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TriPride
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The 2018 Washington County Fair is a family friendly event in Abingdon, VA that has grown to be a permanent and well recognized part of Washington County. For over 60 years the fair has hosted a variety of events and fun activities, such as Music Concerts, Livestock Shows, Horse Shows, Demolition Derby, Truck Pull, School Days, Senior Day, Carnival Rides, Food, Commercial Exhibits, Educational Exhibits, Arts, Crafts, and Old McDonald’s Petty Zoo plus other special events. This year the entertainment line up will be bringing artists from New Country, Bluegrass, Contemporary Christian and Traditional Country genres to the main stage. The fair kicks off on Monday, September 10, 2018 and runs through Saturday, September 15, 2018.

The nightly grounds attraction this year is the Hogway Speedway Racing Pigs, Goats & Ducks. It is a family owned business located in Newton, North Carolina. During each show, the swift-footed swine race around an oval track where the winner receives the coveted prize: Cheez Doodles! Since the Hogway Speedway originates in the heart of NASCAR racing territory near Charlotte, NC, it’s only fitting that the racers are named after popular NASCAR drivers both new and old. Racers include “Hammy Hamlin”, “Rooster Busch” and “Oinkhardt, Jr.” Crowd participation is encouraged at the Hogway Speedway. During each race, four “Pig Rooters” are chosen to cheer for the pig racing for their section of the crowd. If their pig wins, they win a blue ribbon that says, “My pig won at the Hogway Speedway.” Not only is the crowd able to enjoy watching both farm pigs and potbelly pigs race around the track, the Hogway Speedway also includes pygmy goats and Indian Runner ducks in their race lineup. It’s a family-friendly show that is fun and exciting for kids of all ages! It is a free show with price of admission.

The Washington County Fairgrounds is located at 17046 Fairground Drive in Abingdon, Virginia. For six days in September, the Fairgrounds serve as the home for the Washington County Fair. Season Tickets, Discounted General Admission Tickets and reserved seats for each concert throughout the week may be purchased at www.itickets.com or in person at Meade Realty, Abingdon, VA. For more information call 276-628-6222, 276-628-6233.

by Katlin Buchanan
MEET THE STAFF

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PUBLISHER
"Behind every successful woman is a tribe of other successful women who have her back."

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"Laughter is timeless, Imagination has no age, and dreams are forever" -Walt Disney

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NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

WOW!!! The Loafer is back!! I am so proud and honored to be able to put the Loafer back out on stands! Here at Market Innovations, we take pride in all of our publications and to be able to add this to our family has been wonderful.

We will be keeping The Loafer the same publication that the community loves so much. However, you will see some changes to make it even better than it was. We are very excited to announce The Loafer will be LIVE - yes LIVE!! We will stroll through our community checking out the local music scene, interviewing local artists and watching some of the amazing talent we have here in East TN.

So each week make sure to pick up The Loafer or check us out online!! Don’t forget that here at Market Innovations we also publish Tri-Cities Best Home Magazine and Tri-Cities Eats!! Be sure to pick up those amazing magazines as well.

Thank you, Tri-Cities, for giving me the opportunity to put The Loafer back in our community!!

Kimberly Dugger
Publisher
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**Name:** Myles Cook  
**Branch:** U.S. Marines (Reserve), Infantry Rifleman (0311)  
**Age Joined:** 28  
**Rank:** Corporal  
**Years Served:** 2.5

**What made you want to serve our country?**
I've always wanted to serve, and I wanted to do it before it was too late. I work as a Deputy Sheriff, and with the SWAT team I serve on there are many Marines. I've always looked up to them.

**What advice would you give someone looking to go into the military?**
Consider all your options in each branch and military occupations.

**What is your favorite quote?**
"A ship is safest in the harbor, but that's not what ships are built for."

**Do you recall your first days in service?**
Yes, but barely. It's hard to remember much of anything from Parris Island. It's a blur!

**Was there something special you did for "good luck"?**
Nope!

**Did you work or go back to school?**
I had already obtained a Master's degree before enlisting, so no plans on going back to school!

**How does your military experience affect your life today?**
One thing the USMC teaches without fail is discipline, and it's useful in every aspect of life. It's helped me more than anything else I've learned.

**Were you awarded any medals or citations? How did you get them?**
I was awarded a meritorious promotion to NCO. I've also received a meritorious mast.

**Why did you pick the service branch you joined?**
The Marine Corps is rich in history, tradition, and pride. That's what makes us different.

**What was the best and worst 'military' food you were served, and why?**
Worst is any meat patty MRE, best was the warriors breakfast after graduating from Parris Island.

**Tell us a funny story you experienced that could only happen in the military.**
Watching a man try to tape the skin back on the heel of his foot after a 15 mile ruck. That for some reason was pretty funny.
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TriPride is a community-building effort, registered as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. We hope to help the Tri-Cities become recognized as a more welcoming and inclusive place to live. Although our primary focus is the LGBTQ community and their allies, one thing that remains important to us is to keep the parade and festival open and welcoming for all people, for all abilities, backgrounds and ages, along with their families, and their friends. We wish to showcase many features that make the Tri-Cities an attractive place to live. This includes: musicians, artists, breweries, food trucks, and craft-persons. Everyone participating at the event is enthusiastic to show inclusion of LGBTQ persons in the community.

The parade will run from 12pm – 1pm. It will begin on the corner of Roan & Commerce Streets in the Renaissance Bank Parking lot. It will end at the Founders Park Amphitheater. We are inviting individuals, groups, non-profits, religious organizations, businesses, and corporations to sign up and take part in the parade. A signup sheet is available on our website. We are also working to ensure that the parade and festival are accessible to individuals with physical disabilities and to families with strollers. The parade will feature live music, singing, choreography, and entertainment.

The festival will run immediately following the parade from 1 pm – 6 pm. To showcase our region’s rich musical talent, we have chosen local artists for our lineup. Thanks to two generous private donors, our event will feature a fully-funded live arts competition. This will be an additional way for us to showcase regional talent. Three judges will present financial prizes along with awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

To build a truly regional event, we’ve reached out to businesses from across the Tri-Cities and beyond to partner with us to provide a wide variety of beverages.

We are also working to ensure that the festivities can be enjoyed by persons of all abilities. All our bathrooms will be handicap-accessible. Hard flooring will be placed near the stage to ensure that individuals in wheelchairs and families with strollers can enjoy the music. A sign language interpreter will be on the stage. A decompression tent will be available for individuals with sensory challenges and for nursing mothers.

The TriPride Parade & Festival will be an opportunity for the community to show support for inclusion in the Tri Cities. There are many ways to get involved: sign up as a volunteer, participate in the parade, reserve a booth, become a sponsor, be listed in our brochure, or just come to the event and make some new friends. Visit tripridetn.org or our Facebook page for more information on events throughout the week, such as a Pride Hike, AIDS Memorial Quilt, Women’s Night, Newbies Events, and a Willow Tree Youth Event.

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When I was a kid, I thought that I was one of a kind - that there was no one else like me. Don’t get me wrong, I didn’t think that I was the most talented, the best looking, or even the smartest kid around. Maybe I should rephrase that. I didn’t think I was “one of a kind.” I thought I was the only “one of my kind.”

I felt as if there was something off about me. Growing up in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, I seemed to be the only person, young or old, who wasn’t like everyone else. I was roughly the same height as the boys my age. I loved video games like the boys my age. I loved playing outside, reading comic books, and for a short while, I was really close to considering taking up a sport.

What I wasn’t, though, was compelled to chase the girls on the playground. I didn’t dream of a sneaking a kiss when the teachers weren’t looking. I didn’t fantasize that one day I would marry the prettiest girl in school, or the girl on TV. I didn’t imagine that I would have 2.5 kids and I would live in a two-story house behind a white picket fence and all that.

Honestly, as a child, I mostly dreamed of traveling the world and seeing what existed beyond those immaculate mountain peaks. However, when I did dream, when I did look into the future, it was with hesitation. I felt a feeling akin to dread when I realized that the person standing next to me in all of my visions, was a boy. He didn’t have a face or a name in my visions. He wasn’t there because I asked for him to be, or because I had any comprehension of what seeing a man, rather than a woman, by my side meant.

This dream man was there because of something the adults around me spoke of with great disdain. I was gay. I didn’t think I was doing anything wrong by simply becoming aware that I wasn’t attracted to women. I hadn’t done anything differently than anyone else that I knew of.


I couldn’t have chosen to be gay anymore than I could have chosen my eye color.

I didn’t know that by seeing myself with a person of the same sex, whether I knew him, or could see him clearly at eight or nine-years-old, that some people would see it as if I had set out to destroy the very foundation of the American Dream.

Children don’t set out to do anything, other than to be children. We are taught hate, fear, bigotry; and in 1990’s East Tennessee, it might as well have been 1825 when the subject of homosexuality was mentioned. These reasons are why I decided to add my two cents here, on this page you’re reading right now. I wanted to say that, in spite of all of it, I am proud of who I am. And you should be proud of who you are. Whether you’re 9, or 14, or 40 - you have nothing to be ashamed of when it comes to who you love.

If you’re feeling alone, if you’re struggling, know that there is hope. There are people who will love you more than you can imagine, and they are waiting for you to find them. You have to be alert, you have to be mindful, but most of all, you have to stand up. We can’t find each other, we weird and wonderful, if we stay silent.

This year, remember why you should be proud. Remember why you can come together and march and be open about who you are. Also, try to remember that even in 2018, some people feel they cannot do the same.

This year at Pride, remember the men and women who came together to give us the ability to speak up, to hold jobs without the fear of being fired for our sexual orientation. Be proud that we are continuing the traditions of the fearless thousands who stepped out and said; “No! You will not treat us like sub-humans.” Be proud when you remember our brothers and sisters who died so we can say “I do,” and it be recognized in all 50 States.

Be proud when you look back on the kid you once were knowing that you never have to be afraid again.

Pride is a chance to stand up for that kid, for all of our inner kids, and the kids out there with no one to confide in. This Pride, remember the real reasons we have these rights. Remember that this wasn’t free, and not too long ago we weren’t safe.

There is still a fight ahead, but while you celebrate, while you enjoy this time with your friends and your family, with the people who see you and love you, remember what Pride should mean, and make it matter every single day.

-Adam Colden
The Alzheimer’s Association® is inviting Johnson City and surrounding county residents to join the fight to end Alzheimer’s by participating in the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s, presented by Eastman Credit Union. The Walk will take place on September 29th at Founders Park in Downtown Johnson City.

Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s participants will complete a 2 mile walk and will learn about Alzheimer’s disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical studies enrollment and support programs and services from the Alzheimer’s Association. Walk participants also honor those affected by Alzheimer’s disease with the poignant Promise Garden ceremony.

“The Walk to End Alzheimer’s is a great way to come together as a community to offer support and raise funds for those who are affected by this disease because its devastating more families every day. Alzheimer’s kills more people than Breast Cancer and Prostate Cancer combined and we have to stop the onset of this disease as soon as possible,” stated Meredith Sieber.

In addition to the 2 mile walk, participants will enjoy information regarding local resources and programs, music, food, games for the kids. Chris McIntosh of DayTime Tri-Cities will be our emcee for the ceremony. Eastman Credit Union is the Presenting Sponsor for the Johnson City Walk.

More than 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s disease, the sixth-leading cause of death in the U.S. and the only disease among the top 10 causes that cannot be cured, prevented or even slowed. Additionally, more than 16 million family and friends provide care to people with Alzheimer’s and other dementias in the U.S. In Tennessee alone, there are more than 120,000 people living with the disease and 435,000 caregivers.

Register today. Sign up as a Team Captain, join a team or register to walk as an individual at alz.org/walk.

Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s®

The Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer’s Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer’s Association Memory Walk®, now the Alzheimer’s Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer’s. Together, we can end Alzheimer’s.

Alzheimer’s Association®

The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer’s care, support and research. Our mission is to eliminate Alzheimer’s disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health. Our vision is a world without Alzheimer’s. Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. The Walk to Defeat ALS® is the #1 way to unite and fundraise for those living with ALS.

Each year, More than 180 walks take place in communities across the country. These walks draw people of all ages and athletic abilities together to honor a loved one with the disease, to remember those who’ve passed and to show their support for the cause. All of the money raised goes to The ALS Association who use it to discover treatments and a cure for ALS, and to serve, advocate for, and empower people affected by ALS to live their lives to the fullest.

Join the movement to cure ALS today by participating in the Tri-Cities Walk to Defeat ALS on September 15th, 2018. The event will be held at Borden Park, located at 901 Lamont St, Kingsport, TN 37664-3010. Check-in will be at 10:00 AM and the walk will start at 11:00am.

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For those who have been with us since the beginning, you know there are two places which we love to visit more than anywhere else: our beautiful national and state parks as well as the myriad of theme parks which dot the Eastern half of the United States. Luckily for us, East Tennessee is home to two of the best, with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Dollywood Theme Park both only a short drive from Tri-Cities. Next year Dollywood has big plans in store which will combine the wonder and beauty of the Smokies with the fun of rides and rollercoasters. This magical land will be known as Wildwood Grove.

Only a few short weeks ago we were at the park’s Celebrity Theater, watching as Dolly herself presented the beautiful new land to the hundreds of guests and news media which had squeezed inside the building. She was joined by Alyvia Alyn Lind, the starry-eyed actress who portrays the Queen of Country Music on NBC’s Coat of Many Colors and the following sequel. Together, they sang a wonderful song introducing us to the many rides, characters, and animals guests can expect to find once it opens next spring. Dolly’s excitement was hardly held in check as she shared the secrets of this massive expansion with us.

Wildwood Grove will sit in the back of the park in an area which until recently was steep mountainside covered with forest. Visitors will enter through a huge hollow log which leads from Timber Canyon. Immediately on the right will sit a new table service restaurant, Till and Harvest, which will feature southern dishes with a dash of southwestern flair. While we don’t know much else about the menu, it just makes us more excited for its opening so we can discover it for ourselves.

Dollywood is known for family thrills, and while the last few years have seen more intense rides open such as Lightning Rod and Drop Line, Wildwood Grove will truly appeal to all members of the family. Rides abound that will delight both kids and their parents. Frogs and Fireflies features a parade of happy frogs that children can bounce around with as they chase the twinkling fireflies. Nearby, Hidden Hollow will feature a giant indoor play area that has climbing areas, slides, and ball cannons. No doubt it will be a popular hangout for all ages who want to escape the heat that summer in Tennessee brings. Wildwood Creek will also allow visitors to cool off as it flows through the land. Erupting geysers, fountains, and a splash pad make it easy to get soaked.

Sycamore Swing is your classic carnival pirate ship, with a unique twist. Visitors will board a giant leaf and ride it as it rocks back and forth in the wind. Those who have fancied climbing to the treetops will have those wishes come true, as Treetop Tower whisks acorn-themed cars into the sky for a fun spin in the forest canopy. Mad Mockingbirds is a Larson Flying Scooter, one of our favorite rides when we go to parks. The ride allows the adventurous to control their ride experience with rudders, casing the cars to swing up and down. Black Bear Trail will no doubt be one of the most popular rides, as visitors can ride on the back of a friendly, rollicking bear through the woods! Lastly, the largest addition adds to Dollywood’s world-class collection of coasters. Dragonflyer is a suspended family coaster which offers more thrills than one would expect as it soars through the forest.

Even with the addition of all these new rides, Dollywood has even more in store. The centerpiece of Wildwood Grove will be the Wildwood Tree, a massive structure standing over five stories tall. Evenings will see the tree comes to life with hundreds of butterflies as a lighting show wraps up a fun-filled day at the park. It will also be the home to multiple shows at its base during the many festivals Dollywood has each year. In addition, park officials have stated that the new land will be filled from one end to the other with plant life. Millions are being spent to bring in mature trees, shrubs, and flowering plants to ensure it truly feels like a magical forest. Spring of 2019 can’t get here soon enough!
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**Karaoke**

**TUESDAY**
Karaoke w/ Crossroads & Josh Blevins at Dawg House Tavern
Karaoke at Zachary's Steakhouse
Family Night Karaoke at C.J.'s Sports Bar
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Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at The Cave

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Karaoke w/ Southern Sounds Karaoke at American Legion 8pm
Karaoke at C.J.'s Sports Bar
Turn the Page Karaoke at VFW Post 2108 - Johnson City TN

**THURSDAY**
Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Macado's - Kingsport
Karaoke w/ DJ Marquez at Painter Creek
Karaoke at Zachary's Steakhouse
Michael's Krazy Karaoke at Stateline Bar & Grill
Karaoke at C.J.'s Sports Bar
Karaoke w/ DJ Marques Top Shelf Entertainment at Wild Wing Cafe JC
Karaoke at Numan's - Johnson City TN
Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at New Beginning's
Karaoke at Jiggy Rays Pizzaria
Karaoke at Summer Cantina - Jay's Boat Dock Jonesborough

**FRIDAY**
Karaoke w/ Southern Sounds Karaoke at Sportsman's Bar & Grill 9pm
Karaoke w/ Shane Rouse at Bear's Bar
Karaoke at Kingsport Moose Lodge
Karaoke w/ Reverb Karaoke at The Cottage 8:30 pm
Turn the Page Karaoke at VFW Post 2108 - Johnson City TN
Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Moe's Original BBQ
Karaoke w/ Toddzilla at Sportsmans Pub
Karaoke at Elizabethton VFW - Elizabethton TN
Karaoke w/ DJ Marquez & Top Shelf Entertainment at Holiday Inn (Exit 7) - Bristol VA
Karaoke at Numan's - Johnson City TN

**SATURDAY**
Karaoke w/ Toddzilla at Sportsmans Pub
Karaoke at Kingsport Moose Lodge
Turn the Page Karaoke at VFW Post 2108 - Johnson City TN
Karaoke w/ Absolute Entertainment at Macado's - Kingsport
Karaoke at Numan's - Johnson City TN

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**Trivia**

**TUESDAY**
Wild Wing Café JC- Trivia Tuesdays 8:30pm
Johnson City Brewing Company- Trivia Tuesdays 7pm
Aubrey's Johnson City- Trivia Night 7pm

**WEDNESDAY**
Tipton Street Pub- Trivia Wednesdays 9pm
Aubrey's Bristol- Trivia Night 7pm

**THURSDAY**
Holy Taco & Cantina Trivia Night 9pm
JRH Brewing - Trivia Night

**MONDAY**
Barley Waters- Trivia Night 7pm
Yee-Haw Brewing- Trivia Mondays 7pm
**FOOD BLOG**

**Bartender of the Week**

Robbie Hatley  
**Tipton St. Pub**

With this issue revolving around pride, I’m proud to say I’m a lifelong gay resident of Johnson City, and I am amazed at the amount of growth and progress we have made here in the short time I’ve been alive. Downtown has blossomed into a smorgasbord of culture and cuisine, uniquely specific to this region nestled in the heart of the forgotten State of Franklin. It is my personal goal to play my part in the push for progression that will only bolster our fair city’s emergence as the most desirable spot to call home in this side of the Smokies. It is also my wish that downtown become the beating heart of our city, and that can only be done with the support of all it’s citizens; no matter their socioeconomic status, race, religion, sexual preference, or political stance. At the end of the day, we all call this place home, and for one to succeed, all need to succeed. Our differences unite us in very basic ways, as we all want a safe and productive place in which to raise our families, conduct our business, and lay our heads at night. Johnson City is an oddly liberal, friendly community in this section of the country and I only want to see that continue, and thrive. If I had to pick a motto for our city, as simple as it sounds, it would be, “Different strokes for different folks”. As long as we all understand that what one believes where they pay the bills, is fine. But when one enters the world, one must acknowledge that there are all sorts of people, and they all deserve the same treatment and safety offered by the law. Taking rights from a few opens the doors to taking rights from all.

After all, at it’s core, isn’t that the concept America was built on? Alright, enough of the rhetoric!

As a local bartender, I consider downtown eat and drink to be a personal expertise of mine. With this example in inclusion as our guide, please allow me to take you on a culinary field trip of downtown, broken down into a spot for each meal, with an adult beverage for each. The abundance of options, with many tastes being represented, is spectacular and encouraging for our projected multicultural dominance in East Tennessee. Whether you’re a frequent visitor, or a curious newcomer, the itch to explore should be scratched by all!

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**Breakfast:**

**Main Street Pizza**

Main Street offers a variety of delicious breakfast options for one to choose from. Whether it’s the alfredo gravy or farm fresh eggs, there is a plethora of choices for the palate with many ingredients from their local growing grounds. My personal recommendation is the Power Salad and a grapefruit half, when in season. The Power Salad consists of kale, quinoa, cashews, butternut, apple, red onion, and golden raisins, all in an apple sage vinaigrette. This pairs beautifully with their hand crafted Strawberry Basil Cooler. The alluring combination of fresh strawberry, fresh basil, and sparkling wine is divine, to say the least.

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**Lunch Time:**

**Holy Taco Cantina**

This cantina has transformed into a downtown staple! One in which I like to think I played an integral part. Although I am no longer there, it still holds a very special place in my heart as it was my first experience in becoming a downtown regular. Even now when I return, it still feels like home. The staff is great and the Tuesday night taco trek is a wonderful community summer tradition that continues to grow to this day. As a lunch destination, it contains fantastic bang for your buck! They have two lunch specials to choose from with an extremely affordable price of only $4.99, although my personal pick is the Holy Taco Salad. With several protein choices for a topping, I recommend the chicken. And if one must only choose one dressing, as the salad is big enough for multiple options, I advice the jalapeno cilantro vinaigrette. It’s not as spicy as it sounds, and is tasty enough to put on anything! If you are up for spice, try pairing it with a Jalapeno Margarita! If spice is not your cup of tea, try the delectably fruity Strawberry Coconut Margarita. As my own personal concoction during my tenure there I can say I can think of no better substitution for dessert!

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**Korean Taco House**

This adorable eatery sits at the
entrance to mainstream downtown. What it lacks in size, it more than makes up for in flavor! Whether ramen or fusion food is your thing, the beauty providing these authentic Korean dishes will leave you full and thankful. Although taco is in the title, it is not necessarily my favorite dish. That award goes to the bulgogi! It is most similar to a steak stir fry, coming with a side of rice that must be used to sop up the delicious juices from the beef and veggies. Kim chi may be a foreign concept to some, as it was to me before bravely giving it a try, but it is delicious nonetheless to anyone enjoying that “pickling” taste. Basically, anything this lady gives you, mix it together and give it a taste. Your tastebuds will thank you. There isn’t a cocktail or beer to suggest as a pairing, however, a little known secret is that brown-bagging is still a thing. Since one is exploring downtown options, just make a quick pit stop at the craft beer shop Barley Waters, and bring your own personal favorite craft option to lunch with you! My only complaint; that they’re not open for dinner as the chef recently underwent back surgery, limiting the hours of operation.

The Perfect Dinner:

**Sabores**

This Cuban grill will give you the Caribbean vacation you’ve always dreamed of. Well, at least one’s senses will feel as though they’re vacationing! Surrounded by azure walls, the sights, sounds, and smells of the islands will instantly transport you to that dream getaway. With hand-crafted cocktails and satiating cuisine, this is a marvelous dinner destination. If one is feeling peckish, try the Cuban Mojo roast pork tropi chopi, served over jasmine rice and black beans. Black beans so good they even converted this former critic of such an offering. If one brought their appetite, splurge on the heavenly Sea Bass, served over lemon manchego risotto with an accompaniment of roasted asparagus. While you’re there, say hi to my great friend, Jamichael Grimes, an excellent server who will take wonderful care of you. My favorite among mixologist Laura Cloer’s creations; her Dark and Stormy. The best one downtown, hands down. The refreshing combination of ginger beer, lime, and black rum is not to be missed! Nothing dark or stormy about this taste of vacay.

**The Label**

A downtown powerhouse, this dining hub has a little bit for all. Masculine energy abounds surrounded by leathers, whiskeys, and wood. With quite the extensive menu, this bourbon bar makes it impossible to find something just for you on the menu. It’s all-american cuisine is paired perfectly with it’s sushi options. I’ll focus on the latter. Sometimes, a small dinner is just what you crave. With half price sushi night happening on Wednesday, one could choose the Bakersfield roll. In essence, a spicy tuna roll jazzed up with eel sauce and candied fried bacon. An intoxicating flavor profile, it is worth a try for any sushi newbie. And at half the price, one can’t afford not to give it a taste. It is the perfect way to introduce the skeptic in your group to something new and exotic. However, my personal newfound favorite isn’t on the half price list, although it is worth every penny. If you’ve ever wanted an entire meal in one bite, try the Filet Roll. Topped with perfectly cooked filet mignon, for a carnivore such as myself, it is the perfect choice when visiting with friends on this discounted date night. And for dessert, top it off with their newest cocktail; the June Carter. Aptly named for the sweet country legend, it is a pleasurable mix of bourbon, peach puree, and champagne. Come a little early, as business tends to swell around six o’clock. Or take advantage of their texting option, and while waiting for a table, pop over to the pub for pre-dinner conversation and a libation or two.

**Freiberg’s**

If rib-sticking dining is your delight, look no further than this German cafe! It’s elegant front is hard to miss when arriving downtown, but stepping inside is the real beauty. With authentic cuisine and beer, you’ll understand why this eatery is a personal winter favorite of mine. There is an indescribable warmth that seems to radiate right off the plate. While the schnitzel will make you feel as though you’re visiting Berlin, it is not my personal favorite. As a proud southerner, I grew up with cube steak and gravy. Freiberg’s has their own version of this: the Boulette Andreas. Named for the founder, this ground beef steak is served smothered in mushroom and onion, with a red wine gravy. A heavy meal deserves a heavy beer. I suggest the Kostriker schwartz beir. One has to get the fried fresh potatoes, and sauerkraut of course as the sides. Mop it all up with their unbeatable bread slathered in herb butter, and you’ll be thankful you didn’t order the pretzel and beer cheese appetizer to start. Another visit is already on the horizon, as next time you’ll want to try those amazing pretzels!

**Wonderland Lounge**

The latest addition to the circle of downtown dining is one not to be missed! Indian fusion done with a neon flare, this cocktail lounge is more than just a watering hole. While moonlighting here, I have been given the wonderful task of expanding my palate in the southeastern asian direction. Surrounded by uptown artistic design, one can indulge in downtown craft cocktails, flavorful culinary art, and eclectic new age tunes. A burgeoning new hot-spot, take a step in a different direction and challenge yourself to see Johnson City as a rising star on the Tennessee scene! Excitement is palpable when here, and the flavor will keep you coming back for more.Try the Dragon’s Blood cocktail, with it’s mix of fresh mint, fresh strawberry, and gin. When paired with the Banana Leaf wrapped Salmon, or the Paneer Tikka Masala, you’ll see why India was considered the jewel in the British Empire!

**Southern Craft**

With all this worldly cuisine, sometimes you just crave a taste of home. And with southern foods being the only truly authentic, American crafted eats, look no further than Southern Craft. Bar-B-Que, in my opinion, is even more American than apple pie, as it doesn’t exist in the same capacity anywhere else in the world! Bbq has different meanings in different regions of the south, but it is the melting pot of cultures that created it that make the south so unique and special. It can’t even be “perfectly” duplicated in other parts of the country! The love that we inject into our food here is just one of the many reasons that make this such an enviable section to call home. Southern pride is still very much alive, and can be tasted when enjoying this slow smoked delicacy. If it is one’s first time visiting Southern Craft, start with one of their most popular dishes: the Burnt Ends. Served as a dinner with sides, or manipulated into a fusion of sorts on tacos, it will leave you wanting to visit again to try whichever option you skipped on the first trip. Paired with Phil’s favorite beer, Johnson City’s newest craft brewery’s Kitsteiner Pilsner Lager, from Great Oak Brewing; you’ll be proud to call yourself a resident of East Tennessee!

Downtown has sincerely become a hub of activity, complete with dining and retail opportunities for any potential investor or patron. Expansion is on the horizon, and the enthusiasm can be found around any undiscovered corner. I implore any resident to set aside a day, maybe Wednesday or Saturday, when the farmer’s market can still be caught, and explore this artsy bouquet of Appalachian wonder. Thank you for coming on this tour with me. I hope I have helped spotlight these beautiful options that would make even Al Capone proud of his “Little Chicago”. Come catch me at Tipton Street Pub, or down the block at Wonderland Lounge. It will be my pleasure to greet your smiling face with one in return.
**Cryptogram:** It's not the size of the dog in the fight; it's the size of the fight in the dog.

**DropQuote:** "For today and its blessings, I owe the world an attitude of gratitude."

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**THINGS TO DO**

**Tuesday - September 11th**

- **Washington County Fair - Abingdon, VA**
- **Carter Mansion Tour - Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area 11am**
- **Bingo - Tipton St Pub 9pm**
- **Children's Miracle Network Fundraiser - Hosted by Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers Johnson City, TN 4pm**
- **Pippa White As Teller-In-Residence - International Storytelling Center 2pm**

**Wednesday - September 12th**

- **Washington County Fair - Abingdon, VA**
- **Drag Week 2018 Meet and Greet - Straub Technologies 6pm-10pm**
- **Fishin' with a Ranger - Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area 10am**
- **The Bridges of Madison County - Barter Theatre 7:30pm**
- **Bottoms Up Beer & Yoga - JRH Brewing 6:30pm**
- **Imminent Danger German Shepherd Rescue Fundraiser - Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers Johnson City, TN 5pm**

**Thursday - September 13th**

- **Washington County Fair - Abingdon, VA**
- **TriPride Week Event: Stories of the LGBT Rights Movement - The Willow Tree Coffeehouse and Music Room 7pm-8:30pm**
- **Making Strides Paint It Pink Fundraiser - Into the Fire 6pm-8pm**
- **Frontier Fiddlin' - Sycamore Shoals State Historic Areas 2pm**

**Friday - September 14th**

- **TriPride Week Event: First Annual Miss TriPride Pageant! - New Beginnings 9pm-3am**
- **Washington County Fair - Abingdon, VA**
- **Holston River Cross - Holston River Brewing Co 3pm**
- **Kids Like Us Fall Festival - Elizabethton 10am-7pm**
- **Princess Whatsername Play - Kingsport Theatre Guild 2pm and 7pm**
- **Unicoi Movies in the Park: Despicable Me 3 - Buffalo Creek Park 9pm or Nightfall**
- **BrewHaHa - Downtown Kingsport 6:30pm**
- **Pilans and Pinot - Serenity Knoll Farm 6:15pm**
- **Great Expectations - Barter Theatre 8pm**
- **Paint and Bounce - Quantum Leap Trampoline Sports Arena 6pm**
- **TriPride Week Event: Taco Takeover! (RSVP) - Holy Taco and Cantina 6:30pm**
- **5K Friday - Johnson City Brewing Co. 6pm**
- **Wine Diner - Watauga Brewing Co. 6pm**
- **Elvis Has Left The Building - Blue Moon Theatre Co. 8pm**

**Saturday - September 15th**

- **2018 Polynesian Beach Party - Johnson City Country Club 6pm**
- **Mat Mania - Holiday Inn Johnson City 6pm**
- **Sorghum Festival - Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site 9am-4pm**
- **Abingdon's Town Wide Yard Sale - Town of Abingdon, VA 7am-4pm**
- **First Annual Tri-Pride Parade & Festival - Founders Park 12pm-6pm**
- **Washington County Fair - Abingdon, VA**
- **Princess Whatsername Play - Kingsport Theatre Guild 7pm**
- **Stigma Stops Now 2018 ft. Ice T - ETSU/MSHA Athletics Center (Mini-Dome) 7pm-9pm**
- **TriPride Week Event: ALL AGES Variety Show - The Willow Tree Coffeehouse and Music Room 7pm-10pm**
- **The Official TriPride After Party - New Beginnings 8pm-2am**
- **Weekly Saturday Night Cruise-In - Bahama Snow and Brain Freeze 6pm**
- **The Gathering at Sycamore Shoals 10am**
- **Bridgestone Hot Summer Nights Supercross - 1-81 Motorsports Park 12pm**
- **BBQ & Bluegrass 2018 - Downtown Greeneville (Depot Street) 12pm**
- **Great Expectations - Barter Theatre 2pm & 8pm**
- **Strolling on Main - Jonesborough 5pm**
- **Stand Up Paddleboard - Warriors Path State Park 9:30am**
- **Fall Festival - Evergreen of Johnson City 10am**
- **Elvis Has Left The Building - Blue Moon Theatre Co. 8pm**
- **The Bridges of Madison County With Symphony of the Mountains - Toy F. Reid Employee Center 7:30pm**

**Sunday - September 16th**

- **TriPride Week Event: Sunday Drag Brunch - New Beginnings 11am-5pm**
- **Princess Whatsername Play - Kingsport Theatre Guild 2pm**
- **An Afternoon of early 19th century Dance with the Sabine Hill Social Society - Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area 10am**
- **Insta-Crafty Makers Market - The Pavilion at Founders Park 12pm-6pm**

**Monday - September 17th**

- **Swinging Fore A Cause - The Virginian Golf Club 9am-5pm**
- **21st Annual Fort Watauga Knap-In - Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area 10am**
- **The True Story of The Mary Celeste - International Storytelling Center 2pm**
If you were a comic book fan in the early 1990’s you no doubt remember a major event that took place from December 1992 to October 1993: the death of Superman. The event was such a major happening in the comic book world, mainstream media reported the event, and "Superman" # 75 sold over six million copies, making the issue the top selling comic of 1992. Of course comic book fans know most superheroes never really die, and Superman was eventually revived. The story has been adapted to various media, including a 2007 animated film loosely based on the storyline. The 2016 film "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" drew narrative elements from "The Death of Superman", as the hero battles Doomsday, a monstrous creation developed by Lex Luthor with the aid of Kryptonian engineering. Flash forward to 2018 and we have the first of a two part animated adaptation "The Death of Superman". This film will be followed by the 2019 release "The Reign of the Supermen." The film begins with Superman doing his typical duties in Metropolis, saving people from harm, courting Lois Lane, and dealing with Lex Luthor. Meanwhile, above the Earth, an astronaut team is repairing a satellite, only to be confronted by a meteorite heading towards Earth. The meteorite is headed directly toward the crew of astronauts and even though one of crew just knows Superman will save them, sadly it never happens. The meteorite crashes into the ocean floor, and some Atlanteans discover, along with a group of explorers sent by Luthor, the meteorite contains a 9-food giant humanoid beast. Eventually the beast we know as Doomsday battles members of the Justice League, but handily defeats them. As Doomsday heads to Metropolis, Batman realizes the League must find Superman to help them bring the creature down. When the creature arrives in Metropolis, Wonder Woman shows up to make an attempt to defeat Doomsday. Despite her strength and best efforts, she is defeated and as the creature is about to deal a death blow to Wonder Woman, Superman arrives to save her. As in the original comic book story, the battle between Superman and Doomsday is a knockdown drag out affair, culminating in what is no surprise, Superman's death. This animated film, is high quality and can be enjoyed by kids, adults, comic book fans and of course Superman fans. The film also conveys the relationship of the Justice League and how they compliment one another and know their roles. The animation is fantastic, and "The Death of Superman" is yet another triumph in the series of films from the DC Animated Movie Universe. I thoroughly enjoyed this effort, and despite being a Batman fan, recommend this animated film featuring a truly heroic turn from the Dark Knight’s best friend. (Rated PG-13) 🌟🌟🌟🌟🌟
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Sept 15: 2018 F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Buddy Walk - Johnson City 10:30am-2pm
Sept 15: St. Jude 5k Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer - The Pinnacle 8am-11am
Sept 16: 2018 Tri-Cities Heart Walk - ETSU Football Stadium 1:30pm
Sept 16: 7th Annual Reedy Creek 5k Adventure Run - Cleek Farms Corn Maze 6pm-8pm

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Fridays Krystal's Johnson City
Saturns Carter County Car Club Downtown Elizabethton
Sept 11: Walmart #599 for Children’s Miracle Network - Freddy’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers, Kingsport 5pm
Sept 15: Cruise In! - Tulips Grub & Pub 6pm
Sept 16: 40th Annual Allandale Car Show - Allandale Mansion 9am-4pm

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- Boris Pasternak
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The McKinney Center in Jonesborough, which now houses the Jonesborough Story Initiative, just completed the first training series focused on teaching the basic tools in how to collect oral stories from members of the community. Eight members received their training and are now certified story collectors. The interviews they gather will be archived for future generations, and will be used in the production of the many story-based programs in the town, to include an annual play, like that I Am Home production that performed at the McKinney Center in February of this year, as well as the monthly radio shows at the story telling center, the annual play at the Senior Center, and more.

The members certified in the first training session are: Paul Braxton, Lee Clements, Judy Donley, Lynda Harris, Deborah Lowery, Marat Moore, Maggie Polden and Jimmy Neil Smith.

With the development of so many new story-based initiatives in Jonesborough, more Story Brigade members are needed to collect these stories. A new training series will begin on September 17, with bi-weekly meetings that will happen through October. This training is free to the public, and there are sixteen spots available during this next session. The sessions include a guidebook, free to participants, as well as bi-weekly meetings, each focused on a different area of story collecting, which includes equipment use, how to do individual interviews as well as story circles, how to index and notate keywords, and how to develop effective interview questions, as well as interview etiquette.

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By Chris Fultz, Chris's Pressure Washing

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JAMSA (Jonesborough Area Merchants and Services Association) is proud to announce their 3rd Annual Strolling on Main event in Tennessee’s oldest town, Jonesborough. Guests are invited to dress up and stroll through Jonesborough’s iconic Main Street on Saturday September 15th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Talented local musicians will be scattered throughout downtown, setting the mood for a delightfully satisfying evening. Historic Jonesborough is the perfect setting to meander in and out of the local businesses; all of which will have a different tasty bite for you to try.

While enjoying the different tapas, there will also be local artists’ work displayed at each participating business. You can admire different selections of local artwork, as well as try a delicious small bite and weave your way downtown. Various wine and beer stops will be located along the way; each location will have a bite paired specifically to complement your libation and amuse the taste buds!

Guests will also have the opportunity to sign up for the Strolling On Main Giveaway! Don’t miss your chance to sign up. The prize includes many gift cards to various Jonesborough businesses and some amazing products from our shops and boutiques.

Tickets are as follows:
$15 for Tapas Tastings Only
$25 for Tapas, Wine, and Beer Tastings

Limited number of tickets are available; please visit www.strollingonmain.com to purchase your tickets now. Tickets are also available for purchase by calling the Jonesborough Visitor’s Center at 423-753-1010.
Trailer Park Troubles

‘Disquieting drama’ ‘Sadie’ homes in on teen angst, families, support under siege in violent culture

“No one is happy in the hazy, dank world of Megan Griffiths’ trailer-park drama, ‘Sadie,’” says Indiewire, but 13-year-old Sadie herself is perhaps the unhappiest. Her military dad has been deployed a long time, her mother is finding new companionship, Sadie is ignored at home and bullied at school, and the communication gap between daughter and mother becomes a dangerous, dark chasm.

The title character typifies many of today’s teens – anxious, depressed and growing up in an increasingly angry, violent culture. Family First Aid says 30 percent of teens in the U.S. have been involved in bullying, while 2.8 million youth between 12 and 17 have had at least one major depressive episode. Nearly 17 percent have carried a weapon to school at least once, says the Center for Disease Control.

“We’ve spent a lot of time as a culture trying to reckon with the effects of the intense exposure to violence faced by soldiers,” writer/director Griffiths says, but what about the effects of similar exposure on those at home? How does this steady diet of violence – from the real-world carnage of war, mass shootings and police brutality, to the fictional, cartoonish bloodshed filling our screens – impact those coming of age in this era?”

On Monday, Sept. 10, Mary B. Martin School of the Arts at East Tennessee State University will screen the narrative film “Sadie” at 7 p.m. in ETSU’s Brown Hall Auditorium – with Griffiths and producer Lacey Leavitt in attendance. As part of the South Arts Southern Circuit Tour of Independent Filmmakers, the free public screening will be followed by a question-and-answer session and reception with the filmmakers.

There’s a war going on in Sadie’s trailer park, Griffiths says, a war going nearly unnoticed. “I always considered this movie to be a war movie with a different focus,” she says, “focusing on the people at home and the soldier being a young girl in this case, with her battlefield being the trailer park.”

“Sadie” is “moving, well-crafted and honest,” says The Stranger’s Mitri Schloss (“Grimm,” “The Librarians” and “Portlandia”) plays Sadie.

Griffiths’ filmmaking has often focused on women. “Sadie” is no exception. “Most stories about disaffected, violent youth focus on boys,” Griffiths says. “Stories about war are almost exclusively a male domain. But no one is immune to the imagery with which we are bombarded every day in this society. Young girls are equally at risk of being desensitized and damaged by this constant exposure.”

While Griffiths started writing the script for “Sadie” in 2009, gathering support came to fruition years later and shooting finally began in 2017, in the Seattle area that Griffiths now considers home. “Sadie” premiered at SXSW in March 2018 and won the Gryphon Jury Award at the 2018 Giffoni Film Festival in Italy this summer.

Griffiths’ work has received multiple awards including the SXSW Emergent Narrative Director Award, Audience Award for Narrative Feature and a Special Jury Prize for Eden in 2012. Her film Lucky Them starring Toni Collette, Thomas Haden Church and Johnny Dopp premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival and was distributed by IFC Films. Recently, she directed multiple episodes of HBO’s new series Room 104.

Griffiths and Leavitt, who collaborated on 2011s The Off Hours, Leavitt is co-founder and CEO of Electric Dream Factory, which harnesses both emerging and traditional technologies to create a diverse array of stories.

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Along with directors like Lynn Shelton and Kelly Reichardt, Griffiths is making a place for women in the film industry, which has long been dominated by men in industrial centers like Los Angeles.” says Holtmeier, who is co-director of the Film Studies Program with Wessels. “Her films also include strong women, such as in films like The Off Hours and Eden, making her an important voice in today’s filmmaking environment.”

The film features a score by Mike McCready of Pearl Jam and “an impressive cast,” says the Moveable Fest. Melanie Lynskey as Sadie’s mother, Rae, has been seen in “Two and a Half Men” and Clint Eastwood’s “Flags of Our Fathers.” Danielle Brooks as friend Carla comes from “Orange Is the New Black,” and the Moveable Fest. Melanie Lynskey as Sadie’s mother, Rae, has been seen in “Two and a Half Men” and Clint Eastwood’s “Flags of Our Fathers.” Danielle Brooks as friend Carla comes from “Orange Is the New Black,” and the Moveable Fest. Melanie Lynskey as Sadie’s mother, Rae, has been seen in “Two and a Half Men” and Clint Eastwood’s “Flags of Our Fathers.” Danielle Brooks as friend Carla comes from “Orange Is the New Black,” and the Moveable Fest.

“I’m really thrilled that this particular film is on our schedule this fall,” Anita DeAngelis, director of events and programs for Martin School of the Arts. “We love to have narrative films in the Southern Circuit series, and ‘Sadie,’ certainly includes timely topics that merit more conversation. That’s what the Q&As after each film hope to encourage.”

For more information, call the Martin School of the Arts at 423-439-TKTS (8587) or visit www.etsu.edu/martin. For disability accommodations, call the ETSU Office of Disability Services at 423-439-8346. Additional information on the film is available at www.sadiefilm.com.
Tranquility on Center is a luxurious beauty salon, spa, and boutique offering a wide range of services for all. The business officially opened their doors on February 28th, 2018 and is owned by Susie and Bill Dishner. They are a full-service salon that has experienced, well-trained, professionals, ready to help with a variety of hair, nail, facial, massage, makeup services and more. As well as a beautiful boutique featuring clothes in all sizes including plus sizes, as well as shoes and accessories. They also carry DermAware a clinical, pharmaceutical grade skin care line, as well as Pureology, Alterna, spray tanning, chemical peels, and clinical facials.

The goal at Tranquility on Center is to offer an environment their clients will love with the best customer service possible. They strive to keep every client satisfied, happy, and coming back. The biggest challenge of starting up the business was remodeling the old building they’re in and to design and create a salon, spa, and boutique that everyone would love.

The amazing staff at Tranquility on Center are extremely proud of their accomplishments so far and are excited to continue to grow and expand. The establishment is a part of the Chamber of Kingsport and Downtown Association. They are also involved in downtown Kingsport events such as Sip & Stroll on the first Thursday of each month.

For all your beauty needs in one place, take a trip out to Tranquility on Center at 218 East Center Street Kingsport, TN 37660 or give them a call at 423-765-0734 to schedule an appointment. Also, check out their Facebook for weekly specials. They’re open from 9 am to 9 pm Monday through Saturday and closed on Sundays, however after 6 pm appointments are required.

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