



*Halls High cheerleader Abby Hughes points the place of a youngster in the Fantasy of Trees.*

# Halls cheerleaders, Bearden basketball players are among holiday helpers

By Steve Williams

Halls cheerleaders and the Bearden boys basketball team from here, among local high school students will be helping during the holidays.

The Halls girls earned a place at the Fantasy of Trees, which benefits the East Tennessee Children's Hospital in

Senior cheerleader Madeline Gurnea added, "It warms my heart to know we can put smiles on people's faces this time of year."

Halls Coach Chris Gurnea noted that community service activities are an integral part of the cheer program at Halls High.

"The girls put in hundreds of hours



single scheduled for January 24, 2024 with no scheduled to a January date due to scheduling difficulties this time of year. The Joint Education Committee will meet December 28, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the Andrew Johnson Building board room. Knox County Schools will be closed from December 28, 2023 until January 4, 2024. Central office will be closed December 28-29, 2023.

In this time with learning meetings over to the superintendent, Bob Thomas, for special recognition of one of Knox County's principals. Superintendent Bob Thomas announced that several local high school students on the 2023-2024 Youth Foundation Administrators of the Year. Cook is the Executive Principal of the St. Paul's, Valley Christian Academy at Lynch Park. Cook was nominated for her years for her vision of excellence, compassion as an educator, and her instructional expertise. When she became executive principal two years ago, her vision immediately and creative action to improve