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## Hunters Moon Fall Festival

**Tarek Toubia** holds up his 3-year-old son, Peter, to get a hat from a Burna Fire District firefighter Saturday during the 39th Annual Hunters Moon Fall Festival parade in Grand Rivers. Tarek and his wife, Natalie, came to Grand Rivers from Hopkinsville to enjoy the festival and beautiful fall weather.

## City, county property values grow similarly in recent years

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The total assessed value of residential, commercial and farm property in the city of Paducah grew less than 1 percent in 2016, compared with growth of 4.68 percent in McCracken County (which excludes the city).

However, city leaders note

the two-year totals are more similar with overall assessment growth at 6.2 percent in the city and 7 percent in the county.

"I wouldn't get concerned over something that happens in a single year," City Manager Jeff Pederson said. "The city's job is to facilitate conditions for steady growth, and our

10-year averages have been pretty steady."

Figures from the past 10 years confirm Pederson's statement.

Annual growth in assessed valuation of city properties has averaged 3.01 percent compared with 3.45 per-

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## Discrimination lawsuit against local housing authority settled



White

BY DAVID ZOELLER

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Having once lived in Paducah public housing, Andiamo White was aware of the positive impact affordable housing can have on people's lives.

The experience made a lasting impression and led him to join the Housing Authority of Paducah in 2002 as a leasing specialist, with an eye toward a

career of service.

"I applied for a job and got blessed with it," White said. "I'm a product of public housing, so it really matters to me to be able to help people."

White later became a property manager at the housing authority, overseeing more than 300 units.

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## She's 102 and going strong

BY GENEVIEVE POSTLETHWAIT

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Few people make it to their 102nd birthday. Even fewer make it to 102 with the grace of Dorothy "Dot" Lewis.

By the time Dot's daughters got to Brookdale Assisted Living Center in Paducah Friday morning, her last as a 101-year-old, she'd already been up for hours, had her breakfast and morning coffee, and was doing her daily exercises.

They'd expect nothing less of their mother, they said.

"She's usually up and going. She doesn't even use a walker. She can out-walk anybody here, just about," her daughter Linda Knott said.

Dot's not one to complain. If you ask her how she's doing she'll tell you, "Not an ache or a pain."

She made it to 102 Saturday living by one simple credo.

"Just do what you ought to," Dot said.

For Dot, that's meant working hard, taking care of herself and taking care of others,

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**Dorothy "Dot" Lewis** relaxes by the fireplace in the Brookdale Paducah community room

Friday, the day before her 102nd birthday, listening with a smile as her daughters brag on her. "That sure was one of my best birthday presents I've ever gotten, thank you," she said when they finished sharing some of their favorite memories with her.

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## Trump rejects backlash, vows to continue on

BY STEVE PEOPLES AND JILL COLVIN

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — A defiant Donald Trump insisted Saturday he would "never" abandon his White House bid, rejecting a growing backlash from Republican leaders nationwide who disavowed the GOP's presidential nominee after he was caught on tape bragging about predatory advances on women.

Trump's own running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, declared he could neither condone nor defend Trump's remarks in a 2005 videotape that sparked panic inside Trump Tower and throughout the Republican Party with early voting already underway exactly one month before Election Day.

"We pray for his family," Pence said in a statement after canceling a Wisconsin appearance scheduled with House Speaker Paul Ryan

and the Republican National Committee chairman, Reince Priebus, both of whom had condemned Trump's remarks the day before but stopped short of withdrawing support altogether.

The furor places enormous pressure on Trump to try to tamp down a crisis sure to spill into Sunday night's presidential debate.

But even as the fallout deepened fractures in a party already torn about Trump, many remained loyal to the political outsider. Wisconsin voter Jean Stanley donned a shirt proclaiming "Wisconsin Women Love Trump" and called Ryan a "traitor" for denouncing the presidential contender's comments.

"He's a real human," Stanley said of the New York businessman, surrounded by Trump supporters at the Wisconsin rally where he was set to appear before the videotape

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## Leaked emails raise questions for Clinton

BY LISA LERER

Associated Press

**WHITE PLAINS, N.Y.** — Hillary Clinton took nearly every precaution to ensure voters would never know what she told investment bankers, lobbyists and corporate executives in dozens of closed-door paid speeches before running for president.

Turns out, the Democratic presidential nominee had good reason to do so.

The private comments strike a tone starkly at odds with the fiery message she's pushed throughout her campaign, particularly during the hard-fought Democratic primary. Some of her

remarks give fresh fuel to liberals' worst fears about Clinton, namely that she is a political moderate, happy to cut backroom deals with corporate interests and curry favor with Wall Street for campaign dollars.

The WikiLeaks organization on Friday posted what it said were thousands of emails obtained in a hack of the Clinton campaign chairman's personal email account. Among the documents posted online was an internal review of the speeches conducted by campaign aides to survey the political damage her remarks could cause if they ever be-

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### NATION

#### HURRICANE GETTING WEAK

A weakening Hurricane Matthew lashed Georgia and the Carolinas Saturday in what appeared to be the last leg of its march up the East Coast, leaving millions relieved.

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### LIFE

#### BABY BOOMERS NOT SLOWING DOWN

An adventurous generation growing up, many baby boomers have barely slowed down in their 50s and 60s. The oldest of the boomers hit 70 this year.

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DOT

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all with the will of God in mind.

“Her whole mantra has always been, ‘Cast your bread upon the water, and it shall return,’” said daughter Linda. “She taught us to do the right thing, no matter what, and just be a giving, loving, sharing person. Mother has just always taken care of and loved on everybody.”

Dot grew up in a tiny town in Tennessee called Brazil, where “everybody seemed to love everybody,” she said. “It was almost like one big family.”

She moved to Jackson, Tennessee, for a spell to study education at Union University. She got there on a basketball scholarship, she said.

She played forward, back in the days when

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**Linda Knott**  
Daughter

women only played half-court.

“She wasn’t just any basketball player, she was really, really good,” said her daughter, Margaret Anthony. “Daddy said she could shoot a jump shot better than the boys, back in the days when girls just didn’t do that. I wish we could have seen her play.”

Margaret’s and Linda’s father, Fred, was also studying education at Union on a basketball scholarship when he spotted Dot walk-

ing across campus one day. He turned to his best friend and said, “I’m going to marry that girl.”

Hearing her daughters tell that story brought a big smile to Dot’s face Friday.

True to his word, Fred did marry Dot, and the two of them moved back to Brazil where they worked and farmed and raised their two daughters. Fred coached basketball, and Dot taught first grade for 30 years. Except

for that one year she had to teach fifth grade, which she said about drove her crazy.

For years, she rode a horse named Bob to school every day, even while wearing her sharp outfits and heels. She always wore the prettiest, tallest heels, her daughters said.

Every year Fred and Dot planted a half-acre garden that would grow nearly enough food to feed the entire town, and they shared it all. And if anyone in town was sick or hurt, they came to Dot, or Dot came to them.

She’d tend to their wounds and ills and feed them back to health.

“Potato soup, that was her cure for everything,” Margaret said. “Her potato soup cured cancer.”

“Mother was always loving on everybody. I think she would have

been a doctor if she’d been born today,” Linda added. “She was just always sharing and taking care of everything, everybody.”

When Fred and Dot got to be in their 70s or so, Fred suffered a serious stroke. He was home-ridden for 11 years, and for 11 years Dot cared for him, never leaving his side. She didn’t even leave the house when she needed a tooth pulled, Margaret said.

She pulled it herself with a pair of pliers.

But thankfully, Dot wasn’t without help. Margaret and Linda said when they would visit — Margaret from Paducah, Linda from Florida — people from the community were constantly coming and going, bringing food, flowers and whatever Dot and Fred needed. Their

neighbors stepped in and cared for them, just like they had cared for everyone else all those years.

Even so, Margaret and Linda worried about their mother.

“I’d tell my daughter, I just worry about mama sometimes,” Linda said.

“She told me, ‘Oh mom, Nanny’s a tough old bird. She’ll be fine, and she’s teaching us all what the meaning of true love is.’”

Dot delighted in being called “a tough old bird,” and in hearing her daughters share memories of her with so much love. At 102, she’s had a lot of birthdays, but that really made this one special, she said.

“That sure was one of my best birthday presents I’ve ever gotten, thank you,” Dot told her daughters. “I love you the mostest.”

LAWSUIT

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His treatment during the latter part of his tenure with the housing authority, and ultimately his termination in 2014, was the subject of an employment discrimination lawsuit he filed in U.S. District Court against the housing authority and Robert “Cal” Ross, its former executive director.

The lawsuit, which was scheduled for a jury trial in December, was settled in August in White’s favor. He was awarded \$197,500.

When contacted by The Sun, Ross, who is retired, deferred to the housing authority’s attorney.

Frank “Hamp” Moore, attorney for the housing authority, said in a statement: “The Housing Authority of Paducah is pleased that it was possible to compromise the contested claim of Andiamo White. The resolution of this contested claim without admission of liability will allow all involved to return to the important work of providing safe and affordable housing to the citizens of Paducah and McCracken County.”

In the lawsuit, White, who is black, alleged Ross often used racial slurs and referred offensively to African-Americans. A complaint he filed with the housing authority’s board in July 2011 resulted in Ross being suspended one day without pay.

White had applied for a vacant deputy director position prior to Ross’ suspension, according to court records. In September 2011, he was promoted to interim deputy director — along with another employee — and the two shared the job, performing the duties of the new position on an every-other-month basis.

Instead of hiring a permanent deputy director, the housing authority eliminated the position, according to court records. In February 2012, White filed a discrimination claim, which was ultimately unsuccessful, against the housing authority and Ross with the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights.

According to court records, the legal expenses to defend the claim were deducted from White’s unit’s operating budget. Subsequently, White’s performance evalua-

tions turned increasingly negative.

In April 2012, Ross re-assigned White. Despite a pay raise, White protested the reassignment and maintained it was less desirable.

In May 2014, court records indicate Ross sought to have the housing authority board terminate White due to “alleged poor job performance and insubordination.” White was suspended without pay for five days. Following his suspension, Ross again asked the board to terminate White, which it did in August 2014.

White’s initial complaint about Ross to the housing authority board, “kind of put all this in motion,” according to John Phillips, an attorney for White. “It seemed like from that point on, Cal Ross had it against Andiamo White and made his work life there very difficult ... which eventually led him to suspension without pay and eventually termination.”

After earlier filing claims with the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, White filed the federal

lawsuit in May 2014 for the same issues, Phillips said. “Initially race discrimination and failure to promote were his first complaints, and then there were a couple of years worth of retaliatory behavior from the housing authority, which resulted in a termination that also became part of the (amended) lawsuit,” Phillips said.

“I wanted that job (deputy director),” White said. “I felt I had worked hard at the housing authority and looked for an opportunity to move up ... that’s the American dream to move up as far as you can.”

Today, White manages 519 housing units with the housing authority in Lexington, where he moved to find work. “He enjoyed the people he was working with (at the Housing Authority of Paducah),” Phillips said. “His family is from Paducah, both his family and his extended family, his wife’s family. He had to take a job in Lexington, and now he and his wife are separated by distance as a result of all this.”

White has an apartment in Lexington for

his job, and drives back to Paducah to be with his family on weekends. His family has been very supportive of the situation. His wife, Terrie, is a teacher at McNabb Elementary. Their two children attend school in Paducah.

According to Phil-

lips, White’s case is not unique and shows that “race is still an issue in the workplace.”

White says talking about the lawsuit brings needed attention to the subject of race.

“As you can see, that’s going on in the country now,” he said.



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