

Townbriefs

• **Farragut residents are encouraged to nominate themselves and/or neighbors** to be considered for the 2020 Town of Farragut Beautification Awards.

The awards ceremony, which also recognizes businesses, multi-family residences, subdivision entrances, hotels/motels and religious institutions, normally is held in late spring. Postponed due to COVID-19 and rescheduled for December, this year's awards take advantage of holiday decorations.

One residence from each ward will receive an award. Nominated residences must be located within Town of Farragut limits. A map of all nominated homes, as well as locations of winners of other categories, will be available at farragutparksandrec.org Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Residences may be nominated by phone at 865-218-3375, by e-mailing Brittany Spencer at bspencer@townoffarragut.org or Arleen Higginbotham at ahigginbotham@townoffarragut.org. Nominations must be received by 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 7. The committee will judge entries Monday, Dec. 14.

Winners will receive a \$25 gift card and have a Beautification Award sign placed in their yards.

• **Light the Park is brighter than ever this holiday season**, as it expands along North Campbell Station Road's western side offering a slate of socially-distant activities and provides the community opportunities to participate. Lights will start at the commuter lot next to the Town of Farragut welcome sign on North Campbell Station and continue to Founders Park at Campbell Station, Farragut Community Center and Campbell Station Inn Plaza at the corner of Kingston Pike and Campbell Station Road.

Lights come on every evening at dusk from Tuesday, Nov. 24, through Sunday, Jan. 3.

Even more lights means more space for everyone to distance and enjoy the fun. Parking will be available at Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., Campbell Station Inn Plaza. Park restrooms will be open nightly until 10 p.m. except on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

During Light the Park, a slate of socially-distant activities and giveaways will be offered, including storybook trails, caroling, grab-and-go craft kits, snacks, candy canes, etc. A calendar detailing all activities is available on visitfarragut.org.

There are several opportunities for businesses and organizations to participate in Light the Park this year. If you would like to participate as a caroler or vendor (grab-and-go items only), there are a few spaces left from Nov. 24 through Dec. 23. Elves can assist Santa with responses to letters on Tuesdays and Fridays from Dec. 1 through Dec. 18. Contact Brittany Spencer, Special Program and Event coordinator, at bspencer@townoffarragut.org or call 865-218-3376 to sign up for any of these volunteer opportunities. Please note, caroling groups must be families or small associated groups.

For more information and updates, visit the Light the Park event page on the Town of Farragut Facebook page.

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Ford aboard as new fp Ad manager

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A woman with talents in many fields has been welcomed to the staff of farragutpress.

Farragut native Cara Ford has been hired as the newspaper's new advertising manager.

She started her duties Monday, Nov. 16, following two years in the advertising department at the Loudon County News Herald.

"I am very glad to be here," Ford said. "Everyone has been very nice and welcoming."

Ford attended Farragut schools, but ultimately graduated from Lenoir City High School in 1993.

She still lives in Lenoir City with her two sons, Riley and Brady. Her father, Jack Liles, whom she counts as her "best friend," also lives in Lenoir City.

Ford still has many ties to Farragut, howev-



Ford

er, as her mother and step-father, Marsha and Buddy Fain, live in Town, as do her four siblings.

Goals, various talents

Ford currently is finishing up her communications degree through King College, with plans to start on her master's degree in digital marketing after the first of the year.

However, she spent more than two decades as a surgical technologist before changing careers. Ford also is a professional photographer who worked in Web design, was a publicist for a Seymour author for eight years and owned her own business before joining farragutpress.

In her spare time, Ford enjoys spending time with her children and being outdoors.

Zachary bill

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top three issues to my constituents has been the economy, education and health care," Zachary said. "However, during the pandemic, the top two issues have become the (power of the Health Board) and safety, which has dramatically shifted the conversation."

"I felt like it was important to get this filed as soon as possible," he added.

The power of Knox County's Board of Health — which has mandated masks, gathering restrictions and bar curfews during the pandemic — has been an issue as expressed by residents and elected officials

throughout the pandemic.

Some Knox County Commissioners attempted to curtail the BOH's power, while residents have shared that view during public forum comments during KCC meetings, mostly accusing the Board of overreach and asking its role of power to be diminished.

Zachary said the BOH was granted unlimited power by state law and provided no oversight when it was established.

"There are three branches of government (legislative, judicial and executive) — not four to include bureaucracy. There are no checks and balances for the Boards of Health, and it has thrust its members into roles they were never intended

to have — that of lawmakers. They are doing the best they can, but it needs to change."

"I appreciate the efforts of (Knox County Commissioners) Jason Biggs, Kyle Ward and John Schoonmaker (5th District, which includes Farragut) for trying to slap on a band-aid to try to resolve it, but this is a problem that has to be dealt with at the state level and is our problem to deal with," he added.

Zachary's bill has the full support of Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs' office, as Jacobs serves on KCBHO and has consistently been the lone "no" vote on many Health Board mandates and actions during the pandemic period.



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state of Tennessee. A portion of CARES funding is designated for tourism-related spending, including events that could be safely held during the COVID-19 pandemic.

• **Santa's mailbox will continue to usher all wishes directly to the North Pole** from Tuesday, Nov. 24, through Wednesday, Dec. 20, as letters can be placed in the mailbox at Founders Park for delivery by elves to the North Pole. Include a return address and you may receive a response from Santa. Though Sunday, Dec. 20, is the last day to send letters for a response from Santa, the mailbox will stay out through the remainder of the light display.

• **"The Birth of a Town: The Incorporation of Farragut"** — a documentary detailing the Town of Farragut's 40-year history which included the trying times that took Farragut from a vision to a thriving independent municipality — is available for purchase at Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., during regular business hours (from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday). DVDs are \$10 and Blu-ray discs are \$15.

• **Due to the holidays, Farragut's Board of Mayor and Aldermen** only met one time in November (Nov. 12), and will only meet once in December (Thursday, Dec. 10).

No smoking

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vote, which ultimately was unanimously approved. "I also want to thank the staff for bringing this item to us." "We are thrilled that this ordinance was passed on the first reading and look forward to this ordinance being implemented," Stuhl said. "We know that second-hand smoke is a real issue and how important it is to protect our park users and visitors."

While others on the Board asked if this would allow smoking to be prohibited outright in other places in Town parks, Stuhl said for now, the only place municipalities can prevent it is in areas primarily used by children.

"While we would love to include the whole of our parks, we had to take what we could get," she told the Board.

Alderman Drew Burnette asked why vaping is not in-

Mayor McGill Plaza

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of the 'founding fathers' of the Town — also known as Farragut Community Group and nicknamed "The Magnificent 7" — when it incorporated in January 1980; that he was sworn in as mayor on April 23, 2009, then re-elected Aug. 28, 2014.

"Beginning in 2012, Mayor McGill had the vision to purchase and restore the historic inn ... as it preserves an important part of Farragut's history," Smoak read from the Resolution.

"Over the years, he witnessed his vision come alive through the stabilization of the Inn," which was partially completed before he passed away.

"Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of Farragut, to hereby name the Plaza, located at 11409 Kingston Pike ... as the Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza for his dedication to the Town of Farragut and its citizens," the resolution reading concluded.

"When I ran for alderman in 2016, I got some pushback from some of the residents about this particular project," Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said. "I reminded them, without this particular project, we would just have some ubiquitous corner, in another ubiquitous suburban town, with a defunct Rite Aid on the corner. Instead we have a beautiful plaza and a beautiful building that I know we will find a good use for."

"Mayor McGill had a vision and he worked hard for it. I'm sad he doesn't get to see it, but I know Marianne is proud, and I know the founding fathers are pleased we are honoring him in this way," she added.

"I typically sat in church with Ralph prior to ever being elected, and this was one of things that was really on his mind to do and that he wanted to accomplish during his tenure," Farragut Mayor Ron Williams said. "I do wish he was here to see it. I know Marianne is pleased, and I know the rest of the 'Magnificent 7' — our founding fathers — are pleased as well."

"I would just like to add, growing up in this Town, that corner has been a little bit of an eyesore for a long time," Alderman Drew Burnette said. "But in honor of Mayor Ralph McGill — it took a man of great vision to see what that could be. I'm not sure I could see that myself, but driving by, over last few months, it is everything I think he hoped it would be."

"I never got the privilege to meet Mayor McGill, but I am one of thousands who have benefitted from his gracious and unselfish way of leading this Town into next century and next chapter," Alderman Scott Meyer said.

"It is very fitting to name it after him."

cluded in the measure.

"I think that vaping can be as obtrusive as smoking itself," he added.

"I believe vaping will probably come up for discussion again," Williams said.



Williams

Hobbs said signs will be posted in Town parks when the ordinance is final, following second reading.

"We will correlate signage with Knox County with our own brand and ordinance numbers on it," Stuhl added.

In other business, BOMA:

• voted unanimously on first reading to approve an ordinance to rezone 7 acres at 922 McFee Road from agricultural to open space residential overlay;

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• **I was surprised at the headline of the farragutpress (top of page 1A, Nov. 12 issue), 'A Biddle bit of Center detail.'** I certainly share the editorial comments (after) Mayor Ron Williams and Town attorney (Tom Hale said) major changes were not made on the vote to move the proposed Mixed Use Town Center — I think that's absurd. I really thought that the Ford plan was an excellent one, (which would build a Town Center on property owned by former Town Mayor Eddy Ford along Kingston Pike about a half-mile west of the Pike's intersection with Campbell Station Road. Though that plan died in 2009, Doug Horne, prominent developer and businessman who owns Republic Newspapers, Inc. — parent company of farragutpress — recently has expressed interest in revitalizing the Ford option).

And I am disappointed and saddened that the mayor and the Town attorney have not considered this seriously, as a lot of people — including myself — would prefer that due to many, many problems with the location of the Town Center on the Biddle Farm (property).

(Editor's note: once again, it should be noted the Board of Mayor and Aldermen never formally "voted" to choose the Biddle Farm property, which is located at and behind the old Kroger location)

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• voted on first reading to approve an amendment to the Farragut Municipal Code, concerning the Town's Grand Opening Special Events Permit, providing different sign-related provisions;



Povlin

• voted to move the 2021 annual Independence Day Parade to July 3, from July 4, which falls on a Sunday;

• voted to name Vice Mayor Louise Povlin to continue serving as the alderman appointment to the Town Municipal Planning Commission; and

• voted to approve Farragut resident John Hoffmann's application to serve on the Town's Board of Zoning Appeals following last month's resignation of Michael Wilson.

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Drive-thru the key

Proud of its ‘freaky fresh’ fare, Jimmy John’s has new Kingston Pike location

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Jimmy John’s franchise owners John Kleban and Mike Mayes have relocated their gourmet sandwich shop from Turkey Creek to 10812 Kingston Pike in Concord Galleria shopping center and are open to serve customers.

“We’re real excited,” Kleban said about the move.

The restaurant, previously at 11055 Parkside Drive, shut down the week of Nov. 2 through Nov. 6, Mayes said. The new location opened Wednesday, Nov. 18.

Mayes and Kleban said the new location allows them to move closer to traffic and to have a drive-through service for customers. They did not have that availability at the Parkside Drive store.

“Drive-thru gives us a whole different dimension,” Kleban said. “It makes it easy for customers to get through quick. We probably have the fastest drive-thru in Town.”

“We know our customers love that,” he added.

“Jimmy John’s has always been a delivery brand,” Mayes said. “(Delivery) is what built the brand, (and) our fresh bread, fresh vegetables and



Tammy Cheek

Jimmy John’s Knoxville area franchise owners John Kleban, left, and Mike Mayes have added a new feature to their new restaurant location at 10812 Kingston Pike: a drive-thru.

hand-sliced meats.

“But we realized that our drive-thru stores performed significantly better,” he added.

“And in these times, having a drive-thru is a big deal,” Kleban added.

Mayes said they had an opportunity pop up, allowing them to “take a non-drive-thru store and turn it into a drive-

thru location.”

“It was somewhat divine providence that our lease (for the Parkside Drive store) was ending in the middle of this pandemic, which gave us the opportunity to move to something that is a lot more desirable for our customers, which

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businessbriefs

• **Seasoned healthcare professional Heather Tussing recently was named executive vice president** of operations for Morning Pointe Senior Living. Tussing is responsible for operations management of all Morning Pointe communities. With more than a decade of experience in the senior living industry, she will continue Morning Pointe’s tradition of excellence.

• **EyeCare Optical recently expanded its reach in the Greater Knoxville area** by opening its seventh area office — this one in Oak Ridge — right on the heels of its sixth location opening in Hardin Valley. The expansion is part of a plan to make comprehensive eye care readily available for greater Knoxville residents in their own neighborhoods, a press release stated.

• **United Community Bank recently welcomed David Howard** to its Eastern Tennessee team as portfolio manager. Howard will work with the Commercial Lending Group in the market to produce and assist with a variety of loans.

• **The National Council of State Boards of Nursing recently released the results** of the NCLEX-RN exam showing showed all 70 of Pellissippi State Community College’s spring 2020 nursing graduates passed the exam, which each nurse in the United States and Canada must pass to become a registered nurse.

• **Tennessee Board of Regents recently honored Pellissippi State Community College alumnus Randy Martinez** for Veterans Day with

veteran commendations. Martinez, who graduated from PSCC in 2017, received the Chancellor’s Commendation for Military Veterans, which was accompanied by a Challenge Coin from Chancellor Flora Tydings. The TBR and Tydings established the new commendation as a system-level award to honor the service, bravery and sacrifices of military veterans in the campus communities.

• **POWERHOME SOLAR, a solar energy company, is expanding to Knoxville** and plans to hire up to 100 new employees with walk-in interviews, which started recently. It is one of the few companies in the renewable energy sector to have experienced both sales and hiring growth throughout the pandemic. The company first expanded to Tennessee in April with a Nashville office, and already has found the need to open another office within the state.

• **The University of Tennessee recently formed a Commission for Disabilities** and has expanded support and representation for those with disabilities at UT-Knoxville. “UT has made significant advances in promoting disability-inclusive diversity, and the commission will provide a centralized way for those efforts to continue,” said Heather Peters, assistant director of UT-Knoxville News and Information.

• **University of Tennessee Medical Center recently earned** the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives 2020 CHIME Digital

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Be Well cuts ribbon



Tammy Cheek

Heather Whittemore, center (white coat), owner and board-certified nurse practitioner of Be Well Anti-Aging and Weight Loss, 10918 Kingston Pike, joins family, staff and other supporters for the business’ recent ribbon cutting, hosted by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce. Joining her were Mary Ball, (third from left), RN; Whittemore’s children, Lennox and Louis; husband, Louis Whittemore (fourth from right); Becky Smith, (third from left), RN; Judith Bryson, (second from right), nurse practitioner; Michelle Currier, (far right), FNP-BC; Currier’s daughter, Aubree Currier, (second from left); and FWKCC members.

Farragut entrepreneur launches Black Kite Games — local video biz

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Farragut entrepreneur Cameron Reid, 26, has launched his own home-based business, Black Kite, LLC., also known as Black Kite Games, this month.

“We’re a company that makes video games,” Reid said. “The games that we make, in particular, are card games.”

He described them as similar to trading cards, such as Pokémon or the Solitaire app on Windows.

“But unlike the regular playing cards adults would use, it’s more like the trading cards with little monsters on them

and stuff,” Reid noted. “We make video game versions of that.”

He said the business has been a slow process, bringing on contractors and legal registration, but “we’re going to start hiring (contractors, such as artists and sound designers) this week.” He added they would work remotely.

Reid said he always has been interested in computers and games.

“I’ve been playing games as long as I can remember,” he said. “I played a lot of these types of card games in college and in a couple small tournaments as well.”

That interest only grew after

working on a cowboy game, Red Dead Redemption 2, right out of college.

“I wanted to start something where I had more control over the product,” he said. “I wanted to start an independent studio that was much smaller than (Rock Star Games, the company that made Red Dead Redemption 2).”

Most recently, though, Reid was a quantum software engineer with Oak Ridge National Laboratories but recently left to start his business.

“The combination of my work at Rock Star (from 2017 to 2019) and my work at ORNL

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Jimmy John's

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is a drive-thru," Kleban said. Jimmy John's provides "freaky fast, freaky fresh" sandwiches, Kleban said. "The thing that separates Jimmy John's from all the other competitors are the quality of our product," he added. "All of our bread is fresh. We bake it continuously. We never sell bread that is over four hours old. "All of our vegetables are purchased locally and chopped and sliced in house every day, and all of our meats are as well. Our meats are all natural. There are no preservatives. "It's as healthy as you can

possibly get." Additionally, Kleban said they "try to make it as convenient as possible for our customers." Customers can find French bread along with nine-grain wheat bread, or they can make their favorite sandwich in an Unwich lettuce wrap. "We have five major meats: ham, turkey, roast beef, salami and capicola," Mayes said. "We also have tuna and bacon for our BLTs. "We offer our own house brand of kettle-cooked chips," he added. "We have jumbo kosher dill pickles and our own homemade cookies." Jimmy John's also offers delivery.

"We do (delivery) ourselves so we can make sure it's done right," Kleban said. It also has pick-up service. "However, we can get it to customers to make it as easy as possible," he added. Mayes and Kleban got into the franchise in 2013. "We opened our first location in Cleveland, Tennessee," Kleban said. "Shortly after, we had the opportunity to expand into the Knoxville market." They also have eight other locations, which include Cedar Bluff, Papermill Drive, Clinton Highway, Cumberland Avenue, Oak Ridge, Lenoir City, Cleveland and Chattanooga. Along with serving a fresh product, Kleban noted, "We re-

ally do believe in supporting the community." Every year it hosts Nurse Appreciation Week in May, giving out 5,000 box lunches to nurses all across Knoxville. Jimmy John's is open from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. seven days

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Black Kite

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(from 2019 to this October) prepared me to start something of my own," he said.

"It's an industry that's designed for entertainment," Reid added. "You have to keep in mind that you're making

something that the goal is to make people happy.

He said the market is growing 13 percent a year right now, compared to the stock market, which he said is growing at 7 percent.

"I'm sure, with everyone cooped up at home, Netflix and video games are probably

selling higher," Reid added. "I predict that would probably last, even when things start to return to normal."

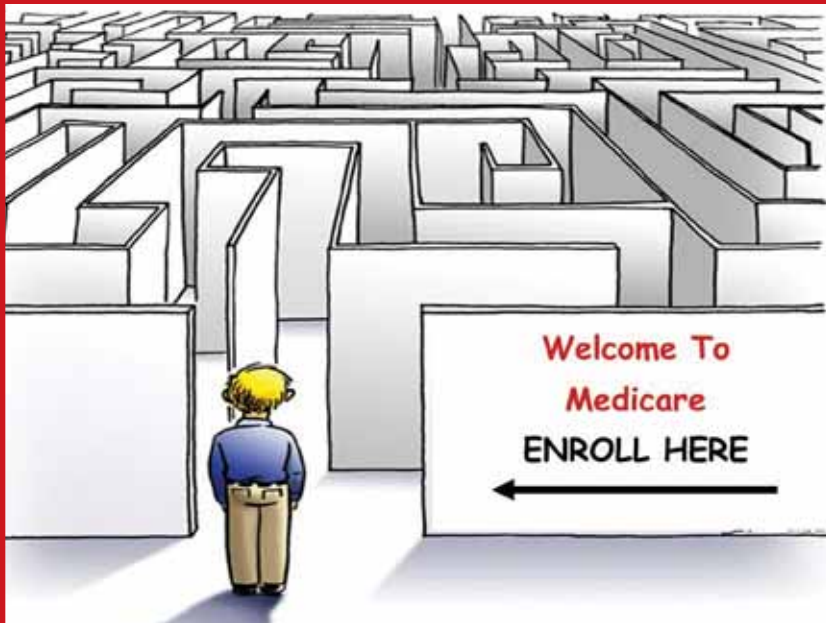
With Black Kite, Reid said he currently is working on a prototype for a new strategy card game for personal computers he hopes would come out in 2021.

Briefs

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Despite
Dunn's 304
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Warriors out
of playoffs

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KNOXVILLE — First impressions were deceiving: Goodpasture Christian actually was held three-and-out and punted on its first possession against undefeated Christian Academy of Knoxville.

The rest of the evening, however, would be total domination for the Cougars' offense, led in the first half by the big-play passing of quarterback Cooper Pennington, and in the second half by darting runs from Brendan Jones.

Goodpasture (9-2) scored nine touchdowns — and if not for the hustle of CAK junior defensive back Grant Sterchi to strip a wide open Cougars receiver of the football near the goal line and recover it in the end zone, it would have been 10 — ending the Warriors' season (11-1) 61-43 in the Division II-AA playoff quarter-

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Dunn, Bradley
named Mr. Football
state semifinalists

Two Farragut area high school football stars have been named Tennessee Titans Mr. Football state semifinals for 2020.

Junior J.D. Dunn, Christian Academy of Knoxville running back, and senior Jackson Bradley, Webb School of Knoxville offensive and defensive lineman, were among five in Division II-AA selected state-wide. Finalists named Nov. 17.



Dunn



Bradley

A strong finishing kick



Alan Sloan

Joined by the team's cheerleaders, Farragut Youth Football 10-U players and coaches celebrate an 8-7 overtime win against Catholic in the Knox Youth Football League 10-U championship game Thursday night, Nov. 12, at the John Tarleton Football complex.

Anderson's 2-point conversion kick follows Grelyn's TD run in OT, as Farragut Youth Football 10-U team wins Knox Metro Youth League title

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KNOXVILLE — There was no hesitation from the Farragut Youth Football 10-U coaching staff: the Knox Metro Youth Football League title would be on the foot of Anderson Glover.

And head coach Jason Martin's team ended up getting a kick out of going for two, though a miss would have meant defeat.

Anderson came through under pressure, carefully approaching the ball and hitting the 20-yard kick flush — with the help of long-snapper Bode Benevitz and holder William Scott — nailing the 2-point attempt to give FYF an 8-7 overtime win against top-seed Catholic Thursday night, Nov. 12, at the John Tarleton Football complex.

"We didn't hesitate one bit," Martin said. "Robbie (Jacobs, offensive coordinator) and I looked at each other, and we said, 'kick it. Let's win it.'"

"Before the game he probably kicked 20 or 25, and was nailing just about every one of them."

A 2-yard scoring run by Grelyn Gordon cut Catholic's over-

time lead to 7-6.

"The game overall was a fight, it was a battle back and forth," Martin said, as the FYF defense had to contend with a quick Catholic offensive backfield featuring a quarterback who could step up in the pocket and throw accurately.

"The defense played outstanding the whole game," Martin said. "A total team effort."

Key plays in the secondary for FYF included a late fourth-quarter pass break-up by defensive back Jaksen Hargis that, otherwise, would likely have been a long game-winning TD throw.

Preston Acheson also had a key interception for the champs. FYF ends its season 9-1.

Other FYF players contributing: Brenton Haag, Asher Phillips, Cade Fugate, Hayes Sharp, Maddux Martin, Eli Pickard, Carter Beard, Nicholas Stewart, Will Keener, Nathan Harvey, Caleb Floyd, Brody Kulisek, Nathan Jacobs, Logan Wright, Nate Shilling, Brendan Kutz, Reed Holmes, Max Hilton, Camden Cross, Rock Munyan, Luke Brown, Chase Cantrell, Jeremiah Wilson and Tate Sweet.



Alan Sloan

Nathan Jacobs (21), Farragut Youth Football 10-U player, gives a helmet salute to a fantastic Knox Metro Youth Football League championship game finish, won by his team 8-7 in overtime against top-seed Catholic Thursday night, Nov. 12, at the John Tarleton Football complex. Also among those celebrating is teammate Tate Sweet (81). Anderson Glover's 2-point conversion kick followed a 2-yard touchdown run by teammate Grelyn Gordon to make the difference.

Looking ahead, in different ways, at Knox Catholic

Kuerschen, volleyball star, signs with Penn State;
young Irish footballers grab momentum for 2021

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Looking ahead for a Knoxville Catholic Lady Irish star athlete means one thing.

Looking ahead for the KCHS football team means something totally different.

Kuerschen to Penn St.

Cassie Kuerschen, volleyball star libero, signed with NCAA power Penn State during a ceremony in All Saints Catholic Parish Thursday afternoon,

Nov. 12 (see photo, left).

Strong football finish

Though the combination of a murderous schedule and lengthy COVID-19 season delays made 2020 especially trying for Steve Matthews' KCHS football team, the youthful Irish ended the season strong against a stout defense.

Manhandling Ensworth 43-20 in KCHS's Blaine Stadium Friday night, Nov. 6, to finish the season 5-4 overall, 2-3 in Division II-AAA East Region, "I

was proud of the way our guys played," Matthews said.

Despite its final record of 3-7, 0-5, "Ensworth has been the top defense in our region," Matthews said. "They lost to McCallie (the week before playing Catholic) 10-0. And the week before that, they lost to Brentwood Academy (now 11-0 and a state playoff semifinalist) 16-7," adding this team's defensive talent included "Ohio

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Photo submitted

Senior Cassie Kuerschen, Knoxville Catholic star volleyball libero, is joined by parents Ted and Kathy Kuerschen after signing scholarship papers to attend Penn State University during a ceremony at All Saints Catholic Parish Thursday afternoon, Nov. 12.



Best 'non-travel' team, FYF 9-U 2nd in Knox Youth League

Though his team lost 31-7 in the 9-U Knox Metro Youth Football League title game Thursday night, Nov. 12, Farragut Youth Football head coach Gil Azambuja was quick to point out the champion Roadrunners (Austin-East) "are a travel team" that gets to select top talent. "They've had three touchdowns scored on them in three years, and one extra point — and we scored a touchdown and the extra point. I'm proud of every one of my players." FYF beat Hardin Valley 48-0 in the quarterfinals, then CCYSP 2-0 in semifinal action. Versus the Roadrunners, FYF quarterback Harrison Holmes completed a 20-yard pass to Dominic Christofek before finding Gavin McClurkin on a 55-yard TD pass. Harrison then found Dominic with the conversion pass. Other team contributors are Hayes Quinley, Ayden Lee, Dylan May, Cruz Azambuja, Ben Cook, Christain Neal, Ty Wilson, Marvin Wyrosdick, Hudson Connard, Colin Hale, Ayden Mcghee, Asahel Cabrera, Cody Tompkins, Raleigh Miller, Colt Newby and Will Johnson.

CAK

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terfinals Friday night, Nov. 13, at Christian Academy.

As for the issues with stopping the Cougars' passing game, CAK head coach Travis Mozingo cited "miscommunication in the secondary ... we had some breakdowns there."

As for Jones' running, "We kind of got pushed around a little bit," he added.

Another first impression was deceiving, as CAK stand-out running back J.D. Dunn got off to a slow start.

But this talented junior heated up in a huge way, highlighting the Warriors offense with 304 yards rushing on 34 carries and touchdown runs of 9, 5, 30, 46 and 10 yards.

"He's so steady, he might get

6 or he might get 60 (yards)," Mozingo said of Dunn. "It's been fun to watch him play this year."

For the season, 12 games, this Division II-AA Mr. Football semifinalist rushed for 2,091 yards on 274 carries, scoring 25 touchdowns.

In addition to Sterchi's 10 catches for 122 receiving yards, which included a 38-yard touchdown reception, the junior had an interception to go with the forced fumble.

Senior quarterback Ryan Degges completed 20 of 30 passes for 226 yards with one TD and three interceptions.

Ross Badgett, CAK senior kicker, nailed a 32-yard field goal and four extra points.

Overall, "I'm frustrated for the kids, but they battled back," Mozingo said.

Looking ahead

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State commits and all kinds of SEC offers."

As a result, "I was concerned with how we were going to move the ball," the KCHS coach said.

However, Irish quarterback Kaden Martin "probably had his best game, really since he's been here, against a really good team," Matthews said, leading Catholic to 527 total yards of offense.

The junior (13 of 22 passing for 261 yards and one interception) fired touchdown passes of 51 and 41 yards to junior Tommy Winton.

Martin also ran 14 yards for another score.

Keondre' Jarmon, Irish ju-

nior running back, scored on runs of 16 and 35 yards (20 carries, 117 yards total).

Brock Taylor, Catholic kicker, booted field goals of 22 and 30 yards in addition to five extra points.

Elsewhere, "I think the defensive line stood out," the coach said, pointing out sophomores Trevor Duncan and Daven Cozart among those who "played well" defensively.

Senior linebacker J.T. Quinones (13 total tackles, including a sack) and junior defensive back Javis Mynatt (10 total tackles) led Catholic in stops.

As for his 12 seniors, "Those guys are the building blocks of what's coming in the future," Matthews said.

"I'm proud of how they represented our program."



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Admiral FUNd a new FHS Ed Foundation approach

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For the first time in recent memory, Farragut High School Education Foundation is making a simple plea for donations with its Admiral FUNd.

Phone calls went out Monday, Nov. 9, to all FHS families, notifying them of the push to raise money for the school's elective programs.

The goal is \$25,000, and the unique approach netted \$5,000 on the first day, fundraising chair Beth Duncan said.

"We have had fundraisers in the past, but this is the first year we have held a donation drive," she added. "This is the first time we have ever said, 'You don't have to do anything but make a tax-deductible gift.'"

"With your help, we plan to raise money for classes that broaden the interests of our students," FHS principal Dr. John Bartlett said on a Nov. 9 call. "A few areas include cameras and editing software for photography and journalism classes, evaporative coolers

for the greenhouse, which will be used in botany and zoology electives, resources for all-world language courses and a 3D printer curriculum for the engineering design classes.

"These are just a few of the advanced opportunities we want to offer your students," he added.

Duncan said helping fund electives is something "that helps every student, since every semester they each take two."

"Dr. Bartlett started two of the newer electives this year

— engineering and photography — and the idea to support all those efforts really kind of evolved from his telling us he needed to fund 30 cameras for that class," she added.

"Farragut is really known for its academics, but Dr. Bartlett, with initiatives such as this one, is really helping our children to become well-rounded students and to explore their talents and interests."

The drive continues this week with a networking sponsored by Farragut West Knox Chamber of Commerce

from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Thursday (Nov. 19).

"We are going to feature several of our elective classes then, just to showcase what our children are learning and doing," Duncan said.

Donations will continue to be accepted after the drive concludes Monday, Nov. 23. To contribute, visit givebutter.com/AdmiralsFund2020, text Admirals to 202-858-1233 or send checks directly in care of FHS, 11237 Kingston Pike, Farragut TN 37934.

Overcoming obstacles

HVA Girl Scout wins Gold Award by filling virtual camp needs

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Hardin Valley Academy junior Kathryn "Katie" Bush exemplified leadership and resilience as she planned and completed her Girl Scout Gold Award project during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

"Katie knew that now more than ever, children needed activities to keep them active and engaged," Brooke Conner, Girl Scouts of Southern Appalachians social media and content coordinator, stated in a press release. "With the goal to address mental and physical health during summer break and the coronavirus, she created stay-at-home, safer-at-home camp kits."

Initially, Bush, who is a member of Troop No. 21156, planned in February 2020 to

partner with her "beloved" Girl Scout day camp she had attended as both a camper and counselor, to create guidelines for future leaders. COVID-19 then hit the nation the following month, shaking up her Gold Award project plan, which is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. With summer camp canceled, she pivoted and decided on an online camp — including creating a website with tutorial videos and camp kits for at-home fun.

Bush chose activities encouraging learning new skills, creativity, physical exercise, and more: building bird houses, making butter and cajeta (a Mexican caramel), a compass activity, basket weaving, along with additional gaming and song videos.

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444 retires flags along Jamestowne



Photo submitted

Boy Scouts of America Troop 444 retired 113 flags, which are no longer serviceable as an emblem of our country, at Farragut Presbyterian Church, 209 Jamestowne Blvd., Saturday, Oct. 24. Flags came from the Town of Farragut Flag box, an Eagle Scout project.

Local Womens' group helps with many causes



Michelle Hollenhead

Sydney Myers, left, and Suzanne McCarter help pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox at His Security & Technology office in Farragut Tuesday, Nov. 10.

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Area women who are part of the monthly "I Know Christine (Dean) Ladies Lunch" know what to expect this time of year.

When they gathered Tuesday, Nov. 10, at Dean's Farragut workplace, His Security & Technology, where she works in marketing and business development, they knew to bring bags of supplies to fill 50 shoeboxes for Samaritan Purse's Operation Christmas Child.

It is actually the third year the loosely-knit group worked with the charity, under the guidance of fellow member Sandra Parsons of Bank of England Mortgage, who heads

up this particular fund-raiser.

"It is a networking group ... intended to be an opportunity for working women to meet casually to get to know each other and refer business to each other," Dean explained of the 4-year-old fellowship, which has about 80 informal members. "The main goal of the group is connecting: connecting women to women in business, connecting women to causes they can help and connecting women to each other in friendship."

"But we have built in a community service component. Every month we support some charity effort, either through donations or service," she added. "OCC is an example."

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• **MEDIC Regional Blood Center Has Immediate Critical Need for blood** while preparing to compete against Kentucky Blood Center in the 33rd Annual Orange and Blue donation competition, which began **Monday, Nov. 16**, and runs through **Friday, Nov. 20**.

Visiting MEDIC's Farragut location, 11000 Kingston Pike, or downtown Knoxville location, 1601 Ailor Ave, there is a critical need for A Negative — there were no units on the shelf as of late last week — A Positive, O Negative, O Positive and COVID Convalescent Plasma.

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As a reminder, blood on the shelves now is what would be used in a trauma event, and it takes at least three days for donated blood to be processed and ready for distribution.

Donors this week will receive a special edition Orange and Blue Shirt along with a \$10 e-gift card, Texas Roadhouse coupon and Salsarita's \$5 coupon.

• **The Secret City Half Marathon & 5K is gearing up for a morning** of great racing and walking starting at **9 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 21**. More than 750 runners and walkers are expected on the city streets and greenways of Oak Ridge. Visit the SCHM website at www.SecretCityHalfMarathon.com for a map of both routes.

Online registration and information for both races can be found by visiting www.SecretCityHalfMarathon.com.

For more information, visit www.medicblood.org

• **Though Dr. Keven Bowdle's dental team in Farragut** missed the national sock drive known as Socktober, they are creating their own — which they are calling SOCKember. From **Monday, Nov. 30, to Friday, Dec. 18**, they are collecting socks to donate to homeless neighbors at Knox Area Rescue Ministries.

"Socks are always needed by our guests. Foot health is critically important, and having no socks or dirty socks can lead to foot-related health issues such as sores, ulcers and worse," Tony Harris, director of Rescue at KARM, stated in a press

release earlier this month.

Because many of the people KARM serves have no access to laundry, having an ample supply of socks at KARM is crucial. "Socks are especially needed during the winter months as a way to protect our homeless neighbors from the bitter cold," Harris said.

If you would like to donate socks to this SOCKember drive, just drop off your donation at Bowdle's office, 11232 West Point Drive in Farragut.

"You don't even have to come inside — we will have a basket on our porch by the front door," Bowdle stated in the press release.

• **Coats for the Cold drive and distribution by Knox Area Rescue Ministries** is under way. You can drop off gently used and/or new coats at any KARM Stores or Prestige Cleaners location. While all sizes are needed, of special need are children's coats and adult XL and XXL coats.

If you would like to organize a coat drive, you can find posters, helpful info, etc., at <http://karm.org/coats>.

Those who need a coat can also find helpful information at this link.

Farragut Rotary helping Santa

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Rotary Club of Farragut members are helping Santa this year with a new service project to collect toys for children who are East Tennessee Children's Hospital patients during the holidays.

"We are getting toy donations, and those donations are being sent to my home. We're sorting by ages and then we're going to be delivering those to the hospital in mid-December," said Rotarian Scot Bertini, one of the RCF service team members.

"Our plan is we really want to rally the community and hopefully overwhelm the hospital with gifts for children," RCF service team co-chairwoman Sonya Ford said. "We're taking collections until Dec. 11. Then the following week we will be delivering the gifts to the hospital."

"We're trying to get as many toys as we possibly can to deliver to the hospital and hopefully make some children happy over the holidays," Bertini said. "We are very excited about this project and believe our club can truly help ETCH bring some much needed smiles to their patients this holiday season."

"Especially during times like they are right now, it is a

blessing beyond words," said Cheryl Allmon, ETCH director of Volunteer Services and Programs. "I don't know what this year's going to bring for us."

"I know we're seeing a lot of families have had a big impact with COVID-19, and there's been a lot of financial pain going on right now," she added. "So to have a group like the Rotary step up a month-and-a-half before Christmas and say 'we're going to help' is just tremendous and such a blessing."

"We want to make sure our families are taken care of. We want to make sure that we can create as special a Christmas as possible and to also take that worry away from the family."

RCF members are taking their project further by making Santa bags with help from their student-member Interact Club at Hardin Valley Academy, who are sewing together bags for the project.

"A lot of our members are planning on sewing the bags, so it's kind of like Santa's little Christmas bag that they will be using to stuff the gifts for the children," RCF service team co-chairwoman Sonya Ford said, inviting the public to also make bags.

She noted the size of the

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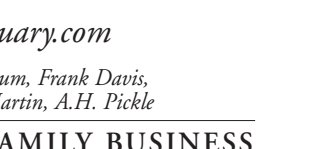
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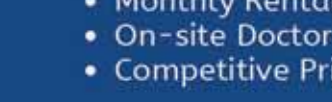
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Group

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Some donate or bring the varied items, and then we assembly-line pack 50 boxes. Other months we donate funds to support some effort or donate specific items needed by a charity — it all changes month to month.”

Other charities assisted include Susannah’s House, the Wesley House “Grannies” and Salvation Army.

“Except in November, we always do Operation Christmas Child boxes because Sandra started that effort and brings the boxes,” she added. “This is the third time we’ve done this (and by now) have a pretty efficient process.”

Parson said she and her family had been packing Christ-

mas shoeboxes for the OCC “for more than 20 years.” Typically, the boxes containing school supplies, a small gift, socks and personal hygiene items are sent all over the world “to children who don’t receive anything for Christmas,” she said.

“We do the boxes specifically for the young men 10 to 14 years old because they are the most underserved,” Dean added.

While national collection week for Operation Christmas Child wraps up Monday, Nov. 23, Parsons said donations can still be made online to help with shipping costs or additional box needs not yet addressed.

For more information, visit www.samaritanspurse.org/occ.



Michelle Hollenhead

Sandra Parsons is a member of the monthly “I Know Christine Ladies Lunch” crew, where she led the group in packing 50 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child Tuesday, Nov. 10, at His Security & Technology in Farragut.

Santa

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Christmas bag for the ETCH toy drive is 24 inches in width and 36 inches in length.

The hospital has 152 beds, but it also has children in its rehabilitation center or home health centers, Allmon noted.

Toys can be ordered on Amazon, and sent to 1227 Amber Glades Lane, Knoxville, TN 37922. Bertini asks contributors label the package “ETCH” so he knows it is designated for the hospital.

For more information, call Bertini at 865-898-4421 or e-mail him at scottbetini@gmail.com. Call Ford at 865-323-3780, e-mail to sonya.ford@citizensbank24.com or call ETCH’s Volunteer Department at 865-541-8136.

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Junior kindergarten 3 class from left, Madelyn Pollard, Blair Strutner, Cai Compton, Bowman Miller, Auggie Martin, Shane Lee, Reed Sterchi, Henry McElrath, Joshua Ladd, Fleur Jones; teachers are Anna Ottaviano, left, and Michelle Compton.

Episcopal School of Knoxville participates in Covenant Kid’s Run

Episcopal School of Knoxville students, ages 3 to fourth grade, were on the move to stay fit, taking part in Covenant Health’s virtual Covenant Kid’s Run Thursday, Nov. 12, at the school, 950 Episcopal School Way along Gilbert Road.

Pansie Evans, ESK’s lower school physical education teacher, organized the school’s event in which students from each grade ran in waves, starting at 1 p.m.

“Each year we participate in the Covenant Kids Run,” Evans said. “It’s normally (held downtown) in March, but because of COVID, they had to postpone it to November (and go virtual).”

“The event normally takes place with other schools, but this year since (Covenant Health wasn’t) able to host it, Pansie reached out to the Covenant Kids director and asked if there was any way we could host it for our kids at ESK,” said Caroline Wood, ESK communications coordinator.

“We had almost 100 percent participation from all of our lower school kids,” Wood said.

Photos by Tammy Cheek and Caroline Wood



Sixth-grader London DeBusk



From left- Amelia Jarnagin- Juliet Hacker and Ginger Wolski



Kate Winston, left, and Zeta Aaron, 3-year-old friends



Fourth-grade runners, front row from left, are Abigail Franklin, Katherine Hutchens and Max Alley. Back row, from left, are Mark Medlock Mia Kennedy, Faith Franklin, Ginger Wolski, Benjamin Alexander, Charlie Carr, Rob Sills and Hudson Hill



Huston Balest, age 4



From left, fourth-graders Mark Medlock, Jaylen Fitzgerald and Lucas Bowden



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Gold Award

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Bush didn't expect the outpouring of interest in her project. Offering the take-home kits to Daisies, Brownies, Ju-

niors and Cadettes in her service unit in West Knox County, there were overwhelming requests. Her website with the activ-



Bush

ity tutorials has received more than 700 hits from all over the world.

"She was a great example of being an innovator because so quickly after (the shutdowns) happened, Katie was very ready to revamp her project," said Sarah Hinton Miazza, programs manager at GSCSA. "And I know that she provided a huge service to parents who

were scrambling for things for their kids to do because the response was so huge. She's a go-getter, sees something that needs to happen and does it.

"Quarantine made gathering supplies and asking for donations difficult," Conner said. "Plans to work with other female leaders in her community were not possible. But seeing the faces of the girls during

their Zoom calls and during kit drop-offs made the efforts and the changes worth it."

Bush said during the project she learned how to take charge and listen to and incorporate people's ideas.

"This whole project was a plan B, but it turned out amazing," she said. "I learned how to be flexible and more of a problem solver."

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Open House *alters into* Drop IN & Drop Off

Chamber staff will STILL be decking the halls, complete with the traditional BIG tree, for the Chamber's Holiday Open House this December! Though, by necessity, it will look a little different for all, President/CEO Julie Blaylock invites and encourages all members to make it a point to "drop in" on December 15 between 10am and 6:30pm.

"The Holiday Open House is one of our favorite events of the year, and our members, too. It's our way to say thank you to everyone for their support all year and wish them a Happy Holiday before we all take off to our holiday plans until the New Year," says Blaylock. "However, the success of the Open House depends heavily on being able to cheerfully stuff several hundred people into what are currently considered pretty confined spaces, like the heated tent Rothchild's Event Rentals sponsors in front of our office. It also relies on our restaurants' ability to include the event in their marketing budget and sponsor an average 100 food samples. That's a tough 'ask' in a year when so many are still running well behind their normal margins."

But rather than cancel the whole thing, the Chamber came up with a way to still open their doors to members, "Albeit in a scaled down but still very festive way," Blaylock explains. Rumor has it the chamber is working on seeing if the big guy in red can make an appearance as well.

That's why on December 15th, the Chamber office will be lit and decked, and staff will devote the day to welcoming members who want to drop IN and enjoy some refreshments and good cheer, photo opportunities, get a holiday goody bag to take with them, receive an on-site engraved gift courtesy of Patdome Promotions, and perhaps more importantly to drop OFF an optional donation for the Chamber's Giving Tree.

Due to the success of the families previously adopted through members St. John Neumann and Kids First Child Advocacy Center, the chamber is AGAIN adopting up to 8 families with a mission to fill each family's wishlist. Several of this year's fami-

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12 Days of Takeout

The Chamber will transform its December Chamber Life center spread this year from the traditional holiday greeting card, to a calendar counting down deals from member restaurants, caterers and service providers, all in order to give these businesses a needed boost during the final month of 2020.

Aptly named "12 Days of Takeout (& Dashing DEALS)," each date of December on the calendar will featured one member business with their logo and DEAL or holiday special. Businesses who are interested in being featured just need to provide the following information to participate. The promotion is included in their membership:

- Deal needs to be GOOD through 12/31 for easy marketing
- Use an existing December special OR come up with one JUST for this feature

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Adrian Hall

West Under 40 leads mayor, gives back & GROWS

Former wrestler "Kane", now Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, spent 60 minutes fielding a myriad of questions from area young professionals as part of West Under 40's online leadership forum, "Taking Charge (When You Aren't In Charge)" on Thursday, October 29. Led by main moderator, Adrian Hall-Movement Mortgage, the event saw an active chat among attendees, and an affable side of a leader who assured young professionals that "Everyone is a leader."

Questions ranged from the general, such as what leadership qualities the

mayor felt were most important to specifically how a young professional might ask for a raise or a career advancement. Hall worked in nearly a dozen different questions, followed by Cody Barnes-First Citizens Bank, who oversaw questions from the live chat.

Overall, Jacobs emphasized being flexible and expecting that any career will be filled with its share of unexpected events and disappointments. "My life has been more defined by failures than

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

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Do you have training dollars to spend before the end of the year? **Pellissippi State Community College** is your training connection! Excel, Level 1: Dec. 2-3 from 1-4:30p (Strawberry Plains); Excel Level 2: Dec. 16-17 from 1-4:30p (Strawberry Plains); Excel Pivot Tables Dec. 7 from 5-9p (Hardin Valley); NFPA 70E Electrical Safety: Dec 8 from 8a-4:30p (Hardin Valley Campus), registration closed Dec. 1. Call (865) 694-6525

Centriworks, E. Tennessee's oldest and largest business technology company, received the CompTIA Security Trustmark+ validation. To earn the validation, Centriworks passed an independent assessment of its security policies, capabilities, practices, and processes against industry best practices. Congratulations Centriworks!

Congratulations to our 2020 Top Workplaces members: large category (second place): **First Horizon**; mid-size category (first place) **Pinnacle Financial Partners**, (second place) **First Utility District of Knox County**, (third place) **SmartBank** and **edFinancial**; small category (second place) **Cannon & Cannon, Inc.**, (third place) **Kramer Rayson LLP**, and **Pipe Wrench Plumbing, Heating & Cooling, Inc.** Each year Knox.biz and Knox News partner with survey firm Energage to compile the list. Businesses are ranked according to anonymous survey responses from their employees. Congratulations winners!

Terry Smiley joins **FirstBank Farragut Branch**, as a financial center manager. Welcome Terry!

Knoxville Room Service Special Offer! Inventory is growing with new products; the holidays are quickly approaching and gift baskets (good for any occasion, really) make an excellent choice! Visit the store (every precaution is taken to insure a clean and safe shopping experience). Mention, call, text, or bring in this brief for a 20% discount on products from their partners: Lulu's Liquor Cakes, Flying Panda and H+ Connect. IN STORE ONLY Offer: 10% off bourbon, wine, and cigars. Call or text your order(s) to Haley or Cooper at (865) 232-0802 or visit <https://knox-roomservice.com/>. Offer expires December 10, 2020.

Pellissippi State Alumni Award Winners Announced. Their 2020 award goes to Curt Maxey, Class of 1979. Despite his lengthy list of professional accolades, Curt insists that his greatest achievement of his career was the opportunity to mentor students. In addition, their Peggy Wilson Volunteer Alumni Award highlights an outstanding graduate in recognition of extraordinary service to the Pellissippi State community. Their 2020 award goes to Leila Howell, Class of 2013. Congratulations Curt and Leila!

Cityview Magazine Best of the Best Award goes to **Closets by McKenry** Gold Winner in Contractor – Closet Design. "There's a peace of mind that comes with being organized, it's much more than putting things where they can be found later, it's a feeling that your life is organized and good order", says Chris McKenry. For more information visit <https://closetsbymckenry.com/> or call (865) 249-6382. Congratulations Chris!

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Ribbon Cuttings

Signature Storage at Choto October 9, 2020



Surrounding John Huber (with scissors) and Stacey McDonald, are Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs, Senator Richard Briggs, Knox County Trustee Ed Shouse, and Knox County Commission Chairman Larsen Jay. A host of Chamber Ambassadors, members, friends, and family also join the celebration!

Be Well October 23, 2020



Practitioners Mary Ball, RN (5th from left), Becky Smith, RN, Judy Bryson, FNP-BC and Michelle Currier, FNP-BC surround Heather Whittemore, husband Louis, daughter Lennox, and son Louis III as they celebrate the opening of their practice. Chamber Ambassadors, members, family, and friends join in to complete the picture!

Faith Promise - Farragut October 30, 2020



Celebrating the launching of their Farragut Campus is, 4th from left, Student Pastor Josh Webb, Bobi Batho, Sarah Warren, Pastor Daniel Warren, State Representative Jason Zachary, Kids Pastor Carrie Wrinn, Groups Pastor Jeff Cochran, and Beau Sison. Chamber members, family and friends are on hand to lend their support.

Stream Cleanup

On November 5, nine business volunteers alongside chamber staff braved the chilly water of Little Turkey Creek to remove over 150 cumulative lbs of household and construction trash!



(Top Photo) The volunteer team poses with their trash "Treasures" (L to R): Ashley Lynch-The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek; Monica Viator-TNBank; Debbie Vinsant & Christina Hampton-Prime West Knoxville; Anthony Agnello-Servpro of West Knoxville/Farragut; Chamber Pres/CEO Julie Blaylock; Brandi Clifton-Cowan-Knoxville Academy of Music; Jared Butler-Payteva; and Lisa Raines Hopkins-Servpro of West Knoxville/Farragut.

(Bottom) Brandi and Jared (center, L to R) show off the weirdest AND largest item found, a hefty length of metal pipe!

(Right) The Servpro team, Lisa and Anthony wrangle the rubber snake discovered near the stream.

Networkings

His Security & Technology, LLC October 1, 2020



April Damron- *Heritage Investors*, John Randazzo- *Fish Window Cleaning*, and John Haney- *NAI Koella R.M. Moore* share stories during the morning event



Greeters Marianne Morse- *Mary Kay Cosmetics*, and Cara Knapp- *oysk3 architects*, pause to check in attendees Suzanne McCarter- *Burns Mailing & Printing*, and Tom Sharp- *Viamedia*.

TSBDC

by Laura Overstreet,
Small Business Specialist and
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November 2020 Classes

Business Start-Up: The Essentials
Tuesday, November 17, 9:00-10:30a

This is an opportunity for anyone who is thinking about starting, buying or have already started their own business! An expert from our center will answer FAQ's that every business owner has. Our business specialists will discuss different forms of business organization, tax requirements, business licenses, provide an overview of business planning and financing options (including SBA loan guarantees)

TSBDC Knoxville Center: Laura Overstreet, Director Teresa Sylvia, Senior Business Specialist, Deborah Porter

Government Contracting 201

Thursday, November 19, 9:00-1:00p

The University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services will present this program, which is designed to introduce the business owner or manager to the diversity of government purchasing. Participants will learn how to navigate the governmental contracting process and bid successfully in the government marketplace.

This program is part II of the basic introduction to government contracting program 101 and will further position your company to compete for contracting opportunities.

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Valentina Escobar-Gonzalez, MBA, founded Beyond Engagement – Social Media Solutions in January 2012 – and hasn't slowed down since. She has a passion for assisting small businesses grow their engagement levels with customers online with social media marketing.

Tuesday, December 8th @ 12p!

The Pinnacle at Turkey Creek October 15, 2020



Raeus Cannon- *REO*, Al Hazarri- *Postal Annex*, and Jessica Mishu- *Blue Ridge Yoga* get acquainted during the morning networking



Tracye Spence-Martin, Darryl Whitehead, and Ashley Lynch pose with a rendering of the fountain at the Pinnacle at Turkey Creek, renovations to the space began this fall to include removal of the fountain bowl and placement of a new amenity with yet-to-be-revealed secrets so as to surprise shoppers and visitors!

West Under 40

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successes," he said. When asked about the "imposter syndrome," the feeling of inadequacy that many young professionals struggle with even after reaching certain goals, Jacobs was clear that, "You just have to 'do it!' I didn't know how to be a wrestler when I entered the wrestling world. I hadn't been a mayor before Knox County. You just have to go in and do your best and play the part and keep learning."

Sponsors were The Knox Fox Real Estate Group, Heritage Investors, and Barber McMurry Architects. West Under 40 will present 50% of those sponsor proceeds to Project GRAD in November to purchase bus passes for students who need transportation assistance in getting to school.

Several high school students attended the webinar and participated in questions with the mayor and with working young professionals. Project GRAD director, Ronni Chandler, told the group in a post-event email, "You have no idea how empowering it was for them to hear their own words amplified in such a high-profile setting. Today you poured deeply into the lives of some future leaders. Never forget that."

Shortly before the event, West Under 40 also approved the addition of three new committee members to aid in the group's growth and planning for 2021. Jared Butler-Payteva, Kaylor Hensley-Landry & Azvedo, and Amber Martinez-Computer Systems Plus jumped right in helping to craft questions ahead of the event. The newly expanded West Under 40 team, led by chair, Chloe Pool-First Utility District, will strategize about their 2021 goals later this month.

W40
UNDER



Jared Butler



Kaylor Hensley



Amber Martinez

Drive Thru Boo

Chamber staff and two volunteers representing West Under 40 and a former board director had fun handing out 1,500 treat bags from member businesses to the 200 cars who were part of Town of Farragut's Drive Thru-BOO on October 29!



Julie Blaylock-Chamber CEO/Sorceress; Brenda Herron-Copper Cellar Family of Restaurants; Jared Butler ("The Dude")-Payteva; and Chamber staff Suzanne Krygier stand back awaiting the drive-through trick or treaters.



Brenda Herron- Copper Cellar Family of Restaurants hands a treat bag to a carful of excited kids.

November/December 2020 Calendar of Events

Members can quickly RSVP for events in their Member Portal at <http://members.farragutchamber.com/login>. Call 675-7057 or email info@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?”.

November 19, 2020 • 5:00-6:00pm
IN PERSON: Networking –
Farragut High School Education Foundation
11237 Kingston Pike, 37934 (FHS Library)

November 26-27, 2020
Thanksgiving Holiday –
Chamber office closed

December 3, 2020 • 5:00-6:00pm
IN PERSON: Networking – Premier Eyecare
11111 Kingston Pike, 37934

December 15, 2020 • 10:00am-6:30pm
IN PERSON: Holiday DROP IN & Drop Off
11826 Kingston Pike, Ste 110, 37934
3:30pm-6:30pm SPECIAL on-site engraving!

Dec. 25, 2020 - Jan. 1, 2021
Christmas Day through New Years Day –
Chamber office closed
(Note: Urgent messages/emails to the President will be monitored)

Drop IN

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lies will have a loved one undergoing cancer treatments, identified with the help of the American Cancer Society. Others will be area families struggling at this time with any number of challenges, identified by the new Faith Promise Church – Farragut Campus.

Chamber members are asked to consider bringing an item to the December 15 event from one of the wish lists that can be gotten from the chamber office. Any duplicates or extra items will be sure to find an incredibly

grateful home. In 2018, the Chamber adopted 6 families, and member businesses were so generous that items ended up being distributed to a total 13 families.

Businesses who are able and willing to adopt an ENTIRE family—fulfilling each child’s list—will be gifted with no-cost advertising from the Chamber and celebrated as a Chamber “2020 Great GIVER.”

Anyone who’d like more information about the Holiday Drop In and Drop Off event on December 15 can contact the office at (865) 675-7057 or email julie@farragutchamber.com.

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

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Welcome Back Renewing Members!

The Farragut/West Knox Chamber welcomes back these businesses who have renewed their investment in the Chamber as of this past October. 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 their patronage.

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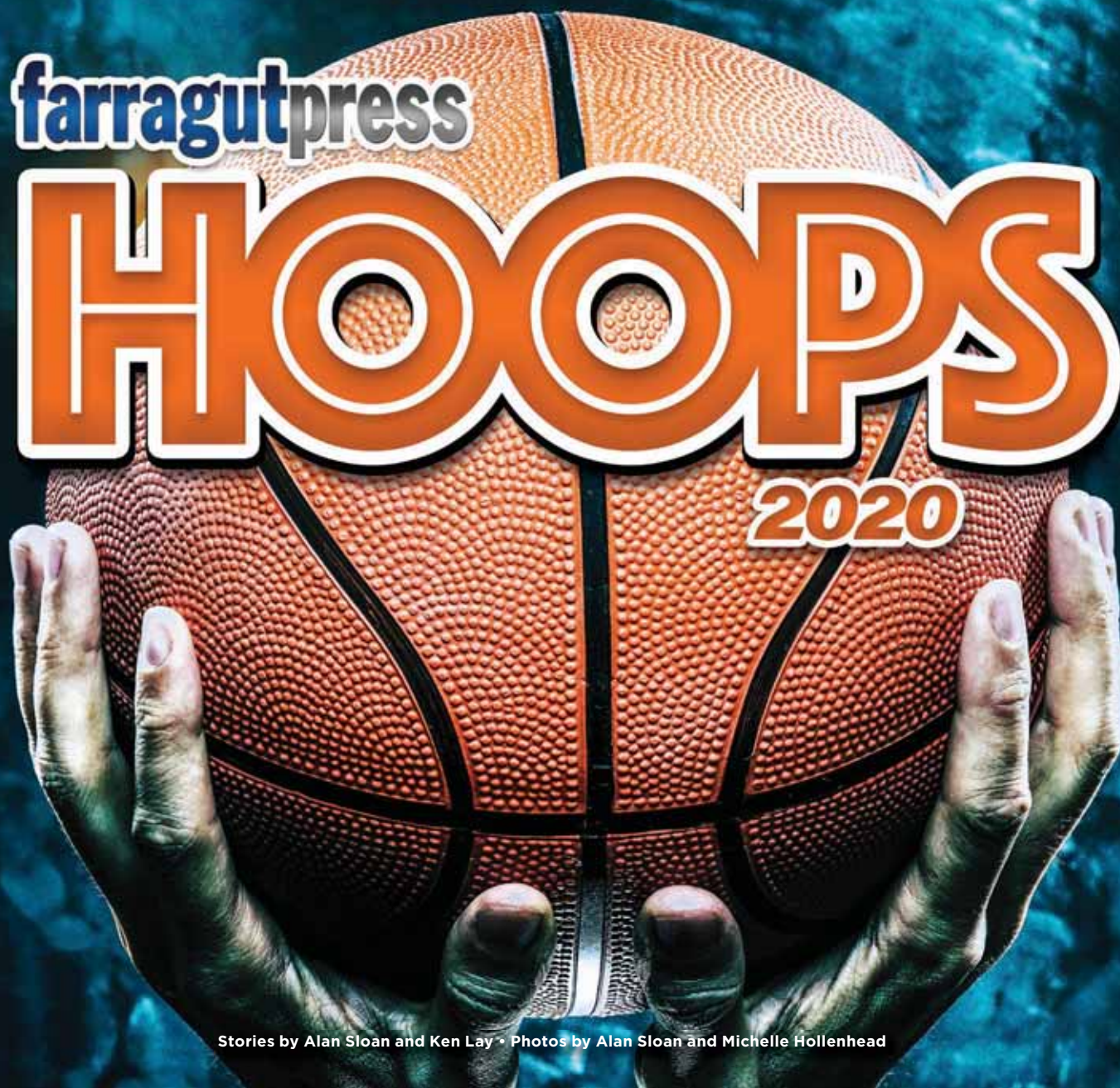
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ADMIRALS



Despite limited size, Ads proven on perimeter

Despite size concerns, Farragut appears to have plenty of firepower on the perimeter this season with the return of four key players — all juniors.

The Admirals look to improve upon a 17-17 record last season.

"We've got good players at pretty much all positions," FHS head coach Jon Higgins said. "We should be able to shoot the ball pretty well."

"We've got good experience returning in terms of guys who have played at the varsity level — and that's probably the most important thing," he added.

"We've got eight or nine guys who have been here before that who know what it takes to win."

As for concerns, "We're not real big," the coach said. "Size is probably the most pressing thing considering the people in our district."

Isaiah Smith, junior guard, is the one returnee "who started consistently throughout the entire (2019-20) season," Higgins

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BOYS ROSTER

1	Elisha Brabson	W	Jr.
2	Brandon Cuevas	G	Sr.
3	Zain Zitawi	W	Sr.
4	Dillon Atwell	G	Jr.
5	Ryan Neal	G	Jr.
10	Isaiah Smith	G	Jr.
11	David Beaver	W	Jr.
12	Lucas Arnold	P	Sr.
13	Dallas Carbaugh	W	So.
14	Carter Mayfield	G	Jr.
15	Jack Carasso	P	Sr.
20	Josiah Bradley	P	Jr.
23	Mason Motley	G	Sr.
32	Jake Bishop	W	Sr.

Head Coach: Jon Higgins
Assistant Coaches: Josh Gregory, Justin Wakefield, David Dawson
Trainer: Jessica Frazier
Manager: Hannah Reiman
Stats: Kenny White



With lofty expectations, Farragut thinks big

The lofty expectations of Jason Mayfield, veteran Farragut High School girls basketball head coach, includes something this program has never done.

"Going to state is something that Farragut has never done. We've come close," said Mayfield, who begins his 10th season as the Lady Admirals' head coach. "I thought we were going to come close last year but we just couldn't get it done."

With the program coming off a 23-9 season in 2019-2020, ending at the Region 2-AAA Tournament, Mayfield said his squad's major strengths are experience and a strong junior class.

The Lady Admirals, however, will be small and that means they will have to step up the physical aspect of their game.

"We don't have a true post player, so we're going to have to be physical," Mayfield said. "We just have to work on that in practice and get better in practice every day."

McCall Willis, a returning junior, will

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GIRLS ROSTER

2	Allie Heins	G	Jr.
3	Annalise Bishop	PG	So.
10	Macy Barnes	G	Sr.
11	Gabi Duncan	W	Sr.
13	Avery Strickland	G	Jr.
14	Saige Carbaugh	P	Sr.
22	Maeve O'Sullivan	W	Jr.
23	Hannah Enderson	W	Fr.
32	McCall Willis	P	Jr.
33	Aubrey Stackhouse	W	So.
34	Keeleigh Rogers	PG	Jr.
44	Ashlyn Sheridan	G	Jr.

Head Coach: Jason Mayfield
Assistant Coaches: Andy Arendt, Alex Munday, Madison Maples
Book: Cindy Lindsey/Ben Collins
Trainer: Jenny Massey
PA: Josh Nelson

FHS Boys

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said. "A great shooter, good offensive player. Scrappy defensively."

Carter Mayfield, junior guard, "Started about the last 20 games of the season last year," the coach said. "A great leader, can really penetrate to the basket and make things happen. A pretty good defender."

Injured much of last season, but looking for a healthy start in 2020-21, is Dillon Atwell, junior guard. "A good all-around player," Higgins said. "Can shoot it really well, can handle the ball really well. Can defend pretty good."

Elisha Brabson, junior wing, "started about 10 to 12 games last year," the coach said. "Good defender, great rebounder. Very unselfish player."

As for big men, 6-foot-4 senior post Jack Carasso "has great athleticism," Higgins said. "Good rebounder."

Also in the mix for lots of playing time, 6-foot-5 junior post Josiah Bradley "has great size, a great defender," the coach said.

Zain Zitawi, 6-foot-3 senior wing/post, "is a good shooter, good offensive player," Higgins said.

Ryan Neal, junior guard, "is a good defender, and has a really good jump shot," the coach said. "And a really good passer."

Brandon Cuevas, senior wing, "is a good shooter," Higgins said. Mason Motley, senior guard, "is a great kid." David Beaver, junior wing, "Brings great energy." Dallas Carbaugh, sophomore wing, "is a good offensive player and a great rebounder."

Also looking to contribute are Jake Bishop, senior wing, and Lucas Arnold, senior post.



Higgins

FHS Girls

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play in the post for Farragut, and Mayfield said she's done an admirable job inside for the Lady Admirals.

Other top returners for the Lady Ads include: Avery "Ace" Strickland (junior, guard); Macy Barnes (senior, guard); Keeleigh Rogers (junior, guard) and Ashlyn Sheridan (junior, guard/forward).

A key newcomer for FHS will be freshman guard Hannah Enderson. She enters high school after a stellar career at Farragut Middle School that included a county championship and back-to-back sectional tournament appearances.

"We have Hannah Enderson coming in and I think she can help us," Mayfield said.

Winning District 4-AAA won't be easy with the likes of Maryville, Bearden, William Blount and Heritage. "Our district is tough from top to bottom and with our schedule you've got to come ready to play every night," he said.

As for non-district games, "We're not afraid to schedule tough teams," Mayfield said. "With our schedule, they're not any nights off. Out of our district, we're going to play Science Hill and Oak Ridge."

Assistant coaches are Andy Arendt, Alex Munday and Madison Maples



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HAWKS

Lacking size, Hawks look to 'play hard'

By his own admission, Shane Wells isn't one to make long-term predictions.

But as a veteran high school basketball coach who begins his first season as Hardin Valley Academy's boys head coach, Wells has a season objective he'd like to see his team reach.

"I've never really been much of a goal setter," said Wells, who comes to HVA after a long tenure at Christian Academy of Knoxville. "But this year, I'd like to see us reach the region tournament.

"That means that we'll have to finish at least fourth in our district, and that's a good goal for us," he added.

That might be a tall order as the Hawks, who went 13-15 last season, play in District 4-AAA, one of the most competitive leagues in Tennessee that features the likes of 2019 Class AAA state champion Bearden plus Maryville, Knoxville West and Farragut.

Wells, a former coach at Lenoir City, is familiar with the district despite spending the last 12 years at CAK.

"The league is tough and I know that," the coach said. "It was tough when I was in it before."

Wells said he feels his team has some good shooters and good chemistry.

The Hawks, however, won't be very big. "We lost all of our size from last year," Wells said. "It all graduated."

Top returners for the Hawks include: Justin Sharp (senior, point guard); Tanner Grantham (senior, guard); Hudson Stokes (junior, guard); Jaelyn Pannell (junior, guard) and Dale Henley (junior, forward/center).

Key newcomers are Jake Hubbard (senior, guard) and Julian McCoy (junior, guard).



BOYS ROSTER

0	Tanner Grantham	G	Sr.
1	Justin Sharp	G	Sr.
2	Eli Stiles	G	Jr.
3	Hudson Stokes	G	Jr.
4	Ty Gentry	G	Jr.
5	Julian McCoy	G	Jr.
10	Jake Hubbard	F	Sr.
11	Jacob Green	F	Jr.
12	Nick Liakonis	G	Jr.
13	Jaelyn Pannell	G	Jr.
22	Jaylen Jones	F	Sr.
23	Caleb Smith	C	So.
32	Dale Henley	C	Jr.

Head Coach: Shane Wells
Assistant Coaches: Buddy Cruze, Eric Robertson, JP Buris, Ken Shipley, BJ Jarnagin
Manager: Jace Harrell
Trainer: Alyshia Teffeteller

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Hard work must replace experience for Lady Hawks

Jennifer Galloway is preparing to begin her 13th season as Hardin Valley Academy's girls basketball coach — the only head coach the young Lady Hawks program has ever had — in a rebuilding mode early in the year.

"We lost all five starters from last year's team," Galloway said. "With the group that has had the turnaround we've had, we definitely missed the summer (COVID-19 restrictions) as far as moving people around in different positions, seeing what offense works and seeing what kinds of things we can do on defense."

As far as expectations for the Lady Hawks, who went 11-16 last season, they're going to be fairly modest out of the gate.

"I feel like the team that you're going to see early will be a different team from the

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GIRLS ROSTER

3	Avery Laugherty	G Jr.	24	Callie Butler	P So.
11	Faith Johnson	G Jr.	30	Evelyn Hess	G Jr.
14	Lexi Hall	G So.	32	Gracie Waite	G Fr.
20	Ella Barrett	G Jr.	33	Emma Boekweg	P Sr.
21	Ana Morris	P Jr.	35	Maliaka Grice	P Sr.
22	Olivia Neely	G Jr.			

Head Coach: Jennifer Galloway; **Assistant Coaches:** Brianne McCroskey, Tiffany Cantrell, L.C. Wilson **Managers:** Olivia Rose, Emma Butler; **Trainer:** Alyshia Teffeteller



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one you're going to see later in the year," Galloway said. "And I can tell you that this group, the group I have, has already made some big improvements, and I'm so proud of the girls I have for the improvements that they've made.

"We'll see a lot of growth from the team we have now,

the one that will start the season, to the team we'll see when we play our last game," she added.

The coach noted her team's strengths thus far are "great leadership and we're all working hard.

"Our biggest area of concern is our lack of in-game experience," she added.

The Lady Hawks have only three returners who saw significant varsity playing time last season.

Those players include Evelyn Hess (a senior wing player who can play both shooting guard and small forward); Avery Laugherty (a junior guard and forward) and Emma Boekweg (a senior post player).

"I always expect my girls to play hard and I always expect my teams play defense," Galloway said.



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BULLDOGS



Depth, talent still a Bulldogs trait

As Jeremy Parrott begins his fourth season as Bearden High School's boys basketball head coach, he knows nothing can be taken for granted.

He thinks the Bulldogs have the depth and talent to win big, but like everybody else getting ready to tip off, Parrott and Bearden are facing uncertainty due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I've coached a lot of basketball teams and I've coached in a lot of basketball games and I'll coach more again in the years to come," Parrott said. "But my prayer is that these young men get the chance to play basketball, have a season and be young men."

"They get four years and that's it. It's not like college where you can redshirt and re-set," he added.

The Bulldogs enter the 2020-2021 season as defending Class AAA state champions, having won the title in 2018-2019. The virus shut down things before the Division I teams could complete their most recent respective state tournaments.

Bearden went through growing pains

BOYS ROSTER

0	Elijah Bredwood	G	JR
1	A.J. Pruitt	W	SR
2	Wyatt Shomaker	G	JR
3	Jon Attanasio	W	SR
4	Demias Munsey	G	SR
5	Izaiha Bredwood	G	SR
10	Jake Poole	G	SO
12	Hayden Treadwell	W	SR
13	Tyree Gibson	G	JR
23	Hayden Moseley	W	JR
24	Drew Brillhart	P	FR
33	Walker Kyle	P	JR

Head Coach: Jeremy Parrott

Asst. Coach: Tyler Place

Asst. Coach: Luke West

Athletic Trainer: Nicole Lichtenwalner

Asst. Coach: Eric Sandefur

Asst. Coach: Darren Higgins

Manager: Ross Goodson

Cheer Coach: Tricia Mancini,
Sarah Buchanan

Strong mix of experience, newcomers for BHS girls

As Justin Underwood prepares for his 10th season as head coach of the Bearden High School girls basketball team, he and his squad are facing some unknown variables.

"There are a lot of unknowns, but for our sake we're just trying to focus on what we can control," said Underwood, who guided Bearden to a 29-4 record in 2019-2020 and an appearance in the state sectional last season. "Our goals are to win the district, win the region and make it to the state tournament."

"We have to focus on getting better every day in practice. You never stay the same in basketball," he added. "You have to get better or you're going to get worse. We're excited to get back to playing basketball."

As they enter the season, the Lady Bulldogs have a mix of veterans, youthful experience and talented newcomers who will look to make their impact on one of Knoxville's most proud and tradition-rich basketball programs.

"We have some experience and we have a good mix of experience and some younger players who are looking forward to finding their place and getting the chance to

GIRLS ROSTER

2	Reagan Ruth	W	SR
3	Hannah Claire Stephens	W	JR
12	Zneyah McLaughlin	PG	SR
14	Brinley Murphy	W/P	SO
20	Lindsey Wilson	W	FR
23	Maddie Brillhart	W/P	JR
24	Jennifer Sullivan	PG/W	JR
30	Emily Gonzalez	PG/W	JR
32	Avery Treadwell	P	SO
40	Natalie Rice	P	SR

Head Coach: Justin Underwood

Assistant Coaches: Josh Suttles,
Cozette Gaspard

Book Keeper: Beth Underwood

show what they can bring to our program," Underwood said.

Top returners include: Zneyah McLaughlin (senior, guard); Emily Gonzalez (junior, guard/forward); Avery Treadwell

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early last year, and were bitten by the injury bug throughout the campaign. But after a slow start, the Bulldogs went 23-9 and compiled a District 4-AAA record of 12-2 before falling in overtime in the Region 2-AAA semifinals.

Bearden features a bevy of returning players who saw varsity time last year. Top players for the Bulldogs include: A.J. Pruitt (senior, guard/forward); Izaiha Bredwood (senior, guard); Hayden Treadwell (senior, forward); Elijah Bredwood (junior, guard); Walker Kyle (junior, forward/center); Demias Munsey (senior, guard); Hayden

Moseley (junior, forward/wing); Wyatt Shomaker (junior, guard); Jon Attancio (senior, guard/forward) and Jake Poole (sophomore, guard).

Parrott said his team's strength lies in its depth.

"We have enough depth and talent to push each other in practice," he said. "We'll have to shoot better than we did last year. We'll have to get our percentages up."

"We had injuries last year and we still won 23 games, and we lost in overtime in the region semifinals and we had a 12-2 conference record," Parrott added. "So we had a good year."

Assistant coaches are Tyler Place, Luke West, Eric Sandefur and Darren Higgins.

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(sophomore, center); Maddie Brillhart (junior, guard/forward); Reagan Ruth (senior, guard); Natalie Rice (senior, center) and Brinley Murphy (sophomore, forward).

Key newcomers are: Jennifer Sullivan (a junior guard who transferred from The King's Academy); Hannah Claire Stephens (junior, guard) and Lindsey Wilson (freshman, guard).

The coach said the team, due to the coronavirus pandemic, didn't have a chance to have summer workouts, and that

could be a minor cause for concern for the Lady Bulldogs and all other teams.

"Not having a summer, the timing and all the other things that coaches worry about may not be quite right," Underwood said.

"We play a tough schedule and we embrace the opportunity, and we look forward to playing in District 4-AAA and the challenges that that will bring," he added. "We'll have plenty of opportunities to be challenged. We look forward to getting out there and competing and showcasing what we can do."

Assistant coaches are Josh Suttles and Cozette Gaspard.

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"My expectation is that we show up and play hard and be competitive. I want us to compete," he added.

Because of COVID-19, the Hawks have had very little time to prepare for the 2020-2021 season.

"We didn't get a summer together and so we've only had about 10 or 12 practices to get ready for our first game," Wells said. "We're trying to install a new offense and we're trying to install a new system and these guys have a new coach."

Assistant coaches are Buddy Cruze, Eric Robertson, J.P. Buris, Ken Shipley and B.J. Jarnagin.

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WARRIORS



Smart, unselfish CAK returns many

Four starters are back for James Johnson, new Christian Academy of Knoxville varsity boys basketball head coach, off a 21-13 season in 2019-20.

"They are the best group of guys I have ever been around," said Johnson, who begins his 14th year as a high school coach, the fourth as a head coach. "They are just an incredibly high-character group."

"We are very unselfish and have a very high (basketball) IQ," he added.

However, "Our biggest concern, for sure, is our lack of size on the inside," Johnson said.

Sophomore Dante Oliver, 6-foot-4 point guard, "is a very smart player," the coach said. "... You can tell he's a coach's son, always making the right play."

Luke Carter, 5-foot-10 sophomore guard, "is an excellent finisher around the basket," Johnson said. "Shoots the ball well from three(-point range). And he's an elite on-ball defender."

Junior Jayden Housewright, a 6-foot-6

BOYS ROSTER

Griffin Parker	G/F	Sr.
Luke Jensen	F	Sr.
Whit Rhodes	F	Sr.
Matt Murray	G/F	Jr.
Jaleek Harrison	G	Jr.
Nathan Benton	G	Jr.
Jayden Housewright	F	Jr.
Denzel Jackson	G	Jr.
Chi McNeil-Harrison	F	Jr.
Dante Oliver	PG	So.
Luke Carter	G	So.
Evan Coffman	G	So.

Head Coach: James Johnson,

Young but more experienced CAK girls have 'big three'

Two young returning starters, plus another starter who missed practically all of last season due to hip surgery, make up the core of Christian Academy of Knoxville girls basketball for 2020-21.

Looking to lead a team that went 17-14 last season, reaching the opening round of

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GIRLS ROSTER

1	Cooper Britton	G	FR
2	Reese Campbell	G	SO
3	Campbell Ayres	G	SO
5	KB Carr	G	SR
10	Madi Manley	G	SO
11	Keira Leffew	SG	SO
12	Chatham Ibach	G	SO
14	Emma Carroll	G	SO
20	Cameron Castleberry	F	SR
22	Caroline Meyers	C	SR
23	Emily Wilson	PG	SO
30	Malerie Taylor	SF	FR
34	Zoie Bourgoyne	C	SO
42	Macaiah Harrison	SF	SO

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KNIGHTS

With size ahead, Knox Christian will be speedy

Incredible size, especially as judged by East Tennessee high school basketball standards, is on the way internationally for Knoxville Christian School's boys basketball team.

While four future Knights measuring 6-foot-6, 6-foot-7, 6-foot-8 and 7-feet are expected "sometime in January" according to Joey Brandenburg, the KCS head coach profiles the roster he'll play with for most of the season.

"This year we're going to have a lot of speed," Brandenburg said about his team looking to play up-tempo offensively.

Aside from the international players coming, "We're not very big, but we make up for it with our speed," the coach said. "We're going to play at a very fast pace.

"... The chemistry is really good, their (basketball) IQ is really good," he added. "Defensively, we're going to give people a lot of problems."

Two starters return: Noah Chapman, senior shooting guard, and Nate Harvey, senior point guard.

"Nate's strengths pretty much are his speed and his court awareness," Branden-

burg said. "Noah's strengths are his defense, he's a shutdown defender, and he'll probably be our leading scorer — I anticipate that this year."

New starters include sophomores Joseph O'Leary, a shooting guard, and Ja'Mel Yarbrough, a small forward.

"Joseph and Ja'Mel have lot of speed — that's the strengths of their game," Brandenburg said. "He and Ja'Mel Yarbrough will be shut-down defenders. They're going to be scorers on offense. ... Their finishes."

Jayden Fine, a 6-foot-6 senior post, is the other projected starter. "Jayden Fine's a leaper ... He's got a 36-, 37-(inch) vertical (leap)," the coach said. "He's an outside shooter. He can play anywhere from (shooting guard) to (post)."

Senior Tucker Duncan, a shooting guard, "is a really good three-point shooter and a great defender."

The bottom line: "These kids have worked hard and they're going to get it done," Brandenburg said.

Assistant coaches are Dylan Brandenburg and Shane Reed.



BOYS ROSTER

0	Joseph O'Leary	SO	13	Kiran Varma	SO
1	Noah Chapman	SR	14	Bennett Simerlein	FR
2	Jayden Fine	SR	21	Ja'Mel Yarbrough	SO
3	Nate Harvey	SR	22	Senay Wolday	JR
4	Lucas Grethler	SR	23	Can Eyding	SO
5	Tanner Milam	SR	30	Blake McNew	SO
10	Caleb Hamman	FR	Head Coach: Joey Brandenburg Assistant Coaches : Dylan Brandenburg, Shane Reed		
11	Ryan Haeberli	FR			
12	Tucker Duncan	SO			

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FIGHTING IRISH



Though defending state champs, Irish under radar?

Knoxville Catholic High School's boys basketball team closed the 2019-2020 season at the top. The Irish edged Briarcrest Christian School to win the Division II-A state championship.

It was the first state title in KCHS's rich hoops history.

Even after winning last year's title, long-time KCHS head coach Mike Hutchens said his squad — which lost just one player — may still come in under the radar.

"Last year, we kind of flew under the radar," said Hutchens, who has been the Irish's head coach for more than three decades. "We know that Christian Brothers will be strong out in Memphis.

"Since you're the defending champion, people are going to be after you. But everybody's probably picking Battle Ground Academy, Ensworth or Montgomery Bell Academy," he added.

Catholic, however, would have to be considered a favorite to repeat, although the lone Irish senior from last season, post player Akeem Odusipe, is now in the Southeastern Conference at Vanderbilt. But everyone else returns.

Top returners include: Brian "B.J." Edwards (a junior point guard who was the

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BOYS ROSTER

1	Blue Cain	G	So.
2	Sam Sompayrac	G	Sr.
3	Yesan Warren	G	So.
4	Presley Patterson	G	Jr.
5	Brian Edwards	G	Jr.
12	Luke Jessie	G	Jr.
14	Quincy Pannell	G	Fr.
21	Nick Renfree	F	Sr.
22	Landon Cox	F	Sr.
23	Caleb Asbaty	G	Fr.
24	Alex Doerger	F	Fr.
25	Jonathan Shaver	F	Fr.
32	Handje Tamba	C	Jr.

Coaches: Mike Hutchens,
Tony Scott, Geraud Hall



Talented youth for Mains with Knox Catholic girls

When the 2020-2021 high school basketball season begins, Travis Mains will officially take the reins of one of the area's most improved girls programs.

Mains, a former coach at Daniel Boone High School, was named head coach at Knoxville Catholic High School in the spring. He replaces Freeman Pinkney, who left after two years to take the head coaching job at First Baptist Academy in Powell.

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GIRLS ROSTER

0	Kahlia Lattimore	G	So.
1	Jazmin Williams	G	So.
3	Reagan Dodson	G	Jr.
5	Caroline Krueger	F/C	Fr.
11	Jeila Greenlee	G	Sr.
12	Ceci Pumariega	G/F	Jr.
15	Sharon Wilson	G	Fr.
20	Grayce Lane	G	So.
21	Kate Pettinger	G	So.
22	Jaya Jenkins	G	So.
23	Ella Renfree	F/C	Jr.
24	Sydney Mains	G/F	Fr.
25	Gigi Sompayrac	G	So.
32	Rebecca Deyo	F	Fr.

Coaches: Travis Mains, Missey Mains

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LIONS



Run, be physical is CCS boys plan

Though only one starter returns this season for Concord Christian School varsity boys basketball, "We had some players transfer last year that had to sit out, and they'll be eligible this year," second-year CCS boys head coach Mike Wilkins said.

Following a 10-12 season in 2019-20, "We have a heavy junior class this season," he added. "Our starting five will probably be one of our better starting fives" in program history. "We'll have heavy juniors and sophomores in our rotations."

As for team strengths, "Our transition game and our physicality," Wilkins said.

Although listing a handful of Lions as being good shooters, the CCS head coach said the team "is searching for a knock-down shooter."

"Last year we didn't shoot the three well at all," he added. "Obviously, in today's game the three-ball is really important."

"We worked on our perimeter shooting and our three-point shot over the summer."

The lone returning starter is Noah Gilder, a sophomore point guard/shoot-

BOYS ROSTER

Jose Rodriguez	Jr.
Jeremiah Fletcher	So.
Jacob Dunn	So.
Elijah Divine	Jr.
Noah Gilder	So.
Owen Prince	Sr.
Chase Morgan	Jr.
Caden Gheen	So.
Juan Rodriguez	Jr.
Will Morris	Jr.
Harry Pennoyer	Jr.

Head Coach: Michael Wilkins
Asst. Coach: Scott Graham,
 Jefferson Holt

Nucleus of five profiled for CCS Lady Lions

In terms of proving themselves so far in practice, Angel Allen, new Concord Christian School varsity girls head coach, has chosen five Lady Lions to profile for the 2020-21 season.

Three are projected starters.

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GIRLS ROSTER

0	Mackenzie Davis	Fr.
1	Lexi Esteppe	Fr.
3	Emily Norton	Fr.
4	Sydney Peterson	Jr.
5	Delaney Eagen	So.
10	Bryann Baxter	Fr.
12	Hope Arnold	Sr.
15	Maddie Starkey	So.
20	Raleigh Jack Walker	So.
23	Grace Davis	Jr.
25	Ashley Anderson	Fr.
30	Kylie Phillips	Jr.
32	Mady Sulish	So.

Head Coach: Angel Allen

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ing guard. "Noah had to step up big as a freshman last year," Wilkins said. "... He's a good ballhandler, good shooter and just an all-around good guard.

"This year, he'll have some pieces with him to help that transition be a little bit smoother."

Jose Rodriguez, junior point guard, "is a definite starter," the coach said.

Although a guard, "He's usually our leading rebounder," Wilkins added. "He can control the paint when needed. Sees the court really well. He'll also probably lead us in assists."

Other projected starters, the coach said, include junior Chase Morgan, a 6-foot-5 small forward/power forward. "He can step out and shoot the three or go down low and play the paint. He's got a good shot, good physicality."

Junior Juan Rodriguez, Jose's brother, also will play small forward/power forward

(6-foot-3). "He's a fast player, plays quick, a transition player," Wilkins said. "Rebounds the ball well."

Yet another junior, Will Morris, a shooting guard/small forward, "is a good shooter with a high basketball IQ," the coach said.

Manning the post is Harry Pennoyer, a 6-foot-5 junior. "Harry plays above the rim, and he's a physical player," Wilkins said. "He's got a pretty good mid-range jump shot."

Others looking to contribute include junior Elijah Devine, a shooting guard/small forward. "He's a good shooter, drives the ball well," the coach said.

Jacob Dunn, a sophomore, "Is a great athlete."

As for the Lions schedule, "It's really, really tough," Wilkins said, which includes hosting Knoxville Catholic, defending TSSAA Division II-AA state champ. "And then we're playing Hamilton Heights out of Chattanooga and Christ School out of Asheville" on top of a "tough district with Webb and CAK and all those teams."

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About Kylie Phillips, junior shooting guard, "I think this is going to be a great year for her," Allen said. "Last year she didn't have much of a scoring role on the team because of the two seniors that were on the team last year.

"But I think this year she's going to be a big, key player," the coach added. "She can score, she can facilitate, she can shoot the ball."

As for Mady Sulish, 5-foot-11 sophomore post, "I think she's going to be good inside for us," Allen said. "She's long, she can get offensive rebounds. She can shoot the ball well.

"I think this will be an opportunity for her to just grow and get better," the coach added.

Raleigh Jack Walker, a sophomore, "I think is going to get in there and have significant minutes," Allen said. "And she's going to have to score some points and re-

ally guard some good kids.

"She's going to be another key player who will be doing a lot of good things for us this year," the coach added. "Definitely one of my top three girls."

Among other Lady Lions in the mix for a starting role who will see significant playing time is Maddie Starkey, sophomore guard. "She's going to be doing a lot of different things for us. She's going to be a role player, she's going to hit the outside shot," Allen said. "She's going to be able to do what I ask; get out and guard people, a leader on the floor."

Ashley Anderson, freshman wing/post, "Has a lot of potential to do a lot of different things on the floor," the coach said. "She can be a guard, she can be a post player.

"She's got a lot of learning to do, but I think she can do a lot of damage on the inside."

Overall, "We shoot the ball pretty well," Allen said. "And our defense is getting a lot better. They're learning and starting to understand what I want them to do."



Concord Christian School is excited to be back on the court and welcomes new coaches: Angel Allen, High School Girls Head Coach, and Patrick Davis, Middle School Girls Head Coach.



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Fast-paced ballhandlers to rule for Norris, Webb

Overall guard play and shooting the basketball should be two huge strengths for Ricky Norris' Webb School of Knoxville boys basketball team — despite some key graduation losses for a team painfully close to repeating as Division II-A state champs last March.

With only two players more than 6 feet tall — 6-foot-2 and 6-foot-3 — the Spartans once again will look to run and gun offensively.

Being heavy on ball-handling guards and looking to “go as fast as we can play” pushing the ball upcourt, “There’s a chance we could start three point guards. ... We’ve got three legit, good high school point guards that will be on the floor at the same time,” Webb head coach Ricky Norris said. “I think our ability to pass the ball and limit turnovers should be strengths of ours.

“And I think we’ll be a really good shooting team,” he added.

However, “Understand it’s going to take awhile. We probably won’t be that good

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BOYS ROSTER

0	Jaylon Green	PG	Jr.
1	Luke Lentz	W	Jr.
2	Lukas Walls	W	So.
3	Brandon Winton	PG	Fr.
4	Markeis Barrett	W	Fr.
5	Owen Feld	W	Sr.
10	Caleb Tarwater	W	So.
11	David Sanger	W	Sr.
15	Devin Mixon	W	Jr.
24	Eli Vickers	W	Fr.
25	John Tolsma	W	So.

Head Coach: Ricky Norris

Assistant Coaches: Zach Gulmire, James Michel, Rashawn Rembert



Experienced yet small Webb looks to grow

With lots of experience returning, Shelley Collier is approaching the Webb School of Knoxville girls basketball season with cautious optimism.

“This year I expect us to compete, but I’m really hoping that my girls, especially my seniors, get to have a season,” she said.

However, “It’s going to look ugly when it

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GIRLS ROSTER

3	Emery Green	G	Sr.
5	Britney Collier	G	Sr.
33	Kristen Sampson	F	Sr.
2	Shae Berry	G	Jr.
11	Lily Hirsh	G	Jr.
15	Sheelove Knowles	G/F	Jr.
4	Madelyn Ladd	G/F	So.
10	Caitlyn Jenkins	G	So.
13	Hannah Bruce	G	So.
24	Ashley Douglas	C	So.
12	Maliyah Mixon	G	Fr.
14	Katelyn Overton	G	Fr.
21	Ann Baker Tolsma	F	Fr.
22	Sydney Stinson	G/F	Fr.
23	Alexis Houser	G	Fr.

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starts,” Collier added. “I’d say it’s probably going to be ugly for a lot of teams. We don’t have great size.

Madelyn Ladd, a sophomore who can play guard, forward and center, “is probably the biggest player of got,” the coach said.

In addition to having a veteran cast back, “We have some good girls coming up that had a great season in middle school last year, but there’s a big change and a big difference from middle school to high

school,” Collier said. “I look forward to coaching this team and watching it learn and watching it grow.

Webb features three seniors in Britney Collier, Kristen Sampson and Emery Green.

Britney is Shelley’s daughter, the fourth and last to come through her program at Webb. She’s a guard. Sampson is a forward. Green is also a guard.

Other key returners include: Madelyn Sheelove Knowles (junior, guard/forward); Shae Berry (junior, point guard) and Lily Hirsh (a junior guard who was an All-region standout on coach Sonny Trotter’s Lady Spartans soccer team).

KCHS Boys

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Most Valuable Player of the state tournament and has multiple Division I scholarship offers); Blue Cain (sophomore, guard); Sam Sompayrac (senior, guard); Presley Patterson (junior, guard); and Handje Tamba (a junior 7-foot center and a top college prospect).

“Tamba is continuing to get better. He’s only been playing basketball for four years,” Hutchens said. “B.J. is B.J., and Blue Cain has added 20 pounds of muscle.”

Other key players for the Irish this season include: Yesan Warren (sophomore, guard);

Quincy Pannell (freshman, guard); Nick Ren-free (senior, forward); Landon Cox (senior, forward); Caleb Asbaty (freshman, guard); Alex Doerger (a freshman post player who started for three years at Farragut Middle School); and Luke Jessie (junior, guard).

Catholic will again play a stacked schedule, and most of its opponents will be out-of-state and out-of-area powerhouse programs. Only Bearden, Oak Ridge and Christian Academy of Knoxville will tangle with the Irish on the hardwood from the area.

“We don’t have a lot of games in town,” Hutchens said. “I got Bearden, Oak Ridge and CAK to play us, but we’re going out of state.”



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Webb Boys

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early,” Norris said. “Maybe by the end of the year we can be competing to try and win some championships.”

Specifically, “Rebounding will be a topic of concern,” he said.

Starters returning are Jaylon Green, junior point guard, and David Sanger, 6-foot senior post/wing.

Projected starter Lukas Walls, a 6-foot-3 sophomore wing who was “first off the bench as a freshman” last season, “Will probably be our leading scorer,” Norris said. “... I look for him to have a breakout year.”

In fact, “I think he’s one of the better players in the area right now,” the coach added. “He’s really athletic.”

Green “played a role on the state championship team” in 2019 as a freshman, Norris said. “He brings quality experience. He’s played in a lot of big games and played with a lot of good players.”

However, “He’ll have to be one of those players we depend upon to be good every night,” the coach added. “... The older he gets, the more he becomes an extension of our coaching staff.”

Sanger “is a senior that’s used to winning. He’s a winning player,” Norris said. “He’s a lot of the reason we’ve been pretty good.”

“He was an elite three-point shooter last year,” the coach added. “We need him to

continue that.”

As the most experienced Spartan, “He’s got to take complete ownership of the rest of the guys,” Norris said of Sanger.

Meanwhile, three other Spartans “are in the mix to start” according to the coach.

Owen Feld, senior wing, “Was a productive player off the bench for us last year,” he said. “He’s an energy guy, does all the little things that we as coaches really cherish. He plays really hard and doesn’t have to have the ball in his hands to make an impact on the game.” As a transfer, junior wing Luke Lentz won’t be eligible “I think until early December,” Norris said. “When he does I imagine he’ll be one of our starters.

“He’s a point guard who can play off the ball,” the coach added. “I think he’s a big-time shooter that doesn’t get as much attention as some of the guys in the area just because he hasn’t had the opportunity yet.

“He’s got a chance to be as good a shooter as anybody around. He really competes, he’s the son of a coach. Really understands the game.”

Brandon Winton, freshman point guard, “is really a high-level decision maker,” Norris said. “A pass-first guy who can also score.

“He’s got a chance to be an outstanding player by the time he finishes at Webb,” the coach added.

Adding depth, John Tolsma, 6-foot-3 sophomore wing, “will provide some depth and also some length,” Norris said.

Junior Nathan Benton, a guard, “is an elite three-point shooter and one of the smartest players you’ll be around,” the coach said. “Does everything well on both sides of the floor.”

Junior Jaleek Harrison, a guard, “is very quick and strong. A slasher,” Johnson said. “Can get to the rim and score. Is excellent at finding teammates when he penetrates.”

Junior Matt Murray, a guard/forward, “is an excellent leader and one of the hardest workers you’ll see,” the coach said. “Does everything we need him to do to help the team win. Excellent defender. Finishes well around the room.”

Junior Chi McNeil-Harrison, a 6-foot-4 forward, “is very strong, athletic,” Johnson said. “A good rebounder and good defender.”

KCHS Girls

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The Lady Irish went 11-17 last year, and might have had a better year had freshman point guard Jazmin Williams not been injured late in the season against Greenville.

Williams, who had a triple-double in her first high school game last season, was an All-state standout for KCHS.

“This is a great job and that’s why I took it,” Mains said. “These are all great kids and they want to be coached and they want to learn. They play hard.”

The Lady Irish will be small this season, and therefore Catholic will be a guard-oriented team.

“We’re going to rely heavily on guard play, and one of our strengths will be our athleticism,” Mains said. “Our weakness will be rebounding. The big question for us is if we can rebound the ball.”

Mains said he expects Catholic to compete, but noted a tough schedule may make things rough early.

“With our schedule, things might be ugly early,” he said. “But we will be a different team in January and February than we will be in November.

CAK Girls

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the state tournament, are sophomores Emily Wilson, point guard, and Keira Leffew, a 5-foot-11 shooting guard — freshman starters last season — along with 6-foot senior post Caroline Meyers, who returns from hip surgery.

“Those three are big keys to us being successful,” CAK head coach Abby Williams said.

“Caroline brings a lot of energy,” the coach added. “She’s probably one of the most competitive players I’ve ever coached. She just has a personality about her that is just infectious and can spread to the team.

“She can be that vocal leader you need, someone to lift the team up. She brings a lot of spark and energy to our team.”

Williams said she expects Wilson “to be a leader on the court,” while Leffew “brings a lot of versatility. She can score and she’s extremely long, so she can create a lot of havoc on the defensive end getting blocks and steals.”

“The biggest thing for us was just getting things started, and it’s going to be fun watching these kids grow,” Mains added.

“Defending is going to be big for us.”

The Lady Irish will be young this season — no seniors on the roster. But they have some experienced players returning.

Top returners for the Lady Irish include: Williams (a sophomore and All-state point guard); Ella Renfree (junior, forward/center); Kate Pettinger (sophomore, guard); Grayce Lane (sophomore, shooting guard); Jaya Jenkins (sophomore, guard) and Reagan Dodson (junior, forward).

That group of savvy veterans will be joined by a talented crop of newcomers led by Jeila Greenlee, a senior guard who transferred from Science Hill High School in Johnson City.

Other key newcomers include freshmen Sydney Mains and Sharon Wilson.

Sydney, the head coach’s daughter and a top middle school player in the state last year,

was the Sectional Tournament Most Valuable Player in 2020.

Wilson had a stellar career at West Valley Middle School, a top program in Knox County.

About Cameron Castleberry, senior forward, “We’re excited to see what she brings to the table,” Williams said.

Zoie Bourgoynne, 5-foot-11 sophomore center, “Picked up a lot of key minutes for us” late last season, Williams said.

Chatham Ibach, sophomore guard, “Played some quality minutes for us last year,” the coach said. “She has the opportunity to bring some energy for us on the defensive end.”

Madi Manley, sophomore shooting guard, is a transfer from Oliver Springs High School.

Kara Beth Carr, senior guard, “has an opportunity to fill a position,” Williams said. “We’re looking for her to fill a role defensively and be a spark on that end and be able to guard some key players.”

Overall, “Size is a strength,” the coach said. “We definitely have a lot of length.

“And we have a lot more experience than we had last year,” Williams added. “We had a lot of young girls play a lot of minutes last year.”



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State Tournament Championship

2007, 2009, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2018



BOYS VARSITY

State Tournament Appearances

1984, 1985, 1990, 1995, 1998, 2006, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2019

State Tournament Runner-Up

2018

State Tournament Championship

2019

ADMIRALS

FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL 2020-21 SCHEDULE

Nov. 23-28.....	Admiral Thanksgiving Tourny	.....Home	Jan. 12.....	Maryville.....	.....Home
Dec. 4.....	West.....	.....Away	Jan. 15.....	Hardin Valley.....	.....Away
Dec. 8.....	Heritage.....	.....Home	Jan. 19.....	Heritage.....	.....Away
Dec. 11-12.....	TN Roundball Classic - at Science Hill		Jan. 22.....	West.....	.....Home
Dec. 15.....	William Blount*	.....Away	Jan. 26.....	William Blount.....	.....Home
Dec. 17.....	Cleveland.....	.....Home	Jan. 29.....	Bearden.....	.....Away
	Boys - South Doyle.....	.....Home	Feb. 2.....	Lenoir City.....	.....Away
Dec. 18.....	Oak Ridge.....	.....Home	Feb. 4.....	Fulton (SENIOR NIGHT).....	.....Home
Dec. 28, 29, 30.....	Christmas Tournament.....	Maryville	Feb. 5.....	Hardin Valley.....	.....Home
Jan. 5.....	Lenoir City.....	.....Home	Feb. 9.....	Maryville.....	.....Away
Jan. 9.....	Bearden.....	.....Home	Feb. 12.....	Central.....	.....Away

HAWKS

HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY 2020-21 SCHEDULE

Nov. 19.....	Oak Ridge.....	.....Away	Jan. 5.....	Powell.....	.....Home
Nov. 23.....	Campbell County.....	.....Powell	Jan. 8.....	Maryville.....	.....Home
Nov. 24.....	Campbell County.....	.....Powell	Jan. 12.....	Lenoir City.....	.....Away
Nov. 25.....	Kingston.....	.....Powell	Jan. 15.....	Farragut.....	.....Home
Dec. 1.....	Fulton.....	.....Home	Jan. 19.....	William Blount.....	.....Away
Dec. 4.....	Bearden.....	.....Away	Jan. 22.....	Bearden.....	.....Home
Dec. 8.....	William Blount.....	.....Home	Jan. 26.....	Heritage.....	.....Home
Dec. 10.....	Campbell County.....	.....Away	Jan. 29.....	West.....	.....Away
Dec. 11.....	West.....	.....Home	Feb. 2.....	Maryville.....	.....Away
Dec. 14.....	Heritage.....	.....Away	Feb. 5.....	Farragut.....	.....Away
Dec. 17.....	Karns.....	.....Home	Feb. 9.....	Lenoir City.....	.....Home
Dec. 21 - 23.....	Smoky Mtn Tournament.....	GPHS	Feb. 12.....	Clinton.....	.....Away
Jan. 4.....	Anderson County.....	.....Away			

BULLDOGS

BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL 2020-21 SCHEDULE

Nov. 19.....	Campbell County (Hoc).....	.....Away	Jan. 9.....	Mlk Jv Tournament Begins.....	.....Away
Nov. 21.....	2 Games Tba.....	.....Away	Jan. 9.....	Farragut.....	.....Away
Nov. 27-28.....	Heritage Thanksgiving Classic.....	.....Away	Jan. 12.....	Heritage.....	.....Home
Nov. 23-28.....	Sullivan East Classic.....	.....Away	Jan. 15.....	Knox West.....	.....Away
Dec. 1.....	Cleveland.....	.....Home	Jan. 16-17.....	Mlk Jv Tournament.....	.....Away
Dec. 4.....	Hardin Valley.....	.....Home	Jan. 19.....	Maryville.....	.....Home
Dec. 8.....	Maryville.....	.....Away	Jan. 22.....	Hardin Valley.....	.....Away
Dec. 10.....	Knox Catholic.....	.....Away	Jan. 26.....	Lenoir City.....	.....Away
Dec. 15.....	Lenoir City.....	.....Home	Jan. 29.....	Farragut.....	.....Home
Dec. 17-19.....	Arby's Ladies Holiday Tourney.....	.....Away	Feb. 2.....	William Blount.....	.....Home
Dec. 17-19.....	Titan Transfer Classic.....	.....Away	Feb. 5.....	Knox West.....	.....Home
Dec. 22.....	Alcoa.....	.....Home	Feb. 9.....	Heritage.....	.....Away
Dec. 29-30.....	State Farm Classic.....	.....Away	Feb. 11.....	Cleveland.....	.....Away
Jan. 5.....	Alcoa.....	.....Away	Feb. 12.....	Ooltewah.....	.....Home
Jan. 8.....	William Blount.....	.....Away			

WARRIORS

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE 2020-21 SCHEDULE

Nov. 19.....	White County (Hall of Fame).....	.....Away	Dec. 28.....	Lenoir City Christmas Tournament.....	.....Away
Nov. 20.....	Christ School of Asheville (HOF).....	.....Home	Dec. 28.....	Sevier Co Christmas Tournament.....	.....Away
Nov. 21.....	Farragut Hall of Fame Playday.....	.....Away	Jan. 2.....	Kings Academy*.....	.....Home
Nov. 23.....	Cleveland Play Day vs Cleveland.....	.....Away	Jan. 5.....	Grace*.....	.....Away
Nov. 24.....	Cleveland Play Day vs Walker Valley.....	.....Away	Jan. 8.....	Webb*.....	.....Away
Nov. 24.....	Concord Christian*.....	.....Away	Jan. 12.....	First Baptist Academy*.....	.....Away
Nov. 27.....	Union County Thanksgiving Tourny.....	.....Away	Jan. 14.....	Oliver Springs.....	.....Home
Nov. 30.....	Oliver Springs High School.....	.....Away	Jan. 15.....	Kings Academy*.....	.....Away
Dec. 4.....	East Hamilton.....	.....Away	Jan. 19.....	Concord Christian.....	.....Home
Dec. 5.....	Silverdale Baptist Academy.....	.....Away	Jan. 22.....	Webb*.....	.....Home
Dec. 8.....	Lakeway*.....	.....Home	Jan. 26.....	Grace*.....	.....Home
Dec. 11.....	First Baptist Academy*.....	.....Home	Jan. 29.....	Berean Christian*.....	.....Home
Dec. 12.....	Catholic.....	.....Away	Feb. 2.....	Lakeway*.....	.....Away
Dec. 14.....	Powell.....	.....Away	Feb. 5.....	Silverdale.....	.....Home

FIGHTING IRISH

KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2020-21 SCHEDULE

Nov. 19.....	Concord Christian.....	.....Away	Jan. 8.....	Cookeville.....	.....Away
Nov. 21.....	Hamilton Heights.....	.....Home	Jan. 12.....	Kings Academy.....	.....Home
Nov. 21.....	Lakeway (Girls).....	.....Away	Jan. 15.....	Chatt. Christian.....	.....Away
Nov. 24.....	Asheville Christian Academy.....	.....Home	Jan. 16.....	Bradley Central.....	.....Away
Nov. 28.....	Catholic Schools Classic.....	.....Away	Jan. 19.....	Asheville Christian Academy.....	.....Away
Dec. 3.....	Elizabethton.....	.....Home	Jan. 22.....	McCallie.....	.....Away
Dec. 5.....	Kings Academy.....	.....Away	Jan. 22.....	GPS.....	.....Away
Dec. 10.....	Bearden.....	.....Home	Jan. 26.....	Baylor.....	.....Home
Dec. 12.....	C.A.K.....	.....Home	Jan. 29-30.....	Dr. Pepper Classic.....	.....Away
Dec. 12.....	Volunteer.....	.....Away	Jan. 30.....	Elizabethton.....	.....Away
Dec. 16.....	Volunteer - Finals.....	.....Away	Feb. 5.....	Chatt. Christian.....	.....Home
Dec. 18.....	Cookeville.....	.....Home	Feb. 6.....	Oak Ridge.....	.....Away
Dec. 19.....	Christ School.....	.....Away	Feb. 12.....	McCallie.....	.....Home
Dec. 22.....	M.B.A.....	.....Away	Feb. 12.....	GPS.....	.....Home
Dec. 26-31.....	Arby's Classic.....	.....Away	Feb. 13.....	Bradley Central.....	.....Home
Jan. 8.....	Christ School.....	.....Home	Feb. 19.....	Baylor.....	.....Away

LIONS

CONCORD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2020-21 SCHEDULE

Nov. 16.....	Apostolic Christian School.....	.....HOME	Jan. 8.....	Lakeway Christian.....	.....HOME
Nov. 19.....	Catholic.....	.....HOME	Jan. 9.....	Webb.....	.....HOME
Nov. 20.....	Providence Academy.....	.....HOME	Jan. 12.....	Berean Christian.....	.....Away
Nov. 24.....	CAK.....	.....HOME	Jan. 15.....	First Baptist Academy.....	.....Away
Nov. 30.....	Webb.....	.....Away	Jan. 16.....	Oak Hill.....	.....Away
Dec. 3.....	Lakeway Christian.....	.....Away	Jan. 19.....	CAK.....	.....Away
Dec. 8.....	The King's Academy.....	.....HOME	Jan. 22.....	Apostolic Christian School.....	.....Away
Dec. 10.....	Grace Christian.....	.....HOME	Jan. 23.....	Christ School.....	.....Away
Dec. 11.....	Providence Academy.....	.....Away	Jan. 25.....	Apostolic Christian Academy.....	.....HOME
Dec. 15.....	Berean Christian.....	.....HOME	Jan. 28.....	Grace Christian.....	.....Away
Dec. 17.....	Faith Christian Academy.....	.....HOME	Jan. 29.....	Oak Hill Academy.....	.....HOME
Dec. 17-18.....	5 Star Prep Classic.....	@ Farragut HS	Feb. 2.....	First Baptist Academy.....	.....HOME
Dec. 19.....	Ambassadors.....	.....HOME	Feb. 4.....	The King's Academy.....	.....Away
Jan. 5.....	Hamilton Heights.....	.....HOME			

KNIGHTS

KNOXVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL 2020-21 SCHEDULE

Nov 12.....	New Faith Christian Academy.....	.....Home	Jan 5.....	Apostolic Knoxville.....	.....Home
Nov 17.....	Grainger County.....	.....Home	Jan 8.....	Lighthouse.....	.....Home
Nov 19.....	Hamilton Heights.....	.....Home	Jan 14.....	Liberty.....	.....Home
Nov 20.....	The King's Academy.....	.....Home	Jan 18.....	Hamilton Heights.....	.....Away
Dec 1.....	The King's Academy.....	.....Away	Jan 19.....	Union County High School.....	.....Away
Dec 3.....	New Faith Christian Academy.....	.....Away	Jan 22.....	TCPS.....	.....Home
Dec 4.....	Lighthouse.....	.....Away	Jan 25.....	Lenoir City High School.....	.....Away
Dec 7.....	Lenoir City High School.....	.....Home	Jan 26.....	CSTHEA.....	.....Away
Dec 11.....	Pigeon Forge High School.....	.....Home	Feb 5.....	Pigeon Forge.....	.....Away
Dec 14.....	Union County High School.....	.....Home	Feb 9.....	TCPS.....	.....Away
Dec 15.....	Apostolic Knoxville.....	.....Away	Feb 11.....	Liberty.....	.....Away
Dec 28-29.....	Harriman Christmas Tournament.....				

SPARTANS

WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE 2020-21 SCHEDULE

Nov. 19.....	Cleveland.....	.....Away	Dec. 28-30.....	Under Armour Classic @Cleveland HS	
Nov. 21.....	Oneida.....	@ Scott	Jan. 5.....	Alcoa.....	.....Away
Nov. 21.....	Clay County.....	@ Scott	Jan. 8.....	CAK.....	.....Home
Nov. 21.....	Scott County.....	.....Away	Jan. 9.....	Concord Christian.....	.....Away
Nov. 23-28.....	Farragut Thanksgiving.....	Farragut	Jan. 12.....	Lakeway Christian.....	.....Home
Nov. 30.....	Concord Christian.....	.....Home	Jan. 15.....	Grace Christian.....	.....Away
Dec. 1.....	First Baptist Academy.....	.....Away	Jan. 16.....	Christ School, NC.....	.....Away
Dec. 4.....	Kings Academy.....	.....Away	Jan. 19.....	Alcoa.....	.....Home
Dec. 8.....	Scott High.....	.....Home	Jan. 22.....	CAK.....	.....Away
Dec. 11.....	Sullivan East.....	@ Science Hill	Jan. 26.....	Kings Academy.....	.....Home
Dec. 12.....	Meigs County.....	@ Science Hill	Jan. 30.....	Grace.....	.....Home
Dec. 12.....	Tennessee High.....	@ Science Hill	Feb. 2.....	Berean Christian.....	.....Home
Dec. 18-19.....	5 Star Preps Doubleheader.....	Home	Feb. 5.....	Lakeway Christian.....	.....Away