

## Horsin' around

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"I have very strong concerns in changing this zoning," Harvey said. "Once it's commercial, it's commercial. Anything allowed in a commercial zone will be allowed there in the future."

Permitted uses in C-2 are retail and wholesale trade, professional offices, government agencies, automotive and transportation services, amusement and recreational service, light manufacturing, etc.

Members asked Community Development director Nolan Ming if anything can be done to allow the use.

"No," said Ming. "Not by the existing code. I've looked, but I can look again."

Planning Commission member Jim Brock, a former codes director, agreed with Ming's assessment.

"The only way to do this is to change the zoning code," said Brock. "It's a slippery slope when you start changing city code for one property. It's not compatible with the area. I make a motion that we recommend to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that the request for rezoning be denied."

The decision came after heartfelt requests

from organization members.

"All I want to do is help these kids," said Holly McBride, who, along with Neal Cox, outlined the organization's long-term goals and current plans for the property. "We need your help so we can help them. This is the right thing to do."

Harvey asked if moving the organization would end the program.

"I'm not going to say it would end our program," said McBride. "It would, however, hurt us tremendously to have to move."

Neighbors were in opposition of the zoning change.

"I'm for the children and I'm for this program," said Larry Elliot. "I'm worried about

future use without a long-term lease. All the organization has is a one-year lease on the property. Surely there's something that can be done to allow this use, but give some assurance to residential neighbors that the property won't be used for another commercial purpose in the future."

Sally Steakley expressed concern for her property value and asked the request to be denied because it violates city zoning restrictions.

"This will devalue our property," said Steakley. "We won't know by how much until someone sells their property. The purpose of the R-1 District is to provide a low-density, residential environment having

good access to schools, public water and sewer, and other community services, but well separated from other incompatible uses and activities."

McMinnville Planning Commission recommends to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The rezoning request will be sent to the board with a recommendation to reject. Committee members instructed Ming to seek legal consideration and search city code again for a solution.

Horsin' Around can continue its operation until a final decision has been made.

Other Planning Commission members are Jerry Williamson, Todd Noblin and Allison Moore.

## Teen charged with arson for Monday fire



ROACH

A joint investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Warren County Sheriff's Department, and Tennessee Fire Investigation Services has resulted in the arrest of a Morrison man in connection to an arson in McMinnville.

On Monday, Warren County authorities responded to a reported camper trailer fire in the 100 block of Bivens Lane.

During the course of the investigation, authorities determined the fire had been intentionally set and also developed information leading to Roger Roach, 18, as the individual responsible for the crime.

On Monday, authorities arrested Roach and charged him with one count of vandalism over \$10,000.

He was subsequently booked into the Warren County Jail on \$50,000 bond.

# New \$3.5M plan offers access to training for rural principals

BY LISA HOBBS  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A \$3.5 million comprehensive plan by the state to transform principal leadership in Tennessee schools was announced with Warren County's Director of Schools Bobby Cox in attendance.

"The new program will be of great benefit to rural schools in that it will allow current principals to develop a network of principals in other communities and will provide funding for current principals to attend professional development opportunities to help them continue developing their skills as a school teacher," said Cox. "With a possible cut in federal funds this year that would eliminate some of our professional development money, this new funding will help tremendously."

Making the announcement was Gov. Bill Haslam and Department of Education Commissioner Candice McQueen.

The comprehensive initiative is meant to transform the leadership of Tennessee's schools by improving the preparation, retention, and development of school principals.

Haslam dedicated more than \$3.5 million in the 2018-19 fiscal year budget to advance this work. Additionally, the Ayers Foundation, Scarlett Family Foundation, and the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) have invested a combined \$600,000 to advance leader preparation.

The initiative consists of three elements designed to both address the pipeline of new leaders as well as the devel-



An initiative to provide Tennessee schools with leadership training for both new and existing leaders has received a nod of approval by Director of Schools Bobby Cox. He was asked to attend the \$3.5 million comprehensive plan announcement by Gov. Bill Haslam.

opment of existing leaders:

- Effective preparation of new school leaders: In conjunction with the State Board of Education, the Tennessee Department of Education is revising policy to ensure the 19 traditional preparation programs within many of the state's higher education institutions are held accountable for the performance of their graduates. To accelerate performance, this effort will provide funding for 50 fellowship positions to support high-quality preparation programs and 50 district partnership grants for leadership development.

- Recruitment and retention of turnaround school leaders: In addition to training new leaders to fill the annual esti-

mated 270 school leader vacancies, this effort will leverage the talents of top principals by incentivizing them to lead the state's lowest-performing schools.

- Development opportunities for rural school leaders: Principals in rural schools are often unable to take advantage of leadership development due to the cost of registration and travel and have few networking opportunities to learn from other school leaders. This program creates a professional network for 50 rural principals and scholarships for rural principals to attend state-led conferences and training opportunities.

"Without good leaders in our buildings, we can't have good schools, and this is an opportunity to build good leaders," said Cox.

Cox was asked by Haslam to attend the announcement.

Photo provided

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### SkillsUSA 2018 Spring Festival with Dinner & Live Auction

The SkillsUSA 2018 Spring Festival with Dinner and Live Auction will be Fri., April 6 @ The Tennessee College of Applied Technology McMinnville Campus. The BBQ Dinner and Open House will be from 4:30-6pm with the Live Auction starting at 6pm. The cost will be \$8 per ticket or 2 for \$15, purchase now at TCAT or at the door. Join us for an evening of food and fun. For more info call 473-5587.

#### East End Church of Christ "Do Not Be Conformed" Seminar

East End Church of Christ will be having a gospel Seminar 13-15 April. The guest speaker will be Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press. Service times are Fri. @ 7 & 8pm, Sat. @ 10 & 11am with lunch provided, Sun. @ 9 & 10am. There will be a fellowship meal in the annex following Sunday morning worship. Visitors are our honored guests. You are cordially invited to attend each day.

#### Midway CIC Easter Egg Hunt

Midway CIC will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sat., Mar. 31 @ 10:30am. Please bring a dessert, chips or drink. Hotdogs will be provided. Just bring your baskets, no eggs required.

#### Midway Community Center Relay for Life Breakfast

Midway Community Center will have a Relay for Life Breakfast on Apr. 7 from 7-10am at the Midway Community Center. All donations will go to Relay for Life. Come out and eat with us for a good cause.

#### Gospel Meeting at Berea Church of Christ

Berea Church of Christ will be hosting a Gospel Meeting Apr. 8-11 with services starting at 7pm each evening. Bro. Dan Gulley will be speaking. Everyone is invited to come hear from God's word. Berea Church of Christ is located at 8143 Francis Ferry Rd. in the Midway Community.

#### Revival at Sunny Hills Baptist Church

Sunny Hills Baptist Church will be hosting a Revival beginning Apr. 1 @ 6pm. Services will be nightly at 7pm. Missionary Bro. Eric Bohman will be speaking. Please come visit us at 2216 Robert Wilson Rd. in Centertown.

#### Childrens Easter Party @ The Moose Lodge

There will be a Childrens Easter Party at the Moose Lodge on Smithville Hwy. on Sat., Mar. 31 @ 2pm.

## OBITUARIES

### Ernest F. "Smitty" Smith Jr., 93



McMinnville resident and Knox County native Ernest F. "Smitty" Smith Jr., 93, was born Jan. 22, 1925 and died March 24 at Sarah Cannon Cancer Center at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville following a brief illness. Retired from McMinnville Electric, a United States Navy veteran of World War II, and a member of Providence Baptist Church, he was the son of the late Ernest F. and Fannie Mae Tallent Smith. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Reba White, Barbara Blackburn and Bertha Smith.

He was married Feb. 11, 1956 to Remonia Womack Smith of McMinnville. In addition to his wife, he is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Anne Smith of Nolensville; granddaughter, Hayley Smith of Nolensville; brother and sister-in-law, Walton and Mary Jo Smith of Rock Island; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral service was Monday, March 26, at High's Chapel with Steve Brown and Tommy Womack officiating. Burial followed at Providence Cemetery with full military honors administered by VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. Online condolences may be made at [www.highfuneral-home.com](http://www.highfuneral-home.com).

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.  
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