



Halls High cheerleader Abbey Hopkins paints the face of a youngster at the Fantasy of Trees.

Halls cheerleaders, Bearden basketball players are among holiday helpers

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Halls' cheerleaders and the Bearden boys' basketball team have been among local high school student athletes helping during the holidays.

The Halls girls worked at the annual Fantasy of Trees, which benefits the East Tennessee Children's Hospital in Knoxville and also was scheduled to volunteer at the Angel Tree at West Knoxville High School.

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

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

"The girls put in hundreds of hours each year," she said. "I think it's very important for them to give back to the community."



announcements. The Policy Review Committee Meeting originally scheduled for December 19, 2018 will be re-scheduled to a January date due to scheduling difficulties this time of year. The Joint Education Committee will meet December 19, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the Andrew Johnson Building board room. Knox County Schools will be closed from December 24, 2018 until January 4, 2019. Central office will be closed December 24-26, 2018.

At this time HHS turned the meeting over to the superintendent, Bob Thomas, for special recognition of one of Knox County's principals. Superintendent Thomas announced that Janice Cook has been chosen as the 2018 Simon Youth Foundation Administrator of the Year. Cook is the Executive Principal of the Dr. Paul L. Kelley Veterans Academy at Lincoln Park. Cook was nominated by her peers for her vision of excellence, compassion as an educator, and her instructional expertise. When she became executive principal two years ago, Janice took immediate and creative action to improve and grow the alternative education program at the school. She