

The Bulldog Times

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Spotlight on History; The Civil Rights Movement

By Brenden Jackson, Kinzee Reopelle and Allison Smith

The National Rights Museum was established in 1991 in Memphis, Tennessee. Located at 450 Mulberry Street, it is noted as one of our nation's most important heritage and cultural museums. The property is owned by the Lorraine Civil Rights Museum Foundation. The Foundation bought the motel for \$144,000, following foreclosure in December 1982. The museum is located at the former Lorraine Motel, where the Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated.

In 2013 the museum underwent a \$27.5 million dollar renovation adding more than 40 new films, oral histories and an interactive gallery. It is recommended to plan on 2-3 hours to tour the entire museum campus. Admission fees are \$16 for adults, students and seniors \$14, and children \$13. Children 4 and under, along with active duty military members are free. Anyone with a TN I.D. may also visit for free on Mondays from 3-5pm.

The following guidance is from the Museum's website: *"The National Civil Rights Museum seeks to open a dialogue about the story of African Americans who experienced and resisted discrimination — a history that spans slavery through the modern Civil Rights Movement, nonviolent protests to armed self-defense. To reveal the full story, the museum contains sensitive materials that may be frightening or troubling to children and adolescents. [Review our family guide](#) for suggestions on ways to discuss sensitive topics with young visitors."*



Saving Children at St. Jude

By Meadow Moon and Addison Birchfield

St. Jude's Children Hospital was founded by Danny Thomas and opened in 1962. During the time since St. Jude's opened, the chances of surviving pediatric cancer have risen from 20 percent to 80 percent in some cases. In 2010, St. Jude was named the top cancer and catastrophic illness hospital by U.S News and World Report.

The founder of St. Jude's believed that no child should "die in the dawn of life." Families never receive a bill from St. Jude's for treatment, travel, housing, or food because all a family should worry about is helping their kids live. The Ronald McDonald House also serves St. Jude patients and families providing housing based on availability. Donations to St. Jude help pay for treatments for pediatric cancer, some of which can last up to three years or more, and cost on average about \$425,000 a year.

Daily play is important for children of any age. At St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, they have play areas in each outpatient area and on every inpatient. Many celebrity visitors have come to entertain the children including Michelle Obama and Robin Williams. Other people who would like to visit can put together craft bags or goodie bags for the children.

Most major stores have fundraising campaigns asking shoppers to give \$1 or any amount of change. All money raised goes to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. If you are wondering what that little amount of money does, it helps a lot to pay for the 2.4 million dollars on average spent a day for their research.

Another way to help support St. Jude's mission is to participate in their marathon weekends, located in cities all around the country. Nashville hosts the Rock 'N' Roll marathon, half-marathon, 5k, 1 mile and Kids Rock April 27-28, 2019. For more information on registration or to donate, visit STJUDE.org.

Fossils in Fourth Grade

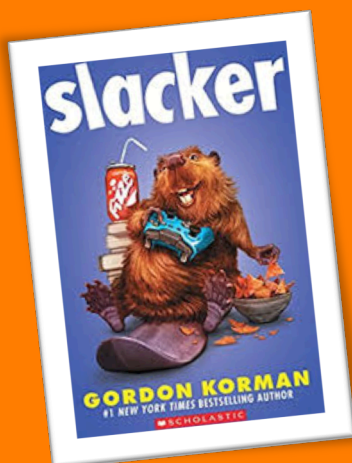
By Chloe Montjoy

Fossils are found all over the earth in sedimentary rocks like limestone and shale. The first fossil was found in 1822 in England by Mary Ann Mantell and her husband Gideon, they found teeth from an extinct species of iguana. Fossils are made when a plant or animal dies in an environment and is then buried in sediment (mud, silt, rocks). The soft tissues such as skin, muscles and organs quickly decompose leaving the hard bones or shell behind. Over time, sediment builds over the top of the bones and hardens into a rock. Fossils can be found in rivers, valleys, cliffs or hillsides. Good fossils are spines, claws, teeth, and bones. Bad fossils are lungs, hair, organs, eyes, skin, and hearts. Fossils are important because they teach us about extinct creatures and what the world was like long ago. Most people think of dinosaurs when talking about fossils but other animals, insects, leaves, shells and various sea creatures can all



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Happy Birthday to Berthe Morisot! Morisot was born in Bourges, France on January 14, 1841. Her full name is Berthe Marie Pauline Morisot, a French name meaning bright. She was a painter and a member of the circle of painters that became known as the Impressionists. Impressionism is a style of painting where the artist tries to show light and color rather than specific, accurate details. She is most well known for her paintings, *The Cradle* and *A View of Paris from Trocadero*.



Slacker

By Payton Bombarger

Slacker, written by Gordon Korman, is a novel about an 8th grader named Cameron Boxer who loves video games more than anything. He creates a fake club named The Positive Action Group where he does “good deeds” or really it’s just an excuse to play video games. Cameron thought no one would join his club but he was wrong. Before he knew it the club had real members doing real “good deeds.” One deed is saving a beaver named Elvis from land developers.

Troops Coming Home From Syria

By Mason Cunningham

On January 11, the government announced that 2,000 troops would begin withdrawing from Syria over the next several months. More personnel has been sent to the area to begin moving out equipment and supplies and provide security. Soldiers from Ft. Campbell are involved in these operations. Once the troops are gone, the U.S. military will have ended three years of assisting Syrian, Kurdish and Arab fighters. Most troops have been working out of small camps in the northeast part of Syria with others stationed at a training base in the south called al- Tanf.

The quick withdrawal plan led to the resignation of Defense Secretary Jim Mattis and was criticized by some members of Congress who worried about keeping ISIS from growing stronger in the area. Only twenty percent of Syrian forces needed to secure the area have been trained so far. There are also hundreds of ISIS prisoners that might be released and join the fight again.



One big difference in Syria is that troops are present without approval from President Bashar al-Assad. The U.S. has taken the job of training Kurds and Arabs instead of leading combat missions. The troops in Iraq are present with support from the Iraqi government. They are also training fighters but are engaged in combat as well. President Trump has also requested that about half of the 14,000 troops in Iraq be sent home soon.

Roadwork Causes Delays for Drivers

By Jack Sellick

Do you have parents that drive actively around Clarksville? If so, you may have noticed it taking more time to arrive at your favorite places. The Tennessee Department of Transportation, or TDOT, is in the process of widening several major roads in our city. On Hwy 48/13 and 149 the road is being widened from Zinc Plant Rd to just past the intersection at Hwy 149. Hwy 149 is being widened to just past River Rd. There is also a new bridge being built over the Cumberland River that will take the place of the current McClure Bridge. Parts of the bluff, at the intersection of 48/13 and 149 are being removed by explosives requiring road closures while the work is taking place and rock is cleaned up. On February 5th and 6th, trucks will be hauling 130 foot bridge beams from Exit 11 to the construction site. Expect delays on the 41A bypass around 11 am and a total closure of the Cumberland Drive/Riverside/48-13 intersection from approximately 12:00-12:30 on those days. Construction is expected to be complete by summer of 2021.

State Route 374, also known as Warfield Blvd. is being widened from Wilma Rudolph Blvd to Dunbar Cave. This has caused months of traffic delays and frustration for drivers. Please use a different route if possible. Construction should be complete by May of 2021.

Road construction is necessary to maintain safe roads and keep up with growth. Construction includes cleaning, building, or revamping of roadways and bridges. Construction can be a problem by delaying drive times and closing roads for long periods of time. This can be a huge problem for active travelers and many other people. Road construction can make the roads more accessible and better cleaned so there is not much trash on the roads and potholes will be filled, and the roads will be fixed so there are not cracks from use and age.

The state's long-term plan for the construction is to make a shortcut from SR 149 to SR 374 across the Cumberland River at the end of Dotsonville Rd. It will improve drive time from the southwestern side of the county and make an easier path to Fort Campbell and north Clarksville.



View of bridge work from Salem Rd.

Rescue Pets Make Good Companions

By Sofia Fuentes and Ann Russell

Do you want a new pet? If you do, a shelter or rescue organization is a good place to look. If you adopt an animal you're saving a life. Every year 2.7 million adoptable dogs and cats are euthanized in the United States because more animals come into shelters than are adopted out.

Local rescue groups and animal shelters have the same goal, getting more animals off the street, providing medical care, and preparing animals for their new home. Most animal shelters are funded by the local government, where rescue groups are mainly funded by donations and the staff are volunteers. Some rescue groups do not have a building where animals are housed but rely on group members and foster families to take animals into their homes. There are also rescues that are dedicated to a specific breed of dog if your heart is set on one type of animal.

If your family is unable to adopt a rescue pet at this time there are other ways you can assist our local shelter. Donations of food, toys and blankets can be dropped off during regular business hours at Montgomery County Animal Shelter located at 616 Spring St.

Woodlawn will also be holding a donation drive for the shelter February 8th- February 15th. Let's show a little Valentine love for the animals!

Donation List

Dry cat/dog food (first ingredient should be meat)

Canned food

Clean, used blankets

Dog and cat toys

Bleach

Laundry detergent

Nyla bones

Leashes/collars

Treats

Catnip

Donation boxes will be in the front foyer from February 8-15. Please e-mail emily.gray@cmcss.net with questions

Local Shelters and Rescue Groups

Humane Society of Clarksville	Companion Pet Rescue of Middle TN
Two Ladies Caring Dog Rescue	Precious Friends Puppy Rescue
Christian County Animal Shelter	Christian County Humane Society
Max's Hope Pet Rescue	Big Fluffy Dog Rescue
Paws Angels Dog Rescue	Ft. Campbell Stray Animal Facility
Paws TN	Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary
Nashville Humane Society	Metro Nashville Animal Control
Snooty Giggles Dog Rescue	Almost Home Animal Rescue
Save Our Shepherds	Mid TN German Shepherd Rescue
Malinois Ranch Rescue	East TN Border Collie Rescue
TN Doberman Rescue	The Hound Project Rescue
Adopt A Golden Nashville	Middle TN Boxer Rescue
Lucky Lab Rescue	Sagley's Biker Bully Farm
Pittie In Pink	Smoky Mountain Bulldog Rescue
Pay Pack Rescue	TN Alaskan Malamute Rescue
Rottweiler Rescue Ranch	TN Dachshund Rescue
Boston Terrier Rescue	Small Breed Rescue of Mid TN
Mid TN Corgi Rescue	Pug Plantation
Nashville Pug Rescue	Must Love Danes
Dames for Danes	Southern States Mastiff Rescue
Bunny Rescue- Nashville	Safe Harbor Equine and Livestock

Montgomery County Animal Care and Control
616 Spring St. 931- 648-5750

Hours of Operation

Monday: 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Tuesday: 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 10:00AM to 7:00PM
Friday: 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Saturday: 10:00AM to 3:00PM
Sunday: Closed



Welcome to Chef Morgan's Corner : Gluten-Free Cheese Garlic Biscuits

Ingredients

2 cups Bisquick TM Gluten Free mix
¼ teaspoon garlic powder
¼ cup firm butter or margarine
⅔ cup milk
½ cup shredded Cheddar cheese (2 oz)
3 eggs

Garlic-Butter Topping

¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
¼ teaspoon garlic powder

Steps

1) Heat oven to 450F. In medium bowl, combine Bisquick mix and ¼ teaspoon garlic powder. Cut in ¼ cup butter, using pastry blender or fork, until mixture looks like coarse crumbs. Stir in milk, cheese, and eggs until soft dough forms.

2) Drop dough by 10 spoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet.

3) Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until light golden brown. Mix ¼ cup melted butter and ¼ teaspoon garlic powder; brush on warm biscuits before removing from cookie sheet. Serve warm.

Soccer Coming to Nashville

By Kailyn Lutz and Connor Mehay

The Nashville Soccer Team is the latest Major League Soccer team to be organized. Their first game is Saturday, March 9, 2019, in Tennessee Park and begins at 7:00 P.M.

The Nashville Soccer Club is owned by businessman John Ingram and coached by Gary Smith. There are 6 forwards, 3 goalkeepers, 8 defenders, and 9 midfielders.

Here are some definitions of the positions. The forward position is expected to score the goals and their goal is to get the ball in the back of the net. A goalkeeper is a designated player charged with directly preventing the opposing team from scoring by intercepting each shot. A defender is an outfield player whose job is to prevent the other team from scoring a goal, like the goalkeeper. Last but not least, the midfielder is positioned between the defender and forward. They also break up fights.

TECH TALK with Mario

“Alexa” or “Hey Google”. These are the most popular voice activated speakers. But they can do much more than just play music. Let us start with Amazon Echo. The Amazon Echo or Alexa is a voice activated speaker that can tell you weather, traffic, recipes, and much more, with the main ability of playing music or locating a show or movie. The Google Home is a similar device but manufactured by Google. A problem with both devices is the ability to understand voices with accents.

From my research, I could see that different sources had many different opinions, but there was only one overall winner. Starting with a test from the YouTube channel WIRED, contestants with different accents ask questions to these two devices. The Amazon Echo got fourteen of these questions right without confusion from their accents. That may seem reliable but the Google Home answered 21 questions correctly.

I also found that kids from about ages 2-5 have trouble speaking with these smart speakers, as it is hard for young children to pronounce words. Test results with this age group again showed that Google Home beat out Alexa with 27 questions correct compared with Alexa's 20. I think if you have an accent or a young child, I would try out a Google Home device, not an Amazon Echo.

By Mario Sottosanti



Relax in the Heart of Downtown

By Lilly Wetherill

The Downtown Commons is Clarksville's newest park and gathering space in the heart of downtown. Open dawn to 10 pm daily, come relax in a chair or lay in the grass while listening to the calming water feature. Have a scoop of ice cream, a cup of coffee or a picnic lunch after a day of shopping!

Montgomery County Mayor, Jim Durrett spoke with us via email about the purpose behind the project. The basic idea for the Downtown Commons came out of the Two Rivers Company, a non-profit group charged with the revitalization of downtown Clarksville. Located at 215 Legion Street, the Commons formally opened in April of 2017 though the ice rink was opened during the winter months. Other events held include Downtown at Sundown concerts, the Chalk Walk and Art Walk, and kids events such as bounce house nights.



Enjoying the ice rink at a birthday party.

The big blue Imagination Playground equipment is out every day and many enjoy wading (and swimming) in the water feature during warmer months. Golly G's has opened a seasonal location so individuals and families can eat at the Commons or just go and enjoy some ice cream.

Mayor Durrett believes the type of events being held at the Commons reach most of the demographics of the community but more events are planned for the future. "The Downtown Commons is more than people expected and it is being used more and more every day," says Durrett.

Other future projects around the county include a multi purpose event center that will be a basketball arena and have a permanent sheet of ice. This venue will host concerts, sporting events and floor shows.

Upcoming Events: Be My Valentine Card Making- Arts for Hearts February 7th, 5-7pm, ages 6+
Morning Yoga Series- April 10th and 24th, May 8th and 22nd 6-6:45 am
Clarksville Princess Festival- April 13th, 9 am-2 pm
Chalk Walk Art Festival- May 11th, 11am-7pm

Don't Refuse to Reuse

By Jarrod Freeburg and Taylor McGovern

The Bi-County Landfill is located at 3212 Dover Rd and serves Montgomery and Stewart counties and Fort Campbell. A total of 550 acres in size, 75 acres are closed and 53 are in use. Because of a land swap with Fort Campbell in 2008, our landfill has at least seventy years of life left.

A new liner system is being built for use this winter. Liners are made of two feet of compacted clay with a 60 millimeter HDME plastic liner on top. Gas and ground water monitoring take place regularly. Liquid runoff from rain and decomposition is collected and taken off site for disposal. Methane gas is created as trash decomposes and can be collected through pipes to create electricity.

The landfill covers trash daily to decrease smell, animal scavenging and debris from wind. The trash is also covered every 14 days with soil as required by the state. Many residents in the area still have to deal with the smell from sludge and escaping methane gas. It can be worse during certain times of the year. The smell was brought up during the Director's report in December and described as the biggest challenge. Changes in contractors for methane led to a lapse in service. The landfill is also receiving raw sludge from Clarksville Gas & Water that was previously treated until the flood in 2010. It costs more money to treat and cover it correctly. With changes in procedures, the smell from the landfill should be better by spring.

We can all help in reducing waste that ends up in the landfill. Montgomery County has several convenience centers that also accept recyclables such as glass, plastic, metal cans, cardboard and motor oil. You can also take batteries, furniture and old tires. There are two weekends each year where hazardous materials are accepted. These can include household cleaners, paint, aerosol cans, medicine, old computers and pool chemicals.

Our 4-H Club at Woodlawn collects and organizes all paper recycling from classrooms several times a month. The school also recycles cardboard from deliveries of supplies. At home, setting up a recycle area is simple and inexpensive. Plastic totes or big cardboard boxes make sorting items a breeze and can be a job for even young children.