

# REMEMBERING

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administration wanted the band to re-enter the world of competitive marching. "It was a big push...it was something I had already wanted to do, and I was happy that this was their goal too," Kerney said during band camp.

The MCHS Marching Band performed before the Falcons' first home game and a special feature on the band and that jaw-dropping first performance was highlighted in the Citizen.

Monroe County High School cheerleading coach, Lindsey Coffelt, had only one senior on this year's squad but that didn't prevent her team from leading the MCHS fans in sports all year long. A special feature highlighted how hard the cheerleaders work all year to have an impact on the fields, courts and in the community.

The 2019 Falcon football season had a disappointing end. Coach Billy Joe Murphy and the Falcons finished in second place in the revamped 2A District 3 heading into the new playoff structure and faced Clinton County, a team they had defeated earlier in the season. Clinton County defeated MCHS in Tompkinsville 14-7 ending the Falcons' season. The injury bug struck the Falcons again this season when Jholi Brooks and other key players were hurt at the beginning of the season. Brooks was lost for the season, but other key cogs returned including Kale Hagan. The Falcons finished 5 -6 overall for the year.

Coach Sandy Taylor and the Monroe County High School baseball team had a busy season in 2019. They won the Region Championship in the All-A Classic tournament traveling to Owensboro where Owensboro Catholic defeated them. The Falcons have won that All-A Region 4 title for three years straight.

The Lady Falcons won their first district softball game since 2007 in 2018 ending an 11-year, 75-game streak. "This was a huge mark for our program," Coach Treg Turner said after their victory in 2018. "Finally, the weight of a streak that spanned 75-76 games without winning a district game was finally lifted off our players backs."

The Lady Falcon softball team continued their success in 2019. The team was 12-9 overall, 4-7 in Region 4 and 2-4 in the 15th District with 12 games remaining in the regular season in 2019. Coach Treg Turner said his talented young squad will use every inning of every game to prepare for the district tournament that was held in Allen County-Scottsville. The Lady Falcons escaped last place in the 15th District regular season by defeating Glasgow twice. Turner and the Lady Falcons hope to improve this spring and move up the ladder in the 15th District in 2020.

Monroe County senior Lady Falcon golfer Connor Gerald was named second team All-State by Golf House Kentucky and the Kentucky Golf Coaches Association. On the men's side, Monroe County Falcon, Trevor Isenberg, continued his stellar golfing career. Just a junior, Isenberg, is already a well-known talent in Kentucky high school competitive golf. He won the boy's regional golf tournament on his home course this season.

Isenberg was the only player out of the entire field to shoot under par for the tournament firing a 67 on the final day and his final round. The team finished fifth overall out of 15 teams. The young Falcon golf team is composed of three eighth-graders, a freshman and a junior so the future looks bright for the future of Falcon golf.

The Lady Falcon volleyball team finished 8 -15 overall, 7 -11 in region 4 and 3 -5 in the 15th District under first-year head coach, Lauren Turner. The 2019 Lady Falcons KHSAA roster listed six seniors: Kiley Birge, Lydia Emberton, Callie Harlin, Alayna Hodges, Makenna Rouse and Allison Wilborn. The roster lists nine juniors, ten sophomores, and ten freshmen. Turner has doubled the number of players since taking over the volleyball program.

The Falcon and Lady Falcon basketball teams had competitive seasons. Coach Clifton Hamilton enters his third season leading the girls' program in 2020 and first-year head coach, Ashely Gerald has the Falcons off to a fast start.

The Lady Falcons are currently 3 -5 overall, 2 -5 in Region 4 and 0-2 in District 15. The Falcons currently are 3 -7 overall, 1-4 in Region 4, 0 -2 in the 15th District 15. The Citizen will be running the 2020 basketball previews late this season. A look at both MCHS basketball teams will be in the reviews scheduled the second week of January.

Coach Turner was excited this summer about her first year as a head coach of the 2019 volleyball team at her Alma Mater. "We've got a good group of girls that work hard and want to get better and have a successful season," Turner said in a preseason interview. The Lady Falcons finished 8 -15 overall, 7 -11 in Region 4, and 3 -5 in District 15. Turner has 33 players in the volleyball program including varsity and JV.

On a personal note, I was unable to cover the volleyball team this year and I also was only able to go to two Falcon football games this season due to health issues. I have covered one basketball game this season this so far and hope to be back on track soon. I would like to thank the coaches and Hillary Lee, John Petett, and others for helping me do sports from home during this almost three-month stretch.

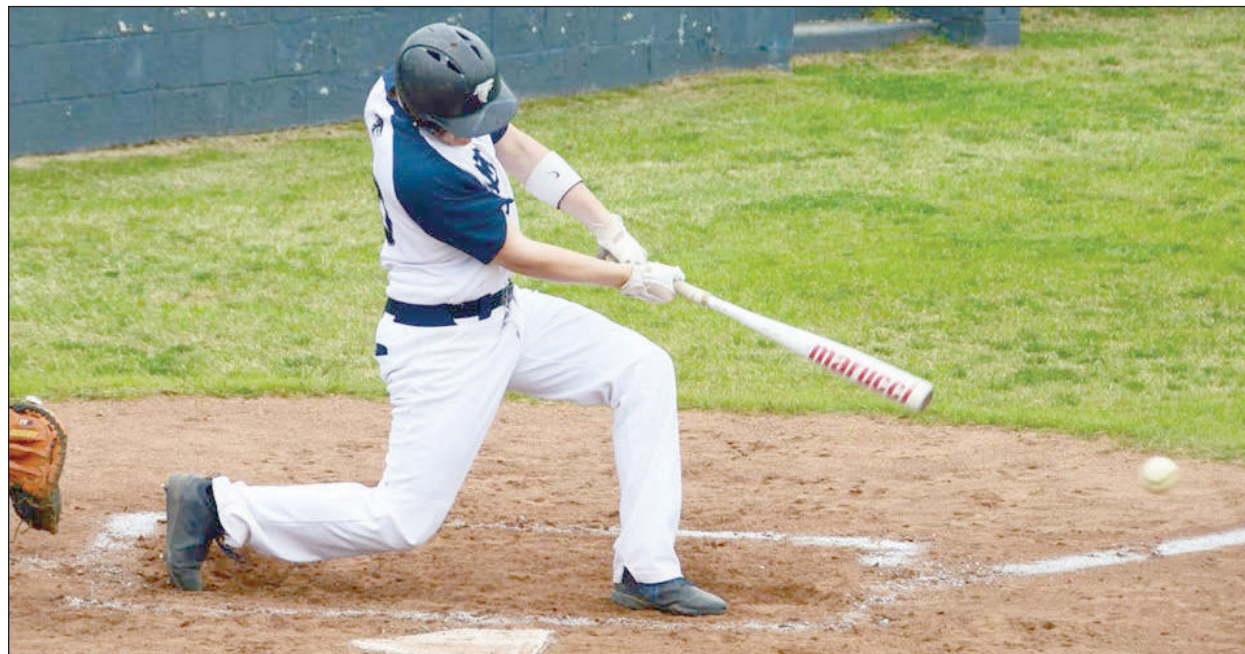
Good luck and go Falcons in 2020.



2019 MCHS cheerleaders: Lizzie Brown, Madison Cloyd, Bailey Scott, Madison Vibbert, Ember Bowman, Kaitlynn Cornwell, Madelyn McNew, Stella Simmons, Maddie Combs, Haley Copas, Madison Emberton, Josie Ford, Aubrey Graves, Alexis Kamp, Riley Simmons, Baylee Smith, and Tommie Ann Smith. Head coach Lindsey Coffelt and Assistant Kim Mink also pictured. Jobe File Photo



10 Falcon senior football players: The Monroe County fans said goodbye to their 2019 senior football players and one senior cheerleader, Lizzie Brown (front row middle), at the end of the season. Jobe File Photo



Braden Murphy at bat against the Trojans in Tompkinsville. Jobe File Photo



The Lady Falcons continue their tradition of showcasing their wins (#10) in 2109 by using the jersey numbers of their players (#10 Emma Denton) after their victory. Jobe File Photo

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