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## YEAR *in* REVIEW



Looking back on the accomplishments, awards, challenges and controversies of the past 360-plus days.

Several events are recalled with photos and captions, while others are spelled out in story form. The review spans the entire front section, with current news also included on pages 2A-6A, which features Town Calendar and various holiday photos with captions. *All Year in Review photos are credited as file photos Year in Review compiled by Alan Sloan*



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# Year in Review: beauty in gowns, in deeds, in free speech

## STAFF REPORTS

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A look back at top stories in the Town of Farragut and immediate area — in photo and print form — from 2021:

**Biddle Farm Town Center**  
 • From early in the year, Farragut Board of Mayor and Aldermen began clearing the way for a town center on the Biddle Farm property, which included the old Kroger location near Kingston Pike and along Brooklawn Street.

Facing organized opposition from leaders of Farragut Citizens for Responsible Growth and Development, which met with roughly 135 citizens in attendance Sunday, Jan. 24, in Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza and hearing from group members in the Opinion page of farragutpress and on social media throughout most of the year — BOMA did not accept their plea to at least delay Biddle Farm approval until the public has “a better opportunity” to be heard concerning the matter. The Board vote to proceed was, in fact, 5-0.

“So what happened is the Town pushed through changes in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for that Mixed Use (Biddle) Town Center area,” Mike Wilson, FCFRGD co-founder, announced at the gathering. “And what that change essentially said is, ‘We intend that the only high-density residential area will be kind of in this area back here’ (pointing to) the Biddle Farm.”

By springtime, the old Kroger building was demolished as the future Biddle Farm property was being groomed for the Town Center.

### Another Center

• Meanwhile, an alternate Town Center was being proposed on roughly 60 acres fronting Kingston Pike about one mile west of Biddle Farms.

Familiar to many Town residents as the property of former Farragut Mayor Eddy Ford, where the original site for a Town Center was hatched in 2008 before a sharp economic downturn killed the proposal.

With Ford’s blessing, prominent developer/businessman Doug Horne — owner of Republic Newspapers, Inc., par-

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(Left) Lace and Glam Bridal model Morgan White, a University of Tennessee senior, shows a gown featuring a purple-gray hue at Shop Farragut/Farragut Business Alliance’s inaugural Farragut Bridal Fair, which took place in Farragut Community Center Sunday, April 18. (Above) Papa John’s employee Bob McGee gets a hug from Concord resident Lauren Beck Friday, May 7, after Beck presented him with a Thank You card, nearly \$900 in community donations and a gift pack from Buff City Soap for a kind act McGee performed earlier that week by noticing a low-air tire on her vehicle — possibly dangerous — and airing it up free of charge.



Perched above an estimated 135 Farragut citizens who attended this rally in Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza Sunday, Jan. 24, Michael Wilson, a founder and leader of Farragut Citizens For Responsible Growth & Development, looked to inspire citizens to ask questions and demand more time for public input concerning decisions by Town government for Farragut Town Center at Biddle Farms development before a critical BOMA vote on the matter Thursday, Jan. 28. The attempt failed — BOMA voted 5-0 to move ahead with the Center.



Evan Deucker joined fellow FHS seniors Brett Holloway, Garrett Brewer and Charlie Hobson to have their heads shaved if the school raised at least \$5,000 for American Cancer Society’s fight against breast cancer during PinkOut Football Senior Night in FHS’s Eddie Courtney Stadium Friday, Oct. 29.

## Town calendar

Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., will host Inaugural New Year’s at Noon celebration from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 31.

Families can get a head start on their New Year’s celebration with this mid-day event. Festivities include dancing, New Year’s Eve snacks and child-friendly bubbly drinks.

Cost is \$2 per child and free for adults.

Pre-registration is required. Register at townoffarragut.org/register.



A new motto has popped up in connection with Second Annual Farragut Health & Wellness Fair in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 8: “Lend A Hand, Save A Life”

How critical is this opportunity? “Did you know that each year nearly 350,000 people suffer cardiac arrest outside of a hospital and only 8 to 10 percent of cardiac arrest victims survive?” according to a press release from ActFast-CPR, which is hosting a CPR and AED class during the Fair from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

However, “When bystander CPR is performed before EMS arrives, survival rates increase 200,” the release added.

To register, those interested need to visit <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/5080B4CA5A623A5FE3-cprand> Class size is limited. Cost is \$40.

## KCSO reports

• Although farragutpress contacted Knox County Sheriff’s Office early Monday morning, Dec. 27, seeking a handful of its West Zone reports, as we do each week, none were received as of deadline at midnight, Tuesday morning, Dec. 28. We apologize for the omission and will do our best to have KCSO Reports published Jan. 5.



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**(Right)** Farragut volunteers TC Williams, left, (wife of Mayor Ron Williams) and Marianne McGill, center (one of the Town's seven founders), were among those treated during Volunteer Holiday Reception Monday, Dec. 20, in Farragut Community Center. Arleen Higginbotham, right, is Town administrative assistant for facility rentals. **(Above)** Pianist Melony Dodson's holiday tunes.

# Town's Volunteer Holiday Reception



**Photos by Michelle Hollenhead**  
Among the younger Town volunteers on hand were FHS students Kate Cho, left, and Nia Maheshwari.

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ent company of farragutpress — sought to revive this location as a Town Center.

However, BOMA ultimately shot down the plans of Horne and Ford — while the developer also failed to get approval for a senior living facility from the Board.

### Plaza Dedication

• With all BOMA and other top Town brass on hand in addition to family members of the late honoree, Dedication of Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza took place May 7.

### Virtue Road-Concord Road

• While Concord Road widening/improvements would continue until late November before finally being completed, Virtue Road was closed for major upgrades from early February until late fall — and then only partially opened for through traffic (closed at the roundabout at Brookmere subdivision about one mile south of Kingston Pike). Final completion is tentatively set for spring 2022.

### Farragut Pointe proposal

• Knox County officials, led by Mayor Glenn Jacobs, supported development of a 124-unit low-to-moderate income apartment complex — Farragut Pointe — adjacent to the east of Concord Hills subdivision along Loop Road just beyond Town limits.

This apartment proposal has faced serious pushback from Town leaders and John Schoonmaker, 5th District Knox County Commissioner, citing Loop Road is inadequate for such a housing complex. Construction was supposed to have begun in April.

### TopGolf makes it official

• Town leaders and TopGolf officials worked out plans for a TopGolf location along Outlet Drive, and by December build-

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## Year-Review: expansion, patriotism, teacher love



Knox County Government leaders joined elected representatives at the future \$24.2 million Northwest Sector elementary school site, 10515 Coward Mill Road, during its groundbreaking ceremony Friday morning, Sept. 10. Included were Susan Horn, second from left, 5th District BOE rep (includes Farragut schools); Betsy Henderson, third from right, 6th District BOE rep; and Terry Hill, second from right, 6th District County Commissioner.



Displaying his Stars and Stripes patriotism, Preston Martin, 2, enjoys a treat while watching the 2021 Farragut Independence Day Parade from the sidelines along Kingston Pike Saturday, July 3. Preston was among a few thousand who enjoyed the Parade's return after a year's absence due to COVID-19.



Ethan Helton holds a sign of support for former Farragut Primary School principal Gina Byrd just prior to a drive-by parade in her honor Wednesday, July 28.

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## Carriage ride time



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Concord residents Jill and Timothy Holder were among two dozen who participated in horse-drawn carriage rides Monday, Dec. 20, in Mayor Ralph McGill Plaza thanks to Town of Farragut and Valley View Horse and Carriage of Sevierville. The one-night-only event quickly sold out when it was initially planned Saturday, Dec. 11, but was rescheduled due to inclement weather.

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• Thank you so much for your dedication of the first two pages of the farragutpress (of a four-page Christmas “wrap” in our Dec. 23 issue) to the reason for Christmas.

### New Presstalk rules

- Effective with publication of the Nov. 11 issue of farragutpress, no names of any public figures or other persons will be allowed in a Presstalk submission.
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ing framework was well under way with a late spring to early summer 2022 projected opening.

**Overpass above Interstate?**  
• In addition to this unique golfing attraction, which also could include adjacent restaurants and a hotel, a proposal was hatched to examine the possibility of directly connecting Outlet Drive to Parkside Drive/ Turkey Creek with a special walking overpass above Interstate 40/75.

**Title IX softball lawsuit**  
• A parent of a Farragut High School softball player took FHS and Knox County Schools to federal court — and won — concerning what was characterized as a Title IX violation: facilities for the Lady Admirals program were not as advanced compared to those of the FHS Admirals baseball program located down the hill along Lendon Welch Way.

Although FHS baseball supporters and parents argued their facilities — locker rooms,

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## Year in Review: constructing films, futures, improved paths



Jeff Joslin, left, who played for famed football coach Ken Sparks as both a high school (Farragut) and college student/athlete (Carson-Newman University), produced “Sparks: The Ken Sparks Story,” which premiered Sunday, Sept. 19, as part of Knoxville Film Festival. Joslin’s son, Jeffrey Joslin, wrote the film’s music, while his daughter-in-law, Ciera Joslin, edited the film.



(Above) Closed to through traffic in February, Virtue Road remained at least partially closed to through traffic at the Brookmere roundabout by the end of 2021. This \$2.865 million reconstruction project, combined with the cost of upgrading McFee Park, around \$8 million, represented the Town of Farragut’s two biggest on-going projects during fiscal year 2021. (Left) Among the emotional scenes following Farragut High School’s graduation ceremony Sunday evening, June 6, at FHS, was Jenny McCarter hugging her son and grad, Ethan Atchley.



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## Year in Review 2021: high school sports

# State champions aplenty



Mason Collins, Farragut High School junior track & field standout, was Division I Large boys decathlon state champion as competed at Austin-Peay State University in Clarksville May 20-21.



Getting a big hug from head coach Marc Giles is HVA freshman Ella Murphey, which came moments after she won the girls wrestling 190-pound class state championship match Feb. 25 in Chattanooga, capping a perfect 15-0 rookie season.



Junior All-state forward Brinley Murphy, left, joins senior Andrea Adkins, in back, with "No. 1 fingers" among teammates celebrating the Bearden Lady SoccerDawgs winning the 2021 TSSAA Class AAA state title match, 3-1 versus Houston, Saturday, Oct. 30, in Chattanooga.

### STAFF REPORTS

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High School state champs for 2021 in the Farragut area are reviewed:

- **In Farragut if you talk about champions "going all the way" in 2021**, perhaps you should start with Nick Green's Farragut High School Lady Ads softball team.

Losing just two games all season, FHS won the program's second state championship, in Class AAA, in May in Murfreesboro.

- **When it comes to competitive high school running**, Bryan Brown twice collected state title hardware

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indoor batting cages, etc. — were paid for by fundraising and not by taxpayer dollars, a federal judge ordered upgrades of roughly \$1.5 million to FHS softball program facilities in April.

Beginning work in the summer, those facilities were well on their way toward completion by the end of 2021.

#### Anti-mask mandate/schools

- Susan Horn, 5th District Knox County Board of Education representative and former Board chair (district includes Farragut) and Betsy Henderson, 6th District rep (includes Hardin Valley), both voiced anti-mask mandate opinions for Knox County Schools.

Those opinions turned into critical votes in late summer, as the pair were two of five votes against the KCS mask mandate, a 5-4 vote seemingly killing the mandate.

But by late September, a federal judge reversed that decision and ordered a mask mandate for KCS. The resulting parent/student outcry came in the form of on-campus protests, most notably at Farragut High School in early fall.

#### Lafferty's 180 turn

- Only a week after being praised by fellow GOP colleagues in Tennessee General Assembly for his conservative principles, state Rep. Justin Lafferty (R-District 89, which includes Hardin Valley) made national headlines with controversial comments about the "Three-Fifths Compromise" concerning U.S. slaves, which he shared on the Assembly floor in early May.

#### Pete Rose at HVA

- Former Major League Baseball great Pete Rose, the all-time hits leader in MLB history, was guest speaker at Hardin Valley Academy Saturday, May 20. Rose highlighted the baseball program's banquet.

#### New elementary school?

- With overcrowding at Farragut Primary and Farragut

Intermediate schools, talk became widespread during the summer about the need for a new Town elementary school.

#### TDOT-Town at Watt Road

- Tennessee Department of Transportation officials and Town officials worked together to improve the intersection of Watt Road and Kingston Pike, construction of which began in the fall.

#### New event rules

- After an entertainment controversy where a singer allegedly performed in a manner not suitable for a family atmosphere during a LawnChair Series event in late summer, Town leaders came up with new requirements for event entertainment.

#### Williams lawsuit

- Citing their property rights are being violated, Farragut residents Steve Williams and his wife, Virginia "Ginny" Williams, filed suit in Knox County Circuit Court in October against the Town of Farragut and its Board of Mayor and Aldermen, asking a judge to review and intervene regarding a series of decisions made by BOMA and Farragut Municipal Planning Commission.

The couple is seeking what is required to subdivide their property along Evans Road into estate-sized lots, asking for an amendment to the Town's subdivision regulations. However, at issue is the Town's requirement for connectivity in neighborhoods with more than 30 dwelling units, and an initial suggestion that an area be reserved for a potential vehicular connection leading to the Williams property from the 113-acre tract where a new subdivision, The Grove at Boyd Station, is to be built.

#### Town grows by 900

- Farragut grew by about 900 residents, as compared with a special Farragut census taken in 2016, according to Town administrator David Smoak.

#### Lighting fears revisited

- Belleaire subdivision resi-

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# InMemoriam2021

• **Harold "Herky" Payne, 92**, a standout running back on the 1951 national champion Tennessee Vols Football team and solid second basemen on the 1951 national runner-up UT Baseball team, coached baseball (21 years) and football (two years) at Farragut High School. He died March 20.

• **Robert Lynn "Rob" Goebel, 50**, "known as a good guy with high standards for restaurant operations and food quality passions" as co-owner of Cazzy's Corner Grill in the

Northshore Town Center area, according to former colleague Rick Eldridge, had a special passion for deep-sea fishing. He died Jan. 24.

• Lifelong contributions to the cattle industry by the late **Lafayette Williams of Concord, 83**, who owned Riverview Family Farm along the banks of Fort Loudoun Lake in Concord, most recently included the Distinguished Service Award from Tennessee Cattlemen Association in March 2019. He died in September.



Herky Payne



Rob Goebel 1989



Mr. Williams



Mark Bialik



Joan McIntee

• Known for his tireless service to The Rotary Club of Farragut, **Mark Bialik, 61**, was a licensed professional engineer and president with GBS Engineering. He died June 18.

"It is rare to come across a

person that really exemplifies the Rotary 4-Way test," RCF member Noah Myers said.

• A registered nurse who was accomplished in more than 10 needle arts — while also an advice columnist/designer for

the internationally circulated "Women's Circle Crochet" magazine — **Joan Haines McIntee, 88**, was best known locally for decades of selfless service to The Rotary Club of Farragut. She died Dec. 15.

## Year-Review: Future HVA Hawks



Five future Hardin Valley Academy Hawks were among the Middle School Athletic Conference 8th-grade football teams and players on hand for the inaugural MAC 8th-Grade Media Day at Three Ridges Golf Course Aug. 6. From left are Hardin Valley Middle School 8th-grade players Brody Lamb, Josiah Fernandez, Jordan Gray, Kaleb Johnson and Jackson Brown.

## Y in R champs

in 2021. His boys cross country team won its second straight Class AAA state crown.

• **Brown's indoor boys track and field team earned a state championship** in February behind individual state crowns from Austin Rome in the 400-meter dash and Gavin English in the triple jump.

• **Hardin Valley's Unified track-field team**, a program praised statewide and nationally, won a third consecutive state championship in May.

• **HVA junior Sidnee Stanton was state champ in the triple jump** to help the Lady Hawks finish second in Division I Large girls track-field.

• **Bearden senior Christian Langlois was state champ** in the 200-meter dash and 100-yard during the Division I Large boys state meet.

• **Ethan Fulford of CAK won the Division II-A boys 110-hurdles and 300 hurdles.**

• **For a ninth consecutive year, Bearden High School's dance program captured a TSSAA State Championships.** The 2021-2022 team took top honors in Medium Varsity Pom in Murfreesboro.

The program has earned five national titles and 14 TSSAA state crowns since 2009.

• **For the third straight year of TSSAA Cheer & Dance competitions, Farragut High School's dance team** has earned two state championship honors, Small Varsity Jazz and Small Varsity Pom. The most recent, by the 2021-22 FHS team, came Saturday, Nov. 6, in Murfreesboro.

• **Webb School of Knoxville's boys soccer team finished a perfect 20-0-0** after capturing the Division II-A state crown in Murfreesboro by edging Franklin Grace Christian 1-0 May 27.

• **Knoxville Catholic girls volleyball** won the program's second state crown in Murfreesboro in October.

• **In tennis, Knoxville Catholic's girls earned a Division II-AA state title** May 26.

• **CAK eighth-grader Allie Faulkner beat Kai Wince of Lausanne 6-2, 6-2** for the Division II-A girls singles title.

• **Webb senior Lili Roth and junior Delaney Boone beat Brilee Davis and Addy Measley of USJ 6-3, 6-1** for the Division II-A girls doubles tennis title.

• **Helping lead Webb Spartans boys tennis** to a runner-up state finish were Division III-A doubles champs Alex Jurgens, a junior, and Wilder DeWhirst, a sophomore.

## Final news review

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dents revisited an issue with First Baptist Concord/Concord Christian School that it faced, in part, in the late 2000s.

With FBC/CCS proposed upgrades to include lighting on poles of up to 80 feet, residents spoke out beginning in early fall against the proposed installation of these lights.

Farragut Vice Mayor Louise Povlin said she uncovered legal documentation pertaining to an agreement in 2008 between FBC and nearby residents that she said stated, "All organized outdoor athletic activities will cease at sundown on the ball fields shown on the Long Range Property Utilization Plan (those shown just to the west of relocated Belleaire Drive); there would be no light-

ing or sound systems utilized for athletic activities on the ball fields described above."

## USS Farragut in Town

• During what became a roughly five-day stay in Farragut in mid-October, dozens of naval crewmen who served on any of the USS Farragut ships meet somewhere in the nation each year where there is some connection to the USS Farragut. In 2021 they chose the Town named after the famous 19th century Civil War hero and first commissioned admiral in the U.S. Navy, David Glasgow Farragut. They were recognized at halftime of the Farragut versus Bradley Central Bears high school football game at FHS Friday, Oct. 15.

**No. 2 'livability' in state**

• Town of Farragut ranked No. 2 in Tennessee, just behind Brentwood, as the most desir-

able place to live in the state.

Data analysis from Stacker, created a top 10 livability list, with Farragut's 25 miles of walking trails, a park in all four geographical sections, highly-ranked schools and no Town property tax among the positives cited.

## Town to get \$7 mil by '22

• In total, Farragut will be receiving a little more than \$7 million in American Rescue Plan Act funds, it was announced Nov. 11. Town administrator David Smoak reported Farragut's portion from a nationwide \$350 billion Congressional appropriation. Required uses include providing premium pay to essential workers and improving water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. Farragut received \$3,527,626 late in 2021. The rest will be disbursed in 2022, Smoak said.

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• Chancellor Donde Plowman has named four senior faculty members as the new class of Chancellor's Professors at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville: Ted Stank, Kevin Tomsovic, Robert Trigiano and Penny White. This designation honors extraordinary scholarly attainment in an individual discipline or field and a record of excellence in teaching and service to the university.

• Seven University of Tennessee, Knoxville, student businesses received cash prizes in the fall 2021 Graves Business Plan Competition. The event, hosted each semester by Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation in UT's Haslam College of Business, awards three level in the categories of growth and lifestyle.

First place in the growth category and \$5,000 went to FarmCare, the brainchild of Jennifer "Farmer Jen" Durant of Knoxville, a first-year graduate student in a dual-degree program leading to both an Masters of Business Administration and a master's in agriculture and resource economics degrees. Durant's idea is to offer childcare in a farm setting.

Terebinth Jewelry took first place and \$5,000 in the lifestyle category. Founder Caleb Ross, a senior aerospace engineering major with a minor in entrepreneurship, is from Lebanon, Tennessee. His jewelry line will offer different settings for one piece of jewelry, an idea that originated in an entrepreneurship class last spring.

# Farragut mother, son to open Reckless Hippie

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A Farragut mother and son have partnered to open Reckless Hippie Knox, a shop at 139 Brooklawn St. in the Kroger Marketplace shopping center, the former location of Elite Nails.

"I'm super excited for it," said Farragut High School Class of 2020 graduate Seth Scoggins, who is opening the business with his mother, Michele Scoggins.

"It's a huge opportunity for him," she said about Seth's role in the business. "In the next five years, he'll learn so much about business ... I think a lot of it just comes natural for him."

They expect the store to open Monday, Jan. 3, offering CBD products: oils, lotions, gummies and more.

"We've even got candles with hemp and CBD oil in them," Michele said. "Of course, we've got all the vapes. A lot of people vape it. We even have a flower that people can actually smoke that's actually got CBD in it."

"It just depends on how people want to ingest it. Most people who don't smoke like the oils and the lotions."

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Tammy Cheek

Sean and his mother, Michele Scoggins, are going into business with Reckless Hippie Knox, a shop at 139 Brooklawn St. in Kroger Marketplace shopping center, to provide the community with its CBD needs. The shop is expected to open Monday, Jan. 3.

# NHC's Rhoden CNA of the Year

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Celesta Rhoden, NHC Place Farragut certified nursing assistant, recently received an unexpected honor: named NHC's CNA of the Year for the Eastern region during the senior community's Christmas luncheon.

"I was humbled; I was grateful," she recalled about receiving the award. "I thought it was very nice ... it made me feel appreciated."

"I try to do a good job," Rhoden added. "I try to all my stuff the right way."

"I've just always enjoyed taking care of people."

Surprised by the award, Rhoden received roses and \$500.

"It made me feel real good," she added. "They gave me a lot of compliments, and everyone let me know how much they appreciated my work ethic. I got lots of hugs and congratulations."

While Rhoden has been at NHC Place Farragut since Jan. 5, 1999, she has been a CNA for 30 years.

"I love the people who work here," she said. "We have a lot of professional staff ... it's a job where you can move forward."

"I like everyone I work with," she added. "It takes a team of people you work with that runs the show."

As a CNA, Rhoden said she wants "everyone who does not feel good to feel worthy, to get better and to feel the best



Tammy Cheek

NHC Place Farragut certified nursing assistant Celesta Rhoden, center, received the CNA of the Year Award from NHC regional vice president Jay Nason and director of nursing Christina Morsdorf.

they can, to show the patients compassion for what they are going through and try to make their lives better."

Rhoden recalled she was inspired by her mother to become a CNA.

"My mom had taken care of

her parents at home," Rhoden said. "I went to CNA school right after high school. I was 18 years old."

"We always took care of our grandparents ... it's just always what I was used to doing," she added.



Tammy Cheek

Trish Nguyen, left, manager at Elite Nails, gives Mary Pat Clark a manicure Wednesday, Dec. 22, at the salon's new location, 157 Brooklawn St.

# Moving five doors down is Elite Nails under Nguyen

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When Elite Nails needed a bigger space, it only had to move five doors down in Kroger Marketplace.

Elite Nails, which had been at 139 Brooklawn St. for 11 years, moved to 157 Brooklawn St. on Oct. 15, according to Trish Nguyen, Elite Nails manager.

"It's a good place for a party," she added.

"We have plenty of chairs, and we have a lot of room in the back, so it's a good place for a party, for a wedding, rehearsal or a birthday party. We have food and drinks for people, families, if they want to come in for private (events)."

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# At a 95% win clip, FMS Ads in charge



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## Dominant in Coalfield tourney, Allen's boys improved to 19-1; 13-0 in league

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**COALFIELD** — Batting a sizzling .950 if translated into baseball terminology, Farragut Middle School's boys basketball team continued its red-hot play in the 2021 portion of its season a few days before Christmas.

Improving to 19-1 overall, while leading the Knox County Middle School Boys Basketball standings with a perfect 13-0 mark, Lynn Allen's Admirals were crowned champs of the 16-team Coalfield Christmas Tournament Tuesday, Dec. 21. Jefferson Middle School (Oak Ridge) was the championship game victim, as FMS dominated pretty much from the game's opening tip-off en route to a relatively easy 67-46 win.

So dominant, in fact, that one Admiral who doesn't start was named to the All-Tournament team, which was headlined by eighth-grade guard Parker Lane, named tourney MVP after

scoring a co-game-high 16 points versus Jefferson. FMS guard Daniel Lanning, also an All-Tournament choice, matched Parker with 16.

Beginning with a compliment to the opponent, "Jefferson is very-well coached, I respect their coach a lot," Allen said about Jefferson head coach Mike Murphy, whose team fell to 14-5.

"We're just thankful for the blessings the Lord has given us," Allen added. "We've got great kids. We work hard and get after it. ... We started well and competed well."

Admirals guard Britton Lewis scored 14, while post Will Dickens added 13 points and guard Zain Kureshi-Smith five. These three joined guard Ethan Farhat on the All-Tourney team. Matthew Dickens hit a three-point field goal.

However, "We gave up more lay-ups tonight than we probably have all year," Allen said. "We didn't shoot it well, we didn't defend well, but we hung in there. The tried to make a run, but we'd come down and make a bucket."

(Above) Alongside head coach Lynn Allen, left, and assistant coach Derek Wright, Farragut Middle School's boys basketball team was crowned Coalfield Christmas Tournament champs Tuesday night, Dec. 21.



Alan Sloan

Will Dickens, right, Farragut starting post player, battles a Jefferson Middle School (Oak Ridge) player for a loose ball during this championship game of the Coalfield Christmas Classic Tuesday night, Dec. 21. The Admirals won 67-46.

## 36-point win left Lady Lions at 6-4 through first 10

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Through its first 10 games, Concord Christian School's Lady Lions varsity basketball team enjoyed a 6-4 overall record following a 56-20 blistering of The Ambassadors Monday night, Dec. 21, at CCS.

In terms of offense in helping produce win No. 6, senior point guard Kylie Phillips led the Lady Lions in scoring with a game-high 16 points. Raleigh Jack Walker, junior wing, added 13 while junior Anistin Patterson scored 12.

Rounding out the Concord Christian scoring was eighth-grader Sheridan Patterson and M. Sulish with six points each, and sophomore forward Ashley Anderson scoring three.

"This team has battled through adversity in every way," Lady Lions head coach Denard Q. Bertram said. "Whether it be sickness, people quitting on them or injuries.

"They continue to grow and improve," the first-year CCS head coach added. "I've very excited about our team moving forward."



Bertram

## Playing hard, senior leadership cited as reasons for HVA girls hoop success

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Without a loss to begin this week — 8-0 overall — Hardin Valley Academy's girls' basketball head coach Jennifer Galloway said she has much to be pleased about.

"We've started off well," said Galloway, whose team is bouncing back after struggling for much of the 2020-21 season. "Our team chemistry is good right now.

"We've spent the first part of the season making sure we get all our sets and different defenses in," she added. "Now we're trying to fine-tune all of that."

Galloway also likes her girls' effort in practice.

"I think that's translating over to the ball-games," she said. "I think a lot of that (being undefeated) has to do with the fact that we're playing extremely hard."

While a number of younger HVA players have stepped up, Galloway also said she is pleased



Galloway

with the leadership of senior guards Faith Johnson and Avery Laugherty.

One area of concern is rebounding.

"Sometimes we're just watching. It's something we can improve on," said Galloway, who in her 14th season with the Lady Hawks is the only varsity head coach in program history.

### Lenoir City Classic

Up next for Galloway and her team is a trip to Lenoir City High School for Lenoir City Christmas Tournament.

Having opened tourney play versus the host LCHS Lady Panthers Tuesday morning, Dec. 28 (after deadline), then playing a team from Lafayette, Kentucky, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29 (also after deadline), Hardin Valley then faces Knoxville Carter beginning at noon, Thursday Dec. 30.

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## Tops '21: Marching Ads, Spirit of Valley

### Many highly competitive finishes for FHS band

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Farragut High School Marching Admirals Band met the band season with gusto following a season overwhelmed by the pandemic.

"I feel fantastic about our band's accomplishments this fall," said Kenneth L. Carrico III, FHS director of bands. "After the mess that was 2020, one would have thought that we could have had a dip in both quantity and quality without students. I mean it was even expected by some."

"And while we were a little smaller in total students from 2019 - 170 to 160 - the quality did not decline," he added. "In fact, it was stronger."

The band placed second in Class 4A in the Karns High



Photo courtesy of Susan Kohlstaete

Lots of success in fall competitions brought smiles for many 2021 Farragut High School Marching Admirals Band members.

School competition Sept. 25. It also tied for first place in Music Overall for the entire day and placed third in Overall Band for the entire day in that competition.

At the Hardin Valley competition, which took place Oct. 2-3, FHS's band placed second in Class 4A Prelims Performance, first place in Music Overall Prelims Performance,

made the finals performance block, was in Top 10 Scoring Bands of the Day, placed first in Percussion Overall in finals, placed second in Music Overall in finals and placed third Over-

all Band in the finals. At the Soddy Daisy competition, FHS placed second in Class 4A, placed first in Music

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### New ground of success plowed by HVA band

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Hardin Valley Academy's Spirit of the Valley Marching Band enjoyed a stellar year as it racked up wins at this year's competitions.

Among its wins were finishing 38th in the nation in the Bands of America Grand National Championships, with a record-high score for HVA and a regional finalist in BOA regional competition in Jacksonville, Alabama, on Oct. 16, and Johnson City on Oct. 30.

"Hardin Valley is the only Knox County school to have been named a regional finalist in Bands of America history - since the 1970s," HVA band director Alex Rector said.

"We scored an 81.35, which was the highest for Hardin Valley Academy at a BOA event (Nov. 11-13 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis)," he



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In full uniform during a special 2021 competitive season is Hardin Valley Academy's Spirit of the Valley Marching Band.

added. "(The band members) competed against roughly 100 of the best bands in the country from all over the nation."

"This is the first time Har-

din Valley has been named a regional finalist twice in the same season."

As a result, "We had a very successful competitive season

for sure," Rector said. "We are very proud of all their accomplishments this year, and the competitive success is an enjoyable byproduct of the high

standards they maintain in rehearsals.

"We don't often focus on

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# ‘Year of St. Joseph Award’ to Sophie

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As St. John Neumann Catholic School celebrated a special votive Mass Friday, Dec. 10, to commemorate the conclusion of the Year of St. Joseph, it also celebrated SJN eighth-grader Sophie Meyer, who earned Year of Saint Joseph Award for exhibiting the qualities of St. Joseph.

According to the Roman Catholic Diocese, the qualities are “beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous ...”

“We were delighted to choose a student who joined our school as a new seventh-grader in 2020,” said Stephanie Greiner, SJN Catholic Church and School director of communications and the pastor’s



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Sophie Meyer, St. John Neumann Catholic School eighth-grader, holds the Year of Saint Joseph Award she earned, as presented by Father Joe Reed, St. John Neumann Catholic Church pastor.

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# Giving Tree feeds 100 area families

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Farragut and surrounding communities came together in droves to provide 100 area families with a Christmas they otherwise might not have experienced through Project Giving Tree.

The annual joint effort by the parent-teacher organizations at Farragut Primary, Intermediate, Middle and High schools collected \$10,000 beyond its \$12,500 goal, long-time volunteer LeighAnna Colgrove said.

“Thanks to the generosity of our Farragut community, we’ve received over \$22,500 in monetary donations and gift cards,” she said. “The ad-



Photo submitted

Project Giving Tree team members include, from left, Mary Greene, Jessica Barksdale, Kelley Neal, LeighAnna Colgrove, Nikki Hickman, Kelly Hasan, and Jelena Browning. Not pictured is Christy Davis.

ditional funds allowed us to gift each family with more gift cards and to purchase special needs like coats and shoes.

“Early in our drive, Concord United Methodist Church donated \$50 per family as a Walmart card, for a total gift of

\$5,000,” Colgrove added. “The donations at the end were real-

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## Award

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administrative assistant. “She has been an incredible addition to our community. She is a quiet leader, humble — but at the same time strong and courageous.

“In addition to being an excellent student,” Greiner said Sophie was a big part of “the success of our varsity volleyball team, where she served as captain.” She is the daughter of Scott and Melissa Meyer.

“For this year of St. Joseph, we thought it a great opportunity to highlight one student who shares some of the traits of St. Joseph in their own way,” Father Joe Reed, SJN pastor, said. “The image we’ve chosen for this award represents the heart of St. Joseph.

“She is able to problem solve and adapt quickly. On the court and in the classroom, she has proven herself a hard worker ...,” the pastor added.

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# FDCC collects for Boys & Girls Club



Tammy Cheek

Caroline Inman, Fox Den Country Club membership director, presented toys and coats FDCC members collected to Boys & Girls Club of Tennessee Valley's Lake City club's representatives, Dariyon Vaughn, youth development professional, and Jay Hill, director, at the club, 12284 N. Fox Den Drive, Thursday, Dec. 17. The toy drive is an annual event for FDCC members.



Tammy Cheek

For the fifth consecutive year, FDCC and its members have made Christmas merry and bright, Caroline Inman, membership director, said. Members picked Boys & Girls Club for their annual Toy Drive, and "each year it is bigger and better. This year the drive benefited Lake City Club, where "the kids were so thankful and sweet." said Chrissy Hopson, FDCC assistant food and beverage director.

## Hippie

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"I also wanted to make it kind of a boutique, so I got some 100 percent hemp hats, bags and backpacks," she added. "It's just supporting that industry."

Regarding the shop's name, "when my son and I decided to do this, we wanted something catchy, and I was born in the '60s - I was not a hippie, but I was born in the hippie era," Michele said, adding she wanted a name that attracted "people's curiosity but also sounds cool."

"It passed my son's cool (test), she added. "He said out of all the ones we had, that was the (name) he liked the best."

"We're just so happy to be here. We started construction back in October. We had to wait for Elite Nails to get their place finished ... so we could move in."

While a customer in Elite Nails "getting my toes done, they had mentioned they were moving," she recalled. "I was thinking, 'this could be a perfect spot for our little store.'

"We've been searching for a place, and we live just two minutes from here," Michele added. "We've had a lot of clients (from her separate salon business), older ladies, who love CBD oil."

"They use it for their joints; they use it for sleep. It's a very healthy way to take care of yourself and not use prescription drugs, and everybody's trying to get away from prescription drugs."

As Seth has been a Type 1 diabetic since he was 6, the Scoggins family has experiences both with prescription drugs and CBD oil.

"(CBD oil) is just something that's helped me out with

stuff before and something I've learned a lot about," Seth said. "I figured (selling CBD oil) would be something I'd be pretty good at."

"It also is very good for anxiety," added Michele, who shared how she started having issues with anxieties after her mother died in a car accident years ago.

"We believe in this stuff."

While Michele grew up in Illinois, Seth grew up in Farragut.

"We've lived here since 1998," she said. "My husband and I are entrepreneurs ... We're getting (Seth) started in the entrepreneur (track) in an early age."

That opportunity came his senior year of high school. He had enrolled at Pellissippi State Community College but decided against attending while the college's classes were all online. The Scoggins found another outlet for Seth's talents: a retail business.

"My son has interest in (the CBD products)," she said. "He understands them, and my financial (consultant) said, 'This business is the latest trend. It's going to be big. It's growing every day.'"

And since Seth grew up in Farragut, "everybody knows him," the mom added. "He has lots of friends, and because of our businesses we have lots of friends."

"With all the walk-in traffic, we hope that we do well here."

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# 1st-place X 3 for Pride of the Den

**MICHELLE HOLLENHEAD**  
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Concord Christian School's band program recently concluded a very successful season.

During four fall competitions, CCS Pride of the Den Marching Band won three first-place overall awards; first place awards for Color Guard and Drum Major; two first-place percussion awards; and a division A/AA Overall Band Champion Award.

The group, comprised of both CCS students along with students from Christian Academy of Knoxville, River's Edge Homeschool and other area Christian communities, performed the show "Rooftops," which included selections from "Fiddler on the Roof," "A Million Dreams" and "Step-in-Time."

"We are excited to partner with these groups, which otherwise don't have a marching band opportunity, to represent CCS by 'Christ Centered Service' in the community, and 'being His Instrument' in East Tennessee," band director Natalie Renfroe said.

The group finished out the season by honoring veterans



Michelle Hollenhead

Concord Christian School's 2021 Pride of the Den Marching Band.

in the downtown Knoxville American Legion Veteran's Day Parade Nov. 11, then performed its final concert Monday, Dec. 13, with Christmas music.

Marching Lions members include CCS high school students Maddox Atkins, James Bryant, Bryant Bieler, Elizabeth DeTrana, Jeremy Harris, Emma Hart, Connor Hutton,

McKenna Korda, Jacob McClure, Nathan McClure, Owen McFall, Kara Lynn Noggle, Logan Plaag, Christian Quinlain, Nick Shine, Lincoln Shine and Drew Sloan.

CCS eighth-graders are Anna Hart, Joseph Martin, Jackson Krahl, Asia Thaller and Ian Young. Non-CCS students are Athena Lester, Lilly Mashburn, Jack McGee, Mat-

thew Scruggins, Gracia Tu, Allison Lamm, Kiera Webb, Connor Finley, Jacob Sutton and Miriam Barbour.

Additionally, the CCS Middle School Program gave a private, casual performance for the Adult Special Needs ministry Helping Hands by partnering with First Baptist Concord Nov. 15 and 16, Renfroe added.

## Marching Ads

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Overall for the entire day and placed second in Overall Band for the entire day.

At the Alcoa competition, FHS placed second in Class 4A, placed first in Drum Majors in Class 4A, placed first in Music Overall for the entire day and placed second for Overall Band for the entire day.

"The students worked so hard and understood that they could not take this fall marching season for granted," Carrico said. "It was a really special fall semester for these band students — and especially our senior students."

"While we did not win a competition this fall, we placed second or third overall at each competition out of at least 20 bands per competition," he added. "Out of around 90 bands this fall, only one beat us in the music caption."

"If there is one caption I prefer to win, its music. These students are amazing, and (fine arts teacher) Mrs. (Elizabeth) Gott and I are so proud of them."

Looking ahead, "We are very excited to see what the future holds for the Farragut Band program," Carrico said.

Drum majors are Samantha Garner, Olivia Layman and Mike Qi.

## Spirit of the Valley

From page 9A

competitive results, but it is definitely nice to see the students rewarded for their hard work," he added.

The band also won Grand Champion at Volunteer Classic at Heritage High School Oct. 23, earning top honors in Best Overall Band, Percussion, Color Guard and Drum Majors, Rector said.

The Spirit of the Valley also competed in the Karns Marching Invitational Sept. 25, where it won first place in its Class, 6A, with the Best Overall Percussion and Color Guard.

Unlike FHS and Concord Christian School band officials in their stories in this issue, Rector said he was unable to release individual names in regard to this HVA band story.

## Giving Tree

From page 10A

ly all community donors, most families \$25-\$50, some more."

Volunteers helped with distribution Friday, Dec. 9, at FPS, where families picked up their gift, gift cards and food boxes.

"We served over 100 families and 250-plus children," Colgrove said. "We would like to

thank all our donors, private shoppers and community partners, including Compassion Ministries, for food boxes; Farragut Dugout Club, FHS National Spanish Honor Society, FHS Student Government Association, Northshore Elementary School for collecting donations at their holiday concert series, PrintEdge, Shepherd of Hope pantry, Sierra Pacific

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## 'Twas the Night with no Parents

Parents of 15 children took advantage of some free time, courtesy of Town of Farragut Parks & Recreation Department, while their children enjoyed activities at Twas the Night With No Parents Friday evening, Dec. 17, in Farragut Community Center, 239 Jamestowne Blvd.

The children started their evening with pizza and a movie, continued with a “snow fight” in the gymnasium and concluded with making crafts and playing Mario Nintendo games.

Meanwhile, parents had an opportunity to shop for Christmas gifts, prepare for the holidays or just relax, Town Parks and Athletics coordinator Lauren Cox said.



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From left, Weston Ebnet, 12; Daniel Aten, 10; and Isaac Ebnet, 9



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Henry Aten, 6



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From left, Lauren Cox with Layla McDill and Christine Daniel



From left, Amelia Stiles, Lillian Boitnotte, Weston Ebnet, Daniel Aten and Henry Aten



Weston Ebnet, 12



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Nathan Holcolmb, 9, and sister, Piper, 5