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By Lynn Walker

"He's a headed west from the Cumberland Gap to Johnson City, Tennessee." Those words from the song "Wagon Wheel" by Bob Dylan and Jay Secor and recorded by Old Crow Medicine Show, Darius Rucker and others have allowed millions of people to hear the name of Johnson City,



Tennessee. I would think the song has probably caused more than a few to visit our fair town.

Johnson City was a very special place in which to grow

up, as I did in the 1960s and 70s. This small town/city is still the place where everyone in northeast Tennessee comes to shop, eat and find fun things to do in the region. Many people from neighboring Virginia, North Carolina and Kentucky make regular trips, just a few miles and minutes away, to Johnson City due to its conveniently nestled location in the northeast corner of Tennessee.

Johnson City has always been convenient, even in the early days of the 1900s when downtown Johnson City was a hub for trading with the convergence of three railroad lines. In the 1920s and 30s, gangsters such as Al Capone used Johnson City as a stopover on their trips from Florida to the north and Midwest. The mountain town became a boomtown.

City, Tennessee"

From the early 1900s until the 1970s, the downtown area was the place to be with all the retail stores, restaurants, hotels and bustling activities. S. H. Kress & Co. and Woolworth's, "five and dime" retail department stores, and King's Department Store, a multi-story store, were fun places to go with your mom as she shopped. The lunch counter at Woolworth's was a special treat. The Johnson City downtown of that era provided great memories including parades, magical Christmases and a sense of a much simpler time on "Main Street America."



The 1970s brought change as "The Miracle Mall" was built in the area beyond downtown in north Johnson City and the surrounding suburbs began growing rapidly. Businesses moved into new retail areas in the north of town and beyond. Over the years, the



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areas of Boones Creek, Gray and other communities boomed with economic development.

It's now 2024 and the downtown Johnson City "boomtown" is back! Of course, things are much different, but there are again an abundance of fun stores, restaurants and activities. Summer and fall festivals attract thousands of people. The Greenway Space makes Johnson City's downtown area aesthetically appealing. Bring your dog, stroll Founders Park, take in a Friday night outdoor concert or walk the brand new Kings Common Park at the beautiful Johnson City Sign on Commerce Street.

What a fun place! And, the people of this mountain region are the best. There are plenty of opportunities to socialize and make new friends. Great restaurants, breweries and hangouts abound. Establishments such as Label, Yeehaw Brewing Co., White Duck Taco, Juan Siao, Burger n Barrel Southern Craft and Wing Wing Café, to name a few, anchor the revitalized downtown. Musical entertainment, listening rooms, biking trails, Founders Park, coffee shops, smoking and non-smoking bars, an escape



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Most of the downtown businesses can be found in buildings from the early 1900s.

Downtown Johnson City has a neat feel about it

for young or old. East Tennessee State University's campus is about a mile away and there are plenty of sporting events to be found there. Mountain Home, the Veterans Administration facility, is also nearby offering domiciles for veterans along with a hospital and medical offices. The Carnegie Hotel, located next to the ETSU campus, is a unique place to relax. The Carnegie features a great restaurant (Wellington's) and spa (Austin Springs Spa).



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ranked Johnson City number four Best Towns to Live In and Kiplinger in 2016 named Johnson City as the number four Best Retirement Destination in America.

Yes, Johnson City, Tennessee really has grown up – from 30,000 people in the 1970s to over 73,000 today (the Tri Cities are home to over 525,000.) I guess people really like it here. And why not? It's affordable, friendly, scenic and surrounded by

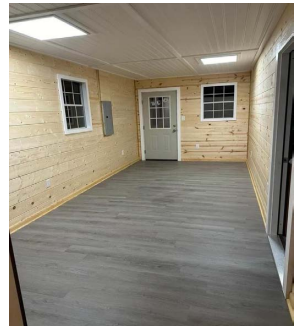


beautiful mountains and lakes. The area also features great weather with different seasons. Johnson City is not only a great place to grow up but it's a great place to live – truly a beautiful corner of the world.

And, by the way, golfers, in 2005, Golf Digest ranked the Best Places to Live and Golf in America. Johnson City and the Tri-Cities of East Tennessee was ranked number two. What more can I say?



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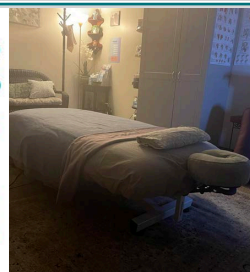
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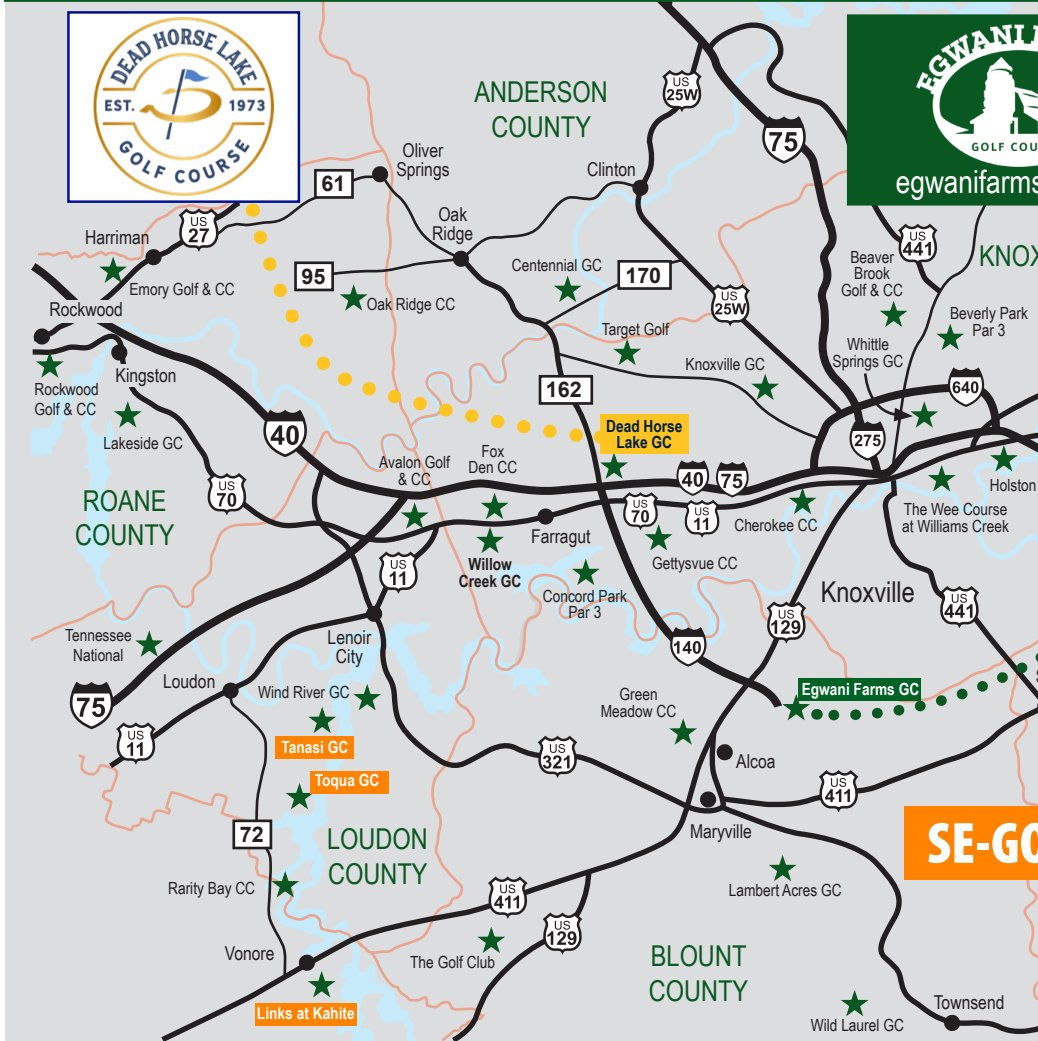


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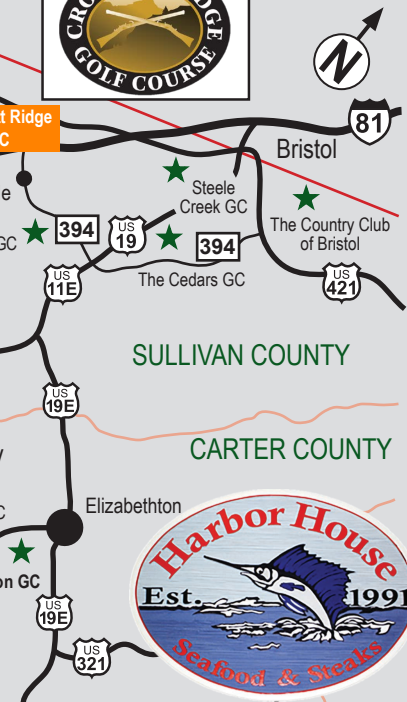
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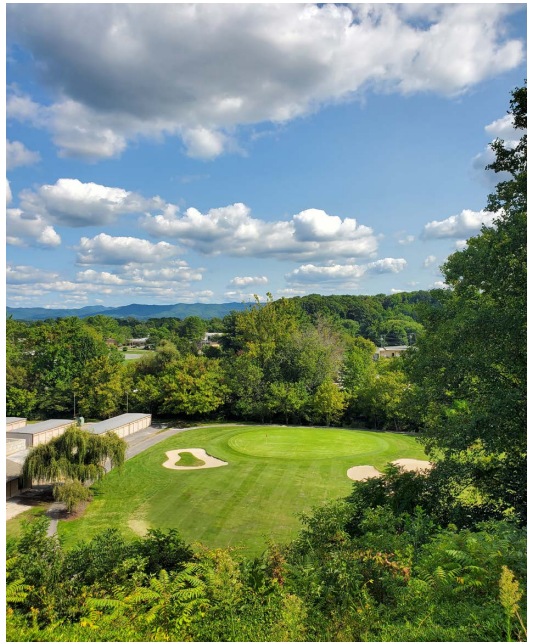
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Pine Oaks Golf Course opened its doors and fairways to the public in 1963. In the 50s & 60s, Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy helped to make golf a popular pastime of American Life. Thousands were members of “Arnie’s Army” as Arnold Palmer was made famous on the black and white

televisions of the era. A group of Johnson City citizens approached the city Parks and Recreation Department with an idea: Help develop a public golf course for enjoyment of the “common folk.” After selling the idea, in addition to the help of an urban renewal grant, the original budget was set at \$243,000 to start Johnson City Municipal Golf Course. Construction began in the Spring of 1962 with golf course architect Alexander G. McKay overseeing the project.

The back nine opened first on March 23, 1963. Daily green fees in those early days were \$1.50 and yearly passes were only \$50. By 1964, construction of all 18 holes was completed. In 1970 a contest was held and Johnson City resident Jack Lewis suggested a name that would live on for years to come: Pine Oaks Golf Course. Pine Oaks has become one of the most popular public courses in the region. With quality conditions, challenging layout and affordable prices (not to mention beautiful scenery as pictured.) The course



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definitely achieves the original vision of it's founding patrons by providing a place for the "common folk" to enjoy playing the game of golf.

Pine Oaks is a fairly straightforward golf course with beautiful scenery and a very unique layout. There are several fun Par 4s among the 18. Numbers 1, 8, 9, 16, and 17 are birdie holes that may be reached with a wedge or short iron for many players. Then there are several Par 4s that require both length and accuracy to manage a par on numbers 3, 4, 7, 10, 12, and 15. Each of these healthy Par 4s will challenge golfers no matter

their handicap or ability. Pine Oaks has 3 Par 5s that can be very scorable if the player hits the ball straight and has better than average distance from their respective tee. The only Par 5 on the front is the Road Hole which plays longer than the two found on the back. The uniqueness of Pine Oaks is shown by the two elevated Par 3s found on the back, numbers 13 and 18. Each features an exhilarating drop of over 100 feet from tee to green.

Scenic, unique, fun, yet challenging describes Pine Oaks to a T. An estimated annual total of 60,000 rounds per year are enjoyed by city residents, regional and travelling golfers. Thanks to the efforts of a few Johnson City citizens back in the early 1960s, millions have, and will, be enjoying Pine Oaks golf course for many years to come.





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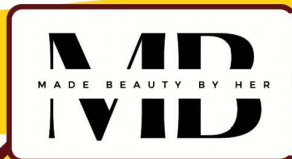
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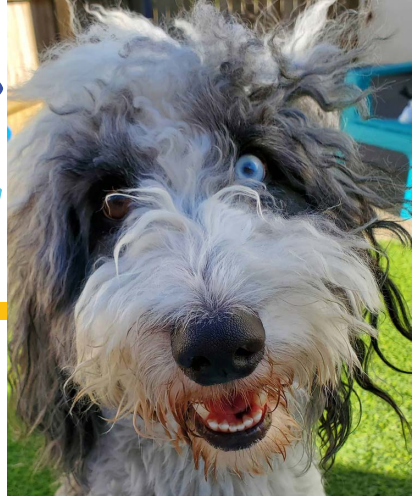


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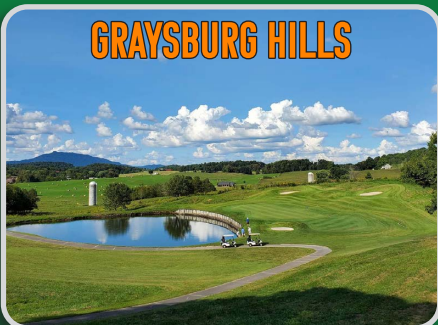
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