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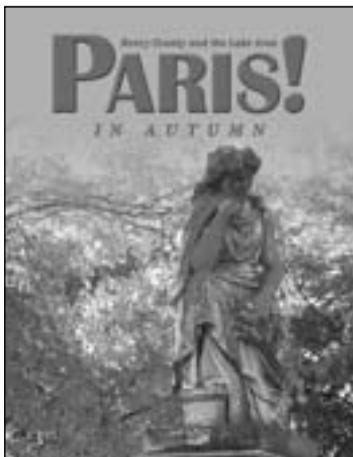
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The sole purpose of PARIS! has always been to celebrate and showcase the best of Paris, Henry County and the Lake Area, and there is no better season to toast our town than autumn.

In the fall of the year, many folks turn to the gridiron for entertainment. PARIS! celebrates Henry County's state champion football team with a spotlight on the man behind the playbook, HCHS Head Football Coach James



ON THE COVER:

The Gatlin grave monument in Maplewood Cemetery is never lovelier than in the fall of the year.

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Counce. Counce shares the story of coming back to Paris, plus the values he wants to pass on to his players.

There's another guy who makes things happen on the gridiron, HCHS Marching Patriot Band Director Michael Nelson. In Arts and Entertainment, Nelson shares his take on the making of a half-time show.

Americans can't turn on their televisions this fall without seeing an election year ad, but how much do we know about how elections take place on a local level? Henry County Election Administrator Darrin Thompson shares information about where our votes go once they are cast, statistics on local voting habits, as well as elections of the future.

As always there are plenty of events downtown this time of year, but can you name them all? "Riddle Me This" pits readers against themselves in a quiz that is edutainment at its best.

With Halloween on the way, a young Parisian tells her tale of being selected as an extra in a zombie movie that filmed in nearby Metropolis, Illinois. She even offers a few makeup tips for young goblins.

And this is just the beginning. Other articles include the push to save the Old 23rd District's Mt. Zion Church; Larry Ray's series detailing the Civil War in our area; the real value of arts education in our schools and more.

So put down that rake and find a nice spot to curl up with PARIS!

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Making Every Vote Count

By Jennifer Wheatley

The coolest job I've ever had." That's how Darrin Thompson describes serving as the Administrator of Elections for Henry County. Thompson has been on the job since 2009, overseeing local elections. He spoke recently about the upcoming presidential election, voting trends and technology.

What happens when I vote?

Henry County's current system is electronic, with every vote cast into what Thompson called a "glorified calculator." The process will change a little in August and November – not with the machines but with the verification of each voter.

The process will use "electronic poll books, like laptops," said Thompson. "The implementation of the electronic poll books will make the check-in process more efficient and more accurate than systems of the past," he said. Voters will still vote on the machines that have been in service since 2006.

The portal

Thompson said the vote totals in Henry County's thirteen precincts are electronically delivered through an "election night portal" connected to the State of Tennessee Division of Elections' website. The website is overseen by the Secretary of State and can be accessed at <http://tn.gov/sos/election/index.htm>.



Administrator of Elections
Darrin Thompson

The count is continuously monitored as each precinct's totals are tallied, not all at the end, so that any discrepancy could be detected as early as possible. Errors are also avoided in three ways:

- Onsite technical expertise of a representative from MicroVote, the vendor of the machines used in Henry County;
- Training of poll workers before every election;
- Testing of every machine before each election.

Not everyone votes electronically on Election Day; there are still plenty of paper ballots to go around. There are absentee voters such as military personnel, nursing home

residents and other licensed facilities where the residents may vote on-site. An absentee counting board appointed by the Election Commission counts the paper ballots. The count happens in the election office on Election Day.

Elections of the future

Future elections may look very different according to Thompson, who said "convenience center voting is going to happen somewhere in Tennessee eventually." This refers to folks being allowed to vote at any election station outside their precinct. The Tennessee General Assembly already has considered this issue.

Online voting is another trend that may happen in the future. Some states have already experimented with this process.

Who's voting?

Many Henry County voters are over 60, but Thompson sees 30-and 40-year olds "showing up." He also has had lots of 18-year olds registering, because "their parents and grandparents influenced them."

Thompson has no problem with folks who bring their youngsters to vote with them. "After all, it's an historic and incredibly important occasion in the life of our community and country," he said. "The more familiar children are with the

process, the more likely they too will become voters.”

Election price tag

The price tag on a presidential election can be as high as \$30,000, most of which is spent on Election Day poll workers and part-time deputies who work during early voting. Early voting is held at the Henry County Election Commission Office at 213 E. Washington Street in the Courthouse Annex. As a way to save additional money, all municipal elections have been merged into November elections.

Electoral College

The laws behind voting regulations can be strenuous. Thompson said, “Everything we do has a law behind it.” One of the most confusing things about presidential elections is the Electoral College, which grants the winner of the popular vote in each state that state’s votes in the Electoral College.

The number of electors in each state is equal to the number of United States Senators and United States Representatives that state has in the United States Congress. Three additional electors were added to represent the District of Columbia,

4,000

The approximate number of votes cast in Henry County in the 2012 presidential primary, which also included local categories.

23,700

Henry County’s registered voters.

17,000

The approximate number of registered voters who are active.

14,000

The number of registered voters who turned out in the last presidential election.

6,000

The number of local voters who stepped into the booth in the May 2012 county primary.

50%

The number of local voters who utilize early voting.

creating a total of 538, making 270 necessary to become president.

This system was created by the authors of the Constitution and, in some instances, allows for the winner of the popular vote not to be elected president, which occurred in the contest between George W. Bush and Al Gore twelve years ago.

New I.D. laws

As of January 1, 2012, a new law went into effect requiring photo

identification for registered voters who will be voting in person, whether during early voting or on Election Day. This new law has created some confusion in the community. Thompson offers the services of his office and wants everyone to understand the options available to them, including the automatic eligibility of permanent absentee voting for those who are unable to visit a polling station. For voting questions, call 731-642-0411.

The Election Commission

Locally, Thompson reports to the Election Commission which includes Chairman Steve Goggans and Secretary Paul Hessing as well as members Sylvia Humphreys, Tommy Townsend and Joyce Weiher. Prior to moving to Henry County, he worked for the Comptroller of the Treasury in Nashville and graduated from UT Knoxville with a degree in Geography. He is married to native Parisian Christie Bowden Thompson; the couple has two children. Thompson was recently elected president of the Tennessee Association of County Election Officials.



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Check out these riddles to test your knowledge about fall events.

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MISS TWO - THREE

Time to study the calendar of events on pages 28-29.

MISS FOUR OR MORE

Go to www.VisitDowntownParis.com and do some long overdo reading!

Riddle Me This!

1. Critters are roaming the halls at Lee. There are paintings and carvings and photos, you'll see!

1. Wildlife Art Exhibit and Show at Lee
Sponsored by Friends of the Refuge, this event at Lee Academy takes place on Friday, September 28 as part of Eye-Full of Paris Weekend. Entries include works that depict life on the refuge in any medium. Call Joan Stevens at the Refuge Office at (731) 642-2091 or email Joan_Stevens@fws.gov.

2. Commercial Bank brings in a rockin' band. Project Graduation puts a sandwich in your hand.

2. Noon on the Square
For years, Commercial Bank's Noon on the Square has defined autumn in Downtown Paris. Each Friday in September the bank hosts a party on the courthouse lawn featuring a great band. The DPA gives away drinks and Project Graduation offers lunch.

3. Arts Round the Square
The centerpiece of Eye Full of Paris Weekend is Arts 'Round the Square (ARTS). The courthouse lawn is filled with artisans who are both demonstrating and selling their wares. There's a Kidzone, plus plenty of live music and delicious food.

3. Demonstrating artists with plenty to sell, With a big music stage that's better than swell.

4. Bikes and trikes, burgers and tunes, All on a Friday afternoon.

4. Boss Hoss parade and bike show around the square
As part of the Boss Hoss Rally at Paris Landing, friendly bikers ride into town to enjoy Noon on the Square on September 21. Their Tennessee-made bikes are a show in themselves.

5. Dressed up kiddos and little pets, too. Contests and games and live music! BOO!

5. Spooktacular
Fun games, crafts, live music, crazy contests, funny fortunetellers, trick-or-treat-ing with the merchants await young goblins at the Downtown Spooktacular, October 27. To get a booth or for info, log on VisitDowntownParis.com or call 731-653-PARIS.

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6. Digging for dinosaur bones is a treat! Eating the dirt, now that's a real feat!

7. Scarecrows at the Heritage Center. Clubs, organizations and churches get into the spirit of the season by creating a variety of scarecrows who briefly reside on the lawn of the Heritage Center. Call 731-642-1030 for info.

6. Handy Manny Day at Library. Saturday, September 15 is Handy Manny Day at the Library. It includes digging for dinosaur bones, eating dessert dirt with gummy bugs and more! Adult must accompany child. Call 731-642-1702 for info.

7. Guarding an old home for just a few weeks. This event's worthy of FB or Tweets!

8. Lifting their voices high to the Lord. Filling the air; the music's adored!

8. Downtown Churches Rejoice during Eye Full of Paris Week-end features performances from the downtown churches on September 30, 12:30-2:30 pm.

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BACK TO SCHOOL BASICS

By Tory Daugherty, MS

It's that time of year again. Paris and Henry County children are back in the classroom with their new school supplies, fall sports and school routines. This is the perfect time to consider your child's health. After all, we want our children to be ready to learn, not dealing with health issues.

Fat packs?

Back pain can be one of those issues that youngsters can suffer from once school starts.

"It's not common, but back pain is possible in children and adolescents," said Debbie Jelks, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Henry County Medical Center (HCMC). She attributed it to a combination of factors:

- Sitting for long periods at a desk in school – allowing poor posture and physical inactivity;
- Carrying heavy backpacks;
- Competitive sports with short or no breaks between seasons;
- Prolonged use of computers and handheld devices –with typically poor postural support;
- Excess weight and obesity.

Jelks recommended advocating for more physical activity during the school day and getting involved

at your child's school to create policies on backpacks. Some schools are remedying this by providing an extra set of textbooks students can keep in the classroom and by offering online reading materials.



Make sure your child's backpack is not overly heavy and worn properly.

Backpacks are handy for school and play, but many students carry their packs the wrong way. This can hurt their back and shoulders and cause poor posture. To keep children healthy and safe, make sure they follow these tips:

- Wear both straps. The backpack should have wide padded straps that go over both shoulders. Avoid bags that only have one strap.
- Don't carry too much. Chil-

dren should never carry more than 15 percent of their body weight. For example, a 60-pound child should not carry more than 9 pounds.

- Lift with your legs. Make sure your children pick up their backpacks by bending their knees and lifting with their legs. This will avoid back strain.

What's in your sack?

Back to school also means back to packing lunches. Knowing the right balance of foods can help make sure kids are eating well away from home.

"A big assumption parents make is that kids are eating everything in their lunch bags," said Kim Dempsey, HCMC. "They tend to over-pack lunches."

Getting kids involved in packing their lunches is one way to make sure they'll eat everything. "Start with the trip to the grocery store and asking your children what they're in the mood for," Dempsey said. Variety is important, so get in one item from each food group. "Try turkey on whole wheat and cheese, fruit, and carrots with a ranch dressing dipping sauce," she suggested.

Treats also have their place in your child's lunch. "If they want a

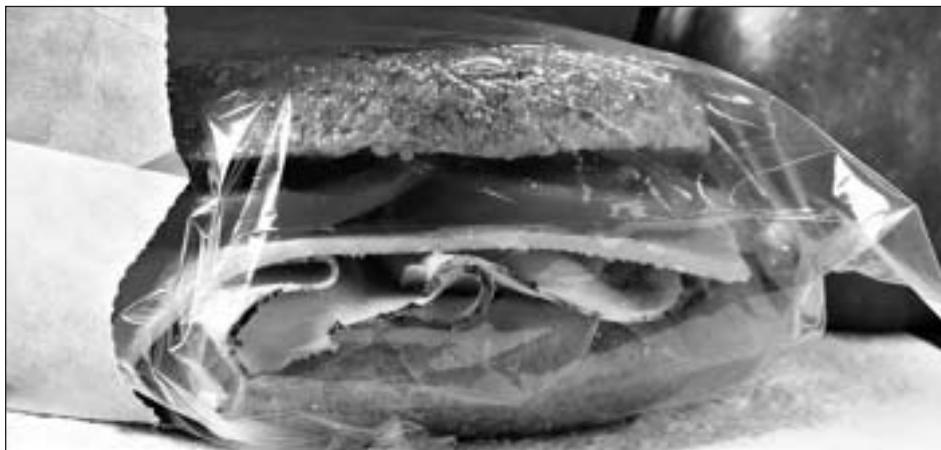
treat, give them an occasional treat,” Dempsey said. “You don’t have to shy away from it. Remember, you can control the portions.”

Finally, there’s no rule that lunchtime for kids can’t be fun. “Slip a note into your child’s lunchbox—make it fun,” she said.

Good health and immunizations

Preparing for school doesn’t mean just preparing nutritionally, it also means ensuring your child has the right immunizations to stay healthy and keep classmates healthy as well.

The Tennessee Department of Health has new immunization requirements for those who attend childcare, pre-school, school and college, which became official on December 9, 2009. Most of the new requirements took effect on July 1, 2010. The guidelines are available on the Tennessee Department



Packing school lunches with nutritious food items gives parents peace of mind that their child is eating properly away from home.

of Health’s website at www.health.state.tn.us.

The Henry County Health Department (731-642-4025) or the family’s primary care physician can also assist parents with the right immunizations, as well as the official documentation needed.

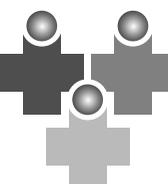
Being prepared for the new school year isn’t just about sup-

plies and schedules, but about each student’s health. For more information related to children’s health and school, contact the health department or visit www.hcmc-tn.org.



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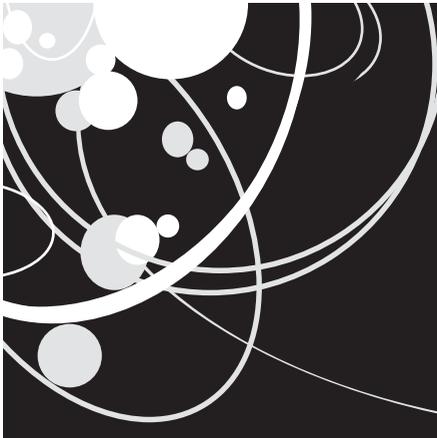
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The Arts

PAY OFF FOR PSSD

By Norma Gerrell

Can music make you smarter? “Nothing activates as many areas of the brain as music,” according to researcher Donald A. Hodges, Director of the Music Research Institute at the University of North Carolina.

Paris Special School District is in full agreement: PSSD students start their music education in kindergarten, which gives them an advantage in the mathematical and language centers of the brain. PSSD has been recognized multiple times as one of the 100 Best Communities for Music Education by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation. Director of Schools Mike Brown has been awarded the Tennessee Music Educators Association Outstanding Administrator in Support of the Arts in Education.

How does it work? Slowly and steadily with dedicated educators.

W.G. Rhea and Paris Elementary

Students at W.G. Rhea Elementary School have a rotational music class with Director Angie Hawkins. The students present musical performances in kindergarten and second grade as Hawkins lays a

strong rhythm, musical notation and patterning foundation that students will build upon.

As they move to Paris Elementary School, Minette Veazey gives third through fifth graders weekly musical experiences. Veazey Vocals, a select group of fifth graders, performs throughout the community as they prepare to transition to chorus at the middle-school level. Veazey is the Chair of the Arts Council Youth Enrichment Fund, which helps fund music lessons, camps, and competition fees for local students in need.

Jessica Hart has joined PSSD as the PES art teacher. She brings another dimension of the arts to students as they study line, dimension, color, symmetry, and appreciation for art across cultures. Hart will work closely with Lee Academy for Arts and the Paris Henry County Arts Council spotlighting student work and integrating local artists into her curriculum.

Megan Norris provides excellent instruction in the PSSD Strings Program, which students may begin in third grade. The choice of violin, viola, cello or string bass are

available to all children and performances take place twice yearly.

Inman Middle School

Norris also directs the strings program at the middle-school level. She engages these young musicians in public performance within the community and in All-West Tennessee, Quad State and Solo and Ensemble. She will take middle school strings students on a competition trip this spring.

New this year to IMS is Jessica McLeese, who heads the choral music program. Students in grades six through eight can participate daily in vocal music as their elective class with selected ensembles rehearsing after school. Students may participate in the All-West Tennessee Chorus and Solo and Ensemble. A graduate of Bethel's Renaissance Program, McLeese is already an experienced middle school music teacher.

Band Director Lucy Presson rounds out the PSSD music staff. Her specialty instrument is trombone, and she has performed in bands from HCHS to the Tennessee National Guard to The Barons.



In this 2003 photo, these students had just finished their first strings concert. In 2012, the scholarship earnings of these students totaled almost \$291,000, approximately 15% of the total scholarship earnings of the senior class. Can music make you smarter? Yes! Pictured left to right: Trey Gerrell, Cynthia Cacciola, Sarah Beth Wall, Devin Lambert, Nathan Hart, and Nick Brazelton.

Presson meets daily with her sixth through eighth graders for rehearsal during their elective class. She directs student pep groups at home football and basketball games; her students also participate in All-West Tennessee Band and Solo and Ensemble. Presson works closely with high school band directors to ensure a seamless transition.

The numbers

PSSD believes it is imperative that educators teach the whole

child. Studies show that students who are highly involved in the arts not only perform better academically, they perform more community service and watch fewer hours of television. A growing amount of evidence shows the arts can be particularly beneficial to economically disadvantaged students and can help keep potential dropouts in school.

Arts education instills lifetime skills such as critical analysis, problem solving, perseverance and

a drive for excellence. Moreover, creative skills children develop through the arts carry them toward new ideas, new experiences, and new challenges - not to mention personal satisfaction. This is the intrinsic value of the arts and it cannot be overestimated.



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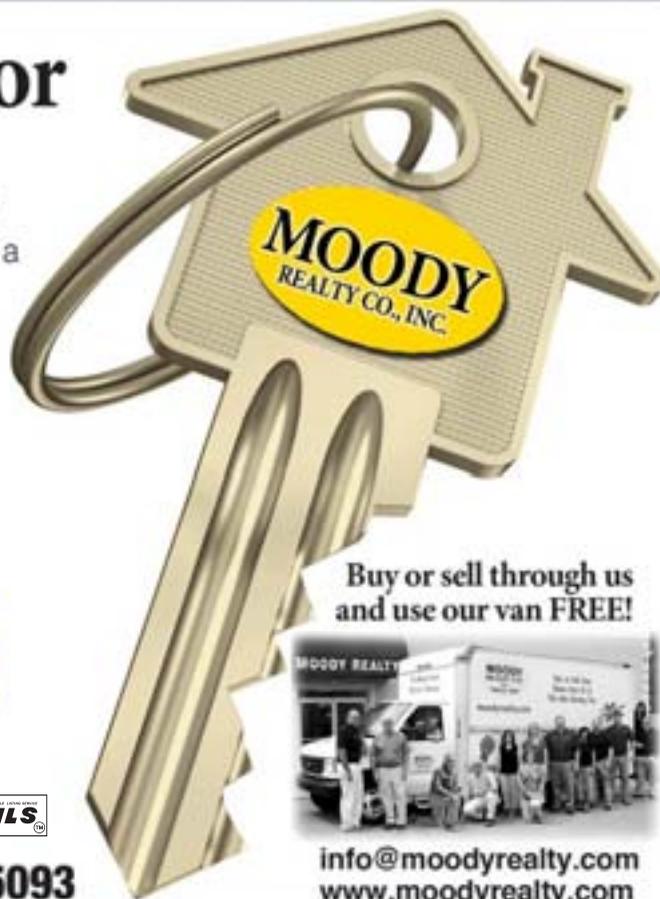
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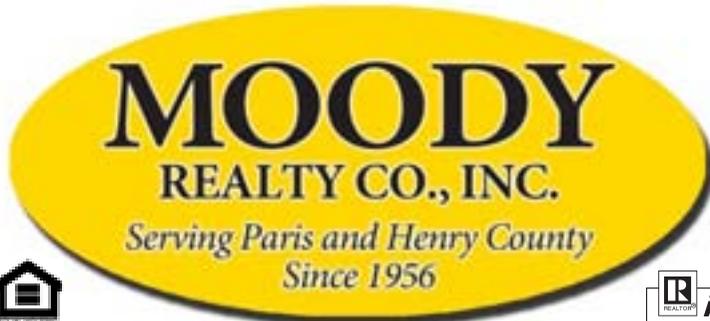
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By Jennifer Wheatley

Halftime shows are musical and marching precision feats which take months of preparation. Every band tries to create the perfect one-two punch combination, which is what Michael Nelson, director of the Marching Patriot Band has designed for this year's show "*Knockout!*"

The eight-minute long event uses "completely custom music," said Nelson. The show tells the story of a boxer who loses, returns to his training and re-enters the ring to claim victory. "It's a real underdog story," said the director. The Patriots will be the first band in the nation to perform this show, which adds an aura of excitement.

Featuring music from Leonard Bernstein, Simon and Garfunkel and selections from three of the "Rocky" movies, Nelson will increase the size of the band for 2012 to 125, up from 90 in 2011. This includes the percussion pit (drums too large to be carried on the field), guard, drumline and eleven wind instruments.

A 26-year old with a passion for creating unique experiences for fans in the stands, Nelson is a 2004 graduate of Beech High School in Hendersonville, TN. He attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and taught in Camden before signing with the Patriots.

Writing the drills for the show himself, he created 80 to 90 sets

(or pictures) by specific placement of the band members on the field. Nelson explained that the band practices the music first, then begins to learn "one set at a time," but he cannot completely separate the marching and choreography from the music, because "we have to be doing both at once." The show's music was composed by a writer for a drum corps show Nelson saw in 2008. The composer arranged it into a project appropriate for high school-level musicians.

"*Knockout!*" will be used for both the football season and the band's competition season – eight to ten events in Tennessee, Arkansas and Kentucky. Dividing the show into

its components of music, marching and choreography, Nelson focused most on the music because competitions are heavily weighted on the students' musical prowess.

Travel is a major undertaking for 125 students and their instruments. Four school buses are required, along with a semi-truck for equipment. An average band season costs approximately \$75,000 with some \$15,000 budgeted by the school system. These costs are the basics, not covering the nearly \$50,000 needed to buy new uniforms, which have not been replaced in twelve years.

The Band Boosters, primarily band parents, make up the monetary deficit. "They are fantastic," said Nelson, who credited them with everything from "fundraising to chaperoning to bookkeeping to feeding the kids."

Nelson seemed overwhelmed at the Band Boosters' energy, because "most of these band supporters have full-time jobs." He also was eager to point out the "love for the arts in the community" and the support he has received from Paris and Henry County.

Nelson's own love of his job can be traced to his junior year in high school, when he was given the op-



DESIGNING THE SHOW:

Concept – Three shows were considered before "Knockout!" was chosen.

Music – Custom-written by Doug Thrower for wind instruments.

Adding the beat - Percussion music written.

Making it fit - Music edited for time.

Marching to music - Drill written in two weeks.

New routines – Drill sent to guard writer to develop routine.

Sweat equity - Two-week band camp begins, practicing 8 am to 5 pm.

School starts - Practice three days a week.

Here come the judges - Competitions every weekend from September until early November.

Hitting the road - Travelling with the football team until their season ends.

portunity to conduct a sixth-grade band at their concert. He remembered it as "just this moment of making music together." He knew his career path was set.

The director's goal is for his students to love music, and he sees strength in the diversity of adding the talents of other music educators to his own specialty in brass instruments.

Joining him as fellow directors are Ryan Wilkerson, percussion specialist at Henry; Chris Watson, woodwinds specialist at Harrelson; Joey Sam, woodwinds at Lakewood; and Jessica Wilson, who directs the guard and teaches Spanish at Henry County High School.

Nelson may even get occasional help from home. Crystal, his wife of four years, is an elementary school music teacher in Camden who is working on her doctorate. Garnering all the help he can, Nelson hopes to share his "passion for music" with an ever-expanding group of students.

Wayne "Butch" Powers, treasurer of the Henry County Band Parents, credited Nelson with "rejuvenating the program." The Marching Patriots "won trophies in every competition they entered last season. Michael brings a sense of professionalism, while still relating well to the students," said Powers.



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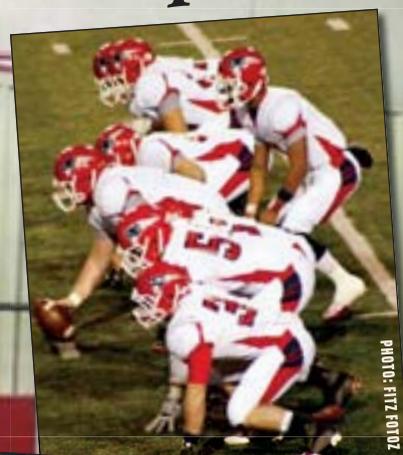
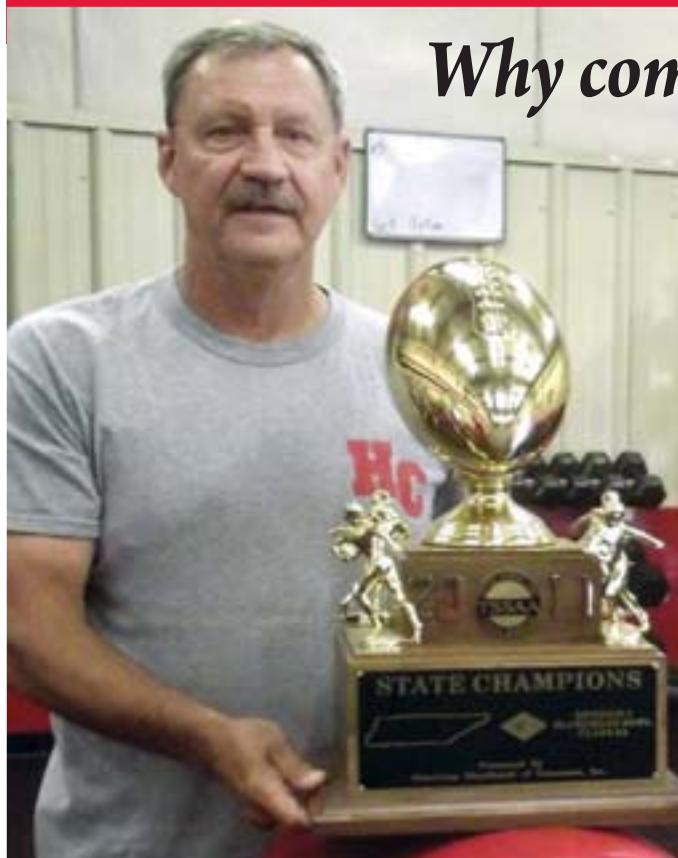
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JAMES COUNCE

Why coming back was important



By Shannon McFarlin

From the time he started playing football in the seventh grade at South Fulton, James Counce knew he wanted to be a coach. “I grew up playing football, basketball and baseball, but football was my first love,” he said.

So when it came time for college, Counce attended Murray State with the goal of earning a teaching certificate “so I could be a teacher and a high school coach.” After graduation, he hit the ground running as assistant football coach at Ohio County, KY for a three-year stint. From there he went on to Marshall County, KY and was hired at Henry

County High School (HCHS) for the first time in 1978.

At HCHS, he was assistant under head coach Gerald Young for seven years, then head coach for a decade. “We made it to the state playoffs eight of those ten years and made it to the semi-finals in 1992,” Counce said.

He coached the Camden Lions briefly, then moved to Dyersburg High School, where he was head coach of the Trojans for 11 years. Counce ventured to Nashville’s private Montgomery Bell Academy, then back to Dyersburg for a year and a premature retirement.

“I retired to take care of my wife Donna,” he said, noting his retirement was announced in December and his life partner passed away just a few months later.

Around this time, Henry County Schools had hired Sam Miles to direct its system. Miles had worked with Counce at Dyersburg and contacted him when there was a local coaching opening. “He had been the principal where I worked, and I had coached his son there; we had a good working relationship,” said Counce. “He asked if I was interested. I was retired and enjoying what I was doing, but I had loved it

at Henry County. I thought it was a great place, and I thought of the wonderful years my family and I had spent here.”

Counce said that his son, James Counce III, had graduated from school at HCHS. “We always called this home and always wanted to come back.” With that in mind, the answer to Sam Miles was “Yes.”

Success on the gridiron came right away with the Patriots reaching the playoffs, but the biggest success in the school’s football program was yet to come in the fall of 2011. “The senior class that won the state championship - we knew they were special as they were coming up. I knew that if we could keep them healthy and out of trouble, our team would have a chance to be good.”

Counce is credited not only with building a good football team, but building character in the student

players. “I can’t say enough about the values my parents taught me as a young person and I think part of a head coach’s job is to try to get young men to mature into good people and good citizens for our town, our county and our country.”

Under Counce, the coaching staff stresses those values both on the field and off with the team. “We talk a lot about brotherhood. We want them to think of us as a huge family. We talk about loving each other and being part of a family and I think that’s especially important because not all of our kids have good family lives.”

Counce said the staff also tells the kids “how fortunate they are to be from here. We tell them this is a special place and they need to appreciate that.”

As the football team won more and more of its games, moving to a perfect 15-0 season, the county

came together as everyone caught Patriot fever. “It really showed how special our community is, how much pride we have in our school.”

The whole experience of winning the state championship “was an unbelievable time, seeing how many people from here travelled to the game and how we were greeted at the county line at 3 a.m. on the way home. But it just shows what this community is all about. And that’s why it was important for me to come back here.”

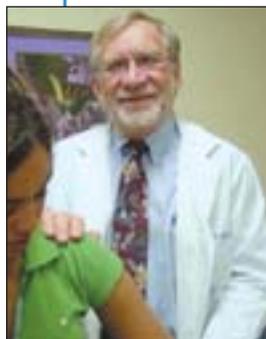


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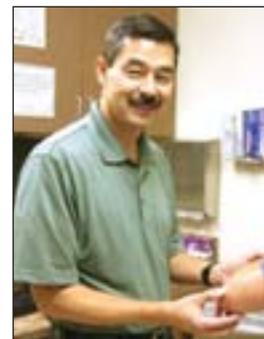


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This Halloween, seventeen year-old Parisian Alex Carney has a new take on what it means to look frightening. Carney was recently an extra in the zombie western “Revelation Trail.”

Carney was 16-years old last year when she read a tweet about the movie tryouts. “The auditions

were going to be at Murray State,” she said. “I decided, ‘What the heck...it can’t hurt to audition.’”

The next thing she knew, she and a few friends were on the set getting scary make-overs.

She offered a few tips for the trick-or-treater who wants to abandon a ho-hum costume for a

more startling look. The professionals “use a lot of prosthetic-grade silicone to look like open wounds and little pieces of toilet paper to simulate flaps of skin. A lot of the blood was actually food-based products such as corn syrup, chocolate syrup, and coffee grounds,” she advised.

A makeup artist from BAM FX Company transforms Alex Carney into a zombie during the filming of “Revelation Trail.”





Left: Alex as a movie zombie; right: Alex ready for her high school prom.

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Carney said that Director John Gibson asked her to do “what zombies do - which is primarily walking, snarling and growling.” The scene in which she appeared was filmed outside of nearby Metropolis, Illinois. “We were on the set for one whole day,” said Carney.

“The thing that took the longest,” she said, “was the makeup.” She said that while everyone was “friendly and nice,” no one bothered to mention there was “no running water at the location.” This meant that her parents, Paul and Kathy Carney, had to drive her home in full zombie movie makeup.

But the young extra took it all in stride. “I’d do it again, hopefully somewhere I could take a shower afterwards. And maybe this time, I could be put on the payroll!”



For the uninitiated

The idea of zombies or the living dead has been around for centuries. The first zombie movies were made in the 1930s. Since then, hundreds of horror movies have been made, some serious and some just for fun with zany titles like “Zombies on Broadway.”



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Faces & Places



Kristen Outland of Buchanan carries the torch during her time on the track at Relay for Life. Her shirt reads, "I walk in memory of Daddy." Outland's father was Terry Miles. Relay for Life raised in excess of \$97,000.



Joy Bland (third great-granddaughter of John Wesley Crockett) unveils a portrait of her ancestor at the Heritage Center during the Descendants of Davy Crockett Family Reunion. The portrait, commissioned by the Henry County Historical Society will hang in the Court House. Crockett is buried in the Paris City Cemetery.



Edna Hopkins, Mary Belle (Mainey) Beard and Charles Hopkins celebrate after Hopkins' men's shop, The Toggery was named Business of the Year. In business since 1917, the store was originally owned by Beard's family. (Courtesy of Becky Hedges)



Drew Wheatley photographed this little feller at Paris Landing State Park. Seems like he has tapped into the tourism market in his own squirrel-ly way.



Lynn Key stands proudly by his classic car and visits with Jerry Maddox during Drive-In Downtown, part of Downtown Paris Week activities.



Jim Cullivan and Mary Gail Muller cut vegetables for home-made salsa to be cooked and canned by the Canning College class at the HC Extension Office. (Courtesy of Michelle Atkins)



Several members of the State Champion Henry County 10-year-old All-Stars show off their trophy before heading to the Southeast Regional Tournament in Matthews, NC.



Mike Crawford, Barry Brogdon, Tommy Wimberley and Debi Veazey Wimberley enjoy a little horsing around at the 1971-72 multi-class reunion. (Courtesy of Hall Puckett)

► Sue Quinn enjoyed a big night when she was named Person of the Year at the 62nd Annual Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet.



Rotarian Michael Murphey welcomes early birds to the Annual Rotary Ham Breakfast.



Shirley Braden prepares to welcome members of LLL (Live Longer and Like It) to their monthly luncheon at First Baptist Church.

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► Bernice Holt, a volunteer with the March of Dimes shows off bake sale items during Breakfast for Babies at Ann & Dave's Kitchen.





MOUNT ZION CHURCH

Saving A Building that Shaped Generations

By Shannon McFarlin

*We shape our buildings;
thereafter, our buildings
shape us.*

– Winston Churchill

Such is the case of Mount Zion Church in the once-thriving Old 23rd District community. “Friends of Mt. Zion Church” – former church members, their families, friends and lovers of history – have joined to raise money to save this

historic structure that shaped generations. To that end, the public is invited to a celebration, “Back to the Old 23rd Homecoming” which will be held on the grounds from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, October 27.

Friends of the Tennessee Wildlife Refuge is sponsoring the homecoming which will feature burgers, hot dogs and lemonade, musical entertainment, a talk by Larry Perry, author of *A Pictorial History of the Old 23rd District*, as well as

old-fashioned games and hayrides where Perry will provide tours of the old community.

“All we ask is that folks bring a \$5 donation, a side dish and their own lawn chairs,” said Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Ranger Joan Stevens of the Paris office. “One hundred percent of the money raised will go toward the restoration. We do not want to lose this structure. It represents too much to too many people.”

Memories

Candi Norwood is one of those people. Her grandmother Madeline Lemonds Collier was the oldest of 15, and it was “her job to go to church, memorize the sermon and tell it to the rest of the family.”

From an early age, Collier’s spot in the church was “third pew back, in the middle. There was reserved seating in that church, and everyone knew better than to sit in someone else’s spot!”

Mt. Zion was structured so that men and women entered by different entrances. “Females came in the left side door and males came in the right side and they sat that way. They heard plenty of fire and brimstone in that church.”

History

Completed in 1898, the large frame building represented a congregation of hardy settlers who first gathered to worship in a log building in 1852. Circuit-riding preachers tended to the congregation, coming once a month to deliver sermons. Despite the harsh wilderness surrounding them, the church grew steadily from 24 members to almost 200 by the early 1900s. The gravel road which runs in front of

the church was the roadway used by Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his men in 1864 for some of their expeditions.

Recognition

Because of its historical significance, Mt. Zion Church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975. Unfortunately, recognition does not come with funding. As a national landmark, there are specific rules to follow for restoration, which could cost \$25,000-\$30,000. The structure, which has been the centerpiece for so many reunions, will be unsafe for visitors in the future if restoration is not completed soon.

Final days

The end for the Old 23rd District began in 1938 when the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) began construction of Kentucky Dam to flood the Tennessee River. TVA purchased land on which the Old 23rd District was situated, including the 2.7 acre-Mt. Zion property.

By 1944, the booming Old 23rd was mostly underwater. Gone were the homes, stores, saloons, the two-story Fairview School, several churches, and eight cemeteries,

which were eventually relocated. In 1945, the TVA gave responsibility for the land to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to manage as a refuge.

Future plans

TWRA hired the U.S. Park Service to make an assessment of the structure, according to Stevens. They returned a “huge report, which detailed what needed to be done immediately and long-term to keep it from deteriorating further,” she said. “The Fish and Wildlife agency can pay for some of it, but not all.”

The TVA left Mt. Zion Church standing so that annual reunions could still be held. Many years later those reunions have not only survived but have grown stronger with as many as 150-200 people attending the first Sunday in July each year.

“People still have emotional and family ties to that church,” Stevens said.

Here’s hoping those ties are enough to save Mt. Zion. For more information on donating to Friends of the Mt. Zion Church call 731-642-2091.



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August – W.G. Rhea Library's first **Teen Movie Night** is "Hunger Games" (Date to be announced). In celebration of the movie's DVD release, the library asks the public to help fight hunger by bringing in new canned goods, August 17–24 for area food pantry. Call 731-642-1702 for info.

August 18 – **Men Who Cook** is at the Paris Convention Center from 5-7 pm followed by live music from 7-10 pm. Call 731-644-8266 for more info about this Healthcare Foundation/Caring Hearts fundraiser.

August 25 – **Luau in Parisian Paradise Whole Hog Roast and Fixin's** at Paris Winery. Tickets are \$20.00 for this party. Call 731-644-9500 or visit www.ParisWinery.com.

August 27 – **Healthy Henry County Kick Off** is at the Krider at 2 pm. Join this county-wide, 10-week fitness and nutrition challenge. No pre-registration necessary. Call 731-644-3463 for more.

September – Enrollment starts for beginner children's classes at **Paris Karate**. Contact Rick Conger at 731-642-7425 or visit www.ParisKarate.com for info.

September 3 – **LABOR DAY** – Hats off to our country's workforce. No school for PSSD or Henry County School Systems. For information, call

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September 6 – **Lifeline Blood Mobile** is open from noon - 6 pm at First United Methodist Church. Call 731-642-2941 for information.

September 7-8 – The **Paris Players** present the timeless classic, "**Our Town**" at the Krider Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$10 adults, \$5 students. For information call 731-642-3955.

September 7 - It's **Noon on the Square** with **Branded Country** sponsored by Commercial Bank. Concessions available from Project Graduation and drinks from Downtown Paris Association. Bring a lawn chair. Call 731-642-3341 or email ccharles@cbtcnet.com.

September 14 – Enjoy the music of **John Austin McDaniel** at **Noon on the Square**, 12–1 pm sponsored by Commercial Bank. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy this autumn tradition. Call 731-642-3341 for information.

September 14 – First Christian Church's annual "**Wine to Water**" hosted by Dr. John and Mrs. Lily Van Dyck at 7 pm. Evening includes dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, non-alcoholic beverages and a silent auction. Proceeds fund missions for clean water in East Africa. For tickets, call 731-642-3181.



September 15 - "**We Dig Dirt and Dinosaurs**" is the theme for **Handy Manny Day** at W. G. Rhea Library from 2- 4 pm for boys 5 to 8 years old. Dig for dinosaur bones, eat dessert dirt with gummy bugs, hunt dinosaur eggs, and play dinosaur games. Call 642-1702 for more information.

September 20–22 – **Boss Hoss Motorcycle Rally and Burn Out BBQ Cook-off** at Paris Landing State Park to enjoy food, vendors and fun galore. Don't miss these amazing bikes! Call Sara Johnson for info at 731-819-6362.

September 21 - **Noon on the Square** features the tunes of **Ray Lewis Band** from 12–1 pm, sponsored by Commercial Bank. Many Boss Hoss participants will bring their beautiful bikes downtown for an impromptu show. Bring a lawn chair and a camera. Call 731-642-3341.

September 28 – No school. **Administrative day** for PSSD.



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September 28 – **Noon on the Square** features the tunes of **Tommy Akers**

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September 28 - Friends of the Wildlife Refuge sponsor **Wildlife Awaits: An Art Exhibit and Show** at Lee Academy 6 - 8 pm. Admission is free. For more information, call 731-642-1702 or log on VisitDowntownParis.com.

September 29 – **Arts 'Round the Square**, 9 am to 4 pm, where visual artists, amazing entertainers and great food converge on Historic Downtown Paris. Artists of all genres showcase their work and hold demonstrations. Children love the FREE interactive Kids Zone LIVE! For information, call the Arts Council at 731-642-3955 or log on www.phcart.com or www.VisitDowntownParis.com. Admission is FREE!

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September 30 - **Downtown Churches Rejoice** begins at 12:30 pm, location to be announced. Enjoy a wide array of performances as musicians of all ages lift their voices. Log on VisitDowntownParis.com for information.

October 6 – **Oktoberfest** time at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Don't miss the booths, games, face painting, funnel cakes, silent auction, petting zoo, bake sale, home-style German meal, authentic Mexican meals and more. Call 731-642- 4681 or visit www.holycrossparis.org for information.

October 4 – **Lifeline Blood Mobile** is open from noon - 6 pm at First United Methodist Church. Call 731-642-2941 for more information.

October 11-12 – Take a break! It's **Fall Break** for Henry County School System and the PSSD System. For information, call 731-642-9733 and 731-642-9322.

October 20 – **7Sisterz 4th Annual Arts, Crafts, Antiques Sale**, 9 am–4 pm, 2035 County Home Road. Craft vendors, antique/vintage flea market, bake sale, chili, pulled pork lunch available. Call 336-8703 for more information or to rent booth space.

October 20 – There are stars in the making at the **7th Annual Krider Idol** at 7 pm at the Krider Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 for this evening of entertainment. For more information about the show, call the Arts Council at 731-642-3955.

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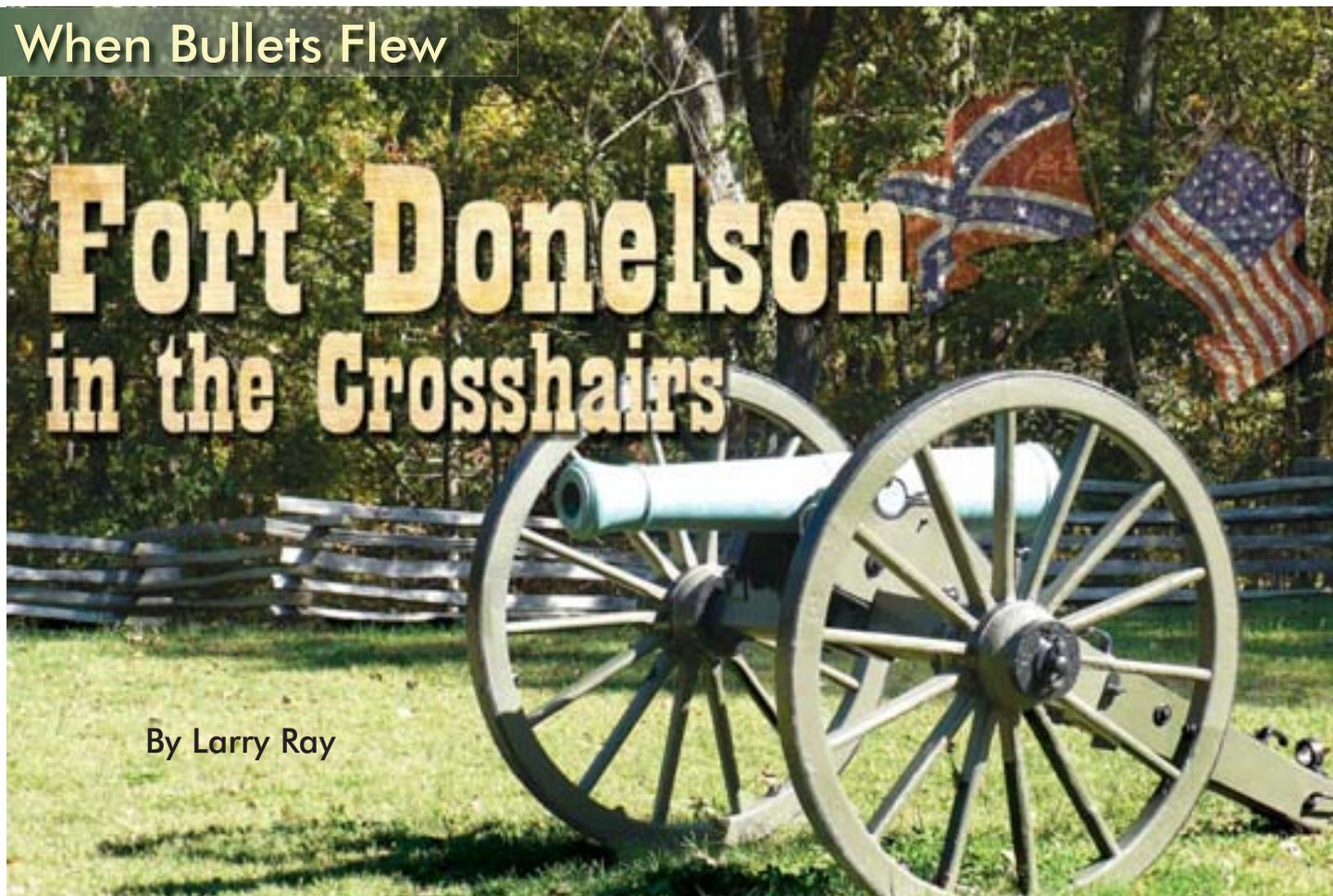
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By Larry Ray

In celebration of the Civil War's Sesquicentennial, Larry Ray is compiling a number of articles detailing the history in his own backyard along the Tennessee River. This is fourth in the series. Previous articles may be read online in the archives of MyParisMagazine.com.

While the fall of both Forts Heiman and Henry was being celebrated in the North, Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant was actually in an extremely vulnerable position. He was standing in a flooded Fort Henry with his back to the Tennessee River in the middle of winter, far from being ready to move against Fort Donelson.

Commodore Foote's Union gunboats, which had suffered casualties and severe damage were back in Paducah for repairs or off on other missions. This gave Grant little or no protection from the river. He had little knowledge of Confederate strength or intentions at Dover. He did not have artillery to support his

infantry and was outnumbered by Confederate forces at Dover. Grant, standing in the mud at Fort Henry, was in a very bad spot militarily.

General Grant began sending out scouting patrols toward Dover where there were daily skirmishes with Confederate patrols from Donelson. He became restless, and on Saturday, February 8, 1862 he traveled by boat upriver towards Danville to see that vital railroad crossing. His party was driven back by Confederate defenders. (Grant had no idea that this area would soon become Confederate sniper Jack Hinson's favorite death trap for Union boats.)

By February 10, skirmishes were increasing. The people of both

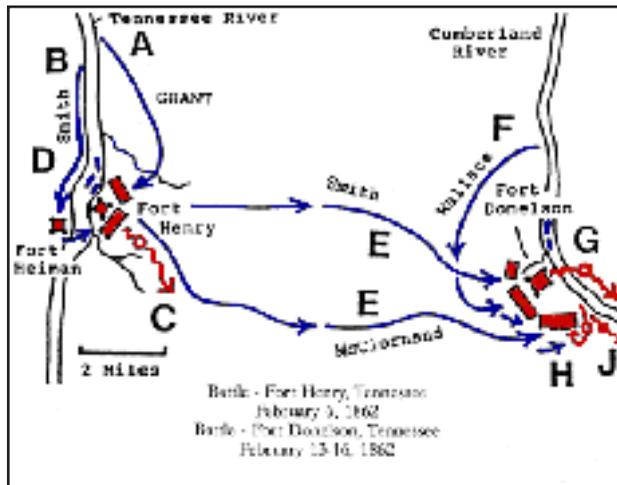
Henry and Stewart Counties were having their first experience with a shooting war, and the tempo was increasing daily. There was a battle coming for Fort Donelson and it was coming soon.

On the 11th, the temperature was warming up and Grant ordered his troops out of Fort Henry and on to the road toward Dover and Fort Donelson. Commodore Foote was in Paducah preparing his gunboats to go up the Cumberland River toward Donelson. The most damaged gunboats at Fort Henry could not be repaired in time so Foote moved crews from the Essex and the Cincinnati to fill out crews on the Louisville and Pittsburg, which had not been at Fort Henry. Grant

was expecting a quick strike, which along with the gunboats would have made short work of Fort Donelson. He was wrong. This battle would be hard and bloody and a much worse disaster for the gunboats than Henry had been.

February 12th was even warmer than earlier in the week. Locals knew that more cold weather would follow, but the Union soldiers thought spring had come. As they began to sweat on their 15-mile journey, they discarded their heavy overcoats and blankets. They felt they didn't need them to fight in the sunny South. They would soon regret this decision.

Meanwhile, Foote's flotilla was delayed. The repairs and resupply of his gunboats had taken more time than planned, and his boats were undermanned. Many of his sailors



had deserted after the bloody battle of Fort Henry. Those who remained would experience combat even more horrific and deadly under Donelson's guns.

Grant's infantry and cavalry were moving toward Dover in the highest of spirits, thinking that they would soon be inside Fort Donelson. Ironically, spirits also were high among the Confederates at

the fort. Reinforcements were arriving daily and they were ready for a fight. After the next three days, attitudes would change in both the Union and Confederate camps. They would all be bloodied and experienced in battle with less enthusiasm for war.

The next installment in the *When Bullets Flew* series covers the battle for Fort Donelson, including details about this vital battle and the questionable decisions made by several generals.



Larry Ray is Executive Director of the Henry County Fair Association and past Executive Director of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development. He has had a life-long interest in the Civil War.

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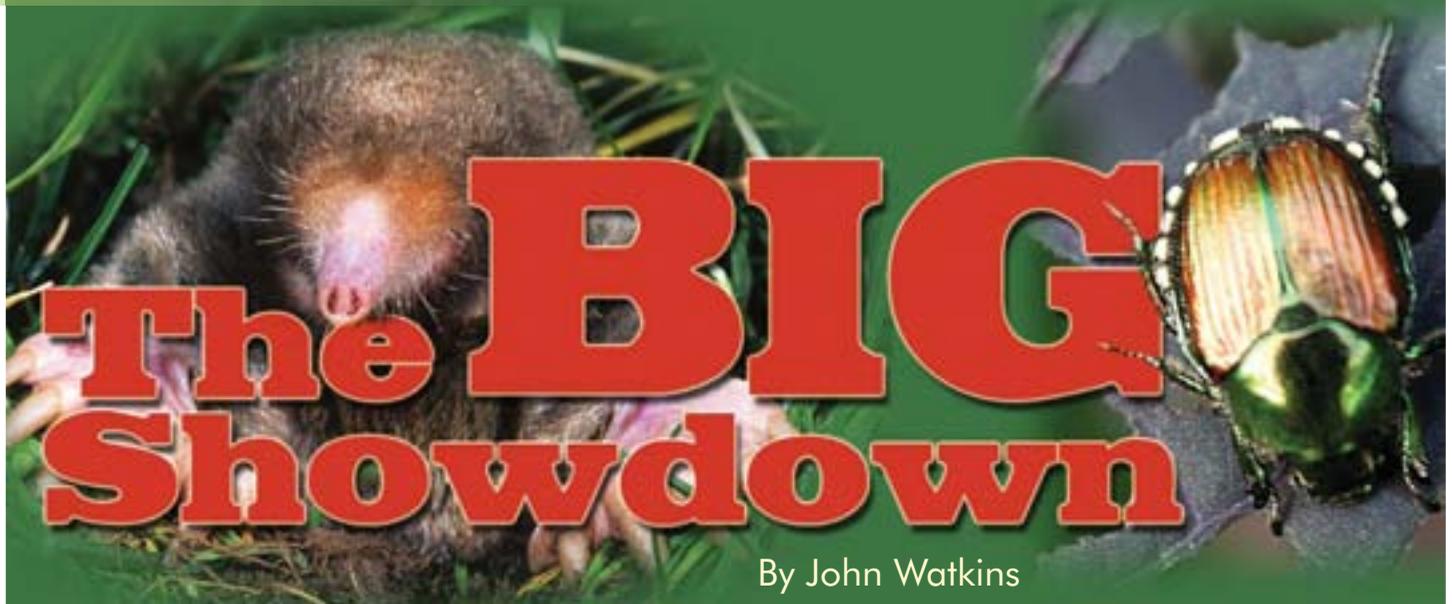
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There are lots of bad guys to worry about in our gardens, but two top the Most Wanted List - Japanese beetles and moles. The number of calls I get concerning these pests escalates yearly. So here's the skinny on some control methods to help alleviate their damage.

Japanese Beetles

The Japanese beetle is a relative newcomer; it wasn't even spotted until 1916 after being accidentally introduced from Japan. They are located mainly in the favorable climates of the Eastern US. There are hundreds of species of plants on which adults feed and virtually no effective natural enemies.

Adult beetles are metallic green with copper-brown wing covers. Adults emerge from the ground and begin feeding on plants in June. Their activity is most intense over a 4-6 week period beginning in late June, after which they gradually die off.

Japanese beetles usually feed in groups, starting at the top of a plant and working downward. They are most active on warm sunny

days, preferring plants in direct sunlight. A single beetle doesn't eat that much, but get a group of them together - it's like steak night at the country club. If your plants resemble Swiss cheese, the beetles have found your garden.



Leaf damage made by Japanese beetles.

Remember that Japanese beetles can cause damage as both adults and grubs. Since they may fly in, controlling one life stage may not solve the problem. Controlling the grub stage is tricky, so let's stick to options for protecting trees, shrubs and flowers from the adults.

Plant Selection

Careful selection of plants can help avoid the beetle problem

altogether. Plants that are especially prone to damage include roses, purple-leaf plum, Japanese maples, hollyhocks, rose-of-sharon and grapes. Incorporating these plants may leave you seeking either physical or chemical controls to decrease damage.

Physical Methods

Removing beetles by hand may provide adequate protection for small plantings. Remember: nothing attracts a crowd like a crowd, so by not allowing beetles to accumulate, plants will be less attractive to other beetles. I personally like to employ the old badminton racket method of shaking the bush and swinging for the fences.

Chemical Control

There are many insecticides labeled for use against adult Japanese beetles. Some of the pyrethroid types can give 2-3 week protection while the old standby carbaryl (Sevin) might offer 1-2 weeks. Botanical alternatives or Pyola will only last about 3-4 days. If it rains you probably need to reapply. Sadly,

your grandmother's recipe of garlic, hot pepper, and orange peels hasn't proven effective.

Notice that not once did I mention beetle traps. These traps are baited with either a food scent or pheromone and can attract an even larger number of beetles to your garden than would have been there normally.

Moles

This summer it seemed as if moles were popping up all over. But let's look closer at the mole before we look at control.

The common Eastern mole is a fascinating animal. This garden pest eats insects; not plants or roots. They are fast little critters and dig at a rate of almost 18 feet per hour. All that digging makes them pretty hungry; they can eat up to 50 pounds of worms and insects a year.

Home remedies

In more than 25 years in the horticultural business, I've heard every home remedy - from broken glass to pickle juice, moth balls, Solar Molars, ultrasonic devices, and my personal favorite: fireworks.

However, none of these works consistently. Even trying to get rid of grubs in your yard using milky spore may only be a temporary fix. The only recommended and trusted way to rid your yard of moles is trapping. After almost 80 years of research, this is still the best and most permanent solution.

Trapping

There are several models of traps on the market. The real trick is knowing how and where to set the traps. Traps are most effective in spring and fall, especially after a rain. The trap needs to be set on an active surface run. Main runs are

generally in a straight line. Locate active runs by stepping down on the run, marking, and seeing if the tunnel is reopened in a day or so.

Set it correctly

Mole traps work because moles usually try to reopen a blocked tunnel. The trapper obstructs the tunnel and sets the trap trigger against the obstruction. As the mole clears the tunnel, it pushes up on the trigger, releasing the spring, and is skewered or crushed. I know - sounds a little harsh - but desperate times call for desperate measures.

With time and patience, you should be able to at least get a reasonable amount of control over these troublesome pests.



John Watkins is a landscape designer and Certified Grounds Manager who resides in Henry County.

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A Bad Time for Divas to See and Be Seen

By Dan Townsend

As the days get shorter, Driving Divas need to remember that this is the season when vision and visibility are easily compromised. Making sure your vehicle's lights are working properly is the best way to be seen by others, and what self-respecting diva doesn't want to be seen! It's also a good idea to check those wipers so your visibility is not an issue when inclement weather moves in.

Unsung heroes

Lights and wipers are the unsung heroes of safe driving. The chances of an accident increase dramatically for motorists who can't see or be seen. From behind the wheel of her car, a diva may not notice that one of her lights isn't working. That's

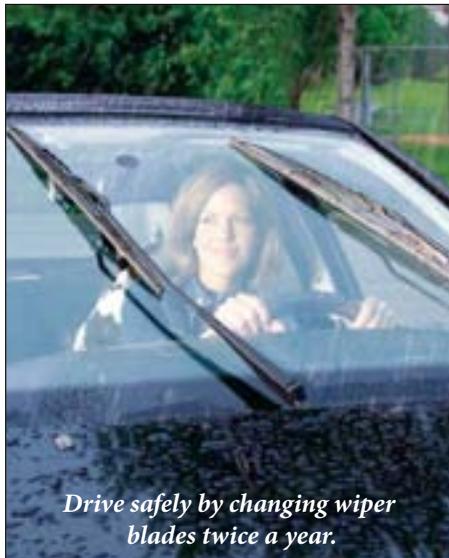
why it's important to inspect all the car's lights by walking around the outside of the vehicle and replacing lights that are out. Also, check and replace wiper blades so that seeing clearly is not an issue when wet weather hits. A great way to remember this bi-annual ritual is Daylight Saving Time, which occurs in the spring and fall.

Lighting

Lights are normal wear items that require periodic inspection and replacement. The lighting system provides nighttime visibility, signals and alerts other drivers and supplies light for viewing instruments and the vehicle's interior. In addition to replacing dimming, rapidly blinking and non-functioning

lights, the following tips can help keep divas and their families safe:

- Keep headlights, tail lights and signal lights clean. External dirt and debris can dim operational lights.
- Make sure that headlights are properly aimed. Misaimed headlights blind other drivers and reduce your ability to see the road.
- Don't overdrive your headlights. Sometimes divas get in a hurry. Make sure you can stop inside the illuminated area, otherwise a blind crash area is created in front of your vehicle.
- If there is any doubt about whether or not your headlights should be on, turn them on. In fact, it's a good idea to run with your headlights day or night. Lighting not only helps you see better in



Drive safely by changing wiper blades twice a year.

early twilight, it also makes it easier for other drivers to see you.

Wipers

The wiper system keeps excessive water, snow and dirt from building up on the windshield, maintaining clear visibility. Many factors can accelerate the replacement interval of wipers, including operating conditions (winter conditions are tough on wiper blades), frequency of use, material and type of wipers and sunshine. Oddly enough, here in the sunny South

where we get more than our fair share of rays, wipers can deteriorate more rapidly.

So be a smart diva and make sure that by Sunday, November 4, 2012, your family's vehicles are ready to drive safely through longer nights and nastier weather.



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Did you ever pass a local church and wonder, "What's their story?" The next several editions of the PARIS! will feature articles on local congregations of long-standing historical significance.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: SURVIVAL THEN VICTORY

By Carl Holder

First Baptist Church of Paris, TN stands firmly in the tradition of the American Baptist Experience and its English roots. Most historians of Christian history perceive the Baptist tradition as growing out of the Puritan-Separatist movement of the Seventeenth century.

When transplanted to the New World the Baptist Movement bloomed; especially as directed by the theological and political

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message of Roger Williams - early proponent for separation of church and state. He fully understood the dangers of a "state religion." Due to these efforts the Baptist denomination appealed to the self-reliant in places such as Paris.

The beginning

First Baptist of Paris was founded on August 29, 1833, although a number of Baptist churches already existed in Henry County. The

initial membership consisted of ten persons. The first sermon was preached by Elder Jacob Browning. When "a door was open for reception of members" a slave by the name of Cloe was received for baptism.

The new congregation quickly set about making plans for a building, although according to the official history of First Baptist, information about this first structure is sketchy. It is believed to have been



located on South Market Street on the current Post Office site. The building had one room and cost about \$600.

The congregation grew under the ministry of Jacob Browning until his death in 1841. The church then faced a number of challenges. It began to lose members as many withdrew to join other denominations. In Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee, Baptist churches were losing members to the “Campbel-lites” or Disciples. This was primarily due to the influence of Alexander Campbell, who ironically

worked for years to unite Disciples with the Baptists.

Still, the church in Paris survived these concerns, only to be faced with a much larger issue. In 1845, the Southern Baptist Convention was formed by those congregations who resisted any form of anti-slavery doctrine. It is assumed that the Paris congregation became a part of the new convention at that time.

The War Years

The next forty years of church history is all but absent. It is possible that the growing division of the nation, the Civil War and Reconstruction impacted the Baptist Church in Paris more than other denominations.

However, the year 1883 marked a rebirth. That year the sixty-member congregation decided to sell the church building and purchase a new location. First Baptist still occupies this location, almost one hundred and thirty years later.

This second building was dedicated in 1890 incredibly debt-free. An amusing aside: plans for the new building included electric lights, as it was anticipated that Paris would build an electric power

plant yet electricity would not arrive until 1898.

Missions and expansion

The next red-letter date in the life of First Baptist was a mission outreach to West Paris where a congregation was established and a building was constructed for their use. In 1924, First Baptist deeded the property to the West Paris congregation.

First Baptist has continued to thrive in a manner far removed from its tough early years and near-disappearing act of the mid-nineteenth century. It is probable that memories of those years spurred many of its members to toil diligently to ensure that First Baptist would become a major spiritual force in the life of the community.

Everyone familiar with the Christian community in Paris is aware of First Baptist’s impact on the community’s spiritual and civic lives.



Carl Holder is the Paris city manager. He has a long-time interest in the religious movements in America.



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“Along for the Ride” highlights bicycling opportunities in the local area, as well as great rides within a day’s drive of Paris.

Beautiful Diversity Found in Ashland City

By Tim Check

The Cumberland River Bicentennial Trail - commonly known as the Ashland City Bicycle Trail - is a must for Henry County cyclists and hikers. The drive to Ashland City - 79 Highway to Interstate 24 in Clarksville to Ashland City (State Road 49) - is only 90 miles. In Ashland City go northwest on State Road 12 and turn left after the bridge past the Deerfield Inn onto Chapmansboro Road, locally referred to as Marks Creek. The trail is visible at this point.

Like many of the rides, this is a former rail bed. Most of it is flat and black-topped with a few sections south of the Army Corps of Engineers Public Campground that

have mixed surfacing. At present it is about eight miles in length. There are numerous parking lots, as well as starting and stopping options.

A bit of history

For those who enjoy railroad history, this is a convoluted tale. Originally begun in 1893 as the Tennessee Central, it has been owned by Tennessee Midland, Tennessee Pacific, Nashville and Knoxville, Cincinnati Southern, Illinois Central, Nashville and Ashland, Cheatham Rail Authority, Walking Horse and Eastern Railroad, and finally McCormick, Ashland City and Nashville Railroads.

When the railroads ceased to

operate the tracks, the land was sold off piecemeal to a number of private owners. In the early 1990s a trail enthusiast group from Nashville along with the mayor and vice mayor of Ashland City met at a greenway conference. They put together a game plan for acquisition and funding. The Cumberland River Corridor Task Force was formed, grants were written, funded and land was purchased. As in most trails and parks of this type, the planning and work was rigorous.

Diverse features

This is the most diverse scenic bicycle trail near Henry County. The length of this trail parallels the



Cumberland River and sloughs. There are waterfalls, sandstone and limestone bluffs, lakes, creeks, bridges, natural areas and even a lock and dam for the bicyclists, walkers, and other enthusiasts.

The areas are infused with waterfowl, native grasslands, sweeping river views, boating and jet ski activities, wildflower gardens and even mountain biking options. There are benches and picnic tables along the route, as well as a small fishing dock. A swimming area, beach, playground and grills are available at the campground. Just beyond, tow boats and barges locking through on the Cumberland River can be observed.

Future plans

There are plans to expand this former rail corridor both to the east and west. This rail grade once extended into Clarksville. Between

there and Erin is a seldom-seen tunnel. Hopefully the trail will extend beyond the tunnel, which has some interesting history of its own.

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Tim Check, a nature-lover and bike enthusiast, divides his time between Buchanan, TN and St. Louis, MO. He enjoys taking readers "along for the ride."

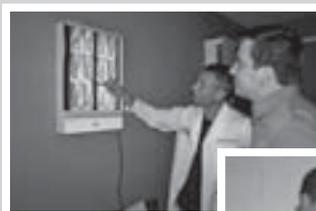


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Fresh tomatoes, vegetables and herbs...

By Cindy Snyder

During the heat of the waning summer most folks like lighter fare, so we've teamed fresh veggies with the most important meal of the day - breakfast. If you think the official taste of summer is a bite of a Tennessee tomato, try our Tennessee tomato basil pie. With or without bacon, this is a melt-in-your-mouth treat for breakfast or brunch. This is good any time of the day, hot or leftover from the fridge.

Our vegetable quiche teams sweet onions, red peppers, fresh mushrooms and spinach. Your

vegetable quiche can have your favorite veggies and herbs. Then we add eggs, a pastry crust and seasonings. It's deliciously light and can be served for breakfast. Add a salad and you have lunch.

Still have lots of tomatoes? Try our gazpacho. This Spanish recipe combines tomatoes, peppers, celery, cucumbers and beef broth with a little V-8 and is served cold. Garnish the top with diced veggies and serve in soup bowls or fill a glass for a refreshing beverage.

Breakfast pizza can be made and frozen. What's better than to

have something to pull out of the freezer for expected or unexpected guests? For an extra burst of flavor, we serve roasted red salsa or pico de gallo on the side.

We love tomatoes and Tennessee tomatoes are extraordinary. These dishes are some of our favorites and easy to make. They will dress up your table any time of the day, but they really are a great way to get the day started. As always, we welcome suggestions from you and hope you look forward to trying some new dishes.



TENNESSEE TOMATO BASIL PIE

- 1 uncooked pie shell
 - 2 Tbsp. mayo
 - 6 -8 slices of fresh tomatoes
 - 6-8 slices of cooked bacon, crumbled
 - 4 fresh basil leaves, torn in pieces
 - 1 cup Mozzarella cheese, shredded
 - Salt/pepper to taste
- Spread 1 Tbsp of mayonnaise in the bottom of the pie shell. Add half of the tomatoes, bacon and fresh basil. Top with ½ cup of cheese. Repeat. Season and bake at 350 for 45 min.

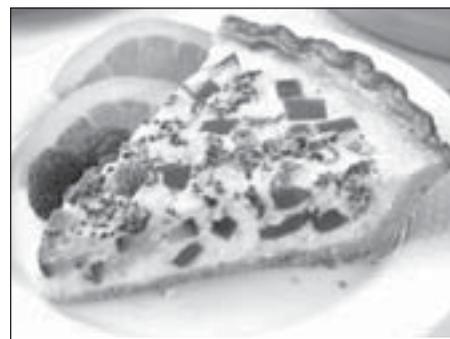


GAZPACHO

- 8 good-sized tomatoes, chopped (You can peel them. We don't.)
- 1 cup V-8 juice
- 1 cup beef broth
- ½ cup cucumber, coarsely chopped
- ½ cup coarsely chopped red or green pepper
- ½ cup coarsely chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp. fresh basil or 2 tsp. dried basil
- 1 to 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1 clove garlic, minced

- ¼ tsp. cumin
- ¼ tsp. bottled hot pepper sauce.

Combine all of the ingredients in a blender. Blend till smooth. (You may have to do it in several batches.) Top with finely diced carrots, celery, cucumbers and red peppers. Croutons are also a good addition.



VEGETABLE QUICHE

- 2 pie crusts
- 2 cups total diced vegetables: red pepper, onion, mushrooms (You can choose your favorites)

1 cup frozen chopped spinach,
thawed and squeezed dry
½ cup shredded cheese
3 eggs
½ cup Bisquick
½ cup melted butter
Salt/pepper to taste
1 ½ cups milk (we use evaporated)
Prick pie crusts and bake for 12 min
at 325.

Sauté veggies in small amount of
butter till onion is translucent. Blend
together the rest of the ingredients in
a blender. Divide veggies into the two
crusts. Add spinach and cheese. Pour
blended ingredients over the filled
pies.

Bake at 350 for 10 minutes.
Reduce heat to 325 and cook 30 to
45 minutes or until golden brown. If
getting too brown, cover with inverted
pie pan the last 10 minutes.

Let stand 15 minutes before cutting.



**BREAKFAST PIZZA
WITH PICO DE GALLO**

1 crescent roll crust
1 lb. breakfast sausage, cooked
and crumbled
2 cups shredded hash browns
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
5 eggs
¼ c. milk
1 to 2 tsp. ground mustard
Salt/pepper to taste
Spread crescent roll crust on pizza
pan or 9 x 13 baking dish. Layer
sausage, potatoes and cheese. Mix
eggs, milk and seasonings together
and carefully pour over ingredients in
pan. Bake at 350 for 40 minutes.



PICO DE GALLO

6 fresh tomatoes chopped,
containing juice in the bowl
1 small onion, finely diced
1 bunch of cilantro, finely chopped
2 limes
1 orange
1 jalapeño
Mix all of the ingredients. Squeeze
limes and orange into the mixture.
Add jalapeno with or without seeds
depending on how you like it. Toss.



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