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Phil Ellis hired as head varsity volleyball coach

The Beth Haven volleyball team has filled their vacant head coaching position, hiring Middle School Coach Phil Ellis to take over the program for Charla Glover. Ellis sat down with Duncan Barber Friday September 12 to discuss his plans for the future of the team.

By Duncan Barber
Staff Writer

Duncan Barber: What were you doing before you took the head coaching job at the varsity level?

Phil Ellis: I was an assistant one year when my oldest daughter was here. I also coached middle school for three years. Now, I have the varsity team this year.

DB: Was there anything you were excited for in your first year as head

coach?

PE: It's just something new with new players. I like trying to teach the game to the inexperienced ones. Some of them don't know a whole lot, so I go more into depth than the other coach did.

DB: Is there a big difference between the middle school and varsity level?

PE: Yeah, there is because of the

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Greg Waddell / Beth Haven

Phil Ellis took over the head coaching job at Beth Haven after manning the helm of the middle school program.

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New Beginnings

Welcome to 2015, Bearcats. Many new things are going on at Beth Haven this year. One of them being the Editor-in-Chief for Yearbook/Journalism. That would be me, Bryanna Brown. I'm happy to be a part of this school and this

class. Our team is going to be doing their best putting together the yearbook this year. If you have an idea for the yearbook, be sure to let us know by emailing us at bethhavennewsletter@gmail.com.

Tell us what you would or would not like to see. Your feedback as the readers is what helps us make it better. We are also

doing this monthly newsletter to keep you all updated on what is going on around the school and the community. With all the technology usage today, our class this year will also look into expanding its presence on social media. Students should be updated online and offline.

Good luck on the rest of your year!



Anna Brown
Editor-in-Chief



Channing Ables / Beth Haven

The fourth grade class puts on a show for the audience during Grandparents' Day on Sept. 8.

Grandparents' Day has rich history

By Brandon Borgelt
Staff Writer

The first day of September is commonly known as a day of recognition for grandparents. It was started in Oak Hill, West Virginia, by an elderly woman, Marian McQuade, who was recognized by the Senate and President Carter in 1978. She had 15 children, 43 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and a great grandchild.

She wanted grandparents day to be a day of gratitude and family reunions. Though some people claim that Grandparents Day was started by someone else, Hermine Beckett. Allegedly Beckett was recognizing senior citizens in 1961.

At Beth Haven, both grandparents and students loved the day. The students enjoyed it because of a few moments spent with loved ones, while the senior citizens were glad they can be appreciated for the years and years of wisdom.

Grandparents Day is global, it's celebrated in several countries. In Canada, it was started in 1995. In Estonia, Italy, and France, it was newly began in 2005. Grandparents Day will always be remembered and celebrated throughout history and daily lives. I'm sure grandparents and children alike love this day, and it should be carried on.

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STUDENT REVIVAL

Students spend time praising the Lord during revival week

By Mason Harrison
News Editor

During the three day student revival Sept. 9-12, three preachers were selected to join for an attempt at a school-wide change. One, Mr. Sean Kelly, happened to be the husband of one of our former teachers, Mrs. Anita Kelly.

The services went off without many hitches, and though short, they contained powerful messages. There were multiple times when a glance around the room revealed how some people were genuinely moved — some cried, others were silent — but without knowing anyone's heart, all one can do is hope it did good. It looks like it might have.



Katelyn Elmore / Beth Haven
Pastor Sean Kelly speaks to Beth Haven students during the first day

"The time spent in helped our days," Senior Mason Harrison said, "and with luck will continue to change our year. This is the year that we have, and hopefully we do what God wants from us with it-but it's up to us. I hope everyone took something from the chapel services, and made choices for God."

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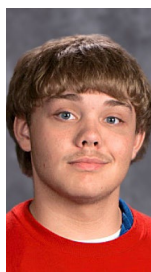
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Upcoming Events!

As compiled by Greg Waddell

- Jan. 19-23 — Boys' and girls' "All A" 6th Region Tournament

- Jan. 22— Volleyball fundraiser at Mark's Feedstore.
- Jan. 24—Boys' Bball at Riverside Christian. JV—2 p.m.; V—3:15 p.m



All 'A' State Golf Tournament

Davis falls just short in All 'A'

Wet course in state tournament leads to early exit for Beth Haven senior golfer at Eagles' Nest Country Club.

By Gavyn Duncan
Staff Writer

As the rain comes down in everyday situations, we have struggles- this is no different for golfers. Senior Logan Davis had a serious struggle on Saturday, September 6 as he shot 101 in the All 'A' State Golf Tournament at Eagles Nest Country Club in Somerset, Ky. On a regular day at Eagles Nest, he would normally shoot a 89. The par set is 72.

“(The rain) was a huge fac-

tor,” Davis said. “It added a bunch of strokes. It was a bad round but a good achievement.”

But a wet course wasn't the only factor as Eagles Nest is a tough round on even a dry day, Davis said.

Off the first tee box, his shot wasn't flying straight. And things didn't get any better the closer he got to the green as the short game was difficult as well.

His best hole came on the front nine as he birdied a par 5. He came off the tee with a straight drive, he used a six iron close to the green. And finished by chipping his way within six foot of the hole and making the putt.

Still, not all was bad for Davis as he was the first golfer to play in two consecutive state golf tournaments. Davis said his time playing golf was a success. Once in college, he isn't pursuing golf though; he is choosing to focus on baseball. He has received interest from Transylvania University, and Hanover for golf but has decided pass them up in favor of his dreams on the diamond.

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Greg Waddell / Beth Haven

Senior Logan Davis has to chip out of the deep rough during a recent match at Sun Valley Golf Course.

All 'A' Regional Volleyball

Bearcats smash Shawnee in All 'A'

By Kyle Hampton
Sports Editor

On August 25-26 the Beth Haven Varsity Volleyball team participated on the 6th Region All "A" Classic. This tournament consisted of two games for the bearcats. The first game was played against Shawnee High School. This was a two out of three match. The Bearcats rolled through the first set with a 25 to 7 victory over Shawnee. The second set was also won by the

Bearcats with a 25-12 victory. The Bearcats then advanced in the tournament while Shawnee was sent home.

The next day, August 26, Beth Haven played Holy Cross in the All "A" Classic. This was also a best two out of three match. The first set Beth Haven suffered through a long 25-5 loss against the Cougars. The next set was played a little bit better by the Bearcats, but it still wasn't enough to pull off a

win. Holy Cross won the second set with a 25-8 victory over the Bearcats. Holy Cross would then advance to be the 6th Region All "A" Championship, while Beth Haven received runner-up in this tournament out of four teams.

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Greg Waddell / Beth Haven

The team takes a minute to pray before taking the floor against Shawnee in the first round of the All 'A' Classic at Presentation.



Greg Waddell/Beth Haven

Volleyball Head Coach Phil Ellis talks to the team during a timeout of the KCD game.

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age difference and the skill level is a lot higher.

DB: Is there any goals you have for the team this year?

PE: I'd like for us to win the KCAC State Tournament and finish in the top two of our district so we can make it to the Regional Tournament. The Regional tournament will be hard to get out of because of Mercy and they're ranked top 10 in the country. We can do well in the KCAC because it's other small Christian schools.

DB: What do you love about coaching?

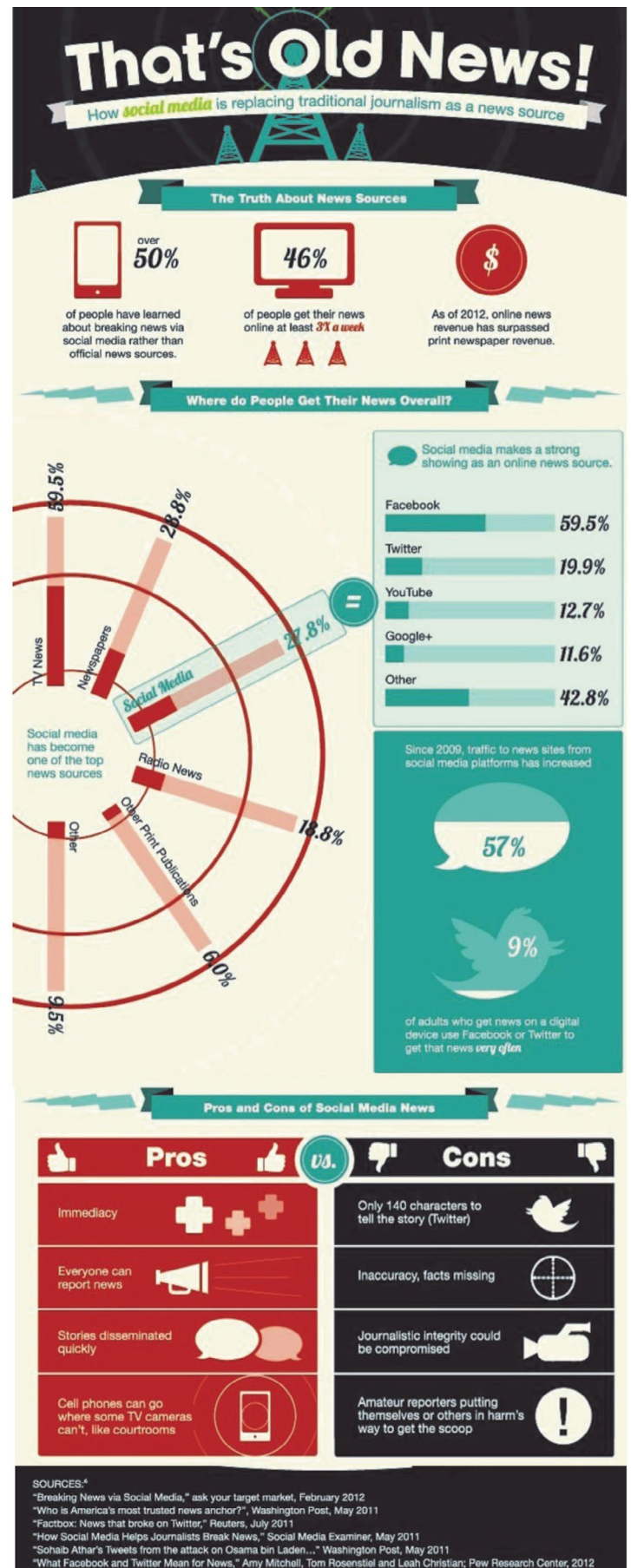
PE: I love the teaching part and being around the girls and

trying to not only help them as far as volleyball skills go but also teach them how to be a better Christian. The most important thing is how you are with the Lord. I like teaching the volleyball aspect but I also like trying to make them better people.

DB: Are you the type of coach that gets into the games?

PE: I'm very intense and I get into it. I have a passion for volleyball and I like to put out our best effort even though sometimes that doesn't happen. You can ask any of the girls and they'll tell you I'm an intense coach.

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The Journalism Program will attempt to bridge that gap this year so stay tuned as we try new and fun ways to keep you engaged in what's going on at Beth Haven.

Remembering

The passing of a beloved teacher leaves a hole at the center

MISTER EL-FARRAH

of Beth Haven



THE RANSOM OF EMILY JANE Mr. El-Farah, far left, poses with the crew of *The Ransom of Emily Jane*, a drama production put on by the students of Beth Haven last spring.

**"IT WAS HEART
BREAKING..."**

*Junior Katelyn Elmore
reminisces on Mr.
El-Farah, his impact, and
where we go from here*

NABEEL EL-FARRAH

**Channing Ables and
Katelyn Elmore**

Features Editor

Abraham Nabeel El-Farah passed away October 4, 2014 of a severe heart attack. Anyone who knew Mr. El-Farah could tell you that he was just full of life and so energetic. His energy showed when he was on the stage worshipping God. When he was playing the drums, he put everything into it. At times, he would be sweating and beating the drum so hard that it looked like he might fall over.

He was passionate about everything he did. Whether it was in the classroom teaching, on the stage singing and drumming, or directing the play he gave it his all. I remember last year during Drama he wasn't feeling well, but he stayed until we were finished practicing the play. It turns out that he had a kidney stone. When he got back to school, he got right back into the swing of things despite not feeling very good. Many people overuse the phrase "live life to the fullest", but I definitely think that he did.

As a Christian, he shared his faith to anyone he could in the hopes that they would accept Jesus as their personal Lord and savior. Knowing that he was going to heaven, he wanted to make sure that he would see everyone there. He was one of the funniest people you would ever meet. Sometimes you would just laugh because he was laughing; you didn't even have to know what he was laughing at. His laughter was contagious. We could spend the whole class period laughing over the silliest things. He absolutely adored his wife, Rachel, and daughter, Sophia. He had

the best stories about his dad and the Middle East. Many students have funny stories about him and the things that he did. He was special to us all.

Gabby Ellis, 8th Grader

"The one thing I do remember about Mr. El-Farah is 6th grade homeroom. First, when we had orientation, we had to stay after, and Mrs. Pace and Mr. El-Farah were there. Mrs. Pace said, 'Now, don't he look scary?' and all of us were like, 'Yeahhhh.' She told us that we were wrong, because he was just a big ole teddy bear. At the time I didn't believe her, but, trust me, he was.

Mr. El-Farah was one of the best teachers I ever had, well, in fact, the best. We would always come in, in the morning and we would always sing and dance. He would always do his weird dance moves, but somehow he always made them look good. Mr. El-Farah had a great sense of humor.

One day we were sitting in class and he was going on about how great George Washington was, but then all of a sudden he started crying and you could see it in his eyes that he was truly grateful for his country and life. You never knew when he was going to laugh or scream at you, when he gave you this look. He could always brighten my day with one sentence. Mr. El-Farah could have pulled you into the most boring story you would ever hear but it would still be interesting, because of the way he told it. We can all agree that he was a great guy. Do we ever think about how great he served God and how proud God most have been? Mr. El-farah was one of the greatest servants of God I have ever known.



Courtesy of Lifetouch Nabeel El-Farah was a beloved member of the faculty at Beth Haven.

He had a great impact on my life and many others. During his service, Pastor Bowden said, 'I think heaven has gotten a whole lot louder and earth got a whole lot quieter.' Mr. El-farah will always be in our memory and in our hearts."

Jessah Holsapple, 10th Grader

"When I was a freshman, for first period, I had world history with Mr. El-Farah. He always loved history so much and he made me love it, too. Right from the start, I was his favorite student, in that class, and he was my favorite teacher. He told amazing stories and always made us laugh. He was a very creative man and always made things fun. We learned about the medieval times and we were each given a role to play. We battled with ping pong balls."

Olivia Gahan, 10th Grader

"My favorite memory with Mr. El-Farah was

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KATELYN ELMORE

My favorite memory of Mr. El-Farah...

I can't narrow it down to one favorite memory, so I'm just going to talk about how much he meant to me. Mr. El-Farah would always know how to make me laugh if I was in a bad mood. He would always call me "Elmo" in one of his many funny accents. He is one of the only people that I think has really believed in me when it comes to acting, singing, and academics.

When we were practicing for the play, he would always push me, because he knew that I could do better than I was practicing. When Taylor Stewart and I would come to him with an idea for a skit to do in chapel, he was always on board. He really wanted chapel to be the students. He let us pick the songs that we wanted to do for chapel and always respected our opinions. Mr. El-Farah treated us with respect and always made us feel like we mattered. He

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Memory

saw potential in everyone; even if we didn't see potential in ourselves. I know that he cared about how the students were doing.

The students could always talk to him, and he would give you advice. He wanted all of us to succeed in our lives. He was always honest and straightforward with us, letting us know what was going on.

When I got the news that he had passed away, I just couldn't believe it. How could someone so full of life be gone suddenly? It was heart breaking knowing you'll never be in his class again. I was talking to him the week before, and I told him that he needed to be planning on going to senior trip with my class. I had told him that I was going to help him out with the play this year. I considered him like my mentor, and now he's gone. It is comforting knowing that he is in heaven though. He was a great teacher. I will certainly miss him, and so will everyone else.

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El-Farrah

when he went with us on our trip to Washington D.C. He knew everything about everything, so he made the trip awesome. He also took us on a dance cruise one of the nights. It was the best week ever."

John Mattingly, Middle School Teacher

"What can I say that has not already been said? It's hard to describe someone who was a total force of nature. So who was he to me? He was a guy who smiled a lot, he sang all the time, had an encyclopedic knowledge of every movie ever made, and had the ability to pull a quote from these movies to fit any situation. He played the piano well and played the drums like a mad man. I still can't listen to hand drums without sadness. He also loved jokes. If you got him laughing he couldn't stop, but if you made him mad, well, we know about that.

He loved his family and kept his daughter's name secret for nine months and was the largest man I have ever seen do a toe touch. He was addicted to Zaxby's, drank his coke with no ice (ever) and buttered his corn with his toast. He hated speaking in chapel but always saw students come to know Christ when he did. He loved the movies *South Pacific*, *Newsies*, and well anything where people danced more than they talked. He loved Hatti and his people, loved teaching history and Bible, was proud of his Palestinian heritage, could stretch a two sentence question into a forty-five minute answer.

This list could last pages. I could tell stories for days about things that we did and said - school plays, chapel songs, why a McDonalds coke is not a drink but a life experience - but I think that the one thing that means most to me about Nabeel, is something that I could have said with four words, words that mean as much as every word I said above: "He was my friend." Those four words are everything to me. And I will let them speak for themselves."

Diana Cahill, Head of School

"Mr. El-Farrah gained my respect many times over with his dedication to any task put before him. His was always passionate-whether he was planning the trip to Washington, D.C., leading worship for Chapel, playing in the staff vs seniors volleyball game, talking about his family, or teaching his classes. His heart was in everything he did. Just like everyone else, I have many memories of Mr. El-Farrah that make me smile. I appreciated his sense of humor, his stories, and his encouragement. However, I admire the testimony of his life the most. His character showed his love for Christ and should be an example to each of us. I am honored to say that Mr. El-Farrah was my friend."

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GET TO KNOW MS. VINCENT

Senior Kara Sullivan sat down with Ms. Vincent to discuss her first year at Beth Haven.

Kara Sullivan: What made you come to Beth Haven?

Ms. Kacie Vincent: Because I have family here and love Beth Haven.

KS: What do you like about Beth Haven?

KV: It's small, and everyone here feels like a big family.

KS: What is your favorite class to teach?

KC: Elementary Art.

KS: What's different about Beth Haven since you went here?

KC: It's a lot smaller, and all of the teachers are different.

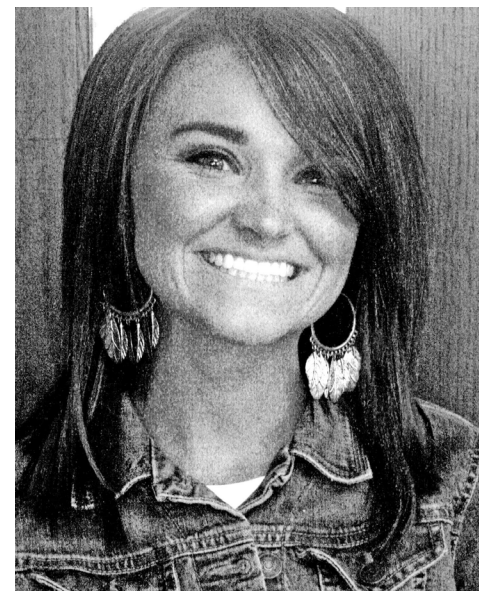
KS: You played softball in college, right? What position did you play?

KC: I played centerfield.

"(I enjoyed playing softball in college because) I stayed in really good shape, I had a lot of friends, and it kept me busy."

KS: What did you enjoy the most about playing softball?

KV: I stayed in really good shape, I had a lot of good friends, and it kept me busy.



GET TO KNOW MR. TRIPLETT

Senior Abby Thornhill sat down with Mr. Josh Triplett to discuss his first year at Beth Haven.

Abby Thornhill: What do you like most about Beth Haven?

Mr. Josh Triplett: I like that it is smaller, and everyone is allowed to share their faith freely.

AT: What do you like the least about Beth Haven?

JT: It is so small that everyone knows everyone else's business.

AT: What would you change about Beth Haven?

JT: That we would get air conditioning in the gym.

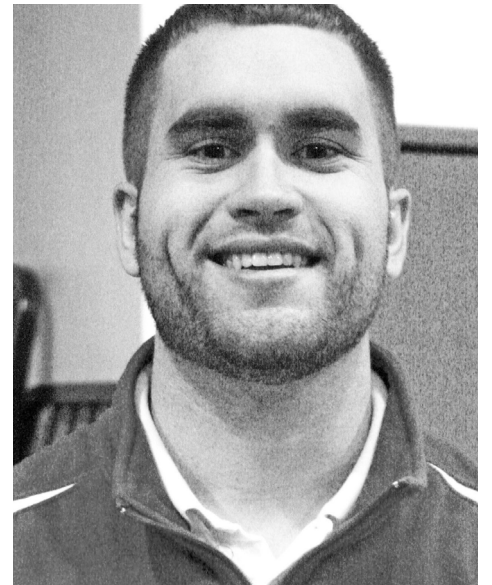
AT: What is your favorite sport and why?

JT: Basketball because it is the most fun to play.

"I like that (Beth Haven) is smaller, and everyone is allowed to share their faith freely."

AT: What is your favorite part about coaching middle school basketball?

JT: Building a relationship with the kids and teaching them how to get better.



GET TO KNOW MRS. CLINTON

Senior Kyle Hampton sat down with Mrs. Clinton to discuss her first year at Beth Haven.

Kyle Hampton- What made you decide to come to Beth Haven?

Mrs. Kayln Clinton- I knew it was a good school and wanted to teach at a Christian School

KH- What are your future plans?

C- Stay at Beth Haven and get my Masters in counseling.

KH- What college did you attend?

KC- Spalding University

KH- Favorite Sport? Why?

KC- Volleyball. I played in middle and high school.

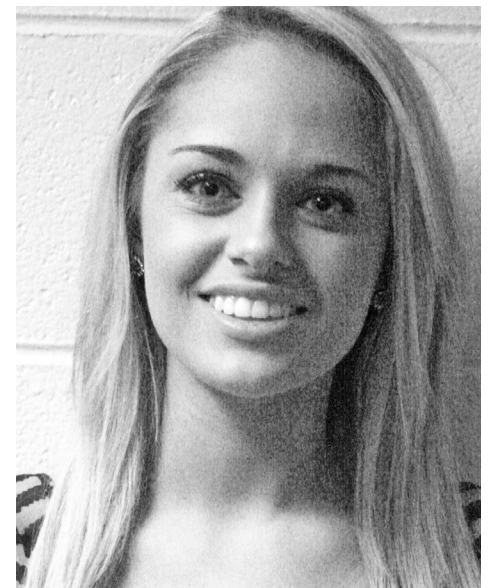
KH- How did you get into coaching?

KC- I got hurt while playing in college so I started coaching

"(My future plans are to) stay at Beth Haven and get my Masters in counseling."

Punit Naran- What has been the best part of Beth Haven so far?

KC- I would say just how nice and welcoming everyone has been.



GET TO KNOW MR. KYLE

Senior Abby Thornhill sat down with Mr. Kyle to discuss his first year at Beth Haven.

Abby Thornhill: What made you come to Beth Haven?

Mr. Michael Kyle: I was looking for a Christian environment, something that had a family atmosphere.

AT: What do you like about Beth Haven?

MK: The students (mainly Abby Thornhill and Kara Sullivan).

AT: What is one thing you would change about Beth Haven?

MK: I would improve the technology.

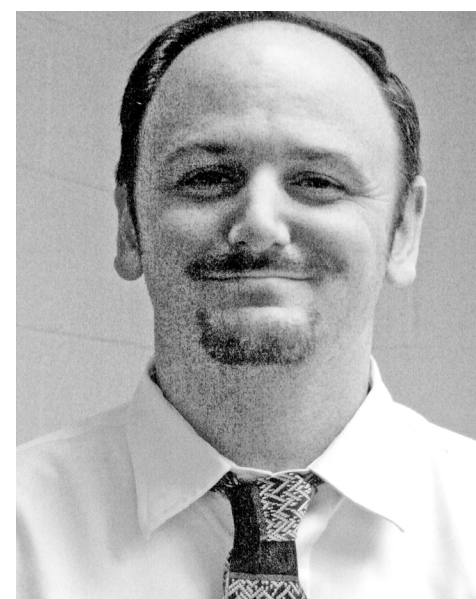
AT: When did you ride your first roller coaster?

MK: About sixth grade.

AT: What do you like about roller coaster?

MK: The feeling of freedom.

"(I came to Beth Haven because) I was looking for a Christian environment, something that had a family atmosphere."



STUDENTS GIVE BACK DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Members make sandwiches, Christmas cards for the needy

Savannah Scott
Features Editor

Before students got out for Christmas break, Beth Haven's student council members and class officers joined with their fellow students to help make the holidays a little brighter, getting together during third period on Friday, December 19, to make over 450 peanut butter sandwiches for the homeless and filling out and decorating Christmas cards for nursing homes.

Greg Waddell, the student council and class officer staff advisor, said the event couldn't have taken place without the support and planning of a few Beth Haven parents, Shannon Dunbar and Jessica Brown, but also

noted that it was great to see the kids involved as well.

"One of the biggest goals that we had for this year for student council was for them to really own the idea of giving back," Waddell said. "I think sometimes - not intentionally - that younger people don't always think about community service as something they can do, but we really wanted them to know that they really could make an impact on their community. I think they did that. There are plenty of people who maybe wouldn't have had a chance to eat that are going to get a sandwich now, or maybe the elderly who wouldn't feel loved as much as they should, that can feel like someone spent time making Christmas cards for them. Overall, I think it was an awesome experience and I'm really glad the kids got a chance to do it."

That excitement was shared by the students who participated. Katelyn Elmore, a junior, said the experience had an impact on her.

"I do find it rewarding to give back in your community," Elmore said. "It is always good to give help to people that are in need. It was fun making the cards with my peers and it was a good feeling to know that someone was going to be getting this Christmas card that might not have any family. I thought that it was a really cool experience and had a lot of fun doing it too."

In addition to December 19, student council and class officer members also collected hats, scarves, socks, puzzles and other various gifts to donate to Harbor House, a organization dedicated to helping disabled adults, for Christmas.

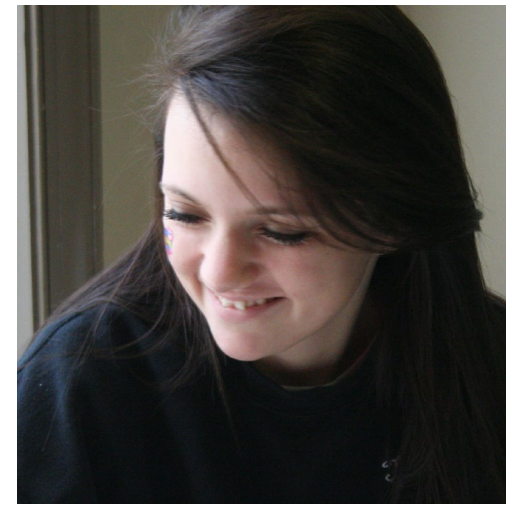
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Greg Waddell/Beth Haven
(From left) Jeremiah Brown, Austin Whitehouse, and Caden Dunbar pose with sandwiches and Christmas cards made during a community service project December 19 at Beth Haven.



Greg Waddell/Beth Haven
Channing Ables works on a Christmas card to give to nursing homes.



Channing Ables/Beth Haven
Student council and class officers combined to help make their community a better place.

GET TO KNOW MS. ARNOLD

Senior Kyle Hampton sat down with Ms. Arnold to discuss her first year at Beth Haven.

Kyle Hampton- Why did you decide to come to Beth Haven?
Mrs. Kirsten Arnold- (It was a) different experience and Christ-first teaching
KH-what are your future plans
KA- Teaching
KH- Where did you attend college?
KA- the University of Louisville
KH- Is it a challenge teaching middle and high school students at the same time?
KA- Yes, but a good challenge, just different environments
KH- What's your favorite TV show?
KA- *The Middle*

"(Teaching middle and high school at the same time is a challenge), but a good challenge, just different environments."



GET TO KNOW MR. COCHRAN

Senior Kyle Hampton sat down with Mr Cochran to discuss his first year at Beth Haven.

Kyle Hampton- Why did you come to Beth Haven?
Mr. Zach Cochran-The opportunity was presented to come and teach students about the Bible, and I also believe in the vision that Beth Haven has.
KH- What's your favorite sport and why?
ZC- Football; I played in college.
KH- What makes this job special?
ZC- To influence young minds.
KH- What are your future plans?
ZC- To continue to teach and see what The Lord has in store.
KH- What has been the most rewarding part so far?
ZC- The opportunity to impact these

"The opportunity was presented to come and teach students about the Bible."

students' lives for eternal purposes and knowing that every day matters and can be an opportunity that God can use me as a teacher that's fallible to raise up kids that can be fathers, husbands, wives, and mothers.



IT'S TIME TO PARTY

The last week of the first semester saw plenty of students blow off steam in preparation for Winter Break.



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Senior Anna Brown, left, and junior Katelyn Elmore lead worship during a chapel service at Beth Haven on December 18.

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Top, Raya Brown smiles for a photo during her Christmas party on December 19.

Top right, Student council members and class officers joined to decorate Christmas cards.

Top left, Girls' basketball coach Shawn Mattingly hanging out with his daughter Kaitlyn.

Above, Victor Billingslea showing us how to Nae Nae.



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Left, Austin Starnes can have his cake and eat it, too.

Above, Olivia Yonders and Halie Taylor are all smiles during the 6th Grade Christmas party December 19.