Fort Sill Artillery School.

“He credits his military service for allowing him to be very decisive and live for today,” Kirk said of Firestone.

However, “Chuck asks that we all understand PTSD can be a lifelong problem, and we always support our returning veterans with that condition no matter how long it takes to be corrected.”

Goulding served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, when he was specialist third class.

“While in the Army, Larry served as a clerk historian during the Korean War and served in Germany,” Kirk said.

“The most memorable experience was spending Christ-

mas Eve in a small German village.

“Military life enabled me to see Europe and receive many benefits thanks to Uncle Sam,” Goulding said. “It was a satisfying growth experience.”

Hungate, who comes from a military family, served in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1974, when he was an E-4 specialist. Like is father, he also served as a 91 Bravo medic.

In service, he was stationed in West Germany, where he had the “unexpected privilege of delivering a baby for a U.S. military family not once, but twice,” Kirk said.

Hungate recalled how the Army restricted the news he received while in West Germany. “In 1969, there was plenty of news about the moon landing, but not a word about Woodstock,” he shared.

Larrabee served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1966 to 1988, when he was senior chief (E-8), serving as a machinery tech during the Vietnam War.

However, his most memorable tours were in Alaska and cocswain training in Lake Erie.

“Military life enabled me to make long-time friends and have a sense of community,” Larrabee said. “I also felt I was part of something important.”

Malkovich served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1960, when he was a PO2 and served as a quarter master during the Korean War.

His most memorable experience was “the beauty of the sunsets on the quiet ocean,” Malkovich shared.

While in the Navy, it offered him a world cruise through the Panama and Suez canals. Also, he said military life enabled him to attend college.

“I would certainly do it all over again,” he added.

Sherrill served in the U.S. Army from 1954 to 1956, where he was private first class.

He was drafted while married and living in Old Hickory (Davidson County).

“After going through basic training at Fort Knox, Kentucky, he said goodbye to his wife and was shipped out to Darmstadt, Germany, to serve as a clerk typist,” Kirk said. “During his 18 months in Germany, he was afforded only one weekend pass.

“However, he did get to make many day trips to nearby cities and towns,” she added.

After being honorably discharged, Sherrill used the GI Bill to finish his college education, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting from Carson-Newman University. He then served as an IRS agent for 31 years.

Slade served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1971, where

he was a technical sergeant. While in the Air Force, he served as an aircraft and engine mechanic.

He served a year in Vietnam, Korea and the Philippines. In the United States, he was stationed at various bases, including Edwards AFB, Los Angeles AFB and Wright-Patterson AFB.

“His most memorable experiences come from his time while stationed at Wright-Patterson AFB for four years and in the Philippines for three-and-a-half years,” Kirk said.

“He appreciates how his service in the Air Force kept his life interesting and instilled the value of respect,” she added about Slade.

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- Dennis Larrabee,

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Crunchy Mama Box promotes 'conscious living' products

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Inspired by enlightened family members, Wanda Malhotra of Farragut is promoting "conscious living" through her business, Crunchy Mama Box.

She recently applied for her business license in Farragut.

Malhotra was raised in Brazil with Brazilian, Italian and Indian descent that embodied a deep passion for botanicals, holistic healing and Ayurveda that shaped her "crunchy" (hippy) lifestyle. That lifestyle inspired her to share her knowledge to others.

She explained Crunchy Mama Box is "a mission-driven wellness platform where we test products and services for our audience."

"I like to call our audience a community because that's what we are, a community of like-minded people who are looking to live a healthier, more sustainable lifestyle," Malhotra added.

Along with featuring wellness experts on her website crunchymamabox.com, she is a certified health coach and wellness entrepreneur who has been in the wellness industry for 30 years.

She also is a journalist and has authored a book, "Women in Wellness: The Empowering Journeys of 35 Female Leaders in Wellness," which was launched at the Wellness In-



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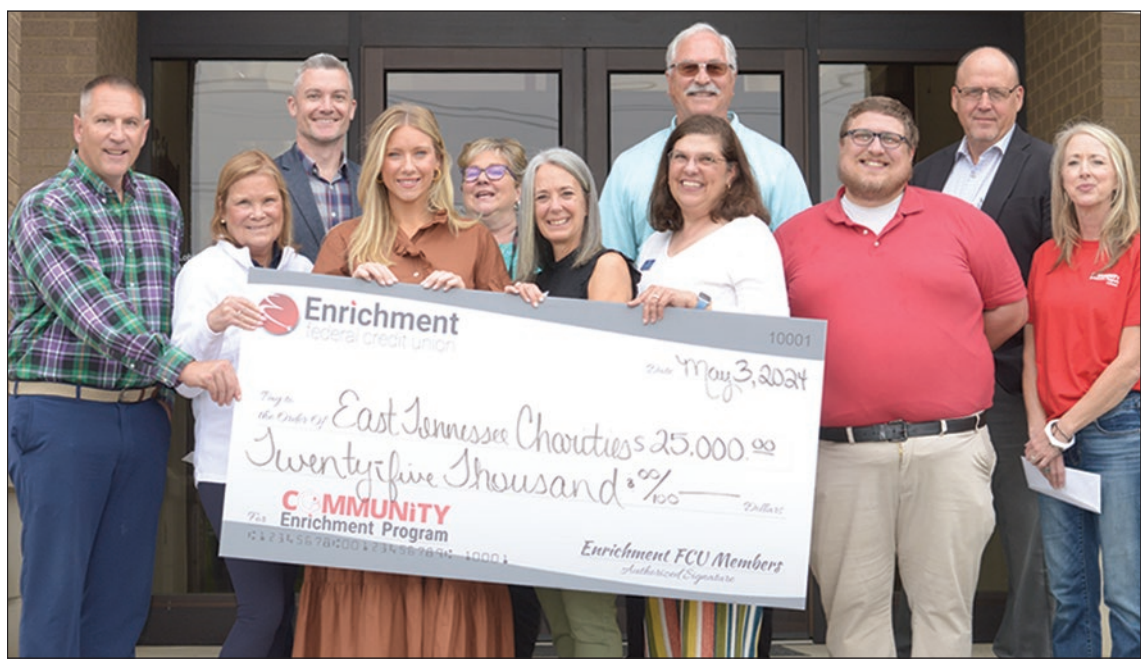
Malhotra recalled she used to create hair care products, such as plant-based hair color,

and skin care products.

"Now, I help people by reviewing ingredients, auditing manufacturing processes to

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Enrichment FCU gives back: \$25,000



Tammy Cheek

Enrichment Federal Credit Union, 9419 S. Northshore Drive, which originally opened in 2008, recently celebrated the re-opening of its bank Thursday, May 9, following a remodel of its interior by presenting a \$25,000 donation to East Tennessee Charities as part of its Community Enrichment Program. On hand for the presentation were, front row from left, Mary Moreland, American Cancer Society; Maggie Morgan, East Tennessee Children's Hospital; Kristi Rule, Second Harvest Food Bank; Kristen Sanders, Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding; Travis Jones, Habitat for Humanity Knoxville; and Renee Kennedy, Alzheimer's Tennessee. On hand in the back row, from left, were Shawn Snyder, STAR; Jeremy Hodges, EFCU chief executive officer; Becky Woody, EFCU chief experience officer; Rick Benson, EFCU board chair; and Mike Hayes, EFCU chief risk and technology officer.

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• Rotary Club of Knoxville will bestow its 2024 Peace Award to Marti Baker and CareCuts of Knoxville's mission, "Restoring Dignity, Restoring Lives," during a Rotary 2024 Peace Award Luncheon noon, Tuesday, May 21, in Knoxville Museum of Art.

• Vantage Point Financial Planning has been named to the 2024 Forbes Best-in-State Wealth Management Teams list. The firm also won the Vantage Point Financial Planning, Ameriprise Client Experience Award for a period from 2020 through 2023.

• National Credit Union Administration recently awarded ORNL Federal Credit Union a merger with Lowland Credit Union. Following state regulatory approval and LCU's members vote of approval, the merger was effective May 1. ORNL FCU is the continuing credit union, with LCU employees and members now ORNL FCU employees and members.

• For the fourth time, Highway Transport recently earned the Responsible Care Partner of the Year Award, which the American Chemistry Council presented during its Responsible Care and Sustainability Conference in May.

Responsible Care is the chemical manufacturing industry's environmental, health, safety and security performance initiative. The 2024 Partner of the Year Award recognizes ACC partners with superb performance and safety records in the distribution, transportation, storage, use, treatment, disposal and sales and marketing of chemicals.

• University of Tennessee Medical Center has announced its achievement of TeamBirth Recognition, which is a "testament to the dedication of our staff and leadership to ensuring that every patient's voice is heard throughout the birth experience," a press release stated.

UTMC implemented TeamBirth in 2022 to optimize teamwork and communication before, during and after labor and delivery.

Chamber Breakfast Speaker Series

Sponsors sought for series addressing childcare crisis in Farragut, Knox Co.

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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce is helping businesses look at solutions to the childcare crisis in Farragut and Knox County with its upcoming Breakfast Speaker Series.

The breakfast starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by a panel discussion of speakers at 8 a.m., expected to end at 9 a.m., Wednesday, June 5, with featured speakers, Matt Ryerson, CEO, United Way of Greater Knoxville; Bart McFadden, CEO, Boys & Girls Club of Tennessee Valley; and state Sen. Becky Massey (R-District 6).

"We talk to employers and working parents every single week who tell us how hard it is to find good, affordable daycare options, and this conversation, unfortunately, has not changed much over the last several years," FWKCC president/CEO Julie Blaylock said. "Many new parents have been on waiting lists since they found out they were having a baby — sometimes even before that."

"If parents can find daycare availability, the next issue is the expense," she added. "And, while daycare costs have risen exorbitantly, the tax credit cap to offset childcare costs hasn't changed since the 1980s."

For example, "One of our volunteers recently shared that they opted for their spouse to stay at home to care for the kids when they realized the cost of daycare would take all but \$25/month of their spouse's income," Blaylock recalled. "Countless other Chamber members who own businesses talk about how the childcare issue affects their workforce."

"Many have had working parents take leave to have a child and then don't come back, either because they're still on a waiting list or they realize the expense is too high," she added. "Employers and employees both talk about being short-staffed because school closed early or closed entirely last minute and there are no last-minute childcare options available."

"Then you have industries who operate outside a normal Monday through Friday workday schedule. Those parents are even more challenged to find childcare that accommodates that schedule."

Blaylock hopes the Breakfast Speaker Series will give "a much louder voice to the issue; let members of our business community share their challenges and hopefully understand how they

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Crunchy Mama

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make sure they're clean, their sustainable practices, their social impact and how they give back to the community and the planet," she said.

Malhotra examines whether her clients' businesses are using eco-friendly packaging and whether their ingredients are clean.

"We taste snacks; we taste meals, functional drinks, energy drinks, teas, coffee, smoothies," Malhotra added.

Along with testing, her com-

pany also provides guidance and coaching to small businesses and start-up companies on what ingredients and materials to use, providing a "seal of approval" to businesses that meet her high standards.

"Our criteria is strict," she said. "It's a very high standard of excellence ... their quality, their ingredients and how clean, how sustainable they are."

Another part of Malhotra's business is sharing and educating her audience community, including Farragut, with articles and feedback.

Speaker Series

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can support solutions at the legislative level, but also get creative in being part of the solution locally.

"Until we started seeing massive workforce gaps, it's a problem that I think got dismissed as something just parents needed to figure out," she added. "But it's not just the parents' problem; it is all of our problem."

According to the website for Tennesseans for Quality Early Education — a statewide, bi-

partisan nonprofit organization — the impact of inadequate child care on Tennessee parents, businesses and taxpayers amounts to \$122 million annually in lost earnings and revenue.

"Talk to most Knoxville parents of children under age 5, and you're likely to hear how difficult it is to find child care that's accessible, affordable and of sufficient quality to support their child's school readiness," the website stated.

"An overwhelming 94 percent of Knoxville parents said inadequate child care hurt

their work productivity and/or career opportunities," the website further stated. "Productivity challenges affect both employer and employee."

Cost to attend the event is \$35 for Chamber members, \$40 for non-members and \$350 for a table of 10 with logo. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting farragutchamber.com

Additionally, there are sponsorship slots available for the Breakfast Speaker Series. Currently, East Tennessee Health Plan and Kids Coo Drop-In Day Care are community sponsors.



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Explosive finishing touch X 2 on the diamond



Alan Sloan

Head coach Nick Green with his District 4-4A Softball Tournament champ Farragut Lady Ads at Maryville Thursday, May 9, after beating the Maryville Lady Red Rebels on their home field 14-4 thanks to a nine-run bottom of the sixth inning. Tourney MVP Ava Barnes, a junior, belted a three-run homer, a double and a single that produced six RBI. Rilee Kate Ragan and Elsa Morrison each homered (five RBIs total). Anna French added an RBI triple among her two hits while Addison Pressley laced three singles.

After 5th straight 4-4A tourney title, FHS softball earns Sectional

BILL HOWARD

Correspondent

Heading into its Region 2-4A semifinal Monday night, May 13, against Knoxville Central High School, Farragut's softball team had scored 32 runs in its previous three games — nine in the bottom of the sixth to run-rule Maryville and win the District 4-4A Tournament 14-4 four days prior.

But against the Lady Bobcats in a win-or-go-home game at FHS's Bellamy Field, the Lady Ads could plate only four.

However, because of starting pitcher Emma MacTavish, FHS would have been OK with scoring but once.

The senior hurler threw a complete-game shutout, giving up only two hits — both infield singles — while striking out eight in a 4-0 Farragut win.

The Lady Admirals (26-10) next go on the road to play District 3-4A Tournament champ Halls Wednesday, May 15.

"She (MacTavish) did a great job tonight," FHS head coach Nick Green said. "Tight zone, worked around a lot of things, pitched great. Good defensive work out here tonight."

"As a pitcher, I cannot thank my defense enough," MacTav-

ish said. "When my defense is making plays for me, I'm confident in my pitches."

MacTavish walked two and was never in serious trouble.

The Lady Admirals scored twice in the second to lead 2-0. Laney Shrader's double off the wall scored pinch runner Taylor Albright. Shrader made it to third on the play.

Rilee Kate Ragan's grounder then brought in Shrader.

Slugger Elsa Morrison made it 3-0 in the third with a home-run bomb to center field on an 0-1 count.

The Lady Admirals added an insurance run in the sixth when Rylee Raby reached on a fielder's choice, went to second on a walk to Ragan, then scored on an errant throw to second that went into the outfield on a pickoff attempt.

Depending on the outcome against Halls, the Lady Admirals will face either Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett or Morristown West — either home as region champ or on the road as 2-4A runner-up — in the Sectionals Friday, May 17. That winner goes to the state tournament, which begins Tuesday, May 21, in Murfreesboro.

"For us to be in the Sectionals, it feels like where we should be. ... It's our expectation at this point," MacTavish said.

Dawgs strike quick, get stellar keeper play to win 4-4A tourney title at HVA

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HARDIN VALLEY — Using a defensive mistake to punch in a goal less than six minutes into the match (Ahmed Dkhiri), Bearden quickly jumped ahead of District 4-4A rival Hardin Valley Academy 2-0 in this 4-3A tourney title game. A nice crossing pass from Lucas Ford that Aidan Ainsworth headed home from 10 yards out came less than three minutes later.

"I think it was a lesson for the kids ... getting down that quick," HVA head coach Ray Dover said about a 3-1 SoccerDawgs win at HVA Friday evening, May 10. "It took a while in the game to re-calibrate and get back into it."

Both Dover and BHS head coach Ryan Radcliffe pointed to the stellar play of Bearden junior goalkeeper Logan Nelson. "Logan Nelson, how big was he tonight?" Radcliffe said, as Nelson stopped penalty kicks in two straight tourney games, including a 3-0 home win versus Farragut Wednesday, May 8.

"I'd say their goalkeeper was the player of the game," Dover said about Nelson.

About the early goals, "that just set the tone," Nelson said.

After Nelson stopped a Hawks penalty kick in the 75th minute, the SoccerDawgs (16-2-1) added a final tally when Ford scored off a pass from Shawn Spencer in the 79th minute.

Ben Brophy would score the lone Hardin Valley goal on a penalty kick with one minute remaining.

The Hawks (17-2-1) traveled to Oak Ridge to play the District 3-3A champ Wildcats Tuesday, May 14 (after deadline). Bearden hosted 3-3A tourney runner-up Halls May 14.



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Farragut's Franklin Von Hagen, left, battles Bearden players, including Cole Stopka (6). BHS won this tourney semi 3-0 May 8.

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It's 17 FHS track-field state qualifiers; HVA 16

At the TSSAA Division I Sectional 1-AA meet at Hardin Valley Academy Saturday, May 11, Farragut's boys and girls qualified for the state meet in Murfreesboro later this month in 17 events, five of whom were Sectional champs.

Those Admirals and Lady Admirals finishing at the top were Bryce Thompson, discus, Sectional champ, 159-feet-10.00; Thompson, shot put, Sectional champ (new FHS record of 65-foot-10.5); Braden Ebbert, 3200 run Sectional champ, 9:11.52; Katie Edmunds, pole vault, Sectional champ, 10-06.00; Parker Willis, 800-meter run, Sectional champ, 2:15.91; and Max Smydra, triple jump, Sectional champ, 44-04.00.

Hardin Valley Academy Sectional champions: boys 4X800 relay (7:48.23); and Gracie Waite, discus, 117-00.00, and shot put, 43-04.75.

Other FHS state qualifiers

Harrison Cunningham, second, 1600 run; boys 4x400 relay, second (Chris Valentin, Chase McAvoy, Tony Spadafora, Noah Eaker); Chris Valentin, third, and Tony Spadafora, fourth, 400 run; Evan Beeler, fourth, 800 run; Chase McAvoy, decathlon; Sunny Coffey, fourth, triple jump; 4x800-meter relay, fourth (Nick DeGuira, Evan Beeler, Harrison Cunningham, Braden Ebbert); Julian Gorfido, fourth, pole vault; Ava Barczak, fourth, 400; and girls 4x400 relay team, fourth (Parker Willis, Sarah Lynn, Reagan Estes, Ava Barczak).

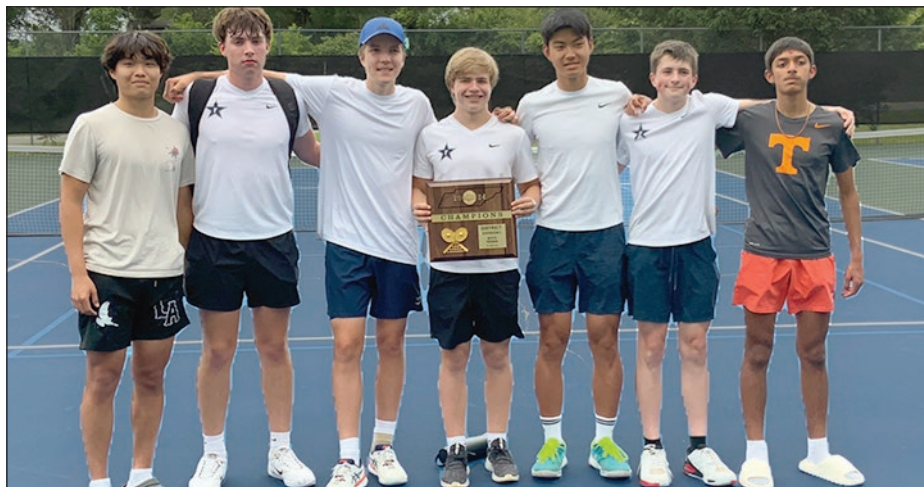
Other HVA, Bearden state qualifiers

Garrett Hawkins (HVA), second, 3200; 4X100 girls (HVA), second; 4X800 girls, second; Maddie Archdale (HVA), second, 800 run; Archdale, second, 1600; Archdale, third, 3200; Gavin Bailey (BHS), second, pole vault; 4X200 girls (HVA) third; Harper Allen (HVA), third, pole vault; McKale Hayes (HVA), third, 300 hurdles; Carson Long (HVA), third, 800; Neal Henley (HVA), third, shot put; Cade Crum (BHS), third, and Gabe Allen (HVA), fourth, 1600; and Alexandra Vesser (HVA), fourth, 1600.

District 4A, Region 2A FHS girls, boys tennis champions; sectional next



Easily winning its District 4-AA Tournament challenges, the Farragut Lady Admirals (above left) and FHS boys teams then punished Knoxville West for the Region 2-AA crown at Tyson Park Friday, May 10, each winning 4-0. Both teams are



Photos courtesy of Jack Tate, FHS sports information director

just one victory from a trip to the Division I-AA state semifinals in Murfreesboro early next week. The boys face Science Hill Wednesday, May 15, at Cedar Bluff Racquet Club, while the girls look to defeat Tennessee High Thursday, May 16.



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Hawk Award nominees highlight Senior Celebration



Tammy Cheek

Hardin Valley Academy's 2024 Hawk Award nominees, from left, are Tinsley Brown, Reagan Harris, Olivia Olmstead, Sterling Ross and Brisa Villatoro. They were announced during HVA's Senior Celebration Awards Friday, May 3.

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Hardin Valley Academy's senior Hawk Award nominees recently were announced during the school's 2024 Senior Celebration in HVA's gymnasium Friday, May 3.

Tinsley Brown, Reagan Harris, Olivia Olmstead, Sterling Ross and Brisa Villatoro are this year's Hawk Award nominees.

"The Hawk Award is the highest award voted on by the Hardin Valley Academy faculty and is bestowed upon a graduating senior," assistant principal Jennifer Vacek said. "The award is presented to the student whose performance has exemplified the finest qualities of HVA."

Those qualities are listed as dependability, responsibility, citizenship, cheerfulness and moral character, as well as "soaring in academics."

With many nominees considered by the faculty, "It is truly a great honor to be nominated for this award," Vacek said.

Winner of the award will be named during the graduation ceremony, which starts 6 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, on the HVA athletics field.

At the same time, the school named Gerri Parker as its Teacher of the Year. She was among five faculty members nominated for the award. Others included Anne Thomas-Abbott, Rudy Furman, Lisa Jacobs and Brooke Bianchi-Pennington.

Kylie Robertson spoke about saying "Good-bye," Kevin Kesserwani spoke about "The Future: What a Bewilderment."

Additionally, the faculty recognized the following students who enlisted in the military: Christian Cerchia, Aidan Finney, Zachary Justice and Nicholas Lambert, U.S. Marine Corps.; Jah-Saun Theodore and Arlet Espinosa Rivera, U.S. Air Force; Brady Nichol, Air Force Academy; Gavin Thorne, University of Miami's Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps; and Wil-

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Jazz Cats' splash at FHS April 30

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Farragut High School's new Jazz Cats performed its first concert in Vickie B. Wells Auditorium Tuesday night, April 30.

"They did great," Rodney Brown, associate director of bands and director of the jazz band, said of the band members. "They played with a sound that was beyond their years. They impressed everyone who was in the audience that evening — myself included."

Joining them were guests artists Tim Paul, minister of instrumental music at First Baptist Church Concord and a jazz drummer by training, and Joe Jordan, former band director at Gresham Middle School that teaches freshman seminar at FHS.

"(Jordan) is a very accomplished trumpet player in his own right and plays with local groups here," Brown said.

Regarding Paul, Brown said drum is the one instrument he did not have for the jazz band originally.

"I thought, why not bring in the best of the best in the area." — (Paul is) right down the road, a friend if mine — to come in and be guest drummer."

Besides the April 30 concert, "we've played during the third

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Photo submitted

Farragut High School Jazz Cats band member Think Ho performs a solo during a concert in FHS's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium Tuesday night, April 30. This is a first concert for the band. In front row, his director, Rodney Brown, far right, sits ready to play.

A close look at Farragut High School valedictorian, salutatorian



Benji Cho

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Farragut High School has announced its cream of the crop: 2024 valedictorian Benji Cho and salutatorian Danial Khan.

"I was on my way to an engineering conference when I received a call from my principal, Dr. (John) Bartlett," Cho said about receiving the news. "Initially, I told him there had been some mistake because I had no idea that I was even in the running for the honor of valedictorian."

"But he confirmed that it

was true and I was excited to tell my parents," said the son of Seong-Hoon Cho and Sara Lee.

"For me, valedictorian isn't really something I strived for," the



Khan

valedictorian said. "... Rather, it is just a testament to my passion for learning anything that is thrown my way."

"Now, having been chosen, I feel a sense of pride to represent my family's success, he added. "Particularly, I feel that it's an honor shared with my dad, who was the catalyst of my passion for academia and the foundation of our family's work ethic."

Outside of school, Cho has

participated in several research opportunities.

"Most recently, I led a research project in climate science, which gained recognition from National Geographic and the Stockholm Water Institute. ... I'll be traveling to Colorado this summer to compete for a spot in the International Competition in Sweden," he said. "I am also the captain of Farragut's soccer team."

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More than 1,500 came out to support Remote Area Medical and enjoy tequila and tacos at the same time during 9th Annual Southern Tequila & Taco Festival, which took place in Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza Friday night, April 26.

“It was an amazing night with over 1,500 people coming out to celebrate together,” stated the Southern Tequila & Taco Fest team in an e-mail.

Meanwhile, Joshiah and the Greater Good band and Marlee Hart entertained the crowd. John Volpe, event founder, said between 70 to 75 vendors, of which about 15 were restaurants, participated in this year’s event.



From left, Cyndi Smith, Karen Gisy, Sheryl Ely, Laurie Salmon, Rachel Gardner and Cyndi Bunch



Kara Barrow, left, and Stephanie Meyer with Chuys



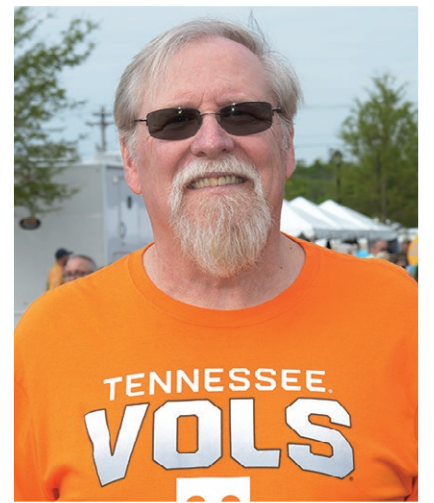
Steve Atchley, left, and Brian Tedford



From left, Tommy Forrester, Tammy Forrester Braden Forrester, Caroline Musco, Rachel Wicks and Jarod Eubanks



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From left, Angie John, Kelly Hoisington and Logan Craft



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Museum of Art, visit www.knoxart.org.

• **There is an urgent need in the Farragut area this summer for Christian volunteers** to serve families living with disability this summer.

Joni and Friends, an international disability ministry with an office in Knoxville, is seeking volunteers for its summer Family Retreat, which will be offered during two sessions in July. Volunteers can sign up for one or more Family Retreat sessions: Tennessee Family Retreat 1 is July 14-18 at Fort Bluff Camp in Dayton (Rhea County) and TFR 2 is July 20-24, also at Fort Bluff.

For more information, visit <https://joniandfriends.org/knoxville>.

• **In the heart of the distressed Southern Appalachian region, Mission of Hope stands as a beacon of hope for senior high school students across 13 high schools.**

This spring and summer, Mission of Hope celebrates the graduation of five more scholars taking advantage of M of H's College Scholarship Program, bringing the total count of college graduates to 96. Several more are set to graduate in December.

These graduates have earned degrees in diverse fields, including business administration, nursing, education, welding, mechanics, engineering, social work, technology, therapy, agriculture and finance.

However, Mission of Hope cannot achieve these milestones alone. The organization appeals to the community for support in its mission to make a difference in the lives of Appalachian students.

Contributions to the scholarship program can be made through the organization's website at missionofhope.org, by calling 865-584-7571 or by mailing donations to P.O. Box 51824, Knoxville, TN 37950. For more information on how you can support Mission of Hope, visit missionofhope.org To see video testimonials from scholarship recipients, visit Mission of Hope's YouTube channel: @MissionofHope1996.

FHS seniors, 3, are U.S. Presidential Scholars Program semifinalists; Dean's List honorees

• **Three Farragut High School seniors have been named semifinalists for the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program:** Elaina Conger, Iris Ye and Alice Liu. They were among 625 semifinalists nationwide selected from more than 6,000 candidates.

• **Among the 1,931 students named to the Dean's List at Samford University for spring 2024 semester were four from Farragut:** Kirsten Jennings, Shelby Justice, Camden Kuhn and Mary Slaughter. To qualify, a student must have earned a minimum 3.5 grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 while attempting at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

• **Belmont University in Nashville recently released its Dean's List for spring 2024 semester.** Among its honorees were Anna Komistek and Joseph Malone of Farragut. Dean's List eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade-point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

HVA seniors

From page 3B

liam Tyrell, U.S. Navy.

Along with classroom, ACT and other accolades, the school honored the following:

• **Samara Stewart**, co-vice-dictorian with a 4.696 grade-point average, along with David Hart, as co-vice-dictorian also with a GPA of 4.696, also earning National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Award and National Merit Scholarship Program Honors.

Hart plans to attend Texas A&M to study mechanical engineering, while Stewart plans to attend University of Tennessee, Knoxville, to study nursing.

• **Luke Daniel**, salutatorian with a grade-point average of 4.679;

Daniel plans to attend Northeastern University to study computer science and business administration.

Also, this year's top 10 students also feature Michael Hart, Carson Long, Zain Madadali, Chase Mayton, Braden Salsbury, Addison Slone and Max Smith.

• **Triple Play Award** to stu-

dent-athletes Gracie Waite, who lettered in tennis, basketball and track and field; AJ Gray, who lettered in football, basketball and track and field; and Sachairi Barnett, who lettered in wrestling, cross country and track.

• **Sterling Ross**, Scott Impellizeri Memorial Scholarship, and Andy Hudson, Service Award.

• **Wesley Cooper Berry**, Evan Richey Memorial Scholarship and Scott Impellizeri Memorial Scholarship.

• **Scott Impellizeri Memorial Scholarships** also went to Madeline Brown and Emma Knight.

• **Hardin Valley Elementary and Hardin Valley Middle School PTO Scholarship** for Teaching to Jaxson Denton, Maddie Brown, Molly Glen, Kayla Ramsey and Madison Stanifer.

• **Olmstead** also received the Y12 Federal Credit Union Bill T. Hicks Scholarship.

• **Coumba Sow** received the Henry Naff Scholarship.

• **Latino Student Alliance scholarship** to Grace Rodriguez and Brisa Villatoro.



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\$5k TVA grant earned by FIS STEM teacher

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Farragut Intermediate School STEM teacher Kristi Shedden has received a \$5,000 Tennessee Valley Authority STEM Classroom Grant for 2024, allowing her students to develop engineering projects using a 3D printer.

Shedden and some of her students showed what they learned to TVA and Knox County officials while the teacher accepted the \$5,000 check from TVA at the school Thursday, May 9.

"I am so excited to have received this grant," Shedden said. "It gives my students so many more opportunities to experience STEM firsthand."

The teacher was notified in November 2023 that she was chosen as one of the TVA/Battelle \$5,000 STEM grant recipients.

"Once notified, I invited the students to start coming before school around Thanksgiving to continue learning how to use the website Tinkercad.com for 3D design," she said.

"The 3D printers arrived

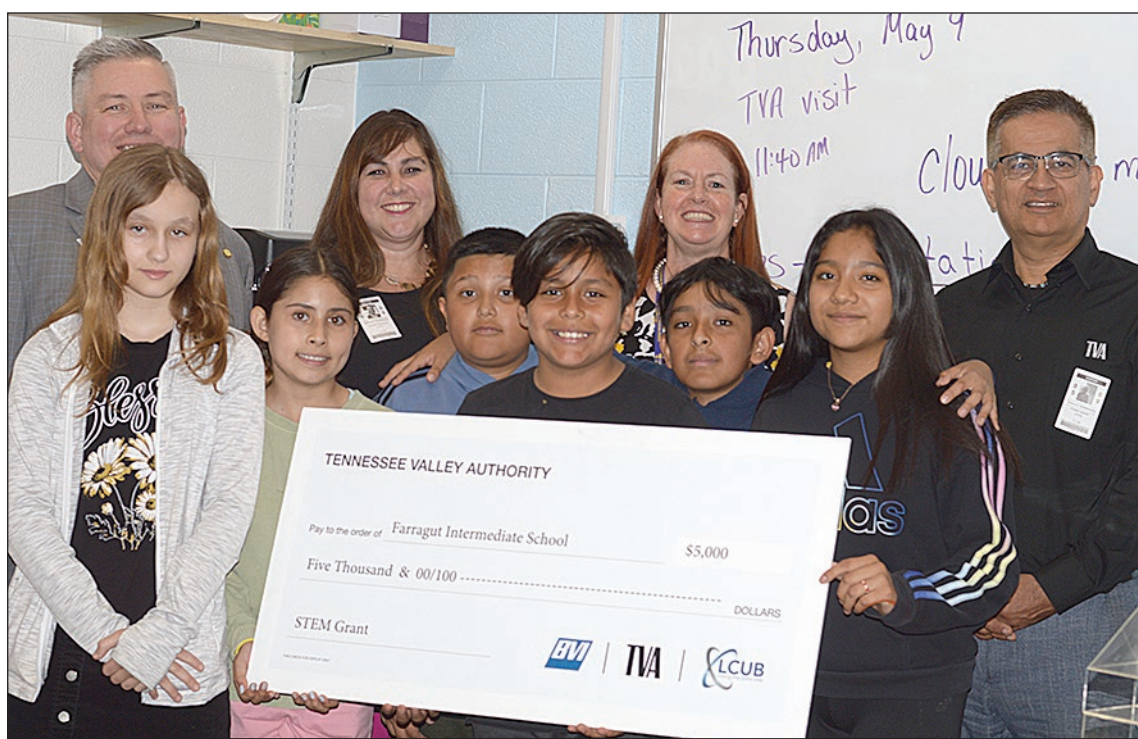
April 4, and the students were ready to try out their designs," Shedden added. "We had a lot of opportunities to learn from and they persevered. I am so proud of them."

Students showed how they can use the 3D printers to demonstrate different types of power: wind, solar and water.

They also described what they learned about the printers when projects did not go as planned. For example, one student, Lucinda Varsas, related how a water wheel "got a little damaged because a piece of filament broke off, so we're using an old water wheel for some practice."

This STEM classroom grant program is operated in partnership with Tennessee STEM Innovation Network, managed by Battelle organization, the release stated.

The grant came about when TVA partnered with Bicentennial Volunteers Inc., a TVA retiree organization, to award a record \$1.5 million in grants to educators in public schools to develop science, technology, engineering and math projects across the Tennessee Valley



Tammy Cheek

Farragut Intermediate School teacher Kristi Shedden, back row, third from left, and her students, from left, Fiona Ciobanu, Luciana Vargas, Henry Garcia Miranda, Danny Dubon Maldonado, Carlos Parra-Gutierrez and Kim Nicolas Dominguez, accepted the \$5,000 check from TVA customer relations manager Robbie Ansary, far right, along with Brad Hair, back row, far left, community outreach specialist, and Rhonda Smithson, back row, second from left, community engagement coordinator — Smithson and Hair with Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs's office — during a presentation at FIS Thursday, May 9.

region, according to a press release from TVA.

"TVA is committed to supporting schools and educators who are inspiring an interest in STEM education in students

across the seven-state region," said Jeanette Mills, TVA executive vice president and chief external relations officer. "As we know, our young people will design and build the ener-

gy systems of the future. Providing resources and access to STEM education is key to inspiring innovation, and we're proud to contribute to the next generation's visionaries."

Jazz Cats

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lunch — we've done that once or twice so far this year — just to get the kids out and expose them a little bit to playing in front of a live audience," the jazz band director said.

Next school year, Brown said, "We're hoping to have a couple more concerts."

For Brown, who has a background in jazz, starting the band at FHS is "a dream come true."

"This is the first semester we've had a jazz band class in at least 10 years," he added. "I

went to (principal) Dr. (John) Bartlett last year, about this time, inquiring about starting a jazz band here as a class, not an afterschool club.

"He said, 'Get me a list of 25 names (of students) and your class is made,' so I provided those, and the class was put in for spring semester of this year and the rest is kind of history. The jazz band, because of the nature of it, promotes itself.

There's interest "because it's different music, much more commercial, and more people's ears are attuned to that type of music," Brown said.



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FHS val-sal

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gut High School tennis team, president of the origami club and a semi-pro video game player (was ranked globally in Clash Royale and Valorant).
 "I was a member of the school's Science Olympiad Team for three years, a member of HOSA for three years and a member of the school's Mu Alpha Theta Club for two years," Cho added.
 He also earned first place in an event at the 2022 Tennessee Science Olympiad, first place in Data Science and Analytics at the 2023 State TSA Conference, runner-up in the district championship for high school tennis, was published in a journal for high-school

researchers, was accepted to the 2023 Notre Dame Leadership Seminars, accepted to the 2023 Governor's School for the Sciences and Engineering and earned distinctions such as the National Merit Commended Scholar.
 As for a career, Cho hopes to become a neurosurgeon or anesthesiologist.
 "I truly believe that each person has a purpose on this planet, and for a while, I had no idea what my purpose was," he reflected.
 Cho plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania this fall on the traditional four-year route.
 "I plan to major in either neuroscience or biochemistry, with a minor in environmental humanities," he said.

Danial Khan
 "I am surrounded by 511 outstanding (senior) students, all of which demonstrate immense and unique talent," Khan said. "It is truly an honor to be recognized as salutatorian at Farragut High School."
 "My recognition as salutatorian is a culmination of my dedication and diligence throughout the past 13 years," he added. "It also serves as a motivator going forward, as I have a long academic pathway to a career in medicine."
 Khan, son of Seema and Shah Khan, plans to pursue a career in interventional cardiology. "I will be attending the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where I plan to major in biochemistry and cellular and molecular biology in

the Chancellor's Honors Program," he said.
 "I am ultimately hopeful to combat healthcare disparities by offering quality care to low-income and uninsured patients," Khan added.
 "I wish to follow in the footsteps of my sister, Aruha Khan, whose faithfulness to health equity has stimulated my pursuit of a medical career."
 In summer 2022, Khan received a fully funded merit scholarship to attend the Governor's School for the Sciences and Engineering at UTK.
 Additionally, he is completing an internship as a student learning mentor at Brickley-McCloud Elementary School for the Gear Up 4 STEM program, where he assists in the setup and orchestration of sci-

ence-related demonstrations to grow students' passion in STEM disciplines.
 At FHS, just a few of his other accolades and awards follow: a National Merit finalist and scholar; as a result of his preliminary SAT (PSAT) score, he was recognized as one of 15,000 National Merit Scholarship finalists in the United States; was recognized as one of roughly 3,800 Merit Scholars; and earned an award from Oak Ridge Institute for Sciences and Education Student Competitions for his project submissions in Ecosystems: A Balancing Act and Fact Finders.
 He also represented FHS on the Youth Health Board via the Knox County Health Department from 2022 to 2024.

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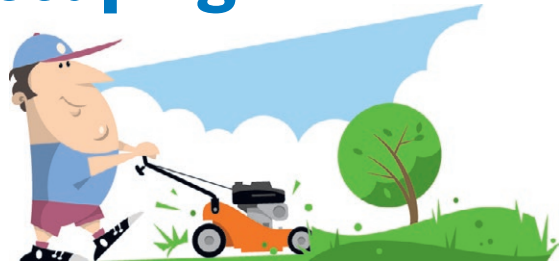
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GENERAL FUND	Actual FY 2023	Estimated Actual FY2024	Budget FY 2025
Revenues			
Local Taxes	\$ 9,580,403	\$ 9,903,724	\$ 10,101,798
State Sales Tax	2,791,381	2,790,246	2,910,000
Wholesale Beer, Liquor & Mixed Drink	1,668,602	1,599,447	1,580,000
Intergovernmental	757,725	768,604	788,553
Licenses And Permits	948,410	640,615	580,650
Recreation Fees	403,037	424,490	357,500
Traffic Enforcement Program & Fines	107,294	105,577	88,000
Rent	87,776	122,757	118,407
Other	986,573	1,119,086	502,200
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 17,331,201	\$ 17,474,546	\$ 17,027,108
Appropriations			
Expenditures			
Legislative	\$ 41,414	\$ 39,263	\$ 59,300
Town Court	100,000	91,399	102,104
Administration	1,010,190	1,174,420	694,992
Finance	-	-	523,836
Human Resources	194,968	211,756	283,544
Information Technology	607,331	644,316	780,571
Communications	-	213,429	224,667
Engineering	938,865	1,029,793	1,009,319
Community Development	1,060,887	1,286,483	1,412,098
General Government	137,356	184,805	174,350
Parks & Recreation	1,081,143	1,083,141	1,169,305
Public Works	2,442,896	2,909,579	3,078,899
Non-Departmental	530,825	636,500	626,000
Community Center	368,056	606,326	627,405
Economic Development	96,500	107,600	119,500
Other Financing Uses			
Transfers Out - to other funds	6,300,000	8,365,000	7,425,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 14,910,431	\$ 18,583,810	\$ 18,310,890
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	2,420,770	(1,109,264)	(1,283,782)
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	27,842,296	30,263,066	29,153,802
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 30,263,066	\$ 29,153,802	\$ 27,870,020
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations	203.0%	156.9%	152.2%

STATE STREET AID FUND	Actual FY 2023	Estimated Actual FY2024	Budget FY 2025
Revenues			
State Gas and Motor Fuel Taxes	\$ 489,115	\$ 420,000	\$ 421,000
1989 Gas Tax	\$ 54,263	\$ 67,752	\$ 65,752
Gas 3 Cent Tax	\$ 100,254	\$ 123,103	\$ 123,000
2017 Gas Tax	\$ 175,095	\$ 210,155	\$ 213,000
Interest Earnings	91,369	115,000	20,000
Other Financing Sources			
Transfers In - from other funds	250,000	500,000	1,500,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 1,160,096	\$ 1,436,010	\$ 2,342,752
Appropriations			
Street & Sidewalk Maintenance	\$ 1,122,032	\$ 1,029,099	\$ 1,765,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 1,122,032	\$ 1,029,099	\$ 1,765,000
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	38,064	406,911	577,752
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	2,350,354	2,388,418	2,795,329
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 2,388,418	\$ 2,795,329	\$ 3,373,081
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations	212.9%	271.6%	191.1%

TOURISM FUND	Actual FY 2023	Estimated Actual FY2024	Budget FY 2025
Revenues			
Room Occupancy	\$ 587,028	\$ 612,000	\$ 550,000
Interest Earnings	21,826	45,000	15,000
Grant-Other Government	1,981	-	-
ARPA Grant Funding	7,230	105,536	47,500
Other Financing Sources			
Issuance of Debt / Debt Proceeds	-	-	-
Transfers In - from other funds	-	-	-
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 618,065	\$ 762,536	\$ 612,500
Appropriations			
Tourism Expenditures	\$ 243,111	\$ 430,232	\$ 467,870
Museum Expenditures	-	12,626	67,461
Total Appropriations	\$ 243,111	\$ 442,858	\$ 535,331
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	374,954	319,678	77,169
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	534,407	909,361	1,229,039
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 909,361	\$ 1,229,039	\$ 1,306,208
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations	374.1%	277.5%	244.0%

ADA Fund	Actual FY 2023	Estimated Actual FY2024	Budget FY 2025
Revenues			
Interest Revenue	10,882	20,004	1,000
Other Financing Sources			
Transfers In - from other funds	150,000	150,000	150,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 160,882	\$ 170,004	\$ 151,000
Appropriations			
Public Works Department	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Appropriations	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	160,882	170,004	151,000
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	222,972	383,854	553,858
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 383,854	\$ 553,858	\$ 704,858
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations	3838539900.0%	5538579800.0%	7048579700.0%

EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND	Actual FY 2023	Estimated Actual FY2024	Budget FY 2025
Revenues			
Interest	\$ 32,089	\$ 58,538	\$ 20,000
Sale of equipment proceeds	89,613	19,857	-
Other Financing Sources			
Transfers In - from other funds	400,000	215,000	725,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 521,702	\$ 293,395	\$ 745,000
Appropriations			
Major Equipment	\$ 570,343	\$ 325,061	\$ 375,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 570,343	\$ 325,061	\$ 375,000
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	(48,641)	(31,666)	370,000
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	1,053,124	1,004,483	972,817
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 1,004,483	\$ 972,817	\$ 1,342,817
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations	176.1%	299.3%	358.1%

INSURANCE FUND	Actual FY 2023	Estimated Actual FY2024	Budget FY 2025
Revenues			
Interest	\$ 8,644	\$ 18,618	\$ 1,000
Insurance Reimbursement	-	4,160	-
Other Financing Sources			
Transfers In - from other funds	500,000	-	50,000
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 508,644	\$ 22,778	\$ 51,000
Appropriations			
Retirement Expenditures	\$ 110,970	\$ 250,000	\$ 82,000
Total Appropriations	\$ 110,970	\$ 250,000	\$ 82,000
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	397,674	(227,222)	(31,000)
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	99,924	497,598	270,376
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 497,598	\$ 270,376	\$ 239,376
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations	448.4%	108.2%	291.9%

ARPA FUND	Actual FY 2023	Estimated Actual FY2024	Budget FY 2025
Revenues			
Interest	\$ 221,106	\$ 236,786	\$ 100,000
ARPA Grant Funding	\$ 3,527,626	\$ -	\$ -
TDEC Grant Funding	\$ -	\$ 3,739,157	\$ -
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 3,748,732	\$ 3,975,943	\$ 100,000
Appropriations			
Town Hall Building Improvements	0	4,000,000	0
Stormwater Parking Facilities	65,303	0	2,500,000
Broadband Infrastructure	0	246,500	1,786,074
Stormwater Master Plan	402,502	600,000	0
Stormwater Improvements	\$ -	\$ 1,471,353	\$ -
Total Appropriations	\$ 467,805	\$ 6,317,853	\$ 4,286,074
Change in Fund Balance (Revenues - Appropriations)	3,280,927	(2,341,910)	(4,186,074)
Beginning Fund Balance July 1	3,361,916	6,642,843	4,300,933
Ending Fund Balance June 30	\$ 6,642,843	\$ 4,300,933	\$ 114,859
Ending Fund Balance as a % of Total Appropriations	1420.0%	68.1%	2.7%

Pending Capital Projects	Pending Capital Projects - Total Expense	Pending Capital Projects Expense Financed by Estimated Revenues and/or Reserves	Pending Capital Projects Expense Financed by Debt Proceeds
Sonja Drive Sidewalk	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000	\$0
Campbell Station Inn Improvements	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0
Public Works Facility Improvements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Town Facilities Security Plan	\$128,000	\$128,000	\$0
MBLP Field 1 & 2 Turf replacement	\$1,841,880	\$1,841,880	\$0
MBLP Walk trail & ADA Repair	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$0
McFee Park Dog Park	\$465,336	\$465,336	\$0
MBLP Pickleball Courts	\$1,450,000	\$1,450,000	\$0
McFee Splashpad Filtration/Elements	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Stormwater Improvements	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0
Boyd Station Road Roundabout	\$760,000	\$760,000	\$0
Boyd Station Road Improvements	\$465,000	\$465,000	\$0
Boyd Station Road Greenway	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Union Road Improvements	\$9,100,000	\$9,100,000	\$0
Virtue Road/Boyd Station Improvements	\$925,000	\$925,000	\$0
Turkey Creek Road/Greenway Improvements	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Concord Road/ Loop Road Signal	\$700,000	\$700,000	\$0

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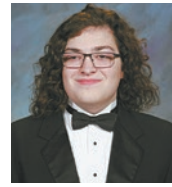
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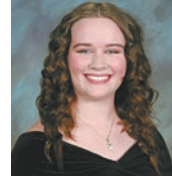
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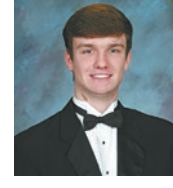
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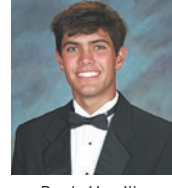
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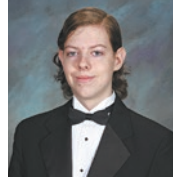
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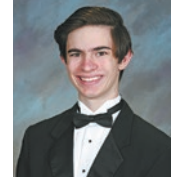
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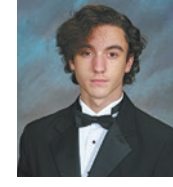
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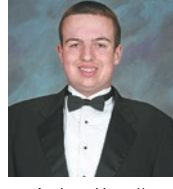
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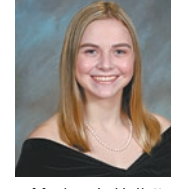
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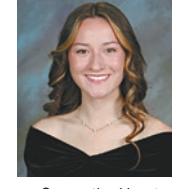
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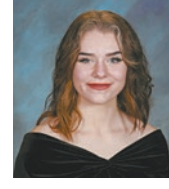
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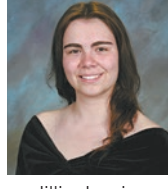
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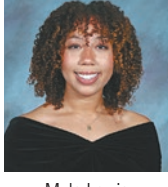
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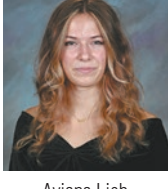
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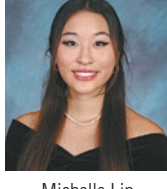
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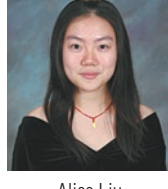
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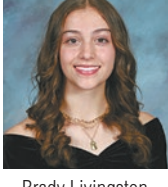
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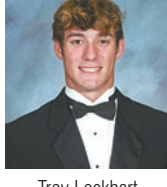
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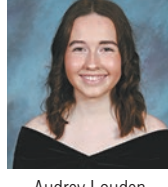
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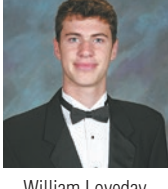
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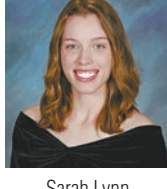
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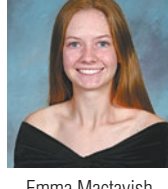
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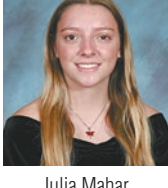
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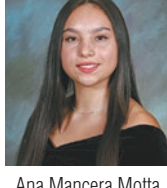
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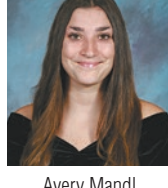
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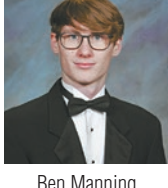
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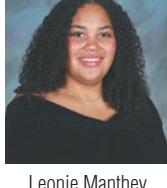
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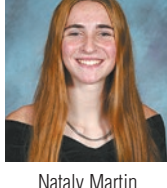
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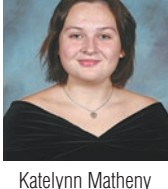
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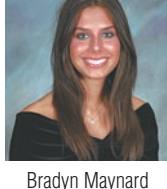
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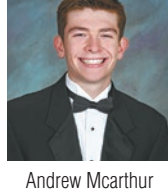
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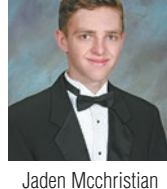
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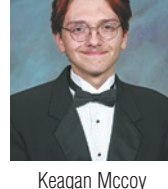
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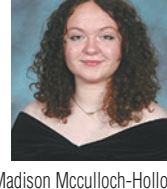
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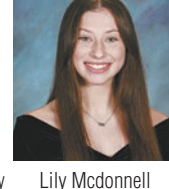
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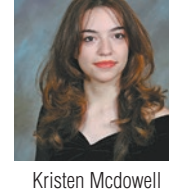
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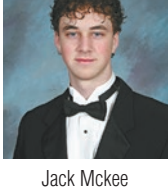
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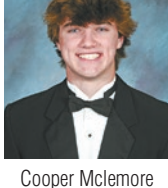
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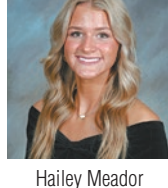
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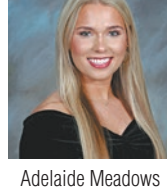
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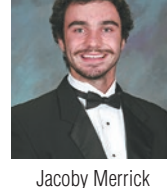
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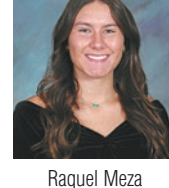
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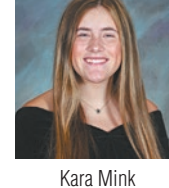
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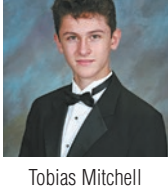
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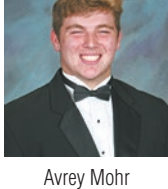
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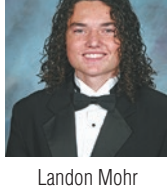
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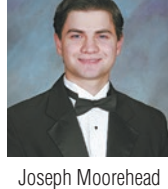
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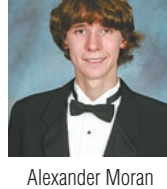
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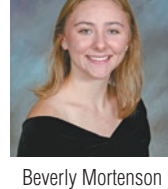
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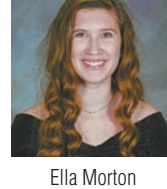
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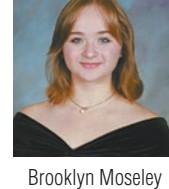
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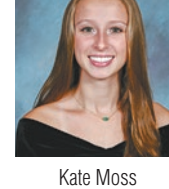
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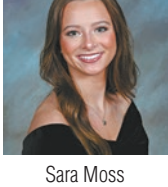
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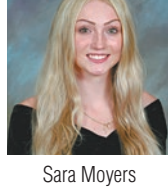
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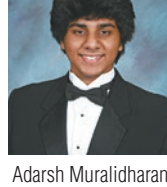
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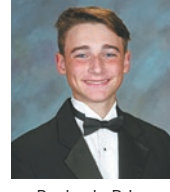
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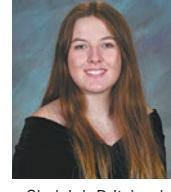
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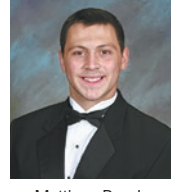
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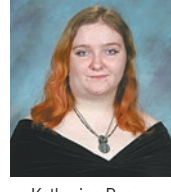
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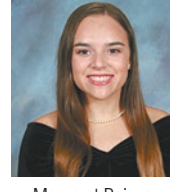
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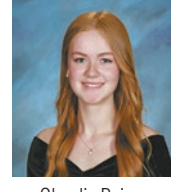
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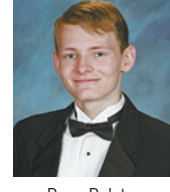
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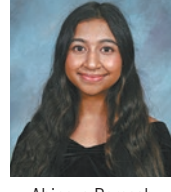
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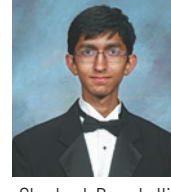
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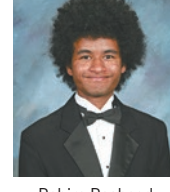
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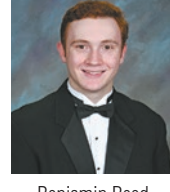
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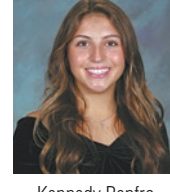
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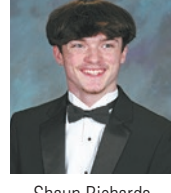
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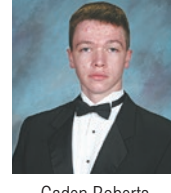
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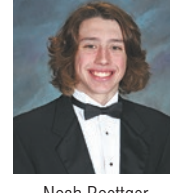
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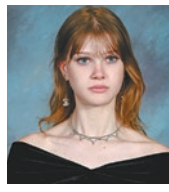
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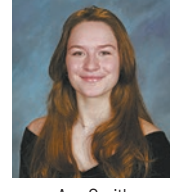
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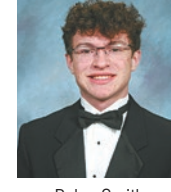
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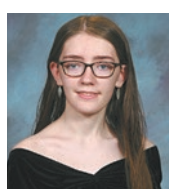
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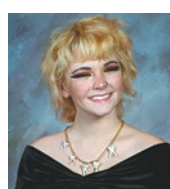
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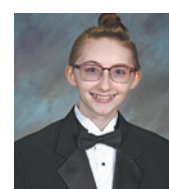
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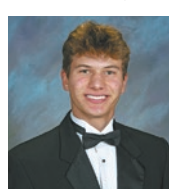
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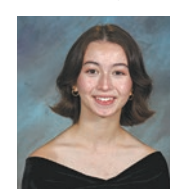
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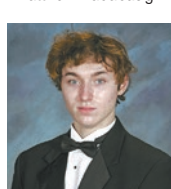
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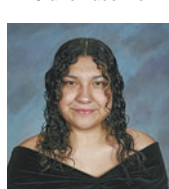
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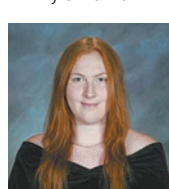
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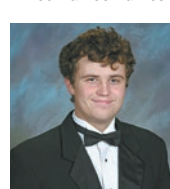
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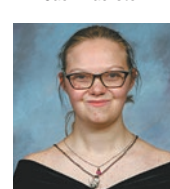
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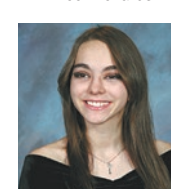
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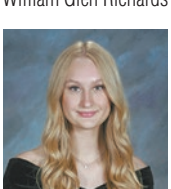
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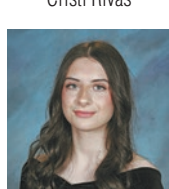
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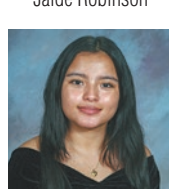
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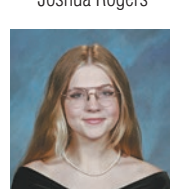
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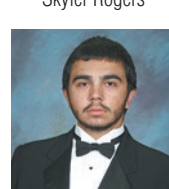
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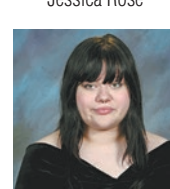
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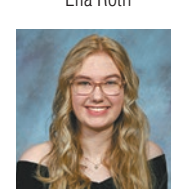
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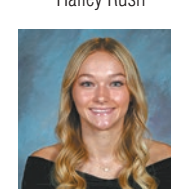
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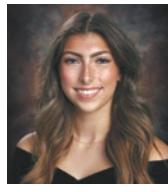
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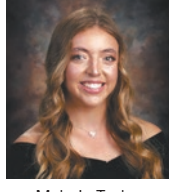
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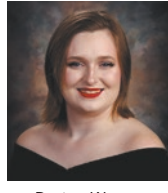
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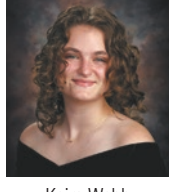
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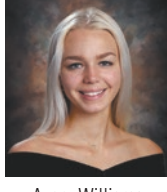
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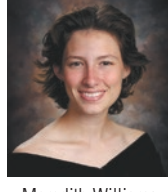
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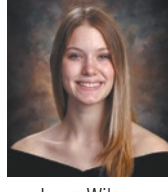
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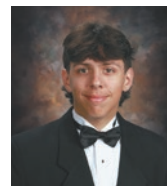
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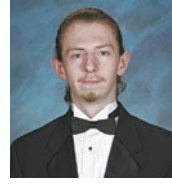
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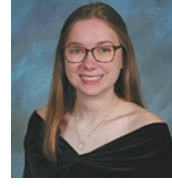
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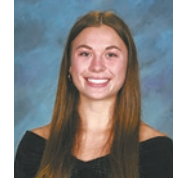
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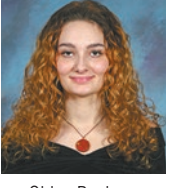
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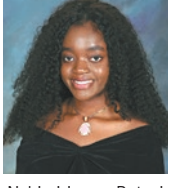
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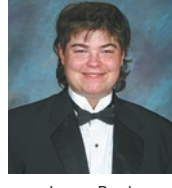
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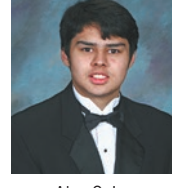
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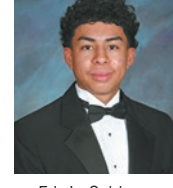
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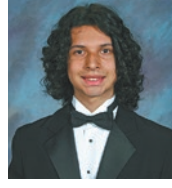
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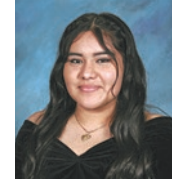
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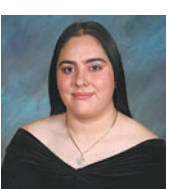
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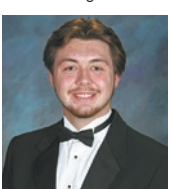
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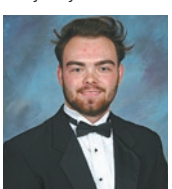
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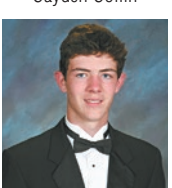
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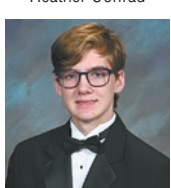
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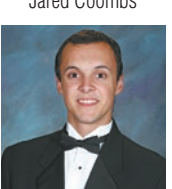
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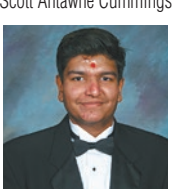
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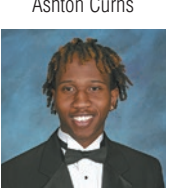
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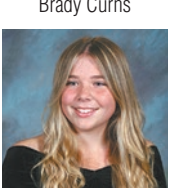
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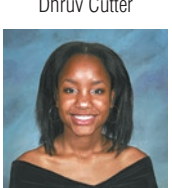
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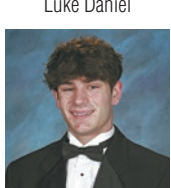
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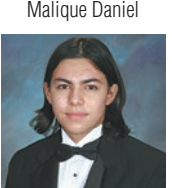
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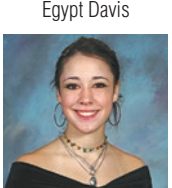
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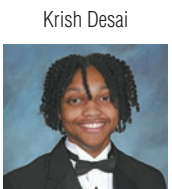
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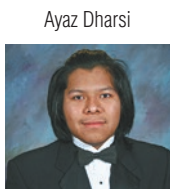
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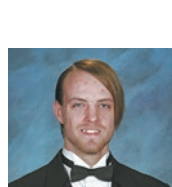
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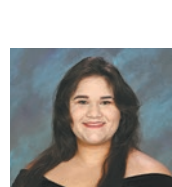
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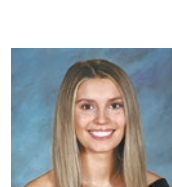
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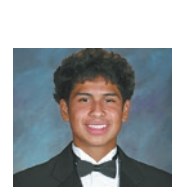
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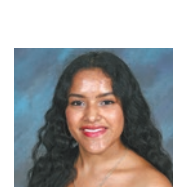
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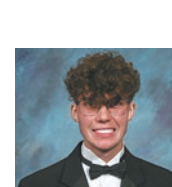
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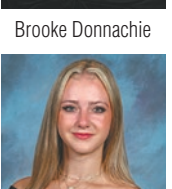
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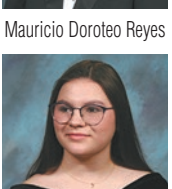
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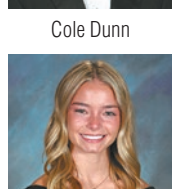
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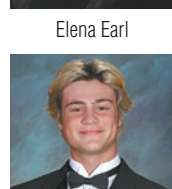
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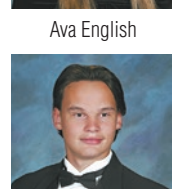
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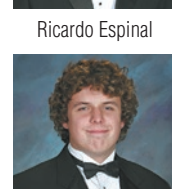
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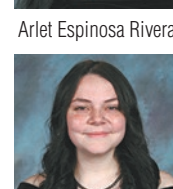
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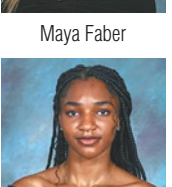
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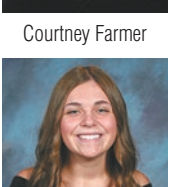
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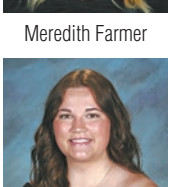
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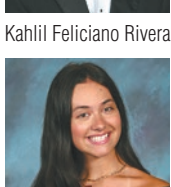
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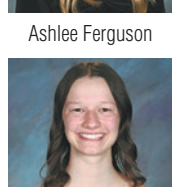
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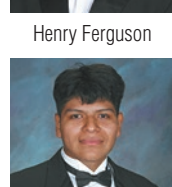
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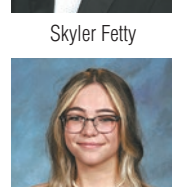
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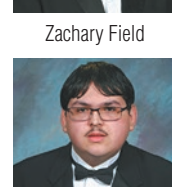
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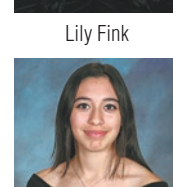
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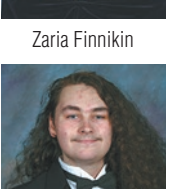
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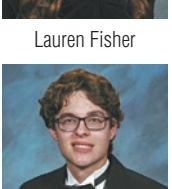
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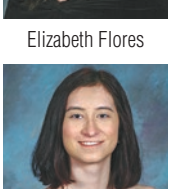
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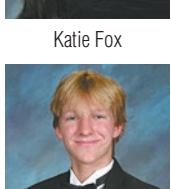
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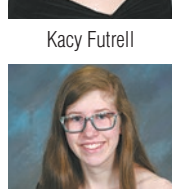
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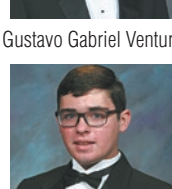
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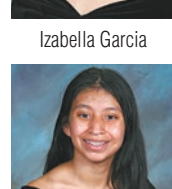
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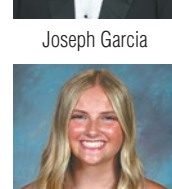
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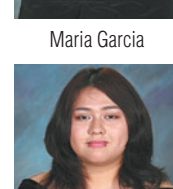
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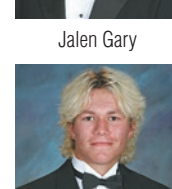
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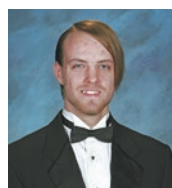
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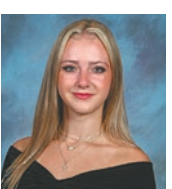
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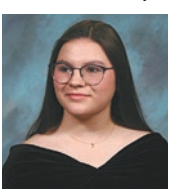
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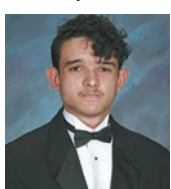
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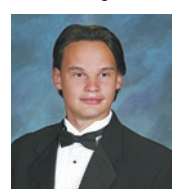
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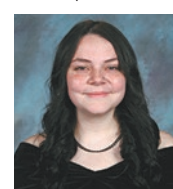
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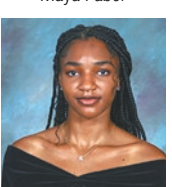
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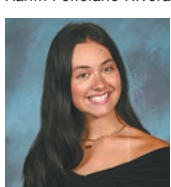
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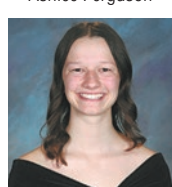
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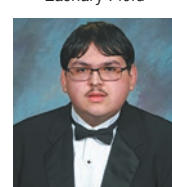
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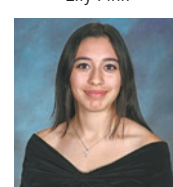
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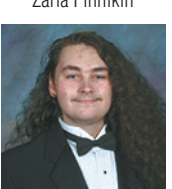
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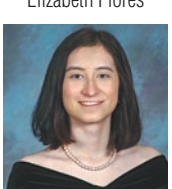
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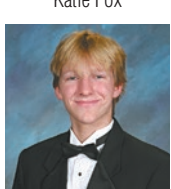
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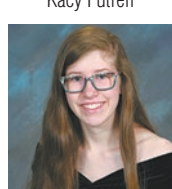
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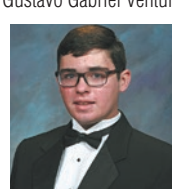
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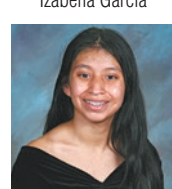
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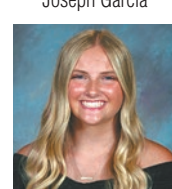
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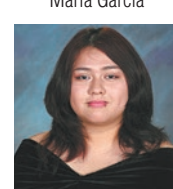
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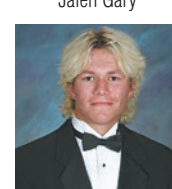
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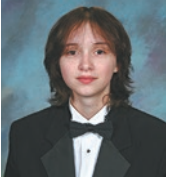
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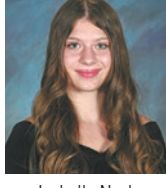
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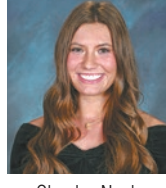
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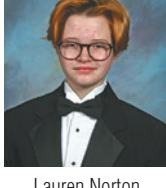
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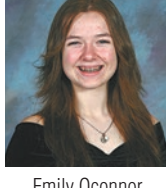
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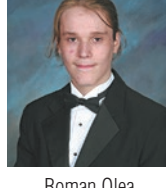
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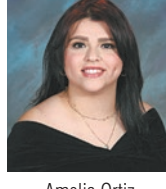
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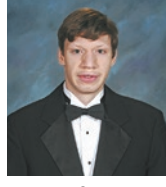
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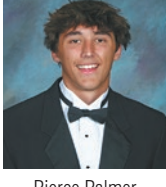
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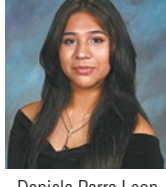
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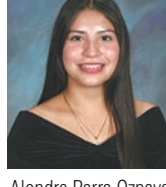
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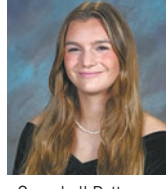
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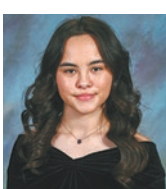
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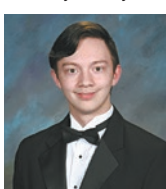
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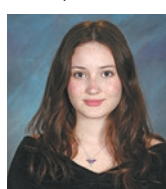
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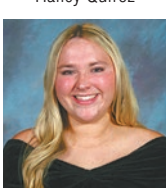
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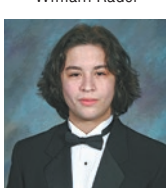
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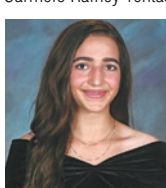
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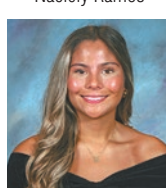
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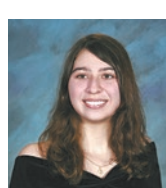
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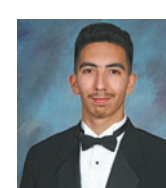
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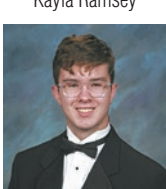
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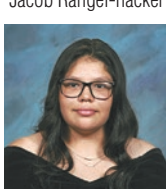
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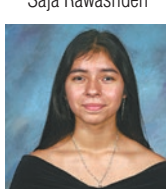
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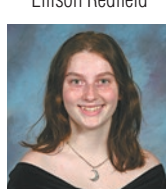
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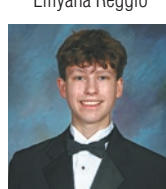
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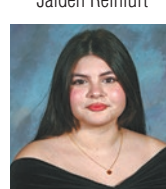
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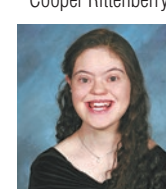
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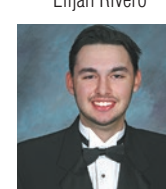
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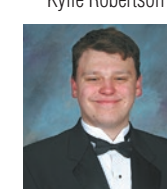
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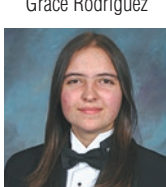
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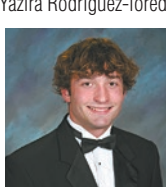
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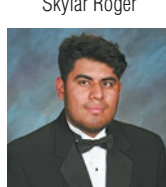
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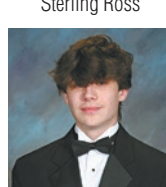
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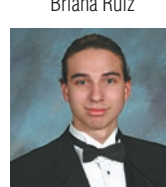
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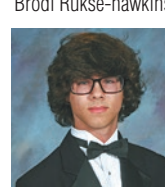
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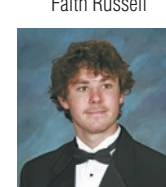
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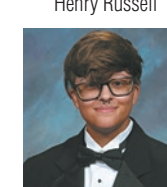
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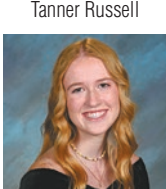
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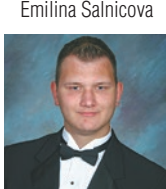
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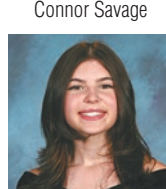
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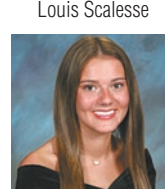
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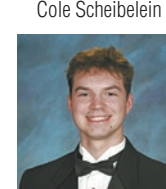
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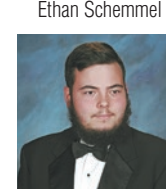
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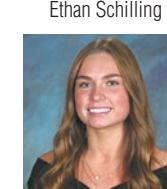
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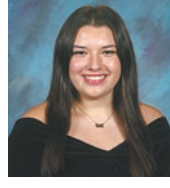
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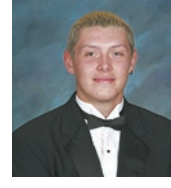
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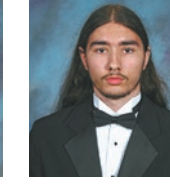
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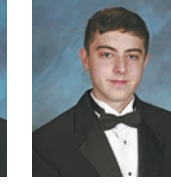
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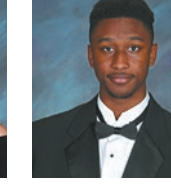
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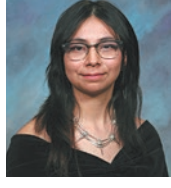
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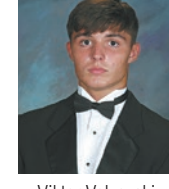
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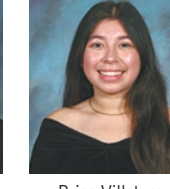
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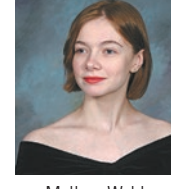
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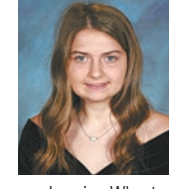
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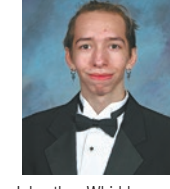
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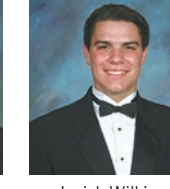
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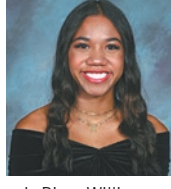
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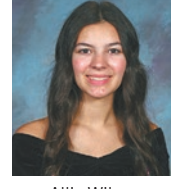
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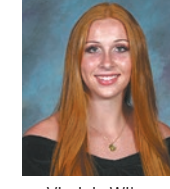
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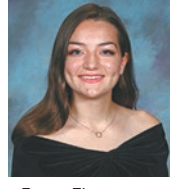
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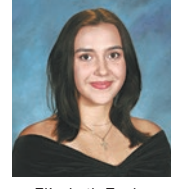
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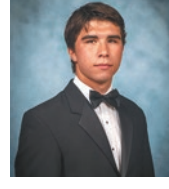
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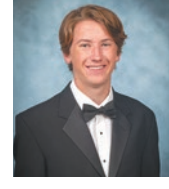
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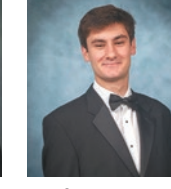
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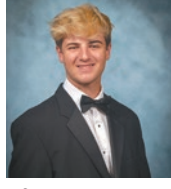
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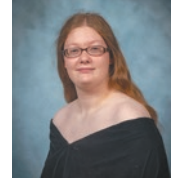
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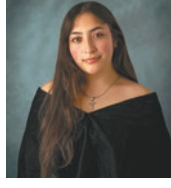
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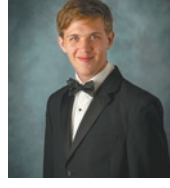
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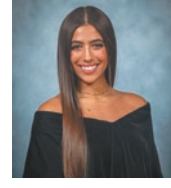
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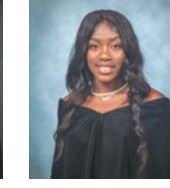
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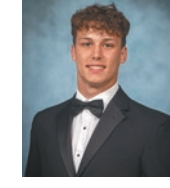
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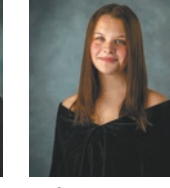
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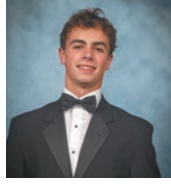
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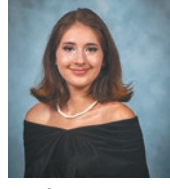
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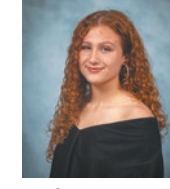
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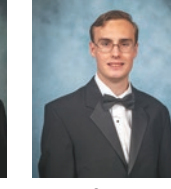
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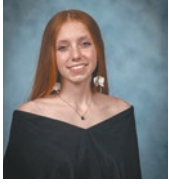
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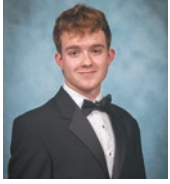
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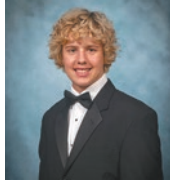
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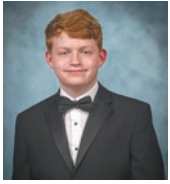
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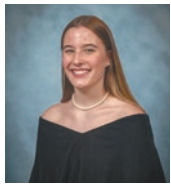
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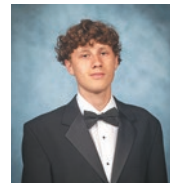
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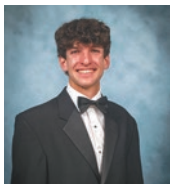
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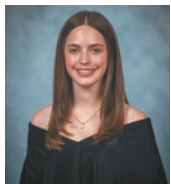
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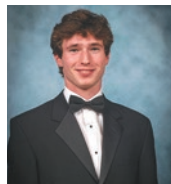
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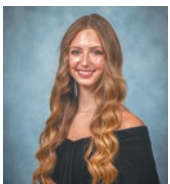
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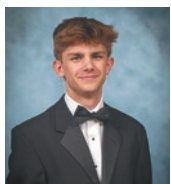
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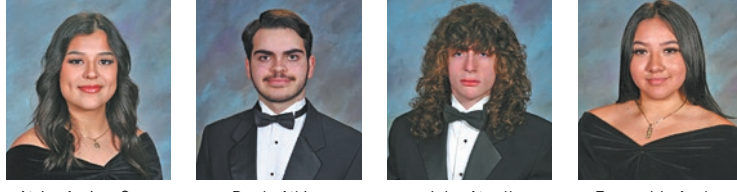


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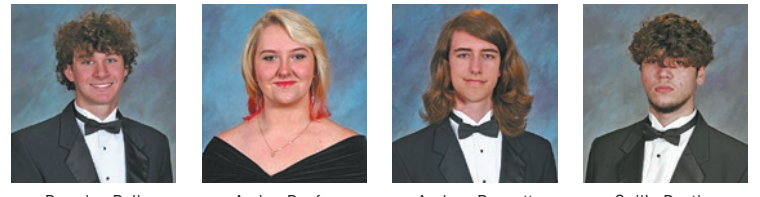


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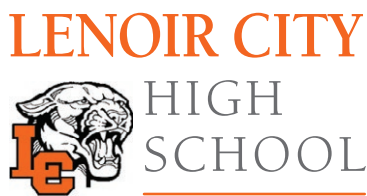
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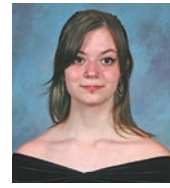
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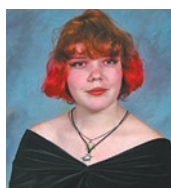
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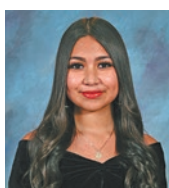
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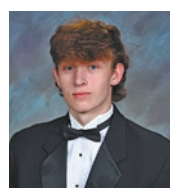
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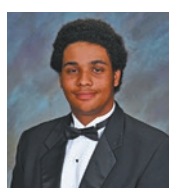
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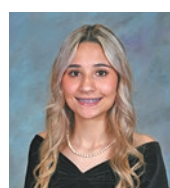
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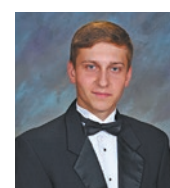
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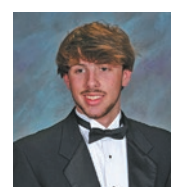
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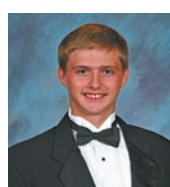
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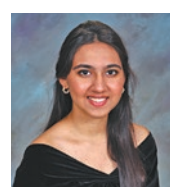
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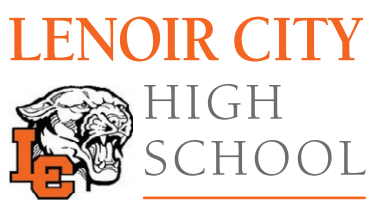
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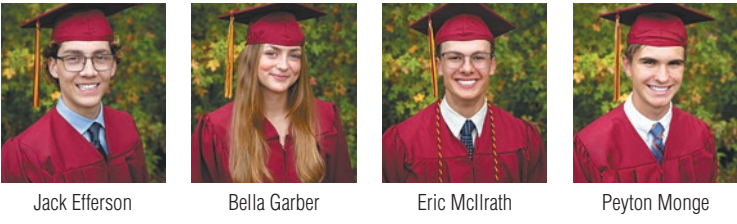
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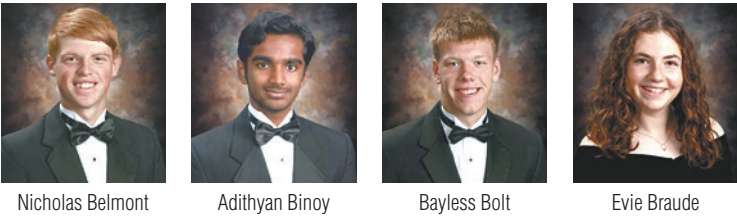
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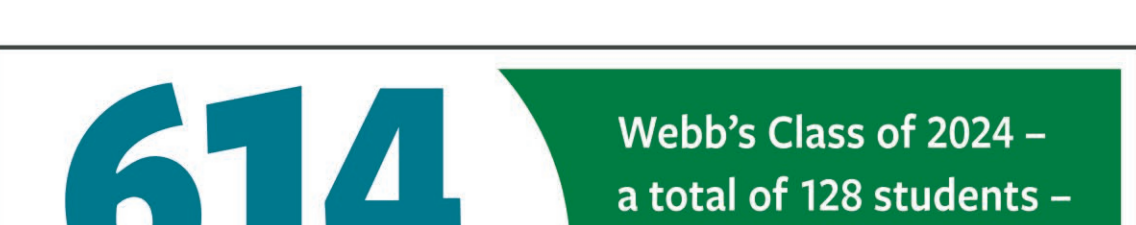
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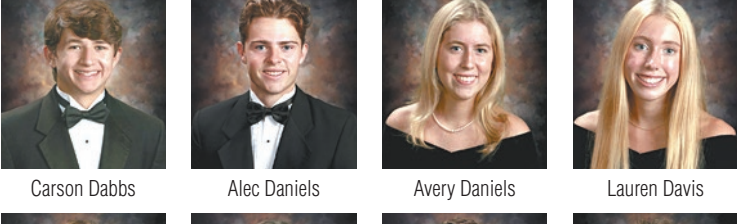


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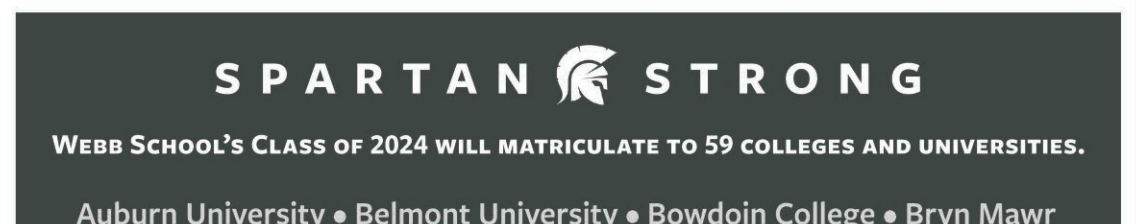
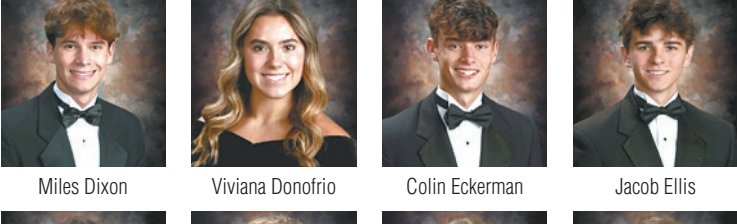


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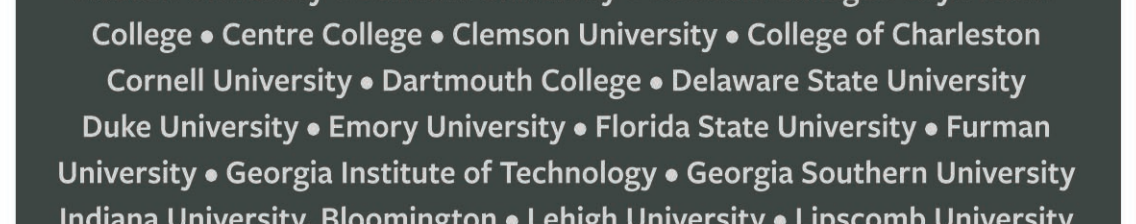
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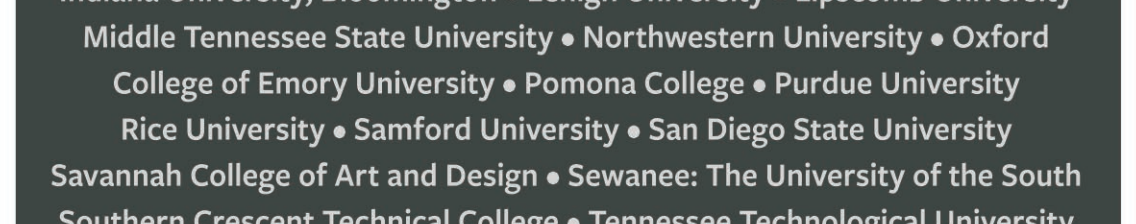
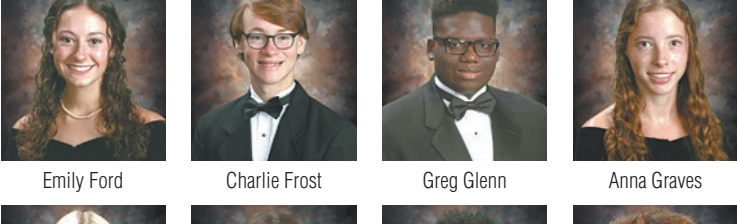
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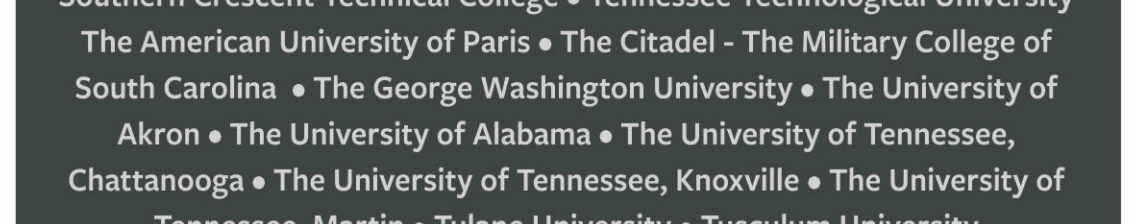
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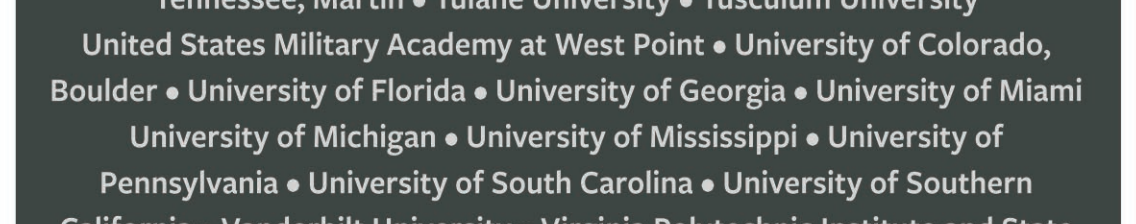
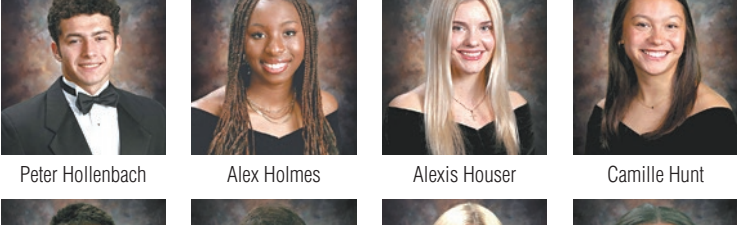
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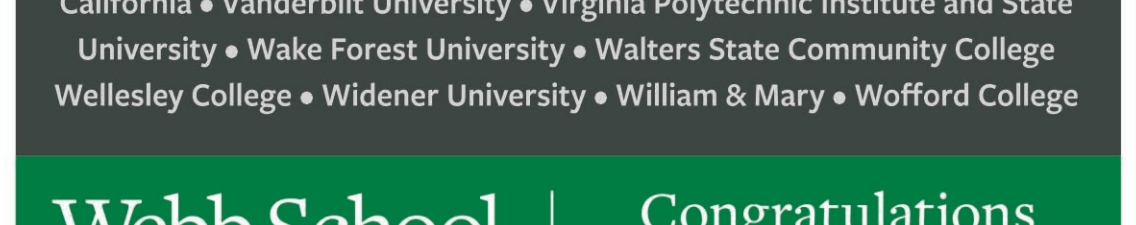
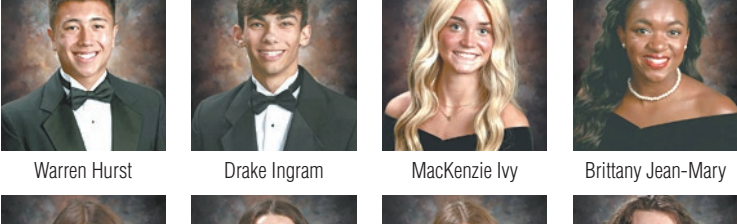
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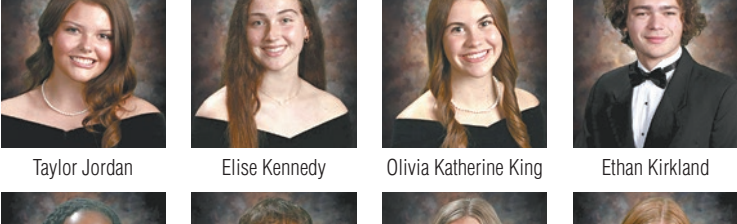
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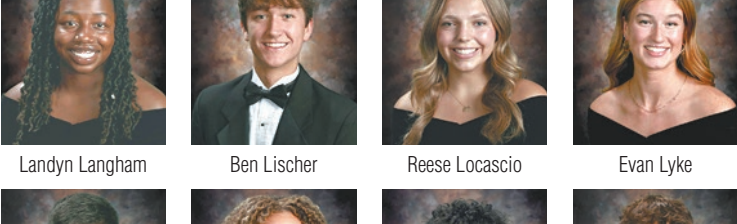
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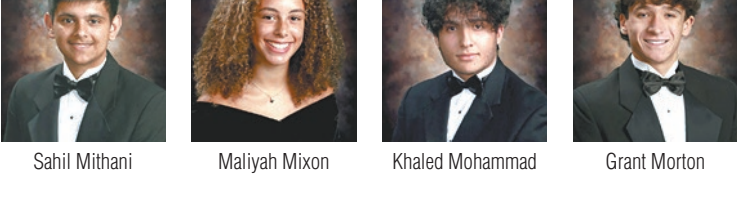
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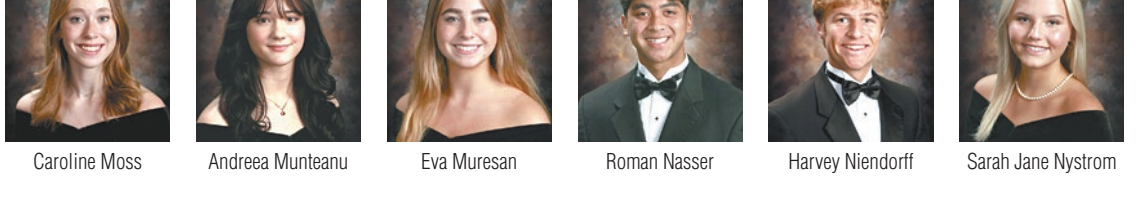
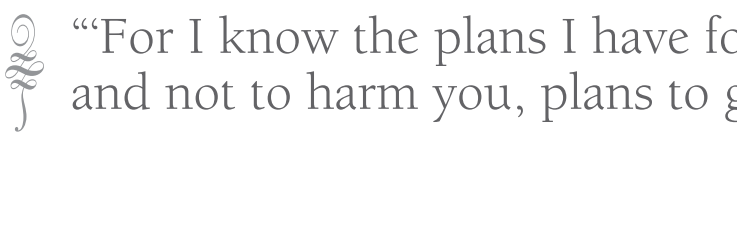
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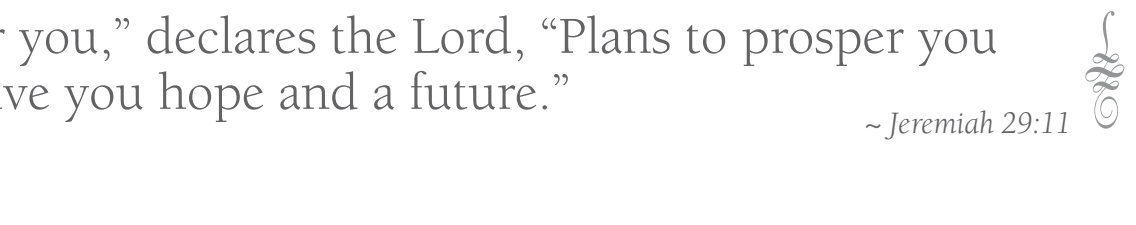
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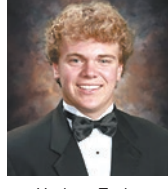
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Childcare Crisis is Critical

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ROTHCHILD EVENT CENTER
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For working parents, the lack of childcare that they can afford and that supports their child's school readiness is critically low—and that's if they can find childcare at all.

A 2019 report by the Tennesseans for Quality Early Education (TQEE) showed that while the issue is both a state and nationwide one, the Knoxville area alone suffers \$122M in economic losses annually. Parents and parental custodi-

ans report that for 73% of them, sheer access to childcare is the biggest obstacle, with affordability (71%) and quality (61%) being top issues as well.

Compounding this issue is the impact to the workforce, still a critical struggle post-pandemic for many businesses in our area. Almost 50% of parents surveyed in 2019 said they had to turn down a new job or promotion, while 32% had to reduce hours or go part-time, and another 28% reported having to quit or were fired/demoted.

Are you a parent or employer affected by this

See **CHILDCARE** on Page 2

TENNESSEE VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT

WHEN: JUNE 11TH, 2024 - 4:30PM-7:30PM
WHERE: The Venue at Lenoir City
7690 Creekwood Park Blvd, Lenoir City, TN 37772

Tennessee Valley Regional Chamber Networking returns

What began as just two neighboring chambers of commerce has now expanded to SEVEN in 2024, with the return of the Tennessee Valley Regional Chamber Networking. The event takes place on Tuesday, June 11 from 4:30-7:30pm at The Venue at Lenoir City.

Attendees are welcome from all over and will get to engage in meaningful interactions, expand their network beyond their usual geography and forge new partnerships. Appetizers, a bar, and photo booth will be available, as well as door prizes! Attendees are encouraged to register using the Google Form that each chamber will reference.

The following chambers are supporting the event, with Monroe Co. Chamber of Commerce taking the lead this year: Anderson County Chamber, Blount Partnership (new!), Farragut West Knox Chamber, Loudon County Chamber, Monroe County Chamber, Oak Ridge Chamber, and Roane Chamber.

Visit www.farragutchamber.com > Chamber Events to attend or scan the QR code.



Chamber Welcomes New Board

The Chamber is pleased to welcome four new directors to its Board for the 2024-25 fiscal year:

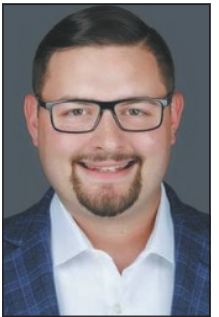
Originally from Kingston, TN, **Andrea Warnick** is a Relationship Manager with FirstBank, and has resided in the West Knox community for 16 years. Prior to joining FirstBank, she spent nine years managing and leading teams at Regions and US Bank. Outside the years spent in banking, she has been actively involved with community organizations including 8 years with the Referral Excellence Organization (REO). In her free time, her partner Spencer and she enjoy traveling, boating, and time with their dog.



Warnick

Philip Giguere is an Assistant Vice President, Business Development Executive for Captive Resources, helping upper middle-market and large market accounts across the country gain membership into property & casualty group captives. Originally from Murfreesboro, he moved

to West Knoxville in January 2019, and has been involved with the livelihood and development of the greater Knoxville area ever since. He has a passion for all things business and loves meeting new people; he recently served as Chair for the chamber's West Young Professionals. In his spare time, he enjoys smoking BBQ, working on cars, collecting bourbon, and relaxing with wife, Hailey, and giving constant attention to dogs, Bella & Ruby.



Giguere

Stephanie Erb is a seasoned professional with expertise in fundraising, event management, donor engagement, marketing, community



Erb

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Enterprise Club

These Chamber members generously contribute to the Chamber and the Continued Development Grant Program above and beyond their annual dues.

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As we continue to see our region grow it is exciting to welcome new businesses and people to Knox County. The opportunities for small businesses to support the employees who will be relocating are numerous. We meet regularly with entrepreneurs and people who are looking for those opportunities. Often, opportunity meets more than a need, it addresses an issue that prohibits economic growth and workforce development.

At a recent Regional Legislative Breakfast hosted by five local chambers of commerce, one of the most pressing need that presents an opportunity to both support economic growth and grow the local small business ecosystem is affordable child care.

On March 24, 2024 SBA Administrator Isabell Casillas Guzman met with leaders in the childcare industry to discuss the importance of child care to support a thriving economy. According to published reports, nationally employers lose \$23 billion per year due to challenges employees face in finding adequate, affordable child care, with 76% of families stating they have difficulty finding somewhere affordable for their children, as child care costs have risen 26% in the past decade. Locally we lose \$122 million per year due to insufficient child care options.

There is the opportunity to meet a local need! If you are considering opening a small business but are not certain what kind, you may want to consider some form of child care. There are many options; home-based, a brick and mortar, afterschool, drop-in centers, education based programs, the list goes on and on.

We welcome the opportunity to meet with you if you are planning a child care business or if you are currently operating one and are looking for opportunities to grow and support more working families. Our resources are available to you at no cost. Visit our website to schedule an appointment with us, www.tsbdc.org. See you soon!

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issue? We want your voice heard and your thoughts to be part of possible solutions.

The chamber's next Breakfast Speaker Series will focus on this "East Tennessee Childcare Crisis" will be hosted Wednesday, June 5 from 7:30-9:00am at Rothchild Event Center, featuring Senator Becky Massey; Matt Ryerson, CEO of United Way of Greater Knoxville; and Bart McFadden, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley. WVLT Emmy Award winning Anchor and working mom of two-Brittany Tarwater, will emcee the program and Q&A.

The event is supported by Community Sponsors East TN Health Plan and Kids Cove Drop-In Daycare, as well as by our municipal partners Knox County and Town of Farragut. Sponsorships are available in limited quantities still; email Info@farragutchamber.com for details.

Breakfast reservations are \$35 for members, \$40 for non-members, and tables of ten with logo recognition are available for \$350. Visit www.farragutchamber.com > Chamber Events and click the link on June 5.

Want to submit a question to the panelists? Send them to Info@farragutchamber.com for consideration.

Networking

Express Employment Professionals

April 11, 2024



Employees smile for a quick group photo at the morning networking.



Erin Stidham Senior Program Director YMCA – Jefferson Park and Whitney Kent – Account Executive WVLT enjoy coffee and conversation.

Lamon Jewelers

April 25, 2024



Kirsti Willett, Emily Lamon Justice, Ann Lamon, Adrienne Lamon, and Andy Lamon smile for a group shot in their beautiful Turkey Creek location.



Brittany Mariano Career Specialist Amer TN Dept. of Labor American Job Center and Stacy Madar Senior Vice President and Financial Advisor Pinnacle Financial Partners share a smile while connecting at the morning networking.

New Member Orientation - April 23, 2024



Members of the *Perimeter Roofing* team flash smiles as they pose for a quick photo, proudly representing the presenting sponsor at the event.



More than 100 eager attendees gather at the Spring New Member Orientation to learn valuable information about Chamber membership benefits and resources.

Lunch N' Learn - April 4, 2024



Business Ethics Do's & Don'ts

Attendees hear from a distinguished panel of professionals on various ethical challenges they may face while owning a business.



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Patdome Productions New Location

April 2, 2024



Wife/Co-owner Tanya Ickowitz and husband/co-owner Mike Ickowitz cut the ribbon on their new location!

Executive Title & Escrow

April 9, 2024



Director of Business Development Janet Neal readies the ribbon-cutting scissors alongside her team, Chamber members, community members, and Mayor Jacobs, all smiling in anticipation.

Kaizen Painting

April 16, 2024



Owner Salvador Sanchez, Jr. and Father Salvador Sanchez, Sr. share the scissors during the FWKCC home-based business ribbon cutting ceremony!

Thrive Hardin Valley

April 24, 2024



Don Dotson Doctor of Physical Therapy/Co-owner prepares to cut the ribbon with scissors at the new Thrive location in Hardin Valley.

Miser Wealth Partners

April 30, 2024



Derek Miser Author and Chief Managing Member eagerly grasps the scissors, poised to officially cut the ribbon at their new Loudon location.

Member Briefs

Looking for more details on a specific event, special or job?

Go to www.farragutchamber.com to see these and other member items!

Join Visit Farragut for their Hospitality Partnership Breakfast at the Farragut Community Center on Tuesday, May 21 from 8 – 9:00AM. Enjoy updates from Visit Farragut, Biddle Farms, and the Tennessee Department of Tourist Development. 239 Jamestowne Blvd., #201, Farragut 37934

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West Knox Acupuncture and Integrative Medicine has launched a new Landing Page on their website. This initiative is part of the clinic's ongoing effort to improve patient care and accessibility to comprehensive information on acupuncture and integrative medicine. Visit <https://www.knoxvilleneuropathy.com> today for more information or to schedule a consultation.

On Friday, April 12 the Kids First Child Advocacy Center, alongside community members, law enforcement, and members of the Child Protective Investigative Teams, came together to plant 320 pinwheels in observance of Child Abuse Awareness Month. Visit their website at www.kidsfirsttn.org/ to learn more about their MISSION.

To honor First Horizon's 160th anniversary, celebrate its ongoing strength and stability, and reiterate its commitment to the communities they serve, they are pleased to present their new Grants for Good program. The First Horizon Foundation will award 160 grants of \$10,000 to eligible nonprofit organizations. For more information, and to apply, visit www.firsthorizonfoundation.com/GrantsForGood.

Calculating Minds is excited to host a fun summer camp where they will explore all things multiplication and division, with tons of fun games, songs, crafts, math mysteries, and more! This camp is for rising 3rd-7th graders and will be held June 17-20 from 9AM – 12PM. Learn more and sign up here: form.jotform.com/241086657264159.

Davis Family YMCA is excited to announce that the 20th anniversary of the Tour de Spin is happening this year beginning Friday, June 28! Registration is now open, and members can sign up for FREE (non-members can sign up for just \$20). Register online at YMCAyo.org.

Board

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impact, leadership, and networking. As Director of Corporate Partnerships with Childhelp®, she also makes herself visibly available to the community that supports Childhelp, serving on the Board of Directors for Her Heart Sounds and as President of the Executive Women International, Knoxville Chapter. She previously served as a volunteer Ambassador for the Chamber, including chairing that committee during her tenure.

Tyler Hunsaker is a Regional Manager of Field Marketing & Events at TDS. Tyler joined the company in 2021 and prides himself on being a community partner through his work with local chambers of commerce across the region and nonprofits. Outside of work Tyler enjoys spending time with his family, including wife, Charlene and two children, coaching his son's little league team and playing golf.

All four new directors have committed to a two-year term.



Hunsaker

Welcome New Members!

The Chamber welcomes these businesses who joined us recently in April!

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The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of April 2024. We can count them as Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members! We urge members to patronize one another when the goods or services a member can provide are needed. We also hope that area residents recognize a business's commitment to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.

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Calendar of Events: May/June 2024

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May 16 • 8a

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239 Jamestowne Blvd | Farragut 37934

May 30 • 4:30p

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June 13 • 4:30p

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