

Popejoy dies in motorcycle crash

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A local man was killed Friday afternoon in a motorcycle crash in Rutherford County. The man, William Sterling (Bill) Popejoy, 55, died as result of injuries he sustained in a wreck in Lascassas at the intersection of Highway 96 and Highway 266. According to highway patrol reports, Popejoy's motorcycle struck two separate vehicles, the chain reaction beginning when he collided with a vehicle that was stopped in the westbound lane. After the initial impact, his motorcycle crossed into the oncoming lane and was struck by an eastbound vehicle. DeKalb Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements. His services were held Tuesday.



All businesses and institutions with changeable signs are encouraged to participate in "Jamboree Project Welcome Mat."

Rolling out 'Welcome Mat'

This marks the 18th year for the Chamber of Commerce "Jamboree Project Welcome Mat" for the 47th Annual Smithville Fiddlers' Jamboree and Crafts Festival. Businesses having changeable signs or marquees are asked to post welcome greetings for our Jamboree visitors. The wording may be only a simple "Welcome to the Jamboree" or as elaborate as you choose. Chamber Director Suzanne Williams says, "With thousands of visitors coming into town, every effort should be made by the local merchants to show our guests that we appreciate them and welcome their business. The program has been successful

over the past years with many businesses participating. Let's keep on showing folks how friendly the DeKalb County/Smithville area can be!" All businesses may participate in "Project Welcome Mat." There will be recognition awards in three categories: "Best Worded," "Most Original" and the "People's Choice Award." Plaques will be presented to winners along with media recognition. If your business would like to participate in the contest, email the Chamber at swilliams@ckekalbcoun-tychamber.org or call 615-597-4163. Wording should be in place no later than Friday, June 15, 2018.

Highway 56 construction set to begin next spring

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Things will pick up early next year, provided everything stays to plan in the improvement project on Highway 56, according to representatives who met with the public this past week. The open meeting held Thursday evening by the Tennessee Department of Transportation was aimed at educating concerned citizens on the plans for the project. TDOT representative Robert Rodgers was on hand to present a power-point and maps of the present plans for the project.

Currently, TDOT is eyeing the letting of bids this winter, meaning construction on the first phase of the three phase project should begin in spring. The first phase will begin in northern Warren County and run north to Magness Road. The other two phases will run north to Smithville. They will be let at the same time. The Highway 56 project will originally be a three-lane highway, affording middle turn lanes and turn lanes from the east and west-bound lane. However, future hopes are to turn the project into a four-lane highway.

Police keeping closer eye on Bill Page Park

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Problems with squatters and drug use near Bill Page Park have prompted a police crackdown on the area, netting arrests and citations of four people and stern warnings not to be trespassing in the woods near the ballfields. Multiple people were cited for violations or arrested recently for trespassing on property near the ball park. The list includes Karri Margaret Jewells, 30, and Jimmy Joel Farris, 35, both cited for criminal trespass. Meanwhile, Christopher J. Luna, 30, of Cookeville was arrested on warrants out of Murray County for failure to appear and Randy Anderson, 53, of Columbia was arrested on a felony warrant for violation of parole out of Van Buren County. Prompting the action was reports to police that multiple people, throughout the day, walk in the woods, stay a short time and walk out. There were also calls of

suspicious vehicles in the area parked (unoccupied) in the alley north of the ball parks. Police were also informed that meth was being cooked and sold in the woods. Given the complaints, police spoke with property owners concerning the suspicious activity in the area and were informed that no one had permission to be on the property and the department has permission to enforce it. With the green light from the property owners, police entered the property in reference to suspicious activity and trespassing. At that time, Karri Jewells and Jimmy Farris were found on the property with a tent and camping supplies. Both parties were informed they didn't have permission to be on the property but were given time to get their belongings off the property. Jewells was taken into custody in reference to a theft on a different incident but was later released with a citation. Despite the warning to leave the property, officers entered the location again nearly a week later to

find Jewells and Farris still present on the property along with a tent and camping gear. Jewells and Farris were cited for criminal trespassing and given one more day to evacuate. Four other people were also present on the property. Christopher Luna and Randy Anderson were taken into custody on separate warrants. Luna and Anderson both informed officers that they had recently left the local halfway house. Two other females were present but not arrested but one of the females is on probation socializing with other people currently on probation (Luna and Anderson). Found on the ground at the campsite in plain view was a clear baggy of a crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine, some needles with one needle loaded with a liquid substance. All parties were given a verbal warning to not be back on the property without consent of the owners. Jewells and Farris are to be in court to answer to the charges on June 14.

The best is yet to come

I have seen the carefree childhood days of yesterday. I have passed through the elementary school days that never seemed to end. I remember well high school days and good friends from then. I remember when Laura and I married and the joy of early years. As our children came along and filled our home with laughter it is hard to imagine anything better. I watched our children grow up and leave home one by one. How very well I remember my most busy years which all passed by as a blur before my eyes.. Too soon my dad went on and later

my mother, brother and sister. Retirement years rushed upon me suddenly out of nowhere it seemed. Our oldest son went on and we learned true grief. Slowing down days are now upon us Ready or not here they are. I have a little too much time on my hands now, so I find things to keep me busy and my mind occupied. Some may look upon me and say "that old boy has seen his best days." But I would respond not quite yet my friend, 'cause I will live out my days here and try to finish well. Because my faith tells me that the best is yet to come. Praise God

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and bring on tomorrow because I am kind of anxious to see what it brings. You would barely believe what my eyes have seen and what my ears have heard. But the most exciting is on down the road in front of me and not somewhere in the past. Time keeps trying to sweep me aside so life can go on without me but, like a penny stuck to the floor, the broom that sweeps all away eventually keeps brushing right over me. Even as I see others being swept away into the unknown, I hold my place on the floor of life, not yet quite finished with what God sent me here to do.

Keep an eye out for Fluffy

Dry Creek Baptist Church had another successful Vacation Bible School this year. It is always a blessing to work with children that are eager to learn and grow in the Lord. Thank you parents for taking the time out of your busy schedules to bring them to VBS, great memories were made. We are sad to say our dear cat Fluffy is missing. She always comes in from the fields to eat when I call, but lately she hasn't been home. If anyone around the Dry Creek area has seen a large gray cat please notify us. She has been my patio companion for many years. We all miss her very much!

Our community sends sympathy to the family of Ron Rogers and Ponzell Usery. Two sweet people that had a gift for loving and caring for others. If you do not have anything special to do on Saturday the 9th come on out to National Get OUTDOORS Day at Floating Mill Park and Hurricane Marina from 10am -3pm. There will be lots of free fun for the families that day, so take advantage of this great event. We pray you will hear the "still, small voice" of the Lord in the hurricane that our lives often re-



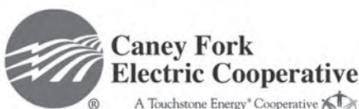
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semble.
1 Kings 19:11-13 (NKJV) God's Revelation to Elijah
11 Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; **12** and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.



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