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9th Year a 'Reason for Celebration'

McMillan questions validity of Leadership Academy agreement

By Focus Staff

Mike McMillan, East Knox County's member of the Board of Education, says the agreement between the school system and the University of Tennessee may not be valid. The Board will be discussing the Leadership Academy or Center for Educational Leadership at tonight's meeting. Dr. James McIntyre, former superintendent of the Knox County School system, heads the Leadership Academy. After his resignation following a controversial tenure as superintendent, McIntyre chose to head the Leadership Academy. Before leaving the superintendent's office, McIntyre ran the academy on a part-time basis.

McMillan was McIntyre's most persistent critic during much of McIntyre's time in office. McMillan contacted Richard "Bud" Armstrong, Knox County Law Director, in preparation of the discussion of the Leadership Academy, posing several questions. After asking one of the top administrators for a copy of the agreement between the Leadership Academy and the Knox County School system, McMillan said he was surprised to learn "apparently nobody could find a copy of the supposed agreement." McMillan then asked Law Director Bud Armstrong about the agreement. Armstrong wrote back, "I cannot find a record of an executed agreement with School Board approval or Commission approval regarding the Leadership Academy." Armstrong said "the only record" he is

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The Pink Ribbon Celebration Committee enjoys a moment at the photo booth. Pictured left to right: Janine Mingie, Tammy Nickles, Nic Mingie, Ramona Watson, Ann Marie Hatfield and Deborah Mauldin.

Right, Emily Ann Roberts, rising country star and graduate of Karns High School, performs during the Pink Ribbon Celebration Thursday evening. The breast cancer event highlighted cancer survivors and one person present was celebrating more than 45 years as a survivor.



Pink Ribbon Celebration has huge turnout

By Mike Steely
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The house was packed Thursday during the 9th Annual Pink Ribbon Celebration, which saluted Breast Cancer Survivors and raised funds for the Compassion in Action fund, at the Grande Event Center in North Knoxville. WBIR's Robin Wilhoit and

B97.5's Michele Silva welcomed the full house and introduced guests and speakers. Breast cancer survivors were recognized and applauded and one woman was celebrating 45 years of survival.

The theme was "Reason for Celebration" and Janine Mingie said that about 450 people

attended.

"We had 63 tables and someone was at every table," she said.

Following a buffet dinner Knoxville's Emily Ann Roberts entertained and later Mike Willis also sang. Cancer survivor Michael Holtz spoke of his cancer battle and the aftermath of a successful

struggle. Other speakers included Becky Dodson, Nic Mingie, Deborah Mauldin and Mingie.

"I think the highlight of the evening was when Emily Roberts came back out at the end and sang "I Don't Know Who Holds Tomorrow," Mingie said, noting

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Busler Announces for Re-Election

By Mike Steely
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Charles Busler, vice chairman of the Knox County Commission, is a man with an inquisitive mind and outgoing personality. Busler has lived in the 7th District for more than 41 years and, aside from his commission duties, is involved in various aspects of the community.

Last Friday Busler announced his campaign

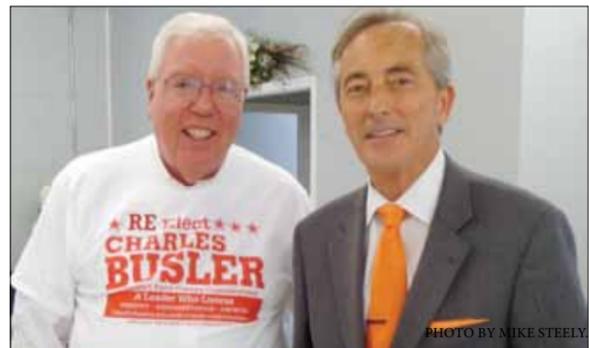
for re-election. He's serving his first term and has been one of the few commissioners to ask questions and seek county funds for things like the Heiskell-Powell Community Center. His inquiries into the past and current contract with AMR-Rural/Metro Ambulance continue as he receives more and more complaints from residents and homeowners about the charges for

emergency and non-emergency response.

The 4 p.m. kick-off saw many elected officials drop by to support Busler; friends and neighbors dropped by the Powell Community Center and voters lined up to speak with him. The crowd was invited to dine on pinto beans, cornbread and sweet tea. Entertainment was from the White Water Band and Commissioner

Busler visited with each person who came by, talking with them near a campaign table with stickers and cards. Nearby were yard signs for volunteers to take with them. Coming by to wish him the best were Tim Burchett, Bob Thomas, Carson Dailey, Ed Shouse, Sherry Witt and Richard "Bud" Armstrong. The Knoxville Focus

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County Commission Vice Chairman Charles Busler visits with Commissioner Bob Thomas during his kick-off for re-election for Commissioner in the 7th District. The County Primary is May 1, 2018.

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Lonsdale Youth Center gets final OK

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The efforts of Emerald Youth Foundation, Knox County, the Knox County School System and the City of Knoxville were realized Tuesday night when the proposed complex in Lonsdale saw three motions approved in the city council meeting.

“With the approval of these three we have done everything we need to do for this to move forward,” Mayor Madeline Rogero said. Her comment drew thundering applause from those Lonsdale residents present.

“This is just part of the city’s long term commitment,” Rogero said.

The resolutions included transferring 32 parcels of land from Community Development Corporation to the city, an agreement with the nonprofit Sansom Hackney, LLC and the nonprofit Haslam Lonsdale Project, LLC for the sale of real property in Lonsdale at fair market value to be redeveloped as a multi-purpose recreation, arts and education facility and transferring former Knox County property next to the Sam E. Hill School.

Melvin Kyle of Delaware Avenue spoke prior to the unanimous vote and said, “Our kids have nothing to do. We need your help



PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY.

Councilman Finbarr Saunders, Council Attorney Rob Frost, Attorney Arthur Seymour, Jr., and Mayor Madeline Rogero chat before the Knoxville City Council meeting Tuesday.

tonight.”

Steve Diggs, director of Emerald Youth Foundation, called the project “a vision of the people of Lonsdale.”

Resident Clifford Reynolds told the council that he is concerned about what will happen after the youth center is built and operating.

“Lonsdale needs economic development,” Reynolds said.

The current agreement has the foundations purchasing the land and developing the \$8 million dollar multi-purpose facility. A 15-year lease will be granted Emerald Youth Foundation for \$1 per year.

The council also heard from KTA Director Dawn Distler who praised her 296 employees for their efforts in helping the

system being selected as North America’s Most Outstanding Transit System for smaller cities. Mayor Rogero noted that Distler was one of eight women recognized as transit leaders in “Metro America” magazine said to the workers “It’s a great team, I couldn’t be more proud,” The mayor said.

The council approved purchasing an empty lot at 509 West Jackson Avenue for \$410,000 from Ernie and Pamela Gross. The Office of Redevelopment requested the action. Councilman Nick Della Volpe questioned why an appraisal of the property was not done and Deputy Mayor Bill Lyons said the deal was a “fair price” and the least amount the owners would take.

Councilman Marshall

Stair asked Lyons what he envisioned for the vacant lot and Lyons said the city would go through a public process and probably ask for a request for proposal for development.

The second and final reading of the city’s new Wireless Communications Facilities Plan was approved, setting standards and recommendations for cell towers.

Also approved were \$22,000 for Neighborhood Small Grants to support community building, \$36,000 to the Office on Homelessness, and \$4.7 million in a contract for the North Central Streetscapes Project.

The pedestrian crossing plan for Cedar Lane and Norfolk Southern Railroad was approved as was the purchase and demolition of a structure at 2400 Cedar Lane.

Additional funding was authorized for the 700 Block of South Gay Street Project, the Wilkerson Road Bridge Replacement Project and for the Pleasant Ridge Sidewalk at Wilson Road Project.

Bandit Lites was contracted to replace the curtain at the Civic Center and Pyro Shows received an agreement to provide fireworks for three city events.

Can You Get Married Without Being Present?

When you think about marriage ceremonies, there are a few images that usually come to mind. The bride walking down the aisle, saying vows in front of a minister, kissing the



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via video conferencing instead of just getting married before I was deployed, my wife would have probably declined to have married me!

Having said that, let’s walk through what

the statute says has to occur for a video conferencing wedding to occur.

1. The member of the armed forces must be stationed in another country;

2. A commissioned office is present with, and confirms the identity of, the member of the armed forces;

3. A person authorized to solemnize weddings is present with, and confirms, the identity of, the person who is marrying a member of the armed forces; and

4. The person who is marrying the member of the armed forces is present in Tennessee.

Okay, so back to our original question, can someone get married without actually being physically present at the marriage ceremony, yes, it is possible.

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Surprisingly, the answer to this question is, yes, a marriage can still take place under Tennessee law, even if one of the parties is not physically at the marriage ceremony.

Tennessee Code Annotated section 36-3-302 states that in order for a marriage to be “solemnized,” the parties shall state in the presence of a minister or officer, “that they accept each other as husband and/or wife.” However, this requirement is waived if one of the people getting married is a member of the armed forces. If someone is a member of the armed forces, they may appear for the marriage ceremony via video conferencing.

Now, let me stop here, and say, I’m sure there are reasons for this exception, but if I was in the armed forces and I tried to appear for my wedding

via video conferencing instead of just getting married before I was deployed, my wife would have probably declined to have married me!

Busler

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to spread and said, “The only way to get rid it is to kill the root.”

A member of the Sharon Baptist church for 35 years, Busler has served on the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Powell and Halls/Powell Republican Club, and as election chair person for the 723rd Precinct.

The 7th District is located in North Knox County and includes Halls, Powell, Copper Ridge, Heiskell, East Raccoon Valley Road and Dante.

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asked Busler what he sees as his goals if elected for four more years and he said he wanted to see funds shifted to the county side from the schools to fix more roads. He added that he wants to see contracts with the county followed as agreed and wants elected and public officials to listen more to citizens and be more responsive.

When asked what he sees as the county’s biggest challenge he said the drug problem is growing and said the only way to correct it is to get to the root, the distributors. He compared it to a dandelion in your yard that is ready

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that the song fit very well with the message of the celebration.

All funds from ticket and souvenir sales, the silent auction, the raffle and donations go to the Compassion in Action Fund.

Sponsorship of the annual event included Tennova Healthcare, Tennessee Cancer Specialists, Provision Care Proton Therapy, and Dr. and Mrs. James Craig. Table Sponsors included The Knoxville Focus, Premier Surgical Associates, Premier Radiation Oncology Services, North Knoxville Medical Center, Dr. and Mrs. Aaron Margulies, Dr. Lauren Chiles and Tina Callicutt, Dr. Kathleen Edmunds, Knoxville Comprehensive Breast Center, Abercrombie Radiology Consultants and Merit Construction.

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The event also featured a photo booth of guests, a Silent Auction, and a “Heads or Tail” beaded necklace competition for a \$250 bouquet of dollar bills.

Silent Auction contributors included Sweet P’s BBQ, Downtown Dive, Marble Hall, Devereaux Bedding Company, Sports Clips, Hooters, Wilderness of the Smokies, UT Vol Shop, Tennova Health and Fitness, Zoo Knoxville, Nothing Too Fancy, Markman’s Jewelers, Painting with a Twist, Pop’s Liquor, Bearden Beer Market, Fox Den Country Club, UltraSlim with Dr. Kathleen Edmunds, Riverstone Spa, Hard Rock Café of Pigeon Forge, Pure Luxe, Gettysview, Wonder Works, UT Football Operations, Universal Group,



Seymour High School students of Alexis Toomey painted rocks to contribute to the evening’s fun. Fulton High School Cheerleaders and Roane State Radiology students also donated time to help.

Hollywood Wax Museum, the Spa at Oak Haven, Earth to Old City, Regal Tuxedo, Knoxville Soap and Candle, Balter Beerworks and Archers.

The celebration’s regular comedian Leanne Morgan could not attend the event but sent a humorous and touching video and promised to attend next year’s celebration.

The Pink Ribbon Celebration began in 2009 to help uninsured and under insured women receive breast imaging. The effort has paid for mammograms,

breast ultrasounds, biopsies and breast MRIs. Cancer patients are also helped with financial needs such as house payments, utilities, cancer medication, etc.

Contributions to Compassion in Action, a nonprofit organization, can be made to Compassion in Action Corporation, 3201 Chantilly Drive, Knoxville, Tn. 37917. You may also find them on Facebook or online at www.pinkribbon-celebration.com.

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Publisher's Position

Board Should End Jim McIntyre's Golden Parachute



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Thomas earns annually. Theoretically, McIntyre's mission as the head of the Leadership Academy is to train our future principals and assistant principals. McIntyre created the Leadership Academy and ran it in his spare time while still serving as superintendent. The success of the program was guaranteed initially, as McIntyre was able to appoint every leadership position within the Knox County School system. When he created the Leadership Academy, folks hoping to move up the ladder realized they had little choice but to try and enroll. Virtually everybody in Knox County recalls McIntyre's own personal style of leadership; it was authoritarian, dictatorial and characterized by habitual overspending and micromanaging. When McIntyre resigned as superintendent, he cited the politically "toxic atmosphere" surrounding his incumbency. It was certainly true the atmosphere was toxic, but it was also a result of McIntyre's management style. Keep in mind, Jim McIntyre was never superintendent of anything before he got here and was never a principal or assistant principal. Whatever he knows about leadership, he learned here

and it is beyond belief anybody would think he has much to impart in running a school, yet school officials seem content to allow him to train our future principals and assistant principals.

If McIntyre's leadership skills were so wonderful, we should have kept him in office as superintendent. If his leadership skills were lacking, why should he be training future generations of school leaders?

Admittedly, we already have numerous graduates of the Leadership Academy waiting for an appointment as either principal or assistant principal of a school. In fact, we currently have more graduates than opportunities, nor is there any evidence McIntyre's academy has made any real difference in the Knox County School system, other than further bloating an already bloated

bureaucracy and driving up the cost to taxpayers. We already have a leadership program to train principals, which I recall is run in conjunction with Vanderbilt University and named for the governor. The difference is local taxpayers pick up the tab for McIntyre's operation.

The Leadership Academy is supposed to be a program with statewide application, yet after seven years of existence, perhaps three folks outside Knox County have attended the Center for Educational Leadership. Were the same true for the University of Tennessee, it would have closed its doors long ago. There are ninety-five counties in Tennessee and even more school systems than there are counties. It should be obvious to anyone there isn't a line at the door waiting to get inside.

Local principals are inexplicably paid a \$5,000 stipend for having a teacher from his or her school attend the Leadership Academy. Just what additional hardship is supposed to be imposed on the principal, most of whom are very well paid, has never been adequately explained. The fact is, the cost of the entire program is pretty hard to justify on any rational basis, aside from creating a golden parachute for

Jim McIntyre. Teachers, who loudly complained about McIntyre's policies and style of leadership, seem not to give much thought to his training the principals and assistant principals they will eventually work under. Many of the current members of the Board of Education were elected because of their opposition to McIntyre and his style of leadership. McIntyre, seeing the handwriting on the wall, chose to quit rather than work under a Board whose majority was unfriendly to him. Reputedly, Laurens Tullock, former head of the Cornerstone Foundation, is lobbying Board members to save McIntyre and the Leadership Academy. Readers will recall Tullock was busy during the last election cycle sending out emails from his Cornerstone account to raise money for the opponents of Board members Jennifer Owen and Susan Horn, as well as Law Director Bud Armstrong. The Cornerstone Foundation was supposed to be a non-profit organization and above politics. Rumors continue to circulate that Tullock was goaded into trying to help McIntyre by former superintendent Buzz Thomas, who worked closely with McIntyre in his capacity as head of the Greater

Schools Partnership. It is certainly true Buzz Thomas did everything he could to keep Bob Thomas from succeeding him as superintendent.

Jim McIntyre was always the darling of the big business interests and Chamber-types and evidently they are working overtime to try and save him now.

The Board members, most of whom were elected as opponents of McIntyre, should not be hypocrites. If Jim McIntyre was not good enough to remain as superintendent, he's not good enough to train future generations of principals and assistant principals.

McIntyre's golden parachute makes D. B. Cooper look like a piker and the Board should end it as quickly as possible.

McMillan questions validity of Leadership Academy agreement

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"While it may be pro forma, it still must be done and considering the amount of the expenditure, it would have to be done yearly."

McMillan says he does not believe the Leadership Academy is cost effective. "It was created by Dr. McIntyre while he was still superintendent of the schools. Dr. McIntyre personally picked every person to attend the academy while he also had the singular authority to appoint every principal and assistant principal at every school in this county."

The Leadership Academy was founded with the idea of McIntyre training future principals and assistant principals, whom he personally trained. "Of course," McMillan added, "nobody has ever explained how the Leadership Academy functioned without a full-time director until Jim resigned as superintendent." McIntyre is paid \$180,000 annually as director of the Center for Educational Leadership,

which is funded by the Knox County School system.

Mike McMillan referred to a white paper authored by Clint Sattler, Supervisor of Research and Evaluation, whose findings were presented to the members of the Board. "The findings as presented by Mr. Sattler were less than overwhelming," McMillan said. McMillan observed when Sattler cited data, it was usually for the first two years of the program, but that Sattler seemed to conclude after two years there was insufficient data to draw a conclusion. McMillan pointed out that during the first two years of the Leadership Academy's existence, McIntyre was still superintendent of Knox County Schools.

"Jim pretty well had complete control of everything at that point," McMillan said. "He not only decided who got to attend the academy, but picked all the principals and assistant principals. It

was pretty clear if someone wanted to get into a leadership role in the school system, they had to go to Jim's academy."

In his findings, Clint Sattler noted "41.3% of new principal placements have been Leadership Academy alumni and the percentage of Leadership Academy alumni who were appointed principal within 2 years of their fellowship generally decreased each year of the program." Sattler suggested, "This may signal a need to examine candidate selection" as well as "Leadership Academy cohort size" or even "district placement practices." Still, Sattler says in his report there was "some evidence of consumer confidence in the quality of the program", although McMillan questioned that assertion. "I presume Mr. Sattler is referring to those attending the Leadership Academy when he refers to the consumers," McMillan stated. "I'm not sure just

how Mr. Sattler arrived at that conclusion other than after having attended the Leadership Academy those folks fully expected to be appointed as an assistant principal or principal. I didn't see it measured or quantified in any way."

With the school administration seemingly unable to find any documentation of the actual agreement and the questions raised about following the process as outlined in the law, McMillan says he believes there may be an effort to craft an entirely new agreement. McMillan thinks McIntyre may rely on a defense that the Board of Education ceded him certain authority and powers, which the East Knox Court dismisses.

"I've always maintained the opinion the Board cannot cede its lawful powers to a superintendent or director of schools," McMillan said. "When we're spending taxpayer dollars

there's a process we have to follow and the Board certainly never intended to circumvent that particular process. There's also the requirement in the law that certain things, especially those involving money, must go before the County Commission. It will be an interesting discussion involving an agreement that may have never properly existed."

McMillan said he could easily foresee an opinion being asked of the state Attorney General's office or perhaps involving the state Comptroller's office. "There were some on the Board who seemed to think Board policy could contravene state law," McMillan said. "I've never believed that and have always taken the position that we must follow the law as it is written. Obviously, policy as a means of getting away with whatever was wanted isn't the best form of policy."



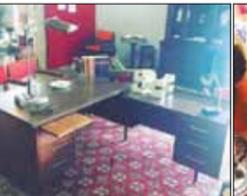
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Stephens, Covington, Roche chosen for Ethics Committee

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Picking two new members of the Knox County Ethics Committee turned a bit political last week. It took several rounds of voting to select Billy Stephens and Michael Covington to fill the vacant seats.

Mayor Tim Burchett's selection of Jennifer Roche was approved in the commission's work session the previous week. The selection of Stephens and Covington over former Commissioner Mike Brown was a surprise. Brown hadn't been nominated but appeared at the commission meeting to seek the appointment, having served as the ethics committee commission member before he left office.

Other nominees included Anthony (Tony) Brown and Jed McKeenan. Brown spoke to the commissioners briefly before the multiple votes to narrow down the field.

Initially all five people were nominated but, by the third vote, the commissioners eliminated both Mike McKeenan and Anthony Brown. Stephens eventually got the six votes needed. For the second seat to fill the ethics committee Michael Covington got seven votes and Andrew Brown received three votes. Only Commissioner Michele Carringer voted for Mike Brown.

The three new ethics committee members could possibly see the law department present a complaint against two commissioners. An individual has claimed that those two

members, who opposed the contract with AMR-Rural Metro/Ambulance, accepted a gift card during a golf match partially sponsored by Premier Ambulance.

Law Director Richard Armstrong may or may not forward that complaint to ethics because the person making the complaint was not present during the event nor witnessed it.

In other action the commission voted to pass, on First Reading, amendments to the county code dealing with new cell towers. Jacob Gibson, representing Verizon, made four suggested changes to the new rules having to do with the height of towers, type of towers and the setback.

Jim Costa was honored by the commission for his volunteer work with Bearden Middle School as a Spanish tutor.

Barbara Cook, a resident near the new Behavior Center just off Western Avenue told the meeting that the homeowners there have accepted

the proposed center but warned the body to beware of how grants are spent and urged oversight there including a sheriff's substation.

The commission passed, inside the long consent agenda items, approval of \$450,000 for unauthorized renovations at Karns High School's Culinary Arts Program. One commissioner told The Focus, "It's their money," in speaking of the funds coming from the Schools General Purpose Funds.

Also passed was accepting \$260,000 from a LeConte Development, LLC for a project that includes constructing access from the right-of-way at Chapman Highway and East Governor John Sevier Road. The agreement specifies that the funds be used by the county to construct the road and make improvements there.

During the meeting the topics for an upcoming meeting with the local state legislators were discussed including changing the state law on using DUI

convicted people to pick up solid waste, changing the set regulations for modular homes, and changing the law on what rate the state charges to process sales tax returned to the county.

Commissioner Dave Wright brought the body up to date on an idea to change the county charter to permit an external auditor to serve an unspecified term if renewed after bidding every four years.

Commissioner John Schoonmaker said that an internal audit of the hotel-motel tax collections found seven significant problems and also noted that the audit of River Sports Outfitters contract with the county should be completed soon.



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Former Commissioner Mike Brown asked to be chosen as one of the new Ethics Commission members but Billy Stephens and Michael Covington were selected after numerous votes.

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Things should run a lot smoother for Lady Vols this season



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Holly Warlick, UT women's head basketball coach, speaks to the Rotary Club of Knoxville. She said last season's team chemistry was "zero," but she expects much better results in that area in the 2017-18 campaign.

By Steve Williams

The past two seasons of Tennessee women's basketball felt much like a rollercoaster ride for its fans. And for Coach Holly Warlick, there probably were nights when she felt like screaming ... and pulling her hair out. Based on her comments to

the Rotary Club of Knoxville last Tuesday, Warlick is feeling much better about the makeup of her team and the task at hand as the 2017-18 season draws near.

"Our team last year, what happened?" asked Warlick before those in attendance at the Foundry in World's Fair Park brought up the

question.

How could last season's Lady Vols defeat three teams which made it to the Final Four – two of them on the road – and then turn around and lose to the likes of Ole Miss and Alabama?

Without singling out any particular players, Holly also provided answers.

"You heard there were a lot of things going on," started Warlick. "You've got to have leadership. We didn't have any leadership. We didn't have anybody step up consistently.

"Our team chemistry was zero. The bottom line, we didn't like each other."

Since the loss of the great Pat Summitt, Warlick has coached longer than anyone inside the doors of the UT Athletics Department, having started as an assistant for Pat in 1985.

There have been a lot of changes over the past 32 years, and a big one Warlick has noticed is how some players treat the sport today.

"We're in the age of 'I want to be rich and I want to be famous, but I really don't want to do anything

to get there. I just want it,'" said Warlick.

"It's opened my eyes to where we want to go in the future. And for me, it started with recruiting."

It's easy to pick out the most talented players on the court, says Warlick. But which of those have the necessary grades?

Warlick has now gone a step even further in the recruiting process. How does the prospect treat her high school coaches, her high school teammates and her parents? Those could be indicators of future behavior.

"That to me separates where we need to go in our recruiting," she pointed out.

Warlick said her incoming freshmen, who make up the No. 1 class in the nation, are not perfect, but "they're good kids."

The new class includes a point guard from Oregon who is "a natural born leader," said Warlick, "and we needed that."

Tennessee also has veteran leaders in Mercedes Russell and Jaime Nared.

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Sergeant Sammy Shaffer speaks during the PARC meeting Wednesday about what to do in an active-shooter incident. He explained the "Run, Hide and Fight" guidelines.

PARC meeting draws crowd

**By Mike Steely
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In their last quarterly meeting the Police Advisory and Review Committee voted to disagree with an internal review of an off-duty city policeman during an incident in Jefferson County. During the PARC meeting Wednesday Director Clarence Vaughn Jr. was asked about it.

Vaughn told a sizable crowd at Wesley House in Lonsdale that he has met with the police and made suggestions about more training and cultural awareness. He said he is now a member of a use-of-force committee within the department and is addressing quarterly training during mass roll calls of officers.

Chair Rosa Mar, elected by PARC in July, told the audience that the vice chair chosen in that last meeting, Ann Barker, had decided not to serve and she selected LaKenya Middlebrook for that position. The advisory committee reported that five internal affairs cases are being reviewed.

Police Sergeant Sammy Shaffer spoke to the committee and the audience about how a person should react to an active shooter incident including "Run, Hide and Fight" guidelines.

"If you can't get away, the first option is to hide, turn off the lights, pull the blinds, barricade the door, call 911 but silence your phone," Shaffer said.

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Harrell Road Park has River Trail

**By Mike Steely
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When Shauna Godlevsky spoke at the Northwest Knox Business and Professional Association recently she was asked about how many people use greenways and responded.

"I don't have the recorded numbers of people using specific greenways but we do see a lot of people are using them and the greenways have become very popular," she replied, adding, "The benefits to a community include health and increased property values."

Speaking further on the benefits of greenways and parks, the director of Parks Planning and Development spoke on the new Harrell Road Park between Karns and Powell.

Officially called the Harrell Road Stormwater Park, which opened in May of this year, the park is unique because it was designed to control stormwater runoff and features a rain garden, wetlands, native grasses, wildflowers and shrubs with interpretive signs along 400 feet of graveled walkways.



Paddlers can launch their kayaks or canoes at the new Harrell Road Park and explore part of the Beaver Creek Water Trail. The park is the county's first Stormwater control park. (Photo courtesy of Legacy Parks)

Located at 7221 Harrell Road between Karns and Powell the 19 acres was donated to Legacy Parks Foundation in 2008 and the group's Land Conservation Committee decided to turn the land into a neighborhood park.

Their effort turned an exposed clay soil mining area into a passive public park that can be used by professionals to teach about stormwater management and provide public recreation.

Most unique is that Harrell Park offers a canoe/kayak

launch to the Beaver Creek Water Trail.

Roy Arthur of Legacy's Land Conservation Committee took the project on and put together public and private partnerships, coordinated federal and local employees and volunteers, and obtained about half of the cost in donations.

Harrell Road Park is Knox County's first stormwater park and the river launch that was created gives kayak and canoe

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Another river park being acquired

Carol Evans, Executive Director of Legacy Parks, told The Focus Tuesday that the foundation is acquiring about four acres near Strawberry Plains. The land, at the historic McBee Ferry Landing, will give people access to the Holston River and the waters of the Tennessee River.

The site, which will become another park, is part of the Foundation's Head of the Tennessee Initiative. A grant from the Tennessee Heritage Conservation Trust Fund is being used to purchase and enhance the area, which was once a major river crossing for early settlers.

The foundation combined the funds with TVA and Knox County funding to improve the scenic property with environmental and shoreline preservation measures. Being added is interpretive signage, a gathering place and parking for residents and

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Moving On

There's no way I can calculate the number of times I have moved when I was a child. Now wait a minute! There's also no way to speculate the number of moves I've made since being an adult either. Why is that? I think the economy has a lot to do with it; the economy, the easy access to promising jobs in other areas of states, cities, and small towns. Or, perhaps, personal mishaps in families can constitute a move. Then, there's the old "keep up with the Jones" theory. Buy a bigger house, in a more outstanding

neighborhood, near an exclusive school. Back in my day, the Depression era, people moved constantly because they were unable to pay the rent even when it was considerably low.

So, once again I have moved. It's amazing the things you find that you thought you had lost when you move. It's also amazing when you find items that you thought you gave away or that you wanted to keep for some future event.

The really startling thing about moving is the fact that it's a mystery where the sun shines--in

the bedroom, kitchen, or living room in the mornings--where is it in the evenings? You have to be aware of this fact when distributing your plants around the house. It also helps to know which windows face North, South, East and West. You have to learn to move around your new home with agility. It's hard to put the same items in a different cupboard.

I actually know people who have lived in their homes for fifty, sixty years and I envy them sometimes. Oh, to stay put that long! Then I think, do they sometimes

wish for a different scene, a different outlook on their surroundings? One never knows.

It's nice to rearrange different items in different locations. I like my new home. I'm anxious to meet new friends and neighbors. That's something to look forward to. Last, but not least, God moved right along with me. He followed me here and He's with me wherever I go.

Thought for the day: All things are difficult before they are easy. Ralph Waldo Emerson

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PHOTO BY MIKE STEELY

Chair Rosa Mar (center) addresses a sizable audience of the Police Advisory and Review Committee meeting Wednesday evening at the Wesley House.

PARC meeting draws crowd

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"Fight when there's nothing else to do," he said, adding that the sheer number of people fighting an attacker is the best weapon.

"And be ready for our response because everybody is a suspect until we know where the shooter is," he said.

Shaffer said when officers first arrive at an active shooter site, they need to know where the shooter is. He said first aide and interviews can wait until the shooter is located.

When asked if threats at work or school should be reported, Shaffer said that a report should be made to the staff as well as to the police or sheriff's department.

Middlebrook reported that PARC currently has two complaints pending and Rosa asked why one officer had been terminated. She was told the firing came because of insubordination and refusal to work overtime in order to pick up five prisoners to be taken to jail.

A report on incidents brought to PARC so far this year indicated that of the 68 cases, 58% involved white residents, 42% involved African Americans, and one

involved a Hispanic person.

The majority of cases were brought by citizen advocates and involved failure to investigate or injustice regarding investigations and unbecoming or unprofessional conduct.

Since the creation of PARC in 1998 a total of 2460 cases have been reviewed by the committee. Sixty-two of the cases were resolved by the Executive Director, 17 by mediation, 13 referred to the appropriate agency, and seven resolved by the police department.

During the public comment portion of the meeting Yvonne Stephens praised Officer Darren Carden for helping a homeless man who passed out during a community meeting. She also applauded the police department for peacefully handling gatherings at Krutch Park and at Fort Sanders. She complimented the city mayor and police department for being "pro-active."

Reports and complaints may be made by calling PARC at (865) 215-3869 or emailing cvaughn@knoxville.tn.gov. Complaints may also be made at the Knoxville Police Department Internal Affairs Unit at (865) 215-7237.

Photographs and memories

Amy and her cousins met on a recent Sunday in Cookeville. They shared a wonderful spread of fried catfish, hush puppies, and French fries, accompanied by sweet tea and banana



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pudding. After all pushed back from the tables and patted full bellies, they attended to the business of the get-together: sharing family photo albums. For the next couple of hours, the crew looked at photos, asked questions, and related stories. By the end of the day, all left with smiles on their faces and memories overflowing in their hearts.

All of us should take some time every so often to pull out the albums and boxes of photos. Something magical happens. Looking at those old pictures puts smiles on our faces. We remember those vacations with family. In others, we recall the monumental birthday party or a graduation day. More recently, some of us can look at hundreds of pictures of newborn babies. Most of them are ugly little creatures, but in our minds, they are the most beautiful creations that have ever drawn breath.

Some of my favorite pictures are from childhood. Frozen in time are grandparents, cousins, parents, and brothers sitting in our front yard. Black and

white photos have tinges of yellow from age, but being able to see once again everyone together is comforting. Several photos are of my parents and brothers on Easter. The camera

always came out on that day; we boys had new outfits, and Daddy put on his best suit. He rarely smiled in pictures, but it was easy to see how pleased he felt to be with his family.

For some reason, my favorite old pictures are of Jim and me as we grew up. Both of us were unfortunate looking little people. Our heads looked too large to have been supported by slender necks. In later pictures, our stomachs grew

so that we wondered how such skinny legs could prop them up. Pictures of us riding bikes in circles in the basement or wearing cowboy outfits complete with holsters and guns bring back smiles. So do the ones Mother snapped of our friends and dates before proms or during our 18th birthday party. It all seems to have taken place just a snap ago.

Maybe what we all would like is to be able to jump into some of those photos and hit the "run" button. For the next while, we'd be able to once again have time with the folks in those photos. I'd like another chance to sit on the towel atop the ice cream freezer as some adult cranked the handle. Then I'd spend a few minutes running and playing

with cousins in the yard. It would be wonderful to have a family photo come to life just long enough to give special hugs to Mother and Daddy and my brother and to tell them how much I love them.

My goal is to pull out those pictures and share them with them my children. I want them to know who the people are in the photos and then share some tales or information about each of them so that they don't die with me. I'm sure a couple of tears will fall and smiles will spread across my face as I look at the faded photographs. Most of all, I just want to remember-good and bad times, all the things that have made this life of mine be such a glorious adventure to this point.



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Tennessee and the League of Nations V

Pages from the Past



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Despite intense pressure from constituents and his own political party, Senator John Knight Shields of Tennessee remained determined to vote his convictions as the United States Senate considered the Treaty of Versailles. John Knight Shields had been the only Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to break ranks and support the treaty and American participation in the League of Nations with reservations. Henry Cabot Lodge, a Massachusetts Republican and Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee had agreed to America joining the League, but only if the Senate adopted a series of reservations, or amendments, that he believed would protect the United States. President Woodrow Wilson, crippled by a stroke, lay in the White House as determined as ever to reject any and all reservations. Wilson demanded Democrats and the Senate approve the treaty as written.

Shields reiterated his position when speaking before the Senate in November of 1919. "I am pledged to support these reservations. I took that pledge when I appeared at the bar of the Senate and took the oath of office as a Senator to uphold the Constitution of the United States Senate," Shields explained. Senator Shields said there had been a time when the people of the United States had been leery of making alliances with foreign nations and now the Senate was being asked to "go into an alliance with the whole world of the most complex and difficult character."

Naturally, the independence of John Knight Shields did not stand him in good stead with the White House. Even before Shields persisted in supporting reservations to the Treaty of Versailles, President Woodrow Wilson had not liked the Tennessean. Only the pleading of Shields' junior colleague, Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, persuaded the President from writing a public letter to the people of Tennessee denouncing Shields as no friend to the administration. Had Wilson written the letter, John Knight Shields would almost certainly have lost the Democratic primary to Governor Tom C. Rye in 1918. While Shields was opposed to the position taken by Wilson, Senator McKellar was backing the President wholeheartedly. The White House began to favor McKellar in matters of patronage over the senior senator. One such example was the matter of selecting the U. S. Marshal for the Middle Tennessee district. Vernon Sharp had been perceived as the leading contender once McKellar and Shields had protested the appointment of George Witt, which had

been made by Attorney General Thomas Gregory just days before resigning his own office. The Witt appointment had been made without consulting either Tennessee senator and Vernon Sharp of Nashville was Senator Shields' choice to fill the U. S. Marshal's office. McKellar was backing Edward Albright of Gallatin, Tennessee. Prior to the debate over the treaty, most politically connected people in Tennessee believed Sharp was the heavy favorite for the appointment. The Nashville Tennessean reported there would likely be "reprisals" against the senior senator's patronage recommendations and McKellar's choice was expected to be nominated by the President. Likewise, McKellar's pick for Tennessee's commissioner for the enforcement of prohibition, Lewis Elkins, was expected to be selected. Nor was Shields expected to have much to say about the appointment of a postmaster for Nashville.

When John Knight Shields arrived in Knoxville from Washington, D. C. on November 21, 1919, he responded to a resolution approved by the Memphis Cotton Exchange and the Memphis Commercial Appeal. "I have no time now to prepare a statement concerning my support of reservations to the proposed League of Nations," Shields said, "but I hope to do so as soon as I rest a little after the arduous sessions of the Senate. The resolution of the cotton brokers and the editorial to which you refer are no surprise to me. When I took my stand for American sovereignty and the rights of the American people against the proposed League of Nations without proper reservations to protect them, I expected such opposition."

Shields pointed to special interests backing the treaty and the League of Nations, saying, "Great capitalists who desire to speculate in the deprecated bonds of the bankrupt nations of Europe and dealers in cotton and food products, who desire to exploit those countries for selfish purposes and wanted the United States as provided in the League of Nations to stabilize those governments and make their bonds and contracts valid, have spent over a million dollars under the auspices of the League to Enforce Peace in organizing branches of their league, paying public speakers and subsidizing newspapers to have the treaty ratified." Senator Shields said he "expected opposition from these men" who cared less about the sovereignty of America than their own pocketbooks. Shields stressed his belief the proposed reservations were,

with only one exception, "necessary to protect and maintain the sovereignty of our country and the rights of our people."

"I cannot see how any American could object to a reservation to protect the interests of our own people," Shields snapped.

To the charge he had had been less than candid with the people of Tennessee while he was seeking reelection in 1918, Senator Shields offered a reasonable explanation. "The fourteen points of President Wilson were not an issue in my campaign, and I never at any time pledged myself to support them," Shields pointed out. "We were then in a war and if I had discussed the terms of peace I would have probably been denounced as a pacifist and a coward." Shields said he refused to blindly follow any president, including Woodrow Wilson. The senator said the editor of the Commercial Appeal had "obeyed orders so long that it is possible he cannot now comprehend that a man and public officer can have convictions of his own..." Shields said not only would he not resign, but might well run again "if I live so long."

Much of the press in Tennessee ignored the senator's comments, or simply roasted him on the editorial pages yet again. The Bristol Herald-Courier in particular claimed Shields, while running for reelection "was a good and great friend of President Wilson" and flatly declared the senator had been "a firm believer in the Fourteen Points." The Herald-Courier bitterly said Shields could have been reelected on no other platform other than one of support for Woodrow Wilson. The Herald-Courier sneered at the notion John Knight Shields had either a conscience or convictions of his own.

The attitude of Tennessee's junior senator, Kenneth D. McKellar did nothing to alleviate the pressure upon John Knight Shields. McKellar had already been elected to Congress when Shields was first elected to the

United States Senate in 1913. McKellar arrived in Congress in a 1911 special election, preceding the election of Woodrow Wilson as president in 1912. McKellar was an ardent supporter of Wilson and throughout his long congressional career and to the end of his life, believed Wilson was the greatest of the seven presidents he served with. Senator McKellar was also strongly in favor of the position taken by President Wilson for the Treaty of Versailles and the League of Nations. McKellar had toured the state of Tennessee speaking on behalf of the League. Senator McKellar missed few opportunities to drum up support for the League and in March of 1919, spoke before a Kiwanis Club in Nashville on behalf of the League of Nations. McKellar sent the president of the Kiwanis Club a copy of a telegram he had wired President Wilson, who was in Paris negotiating the Treaty of Versailles. McKellar told the President, "Ninety percent people of Tennessee, irrespective of party, favor League of Nations. Fisher concurs." Fisher was Congressman Hubert Fisher, McKellar's successor as the congressman from Shelby County and a former student of the President.

While speaking in Shelbyville, Tennessee for the League of Nations, the Nashville Tennessean, a newspaper not usually friendly to the senator (he had defeated Tennessean publisher Luke Lea), noted McKellar's presentation was both clear and logical. The Tennessean was also careful to note McKellar's speech was frequently interrupted by applause from the audience.

McKellar's support for the League of Nations and backing of President Wilson gave the junior senator the upper hand in filling appointments and patronage in Tennessee, although there is no indication of personal hostilities between Tennessee's two senators. McKellar made a speech on the floor of the Senate in September of 1919 strongly defending President Wilson and assailing the President's critics. McKellar conceded there were foundations for some of the criticism hurled at Wilson, but in the senator's opinion, most of it was "without rhyme or reason" as well as "without regard to facts." Wilson's Fourteen Points, the League of Nations, and the Treaty of Versailles caused McKellar to believe "everything the President did or said was exactly right." Once the peace was won, McKellar told his colleagues the President's "political enemies" descended upon Wilson and "politics superseded patriotism." "They knew of course," McKellar thundered, "that the chief honor of winning the war would naturally fall to President Wilson, and immediately upon the realization of that fact every one of those who during the war had claimed to be his friends but who were not, who claimed to be for his policies but who were not, began their tirade of abuse and vilification, and their machinations to prevent his getting credit for winning the war or securing peace."

"Immediately," McKellar said, "in their eyes, nothing that he had ever done or ever would do was or could be right." "He was not only wrong when they

said he was wrong, but he was wrong even when they, during the war, for their own political reasons, had said he was right," Senator McKellar charged.

As the treaty languished in the Senate under the Republican majority and with president Wilson gravely ill in the White House, Senator McKellar presented his own compromise plan. McKellar attempted to peel off the votes of some Republican senators who were believed to be "mild reservationists" not entirely sympathetic to the position taken by Henry Cabot Lodge. Along with Senator John B. Kendrick of Wyoming, McKellar prepared a draft for presentation to the Senate. The heart of the McKellar - Kendrick proposal made clear the United State "assumes no obligation to protect foreign territory by use of her armed forces or an economic boycott without specific action and approval by Congress..."

McKellar had stopped in Memphis for two days following his journey to Alabama to attend the funeral of Senator John H. Bankhead of Alabama. Senator McKellar was then called back to Washington, D. C. by Senator Minority Leader Gilbert Hitchcock who said the Tennessean was urgently needed at the Capitol for ratification of the Treaty of Versailles. Before departing for Washington, McKellar told a reporter, "The situation looks more hopeful than ever for agreement on reservations and speedy ratification of the treaty. It now looks like we are going to do something right away."

Senator McKellar's optimism turned out to be unwarranted. When the Senate voted on March 15, 1920, all ten of the reservations promoted by Henry Cabot Lodge were approved by a two-to-one majority, which included fourteen Democrats. John Knight Shields was one of the fourteen Democrats voting with the Republicans for adoption, while K. D. McKellar voted against the measure. It was not long before Woodrow Wilson nemesis, Henry Cabot Lodge, moved to pass a resolution to return the treaty to the President stating it could not be ratified by the U. S. Senate. Both Senators McKellar and Shields voted against the proposal. Forty-nine senators voted for ratification of the treaty with the Lodge reservations, while thirty-five senators voted against it. It was the fourth time the treaty had failed to be ratified by the Senate.

The treaty was dead for the time being and the only hope for ratification was the opinion of the American people as expressed in the 1920 election.



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Senator Kenneth D. McKellar of Tennessee, circa 1917.

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Local North Knoxville/ Fulton Icon to be Roasted

The North Knoxville Business & Professional Association is sponsoring a Roast of Larry Cox on November 14th at Jackson Terminal. The roast recognizes Larry Cox as a prominent figure in the North Knoxville Community. Cox owns Chicken City and Homestead Inc., he is a former city councilman, strong supporter of the Oakwood-Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley and Emerald Youth Foundation, he is also a Fulton High and MTSU alumni.

This event brings a few of Larry's friends together to roast him for a good cause. Roasters include: former Dallas Cowboy D.D. Lewis, Fulton High Coach Bob Black, Moxley-Carmichael CEO, Alan Carmichael, Former School Board member, Sam Anderson, Owner of

Stalcup Insurance and Boys & Girls Club board member, Mac Stalcup, First Tennessee banker, Carla Mounger and Emerald Youth CEO, Steve Diggs.

The reception begins at 6:00 pm and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm.

The revenue generated from this event will support the programs of the NKBPA that involve youth. "I am honored that I was selected for this event. I have lived my entire life in North Knoxville and have been very involved with programs and activities that support the youth in this area" stated Cox. "This exciting event will provide a chance for individuals and businesses to support our community."

Information on sponsorships, ticket sales and program ads can be found at <https://northknoxvillebpa.org/events/roast-of-larry-cox/>



By **Ralphine Major**
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At times, it is hard to remember what the landscape was like before the much needed red lights. For years, it seemed nothing changed at the four-way stop at Harbison's Crossroads. Our school bus ride always passed by the late Neva Cardwell's home on the right before reaching the crossroads. Mrs. Cardwell was the much loved first grade teacher for over 40 years at Gibbs Elementary School. A couple of homes were on two corners of the intersection, and businesses were on



Picture of the red lights at Harbison's Crossroads with the gap of the ridge in the distance taken by Ralphine Major

the others. It was before Exon, Weigel's, Walgreen's, and Home Federal located on the four corners; before turn lanes, bicycle lanes, and red lights were installed; and before the dips turning either way onto Emory Road were raised. Newcomers to the community may not notice that many of the landmark homes and hayfields have been replaced with banks, businesses, and

restaurants.

No longer do Gibbs residents have to go to Halls or toward Smithwood and Broadway for many of their needs. From the site of the new Gibbs Middle School all the way to the gap of the ridge, there is an influx of new businesses, including the IGA grocery store, drug stores, auto shops, beauty shops, a church, and even Rural Metro.

The new growth of the

community is great. But somewhere in the pages of my mind, I look back on the crossroads that existed before the recent growth. I see a big yellow school bus pull up to the four-way stop before turning onto Tazewell Pike toward Gibbs High School. It is so important to remember where we came from to appreciate where we are today.

Harbison's Crossroads has truly turned a page!

Harrell Road Park has River Trail

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owners access to what will become 44 miles of waterway on Beaver Creek.

Currently the waterway is a 6-mile stretch running from Harrell Park to the Northwest Sports complex with a mix of light rapids and peaceful water. Paddlers can park at the site and launch their boats.

The Northwest Knox Business and Professional Association promotes the strengthening of business and community relationships, and supports activities to

promote the area as a desirable place to live, work and shop. The association meets at noon on the third Thursday of each month at various places and each meeting features a speaker. Occasionally the group meets at 6 p.m. to accommodate those unable to attend the noon meetings.

More information about the Harrell Park is available online at www.knoxcounty.org/parks. Information about the Northwest Business and Professional Association can be found at www.nwkpba.com or by calling (865) 679-4106.

Another river park being acquired

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visitors to enjoy.

Paddlers will have yet another place to launch.

"We are thrilled to create more public access to our East Tennessee Waterways and are looking forward to the community making great use of this amazing riverfront property and the beautiful stretch of the river," Evans told a gathering recently at the foundation's 11th annual luncheon.

"It's a very important historic site," she told The Focus.

Things should run a lot smoother for Lady Vols

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"Mercedes is a fifth-year senior who has the maturity we need and Jaime can lead by the hard work she's done," said Warlick.

"We're probably going to start two, maybe three freshmen."

To make a point, Warlick held up both of her hands in front of the crowd as if she were weighing the value of "team" in one hand compared to "talent" in the other.

"Team and talent," she said. "Talent doesn't always win. It's about heart. It's

about passion."

It's about team.

Warlick said she expects to put a "great product on the floor" this season, but there will be "some growing pains."

One major difference will be the number of players Warlick will have at her disposal. Unlike last year, the UT coach will have more players to sub in when needed, particularly if someone is not producing.

"Sitting cures a lot of illness, I'll promise you that," summed up Warlick.



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Spooks!

By **Randall Baxter**

After the end of World War II there was a need to step up observations of the Russian government and its military.

Three days before the end of WW2, August 29, 1945, the Russians were already shooting at our airplanes over Korea.

In 1952 President Truman, through a Presidential Directive, (NOT an act of Congress) opened an office called the National Security Agency. Without Congressional oversight, our electronic spooks could operate all over the world.

They operated between 100 fathoms deep in the waters and 100 miles in the air. An air crew would consist of frontenders to fly the plane, and backenders behind closed doors to operate and perform secret duties and missions. The backenders did not disclose what they were doing to the frontenders. Their roles were totally separate, operating on a need to know basis.

Flight 60528 was shot down and crashed in Armenia. The Russians denied shooting the plane down. The Americans denied doing anything wrong. Six frontenders died along with 11 backenders who were not doing anything they should not have been doing according to both governments.

Over 200 air crew members died in service to their country working in these conditions. Walter Cronkite, Chet Huntley and David Brinkly would report the downed planes as training accidents. 200 gave their lives to test the responsiveness of the Russian military. If you listen to the news, you will hear occasionally about Russia planes doing the same to us in Alaska. Testing our responses.

These Cold War Warriors were sworn to silence. Their sources and methods protected above all else at all costs. To disavow and misinform the public was a tactic to do the same to the enemy. Tom Clancy called them SHADOW WARRIORS, the proper term would be: Silent Warriors. Routinely crossing and entering into the teeth of our enemies. And when downed, reported as training accidents.

Silent Warriors

What is the make-up of this breed... these strange and special few? Where do they come from, year-on-year? What is it that they do?

They are like shadows in the night or vapor in the air so seldom seen and rarely heard but rest assured, they're there

They come not from a single place they come from far and wide the open plains, the city streets the rural countryside

They are the farmer's little boy, the girl who lived next door the uncle of a high school friend who gave his life at war

They are the barber's youngest child who heard his country's call or friends with whom we laughed and sipped whose names are on "THE WALL"

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A GLANCE BACK AND A LOOK AHEAD

Central wins elimination game to make playoffs

By Steve Williams

Central played its way into the state playoffs with a 13-7 overtime win at Gibbs Friday night.

The Bobcats (5-5), Class 4A state runners-up last year, earned the No. 4 seed in Region 2-5A with the victory and will play at Region 1 champion Daniel Boone (8-2) in first-round action this Friday night.

"I couldn't be more proud of the players, coaches and everyone a part of the program," said Central Head Coach Bryson Rosser. "To battle adversity the way we did this season and end it on a note such as this is a compliment to the way we kept things in perspective and were able to continue our season."

"The program continues to make strides in the right direction. One more week. It's a new season."

A total of 12 teams from Knox County made the TSSAA playoff field. All playoff games start at 7 p.m. (local time).

Other Class 5A matchups this week include South-Doyle (5-5) at Tennessee High (6-4), David Crockett (5-5) at Halls (5-5), West (6-4) at Rhea County (5-5), Lenoir City (5-5) at Fulton (8-2) and Campbell County (7-3) at Catholic (7-3).

In Class 6A, Cleveland (7-3) will visit Farragut (8-2) and Bearden (6-4) travels to Maryville (9-1).

Austin-East (8-2) will host Unicoi County (5-5) in Class 3A.

In Division II-AA, Grace



PHOTO BY KELLY KEARSE

Knoxville Catholic senior wide receiver DJ Mitchell battles a Lenoir City player for the football in Friday night's 49-14 win over the Panthers.

Christian Academy (6-4) hosts Goodpasture (1-9), CAK (2-8) travels to Christ Presbyterian Academy (8-2) and Webb School (6-3) entertains Chattanooga Christian (5-5).

The King's Academy (7-3) will be at home against Clarksville

Academy (3-7) in a Division II-A contest.

CHAMPIONS: Catholic rolled past Lenoir City 49-14 to finish on top in Region 4-5A with a 4-0 record.

Austin-East lost at Alcoa 28-7

in the Region 2-3A title showdown. Alcoa Coach Gary Rankin said his Tornados played one of their best first halves of the season. He also complimented the Roadrunners and expects them to be hard to handle for some teams in the playoffs.

PREPS OF THE PAST: Forty-five years ago, on Thursday, Oct. 26, 1972 – Bobby Neff's 18-yard field goal with 31 seconds remaining lifted visiting South to a 16-14 win over previously unbeaten West. Neff, a junior, also was a standout on defense and Coach Willard Brown complimented his blocking.

The winning kick was an early birthday gift for Neff, who turned 16 the following Monday.

Teammate Gary Rogers' 98-yard kickoff return was the biggest scoring play in the game and pulled the Rockets into a 7-7 tie in the second quarter.

The following night, Oct. 27, 1972, Central (9-0) turned back visiting Clinton 48-6 as three interceptions in the first quarter – two by Jeff Dykes and one by Tom Mabry – sparked Coach Frank "Boomer" Boring's Bobcats to a 24-0 lead.

Mike Huskisson ran for three touchdowns and passed for another to lead the Central attack. Defensively, Dykes, Mike Hensley, Rex Sexton, Jeff Sharp and Keith Garren were instrumental in holding the Dragons to minus 34 yards rushing.

Clinton, which had come into the game with three straight shutouts, including a 9-0 decision over Oak Ridge, had become known for starting the same 11 players on offense and defense under Coach Ken Honea.

Bearden, Seymour fall in state soccer quarterfinals

By Ken Lay

MURFREESBORO --- Two area high school girls teams had a brief stay at the 2017 State Championships at the Richard Siegel Soccer Complex.

Both Seymour and Bearden were eliminated in the state quarterfinals on Wednesday.

The Lady Eagles dropped a 7-2 decision to White House in the first round of the Class AA Tournament. The Lady Eagles (16-5) were outshot 21-11 in the match. White House had 14 of its shots land on target.

Eight shots by the Lady Eagles were on frame. Seymour got a first-half goal from Abbie Biddle, a

junior who had a hat trick in the recent State Sectional match against Central. The Lady Eagles nabbed a 3-2 victory against the Lady Bobcats in Fountain City. Biddle tallied in the 38th minute to help Seymour pull to within 3-1.

Sydney Wolfenbarger scored Seymour's other marker on a penalty kick in the 57th minute.

The Lady Eagles used three goalkeepers in their final match of the season. Kelsey Lyons had four saves, Linnea Egner stopped one shot. Chelsea Garbett had two saves.

Madisson Davis scored two goals for White House. Mazie Burrow had a goal

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PHOTO BY LUTHER SIMMONS

Members of the Bearden High School girls soccer team celebrate with their fans after winning a recent Section 1-AAA match over rival Farragut to qualify for the state tournament. Bearden's stay in Murfreesboro was short as it fell to Brentwood 1-0 in Wednesday's quarterfinals.

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KAHA veteran Mackle takes the reins for Knoxville Warriors

By Ken Lay

Ed Mackle is a familiar face in Knoxville youth hockey and for the past few years he's served as an assistant coach for the Knoxville Warriors, a team in the Knoxville Amateur Hockey Association's high school league.

Mackle, a Toronto, Ontario native, obviously has a passion for ice hockey. Now, he'll get the chance to share the game he loves as a high school head coach in East Tennessee.

He was recently named to replace longtime Warriors coach Dave Roulier. Mackle coached Knoxville during the second half of the 2016-17 season. He guided the Warriors on a postseason run that saw them make the State Tournament (along with the 2016-17 State Champion Farragut Admirals). Mackle coached after an illness forced Roulier to leave the bench, although he would return and play a limited role during the playoffs.

Mackle said that he's looking forward to the upcoming season, which opens Wednesday night when the Warriors tangle with the Knoxville Knights at 6:40 p.m. at the Icearium. The Knights also have a new head coach in Steven Barnard.

"This is a great opportunity," Mackle said. "I love working with the kids. Hockey is a great sport. It's life. It teaches life lessons just like every other sport."

Mackle's son Nick plays for the Warriors and is one of the KAHA High School League's top scorers.

Ed, who is an avid Toronto Maple Leafs fan, has been with KAHA for nearly two decades. He also plays in one of KAHA's men's league.

"Hockey is a lot of fun and it's a way of life," Mackle said. "I love teaching kids the game and I've been with KAHA for almost 20 years.

"I play in a men's league and I watch a lot of hockey. Hockey is a full-time job."

Mackle is one three new coaches in the high school league. Only Farragut's Jeff Lindsay returns. Like Mackle, Lindsay is a Toronto native and a Maple Leafs fan. The other new coaches are Barnard, who replaces longtime head man Greg Maine and Bearden Ice Dawgs coach Mike Raleigh.

Raleigh replaces Aaron Barnes, who departed after last season.

Hardin Valley shocks Farragut 37-36

By Alex Norman

What a game...

Hardin Valley Academy understood the situation. They needed a win over Farragut on Thursday, October 26, and then some help to make the playoffs.

The Hawks played inspired football, gave up a huge halftime lead, but rallied just in time to knock off Farragut 37-36. This coming less than a week after a 42-3 loss at Bearden.

"We went in and challenged our team, it was about pride," said Hardin Valley head coach Wes Jones. "We knew we had a small chance, but that we'd also have no chance unless we competed to win. We decided to buckle down and get after it. This was a tribute to our kids and I'm proud of them."

On Hardin Valley's second drive, the Hawks faced 3rd and goal from the Farragut 9. Hardin Valley got tricky. The handoff went to running back Aaron Dykes, who then threw the football into the waiting arms of Cartez Campbell for a touchdown.

The two-point conversion was no good, but Hardin Valley had a 6-0 lead in the final seconds of the first quarter.

On HVA's next drive, Dykes scored on a three yard touchdown run. It was all Hardin Valley in the early going, leading 13-0 with 10:55 to go in the first half. On the night Dykes had over 160 rushing yards.

Things went from bad to worse when Wilkinson was sacked in the end zone on the first play of the next drive by Eduardo Martorell, making it 15-0.

After the Admirals free kick, Hardin Valley (5-5, 3-3 in Region 1-6A) took possession at their own 45. Dykes broke multiple tackles and gained 51 yards to the Farragut 4. Dykes finished that drive with a touchdown run on the very next play, making it 22-0 with

10:25 left in the first half.

Jones knows better than anyone just how important Dykes is for this Hawks team.

"He's paramount. He's a fantastic football player and one of the best we've had here at Hardin Valley," said Jones. "When we put hats on hats he can do special things and our guys gave him an opportunity tonight."

Farragut's offense was able to move the football into Hardin Valley territory thanks to a couple of nice catches by Jacob Warren, but Wilkinson would be picked off again, this time by Cameron York at the HVA 5.

At the half, it was 22-0 Hardin Valley. In the third quarter Farragut (8-2, 4-2 in Region 1-6A) once again moved the football into Hardin Valley territory. They'd face 4th and 8 from the HVA 25, but EJ Caldwell picked off Wilkinson at the 16.

On Farragut's next drive the Admirals finally got on the scoreboard. Josh Moses ran it in from 3 yards away, and with 2:46 to go in the third it was a 22-7 game.

After forcing a turnover on downs, Farragut got on the scoreboard again. Gibbs ran around the right side for 15 yards, and it was 22-14 with 11:45 remaining in the game.

It looked like Farragut had all the momentum. But Grayson Vaughn hit Campbell for a gain of 36 yards to the Admirals 30. Two plays later that combo worked for a 17 yard touchdown toss, and it was 29-14 with 10:33 to go.

Back and forth these rivals went, throwing haymakers. Wilkinson threw it to Braden Collins on a 13-yard hookup. That Farragut score made it 29-21 Hardin Valley with only 8:38 to go.

A Dykes fumble was recovered by Farragut's Nnamdi McSwine, and the Admirals had the football at the HVA 23.

From there it only took one play. Wilkinson to a wide open Jaden Gibbs for a touchdown. They went for two and got it when Wilkinson's pass was grabbed by Lucas, and incredibly, with 7:20 to go, the game was tied at 29.

HVA would go three and out, and punted the football back to Farragut, and with 5:22 to go, Farragut took over on their own 30.

But then Gibbs fumbled. Braylin Pryor recovered for the Hawks at the Farragut 38.

HVA would go for it on 4th and 9 but couldn't convert, giving Farragut the football right back with 3:32 to go.

On 3rd and 7 from the Hawks 47, Wilkinson found Collins on a 23 yard gain to the 24.

And Moses seemed to put the capper on the comeback, as he went 15 yards pretty much untouched for the score, making it 36-29 with 1:20 remaining.

But HVA wasn't done, and with 8 seconds remaining Vaughn somehow found Noah Moro in the end zone for a 38 yard touchdown.

Hardin Valley could have kicked and forced overtime but went for two and the win. Vaughn rolled out, and found a wide open Travis Griffin for the victory.

Unfortunately for HVA, they were eliminated from postseason play when Bearden defeated Morristown West, taking the 4th and final seed in Region 1-6A.

"We didn't win the games we needed to and knew it would be out of our hands," said Jones. "But I'm proud we responded. It shows that we have character with our guys. I'm proud of our young men."

Even with the loss, Farragut was already pretty much assured of the 2 seed in Region 1-6A, and will open the postseason on Friday night at home against Cleveland.



PHOTO BY SAMANTHA BARTOLOMEO

Halls football players, cheerleaders and fans stand in front of the band as the school's alma mater is played, a tradition after each game. The Red Devils wrapped up the Region 2-5A championship Friday night.

Halls wraps up Region 2-5A title with 47-6 win

By Steve Williams

Halls High's football team sputtered at the start this season but roared across the finish line.

Coach J.D. Overton made several changes in the early going for the betterment of the team and the end result was a Region 2-5A championship and the No. 1 seed in the playoffs that goes with it.

The Red Devils capped their turnaround with a 47-6 win over Seymour Friday night at Dink Adams Field.

The victory gave Halls a 5-1 record in the region and evened its overall mark at 5-5 – an impressive climb from 0-3.

The young Seymour team, which had only four seniors, finished 0-10 but never stopped battling.

The Red Devils will host David Crockett (5-5), the No. 4 seed out of Region 1, in the opening round of the playoffs this Friday night at 7.

"We've played together since we were 7 and 8 years old," said running back Cooper Cook, recalling a meeting of the seniors early in the season. "We were like, 'Guys, we've been in this pretty much forever. We've got to pull together and turn this thing around,' and that's what we've done, and I'm pretty happy with it."

Cook led Halls in the regular season finale with three touchdown runs and a pivotal interception in the end zone in the third quarter with Seymour still in the game.

Quarterback Caden Tollett threw two TD passes, including a 45-yard bomb to Hunter Huff for the game's first score. Briggs Marcantel tacked on the first of five PAT kicks.

Seymour answered with a 14-play, 75-yard march. Gabe Kitts fought his way into the end zone from five yards out to pull the Eagles within 7-6. The PAT kick was wide right.

Halls replied much quicker, taking only

three plays to tally. After Tollett's 29-yard pass to Sean Maddigan, Cook bounced outside and scored on a 43-yard run on the first play of the second quarter to make it 14-6.

Tight end Hayden Layfield hauled in a 17-yard pass from Tollett 45 seconds before halftime to stretch the lead to 21-6.

After forcing a punt, Halls gambled on fourth-and-one at its 49-yard line on its first possession of the third quarter. Tyler Cooper stopped Tollett short of the first down marker.

The Eagles, thanks to a personal foul penalty by Halls, got to the Red Devils' 10, but Cook intercepted Naaman Webb's third down pass in the end zone.

Cook made a cutback move in traffic to score from 16 yards out for a 28-6 lead with 3:56 left in the third.

Turnovers doomed the Eagles the rest of the way.

Isaac Cook's fumble recovery at the Seymour 26 on the first play of the fourth quarter set up Cooper's third TD run on first down.

A Seymour punt went only nine yards after almost being blocked and backup quarterback Aaryn Spoon cashed in the good field position with a 6-yard TD run that set off the mercy rule's running clock.

Halls' final touchdown came after Huff recovered a Seymour fumble at the Eagles' 41 and Ty Humphrey cashed in from the 1 with 1:23 to go. The PAT kick was blocked by Cooper, who commented on his team's winless season after the game.

"It didn't turn out like we wanted, but I think that happens a lot in life quite honestly," said Cooper. "You've just got to roll with the punches a lot of time and put your faith in something higher than yourself and keep fighting. I honestly believe this team didn't give up a single game."

Oak Ridge's Defense Stifles Fulton

By David Klein

The old adage, "defense wins championships," proved true Friday night in a Region 3-5A game at Fulton that decided the regular season regional championship between the Fulton Falcons and the Oak Ridge Wildcats. Both teams struggled offensively, but the Wildcats made key plays on defense and got just enough offense to prevail 21-12.

With the win, Oak Ridge earned a number one seed and will face Soddy-Daisy at home in the first round of the Class 5A Playoffs. Fulton will be the number two seed and hosts Lenoir City at home.

Oak Ridge scored the go-ahead touchdown in the first half with 38 seconds left on a 41-yard touchdown pass from Johnny Stewart to Caleb Martin to put the Wildcats up 7-6.

Before Martin's touchdown catch, the Falcon defense had been limiting the Wildcats. On a 3rd-and-10, J'Coryan Anderson stepped in front of Stewart's pass and ran the interception back 43 yards for a touchdown with 2:46 left in the first quarter. Fulton would miss the extra point but led 6-0.

Fulton got a second interception by Jashaun Fenderson, who outlept the Wildcats' Jordan Graham. However, Fenderson gave the ball right back to the Wildcats when he fumbled on a reverse.

The Wildcats' defense rose to the occasion the whole night. The Wildcats limited Fulton to 143 total yards and just 13 rushing yards on 19 attempts. The Falcons' quarterback Xavier Malone was just 13 for 25 for 130 yards.

"What you have to do against them is not give them the big play, cheap score," Oak Ridge Head Coach Joe Gaddis said. "You have to be able to run the football and control the clock. Those two things we did very well."

In the third quarter, Oak Ridge stopped Fulton on a 3-and-out. Taking up 8:09 of the clock, the Wildcats drove the ball to the Falcons' 5-yard line. Oak Ridge got a delay of game penalty on 4th-and-1 to force the Wildcats to kick a field goal; Oak Ridge missed the 26-yard field goal.

However, Fulton could not take advantage of the missed field goal and gave the ball right back to Oak Ridge. Herbert Booker intercepted Malone's pass, his second interception he threw. On the next play, Caelan Thompson ran for a 3-yard touchdown. The score put the Wildcats up 14-6 with 1:18 left in the third quarter.

"The ones (turnovers) we got from them were big turning points in the game and momentum stoppers," Gaddis said. "I thought the defense did a heck of a job creating the turnovers," he added.

Fulton had its best offensive possession of the night at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Malone threw a 32-yard pass to Fenderson to get the ball into Wildcats' territory. Six plays later on a 3rd-and-goal, Malone threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Fenderson. Fulton missed the 2-point conversion but cut the Wildcats' lead to 14-12.

Oak Ridge responded to Fulton's touchdown. Martin made the play of the game on a one-handed 36-yard catch to give the Wildcats a first down at the Falcons'

14-yard line. One play later, Stewart ran for a 14-yard touchdown with 4:30 left to seal the game and put Oak Ridge up 21-12. From there, the Wildcats stopped Fulton's last offensive possession and ran out the clock.

"We came into this game a heavily underdog," Stewart said. "It just feels good to come out here and prove everybody wrong," Stewart said. "Our defense kept us in the game. It was a good team win," he added. "I've coached in Oak Ridge 16 years," Gaddis said. "I've never had a game where everybody, news media, Knoxville, even a lot of people in Oak Ridge, knew we were going to lose this game. I never thought we would. Our players didn't. But, it was pretty much a consensus, whether it was the news media on TV or whoever else. I'm proud of our guys for winning the game that I knew if we played well, we would."

Before the game, Fulton honored former player Zae-vion Dobson on Senior Night by retiring his #24 jersey number. Dobson would have been a senior this year, but was killed when he shielded three girls from gunfire nearly two years ago. Zenobia Dobson, his mother, and brothers Zacklyn and Markastin joined on field for the ceremony before the game. Balloons were released in Dobson's honor.

"We've known this for a long time that we were going to do this and we wanted to do it on his (Zae-vion's) senior night," Fulton Head Coach Rob Black said. It was Black's idea to surprise Zenobia. "I can't imagine anybody else being more deserving," he added of the decision to honor Zae-vion.

Story's last cross country race in Knoxville is one to remember

By Steve Williams

Rebecca Story, not surprisingly, ran her last high school cross country race in Knoxville in a course record time.

It was a perfect way to say good-bye to a special place in her outstanding prep career.

"Definitely bittersweet," said Story, who covered the Victor Ashe Park 5K (3.1 miles) course in 17 minutes, 44.37 seconds to win the Division II East Region championship Thursday.

"Having run this course every year since fifth grade, it's definitely sad to see it over."

The Christian Academy of Knoxville senior, who announced her commitment to Stanford University on her 18th birthday on Oct. 18, advances to the TSSAA state meet Saturday in Nashville.

Carter Coughlin, Webb School senior who announced he has verbally committed to Wake Forest University, posted the best boys' time of the day, a 15:42.21 in the Division II-A East Region race.

The two-time defending state champion also led the Spartans to a state berth as they finished second behind Chattanooga Christian.

It was the first time Coughlin had run the course since his freshman year.

"I love hills, so I was looking forward to that," he said. "I was just trying to push through the whole thing and then see what the clock said at the end."

Temperatures were in the upper 30s when the first of six races started in the morning. By the time Division II-A runners went



PHOTOS BY STEVE WILLIAMS

Rebecca Story (left) starts her last high school cross country race in Knoxville Thursday at Victor Ashe Park. The highly decorated distance runner finished with a course record time.



Carter Coughlin has a smile on his face as he looks up at Webb School Coach Bobby Holcombe during a post-race team meeting Thursday. Coughlin won the individual title in the Division II-A East Region meet, leading the Spartans to a state berth.

to the starting line in the afternoon, the sun had warmed things up.

Catholic's Shila Kapaya (19:14.54) and Jake

Renfree (16:05.52) swept individual honors in the opening Region 2 Large Schools classification.

The Irishmen also

captured the team crown, while the Hardin Valley Academy and Farragut girls went 1-2 in team scoring.

In Region 2 Small

- two short of the team requirement.

The top three teams in each classification qualified for state plus other individuals who finished in the Top 10.

In the Large Schools girls' race, Anna Delahunt of Farragut was third. HVA's Madison Grimm, Jenna Wall and Ellie Bachman finished 5-6-7. Farragut's Gabriella MacAuley was ninth and West's Elizabeth Babb 10th.

Catholic's Devin Sullivan came in third in the Large Schools boys' race. HVA's Kenton Bachmann was eighth and Farragut's Nathan McFall ninth.

In the Small Schools' class, L&N girls' Brooke Foster, Deja Griffin and Channing Gentry placed third, fifth and seventh, respectively.

L&N boys also got Top 10 finishes from James Defreese (seventh) and Jackson Sparks (eighth).

Webb girls had four other runners to crack the Top 10 in their region, including Kamryn Krishnan, Elizabeth Moore, Caroline Ross and Taylor Repine, who placed sixth through ninth, respectively.

Katlyn Ray of Grace Christian Academy was fifth and Concord Christian School's Makayla Gilder 10th.

Also qualifying for state in the Division II-A boys' race were GCA's Brent Borden (third place), Webb's Bannon Evans (fourth) and CAK's Ryan Cross (fifth) and Andrew Cross (10th).

The TSSAA state meet for all classifications will be held at the Percy Warner Park Steeplechase Cross Country Course.

Schools, L&N STEM Academy swept all the first-place awards. Laura Bretscher (19:36.87) and Seth Jinks (17:07.29) were individual winners and L&N took both team titles.

Webb School girls captured the Division II-A East Region team championship as Niki Narayani placed second and Lindsay Holliday third behind Story. CAK only had three girls running

Bearden, Seymour fall in state soccer quarterfinals

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and assist.

Shelby Deering, Baylee Miller, and Madeline Hargrove also had goals for White House.

In Class AAA: Brentwood edged Bearden 1-0 Wednesday night in the Midstate.

The Lady Bruins scored the lone goal of the match when Emma Rutherford tallied in the first half Brentwood had nine shots, with three landing on target.

Senior Abby Mink started

in goal for the Lady Bulldogs (15-7-2) and made one save. Junior Maggie Jones played the second half and made a pair of stops.

Bearden, the District 2-AAA and Region 1-AAA Champion, had just one shot in the match and it did not find the frame.

The Lady Bulldogs advanced to Murfreesboro with a 2-0 win over Kingston Pike rival Farragut on Saturday, Oct. 21.

Abby Brewer and Emily Carlevato had goals in the Section 1-AAA match against the Lady Admirals.



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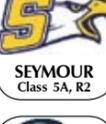
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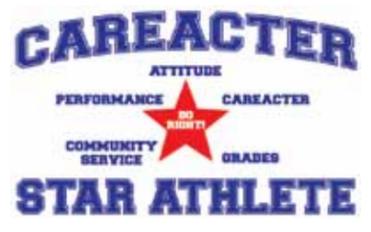
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HOME GAMES IN GOLD

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	WEEK 1 Aug. 17-19	WEEK 2 Aug. 24-26	WEEK 3 Aug. 31-Sep. 2	WEEK 4 Sept. 7-10	WEEK 5 Sept. 14-16	WEEK 6 Sept. 21-23	WEEK 7 Sept. 28-30	WEEK 8 Oct. 5-7	WEEK 9 Oct. 12-14	WEEK 10 Oct. 19-21	WEEK 11 Oct. 28-30
 AUSTIN-EAST Class AAA, R2	vs. Gibbs W, 28-0	vs. Brainerd W, 43-20	vs. Kingston W, 36-6	vs. Fulton L, 14-20	OPEN	vs. Halls W, 31-13	vs. Scott W, 24-0	vs. Gatlinburg-Pittman W, 51-7	vs. Pigeon Forge W, 33-6	vs. Northview Academy W, 41-24	vs. Alcoa L, 7-28
 CARTER Class 5A, R2	vs. Anderson County L, 27-55	vs. Coker County L, 13-21	vs. Seymour W, 23-15	vs. Jefferson County L, 7-35	vs. Halls L, 28-44	vs. South-Doyle W, 28-21	vs. Fulton L, 11-47	vs. Central L, 0-41	OPEN	vs. Gibbs L, 13-43	vs. Sevier County L, 11-14
 CENTRAL Class 5A, R2	vs. Tennessee High W, 33-19	vs. Fulton L, 0-41	vs. Sevier County L, 6-20	vs. Hardin Valley L, 7-26	vs. Seymour W, 28-12	vs. Clinton W, 17-0	vs. Halls L, 12-14	vs. Carter W, 41-0	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 7-27	vs. Gibbs W, 13-7
 GIBBS Class 5A, R2	vs. Austin-East L, 0-28	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 12-20	vs. David Crockett W, 21-20	vs. Campbell County L, 21-41	vs. Morristown East W, 42-28	vs. Sevier County W, 42-24	vs. Seymour W, 42-13	vs. Halls L, 27-28	vs. Carter W, 43-13	vs. Central L, 7-13
 HALLS Class 5A, R2	vs. Powell L, 15-26	vs. Karns L, 21-39	OPEN	vs. West L, 16-24	vs. Carter W, 44-28	vs. Austin-East L, 13-31	vs. Central W, 14-12	vs. South-Doyle L, 6-44	vs. Gibbs W, 28-27	vs. Sevier County W, 20-13	vs. Seymour W, 47-6
 SEYMOUR Class 5A, R2	vs. David Crockett L, 8-13	vs. Clinton L, 8-13	vs. Carter L, 15-23	vs. Cherokee L, 21-28	vs. Central L, 12-28	OPEN	vs. South-Doyle L, 0-23	vs. Gibbs L, 13-42	vs. Sevier County L, 7-9	vs. Karns L, 18-30	vs. Halls L, 6-47
 SOUTH-DOYLE Class 5A, R2	vs. Heritage L, 16-31	vs. Cherokee L, 20-23	vs. Gibbs W, 20-12	vs. Bearden L, 14-27	vs. Sevier Co. L, 24-41	vs. Carter L, 21-28	vs. Seymour W, 23-0	vs. Halls W, 44-6	OPEN	vs. Central W, 27-7	vs. Powell W, 46-27
 FULTON Class 5A, R3	OPEN	vs. Central W, 41-0	vs. Powell W, 35-8	vs. Austin-East W, 20-14	vs. Karns W, 40-0	vs. Maryville L, 12-41	vs. Carter W, 47-11	vs. Clinton W, 40-7	vs. Campbell County W, 44-14	vs. West W, 41-14	vs. Oak Ridge L, 12-21
 KARNS Class 5A, R3	vs. Coker County L, 34-41	vs. Halls W, 39-21	vs. West L, 6-38	vs. Powell L, 19-21	vs. Fulton L, 0-40	vs. Scott W, 30-7	vs. Oak Ridge L, 3-49	vs. Campbell County L, 20-55	OPEN	vs. Seymour W, 30-18	vs. Clinton W, 38-36
 POWELL Class 5A, R3	vs. Halls W, 26-15	vs. Cumberland County W, 42-13	vs. Fulton L, 8-35	vs. Karns W, 21-19	vs. Clinton W, 17-0	vs. Lenoir City W, 42-22	vs. Campbell County L, 13-49	vs. West L, 6-28	OPEN	vs. Oak Ridge L, 7-42	vs. South-Doyle L, 27-46
 WEST Class 5A, R3	vs. Bearden L, 3-17	vs. Hardin Valley W, 6-3	vs. Karns W, 38-6	vs. Halls W, 24-16	vs. Oak Ridge L, 13-23	vs. Farragut L, 9-14	vs. Clinton W, 7-0	vs. Powell W, 28-6	OPEN	vs. Fulton L, 14-41	vs. Campbell County W, 27-20
 CATHOLIC Class 5A, R4	vs. Maryville L, 42-49	vs. Baylor W, 56-24	vs. Eagle's Landing L, 10-55	vs. Cleveland W, 33-7	vs. Soddy Daisy W, 49-48	vs. Brentwood Academy L, 14-50	vs. Rhea Co. W, 49-24	vs. West Greene W, 58-7	vs. Walker Valley W, 63-42	OPEN	vs. Lenoir City W, 49-14
 BEARDEN Class 6A, R1	vs. West W, 17-3	vs. Cleveland L, 23-28	vs. Jefferson County W, 23-0	vs. S-Doyle W, 27-14	vs. Science Hill L, 21-35	vs. CAK W, 48-10	vs. Dobyns-Bennett L, 7-23	OPEN	vs. Farragut L, 14-31	vs. Hardin Valley W, 42-3	vs. Morristown West W, 28-14
 FARRAGUT Class 6A, R1	vs. Bradley Central W, 27-21	vs. McMinn County W, 36-14	vs. Morristown West W, 33-10	vs. Oak Ridge W, 41-0	vs. Jefferson County W, 33-6	vs. West W, 14-9	vs. Science Hill W, 35-27	vs. Dobyns-Bennett L, 34-42	vs. Bearden W, 31-14	OPEN	vs. HVA L, 36-37
 HARDIN VALLEY Class 6A, R1	vs. Oak Ridge L, 20-21	vs. West L, 3-6	vs. Heritage W, 44-26	vs. Central W, 26-7	vs. Morristown West W, 36-14	OPEN	vs. Jefferson County W, 21-0	vs. Science Hill L, 35-41	vs. Dobyns-Bennett L, 25-36	vs. Bearden L, 3-42	vs. Farragut W, 37-36
 CONCORD Class A, East	vs. Zion Christian L, 6-12	vs. Lookout Valley L, 6-20	vs. Mt. Juliet Christian L, 7-47	vs. Mid Tenn Christian L, 8-50	vs. Grace Baptist L, 18-60	vs. DCA L, 10-48	vs. King's Academy L, 9-54	vs. Cosby L, 6-7	OPEN	vs. Ezell-Harding L, 7-47	vs. Friendship Christian L, 15-50
 KING'S ACAD Class A, East	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 35-0	vs. Grace Christian W, 21-6	vs. Mid Tenn Christian W, 12-6	vs. Greenback L, 12-23	vs. Mt Juliet Christian W, 35-21	OPEN	vs. Concord Christian W, 54-9	vs. Grace Baptist W, 58-17	vs. Friendship Christian L, 7-21	vs. DCA L, 7-23	vs. Ezell-Harding W, 58-12
 CAK Class AA, East	vs. Christ (NC) L, 11-28	vs. Greenback L, 7-42	vs. Notre Dame L, 10-41	vs. Lenior City L, 21-41	vs. Chattanooga Christian L, 10-34	vs. Bearden L, 10-48	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 40-16	vs. GCA L, 6-42	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb L, 14-49	vs. Boyd Buchanon W, 30-19
 WEBB Class AA, East	OPEN	vs. Asheville NC W, 26-16	vs. Ensworth L, 14-35	vs. McCallie L, 22-49	vs. GCA W, 48-27	OPEN	vs. Notre Dame L, 12-29	vs. Boyd Buchanon W, 40-13	vs. Chattanooga Christian W, 42-21	vs. CAK W, 49-14	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 43-6
 GCA Class AA, East	vs. Alcoa L, 14-30	vs. King's Academy L, 6-21	vs. Boyd Buchanon W, 42-3	OPEN	vs. Knoxville Webb L, 27-48	vs. Greenback W, 21-7	vs. Happy Valley W, 27-19	vs. CAK W, 42-6	vs. Notre Dame L, 27-35	vs. Silverdale Academy W, 45-6	vs. Chattanooga Christian W, 41-14



- WEEK 11 HONOREES**
- Jakob Doster, Jr.** Seymour
 - Rafe Keyes, Jr.** Concord Christian
 - J.D. Presley** Christian Academy of Knoxville
 - Greg Smith** Austin East
 - Micah Abernathy** University of Tennessee
 - Will Eggleston** West
 - Christian Luttrell** Grace Christian Academy
 - Kross Smith** Central
 - Jim Branch** Knoxville Catholic
 - Tommy Gagne** The King's Academy
 - Spencer Queener** Powell
 - Aaryn Smith** Halls
 - Tanner Chesney** Carter
 - Kameron Guerra** Karns
 - Josh Moses** Farragut
 - Omar Seck** Bearden
 - Davis Delozier** Webb School
 - Loch Hardin** HVA
 - Zach Myers** Gibbs
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Moral Psychology

How can we have common sense if we have nothing in common? The word community derives from the root word common and refers to a people who have commonly held interests. Does common sense or community still exist in our divided United States of America?

I've always wondered how two sane people from similar backgrounds can see or hear the same thing and yet have vastly different perspectives and conclusions. I encounter this phenomenon all the time. Perhaps it's my inherent curiosity or my training that focuses my attention on human behavior. Perhaps the internist in me just wants to know why. I'll admit at the onset of this essay that my bias (like everyone else's) shapes my perceptions. Bias is defined as

prejudice (pre-judging) of one perspective over another. As a Christian I am warned about judging others. But, I believe the implied admonition is against condemnation rather than discernment. I make judgments all day long as I navigate roads and relationships. It's not prejudice when I drive carefully; it's common sense that I share with most -but not all - travelers on Alcoa highway. Nor is it prejudice when I speak and act carefully in our toxic, racially and sexually charged politically correct environment.

I listened to a fascinating interview on WUOT last week. The program On Being hosted Jonathan Haidt PhD, whose research is focused on morality, a concept which interests me. Mr. Webster defines morality as principles relating to right and wrong. You

may find it shocking that a fundamental tenet of our postmodern era is that everything is relative and there is no absolute right or wrong. Obviously, I disagree with this modern zeitgeist.

Dr. Haidt believes humans cooperate because we inherit a transcultural moral psychology which binds humans together in clans and community. But does it any longer? The doctor describes himself as a liberal-secular-atheist, a philosophy with which I disagree. Despite the doctor's bias, he recognizes that moral psychology is best realized in a sacred setting (i.e. religion). Haidt contrasts religion with other cohesive ideologies such as politics. And he notes that modern passions and controversies regarding marriage and economic equality often run counter to the traditional notions of American values and family.

What really intrigued me about the doctor's research was his identification of what he sees as five fundamental moral perspectives and how liberals and conservatives differ. Haidt found that liberals and conservatives both juggle notions of compassion and fairness in dealing with life's issues. However, the

doctor's research showed that conservatives also consider the perspectives of loyalty, authority and sanctity in their deliberations while liberals do not. And because liberals consider fewer domains, they find it hard to understand conservatives. Numerous surveys have shown that liberalism is the dominant philosophy of the media and academia. As a result a conservative perspective is rarely considered and felt to be odd in Washington DC, the media and in universities. Amazingly, the academic Haidt admits he had never read a conservative viewpoint until he was forty years old!

While sweeping generalizations, even if predicated on research data, are fraught with error, conservatives seem to prefer order and predictability while liberals prefer variety and diversity. To me these intuitional proclivities, and those described above, explain why people draw such different conclusions to the same situations. We may be born with "moral receptors (like taste buds)" which cause our minds to perceive "pleasure or displeasure" in a given situation. It is apparent that America is now divided into two camps, and if we are to rise above our inability to

communicate we must consider our own "moral matrix" and the matrix of those who view situations differently.

Years ago I wrote about the Myers Briggs psychometric instrument which analyzes how humans receive and then act on information. I am an ISTJ and my wife, Becky, scores as an ENFP. I am an introvert (I) who is a sifter of data (S) who acts upon this information objectively (T) and expeditiously (J). Becky is an extrovert (E) with superior reasoning skills (N) and methodically acts upon her conclusions (P) with empathy (F). Both composites have gifts differing as the Apostle Paul described. There are no inherently wrong perspectives nor is conservatism or liberalism inherently right or wrong. It's just the way the Master constructed us. We do not convert others with arguments. But, with humility we can make a difference through building relationships. In other words, the messenger is more important than the message.

It should be obvious why understanding the philosophy of others is important in a civilization or a community. Understanding leads to tolerance of different perspectives, and in a stable

community liberal diversity is important. However, if variety promotes racial, sexual and social class warfare, the United States may become "balkanized" (a good concept to understand). Dr. Haidt says "liberalism is by nature divisive," but, in a stable group, promotes justice. The trick is to maintain the structure afforded by a conservative philosophy in which group integrity and comity promotes getting things done.

Social sciences aside, I believe morality and the way of a virtuous life is more than research data. I believe the construct is imprinted on us by our Maker. Perhaps God does this through our DNA; after all, almost everything else is determined by genetics. This perspective was articulated by the noted scientist, Francis Collins, the former director of the human genome project and now head of the NIH. Dr. Collins was once an atheist, and is now a Christian. He wrote "The Language of God" and believes our nature is written upon the fabric of our DNA.

The Psalmist sang, "We are fearfully and wonderfully made." Surely, we can all agree on that.

You may email Dr. Ferguson at fergusonj@knoxfocus.com

UT Arboretum Society Presents

Seven Classic American Naturalists Program

Come to the UT Arboretum Auditorium on Tuesday, November 7th, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. to learn about the lives, thoughts and major written works of seven prominent American naturalists.

Randy K. Hammer, a certified naturalist and senior minister at Chapel on the Hill Church will conduct the presentation. He will introduce the audience to William Bartram, John James Audubon, Henry David Thoreau, John Burroughs, Aldo Leopold, John Muir and Rachel Carson. He will discuss the naturalists' contributions to American natural history studies as well as conservation

and environmental movements.

The PowerPoint and lecture program will cover brief biographical sketches of these naturalists, famous quotations from their works, and ways they influenced each other. Hammer will also discuss the establishment of America's national park system.

The author of "Woodpecker and Moon: Nature Poems" and "Dancing in the Dark: Facing Life's Challenges with Courage and Creativity," Hammer will sign and sell these books for \$8. He can accept cash or checks.

The UT Arboretum is

located at 901 S. Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge. This free event is open to the public and is sponsored by the University of Tennessee Arboretum Society. A donation basket will be available for those who would like to support future programming.

For more information on this program or the UT Arboretum Society, call 865-483-7277.

This program is one of many lectures and activities offered this year by the UT Arboretum Society, celebrating 52 years in 2017. The program is cosponsored by the UT Forest Resources AgResearch and

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Tanya D. Phillips a/k/a Tanya McClellan executed a Deed of Trust to Beneficial Tennessee, Inc., Lender and Kyle M. Walters, Trustee(s), which was dated April 18, 2007 and recorded on April 20, 2007 in Instrument No. 200704200085766, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **November 14, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NUMBER SEVEN (7) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHIN THE 31ST WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOTS NUMBERS 7, 8, 9, 10 AND 11 OF THE RIVERVIEW DIVISION CHILHOWEE HILLS ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 10, PAGE 98 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WHICH IS MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHEASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SEMINOLE DRIVE, SAID IRON PIN BEING LOCATED IN A NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION, 150.0 FEET FROM THE POINT OF INTERSECTION OF THE SOUTHEASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SEMINOLE DRIVE WITH THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COMANCHE STREET; THENCE WITH LOT 6 OF SAID ADDITION, SOUTH 63 DEG 55 MIN WEST, 124.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WITH LOTS 46 THRU 50 OF SAID ADDITION, NORTH 43 DEG 23 MIN 37 SEC WEST, 125.00 FEET TO AN IRON PIN; THENCE WITH LOT 12, NORTH 63 DEG 55 MIN EAST, 124.90 FEET TO AN IRON PIN IN THE SOUTHWESTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SEMINOLE DRIVE THENCE WITH SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, SOUTH 43 DEG 23 MIN 37 SEC EAST, 125.0 FEET TO AN IRON PIN, THE POINT OF BEGINNING ACCORDING TO SURVEY OF KENNETH D. CHURCH DATE MAY 20, 1984 BEARING WORK ORDER NUMBER 84-5-26.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED FROM HERMAN X. PHILLIPS, TENANCY NOT STATED, TO TANYA D. PHILLIPS, TENANCY NOT STATED, BY DEED RECORDED 11/8/00, IN INSTRUMENT 200011080032228, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE. TAX MAP OR PARCEL ID NO.: 17JD006

Parcel ID Number: 071JD 006

Address/Description: 323 Seminole Road, Knoxville, TN 37914.
 Current Owner(s): TANYA D. PHILLIPS.
 Other Interested Parties: Midland Funding LLC as successor in interest to Beneficial and Citibank South Dakota, N.A.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY
 WHEREAS, Frankie T. Slay executed a Deed of Trust to Associates Home Equity Loan Corporation, Lender and Transcontinental Title Co. of Knox Co. TN, Trustee(s), which was dated April 20, 1999 and recorded on April 28, 1999 in Book 3580, Page 6, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, CitiMortgage, Inc., (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **November 21, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN THE First Civil District of Knox County, Tennessee, within the Fourteenth Ward of the City of Knoxville, being all of Lot Number 6 in Block D of N. E. Booher's Subdivision, as shown by map of record in Map Book 16, Page 102, Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said lot fronting 60 feet on the Northwest side of Boyd's Bridge Pike, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an iron pin in the Northwest line of Boyd's Bridge Pike, distance in a Northeasterly direction 332.75 feet from the point of intersection of Boyd's Bridge Pike with Elmwood Street and marking common corner with Lots 5 and 6; thence North 47 deg. 31 min. West with the dividing line between Lots 5 and 6, 117.65 feet to an iron pin in the Southeast line of Villa Sites 2nd Addition;

thence with said Addition line, North 43 deg. 11 min. East, 60 feet to an iron pin, common corner of Lots 6 and 7, N. E. Booher's Subdivision; thence South 47 deg. 31 min. East with the dividing line between Lots 6 and 7, 117.65 feet to an iron pin in the Northwest line of Boyd's Bridge Pike; thence with Boyd's Bridge Pike, South 43 deg. 11 min. West 60 feet to the point of BEGINNING.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO FRANKIE T. SLAY, BY QUITCLAIM DEED FROM JAMES E. SLAY, DATED JULY 30, 1996, AND RECORDED SEPTEMBER 30, 1996 IN BOOK 2226, PAGE 1109, REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Parcel ID Number: 082LL-016
 Address/Description: 3029 Boyd's Bridge Pike, Knoxville, TN 37914.
 Current Owner(s): James E. Slay and Frankie Slay.

Other Interested Parties: Internal Revenue Service.

This sale is also subject to the right of redemption by the INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, DEPARTMENT OF THE U.S. TREASURY, pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 7425(d)(1) by reason of the following tax lien(s) of record in Instrument No. 200604100084744 Serial Number 282244406. Notice of the sale has been given to the Internal Revenue Service in accordance with 26 U.S.C. 7425(b).

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated December 4, 2009, executed by AMANDA K. WEBER, CHRISTOPHER S. WEBER, conveying certain real property therein described to CHARLES E. TOMKIN, II, as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded December 17, 2009, in Instrument Number 200912170041563;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **November 21, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS ALL OF LOT 44, FINAL PLAT OF THE WALNUT GROVE SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS THE SAME APPEARS OF RECORD AT INSTRUMENT NO. 199912130044160 AND 199912130044161 IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS, BUILDING SETBACK LIENS AND CONDITIONS OF RECORD IN SAID REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Parcel ID: 162JB040
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 12921 CLEAR RIDGE RD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): AMANDA K. WEBER, CHRISTOPHER S. WEBER

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on November 21, 2017 on or about 10:00AM local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MICHAEL E. GROOMS AND LAURIE A. GROOMS, to WESLEY D. TURNER, Trustee, on March 23, 2006, as Instrument No. 200603310081564 in the real

property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR ARGENT SECURITIES INC., ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-W5

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

LAND IN KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, BEING LOT NO. 17, BLOCK K, ON THE PLAN OF COLONIAL VILLAGE ADDITION SUBDIVISION, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RECORD IN MAP BOOK 15, PAGE 5, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO MICHAEL E. GROOMS AND LAURIE A. CURETON IN INSTRUMENT NO.200103210062293 DATED 03/21/2001, IN REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

Tax ID: 123LN006
 Current Owner(s) of Property: MICHAEL E. GROOMS AND LAURIE A. GROOMS

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 304 CANTERBURY DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37920, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: None

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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 16-002839-670

MACKIE WOLF ZIENTZ & MANN, P. C.,
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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 17, 2014, executed by AMY MURRELL AND MITCHELL MURRELL, conveying certain real property therein described to TITLE SPECIALISTS, INC., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded September 19, 2014, in Instrument Number 201409190016532; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to The Money Source, Inc who is now the owner of said debt;

and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **November 16, 2017 at 10:00 AM** at the City/County Lobby of the Knox County Courthouse, located in Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. SIX (6) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, AND WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 8, BLOCK C, BERKSHIRE WOODS, SUBDIVISION, REVISED UNIT 1, AS SHOWN ON MAP OF SAME RECORD IN MAP BOOK 48-S, PAGE 77, REGISTER'S OFFICE OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH MAP SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION. THIS CONVEYANCE IS SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, SETBACK LINES AND EASEMENTS OF RECORD.

Parcel ID: 105J-E-022.00
 PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be 1205 WALLINGFORD ROAD, KNOXVILLE, TN 37923. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

CURRENT OWNER(S): AMY MURRELL AND MITCHELL MURRELL

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The Property is sold as is, where is, without representations or warranties of any kind, including fitness for a particular use or purpose.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on **November 21, 2017 on or about 10:00AM** local time, at the North door, Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, conducted by the Substitute Trustee as identified and set forth herein below, pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by MARK TULL AND MICHELLE TULL, TO WEST KNOX TITLE AGENCY, Trustee, on November 17, 2006, as Instrument No. 200611220043948 in the real property records of Knox County Register's Office, Tennessee.

Owner of Debt: U.S. BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR C-BASS 2007-CB2 TRUST, C-BASS MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-CB2

The following real estate located in Knox County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest call bidder subject to all unpaid taxes, prior liens and encumbrances of record:

SITUATED IN THE SIXTH (6TH) CIVIL DISTRICT OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS LOT 6, BLOCK J, VILLAGE GREEN SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, AS SHOWN ON PLAT OF SAME OF RECORD IN PLAT CABINET D, SLIDE 307-A, REGISTER'S OFFICE, KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO WHICH PLAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE IS HEREBY MADE FOR A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION.

THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS DEED OF RECORD, NO BOUNDARY SURVEY HAVING BEEN MADE AT THE TIME OF THIS CONVEYANCE.

BEING THE SAME PROPERTY CONVEYED TO MARK TULL AND WIFE, MICHELLE TULL BY DEED DATED JULY 23, 2002, RECORDED AS INSTRUMENT NO. 200207310009041, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE RESTRICTIONS, EASEMENTS AND BUILDING SETBACK LINES OF RECORD IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE.

Tax ID: 142KC-016
 Current Owner(s) of Property: MARK TULL AND MICHELLE TULL

The street address of the above described property is believed to be 11721 GEORGETOWNE DRIVE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37922, but such address is not part of the legal description of the property sold herein and in the event of any discrepancy, the legal description referenced herein shall control.

SALE IS SUBJECT TO OCCUPANT(S) RIGHTS IN POSSESSION.

THE RIGHT IS RESERVED TO ADJOURN THE DAY OF THE SALE TO ANOTHER DAY, TIME AND PLACE CERTAIN WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION, UPON ANNOUNCEMENT AT THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE SALE SET FORTH ABOVE. THE TERMS OF SALE ARE CASH. ANY TAXES OR FEES WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PURCHASER. IF THE SALE IS SET ASIDE FOR ANY REASON, THE PURCHASER AT THE SALE SHALL BE ENTITLED ONLY TO A RETURN OF THE PURCHASE PRICE. THE PURCHASER SHALL HAVE NO FURTHER RECOURSE AGAINST THE GRANTOR, THE GRANTEE, OR THE TRUSTEE.

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: VILLAGE GREEN HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC AND JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF CITIBANK, N.A. AND STATE TAX LIEN IN FAVOR OF STATE OF TENNESSEE

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If applicable, the notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 have been met.

All right of equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and homestead are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

If the U.S. Department of Treasury/IRS, the State of Tennessee Department of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor or Workforce Development are listed as Interested Parties in the advertisement, then the Notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and the Sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to redeem the property as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. §67-1-1433.

This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to confirmation by the lender or trustee. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

MWZM File No. 13-004844-670

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, KNOX COUNTY

WHEREAS, Barry M. McQuithy and Sheila McQuithy executed a Deed of Trust to Chase Bank USA, N.A., Lender and David R. Wilson, Trustee(s), which was dated October 26, 2007 and recorded on November 13, 2007 in Instrument No. 200711130038907, Knox County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on **November 7, 2017, at 10:00AM** at the usual and customary location at the Knox County Courthouse, Knoxville, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

SITUATED IN Civil District Five (5), of Knox County, Tennessee, within the 41st ward of the City of Knoxville, Tennessee, being known and designated as all of Lot 6, HOLLOWAY SUBDIVISION, as shown on map of same record in Map Book 20, Page 138, in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee, said property being more particularly bounded and described as shown on map of aforesaid addition, to which map specific reference is hereby made for a more particular description, according to the survey of Howard T. Dawson, RLS #1301, 124 Maryville Pike, Knoxville, Tennessee, dated May 19, 1994, drawing number 94-654; said premises being improved with a dwelling bearing the address of 1708 Merchants Road, Knoxville, Tennessee.

BEING the same property conveyed to Barry S. McQuithy and wife, Sheila M. McQuithy by Warranty Deed from Sotha B. Guffie, unmarried dated May 20, 1994 and recorded in Book 2141, Page 297 in the Register's Office for Knox County, Tennessee.

Parcel ID Number: 080CA 005
 Address/Description: 1708 Merchant Drive, Knoxville, TN 37912.

Current Owner(s): Barry S. McQuithy and wife Sheila M. McQuithy.

Other Interested Parties: Acuity.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated November 4, 2014, executed by ANGELA L. BOURNE, conveying certain real property therein described to JOSEPH B. PITT, JR., as Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee recorded November 17, 2014, at Instrument Number 201411170027514;

and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was last transferred and assigned to Quicken Loans Inc. who is now the owner of said debt; and WHEREAS, the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, having been appointed as Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed for record in the Register's Office of Knox County, Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable, and that the undersigned, Ruben Lublin TN, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee will, on **January 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM** at the North Side Entrance of the City County Building, 400 Main Street, Knoxville, TN 37902, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds ONLY, the following described property situated in Knox County, Tennessee, to wit:

LAND SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF KNOX IN THE STATE OF TN SITUATED IN DISTRICT NO. ONE (FORMERLY NO. TWO) OF KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND IN THE TWELFTH WARD OF THE CITY OF KNOXVILLE AND BEING LOT NO.1 IN DAILEY HEIGHTS ADDITION TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY OF SEHORN & KENNEDY, ENGINEERS OF KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE D

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God Helps Those Who Help Themselves

By Mark Brackney,
Minister of the Arlington Church
of Christ

You have likely heard or said the phrase, "God helps those who help themselves." According to Barna Group, a Christian polling firm, they found that eight in ten Americans think this phrase is in the Bible. Actually, it can be traced back to Greek mythology in the 5th century B.C., but has been made popular in America due to Ben Franklin who put it in his book, Poor Richard's Almanac, in 1736. This phrase sounds biblical, but is it? Yes and no.

God does bless us with jobs, with food, and with shelter. But along with what God does, we are to be a part of the process. For example, I can pray all day for God to give me a job, but praying alone will likely not be enough. I need to avail myself to job recruiting firms, to polishing up my resume, networking with others, looking for job openings, submitting applications, preparing

and showing up for job interviews. God expects me to have some involvement in the process.

Paul told one of the churches he planted that Jesus was coming back and His return could be imminent. This caused some people to quit their jobs and wait for His return. Paul had to tell them to get back to work and put food on the table (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12). Faith in God should move us to action. We are God's instruments, His hands and feet. We use our influence and domain to do what we can to stand up for justice, provide for our families, and do what we can to help others.

What I fear is that the phrase, "God helps those who help themselves" is used by people as a way to ignore their responsibility to help others. We are called by God to love our neighbors and to help those who can't help themselves. There is a current movie out right now based on the book with the same name that shows how

two men, one a homeless man and the other an international art dealer, cross paths and both lives are blessed (Same Kind of Different as Me). I highly recommend you watch this movie. God wants kingdom people to help the poor, the orphan, the widow, the foreigner and the needy (Leviticus 23:22; James 1:27; Galatians 5:6; Proverbs 19:17; 21:13; 22:9).

God uses people like you and me to help others. God will put opportunities in your path, but also be discerning. We want to create independence, not dependence in our helping. That can be hard to know at times, but what is not debatable is that we are to help.

One final thought: we all need God. God is our only hope. We have descended too far in our sin and despair and thus cannot help or save ourselves. God wants us to do the very best we can, but we need to recognize that we need God's help (Psalm 121:1-2).

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