

ANNOUNCED at the Forsyth City Council meeting last week, Kennie Bowman manager/owner of the local KOA on Frontage Road told of the proposed expansion of the campground, adding an 18-hole putt-putt course, more campsites, really upscale parking pads that will be more elite and upscale than other parking pads, a storage lot for those RVers who want to park/store their camper and then venture either north or south using Forsyth as a home base.

Kudos to Kennie and KOA for recognizing the tourism potential of Forsyth, capitalizing on I-75 traffic and our location.

WEIRD: Looks like the MP Bulldogs are setting their sights on a state championship title after squeaking by a suburban Atlanta team, Blessed Trinity, 28 to 27 this past Friday night.

KOA to add putt putt, deluxe sites

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Kennie Bowman has outlined a two-year expansion plan for the Forsyth KOA Kampground that includes a mining adventure for children, an 18-hole miniature golf course and expansion across Town Creek to an additional 15 acres that will eventually offer Deluxe Recreational Vehicle sites and storage parking for RV's. Kennie and Mary Ann Bowman celebrated their 20th year as owners of the Forsyth KOA this year.

Bowman told Forsyth City Council about the planned additions and expansion at its Nov. 21 meeting after giving the quarterly update on Forsyth's Convention & Visitors Bureau. Bowman has served as chair of the CVB since it was formed a little less than two years ago.

Bowman told council that he will

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Betcha didn't understand that to mean the entire elimination of public education, as we know it. Trump's plan calls for the states collectively to contribute \$110 billion of their education budgets and the Federal would chip in \$15-20 billion in Title I monies that go to schools in the poorest areas. In turn, Trump's plan calls for each student from K-12, to be allocated \$12,000 per year for school vouchers. That will send parents on a shopping spree among private and religious schools, charter schools,

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resign from the CVB board and the Downtown Development board, on which he has served for 5-6 years and is currently vice chairman, to focus on the upgrades at KOA. He said that a recent health problem prompted him to take a break from some of his civic involvement.

"I have appreciated the opportunity to work with council and the boards," said Bowman. "But I've made that two-year commitment and I'm going to follow through."

He said the miniature golf course and mining adventure will be completed first. Then they will begin developing the additional acreage to serve the increasing number of travelers with very large RVs who need bigger spaces and turn-arounds and also want more amenities, like patios, at the sites. There is also an increasing demand for places to park RVs for several months, such as by travelers who spend part of the year in Florida and part in the northern U.S. and would like to leave their RV in between.

In the Forsyth community, Bowman and KOA

friends, is the future of education in the U. S. A. The End.

NO! Wait! It doesn't have to be the end. Betsy DeVos, nominee for U. S. Secretary of Education, must first be confirmed by the Senate. Hold that thought.

TRUMP'S appointments thus far have been abysmal; the appointment of Steve Bannon, the leader of the Alt-right movement; the appointment of disaffected General Mike Flynn. They do not have to be con-

WE GEORGIANS sent a clear message on Nov. 8, that our children's education belongs in the hands of parents and school boards. This is one more battle we must fight.

CALL our Senators today to make your voice heard and say "No" to Betsy DeVos.

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are identified with the Forsyth KOA Express, a trackless train that brings KOA visitors on tours of the town and is also generously provided for special events like the Historic Train Festival. The Express will carry the Forsyth mayor and council members in the Hometown Holidays Parade on Dec. 1, complete with lights and decorations.

Forsyth KOA has received awards among campgrounds and draws visitors to Forsyth and Monroe County with its favorable reviews. It has RV and tent sites and regular cabins that sleep four and deluxe cabins with kitchenettes, TV, AC and heat that sleep five.

Forsyth KOA has a swimming pool, catch & release fishing lake, paddle boats, bike rentals, a children's playground, horseshoe pits, basketball hoops, volleyball court, wifi, cable TV, and a large meeting room. Tent sites have water and electricity and a covered picnic table and grill. There is a fenced area for dogs. Firewood and propane are available for sale.

The KOA registration area is also home to a snack shop and 'Pizza Shop.' The Pizza Shop is open from 4-7:30 p.m. to deliver not only pizza but also baby back ribs, hot wings, chicken tenders and more choices to camp sites. Forsyth KOA is at 414 N. Frontage Road, just north of downtown Forsyth.