

October Sampler champ at Gardenia Cottage Interiors



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Fox Den resident and local shopper Stephanie Halouma, left, is pictured alongside Gardenia Cottage Interiors proprietor Laurie Davis while accepting her bag of winnings as October Shop Farragut Town Sampler contest winner. Valued at more than \$210, her prizes featured \$25 gift cards from Gardenia, Kroger Marketplace, Zaxby's of Turkey Creek, Mellow Mushroom, Einstein Bros. Bagels and Starbucks, a \$35 gift card from Elliott's Boots Shoes & Sandals and a \$25 gift certificate from Funky Meat Snacks @ Embroidery Boutique, plus other Farragut swag. You may enter the November contest "to win some great stocking stuffers," according to a Shop Farragut/FBA press release, from eight Farragut businesses at <https://wfiv.com/contests/44/shop-farragut-november-2023>

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KCSO reports

• At 6:16 p.m., Monday, Nov. 13, a complainant called Knox County Sheriff's Office Teleserve Unit to report theft from a Midhurst Drive residence. Complainant advised an unknown suspect stole items with a combined value of \$1,039.78, which included a Samsung Galaxy smartphone (\$269.99) and a Bissel Crossway Wet Vac (\$231.26).

Complainant said an employee "does the inventory of the rooms at the listed home and discovered the items stolen," the report stated. "The complainant suspects it to be staffing (personnel) and are doing an internal investigation as well."

• At 9:36 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 11, a complainant called KCSO Teleserve Unit to report an attempted vehicle theft from Faith Lutheran Church, 225 Jamestowne Blvd. in Farragut. Complainant advised an unknown suspect broke into his 2020 KIA Optima and damaged the ignition column trying to hotwire the car.

Complainant said the window appeared to be kicked in, but added that all his property is still in the vehicle. No value of damage was listed in the report.

• At 5:21 p.m., Monday, Nov. 6, an employee at Walmart, 10900 Parkside Drive, alerted KCSO Retail Crimes Shoplifting Taskforce of two white females inside the store who were concealing merchandise inside their purses.

When three KCSO officers arrived, the employee had the two females detained in the Loss Prevention office. Employee said he observed

the two females, eventual arrestee No. 1 and eventual arrestee No. 2, "inside the Walmart working in concert, putting merchandise in their purses," the report stated.

The employee then "followed the two females until they passed all points of sale without paying for the merchandise, then he stopped them and detained them in the Loss Prevention Office," the report further stated.

"I issued both arrestees misdemeanor citations for theft-conduct involving merchandise. They did deprive WalMart of \$88.23," the report further stated. "Both arrestees were trespasses from all WalMart-owned properties for life, and both females acknowledged they understood. The merchandise was recovered and returned to the employee."

• At 822 a.m., Monday, Nov. 6, a complainant called KCSO West Precinct to report vandalism at a Goldheart Road address. Complainant advised he works for the contractor that is building the listed residence.

Complainant said he "noticed the property was vandalized inside with paint all over the cabinets, floors, walls, windows and doors," the report stated.

"Complainant (said) there is also symbols and graffiti drawn into the paint on the walls. Complainant is unsure how the suspect(s) entered the residence, as there were no signs of forced entry.

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Battle at 160

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for the Confederacy. An 1847 graduate of West Point, Burnside was a friend of Abraham Lincoln from pre-Civil War days. By the summer of 1863, he was in command of the Union Army of the Ohio, then based in Kentucky.

Following the Confederate evacuation of Knoxville in July 1863, Burnside moved his men to Knoxville in August to be greeted by throngs of happy East Tennesseans. President Lincoln had been urged many times to send U.S. troops to loyalist-dominated East Tennessee since the beginning of the Civil War.

Burnside's successful delaying action against the advancing Confederates at The Battle of Campbell's Station enabled completion of the Knoxville fortifications in time to repulse the Confederate attacks in late November and save the city for the Union. Post-war, Burnside was a senator and three-time governor of Rhode Island.

The Confederates at the Battle of Campbell's Station were

commanded by Gen. James Longstreet, an 1842 West Point graduate regarded throughout history as Robert E. Lee's right-hand man,

Although he is usually associated with Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, Longstreet's corps was on loan to the Confederate Army of Tennessee then besieging Chattanooga.

They were returning to Virginia when they were tasked with retaking Knoxville. As they trekked through East Tennessee, they engaged the Confederates at Philadelphia (Loudon County) and Lenoir City before marching on Campbell's Station. His nearly 12,000 troops met Burnside's 6,000 men on Nov. 16, 1863.

Repeated Confederate attacks were halted or slowed until Burnside retired to Knoxville in the late afternoon. Taking time to reorganize for the pursuit of Burnside, Longstreet's advance was further slowed by many days of rain and snow.

This delay proved fatal to Longstreet's attack on Fort Sanders and other Knoxville fortifications.

Noise

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level of noise ..."

Povlin also suggested building pickleball courts at Mayor Bob Leonard Park instead.

While Alderman Drew Burnette agreed with much of what Povlin said, he disagreed with her saying there are "no options.

"We solve problems," he said. "We owe it to the residents and the pickleball community" to find a solution.

"I think trees are part of a short-term solution," Burnette added.

The Parks and Recreation Council "is looking for short-term and long-term solutions," he added.

Intro to Farragut Class of 2023 grads



Tammy Cheek

Fourteen Farragut residents graduated from the Town's Intro to Farragut program, which helped them learn more about the Town, Wednesday, Nov. 8, in Farragut Community Center. They enjoyed dinner as part of the commencement ceremony. The 2023 graduates are, front row from left, Jenni Craddick, April Tomlin, Dian Hall (jacket), Jeanne Brykalski (purple dress), Heather Francis, Linda McCarthy and Dr. Bill Battle. Back row, from left, are Kyle Ball, Beckey Ramps (green pants), Bill Craddick, Tina Knight, Kerri Kor, Laura Clift and Jonathan Francis. Deb Gregory (not pictured) also completed the program but was unable to attend graduation.



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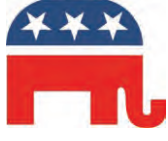
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Courts

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the day ... just to check on it, and there would be nobody on the courts.”

“We’re all looking for more court time, not less,” Roger Starett said.

He asked the Board to find a solution to the pickleball court dilemma, as did Tammy McK-inney.

“We all love the sport,” McK-inney said. “We don’t want to cause an inconvenience to people on the hill.”

When McFee Park was built, “all of a sudden there was a beautiful place to play outside,” Linda Anderson said. “There are only two courts at Farragut Community Center, and there were 35 or 40 of us showing up to play.

“So, we’re just struck by the now-limited conversation and limited community input and really no attempt that we know of to find alternate solutions (of closing the courts),” she added. “The courts are being taken away from us ... four of them have been closed. There’s conversation about closing the other four.

“At a time when pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the world, we are being told that there will be nowhere for us to play in the Town of Farragut because we don’t have to be provided for. We want to be a part of the solution with the Town of Farragut.

“We thought we were welcomed and encouraged, and now we are questioning whether we are welcome at all.”

Anderson asked that “no further action be taken without a chance for public comment; that if a sound study has not been undertaken, that there should be one commissioned; if there had been one taken, we would like to see the results of it.

“That until further plans can be made, that all courts be returned to use, and that we be involved in discussions of how to help mitigate some of the noise issues that are there,” she added. “We realize some of the residents on the hills above the court are being stressed by the playing. We are very supportive of finding solutions other than us being removed ... We want to be part of the solution with the Town of Farragut.”

Nancy Reveiz asked for a response to an e-mail from Alderman David White that stated: “... it is not the responsibility of any municipality to provide every form of recreation that can be thought of. Pickleball is not one of them.”

“It’s not Frisbee golf that we’re talking about,” she countered. “It’s the largest-growing sport in the world right now, and it’s beneficial for our community to have that.”

According to Reveiz, the e-mail stated: “It has totally changed the peace and harmony of residents near McFee Park.”

“We know, where the courts are situated, there’s nothing behind it,” she said. “The only houses being affected are a few houses that back up to the pickleball courts. ...”

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• I’m not sure why I continue to be shocked when I see people who do not take our neighbors’ needs and concerns into consideration because they want what they want when they want it. In this particular case, it is pickleball players — many who do not live in Farragut or even near Farragut.

And they’re upset with the Town because the Town is trying to accommodate residents who live near the McFee Park area who are being bombarded by noise from the pickleball rackets and balls, which is very annoying. They have difficulty enjoying their backyards, and sometimes even inside their home, because of the noise.

The Town is trying to find a way to alleviate this, and that many of these pickleball players are (like), “we want all our courts and we want

all of them now.” No. 1, they’re not their courts, they belong to the Town.

No. 2, I have to wonder if this was happening in their backyard, how would they feel about it? And No. 3, be patient, the Town is not going to take them away from you completely. But there has to be a resolution so that people can feel safe and tranquil in their homes.

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FHS grads partner to open Koko Grill

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KNOXVILLE — Two Farragut High School Class of 2020 graduates, Nyah Marasigan and Yune Kim, and a family friend, Jeek Kim, have fused their talents to take over and open Koko Japanese Grill.

“It’s just a very synergetic group,” Marasigan said of the partnership. “All of our skills are able to make this business be the best it possibly can.”

The Korean-Japanese fusion restaurant had a soft opening Wednesday Nov. 1, followed by a grand opening Saturday, Nov. 4, at 8883 Town and Country Circle in the Cedar Bluff area.

While the cuisine currently is more Japanese, the partners are looking to meld their Korean creations into the menu.

“We inherited some of the concepts they had from the previous owner, but we have changed major recipes for some of the dishes, the sauces, meats, methods and procedures to get it up to our standards,” Jeek said.

Among the menu items are kimbap, a Korean version of the sushi roll; bulgogi, shredded marinated beef ribeye; ramen bowls; poke and teriyaki/hibachi, among others.



Photo submitted

Farragut High School Class of 2020 graduates, Nyah Marasigan, left, and Yune Kim, right, join family friend, Jeek Kim (no relation to Yune), chef, as new owners of Koko Japanese Grill, which opened in early November at 8883 Town and Country Circle in Cedar Bluff.

“I’ve always seen myself as owning a business,” Marasigan said. “I studied media arts and creative writing in school — I’ve always been a very artistic person — but I like taking the entrepreneurial aspect of art and seeing how those two fields intersect.”

For example, besides the restaurant, Marasigan manages rap, hip hop, punk and rock artist Raden Paris.

“We’re in the process of creating his EP,” she said. “Hopefully it will be out in the summer.”

Still, “I think this restaurant has helped me experience

that on a much larger scale,” Marasigan said.

Yune Kim (who is not related to Jeek Kim), currently is attending classes at the University of Pennsylvania while Jeek, who was born and reared in Korea, is a graduate of Kaywon High School of Art in 1999, and came to the United States in 2000.

He met Marasigan and Yune Kim through Yune’s mother, Jean Chung, who is in a real estate business with Chung.

“Food has always been a love language for all of us, and

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businessbriefs

• TDS Telecommunications recently recognized **Rick Hudson**, TDS assistant of Field Services Operations, for his 40 years at the company.

Hudson began his time at TDS in 1983 as a part-time lineman operating on telephone lines. During his time at TDS, he also worked as a custodian, warehouse operator, repair installer and dispatcher before moving to the role of assistant of field services operations.

• Knoxville photographer **Colby McLemore**, owner of **Colby’s Photos and Videos**, recently was honored with the National Award by Tennessee Professional Photographers Association during a recent awards banquet held at the 72nd Annual Convention. The National Award is the highest recognition bestowed at the state level, celebrating individuals who have made remarkable

contributions to the photographic profession.

• **M&M Productions USA** recently hired **Gary Clegg** as director of operations for the full-service event planning and production company based in Oak Ridge that serves clients across the country.

• Bank of America recently announced **Girl Talk Inc.** as the **2023 Neighborhood Champion** awardee for its work advancing economic mobility and building up underserved neighborhoods in Knoxville. Through this multi-year grant funding and leadership training for the nonprofits’ leadership, programs and services addressing young female empowerment will be able to better serve its existing Girl Talk Inc. members and can expand its programming and staff capacity.

• **FirstBank** held a ribbon cutting Monday, Nov. 13, at its new Knoxville branch at 233 E. Emory Road, Suite 109, Powell.

• **University of Tennessee’s Heart Lung Vascular Institute** recently received American College of Cardiology’s NCDR Chest Pain MI Registry

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Hudson



McLemore



Clegg

Mind + Body Wellness clinic offers integrated approach

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Mind + Body Wellness, a new concept in health care for adults and adolescents, held its grand opening Friday, Nov. 10, at 10904 Kingston Pike, Suite 101, in Farragut.

The full equation of the clinic is “mind plus body plus spirit equals wellness,” said Grant Hughett, business development representative. “We all get off track once in a while and need a tune-up.”

“We are an outpatient clinic working on mental health and substance abuse issues with people in the community,”

site director Carri McCrary said. “We have an integrated approach with counseling, coaching, psychiatry, and we also do interventional psychiatric care with Esketamine — Spravato and TMS.

“Through traditional counseling, therapy services or med management some issues aren’t really getting addressed,” Hughett said. “There are some other methods that can help address issues like depression, traumas using TMS survival treatments and EMDR (eye movement desensitization and reprocessing therapy).

“EMDR is a gold standard

for trauma treatment,” McCrary said. “It is a cutting-edge experimental therapy that allows you to overcome distressing symptoms of trauma, anxiety, stress and (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder).”

The clinic also provides nutritional coaching and services for military veterans.

Jamie Vance, Mind + Body Wellness CEO, started the first clinic in Franklin before opening the Farragut clinic — its second facility.

The first clinic ‘was born out of the hope of creating a clinic that provides service to

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Tammy Cheek

After two years operating at 11335 Campbell Lakes Drive in Farragut, locally owned and operated Daddy Mac’s Down Home Dive closed Wednesday, Nov. 1. Owner Dave McFarland said the property will continue to remain open for private special events as he re-imagines a new purpose for the site. Before opening in June 2021 as a new concept, the site housed Wild Wings Café, which closed in March 2021. McFarland and the McFarland Management Group decided to close Mac Daddy’s “to evaluate new opportunities for the space,” Daddy Mac’s website stated.

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Networking goes to Postal



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Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce member and Postal Annex co-owner Marcelle Hasari, left, chats with new Chamber member Darien Stathakis, owner of Bake That Dough in Hardin Valley, during a FWKCC networking at Postal Annex, 9234 Kingston Pike in Cedar Bluff, Thursday, Oct. 26.

Superior hosts networking



Tammy Cheek

Luke Hornsby and April Cooper of West Young Professionals met with Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce members during a Chamber networking at Superior Carpet & Rug Cleaning, 114 Sherlake Drive, Knoxville, Thursday, Nov. 9.

Koko

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me and Yune are both very artistic,” Marasijan said. “Growing up, we had the lemonade stands together. Every Christmas, we would bake our friends things.

“So, making food for people ... has always been how we have shown our love, and I think, through a restaurant we’ve been able to experience that on a much larger scale,” she added.

They learned of the opportunity to buy the restaurant through Chung, who was the listing agent for the location. “They’ve always had a passion to have something like this — the hospitality business,” Jeek said of his partners. “But since they’re both young ladies, they don’t have much experience — running a business and what it’s like — that’s where Jean thought of a piece of the puzzle they needed — that’s where I came in.”

A 23-year veteran in the restaurant industry, Jeek brings his experience to the table. He last was as director of operation and corporate chef of NAMA, LLC.

Koko Japanese Grill currently is open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 to 10 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

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Carri McCrary, left, site director; Maggie Chewning, center, practice administrator; and Grant Hughett, business development representative, are ready to serve the Greater Farragut community at Mind + Body Wellness’ new clinic location, 10904 Kingston Pike Suite 101.

Mind + Body

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people in an accessible and affordable way,” McCrary said.

“With that, ... these services can be covered by insurance, so our goal is to have a network of as many insurances as possible so people can seek these services and help with that cost,” Hughett said.

Patients do not have to be referred by a physician; they can self-refer.

“Jamie has done a great job of advertising,” Hughett said. “If you look at Google, plus you can see the big billboard out front. He’s trying

to use just about every channel that somebody will use to seek out help to make sure they see us and they know we’re available to them.”

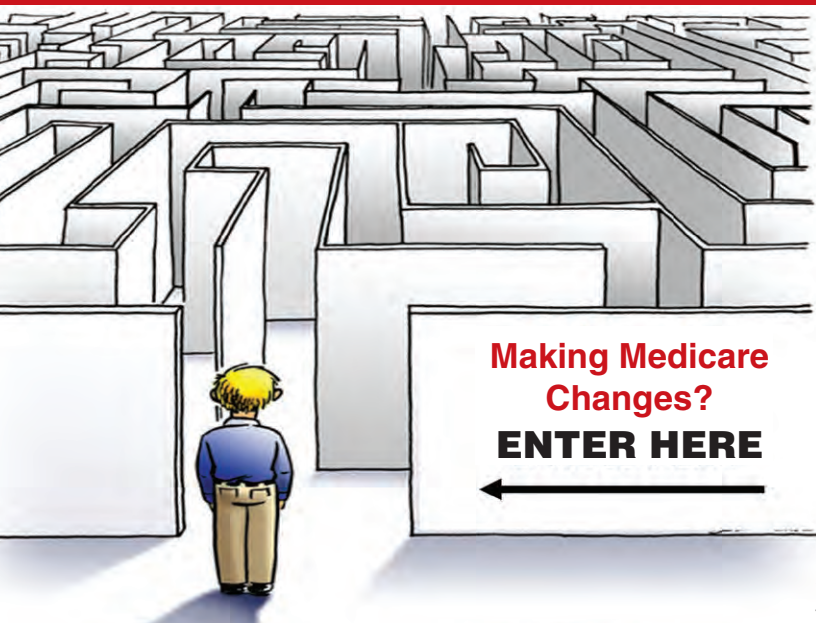
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• **Priority Ambulance** and its partners at Faithful Guardian Training Center recently celebrated the graduation of Priority's first international paramedics as part of its International EMS Workforce Initiative program.

TCMC, Jersey College cut ribbon on nursing school campus



Jersey College's new Nursing School campus site at Tennova Healthcare Turkey Creek Medical Center cut the ribbon at TCMC, 10820 Parkside Drive, Tuesday, Oct. 24. Jersey College officials joined TCMC brass, such as Tony Benton (front left with scissors), Tennova Healthcare East Market CEO; Travis Simmons (front, center), TCMC chief nursing officer; and Greg Karzhevsky, (right front with scissors), chancellor of Jersey College, along with Farragut and Knox County officials.

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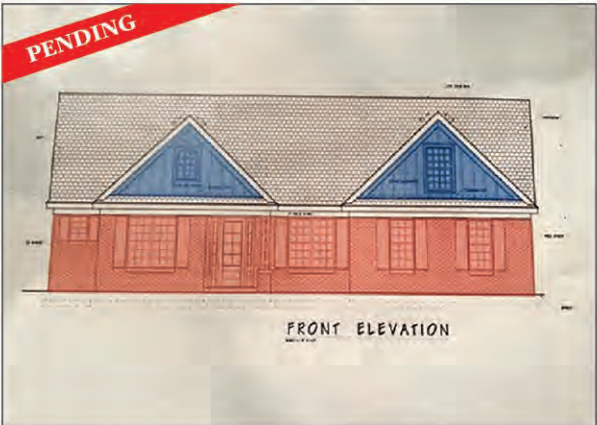
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22 FHS signees, one ceremony — 15 for baseball



Led by 15 in baseball, 22 aspiring college/university student-athletes representing five sports at Farragut High School signed National Letter of Intent papers during a ceremony in the school's Vickie B. Wells Auditorium Friday morning, Nov. 10. Signees listed by sport are girls soccer: Brady Livingston (Lenoir-Rhyne) and Lauren Leslie (East Tennessee State); softball: Hailey Nichols (Tusculum College), Addison Pressley (Cornell) and Laney Shrader (Roast State Community College); golf: Sydney Romer (Roane State) and Owen Queener (Middle Tennessee State University —see related photos on this page); and baseball: Jake Merrick (Univer-

sity of Alabama, Birmingham), Braylon Hall (Lee University), Lukas Buckner, Cade O'Leary and Landis Davila (all to Mississippi State); Brennon Seigler and Stratton Scott (both to the University of Tennessee), Charlie Bozeman (Samford University), Matt Heflin (Ranger College), Gavin Brewer (University of Cincinnati), Eli Evans (ETSU), Braxton Lewis (Tennessee Tech), Ryan Wallace and Ben Johnson (both to Cleveland State Community College) and Mason Grube (Alabama State). Not on hand but expected to sign are Michael Delph (baseball, U.S. Military Academy at West Point/Army) and Alli Duenckel (lacrosse, Tennessee Wesleyan University).



FHS signing photos by Alan Sloan

Two Farragut High School golfers were among the 22 signees in Vickie B. Wells Auditorium on the FHS campus Friday morning, Nov. 10. Sydney Romer (**seated above left**) who signed with Roane State Community College, "did a great job for us this year. She finished top six in the district (tournament), helping her team advance to regionals," FHS head coach Ryan Mahoney said. Also signing was stand-out senior golfer Owen Queener (**above right**), a Middle Tennessee State signee

and "a member of the 2020 team that won a district regional and state title," Mahoney said. "In 2021, he was the individual district champion. In 2022 and 2023, he qualified for the U.S. Senior Championship." Standing behind Romer, from left, are her sister, Janey Everett holding her baby, Elias, 10 months; Greg McCarley, Sydney's father, followed by her sister, Madison Romer; and Bridgett Anderson, Sydney's mother. Queener is with his parents, Kerry and Beth Queener.

Dawgs shoot selves in foot, yet saved by Kinney's foot at Jeff Co.

ALAN SLOAN

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DANDRIDGE — As many times as Bearden shot itself in the foot, from the second quarter to the game's final seconds with victory seemingly a guarantee before a near disaster, the Bulldogs' foot specialist for scoring turned out to be the difference.

Kicker Daniel Kinney has made several field goals of 50 yards or more in practice, so BHS head coach Josh Jones didn't have to ask the junior if he could nail a 50-yarder to break a 20-20 tie against Jefferson County. It was especially important, being late in the third quarter of a second-round TSSAA Division I-6A second-round playoff game at JCHS Friday night, Nov. 10.

"Honestly, I went out there just thinking that I've done it a million times in a row," said Kinney, whose 50-yard kick with 1:19 left in the third had plenty of accuracy and distance to give Bearden a 23-20 lead it would hold onto for dear life late in the game. Holder Madden Duffey did a nice job placing a high snap.

"(Coach Jones) has put me in great opportunities in practice ... just putting that pressure on me. So I've been there before and I knew exactly what to do," Kinney said.

"We see Daniel Kinney making 55, 56, 57 (-yard field goals) all the time in practice, literally not just once on the season," Jones said. "We never attempted one that far in the game, but I had all the confidence in the world in him, and he hit it with plenty of room to spare."

The Bulldogs 23-20 victory earned a rematch with undefeated



Kinney



Alan Sloan

Scrambling for yardage in the pocket is Bearden junior quarterback Drew Parrott, as his running back teammate Torian Riggins (22) looks to block a Jefferson County pass rusher.

East Tennessee power Bradley Central (12-0) at BCHS. Opening kickoff of this state quarterfinal showdown, with the Dawgs (9-3) looking to avenge a 46-14 beatdown by the Bears in the final regular season game Friday, Oct. 27, is 7 p.m., EDT, Friday night, Nov. 16.

Other BHS-JCHS details

With Jefferson County's two big offensive plays long touchdown runs by senior standout running back Omarian Mills: a 72-yard burst up the middle on the Patriots' second play from scrimmage, and his 71-yard run down the left sideline on the second play of the third quarter, was about all the offense the home team provided — until the final 8:47 of the game.

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Score one for the East: Irish upset 9-1 MUS

STAFF REPORTS

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MEMPHIS — Perhaps proving the superiority of East Region football in TSSAA Division II-AAA, a 6-5 Knoxville Catholic team traveled more than 350 miles west and outplayed a No. 1-seeded Memphis University School team (9-1) in a state quarterfinal game Friday, Nov. 9.

Junior kicker Gavin Menard capped off the 31-28 Irish upset of MUS with the game-winning 24-yard field goal on the contest's last play, placing KCHS (7-5) in the semifinals at Chattanooga Baylor (9-2) beginning at 7 p.m. EST, Friday, Nov. 16.

The winner plays the survivor of Montgomery Bell Academy (5-6) versus McCallie (10-1) in the title game at Chattanooga's Finley Stadium at 7 p.m. EST, Thursday, Nov. 30.

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In 3-OT thriller, FMS girls survive at Hardin Valley

KEN LAY
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — Farragut Middle School's girls basketball team had to overcome some early offensive woes and work a little overtime to capture a Knox County Middle Conference Class AAA West Division game late last week.

The extra work earned the Lady Admirals a 39-34 triple-overtime victory over rival Hardin Valley Thursday, Nov. 9, before a packed and spirited house at Hardin Valley Middle School.

It was an uphill climb for Farragut, which managed just two points in the opening quarter and eight in the first half. The Lady Admirals saw their offensive troubles continue as they scored just three points in the third frame and faced a 21-11 deficit heading into the fourth quarter.

But they held the Lady Hawks off the scoreboard and

used a 10-0 run over the final six minutes to knot the game, 21-21, and send the game to overtime. Farragut's Livi Slagle scored the final seven points of regulation and knocked down a pair of late 3-point shots. Her last one tied the game with 1 minute, 10 seconds remaining in regulation.

Slagle, who scored 12 of her team-high 16 points after halftime, provided the bulk of the Lady Ads' offense in the first extra stanza, as she converted three foul shots and gave FMS a 26-21 lead with a free throw with 53.1 seconds left.

But the Lady Hawks roared back, as Hardin Valley's Sarah Galloway scored the final five points of the period and to tie the contest 26-26 with a free throw with 0.2 seconds left.

In the second overtime, the Lady Hawks seized the early upper hand as Emma Rhoden buried a pair of shots to give HVMS a 30-26 advantage with just over two minutes to play.

But the FMS girls would

The Battle of Turkey Creek FMS vs. HVMS basketball

come back a re-tie the game. Farragut's Elin Rotan nailed a 3-pointer with 12.1 seconds remaining to make the score 30-30. On to a third extra session.

In the final three minutes, it was Livi, Jayna Carbaugh and McKenna Hartley who provided the points that would propel the Lady Admirals to victory. Livi had four points down the stretch, including two free throws with 19.1 seconds to go to give Farragut a 38-34 lead. Jayna made three foul shots and scored the final point of the contest. McKenna, who scored nine of her 11 points after halftime, had a bucket.

"I need a nap after watching this game," FMS head coach Devan McIntyre said. "But I found out what we were made of. We're a young team and I'm just so proud of the girls."

Hardin Valley's Alaina Lineberry had 19 points to lead all scorers. Sarah added eight.

Don't worry: FMS boys take control early against Hawks

KEN LAY
Correspondent

HARDIN VALLEY — Farragut Middle School boys basketball head coach Lynn Allen thought his team might face a tough challenge as it made the short trip to face Turkey Creek rival Hardin Valley last week.

As his squad entered the gym, Allen issued a warning to his players. "You better be ready because this is going to be a war."

But as it turned out, the coach didn't have much to worry about, as his team ran past the Hawks 51-24 Thursday, Nov. 9.

Farragut opened a 12-5 lead by the end of the first quarter and just kept building on its advantage.

The Admirals turned up the defensive pressure against the Hawks. That was exactly what Allen wanted to see, especially after a lackluster defensive effort against Karns in the team's league opener last week. "We played better tonight, and it's all about defense for us," the Admirals skipper said.

"We have a great group of young men and they're working hard," Allen added. "We'll see how the Lord blesses that. We're looking to grow closer as a team and as a family."

Braylen Gibbs and Brooks Johnston carried the bulk of the offensive load for the Ads. Gibbs scored a game-high 24 points, including 14 in the first half. Johnston added 12.

For the Admirals, the impressive win gave them temporary possession of the Gold Turkey trophy.

Hardin Valley head coach Alexander Oliver said his team must "keep learning and keep getting better" before the rematch at FMS Monday, Dec. 18.

Charlie Gibson led HVMS with 10 points and Kristian Oliver finished with eight. They combined to make four 3-pointers.

Student-athletes at Webb, CAK made college choices official with signing ceremonies



(Above) Four Webb School of Knoxville student-athletes (left) and Three Christian Academy of Knoxville student-athletes (right) made their college choices official Wednesday, Nov. 8, signing National Letter of Intent papers during ceremonies at their respective schools. Webb School signees, from left, are Anna Graves, an All-state cross country and track and field competitor (Furman University); Colin Eckerman, also a cross country and track and field standout (Furman); Palmer Sykes, a top area golfer (Tennessee Tech); and Blake Carter, a versatile Spartans first baseman/outfielder (Lipscomb University). CAK's standout signees, from left, are Izzy Proffitt (basketball, Anderson University), Wesley Alig (baseball, Kennesaw State) and Kyla Hill (softball, Harding University).

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Bearden fearsome foursome sign; two with UT

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Four leaders of perhaps the most successful three-year run of girls soccer success in state history, contributing greatly to Bearden High School's unbeaten 69-0-2 three-year record with a national title (2022) and a TSSAA Division I-AAA state three peat (2021-2023) signed National Letter of Intent papers during a ceremony at BHS Thursday evening, Nov. 9. From left are Rylie Lucas, 2023 state tourney MVP (McKendree University), along with standout team captains Nyla Blue (University of Tennessee); Breana Mendoza (University of Tennessee); and Alivia Stott (UT Lady Vols).

By a foot

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"He was a beast, he was a hard runner; he wouldn't go down on the first hit," BHS junior linebacker Kai Ironside said of Mills. "He was elusive and (hitting) the tight holes in space, he was good."

"When I was tackling him, I can tell you, he would hit me like a dump truck," said Boston Yeager, Bearden junior defensive lineman who had a handful of big stops during the game. "I really had to give my all to even tackle him."

Bearden actually looked ready to go up 30-20, with a first-and-goal at the JCHS 9 and reaching the Patriots 4 before the second of two almost fatal interceptions. A sideline pass was picked off and returned to the Jeff County 44, but a sideline violation moved it back to the 29, at the 8:47 mark.

With under four minutes to play, the Patriots converted a 4th-and-10 pass at the Bulldogs 43, with sophomore quarterback Mason Henderson chased out the pocket to his right before throwing to the middle of the field to a wide open Shawn Jackson, which eventually landed JCHS at the Bearden 20.

Jackson had changed the game's momentum midway into the second quarter as a defensive back with his 41-yard "pick six" that tied the game 13-13 at the five-minute mark of the first half.

An 11-yard Mills run placed the home team at the BHS 9 with under three minutes to play.

Holding Mills to 5 yards on two carries, Bearden stopped Henderson's bootleg roll-and-pass to the right, breaking up a potential game-winning TD toss at the goal line.

But the Patriots had a big foot problem on fourth down,

as the JCHS kicker missed a 21-yard tying field goal attempt with 1:30 remaining.

"Man, our defensive players, they've played incredibly well all year," Jones said. "Our defensive staff does such a good job coaching those guys hard, preparing those guys throughout the week. The kids just played so hard with so much effort."

"... They got some runs and that team is really good at running the ball," he added. "Their run game is about as good as you get in high school football."

About the late stand, "It just shows a team coming together in a big moment," Ironside said about his defense.

Bearden needed just one first down to, at least apparently, run out the clock and win. Sophomore running back sensation Jayzon Thompson, who scored on a 2-yard run in the second quarter, went 25 yards to his left for a first down at the BHS that should have sealed the victory.

But a mix-up concerning the snapping of the ball left more time on the clock than there needed to be, Jones said after the game, and on fourth down and the final few seconds ticking down, the Bulldogs took a knee before time ran out.

Jefferson County suddenly had 2.3 seconds and one play to go 28 yards and win the game — turning down a 45-yard field goal that, if made, would force overtime.

However, Bulldogs senior defensive back Sam Tummins intercepted the "Hail Mary" toss into the end zone, allowing Bearden fans, players and coaches to exhale in relief.

"We knew it was going to be a battle all night coming in, and then we got it done," Tummins said. "We made more plays than they did. We shot ourselves in the foot a couple of times, as you could see in

the last 10 seconds.

"But then we came out as a champ," he added.

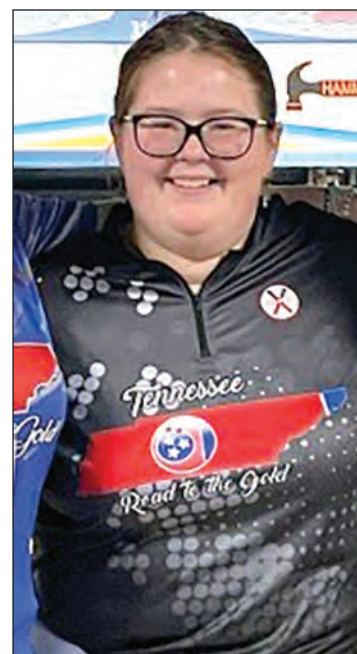
"We sure know how to make it entertaining," Jones told the team after the game.

About his Bulldogs, "They're so resilient, they just keep believing," Jones said to the media after the game. "We've got to learn to play a little cleaner football. I've got to do a better job preparing us in that and coaching a little bit better. But man, our kids, they're just so resilient, man. They just battle and compete their guts out."



Tummins

A 258 personal best game: BHS standout bowler Hailey



Earning a trip to the TSSAA State Bowling Championships as a sophomore at Bearden High School — and led all Knox County bowlers in scoring average through six games during the state championship's individual competition — Olivia Hailey recently bowled a personal-best 258-game during her team's first competition of the 2023-24 season.

Photo submitted

they do a good job in the offensive line and with their defensive front."


About Bradley

As for the rematch at Bradley, "I mean, those guys are really good, but so are we," Jones said. "... We're excited just to still be playing."

Breaking down what happened Oct. 27, "They probably played their A game. ... We probably brought our C-minus game, and we found out firsthand, our C-minus game ain't going to cut it versus Bradley," Jones said.

"... They are athletically gifted and they play really hard," he added. "That's a rough combination."

"But we know without a doubt we can play with those guys. It's going to be a tough task, but we feel very confident."



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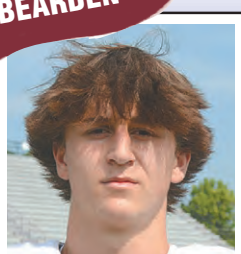
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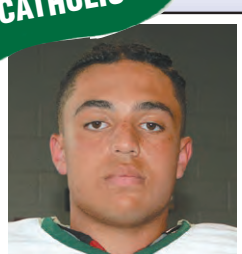
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Honoring U.S., local veterans at HVA, Farragut Town Hall

KCS hosts ‘Thank You Vets’ ceremony

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In light of Knox County Schools receiving the 2023 Secretary of Defense Employers’ Freedom Award, the school system paid tribute to veterans and members of the military, National Guard and U.S. Army Reserves who are employed in the school district during an Honoring Service: Thank You Veterans ceremony in Hardin Valley Academy Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The Freedom Award is the highest recognition given by



State Sen. Dr. Richard Briggs, a retired U.S. Army colonel and combat surgeon.

the U.S. government to employers for supporting employees who serve in the Na-

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Ex-pastor, U.S. Navy vet, ties family with service appreciation

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Basic sacrifices of military service, including the hardships families of service members endure, was the theme during an observance of Veterans Day held in the Admiral Farragut Courtyard outside of Farragut Town Hall, 11408 Municipal Center Drive, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 11.

It was led by former Pastor Patrick Pence (*photo, right*) a U.S. Navy veteran who rose to the rank of 3rd class petty officer and served “as a radio man on the USS Tennessee, a submarine stationed in Kings Bay, Georgia,” he said.

Once you take the oath to serve in a branch of the United States military, “then, as they say, you’re behind is their’s,” Pence told the gathering. “And whether you join because

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Plans told for 2nd Annual Farragut Christmas Parade

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Seventeen mothers, PTO leaders and educators are working side-by-side in a committee to plan the Town’s 2nd Annual Christmas Parade.

“They (committee members) have all stepped up and worked hard ... trying

to make sure every i is dotted and every t is crossed,” said Amanda Kincaid, Farragut Parade Committee co-chair with Stephanie Thompson.

“We want to bring that small town Christmas feel,” she added. “We hope to eventually go up Kingston Pike.”

Also, “we want to make it safe and entertaining for everyone. We hope to

continue the tradition and get bigger and better every year.”

The event — complete with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Admiral Dave, Finley the Dolphin and Buddy the Elf — is slated for 4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 10, with Santa’s Village open from 2 to 4 p.m. on the Farragut Middle School campus.

“We have surprise grand marshals —

Farragut residents and UT sports legends,” Kincaid said. “It’s going to be really fun ... We expect a huge turnout.”

The new route this year starts at FMS, travels down West End Avenue, proceeds west and circles at the second island on West End Avenue, then

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• A solidarity gathering organized by the Knoxville Jewish Community, entitled “Bring Them Home” concerning a call to release Israeli hostages in the current conflict between Israel and Hamas, begins at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, in Market Square, downtown Knoxville.

“Call for the release of the hostages, pray for their safety, join in Shabbat melodies and take home a Shabbat bag to welcome Shabbat in their merit,” a Knoxville Jewish Alliance press release stated.

• In its 28th Anniversary year, Mission of Hope is gearing up for its annual Christmas Drive. Throughout the year, Mission of Hope serves schools and ministry centers in rural Appalachia.

During the Christmas season, Mission of Hope brings new toys and clothes, food and hygiene products to more than 13,000 children and families. Mission of Hope asks for help to bring joy throughout Appalachia this holiday season.

Mission of Hope once again will have a Cyber Barrel Christmas Drive, which begins Friday, Nov. 17, and runs through Tuesday, Dec. 5.

Shoppers can visit the online registries and select items for purchase. These items will be shipped directly to the Mission of Hope warehouse, where they will be carefully packed and delivered to the students. Supporters also can find posters at various locations in the area, featuring QR codes linking to the Cyber Barrel website page: <https://missionofhope.org/christmas-collection-delivery/>. Cyber Barrel sponsor locations are Chick-fil-A, Fisher Tire, Food City, Home Federal, TVA Employees Credit Union and Barnes & Noble.

In addition to this drive, Mission of Hope will place

Blue Barrels at select Food City, Home Federal Banks, Fisher Tire and Barnes and Noble locations. These barrels will be available concurrently with the Cyber Barrel Drive and are perfect for those who prefer donating new toys, new coats and non-perishable food items.”

• **MEDIC Regional Blood Center is competing against Kentucky Blood Center** through Friday, Nov. 17, in the annual Orange and Blue Competition to see which can collect the most blood products in five days.

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schedule their appointment.

For more information, visit www.medicblood.org or contact vice president of communications Kristy Altman at Kaltman@medicblood.org or by phone at 865-805-2008.

• **Late last week, Mercedes-Benz of Knoxville kicked off its inaugural “Stuff the Sprinter for Homeless Pets”** donation drive to collect dog and cat food and other important supplies for two local animal welfare organizations.

Now through the end of November, donations will be accepted at Mercedes-Benz of Knoxville’s 10131 Parkside Drive location.

• **Dr. Karen NoLand will lead a series on American Indian Cultures**, which begins at 1:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 21, in Knox County Senior Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd. in Farragut.

This 10-week series will

cover Northeastern Woodland, Southwestern and High Plains cultures, plus a traditional American Indian view of death and stereotypes. Traditional American Indian food will be served. A recommended book to this subject is “Killers of Flower Moon” by David Grann. Class fee is \$10 for the first class and \$8 for each class thereafter, payable to the instructor onsite. Seating is limited, so call Knox County Senior Center at 865-288-7805.

• **First Farragut United Methodist Church**, 12733 Kingston Pike, will host its 16th Christmas Community Day from 1 to 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 3, serving neighbors and families in the community.

It will feature a toy center, children’s books center, a photo with Santa center, children’s and adult clothing /coat cen-

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Tammy Cheek

Planner

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ter and a grocery center. "In 2022, more than 100 volunteers served 392 guests who came from Knox, Loudon, Roane, Monroe and other surrounding counties," a church press release stated. "In addition to clothing, toys and books, the families received a full bag of groceries and household necessities."

Reservations for this event are required and space is limited. Guests have two options to make a reservation. They may come to FFUMC, 12733 Kingston Pike, and pick up a reservation card between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Friday, Dec. 1, or they may register online at <http://www.ffumc.org/register>. The FFUMC parking lot opens at noon, Sunday.



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Vets Town Hall

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it runs in your family, or you have a desire to serve, or life circumstances just drives you toward it, or a recruiter may have made you a lot of promises, you have just took an enormous amount of freedom away from yourself to protect the freedom of others. Did you ever really think about that?

“... If you don’t like your job or where you’re at or where you’re stationed, you can’t just say, ‘Well, I want to go somewhere else or I want to do something else,’ It doesn’t work that way,” Pence added. “A lot of times you’ve got to ask to go to the bathroom. You give up a lot of your individual

freedom by serving in the military.

“However, it is a sacrifice many have made,” he continued. “.... Many of our families make the sacrifice, our parents make the sacrifice, our children make the sacrifice. I think that’s what a lot of people don’t understand.

“You miss a lot of birthdays, you miss weddings, you miss funerals. You miss anniversaries. And so the family also serves. I want to make that point clear. Divorce rates are very high in the military, a lot higher than the national average.

“It’s hard to serve and be a dad or a mom,” he continued. “So, I want to also pay tribute not only to our veterans who

have served, but the families of veterans, the parents that see their son and daughter and they don’t see them for a while and they don’t know if they’re OK or maybe where exactly they’re at.”

To all families whose loved ones serve, or served, in the military, “I thank you for all you have done,” Pence said.

Attendee Butch Houston of Farragut is a 22-year Navy veteran retiree and 1976 graduate of Farragut High School whose Naval duties included being “a foreman” at a military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

“I was glad to come out here and hear what he had to say, and be here at the statue that the school and Town were named after,” Houston said.

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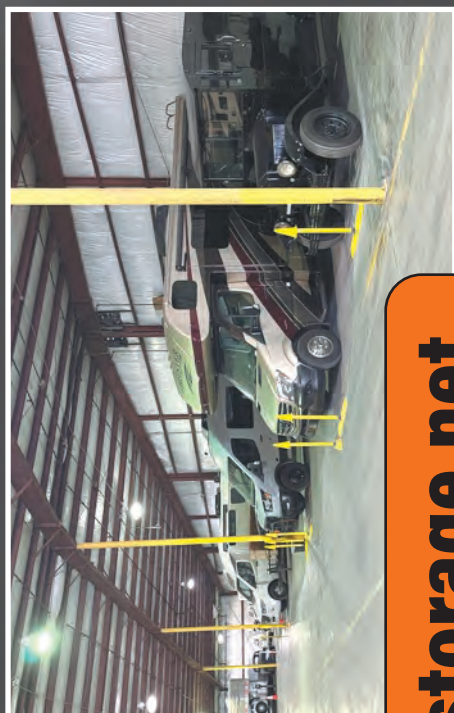
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Veterans-HVA

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tional Guard and Reserves. They held the event at HVA because an HVA educator nominated the district for this award.

Knox County Schools System was the only school system in the country that got to go to the Pentagon to accept the award, along with 14 other recipients.

School Superintendent Dr. Jon Rysewyk said he would like to see more Reserve and National Guard members employed in Knox Schools.

"You chose to defend our nation at the expense of your own comfort and your own safety. It was a choice of yours to put the needs of others before yourself," he said. "That doesn't go unnoticed by anyone here ... it matters."

Following the Presentation of Colors by Gibbs High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and singing of the National Anthem by Farragut High School Chorus students, Board of Education chairman Betsy Henderson, serving the 6th District, said, "It is an honor today to celebrate your service to our country in

the military and your service to our students right here in Knox County.

"Veterans Day is an opportunity to thank those who have served or who are currently serving our country, protecting the freedoms, values and privileges we all enjoy as Americans," she added. "We honor you who have served."

"Despite the risks and sacrifices, you raised your hand to serve to make this country stronger and safer for all. Days like today are important because, all too often, the freedoms we have are taken for granted."

Parade plans

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travels back up the avenue to the high school, traveling the "wrong way" in FHS's car lane and ending at FHS's junior lot. "This way, we will have more people at the centralized location," Kincaid said, adding West End Avenue will be closed off by 2 p.m., as will Lendon Welch Way and the access from North Campbell Station Road to the high school.

"We have received a lot of last year's notes, taken surveys from our community and

spoke with (Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen) members, who have agreed to shut down a part of West End Avenue to allow for a larger route and more parade participants," she said.

Currently, there are 45 participants signed up.

"We've gone up 10 (participants) from last year," Kincaid said. "The response has been outstanding."

Participants included other high school student volunteers

Along with the parade, Santa's Village will feature 55 vendors' booths, where people can

shop, eat and enjoy hot chocolate served by Farragut High School Student Government Association members.

New this year, Kincaid said Santa's Village will have food trucks. Additionally, the village will provide "a unique Christmas shopping experience for parents and children with crafts and booths," such as a photo booth and face painting.

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KCHS-MUS details

Outgunning the home team 452 versus 327, Catholic's air assault featured junior quarterback Jaylon Neal completing 34 of 40 passes for 394 yards and three touchdown tosses with no interceptions.

Neal hit Tyreek King on a 65-yard TD strike to put Catholic up 14-7 with 1:46 left in the first quarter. The KCHS sopho-

more receiver ended with nine catches for 159 yards and two touchdowns.

Braylon Harmon, Irish senior running back, opened the game's scoring with a 14-yard run to the end zone less than five minutes into the opening quarter. Though never getting into the end zone with a reception, Harmon hauled in 17 Neal aerials for 152 yards.

MUS tied it 7-7 on a 67-yard touchdown pass.

After King's long scoring

catch, the home team recorded scoring passes of 33 and 23 yards to go ahead 21-14, the last coming with 1:18 left in the first half.

Quincy Pannell's 14-yard scoring catch from Neal tied the game



Neal

21-21 at the 9:08 mark of the third quarter.

The Owls shocked the Irish thanks to a 91-yard punt return with 3:11 left in the third. But Catholic struck back — and quickly.

Needing just 63 seconds to tie things up again, Neal found King for a 38-yard touchdown reception. Menard's final of four extra points tied the issue 28-28 at the 2:08 mark of the third.

The Irish also won this game

and still lost the turnover battle, though KCHS had only one, a lost fumble, with MUS turnover free despite the loss.

Three Irish defenders shared the lead in total tackles with six: senior linebacker Bryson Gardner (five solo), senior linebacker Connor Ruth (four solo) and senior defensive back Jaylon Harmon. All three of defensive lineman Brenden Goodson's tackles were for negative yardage. Senior Grayson Goodale recorded a sack.

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FPS Annual Fall Festival

Parent Teacher Organization's biggest FPS fundraiser of year

Farragut Primary School celebrated the fall season with its annual Fall Festival, FPS Parent Teacher Organization's biggest fundraiser of the year for the school, Saturday, Oct. 21.

"This year's 2023 Farragut Primary School Fall Festival had over 725 children (plus their chaperones) from our community in attendance," PTO president Jhasta Tack said.

For the second year in a row, she said the festival raised more than \$40,000.

"Simply remarkable," Tack said. "We are so grateful for our amazing community and school sponsors — not only for showing up and being a part of our event, but for supporting our beloved Farragut Primary School.

"I'm just elated to serve alongside the other members of our incredible PTO, and I feel blessed that my family is a part of this community," she added. "Several folks have said that this year's festival was the best yet, and it truly was a day filled with happy smiles and full hearts. The weather was perfect, and it allowed for us to host most of the fun outdoors with just a few elements located inside of the school.

"We are incredibly grateful for and amazed by the 150 volunteers we had for this event. It truly takes a village and our Farragut village is like none other."

She also recognized the event's 23 sponsors, which helped make the festival successful.



Sophia Gribbons, 7, left and Larisa Genrich, owner of TEG



Mia Winter, 5



Ellen Barfield with daughter Isabella, 7



Second-grade teachers Melinda Webster, left, and Hillary Hogue



Jessie Roth with daughter, Kaia, 7, left, and friend Bella Barfield, 7



FPS kindergarten teacher Mandy Kincaid with first-grader Marvin Tack, left, and fourth-grader Johnston Tack



Lauren Morgan, with daughters, Cooper June Morgan, left, and Izzy Morgan, fifth grade



FPS PTO president Jhasta Tack, left, and PTO Spirit Wear chair Tiffany Hennigan



FPS Music Team teachers, from left, Hilary Hohl and Marcus Smith and Intern Hayan Song



Martinez Family: John, Jill, third-grader Levi and first-grader Max (the girl)

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Farragut High School ADMIRALS

Not long before last year’s high-school basketball season started, James Burris became Farragut High School’s varsity boys head coach. He had to hit the ground running and adapt fast.

Because of a year of familiarity, Burris is confident his second year will be more successful than last year’s 18-14 record, though the 2022-23 Admirals came close to winning the regular season District 4-AAA title before losing in the first round of the Region 2-AAA Tournament.

“We came in really late and changed a lot of things,” Burris said about last season. “They now know what we expect of them. There’s a lot more continuity, which has allowed us to be more like a true family.”

Burris’s likely starting five includes three who are returning starters.

The players

Junior small forward Dominic VanAcker, a 6-foot-3 All-District honoree last season, returns.

“He has every bit of athletic ability that you could ask for,” Burris said. “He plays above the rim. He shoots it well and has really matured over the last year.”

A pair of shooting guards return for the Admirals skipper, both of whom started last year. One is All-District sopho-



Dominic VanAcker

more guard Parker Lane, who according to Burris is a “really good scoring guard. He has a nose for getting to the basket.”

The other is senior wing Aiden VanAcker, who was Honorable Mention All-District last year. Burris expects big contributions this year from the senior on both sides of the ball.

“He might be the best shooter in the district,” Burris said. “He’s improved a lot on defense and will help us rebound. I expect him to have a big year this year.”

Senior point guard Tony Spadafora will, according to Burris, “take care of the ball.” He’s also a “great on-ball defender.”

Rounding out Burris’s likely starting five will be 6-foot-4 senior post Berkeley Naro.

“Berk has worked as hard and improved as much as anyone in our program,” Burris said. “He can take people off the dribble and shoot it from the perimeter.”

“I really think he’s gonna have a huge year for us.”

Other likely contributors for Burris include senior Claudio Song, a 6-foot-4 power forward “He provides so much energy,” Burris said. “He flies around ... very intelligent, high IQ player.”

Sophomore guard Daniel Lanning also is expected to make a sizable contribution.

Being a lacrosse player helps Lanning’s hoops skills, according to Burris. “He’s a good ballhandler and gets to the rim real well.”

FHS has no transfers on the roster.

Team strengths

Burris thinks defense will be a primary team strength. “Our guys really commit to the defensive end,” he said.

Concerns

Staying together and riding out the season’s ups and downs gives Burris pause. “Are we mature enough this year to stick together through those tough times and keep our energy level high?” he mused.

By Bill Howard

ROSTER

1	Berkley Naro	PF	12
2	Brevin Swartzentruber	G	12
3	Dominic VanAcker	G	11
4	Tony Spadafora	PG	12
5	Aiden VanAcker	SG	12
10	Claudio Song	C	12
11	Britton Lewis	SF	10
12	Daniel Lanning	G	10
13	Trey Slagle	G	11
14	Carson MacTavish	G	11
15	Kent Carbaugh	SF	11
20	Bryce Howard	SF	11
23	Parker Lane	G	10
32	Ethan Farhat	PG	9
34	Brody Appling	C	11

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FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL

ADMIRALS • VARSITY BOYS/GIRLS SCHEDULE 2023-24

Nov. 16-18	Hall of Fame Games	Away
Nov. 20, 21, 24, 25	FHS Thanksgiving Tournament	Home
Dec. 1	Cookeville	Away
Dec. 5	Fulton	Away
Dec. 8-9	Roundball Classic at Science Hill	Away
Dec. 12	Sevier County	Home
Dec. 15	William Blount*	Away
Dec. 20 - 21	Power Games Classic	Away
Dec. 27-30	Tampa Bay Christmas Invitational	Away
Jan. 5	Karns	Away
Jan. 9	West*	Away
Jan. 12	Bearden*	Home
Jan. 16	Hardin Valley*	Home
Jan. 19	Maryville*	Away
Jan. 23	William Blount*	Home
Jan. 26	West*	Home
Jan. 27	Greeneville	Home
Jan. 30	Maryville*	Home
Feb. 2	Bearden*	Away
Feb. 6	Hardin Valley*	Away
Feb. 9	Kingston • (Senior Night)	Home
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Farragut High School LADY ADMIRALS

After actually having a lead on Bearden early in the fourth quarter of last season's Region 2-AAA semifinals before losing to a rival that went undefeated until the TSSAA state tournament, Farragut's girls return three huge contributors from 2022-23 while adding a talented transfer guard to the mix.

Top players

Annie Priest, junior point guard, "is the only remaining player off of that (Class AAA) state championship runner up team" of 2021-22, head coach Jason Mayfield said. "So we look to her for a lot of leadership and a lot of production on both ends of the court. "Sophomore guard K J McNealy "had a great freshman season," the coach said. "I think she'll take a really big step this year and become one of the better players in the area, even just as a sophomore. And she's a young sophomore, too; she just turned 15.

"We will definitely lean on those two players a lot," he added. "Even though they're a sophomore and a junior, they've got a lot of experience so far, so that's good."

Junior guard Mya Johnston "started every game pretty much last year, all the meaningful ones," Mayfield said. "She's our best defender. ...

She's always in the right spot defensively.

"She's really good at kind of slashing to the rim," he added. "She's done a really good job of being able to go to her left now as well. And she can shoot and be a threat from there(-point range).

"We will expect a lot out of her, too."

Senior wings Hannah Anderson and Carly Vining "will definitely have a role, for sure," Mayfield said. "Just being seniors, we expect a lot. They should know what's going on. They've been in our program for three years."

One key newcomer is junior guard Jaci Neubert, a transfer from Heritage.

"She'll be fantastic," Mayfield said. "She's a little guard, but she can really get hot (scoring). She's one of those kind, you know, pesky types of defenders that can just really bug you because she's just so quick.

"Real hard nose player," he added about Neubert.

Lilly Mullins, sophomore point guard, backed up Priest last season as a freshman.

"She'll continue to kind of have that same role, whether she's a starter or one of the first ones off the bench," the coach said. "She's a real energetic player and adds a lot of quickness to our lineup. And

she can do some things off the dribble where she could create some things, which is always good to have in basketball."

Among other newcomers, freshman guard Reagan Sheridan looks to contribute, having come a long way under Mayfield.

"I remember her from my summer camp; she was 5 years old, probably," the coach said. "She did a really good job for us this summer. Once she is used to the quickness and the physicality of everything, I feel like she'll have a major role with us."

Biggest team strength

"I'd say quickness," the coach said about a team strength. "We're a little smaller, but definitely we should be able to get into some people as far as defensively and really be able to use some of our guards and some of our athleticism to bother some people defensively.

"I fully expect that over the first month or two to kind of figure out kind of how good we can be defensively and how we can use all these players and all of our depth to really make a big impact," he added.

Biggest concern

"It seems to always be size," Mayfield said about a big concern. "Like it's just rare to find a girl you can just throw it to down low.

"We have a couple of them, but (they are) inexperienced," he added. "... We will definitely need all 12 of our varsity players to kind of step up and be ready when it's their time."

By Alan Sloan



Annie Priest

Tony Cox

ROSTER

1	Jaci Neubert	PG	Jr
2	Lilly Mullins	PG	So
4	Annie Priest	G	Jr
5	Gabbie Vanacker	W	Fr
10	Anna Corum	PG	So
11	Mya Johnston	G	Jr
12	Reagan Sheridan	G	Fr
20	Trinity Curry	P	Fr
22	KJ McNealy	G	So
23	Hannah Enderson	W	Sr
24	Carly Vining	W	Sr
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Bearden High School

BULLDOGS



“Block-out” rebounding position is Bearden wing Drew Brillhart, right in black, alongside BHS teammate Drew Parrott (5) during a rivalry game against Farragut last season

Two Bearden Bulldogs starters return to a team that made some post-season noise — almost upsetting powerful William Blount in the Region 2-AAA semifinals after finishing third in the District 4-AAA Tournament.

“We’ve got a good core coming back,” Bulldogs head coach Jeremy Parrott said.

The players
Junior wing Jamichael Blair “probably had our best summer for us,” Parrott said about the 6-foot-2 wing. “Look for him to have an increased role this season.

“He will be a guy that will be counted on to play numerous positions,” the coach added. “He’ll be plugged into a lot of different positions to play from the two all the way down to the four or five at different times, depending on our opponent.”

Also returning is junior guard King Hubbard, a part-time starter last season. “He’ll be counted on to have a good season,” Parrott said. “He did some good things for us last year, led us in several categories outside of scoring.

“I think he was our leading assist man last season,” he added. “He’s like all of us: he’s got to come along on the defensive end of the floor.

“But we’re expecting big things out of King.”

Senior 6-foot-3 wing Drew Brillhart “is a four-year varsity guy for us, a guy that can play the three, four or five for us, a left-handed kid,” Parrott said. “Drew started for us as a junior, so he should get into the starting line-up again as a senior. And to be a two-year starter in our program is a big deal.

“And I feel like Drew, he’s going to be looked upon for leadership and for some scoring,” the coach added. “And he’s another one needing to come along at the defensive

end of the floor to round out our first five.”

Junior wing Andrew Baker could be one to watch. “I hope Andrew has a breakout season this year,” Parrott said. “Andrew is about 6-(foot)-3, 6-(foot)-4. He played mostly JV for us last year, but I really feel like he can come along and surprise the folks. A big athletic wing.”

Sophomore guard Justin Nordin “got into a starting role late in the year because of injuries. ... As a freshman, that’s a big thing at Bearden,” Parrott said.

One of the team’s better perimeter shooters, “To get in as a freshman and get to do things — he actually made All-Region Tournament at the end of the year,” the coach added.

“So I really feel like that Justin is going to take that next step. He’s grown physically. I think he’s grown mentally. I think he’s as good a point guard as there is around.”

Adding much-needed size in the post is 6-foot-6 sophomore post Brody Smith.

“He is going to help us, I believe,” Parrott said. “This is going to be his first year in the program, but he had a good summer with us learning the system, learning how we do things, learning the culture.

“We expect Brody to perhaps start for us at the five spot,” the coach added. “So I really like Brody and glad he’s giving us something that we (don’t have) across the board. ... Brody will add some physical size presence to the paint area.”

Junior guard Drew Parrott, the coach’s son, saw action last season as a sophomore.

“He’ll probably come off the bench for us; just step in and do things we need to get a spark,” coach Parrott said

about the school’s starting quarterback and one of a handful of Bulldogs — including Blair — not available until BHS football eventually finishes its playoff run.

Junior wing Dom Mahoney, at 6-foot-3, “can come in and spell us at the post some,” the coach said. “He’s a smart, high IQ kid. He’s going to defend well and be a really great leader on the floor — an extension of the coaching staff.”

Senior wing Dalton Siva “is a long, lengthy guard that came in at spots for us last year when we needed defense and change of pace,” coach Parrott said. “Hopefully, we get Dalton in a little more this year. And as a senior, he’ll be looked to to be real solid for us.”

Elsewhere, “backing up the post spot will be Jacob Phillips,” the coach said about this 6-foot-3 senior post. “He’s a back-to-the-basket type kid that can’t step out and hit the three-(point jumper).”

Biggest team strength
“I think that we’re going to be deep,” coach Parrott said. “I think we’re going to be balanced. I think we’ve got some guys that are going to assert themselves in the league statistically, but I also feel like we’re plug-and-play with about eight guys. And that’s something we didn’t really have last year. We were still working on our depth.

“And with the strength of our league being what it is, depth could come in handy down the stretch because you’re never going to get through a season with everybody uninjured,” he added.

“Our kids are a pleasure to coach. We had a great summer,”

Biggest concern
“I think our biggest concern is making sure that we get our best (players) on the floor each and every night,” Parrott said.

“And that we don’t, like last year, deal with a lot of injuries or deal with not having everybody available.”

By Alan Sloan

ROSTER

0	.....Dalton Siva.....	W	.....12
1	.....King Hubbard.....	G	.....11
3	.....Andrew Baker.....	W	.....11
4	.....Dominic Mahoney.....	W	.....11
5	.....Drew Parrott.....	G	.....11
10	.....Justin Nordin.....	G	.....10
11	.....Justice Watson.....	G	.....11
13	.....Braden Buchanan.....	P	.....12
23Anderson Doettl.....	P11
24Jamichael Blair.....	W11
33Jacob Phillips.....	P12
35Drew Brillhart.....	W12
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Nov. 21-25.....	Food City Thanksgiving Classic.....	Away
Dec. 1.....	Morristown West.....	Home
Dec. 5.....	Cleveland.....	Away
Dec. 8-9.....	Double Tree Roundball Classic.....	Away
Dec. 12.....	Alcoa.....	Home
Dec. 15.....	Knox West.....	Home
Dec. 18.....	Morristown West.....	Away
Dec. 20-21.....	Adidas Shootout (Boys).....	Away
Dec. 27-29.....	Rhea County Christmas Invitational (Boys).....	Away
Dec. 27-30.....	Landair Classic (Girls).....	Away
Jan. 5.....	Greeneville (Boys).....	Away
Jan. 5-6.....	She Got Game Classic (Girls).....	Away
Jan. 9.....	Maryville.....	Away
Jan. 12.....	Farragut.....	Away
Jan. 13.....	Kay Maynard State Farm Showcase (Girls).....	Away
Jan. 16.....	William Blount.....	Home
Jan. 19.....	Hardin Valley.....	Home
Jan. 23.....	Knox West.....	Away
Jan. 26.....	Maryville.....	Home
Jan. 30.....	Hardin Valley.....	Away
Feb. 2.....	Farragut.....	Home
Feb. 6.....	William Blount.....	Away
Feb. 12.....	Alcoa.....	Away



King Hubbard, Bearden guard, sticks close to FHS guard Parker Lane during a rivalry game last season



Bearden High School LADY BULLDOGS

It's going to be hard to duplicate what Bearden girls basketball has accomplished during the past two seasons: the program's first state championships, in Division I Class AAA, in the 2021-22 season, followed by an undefeated season before eventual state champ Bradley Central edged the Lady Bulldogs (35-1) in the TSSAA state quarterfinals last year.

That loss ended a 56-game winning streak covering those two seasons. Star post Avery Treadwell has graduated after becoming "the winningest player in school history; we will miss her" according to head coach Justin Underwood.



Underwood

But all other key BHS players return. "We've got some able-bodied kids that are going to try and step in and fill roles," Underwood said. "And I think collectively, rebounding and also just making up the points for what we're missing" with Treadwell gone.

"But I think we've got a lot of kids that have worked really hard this summer," he added.

The players

"I think it starts with Natalya (Hodge) our point guard," Underwood said about the sophomore who had a huge impact on the team's unblemished



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Natalya Hodge, who made a big splash in area high school basketball circles during a stellar freshman season in 2022-23, looks to create some offense against rival Farragut last season.

pre-state tourney success as an All-District 4-AAA honoree as a freshman last season. "I think she had a great summer and picked up a bunch of college offers and opportunities.

As for the other Lady Bulldogs, "I think that their roles will gradually increase and we'll spread that responsibility over numerous people," the coach said.

Junior wing Kendall Anne Murphy "ended up having a great finish to the season (last year), and she would be someone that we'll count on a good bit," Underwood said.

"And then I think we've got a couple that are coming off ACL (tears)," referencing senior wing Rachael Wilhoit, an All-District honoree, and sophomore guard/wing Emma

Rainey. "They're trying to get their footing and get back to what they were. And they've worked hard to get back.

"And then as far as post-player wise, junior Lainey Cox "ended up having a great end of the year and has got herself in really good shape," Underwood said. "And then Amanda Parker (All-District senior post) and Lindsay Wilson (senior wing); Amanda from inside and Lindsay's ability to play guard for us, but also rebound inside as a bigger guard."

Aisha Patel, junior post/wing, "has really worked extremely hard," Underwood said. "She's a 6-foot player for us who can shoot really well from the outside, but she can also rebound and play the back

"But I think we've got a lot of kids that have worked really hard this summer,"

~ Justin Underwood, Head Coach

ROSTER

2	Natalya Hodge	P/W	10
3	Rachael Wilhoit	W	12
10	Kendall Anne Murphy	W	11
12	Caitlin McVeigh	PG/W	11
20	Emma Rainey	PG/W	10
22	Lindsay Wilson	W	12
23	Riley Hunt	W	9
24	Lainey Cox	W/P	11
30	Aisha Patel	W/P	11
33	Amanda Parker	P	12
34	Theola Mills	P	10
40	Katie Foster	P	10

Head Coach: Justin Underwood

Assistant Coach: Josh Suttles

Bookkeeper: Beth Underwood

side of our defense."

Theola Mills "is a young lady who is a sophomore post that is just getting more and more comfortable," the coach said. "She's a very strong young lady and her skill set is starting to catch up.

"So I think we've got a lot of kids who have the opportunity to be another year in our system," he added. "I think we can play eight, nine or 10 kids and I think not drop off.

"And so I think the ability to go against each other in practice and compete and make each other better can go a long way for us hopefully having season success and then hopefully postseason success."

Team strengths

"It's definitely is one of the deeper teams that we've had as far as just the number of kids that I think we can play," Underwood said. "I think these young ladies want to prove that just because of those that have

graduated in the last couple of years, that there's still a lot of talent and a hungry group here who want to compete and want to be the best that we can be and strive to win championships still."

Concerns

"I think just like any coach, you want to hopefully stay healthy and just continue to gel as a group," the coach said. "I think it's a long season, so it may be different people on different nights" stepping up.

Final thoughts

"I'm just looking forward to trying to do what we set out each year to do, and that's to compete for championships," Underwood said. "... So I think that I'm looking forward to the combinations of young ladies that we can run out there. ...

"I think they've got a chance to be really good."

By Alan Sloan





Hardin Valley Academy

HAWKS

Barron Scheetz (12) fights for a rebound last season versus South-Doyle



Having key players back from a Hardin Valley Academy 23-10 team that was a serious contender for the regular season District 4-AAA title before finishing runner-up to William Blount in the district tourney, second-year Hawks head coach Andrew Arendt said he's got "seven kids who I think are good enough to start any game."

Those seven "will probably get 95 to 90 percent of the minutes; I feel like they're all really good," he added.

The players

Junior shooting guard Ben Brophy, an All-District honoree last season, returns.

"Ben shoots it really, really well," Arendt said. "He's gotten better at taking it off the dribble. He also moves without the basketball at an elite level. And then defensively he's typically in the right spots, but needs to get stronger and tougher."

Another experienced returnee, senior small forward AJ Gray, "will be somebody who starts a lot of games for us,"

the coach said. "He's a shooter and can take it off the bounce and score. I need him to be really aggressive this year and be a lock-down defender."

Arendt is high on junior transfer Patrick Carey, who likely will start at the point.

"He's probably our best player," the coach said. "He is the consummate

point guard. He commands the floor, gets everybody in the right spots at all times and can score," Arendt added.

"I mean, he had 39 (points) against Austin-East last year in a game. But for us, he'll be mainly counted on as a facilitator — unless we need him to score."

Meanwhile, senior Bryson Frey "will start some games at shooting guard, and there are some games that he'll play point guard — and some games come off the bench," Arendt said.

"But he's a high-level player."

Power forward Barron Scheetz "played a lot for us last

year," the coach said. "We're going to be counting on him to rebound, to score and to attack the basket."

"He can really shoot it, too," Arendt added. "He had multiple games this summer where he had five or more three-point jumpers."

About 6-foot-6 junior post Will Fellers last season, "he turned around the district semifinal championship game against Farragut with his physicality; he'll start at center most of the time," Arendt said. "He's going to need to be a physical presence for us inside."

Junior Isaac Ratliff is another key piece. "Isaac did not play as much as he probably should have last year, but he's the best athlete in the program and has become a lot more skilled and can play literally one through five."

Biggest team strengths

"I think we shoot the ball really well," Arendt said. "Our basketball IQ has gotten a lot better. We know how to play a little bit better."

Concerns

"You lose a senior center like Jack Smith and you have concerns about interior play, about just general overall toughness," Arendt said. "So are we going to be tough enough?"

Final thoughts

ROSTER

- 2- AJ Gray, Sr.
- 22- Tommy Joseph
- 32- Alan Torres
- 11- Ben Brophy, Jr.
- 4- Bryson Frey, Sr.
- 1- Patrick Carey, Jr.
- 3- Issac Ratliffe, Jr
- 12- Jax Sparks
- 33- Will Fellers, Jr.
- 0- Jace Burum
- 23- Barron Scheetz
- 5- Javan Curry
- 10- Rock Rogers
- 13- Nolan Miller

Head Coach: Andrew Arendt

HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY

HAWKS • VARSITY BOYS/ GIRLS SCHEDULE 2023-24

Nov. 14	Fulton	Home
Nov. 17	Halls	Away
Nov. 20	Alcoa/Alcoa Tournament	Away
Nov. 21	Sevier County/AlcoTournament	Away
Nov. 22	Austin East/ Alcoa Tournament	Away
Nov. 30	Lenoir City	Home
Dec. 5	Clinton	Away
Dec. 8-9	Science Hill Classic	Away
Dec. 12	Central	Home
Dec. 14	Karns	Home
Dec. 15	AC Reynolds 5 Star Preps Classic	Home
Dec. 16	Girls v. Webb/Boys v. Catholic 5 Star Preps Classic	Home
Dec. 19-21	Anderson County Holiday Tournament (girls)	Away
Dec. 27-29	Smoky Mountain Classic (boys)	Away
Jan. 4	Maryville	Home
Jan. 8	Morristown East	Away
Jan. 9	William Blount	Home
Jan. 12	West	Home
Jan. 16	Farragut	Away
Jan. 19	Bearden	Away
Jan. 23	Maryville	Away
Jan. 26	William Blount	Away
Jan. 30	Bearden	Home
Feb. 2	West	Away
Feb. 6	Farragut	Home
Feb. 8	Central	Away

"The team really likes each other, which I think really helps," the coach said. "And if we do the things that we need to do to get better, which in my

opinion is just be a tougher team and make the little plays, I think we will be right there."

By Alan Sloan





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Hardin Valley Academy

LADY HAWKS



Lady Hawk Kaitlyn Friedrich, left, last season versus Halls

Hardin Valley Academy has its talented junior post Kamiyah Love returning from a season-ending injury in January, and with three other starters back in the fold the program looks to improve upon last season's losing record.

Perhaps the future looks bright in the Valley: this season's Lady Hawks have no seniors on the varsity team roster.

The players

Junior point guard Kyndra West returns as the team leader in "scoring, rebounds and assists," HVA head coach Jennifer Galloway said. "She's got offers from the University of Pikeville and UVa-Wise (Virginia). "She's put a lot of work in on her shot in the off-season," the coach added. "We're excited to see what all she'll bring this year."

"Kamiyah Love is coming back from an ACL injury," Galloway said. "She was one of our leading rebounders and scorers."

Junior guard Kamryn Butcher "is one of our top defenders," the coach said. "She's been working on her offensive game this year, so we're excited to see that."

Junior guard/forward Ava Claire Wrather "is a really versatile player," Galloway said. "She can guard while playing either the wing or post."

"And she brings a lot of energy to our team," she added.

Junior guard Lily Adkisson "was one of our better three-point shooters last year," Galloway said.

Sophomore guard Madison Smith "is coming off an injury from last year, too," the

coach said. "She can play point guard, she can play wing. She's a really good three-point shooter."

Other Lady Hawks looking to contribute are junior guard Kaitlyn Friedrich, junior forward Bella Buccola, sophomore guard Harper Abercrombie, freshman guard Rylee Taylor and freshman forward Holly Lindsey.

Team strengths

"I think our strengths are our guard speed; and also, this team just never gives up," Galloway said.

Concerns

"We're not super tall, but I feel we'll make up for that with our effort," the coach said.

By Alan Sloan

“She’s put a lot of work in on her shot in the off-season,”

~ Jennifer Galloway, Head Coach, speaking about junior point guard Kendra West

ROSTER

3	Kyndra West	Jr	G
5	Kamryn Butcher	Jr	G
10	Madison Smith	So	G
12	Bella Buccola	Jr	F
20	Ava Claire Wrather	Jr	G
21	Harper Abercrombie	So	G
22	Lily Adkisson	Jr	G
23	Holly Lindsey	Fr	F
24	Kaitlyn Friedrich	Jr	G
30	Rylee Taylor	Fr	G
42	Kamiyah Love	Jr	F

Head Coach: Jennifer Galloway

Assistant Coaches: Brianne McCroskey

• Tiffany Cantrell • L.C. Wilson

Trainer: Cindi Juarez-Logan



Kamryn Butcher, Lady Hawks junior guard, finishes a lay-up during a home scrimmage versus Powell.



Looking to score under the basket is Kamiyah Love, junior post, during a home scrimmage versus Powell.





Christian Academy of Knoxville WARRIORS

If a Knox-area high-school basketball fan were looking for an exciting team to watch this season, he or she might consider Christian Academy of Knoxville's boys' team.

According to fourth-year head coach J D Johnson, his team is going to have the shooters to make the Warriors a high-flying offense that scores a lot of points.

"We've got a lot of guys who can shoot it," Johnson said. "Oftentimes we'll have five guys on the floor who can shoot the ball. Our goal is to create as many open shots for them as we can."

The players



Johnson

According to Johnson, one of his most potent offensive weapons will be Ohio transfer Caden Owens, a 6-foot-4 junior wing. Owens also can play defense, Johnson said.

"Elite 3-shooter," the coach added. "Very physical guy. He's gonna help us rebound. He has a chance to play at the next level."

Bringing the ball up the court will be senior point guard K P Campbell. "He'll run the offense for us," Johnson said about the 5-foot-10 returning starter. "He shoots the ball well ... looking for him to have a big year."

Johnson's lone All-District player from last year who returns is 6-foot shooting guard Bennett Simerlein.

"He can really score, shoots the three-point jumper" at an elite level," the coach said about the senior. "Gonna rely on him to score ... plays really hard."

For Johnson, defense is hardly overlooked. "We always hang our hat on our defense," he said. "We'll continue to do

that."

A stalwart of Johnson's defense will be Foster Coleman, a 6-foot-5 sophomore post player who brings some experience.

"Good around the rim," Johnson said. "Gonna rebound for us; gonna have to guard other teams' bigs."

Another returning starter, 6-foot-3 junior forward Will Kelley, will be a big contributor for Johnson on both ends of the court.

"Tremendous rebounder and defender, always in the right spot," the coach said. "He can score around the basket."

Two other contributors Johnson expects to help are a pair of 5-foot-10 junior guards, both of whom have experience: Bryson White and Zachary Coffman.

About White, "He shoots the ball really well and defends well," Johnson said.

Coffman, Johnson said, "guards hard. He'll help us a lot."

Concerns

While Johnson is confident his team will score, what con-

ROSTER		
0	Kelley, Will	F
1	Stokely, Colby	G
2	Campbell, KP	G
3	McPherson, Paxton	G
4	Simerlein, Bennett	G
5	Bennett, Hunter	G
10	Thad Sealey	F
11	Coffman, Zachary	G
12	Anderson, Sawyer	G
14	Coleman, Foster	F
15	White, Bryson	G
20	Owens, Caden	G/F
23	Harvey, Jonah	G
24	Hutchinson, Teeno	G
34	Lundgren, Brogdon	F

cerns him most headed into the season is inexperience.

"We relied so heavily on our seniors last year," he said in reference to the Warriors' 22-12 record, finishing second in Division II-A District 1 of East Region. Their season ended in a regional quarterfinal. "We don't have a lot of guys who

have played a lot of varsity minutes.

"We have a lot of potential, but we're gonna have to gel and develop chemistry," Johnson added. "I think we'll get better as the season goes."

By Bill Howard

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE

WARRIORS • VARSITY BOYS AND GIRLS SCHEDULE 2023-24

Nov. 14	Chattanooga Christian (HOF)	Away
Nov. 16	Girls vs Heritage (HOF)	
	Boys vs McMinn Central (HOF)	Home
Nov. 20-25	Farragut Thanksgiving Tourney (girls)	Away
Nov. 20-25	Grainger Thanksgiving Tourney (boys)	Away
Nov. 28	Walker Valley	Home
Nov. 30	Karns	Home
Dec. 2	McMinn Central	Away
Dec. 5	Apostolic	Away
Dec. 8	Grace Christian	Home
Dec. 12	Berean	Home
Dec. 15	Lakeway Christian	Away
Dec. 21	Girls vs MTCS/Boys vs Austin East	Home

Dec. 22	Science Hill	Away
Dec 27-Dec 29	Lenoir City Christmas Tournament	Away
Jan. 4	Concord Christian	Away
Jan. 5-6	She Got Game Classic (Girls Only)	Away
Jan. 6	Tri Cities (Boys Only)	Away
Jan. 9	FBA	Home
Jan. 12	The King's Academy	Away
Jan. 16	Providence	Away
Jan. 19	Grace Christian	Away
Jan. 23	Lakeway Christian	Home
Jan. 26	Clayton Bradley Academy	Away
Jan. 30	The King's Academy	Home
Feb. 2	Providence Christian	Home

"Oftentimes we'll have five guys on the floor who can shoot the ball. Our goal is to create as many open shots for them as we can."

~ J D Johnson, Head Coach



Zachary Coffman, CAK junior guard, drives to the basket.



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Christian Academy of Knoxville LADY WARRIORS

Whatever you want to call Christian Academy of Knoxville’s situation — rebuilding or reloading — there’s a whole of new players asked to play big roles. And all but two are either sophomores or freshmen.

“I don’t know that I’d call it a rebuilding situation, but it is definitely a different situation,” head coach Abby Williams said about losing four starters and other key role players from the Lady Warriors’ talented Class of 2023 that reached the state quarterfinals and finished 29-6. “When you graduate nine and you’ve only got two upperclassmen in your program, your gametime experience just looks different. “So there’s going to be that learning curve of how to handle late-game situations, how to keep your composure down the stretch, when you have the youth,” she added. “Now we have a lot of talent in the group, it’s just figuring out how to use that talent together to have a successful season.”

The players

As for “turning a Proffitt” with experience, “I’ve got one senior, Izzy Proffitt, she’ll be a three-year starter for us who comes with a ton of drive, work ethic and competitive spirit that you need from your senior leader,” Williams said. “She’s like a Bulldog; she’s the kid that’s going to run through the wall for your

team, for you,” the coach added. “She’s going to be a vocal leader and is going to lead by her effort.”

Guard Karlie Whited is the team’s only junior. “She comes off a really good year for us last season. She came off the bench and slid into that point guard position, especially late in the season,” Williams said. “She didn’t score a lot of points if you look back at the score sheets, but what she did do was the little things.

“She gets you the rebound, she drives and kicks (the pass),” the coach added. “She’s constantly creating. She’s doing the little things for your team that don’t always make the stat sheet, but make the difference for your team to have success, especially later down the season.”

About Colie Thompson, a 5-foot-10 sophomore forward, “She’s going to have to be a very versatile player for us,” Williams said. “She can step out and knock down the three-(point jumper), she can get to the rim and finish.

“So she’s got the opportunity to step in and fill a big role in that four or five position as the season goes on,” the coach added.

At 5-foot-11, freshman guard Maddie Braden “actually played as an eighth-grader last year on the varsity team,” Williams said. “Maddie brings a different element to the team. She’s long, extremely athletic and has a knack for the game.

“She’ll do things, and you look at her like, ‘how did you do that?’” the coach added. “She’s got a bounce like no one else in our program. And so understanding what her role looks like this season, and stepping into it and owning it will be big for our success.

“It’s a lot for a freshman to slide into that position and get ready to have a lot expected

of you. But if she’ll take some ownership in it and play her role to her strengths, she’s going to be really good.”

As for depth, “We’ve got four other sophomores, none of whom played varsity last year,” Williams said. “So they’re going to have to transition to those spots. But the thing is, any one of them could step in and give us eight, 10 points a day; it just depends on who’s going to separate themselves from that group.”

Although “there is a lot of youth,” the coach added, “We’re excited about it.”

Schedule, goal

When it counts on the scoreboard, “We are going to be challenged early on in our season. We tried to schedule hard just to get thrown to the wolves and see how we responded in preparation for hopefully a late-season run in the post-season,” Williams said. “But we got a lot to work through together these next few weeks in order to be where we want to be in late January or February.

“The hope is to take this group back” to state, she added. “It won’t look like it looked last year. It’ll look different, but doesn’t mean that the goal is not the same.”

By Alan Sloan

“I don’t know that I’d call it a rebuilding situation, but it is definitely a different situation,”

~ Abby Williams,
Head Coach

ROSTER

2	.....Ivey Brewster	.....G	.....SO
3	.....Maddie Braden	.....G	.....FR
11	.....Sophie Carroll	.....SF	.....SO
12	.....Karlie Whited	.....G	.....JR
14	.....Ava Jane Puckett	.....SF	.....SO
15	.....Ali Wilkinson	.....G	.....SO
20	.....Izzy Proffitt	.....G	.....SR
23	.....Marley Phillips	.....G	.....FR
30Colie ThompsonGSO

Head Coach: Abby Williams

Assistant Coach: Travis Thompson

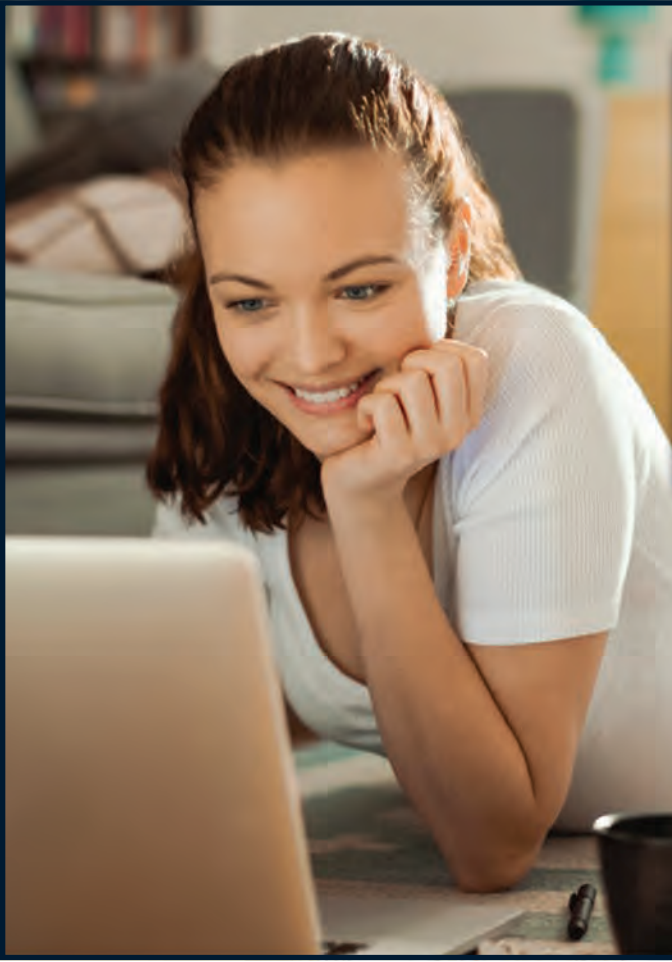
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Izzy Proffitt,
Lady Warriors
senior guard



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Concord Christian School LIONS

Athletic coaches commonly worry about injuries to their players, and Justin Zachary, Concord Christian School varsity boys basketball head coach, had more than his share last year.

But there might have been a silver lining to last year's depleted squad: it gave some of this year's players valuable experience they otherwise wouldn't have gotten. "For me, it was one of my most fun years because we had guys who kept stepping up (to replace injured players)," said the second-year coach and Farragut High School alum. "They didn't quit. They just kept getting after it."

The players
CCS's offensive set this year will focus on getting the ball into the paint, often to center Drew Sloan. The 6-foot-10 senior battled some injuries last year but had a number of starts. Zachary considers the inside-out offense the team's strength.

"He's had a really great start to our season condition-wise," Zachary said. "We need Drew to be aggressive around the basket. I'm excited to see how he finishes off his career."

Senior Dom Alford might well be the Lions' MVP this year. The 6-foot-2 wing player returns as a starter, and, according to his head coach, could lead the team in both scoring and on the boards.

"He can play inside and out," Zachary said. "He can score mid-range and at the basket. He's done a good job working

on his game" in the off-season. Cale Smith, another wing, got starting experience late in the season because of injuries. "Very athletic; plays with energy," Zachary said of the 6-foot-2 senior. "He started at the end and did really well."

Yet another wing player will likely start for Zachary, 6-foot-1 junior Cade Keeton. Keeton also saw starting action toward the end of last year because of injuries. He'll be the Lions' best threat from long range.

"Really good 3-shooter," Zachary said. "More athletic and faster, quicker, gets up and down the floor so much better than last year."

Rounding out Zachary's likely starters will be junior Landon Housley at point guard. The position is Zachary's biggest concern heading into the season because Housley is more of a wing player by nature. Zachary's depth at the position is very limited.

"He knows what to do and what's expected," Zachary said. "It will be a challenge for him, but I think he'll do a good job."

Jace Gheen, a 6-foot-1 junior wing, likely will see regular action this year for the Lions. "He can score pretty well; excited to have him back," Zachary said.

Senior 6-foot-1 wing Manu Porter completes Zachary's list of most likely contribu-

tors. "He's worked hard and improved his game," Zachary said. "A real good three-point shooter."

Zachary knows his team's commitment to defense will be key. "We won games last year strictly off 'D'; you gotta get some stops," he said. "You can't just outscore everyone."

CCS finished 12-12 last year and lost in the first round of the district tournament in the injury-plagued year. Zachary knows this year's squad will have to find its identity.

"Biggest thing is finding our personality," he said. "We lost so much from last year. But they're a good group. They're starting to understand what it takes to win."

By Bill Howard



Zachary



Senior guard Cale Smith joins fellow Concord Christian School senior guard Dominic Alford as Lions team captains for the 2023-24 season.



ROSTER

Dom Alford	Sr
Cale Smith	Sr
Drew Sloan	Sr
Manu Porter	Sr
Victor Ferriera	Sr
Thales De Oliveira	Sr
Landon Housley	Jr
Jace Gheen	Jr
Cade Keeton	Jr
Mason Sparks	Jr
Jake Daughtry	So
Guro Lind	Fr

CONCORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

LIONS • VARSITY BOYS/GIRLS SCHEDULE 2023-24

Nov. 14	Stone Memorial (HOF)	Home
Nov. 16	Knox Apostolic (HOF-boys only)	Home
Nov. 21	Maryville Christian	Home
Nov. 24 - 25	Union Co. Thanksgiving Classic	Away
Nov. 30	Sweetwater	Home
Dec. 2	Boyd-Buchanan	Away
Dec. 4	Grace Christian	Away
Dec. 8	Berean Christian (Homecoming)	Home
Dec. 12	The King's Academy	Home
Dec. 15	Providence Academy	Away
Dec. 21	Apostolic Christian	Away
Dec. 28 - 30	Soddy Daisy Tournament (Girls Only)	Away
Dec. 29 - 30	Harriman Classic (Boys Only)	Away
Jan. 4	CAK	Home
Jan. 9	Clayton - Bradley Academy	Away
Jan. 12	Apostolic Christian (Maryville)	Home
Jan. 13	Boyd-Buchanan	Home
Jan. 16	First Baptist Academy	Away
Jan. 19	Lakeway Christian	Home
Jan. 22	Maryville Christian	Away
Jan. 23	Clayton - Bradley	Home
Jan. 26	Apostolic Christian (Maryville)	Away
Jan. 29	Sweetwater	Away
Jan. 30	First Baptist Academy	Away
Feb. 2	Berean Christian	Away

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~ Justin Zachary, Head Coach

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Concord Christian School LADY LIONS

Two years ago as the Lenoir City girls' basketball head coach, Brad Cochran won nine games. Last year his Lady Panthers won 25 games and made the semifinals of the regional tournament.

Cochran now is the high school girls head coach at Concord Christian School. He's confident he can help the Lady Lions make a similar improvement.

"Great school, great community, great support here," Cochran said. "You can feel the vibe changing about basketball for the better. They wanna win."

The players

Youth abounds on CCS's guard-heavy roster this year. Its lone senior — point guard Natali Fender — will anchor the team. Cochran expects a lot from the returning starter, who earned All-District honors last year.

"We're gonna build the team around her because she does everything you want," Cochran said. "She handles the ball really well, sees the game really well. She's gonna set the standard."

Joining Fender in the backcourt will be Emory Thomas, only an eighth-grader. "She's fast, she's strong, she's quick," Cochran said. "Excited to see how she's gonna develop over the next five years."

Sophomore guard Sheridan Patterson brings experience back to the team from last year. She's likely the Lady Li-

ons' biggest threat from long range.

"Probably be our knock-down three-point shooter," Cochran said. "Very skilled; has a nice release."

Only one other Lady Lion likely starter is an upperclassman, junior Brianna Hughes, who will play the post.

"Excited for her to hang and bang in the paint," Cochran said.

Others Cochran said he expects to see regular action this year include junior guard Esther Pattison, freshman post Kiran Keeton and a pair of sophomore guards: Irelan Fender and Caris Baggett.

Team strengths

Cochran said he thinks his squad's athleticism will be a team strength. "Probably the most athletic bunch I've seen in a long time," he said. "We're gonna have to play high-tempo defense and press all game long. We're not big. We gotta use our speed and knock down some shots."

Cochran said the team will play man-to-man defense and trap in order to try to get steals. "We gotta use our athleticism to deny the ball and pressure people," he said.

Concerns

In addition to not being "big," staying healthy concerns Cochran the most. "It's a long season; the goal is to be

playing at the end of February," the new coach said.

CCS won but five games last year against 14 losses. A first-round loss against King's Academy in the Division II-A East Region District 1 Tournament ended its season.

Final thoughts

Cochran plans to bring about a seismic cultural shift.

"This is a special place and special time," Cochran said. "They're tired of being a low-tiered team. We wanna be the premiere school of Knoxville."

By Bill Howard

“Great school, great community, great support here,”

Brad Cochran.
Head Coach



(Above) Natali Fender, Concord Christian School senior standout guard. (Right) Junior post Brianna Hughes, left, and junior guard Esther Pattison.

ROSTER

11-Natali Fender.....	Sr.....	G
40-Brianna Hughes	Jr.....	P
12-Esther Pattison	Jr.....	G
10-Maddie Greene.....	So.....	
15-Sheridan Patterson	So.....	G
3-Irelan Fender.....	So.....	G
1-Caris Baggett	So.....	G
35-Nell Pattison.....	So.....	
30-Katie Phillips.....	So.....	
21-Kiran Keeton	Fr.....	P
2-Haylee Hamilton.....	Fr.....	
0-Mariya McGrew.....	Fr.....	
5-Emory Thomas	8th.....	G



Good Luck LIONS

Concord Christian School is looking forward to a great season and would like to welcome new High School Girls Head Coach, Brad Cochran; and returning High School Boys Head Coach, Justin Zachary.



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Knoxville Catholic High School

IRISH

The new head coach with Knoxville Catholic varsity boys basketball has a special way of referencing his 2023-24 Fighting Irish.

“Right now I call my guys midsize SUVs: We don’t have too many super small guys, we don’t have too many super big guys. We’re right there in the middle,” Irish head coach Gabriel Blair said.

The players

“Right now, Cade Murphy is our leader; he’s about a 6-foot-5 sophomore, played last year,” the coach said. “He’s got a really good shot, really good body, has developed into a vocal leader, gym rat, works very hard and really enjoys the game.”

“And then I would say next would probably be Caleb Asbaty who played last year as well,” the coach added about the 6-foot-3 senior guard. “I think he averaged double digits last year, about 10 or 11 points. Very, very strong kid, really good spot-up shooter. I have him in the post sometimes in small line-ups and he’s really effective right there.”

“He’s starting to learn how to be a leader, how to be more

vocal, how to lead by example. I really like his potential this year.”

Next, “I would go to Carson Asbaty, that’s Caleb’s younger brother, 10th-grader,” the new coach said about this 6-footer. “... I don’t think he played any minutes; He was on varsity last year.

“His consistency, with his ability to score and with his shooting, has really put him in that top three, top four spot,” Blair added. “And on top of that he’s a really good teammate, tries hard, wants to do the right stuff, very coachable.”

As for junior guard Juice Eleam, big for the position at roughly 6-foot-6, “I heard a few times he was probably the best player on the team a couple of games last year,” the coach said. “Very athletic, very coachable, does a great job pushing the ball in transition. He does a great job with on-ball defense.

“I like what he brings to the table; he’s going to have a really good year,” Blair added.

Jayson Gainey, a 5-foot-10 junior, has risen from the junior varsity ranks at KCHS.

“For me right now, he’s more a facilitator, spot-up shooter, get guys in the right spot, an on-ball defender,” Blair said. “He’s doing a great job with that and is very coachable.

“And he pretty much stirs the pot, makes sure everybody get the ball when they need it, communicates well,” the coach added.

As for how many to play

each game, “I’m probably going deeper into my roster,” Blair said.

Senior guard Ben Stovall, “played last year, but limited minutes,” the coach said. “All my guys are good teammates, but he’s a very good teammate, very coachable, plays very hard, a very capable scorer that can score at all three levels right now. He can make a shot, he can make pull-ups, he can get to the rack, solid on defense, works hard on that part.

“And the energy he brings to the team, the camaraderie he brings to the team is something that really stands out for his game,” Blair added.

Bently Turbyville, a senior guard/forward, “sets a great screen, moves the ball well, fights hard on defense — and you leave him open, he’s going to make an open shot,” Blair said.

Biggest team strength

“The biggest team strength is more than likely going to be shooting; our abilities for everybody to be able to make the right play; ball movement, player movement and getting good shots and knocking them down,” the coach said.

Concerns

“A concern is always going to be our size,” Blair said. “We don’t have a true big man. So I know when we face a team that’s got a true post, we’ve got to play post defense by committee. But I feel like the concern on one end is an advantage on the other end.”

Final thoughts

“Building the foundation



Juice Eleam, Knoxville Catholic junior guard, takes it hard to the bucket during a home scrimmage versus Oak Ridge

ROSTER

23	.....Caleb Asbaty	.....Sr	.....G
24	.....Ben Stovall	.....Sr	.....G
22	.....Bently Turbyville	.....Sr	.....F/G
34	.....Cooper Crook	.....Sr	.....F
12	.....Jayson Gainey	.....Jr	.....G
1	.....Juice Eleam	.....Jr	.....G
3	.....Carson Asbaty	.....So	.....G
2	.....Cade Murphy	.....So	.....G
4	.....Aron Mase	.....So	.....G
14	.....Brady Renfree	.....Fr	.....G
33	.....Finn Kerchbalm	.....Fr	.....G
5	.....Chandler Thompson	.....Fr	.....G

and building the culture is my main priority right now,” Blair said. “And I will say right now, our guys are understanding what it means to be selfless basketball players, play the right way.

“And I’m excited about the opportunity this year to show

the city, show the state, show the country who we are,” he added. “We play a few national games. But they’re like, ‘hey, regardless of who’s on our roster, playing the right way is going to give us success.’”

By Alan Sloan

KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

IRISH • VARSITY BOYS/GIRLS SCHEDULE 2023-24

Nov. 16.....	Austin-East (boys).....	Home
Nov. 16.....	Karns (girls).....	Home
Nov. 17.....	West (boys).....	Home
Nov. 18.....	West Ridge/McMinn Co. (girls)	Home
Nov. 20-21.....	ND Thanksgiving Classic.....	Away
Nov. 24.....	York Institute (girls).....	Away
Nov. 25.....	Lincoln County (girls)	Away
Nov. 27.....	Oak Ridge (boys).....	Home
Nov. 28.....	The Kings Academy	Home
Dec. 5.....	Asheville School (NC).....	Away
Dec. 9.....	Ensworth (girls).....	Away
Dec. 8-9.....	Battle of the Peach (boys).....	Away
Dec. 15-16.....	5 StarPreps Hoop Jam Classic (boys).....	Home
Dec. 18.....	Kings Academy	Away
Dec. 21-22.....	W. Kentucky Hoops Classic (boys).....	Away
Dec. 21-23.....	Doc Maples Classic (girls)	Away
Dec. 27-29.....	King of the Smokies | Tournament.....	Away
Dec. 27-31.....	Ladies Classic (girls).....	Away
Jan. 5.....	McCallie	Home
Jan. 5.....	GPS.....	Home
Jan. 6.....	Tri-Cities.....	Away
Jan. 6.....	West Ridge.....	Away
Jan. 9.....	Baylor	Home
Jan. 15.....	Bearden (girls).....	Away
Jan. 16.....	Chattanooga Christian.....	Away
Jan. 17.....	Farragut.....	Away
Jan. 19.....	Webb.....	Home
Jan. 23.....	Walker Valley (boys)	Home
Jan. 27.....	Legacy Early College (SC).....	Away



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Knoxville Catholic High School LADY IRISH

Lots of firepower returns from last season's TSSAA Division II-AA state champion Knoxville Catholic girls team.

"I don't know if we've ever been this deep before," KCHS head coach Travis Mains said.

The players

Senior guard/forward Sydney Maines, a three-time All-State honoree and two-time Ms. Basketball state finalist, enters her final high school season "240 points away from 2,000 points scored," said her coach and father, as Sydney also helped lead KCHS to a state runner finish and final four state appearance in her first two seasons, "which is pretty phenomenal."

Moreover, this talented senior and Florida Atlantic University commit was named state tourney MVP in her role of helping the Lady Irish win it all early last March.

"And she's been the Player of the Year in the Eastern Division in the last two years, too," her father added. "She's just a good team player. She's getting to the point where she'll guard the other team's best player. She's been the leading (team) rebounder all three years she's been at the school as well."

"She's working on becoming a better assist maker this year. And she's got more people to throw to this year."

Forward/center

Caroline

Krueger, the team's only other senior, returns. "She was the second or third-leading rebounder, and she led her team in field goal percentage — probably the biggest turnaround in one year," coach



Guard Amaya Redd drives to the basket against Ensworth during last season's TSSAA Division II-AA state title game.

Mains said. "The year before she shot 30 percent; this past year she shot 60 percent from the field. So that's phenomenal to me. And she's probably the best screener that I've ever had play for me."

"Just a good defensive player, good rebounder, just overall great teammate, good culture kid," he added. "Always shows up and works hard."

While Sydney led the Lady Irish in made three-pointers with 93, sophomore guard Logan Connatser "hit around 60 last year," the coach said.

Maybe the team's top player off the bench last season, junior guard Amaya Redd is primed to start. "She really came on toward the end of last year, battling through injuries," coach Mains said. "Just improved every game. She

averaged about 7.63 points a game. She was on the All-State Tournament Team last year and was an All-Region selection last year coming off the bench."

Redd "has several colleges interested in her as well," the coach added. "So she's had a great summer and great fall. And she's an elite level athlete, high school level, and could play multiple positions and guard multiple positions. Just a really strong 5-foot-11 athlete."

Another likely new starter, sophomore shooting guard Andrea Flores, is a transfer. "She averaged about 15 points a game last year for her high school team, Daniel Boone," as a freshman, and was All-Region," coach Mains said.

Colleges already eyeing Flores include Memphis, Middle Tennessee State, East Tennessee State and Murray State.

As for depth, "Honestly, we have about seven kids that will have a chance to start for us this year," coach Mains said.

Junior guard/forward Tinsley Walker "is a kid that started for us as a freshman,



Mains

ROSTER

1	.....Ariana Swain	..... So	..... G/F
3	.....Camara Minefield	..... So	..... G
5	.....Evaiyah Mitchell	..... So	..... G
11	.....Logan Connatser	..... So	..... G
12	.....Caroline Krueger	..... Sr	..... F/C
14	.....Ensley Perry	..... Jr	..... G
15	.....Sydney English	..... Jr	..... G
20	.....Andrea Flores	..... So	..... G
22	.....Tinsley Walker	..... Jr	..... G/F
23	.....Amaya Redd	..... Jr	..... F/G
24	.....Sydney Mains	..... Sr	..... G/F
30	.....Maggie Frana	..... Jr	..... F/G

Head Coach: Travis Mains Assistant Coaches:

Missey Mains • Carolyn Cantrell "Dubs"

but tore her ACL," the coach said. "Her sophomore year she came back at the end of the year and gave us good minutes to make big shots. She's a kid that stirs the drink for us. ... knows how to play basketball; just a really good teammate."

As for a point guard, "We may use Sydney at the point guard some," coach Mains said. "And then there's a sophomore that came back from last year, Evaiyah Mitchell, who came on toward the end of last year and scored seven points in the championship game."

"And she is just a really strong defender, and really quick, and gives us more of a true point guard when she's in the game," the coach added. "So she could possibly start at some point this year."

Junior guard/forward Maggie Frana "was a starter for us last year," coach Mains said. Averaged about five points and five or six rebounds a game."

Junior guard Sydney English "had multiple concus-

sions last year, so I had to sit her out," coach Mains said. "She's a transfer from Farragut that is a 5-foot-11 athlete that can shoot the three and is a good defender. So she'll play a good amount of minutes for us."

Junior guard Ensley Perry "is another guard that will be a good defender, good overall team player for us," he added.

Biggest team strength

In addition to the team's championship experience, "I would say we have eight kids that are more likely to have a chance to start and play a considerable amount of minutes for us," the coach said.

Biggest concern

"We played this summer and we had five or six kids get hurt and injured again," the coach said. "So just keeping those kids healthy and keeping them wanting to come back and win another state championship and not being happy with just what you did last year."

By Alan Sloan



Only a freshman last season but a big contributor in Knoxville Catholic's TSSAA Division II-AA state title game win against Ensworth, Evaiyah Mitchell gives the gold championship ball trophy a big kiss



Good luck to the defending 2023 TSSAA Division II Class AA State Champions!

Knoxville Catholic Lady Irish

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Knoxville Christian School KNIGHTS

For a young Knoxville Christian School high school varsity boys basketball team, it was a hard lesson to learn in a season opener following a 62-45 loss to Knoxville Apostolic Christian School on KCS's Wade & Allan Houston Court Thursday night, Nov. 9.

"A lot of the boys are young and they still don't get it," head coach Geno Anderson said about having only two returning players from last year's team. "You got to bring that intensity in practice."

Dylan Richmond, Brian Ailey Jr. and Jon Cooper were the team's leading scorers in the opening game.

Profiling the players

Richmond, a junior guard, "has got some potential," Anderson said. "He's just got to keep pushing his body, get in better shape, because he came in later in the year."

"I think Dylan has the potential to be a point guard for us and score at the same time," he added.

Ailey, a junior wing, is a returner from last year, along with Cooper, a sophomore forward.

"Those three right there are going to make a big impact and have a big influence on our game if we win," Anderson said. "Brian Ailey is a knock-

down shooter. That's mainly his role. He can get to the hoop a little bit.

"Jon Cooper is one of the most improved; honestly, if I had to vote for most improved, Jon Cooper would be the guy," the coach said. "He's going to bring it defensively and hustle-wise and rebounding."

Keith Barry, a junior forward, "has got some potential," Anderson said. "Keith has come along very well; he's a really good slasher, and he can rebound."

"He's a really hard worker, too," the coach added. "Him and his brother (junior forward Kevin Barry), the twins are really hard workers, honestly."

"And they've just been introduced to basketball. They have been playing rec league before, so this is a new intensity for them."

Javonta Brown, a junior wing/forward, "has some guard skills, really physical, can finish around the rim and has a nice shooting touch," Anderson said.

Freshman guard/small forward Liam Swanson "has a little bit of playmaking ability I've seen over the last couple of months," the coach said. "Just has to get adapted to the speed of the game. Very strong. And then I've seen him make some good passes in scrimmages."

At 6-foot-4, sophomore forward Didoc Lobo "is a foreign exchange student from Spain" who looks to contribute, Anderson said.

Freshman David Podlisetky "is a real hustle player, he's going to give us his 100 person best effort," the coach said. "A really good defender. Offensively, he's got a ways to go."

Kevin Barry "is going to do all the little dirty work, crash the boards every time," Anderson said. "He's going to get his hands in there defensively."

Team strength

"We have size; our size is good," the coach said about a team strength. "Once we get in peak form, I feel like we could really try to stretch the boards a little more."

"And they're's not really any selfish guys out there."

Concerns

"But like I told the fellows, 'we've got to get in better shape,'" Anderson said.

"I'm still trying to figure out what we're good at and what our strengths and weaknesses are as of right now."

Final thoughts

"We're still developing, but we're heading in the right direction," the coach said. "We've got a lot more size than we had last year. Last year was a struggle, but we've improved talent-wise, I feel."

"Now we've just got to keep improving," Anderson added. "That's the way I look at it. ... We've got a lot of 11th-graders, so they'll be back next year because it's pretty much a new team for us right now."

By Alan Sloan

ROSTER

Brian Ailey Jr.	Jr
Keith Barry	Jr
Kevin Barry	Jr
Javonta Brown	Jr
Dylan Richmond	Jr
Didoc Lobo	So
Jon Cooper	So
Liam Swanson	Fr
David Podlisetky	Fr

KNOXVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

KNIGHTS • VARSITY BOYS SCHEDULE 2023-24

Nov. 7	Temple Baptist	Home
Nov. 9	Apostolic	Home
Nov. 14	Temple Baptist	Away
Nov. 17	Berean Christian	Away
Nov. 28	Paideia	Home
Dec. 7	Tenn. School of the Deaf	Home
Dec. 8	Maryville Christian School	Home
Jan. 6th	Catholic	Home
Jan. 16	Maryville Christian School	Away
Jan. 25	Knox. Ambassadors	Away
Jan. 26 - 27	MCS Tournament	Away
Feb. 1	Tenn. School of the Deaf	Away
Feb. 6	Paideia	Home
Feb. 9	Apostolic	Away
Feb. 20	Knox. Ambassadors	Home



Left: Javonta Brown, KCS junior wing/forward, pulls up for a short jumper against Knoxville Apostolic Christian School



Right: Knights junior forward Keith Barry gets open in the paint for a short jumper again Knoxville Apostolic Christian School.



Webb School of Knoxville SPARTANS

Backcourt experience may be the key for Webb School of Knoxville boys basketball to succeed early in the 2023-24 season, with two Honorable Mention All-Region performers returning.

Last year's success may be a challenge to replicate for long-time head coach Ricky Norris, as his 2022-23 Spartans reached the Division II-AA "final four" in Cookeville before losing to eventual state champion Brentwood Academy.

The Players

Junior Jaylen Pompe "is our returning starter at the point; Drake Ingram is our returning starter at the wing, a senior," Norris said.

Ingram "is a three-year varsity guy; Jaylen has been on the varsity for two years," the coach added.

The pair offer "their experience and their leadership on the floor," Norris said. "They have a complete understanding of what we're trying to do on both ends, both offensively and defensively. And both are really well-respected by their teammates."

"And they're going to be as good as most backcourts that we have to go up against."

Sophomore Owen Lentz "is a combo guard, a wing and point," the coach said. "Owen's an elite shooter, like really shoots the ball well. His dad coaches at Tennessee, so he's grown up around the game, has a really high basketball IQ. ... He practiced with us as an eighth-grader and then was on the varsity last year, so he's

also got a great understanding of what we try to do."

Sophomore wing Cam Swearngen "has loads of potential," Norris said. "Cam's got good genes as well. His dad, Clarence, was an all-SEC point guard at Tennessee back in the day. And Cam's got the size and the athleticism and can shoot the ball as well. ... can do a lot of things really well."

Expecting loads of playing time is 6-foot-6 sophomore forward Alex Leeth. "Really long arms, probably one of the better defenders that we've had in a while, can guard multiple positions," the coach said. "And with his size can play both inside and out. But defensively, he can guard a variety of people."

Freshman forward Tahj Bowers, at 6-foot-4, "was a post player growing up, but has really worked on developing his game to where now he could step out and play a little bit on the perimeter," Norris said. "A strong, physical, really good athlete and just plays incredibly hard."

Sophomore wing Wilson Luton "is a really big-time shooter that we're going to bring off the bench, a two sport guy that plays baseball," the coach said. "But he's definitely one of the better shooters we have. He's going to be in the rotation this year."

"And we need him to give us

productive minutes as well."

Another inside presence looking to contribute big is 6-foot-5 junior forward Emmett Melton.

Biggest team strength

"I think one of our strengths is we're still really young and we're really hungry," Norris said. "I think our team is young and they want to prove that they're good because they haven't been able to prove that yet. And I think that's a big deal."

"They're a bunch of gym rats and just love being in the gym playing ball — and they're very coachable," he added. "And so I hope that ends up paying off as we go into the year."

Concerns

"Depth is our biggest concern," Norris said. "We've got a couple of freshmen on the bench that are going to have to grow up and get ready to play in a hurry if we were to have some injuries. So I do think we're a little bit thin with our numbers."

By Alan Sloan

"I think one of our strengths is we're still really young and we're really hungry. I think our team is young and they want to prove that they're good because they haven't been able to prove that yet. And I think that's a big deal,"

~ Ricky Norris,
Head Coach

ROSTER

0	.....Owen Lentz	.....So	.....W
1	.....Jaylen Pompey	.....Jr	.....PG
2	.....Tahj Bowers	.....Fr	.....F
3	.....Cam Swearngen	.....So	.....W
4	.....Javon Dirl	.....Fr	.....W
5	.....Alex Leeth	.....So	.....F
10	.....Wilson Luton	.....So	.....W
11	.....Emmett Melton	.....Jr	.....F
14	.....Luke Neiss	.....Fr	.....W
22	.....Drake Ingram	.....Sr	.....W

Head Coach: Ricky Norris

Assistant Coaches: Zach Gulmire • Jon Green

• James Michel • Rashawn Rembert



Drake Ingram (green), Webb School of Knoxville senior wing, looks to make a move toward the basket against a Stone Memorial defender during during a "Play Day" scrimmage in Webb's Lee Athletic Center Saturday evening, Nov. 11.



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Webb School of Knoxville LADY SPARTANS

Looking to find a spot on the upper tier of programs in TSSAA Division II-AA, Webb School of Knoxville varsity girls have a new head coach.

Greg Hernandez replaces Shelley Collier, whose coaching helped earn seven state championships for the Lady Spartans. Beginning to get familiar with his new team, Hernandez introduces the individual pieces making up the 2023-24 Webb team.

The players

“I’ve got a senior guard, Katelyn Overton, who is just the definition of what a leader is,” he said. “She’s going to help get us set up offensively this year, and then just be our voice defensively and making sure people are in the right spots.”

Senior Brooklyn Bush “is a long, athletic wing/forward,” Hernandez said. “I’m expecting a big year out of her production-wise: rebounding, causing havoc defensively and then just putting pressure on the rim, just a player that I’m expecting a lot out of.”



Hernandez

Junior post Meeyah Green “is going to be somebody that we lean on a lot in the sense of being a rebounder, being a facilitator, being someone who can really put the ball in the basket,” the coach said, “and who gives us a lot of flexibility in doing a lot of things offensively and defensively just because of her size and strength.”

Those looking to contribute include junior Avery Green, plus a pair of freshmen: Cailyn Taylor and Mary Mac Emery.

“Those are the girls that I’m going to be looking at coming off the bench or starting possibly alongside two other seniors, Sydney Stinson and Maliyah Mixon, that are going to be glue pieces for us in the sense of you know what you’ll get from them game in and game out,” Hernandez said.

“And I have two young girls that are new to the program, (freshman) Harper Ladd, whose sister graduated last year, and Kyndall Mays, who’s a young eighth-grader that’s already got good size,” he added. “We’ve just got to get her accustomed to the speed of the high school game.”

Team strengths

“I think we’ll have a little



Webb senior Katelyn Overton (3) goes up for a jumper during a home scrimmage.

bit of depth just being able to throw bodies out there,” Hernandez said. “And then, too, I think just our length and athleticism is going to be a strength. We’re going to be able to put pressure on teams and make them uncomfortable in the half court.”

Concerns

“The concern is I wish I had two months to practice before we played our first game, but we’ve only got two weeks,” Hernandez said. “So that’s really just more of my concerns. But besides that, I’m excited about this team and the direction that we’re going in after

the first two days of practice.”

Path to Webb

“What led me to Webb School was obviously the opportunity to take over a program that’s got a lot of tradition,” Hernandez said. “My goal is to continue to build off of that and just continue to keep the standard high. I understand that comes with pressure, but that’s a privilege.

“And obviously I’m very excited that I get a chance to lead these girls,” he added.

By Alan Sloan

“I’ve got a senior guard, Katelyn Overton, who is just the definition of what a leader is,”

~ Greg Hernandez, Head Coach

Right: Meeyah Green, Lady Spartans sophomore, makes a move to the basket during a home scrimmage against Farragut.

ROSTER

2	.....Lorelei Lee	.....So
3	.....Katelyn Overton	.....Sr
4	.....Harper Ladd	.....Fr
5	.....Maliyah Mixon	.....Sr
10	.....Corisa Lowery	.....Fr
11	.....Mary Mac Emery	.....Fr
12	.....Brooklyn Bush	.....Sr
21	.....Cailyn Taylor	.....Fr
22	.....Sydney Stinson	.....Sr
23	.....Avery Green	.....So
24	.....Meeyah Green	.....So
32	.....Matazja Goins	.....So
33	.....Kyndall Mays	.....8th
	.....Ivy Napier	.....7th

WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE SPARTANS • VARSITY BOYS/GIRLS SCHEDULE 2023-24

Nov. 15	.....Asheville High School (boys)	.....Away
Nov. 16	.....Dobyns-Bennett (girls)	.....Home
Nov. 18	.....Morristown East (boys)	.....Home
Nov. 18	.....Alcoa	.....Home
Nov. 20	.....Notre Dame (boys)	.....Away
Nov. 20	.....Hamilton Heights (girls)	.....Away
Nov. 21	.....Chattanooga Central (boys)	.....Away
Nov. 21	.....Soddy Daisy (girls)	.....Away
Nov. 28	.....Cookeville	.....Away
Dec. 1	.....Cleveland	.....Away
Dec. 5	.....Cookeville	.....Home
Dec. 8-9	.....Iverson Classic (boys)	.....Away
Dec. 8-9	.....Roundball in the Hall (girls)	.....Away
Dec. 12	.....Stone Memorial	.....Away
Dec. 15	.....Brentwood Academy (boys)	.....Away
Dec. 15	.....Alcoa (girls)	.....Away
Dec. 16	.....Hamilton Heights (boys)	.....Away
Dec. 16	.....Hardin Valley (girls)	.....Away
Dec. 20	.....Ensworth (boys)	.....Home
Dec. 21	.....Science Hill (girls)	.....Away
Dec. 22	.....Austin-East (boys)	.....Home
Dec. 22	.....MTCS	.....Home
Dec. 28-30	.....Cleveland Tourney (boys)	.....Away
Jan. 5	.....Blue Ridge (boys)	.....Away
Jan. 6	.....Miller (boys)	.....Away
Jan. 9	.....Tri-Cities Christian (boys)	.....Home
Jan. 12	.....Chattanooga Christian	.....Home
Jan. 16	.....Baylor	.....Away
Jan. 19	.....Catholic	.....Away
Jan. 23	.....McCallie/GPS	.....Home
Jan. 26	.....Chattanooga Christian	.....Away
Jan. 30GPSAway
Feb. 1Hamilton HeightsHome
Feb. 6BaylorHome
Feb. 9CatholicHome



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Holiday Open House

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2023
4:00PM - 6:30PM
FARRAGUT COMMUNITY CENTER

THIS IS A PRIVATE EVENT FOR CHAMBER MEMBERS AND MEMBER GUESTS

Thank you participating Members!



Member Open House returns

As the chamber winds down the regular calendar year heading into the holidays, one event is still winding UP to say thank you to all members for their support and provide a final opportunity for hundreds of member businesses to come together in 2023.

The chamber's beloved Holiday Open House returns on Tuesday, December 5th with a few returns to its traditional format AND a few changes as well!

The changes include a move to the Farragut Community Center, ensuring ample parking and a weatherproof experience, come rain or shine, warm or cold temps! As in 2019 and previously, the event will return to an after-hours only event and will also again feature a showcase of member restaurants from across the Knox County region. Participation is limited due to space and upwards of a dozen member caterers and restaurants have committed so far. Restaurants provide a sampling of a favorite dish or two for no more than 100, and in exchange receive excellent continuous marketing ahead of and following the event. Servers are not required but staff are welcome to come meet the membership and promote catering or other holiday specials.

The event is a private event for members and their guests only. Businesses who cannot login to their portal to register are asked to contact the chamber for assistance.

The chamber will also help not one but TWO member non-profits with their needs for the holidays. Young Williams Animal Shelter will be on hand collecting gently used blankets and towels to keep resident adoptable animals dry and warm until their find their furever home. Emory Valley Center will also be taking donations toward their wishlists to help outfit a new home for eight remarkable individuals embarking on the adventure of living independently! Emory Valley Center is officed in Oak Ridge but serves Knox County as well, supporting children & adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. They also have multiple programs to support families. Wishlists for EVC are available through the chamber and members are asked to bring a new unwrapped item from the lists. Businesses can also adopt an entire wishlist, and receive extra promotion at no cost for their generosity.

For more info on donating to these charities or the event itself, contact the chamber at 865-675-7057.

Holiday & Honoring Veterans Events coming for YPs

West Young Professionals (a division of the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce) offers area YPs a chance to gather and give back in early December this year with two programs to round out the 2023 calendar.

On Monday, December 11, WYP will gather for what is now their 3rd holiday season gathering and networking. Their "Holiday Party" will take place at TAPEstry, a venue adjoined to Gypsy Circus Cider, and will be catered by Classy Caterer. All young professionals and guests are encouraged to register to drop by.



On Saturday, December 16, our WYP committee welcomes any and everyone to register to meet them at Lyons View Veterans Cemetery to participate in the Wreaths Across America wreath laying. Now in their 2nd year of participating in this community event, the YPs are eager to share the experience.

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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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SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

By your Knoxville Small Business Development Center

As the holiday shopping season rapidly approaches, you Small Business has a great opportunity to participate in one of the biggest shopping days of the year on November 25th, Small Business Saturday.

Founded by American Express in 2010 and officially cosponsored by the Small Business Administration since 2011, Small Business Saturday has become an important part of small businesses' busiest shopping season. Historically, reported projected spending among U.S. consumers who shopped at independent retailers and restaurants on Small Business Saturday reached an estimated \$17.9 billion according to the 2022 Small Business Saturday Consumer Insights Survey commissioned by American Express.

Tips for Product-Based Businesses:

Optimize Inventory: You can't sell what you don't have. Take time to analyze your sales from previous years to identify top-selling seasonal items. Ensure that you have sufficient stock of these items to meet the increased demand during Small Business Saturday.

Create Special Offers with a Personal Touch to Your Community: Stand out from big box retailers by offering exclusive discounts, bundles, or limited-edition products tailored to your local customer base.

Promote Early and Collaborate with Other Local Businesses: Start promoting your Small Business Saturday deals well in advance. Utilize social media, email marketing, and your website to spread the word and build anticipation.

Tips for Businesses with Low Seasonal Relevance:

Educational Content: Utilize Small Business Saturday to share valuable educational content related to your industry. For instance, if you run an insurance business, create blog posts or videos explaining the importance of various insurance policies or how to choose the right coverage.

Awareness Campaigns: Use Small Business Saturday as an opportunity to raise awareness about your business and its mission. Highlight the unique value you bring to the community.

Partnerships with Product-Based Businesses: Collaborate with product-based small businesses to create joint promotions or complementary service packages.

Offer Small Business Saturday Specials: Even if your services do not directly tie to holiday shopping, you can offer limited-time promotions or exclusive packages for Small Business Saturday. This can incentivize potential customers to try out your services.

For free marketing materials including sample posters and social media resources to promote you on Small Business Saturday visit <https://www.sba.gov/about-sba/organization/sba-initiatives/small-business-saturday>, or contact the Knoxville Small Business Development Center.

Networkings

True Metal Supply - October 12, 2023



Phillip Fries, *Flow Roofing* and Mason Burchette, COO True Metal Supply pause for quick photo at the evening networking.



Benjamin Gregg, *General Manager of Units of Knoxville* and Skylar Tarpley, *Restoration 1 of Knoxville* talk business.

Y-12 Federal Credit Union Middlebrook Pike Branch

October 19, 2023



The Y-12 FCU Middlebrook Pike Team poses for a group photo along with many colleagues from other local Y-12 branches and departments during their fun morning networking.

Jillian Wilson, *Financial Advisor* Edward Jones, Ryan Self, *Brand Ambassador* Russell & Abbott Heating and Cooling, and husband/wife Choya & Laura Harden, *co-owners of Incredible Towns* gather for a quick photo at the networking.



Postal Annex - October 26, 2023



Diane Stathakis, *Holrob Commercial Realty*, Darien Stathakis, *Bake That Dough*, and Crystal Wicker, *CertaPro Painters* pause for a smile at the morning networking.



Wife and Husband Owners Marcelle Hazari (blue PostalAnnex shirt) and Al Hazari (white PostalAnnex shirt) talk about all their services to the attendees of the networking.



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Ribbon Cuttings

Kids Cove Childcare Drop-In

October 4, 2023



Husband/wife co-owners **Frank and Eboni James** ready both scissors at the dual ribbon cutting ceremony with the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce and Knoxville Chamber of Commerce while family, friends, colleagues, and Chamber Members and Ambassadors surround them.

Printing Image

October 10, 2023

Wife/husband co-owners **Cassie and Tavis Bailey** are ready to cut the ribbon to officially welcome Printing Image to the community alongside their son, friends, colleagues, and Chamber Members and Ambassadors.



SERVPRO of West Knoxville

October 18, 2023



The **Cuthbertson SERVPRO team** is ready to cut the ribbon and pop the confetti on their new 30,000+ square foot location at 3409 Horseshoe Bend Ln. in Knoxville with many colleagues, friends, family members, Chamber Members, as well as both Town of Farragut Mayor Ron Williams and Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs joining them!

Trends of Eluna

October 31, 2023

Owner **Tierra Sanders** wields the scissors along side many friends, colleagues, and Chamber Members/ Ambassadors to celebrate her new store in Turkey Creek!



Member Briefs

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

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Personalized Caregiving of TN is very excited to welcome Sydnee Roberts to their Caregiving family! She brings to the team 6 years of home healthcare experience; including dementia, alzhiemer's, and memory care. Sydnee strongly believes nursing must come with a caring heart and hard work ethic, which is why she is a perfect fit.

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The **Cindy Doyle State Farm Agency** has expanded welcoming Rocio Smith to their team of 15 caring professionals. Rocio serves our Hispanic community by helping them with their auto, home, life, and disability needs. She has a heart for this businesses and Spanish-speaking citizens. Call her at (865) 690-6300.

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Turkey Creek REO is proud to announce they've selected 'Helping Mamas' as the team charity. Every REO team is required to support a local, non-religious, non-political charitable organization. 'Helping Mamas' mission is to connect mamas needing help with supplies for their new babies. For info about REO, Text "REO" to (866) 866-5545.

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More than 200,000 East Tennesseans are at-risk of hunger, uncertain where their next meal will come from. **Lee Company** is fundraising on behalf of Second Harvest Food Bank from now until November 20, to provide food to people facing hunger and work to advance hunger solutions. Visit leecompany.com/vans4cans to join

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Welcome New Members!

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

Did you know businesses/organizations can submit an application & payment online? Visit www.farragutchamber.com and click "Join the Chamber!"

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Welcome New Members!

New Members

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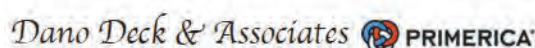
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Thank You for Renewing Your Membership!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber thanks these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of October 2023. We are privileged to 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. It is also our hope that area residents recognize the commitment a business makes to its community when it becomes part of its local chamber of commerce and reward that commitment with its patronage.

A special thank you goes to these renewing members who are continuing their support of our chamber and the businesses it serves through their above-and-beyond Enterprise Membership:



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WVLT

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ence they had in 2022 of helping to ensure that our local veterans are honored once more. The program starts PROMPTLY at 12 noon, and attendees should plan to arrive by 11:30am, budgeting ample time to get parked at Lakeshore Park across the street due to the community turnout expected. The West YPs will be wearing black logo shirts and will meet attendees at the top of the hill inside the cemetery.

After the ceremony, attendees will take wreaths from one of multiple stations, place each one at a grave, and then say the veteran's name aloud. WYPs will participate until the wreaths are gone—which happens quickly—and then facilitate a casual lunch meetup afterward for any who want to join in.

Sign up for either event at www.farragutchamber.com.

As always, the West Young Professionals appreciates their sponsors UT Haslam College of Business, Slamdot, MBI Companies, and the Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce.

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this vital effort to combat food insecurity and uplift the community.

LendingWISE, llc dba Lendio Greater Knoxville is proud to announce they

are exclusive preferred partners with Lendio, and on October 10th, 2023, Lendio announce a new partnership with Dun & Bradstreet. They are honored and very excited about the future and their ability to help small businesses in their community thrive.

Calendar of Events: November/December 2023

Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>. Call (865) 675-7057 or email Suzanne@farragutchamber.com for a link to create your account! Visitors/Guests can register by clicking the links on the Chamber Calendar (www.farragutchamber.com > “Events”) and registering under “Not a member?”.

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11/30 at 8a

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12/7 at 8a

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