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EDITOR'S NOTES



Sometimes I long for less holiday hustle and bustle. But even in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*, published 170 years ago, there was plenty of hustle and bustle as the characters celebrated the holidays. Who are we to argue with Victorian England? Let the celebration begin!

In this issue, the fun starts with an exclusive interview with Santa. This is a true editorial coup. I gained access to Mr. Claus while he was being fitted for a new suit at The Toggery. It seems the jolly old elf enjoys our town more than I knew and readers will be interested in his favorite Paris pastimes.

There's also an article about several folks who spend a Saturday morning each month sharing writing projects

and honing their craft. Known as the Modern Muses, member Dianne Bucy offers a moving holiday piece entitled "*The Perfect Christmas.*"

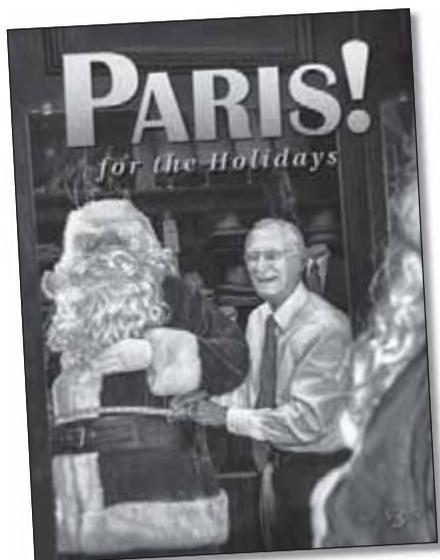
What would the season be without those special treats that turn up at parties and break rooms across Henry County? Cindy Snyder offers several delicious recipes that are Santa approved, especially the molasses cookies.

Ever the educator, John Watkins brings us a lighthearted *In the Garden* that explains the reasoning behind those complicated botanical names. Carl Holder looks into the amazing history of Quinn Chapel AME Church; Larry Ray takes us to Fort Donelson for the winter of 1862; and Shannon McFarlin shares stories on Minnie Bess Williams, new downtown shops, the peculiar, yet popular Methodist plant and more.

There are plenty of other articles, as well as terrific advertisers who can help you find perfect Christmas gifts. So forget the crazy malls and shopping online. Visit your local retailers, most of whom will wrap your packages for free, give you a smile and offer a very sincere, "*Thank you and have a Merry Christmas!*"

God bless us every one.

Susan Jones



ON THE COVER:

Local photographer Jean Owens snapped this photo of Santa at The Toggery as Charles Hopkins measured him for a new suit (article on page 24). Al Gengler, photo manipulator extraordinaire added a little Photoshop® magic to achieve the Norman Rockwell look.

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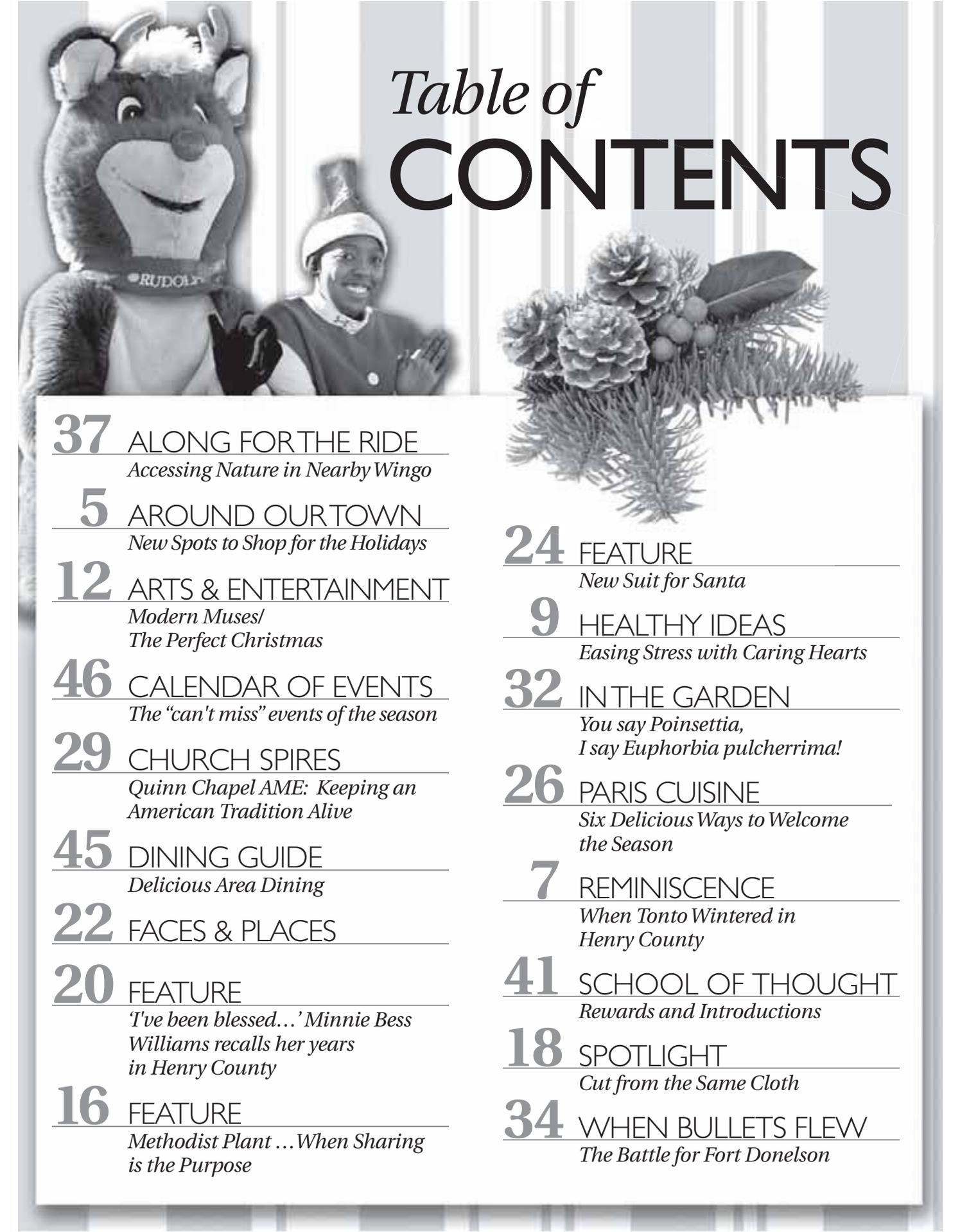


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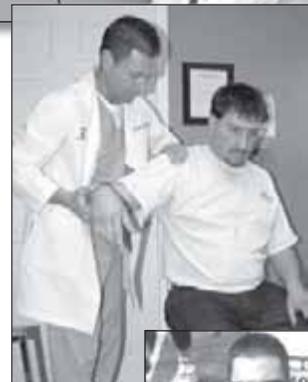
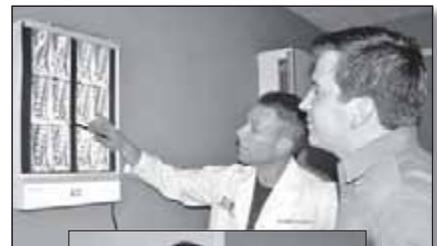
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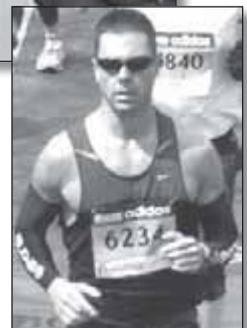
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NEW SPOTS

to Shop for the Holidays

By Shannon McFarlin

There's a buzz in our downtown with more hustle and bustle than usual. Unlike many other small downtowns, Paris historically has stayed busy, but lately there are more stores offering a wider range of goods. From Madame Alexander dolls to stunning home décor, precious children's clothing to delicious cupcakes, stunning imported gifts to handsome antiques, it's all on the square.

THE FELIX – Market Street

For years, The Felix has been a staple in Hazel, KY and owner Molli McCartney has now expanded into

Paris, while keeping her Hazel shop open by appointment and for advertised sales. "I'm so excited to be here," McCartney said. "I have more space to work with," which will allow her to showcase her Madame Alexander dolls, Nao Lladro figurines, vintage dolls, Royal Doulton and other collectibles, as well as more antiques.

Her brother Jerry Beasley, a master carver, will be a fixture just as he was



MOLLI McCARTNEY,
owner of The Felix

in Hazel - carving spoons, canes and other items right in the store.

MY FAVORITE THINGS – Market Street

Mary Beth Puckett, who has operated My Favorite Things since 2007, shares McCartney's excitement with her downtown move.

"We have much more space and have been able to expand what we have. We have a larger baby area, children's area, men's gifts and we will have an expanded bridal area and home décor."

Puckett said she had thought about a downtown move for over a year when finally, "the timing was right and the space opened up."

Master florist Suzie Forsythe has moved back to Paris and will again be Puckett's designer. "Our goal is to have a quaint little shop," said Puckett, "comfortable and cozy."

HERRON AND WILLS – West Washington Street

With the opening of Herron and Wills, Paris native Suzy Herron brings her background as a buyer for Nieman-Marcus and gift shop operator for the Frist Center in Nashville.

From the minute shoppers walk in, they notice something different. Herron describes it as "an art gallery-style store," with an open, airy atmosphere.

"We blend a sense of design and beauty using art, imported scarves, jewelry, purses from India, silk blouses from Italy, wool rugs from

Texas and Persian rugs from Milan," Herron said.

"What I wanted to do was bring the worlds I love together: museums, art and clothing." Herron's business partner is Will Hovey, a friend from Nashville.



SUZY HERRON, co-owner
of Herron & Wills

JACK'S JAVA, STUDIO J, JACK JONES FLOWERS & GIFTS – Market Street

Jack's Java and Studio J now have a colorful space of their own right next door to Jack Jones Flowers with comfortable furniture and a coffee and smoothie bar.

For owners Kathy and Ronnie Robbins the expansion into the former Paris On the Square has already paid off. They immediately noticed more people dropping by and staying longer.

In addition to the popular Studio J pottery painting, customers can now take canvas painting classes. Plans for live music also are in the mix.

Jack's Flowers and Gifts has more "breathing space," said Robbins who has acquired the Paris on the Square Paris-themed inventory.

**A LA MODE SWEET SHOPPE –
Market Street**

Since its summer opening, A La Mode Sweet Shoppe has become a destination for those who love their gourmet cupcakes and ice cream. Owner Sonja Byrd does the baking. “Customers’ favorites seem to be dreamsicle, cinnamon crumb and strawberry,” she said.

Byrd makes cupcakes to order for parties and plans to open a gift shop at the store in the coming months.



Young KARLIE CRABTREE picks out some sock monkey slippers at the UpStAiRs.

the UpStAiRs – Washington Street

After finishing the redo of their building’s facade, the owners of Butler & Harber looked up – upstairs, that is.

Their second floor is now brimming with children’s clothes including dresses, sleepware, play clothes and more from Squeeze, izzy bella, Mud Pie, Hype, Wrangler and dudu. The shop offers newborn, toddlers and children’s clothes, as well as kid’s shoes including Crocs and western boots.

**RED DOOR DÉCOR –
Market Street**

Red Door Décor has opened in the former The Gallery space. Owners Mary and Randall Milks offer an eclectic approach to home décor, as well as a jewelry line and a bath and body line. “Rustic but modern,” Mary said. “We want people to realize they can put styles together.”

**THE OLD WALLIN BUILDING –
Corner of Wood and Market**

At press time, the future of the old

Wallin’s Hardware building was still a closely guarded secret. However, owner Davin Roberts brings great vision to his projects and this one is likely to be a jewel.

**THE OLD LEWIS & WILLIAMS
BUILDING: Corner of N. Poplar
and Ruff**

Also at press time, a sign on the door of the former Lewis & Williams that read: “ReTale History, Opening in November.” Initial reports are that this shop will sell reinvented, refurbished, and refinished furniture and decor for the home.

For the Downtown Paris Association (DPA), it’s all good. DPA President Kathy Ray said, “Not only is our downtown beautiful and historic but it is a bustling business district. We’re excited to have a variety of fun shops and delicious food to kick off the holiday season. They all make great additions to downtown.”



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Betty (Buchanan) Dyer poses with Jay Silverheels.

By Shannon McFarlin

A handful of men hammered away, laughing and talking as they worked. They were happy to be helping their friend, the late John Buchanan, fulfill his dream of constructing a motel at the rustic Buchanan Resort. Buchanan was hopeful that the motel would be a first step toward bigger things.

Upon closer inspection, one of the workers was a standout – a large man with long coal-black hair that curled in the back. He had a smile that lit up the worksite. He was Jay Silverheels, better known as “Tonto” on the iconic, long-running *Lone Ranger* television series.

It was October 1961, and the series had ended in 1957. Silverheels, through his work in both the TV show and *Lone Ranger* movies, had been typecast as a loyal Indian companion. Now having trouble finding more work in Hollywood, he was performing with a musical group that was staying in the cabins at Buchanan Resort.

“I remember the group would travel back and forth to Nashville a

lot; I guess that was their home base,” recalled Carolyn Buchanan Williams. “He stayed with us for three months that winter.”

Williams’ father John Buchanan had made contact with the musical group and invited them to stay at the resort. “I’m not sure how that happened, but the entire group stayed with us that winter. We became especially good friends with Jay Silverheels while he was here.”

Silverheels had frequent days off. “He asked Daddy if he could drive a nail or two, to help out with the motel,” Williams said. “Of course, Daddy didn’t mind that at all.”

Pam Williams Robison remembered Jay Silverheels coming to the Buchanan’s house to eat supper. “Every time I’d look at him, I’d start crying. I was afraid of him because he was so big. I’d run to Mom and she’d say, ‘He just loves you; don’t be afraid of him.’”

Silverheels was born Harold Jay Smith, son of a Mohawk chief. He grew up on Six Nations Indian Reservation in Brantford, Ontario, with 12 siblings. Before he became a TV star, Silverheels

excelled at sports – wrestling, boxing and lacrosse.

It was lacrosse that propelled him to fame. He was playing with Canada’s lacrosse team in California when he was spotted by an actor who urged him to audition for movie parts.

He got several bit parts where he was listed simply as “Indian” in the credits. The uncredited part of Tom Osceola in the movie *Key Largo* helped him land the part of “Tonto” when the radio series *The Lone Ranger* became a television show.

On *The Lone Ranger*, Silverheels became famous for his stoic and dignified pose. He made the words “*Kemo Sabe*” (a term of endearment roughly translated as “faithful friend”) a part of popular culture.

As a Native American actor, Silverheels formed a strong belief that only Native Americans should play Indians. Before Silverheels came along, the Indian parts were usually given to white actors who were heavily made up to look darker.

Silverheels formed the American Indian Actors’ workshop in California,

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which still exists as a forum for Native Americans to find work. As a measure of Silverheels' body of work over the years, he was the first Native American actor on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Silverheels didn't return to Buchanan Resort, but Williams' father visited with him years later. "Daddy went on a road trip to California after Momma died and he saw Jay Silverheels there."

Silverheels impressed the Buchanan clan with his personality and warmth, she said. "He was just a very nice man and he was even willing to pose for photographs with us in his costume. We have a photo of him and my sister Betty, and we have a photo of him sitting at the dinner table with all of us."

Silverheels, who had suffered some ill health while on the television series, had a stroke in 1974 and died in 1980 from complications at 68 years of age.



Shannon McFarlin has vivid memories of Jay Silverheels. Her father, the late Mac McFarlin, was a friend of John Buchanan's. McFarlin helped build the original motel along with Buchanan and Silverheels during the fall of 1961.



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EASING Stress

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By Tory Daugherty

Sometimes extra gas money or an insurance co-pay is a little thing; sometimes it's not. Add a cancer diagnosis to the mix and folks often need help – immediately.

The Paris and Henry County Healthcare Foundation's Caring Hearts Fund eases the financial burdens of local patients receiving cancer treatment. These uninsured or under-insured patients may need transportation assistance to and from treatment or help paying for nutritional supplements, deductibles or prescriptions.

Impressive numbers

November marks the second anniversary of the Caring Hearts Fund. "In the first year we raised over \$17,000 for local assistance," said Casey Brown, liaison for the fund. "We helped more than 45 patients receiving treatment at the local Cancer Care Center and HCMC's Outpatient Radiation and Chemo Department. Assistance included travel, gas cards, help with paying medications, and more."

As liaison, Brown assists the patients she works with daily at the center, constantly looking at ways to raise funds for the program. There are events planned throughout the year.

Increased opportunities

"We are so excited about the ongoing fundraising activities," said Brown. "We are planning to establish a Memorial Garden where people can donate funds for a stepping stone, bench, or other items in memory or in honor of a loved one who has dealt with cancer. It will be a special tribute

to our cancer survivors and those who have lost their fight."

In 2012, Henry Countians had opportunities to donate to Caring Hearts and have fun in the process. A few of their fundraising events included:

- **Chairs that Care Chair Auction and Social** at the Paris and Henry County Heritage Center featured appetizers and drinks along with a chance to bid on unique chairs decorated or painted by local volunteers.

- **Men Who Cook for Healthcare & John Austin Event** brought together men who enjoy cooking with 100 hungry Henry Countians ready to sample the fellows' best dishes. Participants also enjoyed the music of John Austin. This was a joint fundraiser for the Caring Hearts Fund and the General Fund of the Paris and Henry County Healthcare Foundation.

- **Caring Hearts Fashion Show & Luncheon** in October celebrated the opening of the new Bethel University/HCMC facility and breast cancer awareness month. Lunch was served and fashions for the fall were featured.

- **Turkey Bowling** was fun and successful again this October with the help of Lakeway IGA and WMUF.

- The fund also is hosting the **Ed Roberts Cancer Christmas Meal** in December to celebrate our Henry County cancer survivors.

"We couldn't do this without the support of the community, and we encourage folks to attend our fundraisers and volunteer to help with them," said Brown. "We need help to make sure our local cancer patients who cannot afford care have a fighting chance."

What is the Caring Hearts Fund?

Through the Paris & Henry County



Casey Brown, liaison for the Caring Hearts Fund, hangs a honorarium ribbon on the Cancer Center's Christmas tree.

Healthcare Foundation, the Caring Hearts Fund seeks to financially assist uninsured and under-insured patients. Caring Hearts Fund also offers cancer survivors and caregivers a cancer support group which meets the second Monday of each month at 11:30 A.M. at the Cancer Care Center of Henry County, 1290 Kelley Drive.

Financial assistance available includes help with medical bills, pre-

scriptions, nutritional supplements, insurance co-pays and deductibles, and transportation assistance.

To apply for financial assistance, you:

- Must have a diagnosis of cancer
- Must live in Henry, Stewart, Weakley, Benton or Carroll Counties
- Must be receiving treatment at either the Cancer Care Center of Henry County or Henry County Medi-

cal Center.

• Must complete a financial statement form (including last year's income tax return)

Ways to help the Caring Hearts fund include purchase of Christmas Tree ribbons (in honor/in memory of your loved one), making memorials/honorariums year-round, purchase items at the Cancer Care Center of Henry County, attend cookouts and other events throughout the year, and supporting other projects promoting the health of cancer patients

Tax-deductible donations are accepted any time of the year, and any donation is greatly appreciated.

For more information about the Caring Hearts Fund or assisting with a fundraiser, contact Casey Brown, Liaison, Caring Hearts Fund, 731-644-3522 or 1-800-221-0948, 1290 Kelley Drive, Paris, TN 38242.



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Modern Muses

It's Saturday morning, and while some folks are out shopping or cleaning up the yard, several men and women are gathered around a table in a break room. They share morning snacks but they also share something more important, a common passion – writing.

This group, the Modern Muses, are mostly people who took a writing class at the Robert E. Lee Academy for the Arts. They did not want to stop learning, so they meet monthly and share their latest efforts with one another.

Kelli Zwayer, a Henry Countian who works in information technology at Bethel University in McKenzie, serves as the facilitator, but the concept is loose. Each of the seven take a turn reading a short essay, fiction or non-fiction, on a topic chosen the month before and then receiving the feedback of the group.

Local retiree Marjorie Chelberg's take on trains is a biographical sketch recalling the states where she and her husband have lived. Dottie Kendall remembered her father's days as an engineer, while women a generation younger used the powerful locomotive as a symbol for obstacles.

Orthopedic surgeon Dr. Gene Gulish had missed a meeting and did not know the topic, but contributed an essay called "The Walk," which contrasted a dark glade of woods and its

serenity to the cold, demanding atmosphere of the operating room, but called both holy places.

Some of the essays are like we heard in school, closely following the directions and not veering from the details each writer lived. Others are sophisticated compositions carefully constructed by seasoned wordsmiths. They are accustomed to capturing

the human experience and retelling through their own perspective.

None of these people makes a living as a writer, though both Dr. Gulish and Dianne Bucy are published. They are meeting to express their creativity, polish their craft and support their peers.

Bucy said they meet "to support one another" and talked about the "disheartening" rejection that is part of most writers' lives. She said a trade magazine she reads tells aspiring writers to expect 80 rejections before the first acceptance. She is working on a historical novel and looking for an agent. For her, writing is a "secret world" and she struggles to open that world to others.

Gulish shared a similar sentiment. "Many of the things I write about I could never talk about," he said. His writing is intimate and reveals the processes of a mind that has to operate at a high level of performance. He and son Kristopher wrote a book called "Ramblings" together which they gave to other family members as Christmas gifts. Gulish calls Kristopher a "poet cowboy" and clearly enjoys sharing a love of words with his son.

Kendall said she is drawn to the "diversity of the group" and writes to "leave a legacy for my grandchildren."

Sheena O'Daniel explained that "we learn from each other."

An excerpt from Gene Gulish's "THE WALK"

"I want this path to know only my feet. I want these trees to know only my human presence. I step inside – alone. But I am not alone. My angels and demons are with me. I am still tightly wrapped in the cloaks of my successes and failures, my worries and my joys, my loves and my hates. And the same person does not always enter the forest. Sometimes a sad, frightened little boy enters, seeking her solitude in peace. Sometimes a swaggering young man enters, buoyant and self-assured, master of his domain seeking her pleasures. And sometimes an old man enters, perhaps wise, perhaps foolish, perhaps happy, perhaps sad, accepting her for what she is."

Zwayer moved the group along with patience and encouragement, calling the writer's group a "safe environment that values the immediacy of the feedback." She is working to "get my story written." She chooses each month's topic from a glass container, noting that each writer will "react to the subject in a different way."

Her essay on trains was a fictionalized account of a graduate student's trip in the wrong direction. It is filled with details designed to create a mental picture but did not necessarily answer the questions generated in the reader's mind. She read to the group that "Michael was sure that

he looked different from everyone else, mainly because he had taken the time to shave that morning, and put on a clean pair of jeans and a t-shirt he had bought two weeks earlier, when he went to see the Rolling Stones in Turin. Compared to everyone else on the car, he felt well-dressed. After all, he wasn't just bumming around. He was going somewhere. He was expected. And now he was going to be late."

Responding to a question about their favorite writers, the answers varied from Jane Austen and Margaret Mitchell to Jane Smiley and Patricia Cornwell. The names of other writers

flowed quickly. The responses about another creative outlet that would replace writing were much slower. Gulish finds creativity in photography. Holly Charland finds comfort with her horse, but the majority of the voices in the room could not readily imagine a reality in which they did not write.

The group is eager to grow and even add a service aspect, possibly to the W.G. Rhea Library or the Literacy Council. Membership is free and everyone is welcome. Kelli Zwayer's cell phone number is 731-415-1878.



The Perfect Christmas

By Dianne Bucy

It was late evening a few days before Christmas and the young girl stood looking out the front window. Her warm breath fogged-up the glass and she wiped it clear with the palm of her hand. She watched the man as he slowly made his way across the yard to the house, his arms full of a huge cardboard box. A few moments later she heard the front door open. She turned to look into the smiling face of her father. He presented the box filled with apples and oranges and peppermint sticks to her and her brothers as if it were the most priceless gift on earth.

I was the little girl standing in the window and Daddy bringing home the box of fruit and peppermint candy became a Christmas tradition at our house, one that continued on after my brothers and I were grown and had children of our own. We grew up in western Kentucky where Daddy was a small time tobacco farmer, sharecropping mostly. Money was always scarce, but some-

how Daddy always managed to make Christmas special for us. And no matter what else we got, he seemed to glean the greatest satisfaction from giving us the box of fruit and peppermint candy.

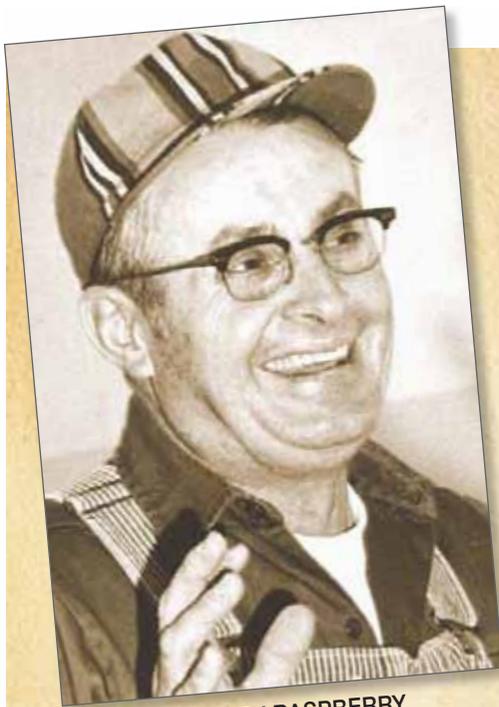
I remember one particular Christmas; it was shortly after I had returned to work full time. I was finding it more than a little stressful balancing work, three children and a home. There were only a few days left to shop. I was wondering when I might find time to finish up when the phone rang.

"Hi, Sugar Babe" said my dad. "I was wondering if you had bought the apples and oranges and peppermint sticks yet for the kiddies for Christmas?"

Before I could catch myself, I snapped. "No, Dad. I really haven't had time. Besides, the girls can have that stuff anytime; it's no big deal!"

There was silence on the other end of the line. Immediately, I wanted to bite my tongue. In a much kinder voice I said, "But if you have some extra, I'm sure they would love it."

"Well, I've already taken your brothers and their families their boxes," he said. "And I have a big box for you, if you want it." *(continued on next page)*



FARLEY RASPBERRY

“Of course we do,” I said. “Bring it anytime.”

After I hung up the phone I thought about this annual ritual and what it seemed to mean to my dad—finally a light came on. A short time later when my dad arrived bearing his gift, I asked him.

“Daddy, when you were a little boy, what did you get for Christmas?”

My dad paused, and then said with a short, bitter laugh. “If we were lucky, there would be a little brown paper bag under the tree, if we had one, most years we didn’t. The bag was usually on the floor by the stove or on the table. Inside, we each would have an apple, an orange, and if it had been a really good year, a few pieces of peppermint candy.” My dad had grown up during the Great Depression and his family had been very poor. To say times were hard in the South would be an understatement, but then times were hard all over America. I knew my grandfather had died before his 40th birthday, leaving my grandmother with nine children to feed. My dad had been 17 and the oldest. He became a father figure to the younger children.

I could not speak or swallow around the softball-sized lump in my throat. It was all so clear now. To my father, if he and each of his siblings

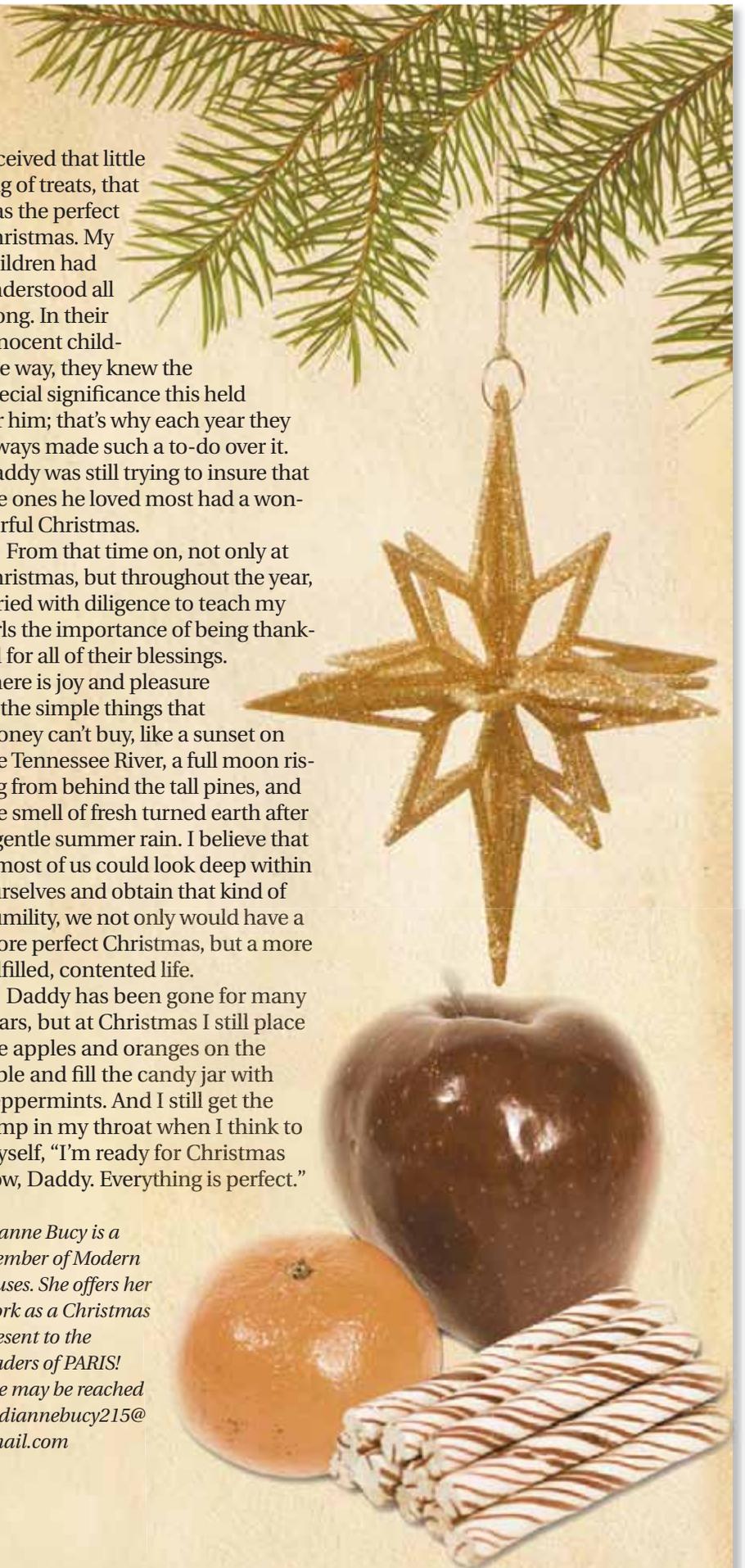
received that little bag of treats, that was the perfect Christmas. My children had understood all along. In their innocent child-like way, they knew the special significance this held for him; that’s why each year they always made such a to-do over it. Daddy was still trying to insure that the ones he loved most had a wonderful Christmas.

From that time on, not only at Christmas, but throughout the year, I tried with diligence to teach my girls the importance of being thankful for all of their blessings.

There is joy and pleasure in the simple things that money can’t buy, like a sunset on the Tennessee River, a full moon rising from behind the tall pines, and the smell of fresh turned earth after a gentle summer rain. I believe that if most of us could look deep within ourselves and obtain that kind of humility, we not only would have a more perfect Christmas, but a more fulfilled, contented life.

Daddy has been gone for many years, but at Christmas I still place the apples and oranges on the table and fill the candy jar with peppermints. And I still get the lump in my throat when I think to myself, “I’m ready for Christmas now, Daddy. Everything is perfect.”

Dianne Bucy is a member of Modern Muses. She offers her work as a Christmas present to the readers of PARIS! She may be reached at diannebucy215@gmail.com





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METHODIST Plant

...When the Purpose is the Share

By Shannon McFarlin

Flowering plants are like Christmas itself. They are magical things and often cause folks to become sentimental, even emotional. With no plant is that more true than the Methodist plant, whose very purpose is to share.

By giving it away, according to the plant's folklore, the giver shares the love of God with others. If it's not shared, the plant will die.

Lucille Clendenin has been doing her part to share her Methodist plant with others for 25 years, moving it with her as she wound her way from Springville to Paris.

Clendenin was given her first Methodist plant by Mary Edmonds, who also lived in Springville. The women both attended Poplar Grove Methodist Church. "She brought some to church with her – she had a whole bunch of it – and she gave me a cutting," Clendenin said.

That one cutting has grown over the years into many plants, which she has shared with numerous friends.

Clendenin owned and operated the Springville Country Store for many years and kept the plant in her home adjacent to the store. When her husband died, she was offered the job of caretaker for the late Amon Evans' home and hunting lodge in Springville, and she took the plant there.

"I had a Methodist preacher come to my house when I was at Amon's, and he asked me what the plant was called," Clendenin said. Her answer involved a little theology.

"They tell me it's called a Methodist plant; it needs a lot of water," she said. "Probably because the Methodists believe a lot in sprinkling."



LUCILLE CLENDENIN shares some of her Methodist plant.

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— Lucille Clendenin

For those who pore over gardening books and like to know the scientific names of plants, this one is called "Achimenes' India." It is unique-looking, apparently endemic to the South, with delicate hanging flowers that come in purple, blue and rose.

It grows in pots from rhizomes, requires water and shade and blooms in spring, summer and fall. It is dormant in the winter, requiring a dark, cool spot. In the spring, it only takes that first drink of water to begin blooming.

Cee Koenig of Paris has a couple of Methodist plants which she has enjoyed for years. "I was given my first one about 12 years ago by my dear friend Rusty Gayer. When I went

to visit her, I'd always admire hers, so she rooted one for me. I have since rooted several and given them away, too. The latest one went to a friend in Nashville whose spirits needed lifting. She told me that when she looks at the beautiful blossoms, she thinks of me and is reminded of my love and support."

Another avid gardener, Betty Tusa of Paris, has owned Methodist plants in the past "but sadly, over the years, I lost them. It definitely is a pass-along plant; that's how you keep it alive."

Clendenin now keeps her plant at her Paris home – along with a large Moses-in-the-Boat plant, which she also has had for years. She was shaken

two winters ago when she almost lost her Methodist plant.

"I had always kept my Methodists out in the shed over the winter, but that winter was really cold and mine died," she said.

"I was so upset until I noticed that a sprig of it was growing in my Moses-in-the-Boat. I guess a bird or a squirrel or the wind brought part of the plant into the other pot."

So now Clendenin once again has flourishing Methodist plants which she can share with others. And in so doing, can share her love of God.



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CUT *from the* SAME CLOTH



By Jennifer Wheatley

They are not “men of the cloth,” rather they are “women of the cloth” and one could even argue that they are “cut from the same cloth.” Reverend Jenna Goggins of First Presbyterian Church and Reverend Megan Huston of First Christian Church came to Paris about the same time and they were thrilled to find one another.

The two pastors have become dear friends, travelled on youth mission trips together and taught a Wednesday night Bible study that combined their congregations. “I never expected to encounter another female pastor in Paris,” said Goggins. “Megan is my personal gift from God: a terrific colleague and a close friend.”

An early calling

Both Goggins and Huston felt called by God in high school, but neither anticipated landing in a small town in rural West Tennessee.

Goggins graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary with a Master of Divinity and has been a pastor for more than a decade. She recalled telling God as a teenager, “I will serve You in any way.” Soon she decided to become a pastor and actively sought leadership positions.

Since moving to Paris, Goggins completed the Leadership Henry



REV. JENNA GOGGINS, minister of First Presbyterian Church and
REV. MEGAN HUSTON, minister of First Christian Church

County class through the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. She also became involved with the PTO, helping with her children’s classes where her older children Kaylie and Brendan attend school. Her “Fish Fry baby,” Emma came after she and husband Rory, a professor of ancient philosophy at Murray State University, moved to Paris.

Huston also felt a call to God’s work as a youth, but “tried to think of different things” she could do. Her initial thoughts were of foreign missionary service, but not even a trip to Bosnia could alter her “instant connection to the congregation at First Christian” when she first preached

there. Her husband Willie is a musician who accompanied her to Paris when she first visited. “He gets it,” she said, explaining that “he recognized that moving to Paris was such a clear calling.”

What they love

Huston loves the way her congregation allows her to “walk alongside them, being with them in their joyous or difficult life occasions, funerals, weddings, dedications.” She was especially moved to have been with a church member when he received the donation of a kidney from his daughter. Her other passion is the church’s youth group. She said First

Christian is “their home and their place” and nothing equals hearing them “articulate their faith.”

Beyond her own congregation Megan is impressed that Paris and Henry County is a place that “really respects pastors. It’s an honor and I am grateful.”

Goggins relishes the diversity of experiences that a member of the clergy experiences. “Every day is something different. A pastor’s role is to enter into whatever is happening in lives and communities.” She brings compassion, listening skills and generosity of time to her congregation, gently counseling a young person during a Wednesday night supper and offering prayers and support even from a busy airport.

The greatest reward in her job is “the moment when someone comes to understand the depth of God’s love for them.”

The congregation

Although there have been other female pastors in Henry County,

“lady preachers” were new for these two churches. If there was any hesitation, it is long gone.

Shelli Perry has joined First Presbyterian since Goggins became the minister. “I think Jenna has been great for the church. The youth group is more active. There are more small children in the nursery, which means more families are coming. I enjoy Jenna’s sermons and my family seems to actually pay attention to them.”

Huston’s congregation is equally enthusiastic. The search committee invited her to preach while she was in her last year of Divinity School at



Rev. Huston prays for a family’s dog during the Blessing of the Pets.

Vanderbilt. After hearing her preach, the search committee told her they “would wait for her until she graduated to come be our minister,” said Bo Caldwell. “Yes, she is our first female minister. And yes, a few older generation members had reservations, but now they are the first to hug her each Sunday.”

Perry shared a similar thought. “Both Jenna and Megan seem to be supported, lifted up, and welcomed with open arms, with very little resistance. Folks seem to respect them in their position and their gender doesn’t play a role.”



Jennifer Wheatley is the Executive Director of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

Editor’s note: Rev. Megan Huston will soon move to First Christian Church in Bowling Green, KY, where she will be the associate minister of youth and young adults. We wish her all the best and are grateful to her for her time in Paris.

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'I've been blessed'...

Minnie Bess Williams recalls her years in Henry County

By Shannon McFarlin

Minnie Bess Williams doesn't have to ride on a mule to get where she needs to go anymore. And she doesn't live in a log cabin with no electricity and no running water now, like she did when she was a newlywed.

At the age of 97, when Minnie Bess gets up each morning, she still puts on her best outfits, fixes her hair and makeup and looks back on those days with the same positive attitude that has carried her through both the hard and easy times. And that is the key to Minnie Bess.

Sharp as a tack, with a better memory than most younger folks, she is still active and faces each day with a smile on her face. "I've been blessed. I've enjoyed everything in my life," she said. "I've always been a people person. I love to be with people. And I've always had good health."

Master of cards

Another secret to her durability? Cards. Minnie Bess has had a lifelong love of cards since she sat on her daddy's knee "and pulled the cards for him" from the time she was six years old. Her parents, Richard and Mary Davidson Cowan, played the game of pitch, and in the winter when they couldn't farm, friends would gather at their home for evenings of cards.

Her basic knowledge of diamonds, clubs, spades and hearts was resurrected in earnest when she was 65 years old "and really learned the game. I can play most any card game: bridge, pitch, rook, hearts," she said. But the game that won her over was bridge; she became certified as a Gold Life Master in 1996.

She still plays two or three times a week, in both Paris and Dresden. "It's stimulating to the mind; I think it's good for you."

The early years

Growing up in the Antioch Road area where her father operated a sawmill and directed a group of sharecroppers on his 300 acre farm, Minnie Bess could not foresee the road that would lead her to become one of the first women in Paris with a supervisory role in local industry. She quit school to marry Noble Williams, a neighbor who wooed her with his guitar and good looks, and who had only \$5 in his pocket when they wed.



Minnie Bess Williams enjoys reading an old Salant & Salant employee newsletter.

"It was the Depression and we had to live with his parents for six weeks after we got married," she said. "Then we cleaned out a log cabin on his daddy's farm. It was as basic as can be out there. You have no idea how bad a time we had. Kerosene lamps, no fans, and of course, no electricity. The only way I could get home to see Momma and Daddy was to ride on a mule, with Noble on the back. That was our transportation."

Salant and Salant

With her husband working with the highway department, they lived in the cabin for two years. In 1936, Minnie Bess began working for the Salant and Salant shirt factory in Paris, staying there for 44 years until it closed in 1980. She started by sewing on collars, became a 'floor lady' on the line, then was an assistant to the floor manager. She soon was promoted to supervisor of the entire sewing floor, overseeing 250 people.

"Yes, that was pretty rare for women around here then," she laughed. "But I was too young to be nervous. I



Minnie Bess Williams during the Salant & Salant days.

felt like it was a big responsibility, but I felt like I could do it." After six years, she looked for less responsibility and was given the job of personnel supervisor at the factory.

Meanwhile, the Camp Tyson barrage balloon facility opened in Routon

in 1941, and her husband acquired a carpentry job that would teach him the skills that opened a career.

"We moved to town and after the camp closed, he started building houses. He built houses all over town, including the home she still lived in until recently. "He did every bit of it by hand," she said. "He didn't use a power saw."

In 1957, the couple bought land near Paris Landing on Highway 79, near Paris Landing, and built the Eagle Gift Shop, which they operated for several years.

"We had probably 10,000 items in stock," she recalled with a chuckle. "That was a bit of stuff we had. Noble built us a 10-room home out there and we lived there for about 20 years" before moving back to town shortly before he died in 1983.

"There have been so many changes in my life, you couldn't even believe it," she said. "But I have to say, most have been for the good."



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Doreen Bates (Mrs. Gibbs) and Veronica Giaimo (Mrs. Webb) share a laugh during The Paris Players' production "Our Town."



Coach Melvin Rack checks Colton Wiser's helmet during a Henry County Youth Football Bear's practice; JayIn Foster heads toward the action.



J.P. Lattimer was all smiles while serving lunch at the Trinity Methodist Church Men's Booth during Arts Round the Square.



Henry County Office on Aging Director Kayla Wallace passes around the biscuits during a recent potluck lunch at the Conger Senior Citizens Center.



New Chamber of Commerce Receptionist Carolyn Kaminski chats with Kevin Buie (K & B Supplies for Success) about his appointment to the chamber board during a recent Chamber Coffee hosted by Abbott's Printing.



◀ HCMC Home Health Physical Therapist Ben Glover visits with client Ethel Jones. A Paris native, Glover recently returned home with his Doctorate of Physical Therapy. (Courtesy of HCMC)



(L-R) Deanna Schoolfield, Alicia Walden and Drew Culbreath of Lakewood Elementary work on a group assignment in Crystal Pinson's fifth grade class.



(L-R) Paris Soccer Club players Carrigan Tucker, Alissa Dexter, Remi Gardner and Breely Peirpoint make the game look so easy.



(L-R) Pam Moultrie, Bettye Paschall and Beverly Neighbors enjoyed the Boss Hoss bikes during Noon on the Square, sponsored by Commercial Bank.



Manning Boley and Harrison Foster enjoy a day of learning while planting for pollinators. (Courtesy of Grove School)



Amanda Weaver, little Hayley Warren and Dustin Warren enjoyed the Scooby-Doo Movie on the courthouse lawn during National Night Out.

➤ Pam Freeman Rockwell presents First Lady Crissy Haslam a sweet treat from Sally Lane's. Haslam was promoting her Read20 Family Book Club at the W.G. Rhea Library.



NEW SUIT for Santa

By Susan Jones



He arrived in the dark of night. Big celebrities do that kind of thing. Toggery owner Charles Hopkins had his extra-long measuring tape and pins ready. Tonight was a big night; Santa Claus needed a new suit! Claus and Hopkins go back a long way. The man in red has been buying his suits at The Toggery since the store opened 95 years ago. Claus can't remember where he shopped before that, but that's the way it is when you've been around forever. Hopkins met the big man back in 1983 when he and Miss Edna purchased The Toggery.

During the fitting, there was ample time to visit. This is an excerpt:

PM – We see you a lot in Paris during the holidays, visiting with youngsters in your gingerbread house on the courthouse lawn. Do you ever get any time off while you're here?

CLAUS – *Indeed, I do! As you might guess, ol' Santa is a pretty good manager of his time, so I make it my business to attend lots of Christmas events here.*

PM - No kidding! What are some of your favorites?

CLAUS – *I love the live Nativity at New Harmony Baptist. And I always go on the Advent Walk here in Downtown Paris. The Festival of Trees at the Heritage Center is impressive; nobody loves a bunch of decorated Christmas trees better than old Santa. I just wish there were cookies and milk under each one.*

I like that Downtown Christmas Parade, and although I don't have much of a singing voice – too much time out in the cold night air – I really enjoy Messiah. The school children's Christmas concerts are also a highlight.

PM – Santa, how do you keep from getting mobbed at these events? After all, you're a bona fide celebrity.

CLAUS – *Two words – street clothes. I can blend in when need be. That's how I know who's being naughty and nice, something you'd do well to remember Miss Jones.*

PM – Tell us about your new suit.

CLAUS – *It's exceptional. My friends at the Downtown Paris Association bought it for me. It's constructed of hearty red wool and beautiful fur around my cuffs and waist.*



PM – Just out of curiosity, where does your old suit have the most wear and tear?

CLAUS – *That's easy. It's most worn where all the kiddos climb up on old Santa's lap. In the last 11 years, this suit I'm replacing has conservatively seen 11,050 youngsters just in Paris, Tennessee alone! Of course, fooling with the reindeer is hard on my suit, too. They're hygienically challenged, if you know what I mean.*

PM – Santa, why don't the elves make your suit?

CLAUS – *Old Santa doesn't want anyone knowing his waist measurements; Mrs. Claus might find out. My buddy Charles knows how to keep a secret.*

PM – So, what's your favorite thing about your job, Santa?

CLAUS – *I'd have to say that it's getting to see all of the generations. Back in the 1980s, I'd come here and see little boys and girls and their parents, and in just a couple of decades, those youngsters have kiddos of their own coming to tell me what they want for Christmas. Being friends with generations of families – that's makes old Santa smile.*

PM – When will you be back in town, Santa?

CLAUS – *The Friday after Thanksgiving for North Pole Family Fun Day, of course! I'll roll into Downtown Paris on the big red fire engine at 10:00 a.m. I'll visit with all of the children, and then they can enjoy free arts and crafts, hear one of my favorite books, "The Polar Express," get their faces painted, play at the petting zoo, and more.*

PM – Do you have any parting words for us, Santa?

CLAUS – *Actually I do. Along with presents that you purchase this year, I'd encourage folks to love each other by smiling at one another, taking care of one another and making time for one another.*

See you on the square the day after Thanksgiving and every weekend until Christmas! Ho! Ho! Ho!

Six Delicious Ways to welcome the Season

By Cindy Snyder



OVERNIGHT FRENCH TOAST WITH SAUTÉED APPLES

4 Tbsp. butter, melted
 ¾ cup packed light brown sugar
 1 loaf of French, challah or sourdough bread,
 sliced 1½ inches thick
 8 eggs, slightly beaten
 1 cup whole milk
 1 Tbsp. vanilla
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
 ⅛ teaspoon salt
 ½ cup pecans or walnuts
 Maple syrup and powdered sugar for
 topping

In a small bowl combine brown sugar and melted butter and spread on the bottom of a 9x13 baking dish. Arrange slices of bread in the baking dish overlapping if necessary. Combine milk, eggs, vanilla, cinnamon, ginger and salt in a bowl and pour evenly over bread slices. Turn bread over and be sure it is covered in egg mixture. Sprinkle chopped nuts over bread slices. Cover with film and foil and refrigerate overnight. Preheat oven to 350°F. Remove casserole from refrigerator for 15-20 minutes before baking. Leave covered and bake for 30 min. Remove film and foil and bake an additional 10-15 min. Remove casserole from oven and let it cool slightly before serving. Serve with a dusting of powdered sugar, maple syrup or cooked apples – or try all 3!

SAUTÉED APPLES

Melt ¼ stick of butter in skillet. Chop 2 Fuji or Gala apples. Cover and cook 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.

From Christmas cards to cantatas to decorations, there are dozens of ways to welcome the holidays, but food is one of my favorites. We've chosen six delicious recipes including an easy-to-make breakfast casserole, snappy appetizers and old-fashioned cookies.

Wake up your family with sugar and spice and everything holiday with a delightful overnight French toast and a colorful mix of toppings. We topped ours with unpeeled cooked red and green apples. Fresh fruit, flavored syrups and powdered sugar are also delicious. Add your choice of breakfast meats for an easy meal.

We've gotten lots of "oohhs and aaahs" over some new appetizers: artichoke vegetable phyllo cups, cheesy

dropped biscuits with ham and butter-milk coleslaw, and bacon potato mini frittatas topped with sour cream and bacon pieces. These can also double for a breakfast treat.

If baking cookies was an annual holiday event at your home, don't miss Dot Wray's old-fashioned molasses cookies. Johnny Wray's mom Dot introduced me to this cookie over 20 years ago. I still remember walking into her home, which was filled with this incredible aroma, and having a cookie straight from her oven. It is a priceless memory.

Holiday baking is always fun, and we hope you enjoy trying these new recipes. As always, we welcome your suggestions. May you and yours have a peaceful, happy holiday and a great start to the New Year!

BACON/POTATO MINI FRITTATA

5 bacon slices, cooked crisp in skillet, reserving 2 tsp. drippings
 1 bag of diced potatoes (available in dairy section)
 ½ cup finely chopped sweet onion
 1 tsp. salt
 ½ tsp. dried thyme
 2 tsp. chives

2 Tbsp. grated fresh Parmesan cheese
 ¼ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
 7 large egg whites, lightly beaten
 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
 Cooking spray
 6 Tbsp. sour cream
 Bacon pieces

Preheat oven to 375°F. Add potato, onion, salt and thyme to drippings in pan; cook 8 minutes or until potato is lightly brown over medium-high heat. Remove from heat; cool. Combine the potato mixture, bacon, cheese, pepper, egg whites, and eggs, stirring well with a whisk.

Spray 36 mini muffin cups with cooking spray. Spoon about 1 tablespoon egg mixture into each muffin cup. Bake at 375° for 16 minutes or until lightly brown. Cool 5 minutes on a wire rack. Remove frittatas from muffin cups. Top each with ½ teaspoon sour cream and bacon pieces. These can be prepared a day ahead, chilled, and reheated just before serving. They can also be frozen.



CHEESY DROPPED BISCUITS and HAM/COLESLAW STACK

One pound of good quality deli ham, sliced

HERBED BISCUITS

2 cups all-purpose flour 2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda 2 tsp. dried chives
1 teaspoon salt 2 tsp. basil
½ cup grated Cheddar cheese ½ tsp. coarsely ground pepper
4 Tbsp. (½ stick) cold butter, 1 cup buttermilk
cut into ½-inch pieces



Position a rack in center of oven and preheat oven to 400°F. In a medium bowl, whisk flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Using a pastry blender, cut in cheese and butter. Add chives, basil and pepper. Stir in buttermilk to make a soft, sticky dough. Quickly knead dough in bowl just until it comes together. On an ungreased baking sheet, drop batter by rounded tablespoons, about 1 inch apart. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes.

BUTTERMILK COLESLAW

¾ cup mayonnaise ½ tsp. celery salt
1½ Tbsp. spicy brown mustard Salt and pepper to taste
2 Tbsp. light brown sugar One bag of coleslaw mix
3 Tbsp. buttermilk



Whisk together the mayonnaise, mustard, brown sugar, vinegar, buttermilk and celery salt. Salt and pepper to taste. Add coleslaw and mix well. Cover and chill until serving time. To assemble, slice biscuit, place 2-3 pieces of deli ham and 1 Tbsp. coleslaw and top with biscuit top.



ARTICHOKE VEGETABLE PHYLLO CUPS

8 oz. cream cheese, softened
8 oz. extra sharp Cheddar cheese, shredded
1 can of artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
½ cup peeled cucumbers, diced
½ red pepper, diced
½ green pepper, diced
1 small can of green chilies
1 tsp. water packed garlic
1 tsp. dried basil
1 tsp. dried thyme
Salt and pepper to taste
Phyllo cups, available in grocery freezer section

Cream cheeses well in a mixer. Stir in vegetables and herbs. Fill cups. Serve soon.



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1 cup shortening
¾ cup white sugar
½ cup brown sugar
½ cup molasses
3 eggs
3 c. flour
2 ½ Tbsp. soda
¼ tsp. cloves
¾ tsp. ginger
¾ tsp. cinnamon
¾ tsp. salt

Cream sugars and shortening. Add molasses and eggs and beat well. Add all dry ingredients. Mix well and chill for 2 hours. Form into small balls about the size of a quarter.

Put on parchment paper and flatten with fork. Bake at 375°F for 8 to 10 minutes. Let cool a few minutes before removing.

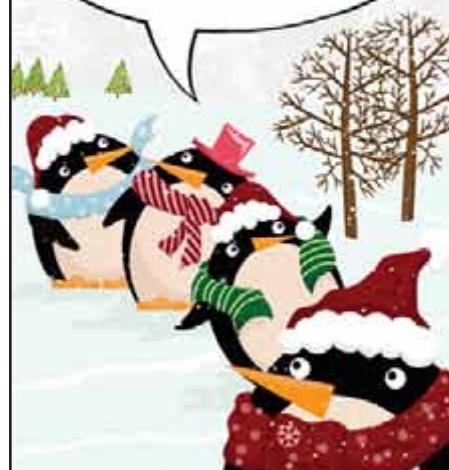
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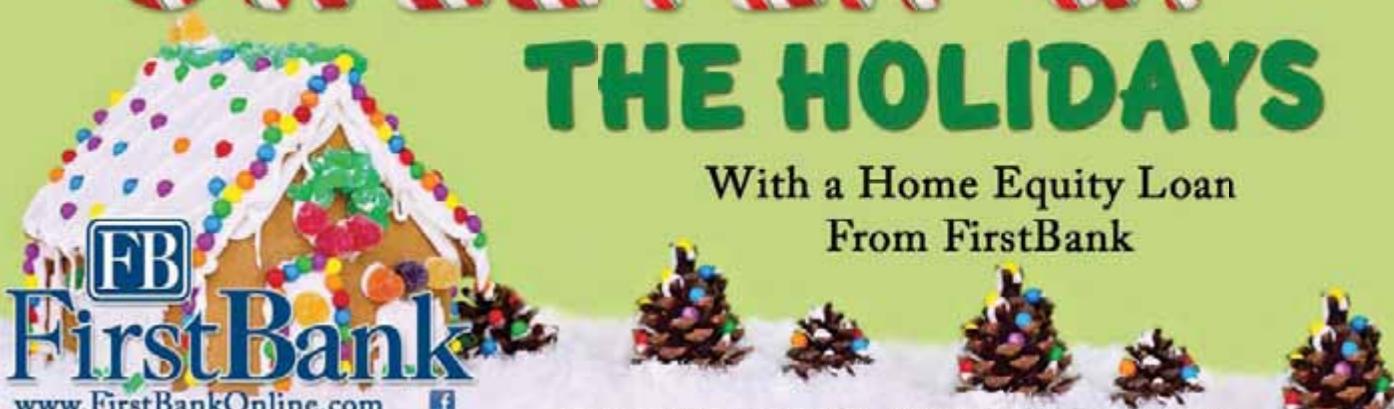
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Did you ever pass a local church and wonder, "What's their story?" The next several editions of the PARIS! will feature articles on local congregations of long-standing historical significance.

QUINN CHAPEL AME:

Keeping an American Tradition Alive

By Carl Holder

The African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church has its roots in the Free African Society – a group founded by African-Americans unhappy with the discrimination they experienced at the hands of whites in Philadelphia's St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church in 1787.

In fact, officials of the congregation literally pulled black congregants off their knees while praying. The Society – led mainly by Reverend Richard Allen – formed a separate entity in 1793, the Bethel African Church.

The intent was to establish a separate identity from the white Methodist Episcopal Church while retaining the Methodist doctrine and form of worship. Allen would become its first pastor.

Two distinctions

Between 1808 and 1815, Reverend Allen pursued a lawsuit in the Pennsylvania courts to allow the

Bethel congregation to be legally considered a separate institution independent of white Methodist congregations.

After winning in the courts, Allen proceeded to issue a call for other African-American Methodist congregations to meet in Philadelphia in 1816 to form the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church.

Hence, the new AME Church earned two distinctions – the first African-American denomination to be formed in the United States and the first denomination formed as a result of sociological instead of theological differences. In fact, the AME Church rightly claimed that it was they who were maintaining the spirit of John Wesley, who had denounced slavery in the strongest possible terms.

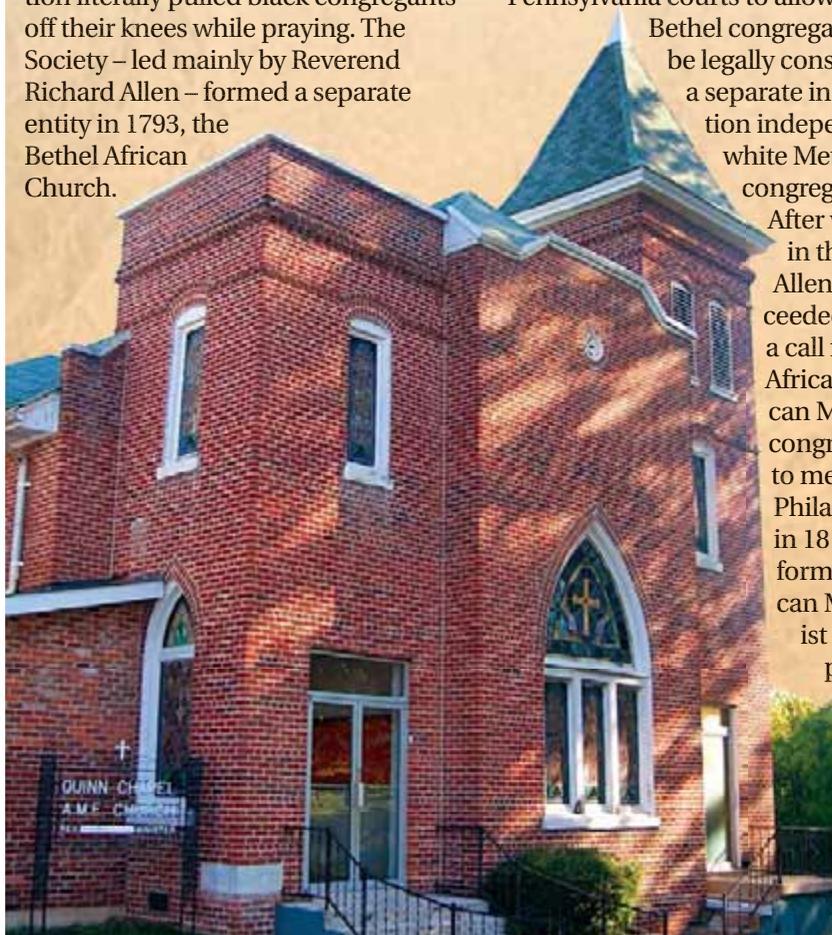
Mending fences

Though the AME Church had established a separate identity, it nevertheless quickly established the practice of cooperating with amenable white Methodist churches assisting its development including the founding of AME colleges.

From its founding to the end of the Civil War, its growth was primarily limited to Free Blacks in the Northeast and Midwest, although surprisingly a number of congregations sprang up in the border slave states and even deep Southern states such as South Carolina and Louisiana.

Post-war boom

Still, the greatest growth of the AME would occur with the end of the Civil War as new AME congregations were populated by recently freed slaves. While these AME congregations wished to remain Methodists doctrinally and spiritually, they desired to develop a new identity in the form and style of worship. The significance of the name received renewed





An uplifting song by the Quinn Chapel choir is always a highlight during the annual downtown Candlelight Advent Walk.

emphasis: African (almost exclusively persons of African descent); Methodist (doctrinally Methodists); and Episcopal (indicating the type of polity). It was this movement which produced Quinn Chapel AME.

A time to build

In 1867, Quinn was organized in a southeast Paris residence by Reverend Gilbert Olgee in a residence known as Point Top. It was named in honor of Paul Quinn, an early influential Bishop of the AME denomination. In 1868 a

tract was purchased in east Paris in a section known as Methodist Hill at the corner of Curtis and Draper. In 1878 the current facility at 216 Church Street was purchased and dedicated. A parsonage was also purchased.

Trial by fire

The church grew and thrived, but disaster struck in the spring of 1916. As with many wooden buildings in the 19th and early 20th centuries, it burned. The only portions of the church surviving the fire were those

most built in 1908. The congregation was offered the use of Paris City Hall (then on the south side of the square) while rebuilding took place, and by August of the same year the reconstruction was complete.

Singing praises

In its 145 years, Quinn Chapel has established a firm presence in the spiritual life of Paris and Henry County. As with the early AME denomination, it is always willing to fellowship and work with other Christian churches.

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

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You say **Poinsettia,** I say *Euphorbia pulcherrima!*

By John Watkins

*“Now Dasher! Now Dancer!
Now Prancer and Vixen!
On Comet! On Cupid!
On Dunder and Blixem!”*

Dunder and Blixem? – In the original version of the classic, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, the last two reindeer were actually named Dunder and Blixem. It just proves that as time passes and locales change, names, pronunciations and spellings can also change.

This is especially true in the field of horticulture where the common name of a plant in one region can refer to a totally different plant somewhere else. Which brings us to the fascinating (and often maligned) subject of plant classifications or nomenclature.

Historically speaking...

Just why is it so important to use those hard-to-pronounce scientific names rather than the easier common names? Is it out of smugness or to show off one's vast plant knowledge?

Let's look at it from a historical point of view. Imagine you are a botanist back in the 15th or 16th century. Your world is pretty small, so when you are describing a plant to your fellow

botanists (in Latin, of course) everything is clear. All of a sudden, explorers start bringing back plants from far-off lands. People begin to spread out, and confusion over plant names ensues.

Man with a plan

Thank goodness a Swedish botanist named Carolus (Carl) Linnaeus stepped in during the mid-1700s with

a systematic way of naming plants. He took each grouping of plants and placed it under another grouping that shared similar characteristics. This way when a plant was named, it referred to one, and only one, distinct plant. His hierarchical classification and binomial nomenclature (two name classification) system remains the basis of how plants are named today.

Weird Uncle Carl

Rather than a full-blown lecture in the fine art of taxonomy, let's explore this system in simple terms.

Binomial nomenclature is basically broken up into two groups, the *genus* and *specific epithet*, often referred to as the *species*.

The genus is sort of like a surname and identifies the plant's "family." Just like people, members of this family tend to resemble each other. The species name identifies particular members of the family, each with its own unique characteristics (kind of like your weird Uncle Carl).

Of course, all scientific names are in Latin. Why, you might wonder? After all, it's a dead language that no one even speaks. Exactly! Because Latin isn't spoken anymore, it remains



constant; therefore we don't have to worry about new words or meanings popping up.

For example

So let's take a look at how this whole binomial nomenclature system makes things a little clearer. In the spirit of the season, let's start with a familiar plant, the poinsettia.

Almost everyone recognizes this Christmas plant with the large red flowers (actually they are modified leaves, but that's another article). The official scientific name for this plant is *Euphorbia pulcherrima*. Specifically, the word "*Euphorbia*" honors the ancient physician who is first known to have discovered the medicinal uses of the poinsettia plant's milky sap. The word "*pulcherrima*" honors the great beauty of the plant's modified leaves.

Say what you mean

When we look at the common names for poinsettia, there can be as many as 12 or 13 different names depending on location. The poinsettia has been around forever in its native habitat of Mexico. The Aztecs referred

to the plant as *Cuetlaxochitl*, which roughly translated means "Flower that withers, mortal flower that perishes like all that is pure." That's a mouthful!

The common name *poinsettia* as we know it today was named to honor the first American ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett. In other countries it might also be known as *Easter Flower*, *Lobster Flower Plant*, *Paint-leaf*, *Popagallo*, or *Pastora*.

But no matter where you go in the world, if you ask for a *Euphorbia pulcherrima*, you will get what we recognize as the poinsettia.

Mean what you say

While the use of scientific names may seem a little daunting, it's certainly not meant to confuse. In fact, it is meant for quite the opposite purpose: to clarify how we identify plants and create a universal language we can all understand.

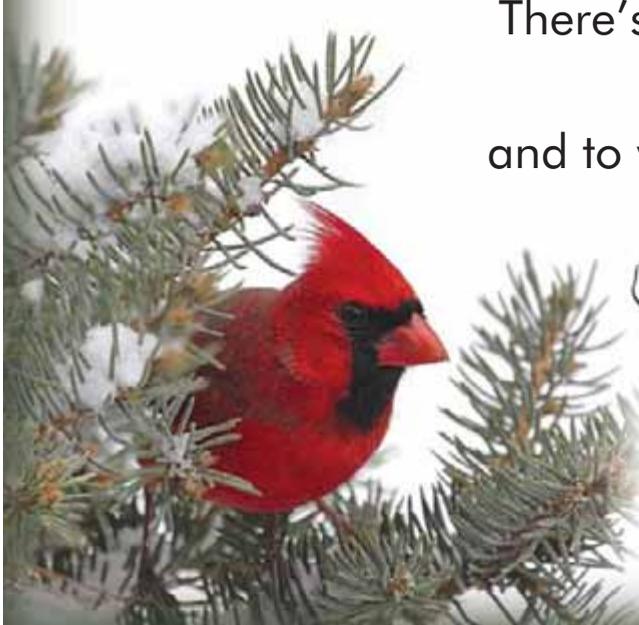


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In celebration of the Civil War Sesquicentennial, Larry Ray is writing articles detailing the history of his own backyard along the Tennessee River. This is the fifth in the series. Previous articles can be read online in the archives of MyParisMagazine.com.

The Battle for FORT DONELSON



USS Carondelet

By Larry Ray

During their first night outside of Fort Donelson, February 12, 1862 the Union soldiers were cold and shivering. They could build no fires and were wishing for the overcoats and blankets foolishly discarded on the march from Fort Henry. A snowstorm arrived the second night, with strong winds that dropped the temperatures to around 10 degrees. There was much suffering on both sides.

Reinforcements were key

The following day the Union flotilla arrived, bringing six gunboats and another 10,000 Union reinforcements on 12 transports. The gunboats began fir-

ing on the fort as they had done at Fort Henry. The Confederates waited until the boats were within 400 yards and returned fire. The Confederate artillery pummeled the fleet. Commodore Foote himself was wounded and later died from his wounds.

The damage to the fleet was severe. The flagship St. Louis was hit 59 times, Carondelet 54, Louisville 36, and Pittsburg 20. Following his easy success at Fort Henry, Foote had miscalculated. However, the Confederates were outnumbered and surrounded by well-armed Union soldiers. The Union was also still in control of the river.

Despite their unexpected naval success, the Confederate generals were still worried about their chances.

After a failed Confederate attempt to escape, the Union forces were poised to take Donelson the next day.

Nearly 1,000 soldiers on both sides had been killed, with about 3,000 wounded and still on the field. Some had frozen to death in the snowstorm. Things were getting worse and Union reinforcements were still arriving.

Who's the boss?

General Tilghman had been taken prisoner at Fort Henry, which created a problem of command at Fort Donelson. Generals Buckner and Johnson were the only professionals among the generals in the fort, but inexperienced politically-appointed generals outranked them.

It was determined that defending the fort could result in 75% casualties and any large-scale escape would be difficult. The politically-appointed generals decided to leave and turned over their command to General Buckner, who agreed to stay behind and surrender the army. Nathan Bedford Forrest was determined to fight and decided he was not going to surrender his command. He led his 700 cavalrmen and about 800 others in a successful escape from the fort. (Forrest would return to Fort Heiman in 1864 to claim a major victory and become famous in both the North and South.)

Grant's terms

Buckner, a West Point classmate and friend of Grant sent him a note asking for terms of surrender. Grant sent a note back that the only terms were "Unconditional Surrender!" From that point on, U. S. Grant's nickname was "Unconditional Surrender Grant" and he became a hero in the North. Buckner surrendered to Grant at the Dover Hotel, now called the "Surrender House." He was then sent to prison. Years later when Grant died, Buckner was one of the pallbearers at Grant's funeral.

Pivotal point

Up until this time, the war had not been going well for the North. The fall of Forts Heiman, Henry and Donelson were the first significant Union victories. This major military accomplishment opened up the Tennessee and

Cumberland Rivers for the movement of gunboats, men and supplies into the heart of the Confederacy. It was a pivotal point in the Civil War.

The next article will cover the Battle of Paris that followed the Union occupation of Forts Heiman and Henry.



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 and recommends a visit to Fort Donelson and the Surrender House for tours of their excellent museums and battlefield.



Commodore Andrew H. Foote



The Fort Donelson River Battery was very effective during the battle.

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ACCESSING NATURE

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By Tim Check

If Thanksgiving focuses on being thankful and Christmas is a time for gift-giving, then I'm *thankful* for the wonderful *gifts* of nature and access to nature. One of the best ways to enjoy the outdoors in late fall is by bicycling and hiking. With the busy holidays upon us, shorter trails seem to fit into folks' schedules better, and there are plenty of nice trips that don't require a long drive from home.

A real sleeper is a beautiful and quaint adventure in Wingo, Kentucky. Wingo is a short 39 ½ mile or 54 minute drive from the court square in Paris. To get to Wingo in Graves County, take TN-69 north crossing into the Bluegrass State where it becomes KY-

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97. Stay straight until you reach KY-339 and continue on this road until you reach Wingo. Turn left on to Lebanon Street where you will see the entrance to Wingo Rails Trails.

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This is a most scenic route, bordered by trees and rural landscapes, berry patches and moss. Even if late autumn turns out to be a wet season, this is an easy place to get some exercise. There is a nice gazebo and a picnic spot about a quarter mile down the path.

If you are into geocaching, bring your GPS. And don't forget your field glasses to use on one of the best family-oriented short trails within a short drive of home.

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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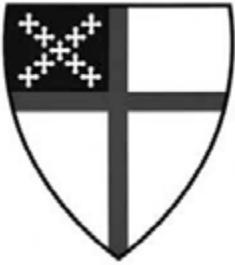
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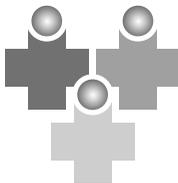
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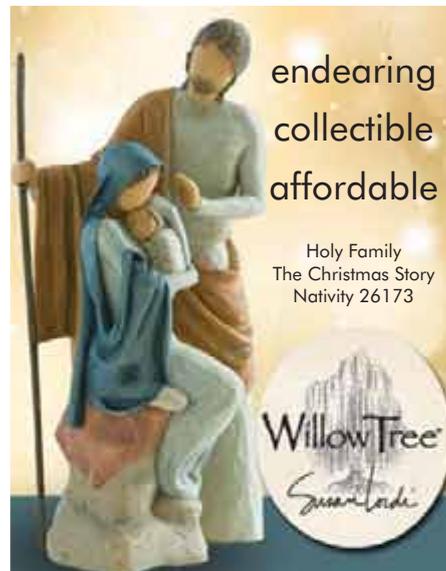


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Two of our schools thought Christmas came early in August when they were recognized as "Reward Schools" in a live telecast by the governor. Lakewood Elementary School and E. W. Grove School are in the top five percent in Tennessee, making the greatest gains in student achievement and student growth.

"Tennessee is leading the way in education reform," said Governor Bill Haslam at a recent event, "and these

schools demonstrate two key foci of education in our state: high levels of achievement and continuous growth. Job creation and education are inextricably linked, and continuing our momentum in education reform is important as we work to make Tennessee the number one location in the Southeast for high quality jobs. We are proud of the teachers and staff at each of these schools and excited to recognize their efforts on behalf of Tennessee students."

The Henry County School System acknowledges and thanks its actively involved parents, staff, community members and school board members. It's the combination of working together that makes this system a front-runner in Tennessee education reform.

Introducing...

Looking to the New Year, the Henry County School System would also

like to introduce Rod Frey, its newest school board member.

Frey is a 1968 graduate of historic E. W. Grove High School, which is currently the Henry County Board of Education's Central Office. As a former student-athlete, he never dreamed he would one day be in the same classroom attending school board meetings as a representative from District 1.

"I want to help make this school system the best in the state for students and teachers," he stated when asked why he chose to run for school board member. "I want to represent the citizens of Paris and Henry County to the best of my ability and make sure that all students are treated equally."

Retired in 2010, Frey was a captain in the Henry County Sheriff's Department. He is married to Nina Lyn Boyd and has two sons, Josh Frey and Hunter Frey; and a daughter, Mindy



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"I want to help make this school system the best in the state for students and teachers."

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Jarnigan. He boasts seven grandchildren, two of whom are attending Henry County High School.

Frey is an avid hunter and fisherman and has coached baseball in the past. He's also a Vietnam Veteran and takes great pride in his service to God and country.

In conversation with him, it's easy to pick up on the strong connections he feels to Henry County and his desire to serve the people who reside here. We know that he will join our other exemplary board members in the fight for best practices in education and for the welfare of our teachers and students.



Dr. Susan Burton is the Federal Projects Director for the Henry county Board of Education. She also oversees grants and public relations for the HC School System.

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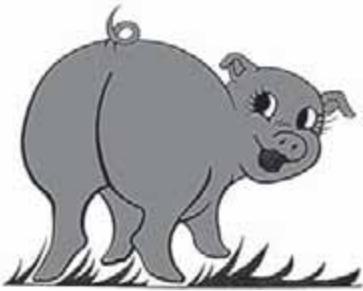


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November 1 – A delicious yearly tradition is **Kiwanis Club Pancake Day** at First United Methodist Church, 6 am – 8 pm. Call 731-642-3510.

November 1 – The **Blood Mobile** is at the First United Methodist Church, 101 E Blythe Street, noon until 6 pm. Give blood, then eat pancakes...yum!

November 2 – **First Presbyterian Church French Bazaar** is from 7 am – 1 pm. Purchase delicious baked goods, casseroles, soups, candies, cakes, cookies, chili, craft items. Call 731-642-2825.

November 2, 3 and 4 – It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in festive Downtown Paris. **Candlelight**

Open Houses are Friday and Saturday from 6 – 8 pm and Sunday from 1 – 5 pm. Call 731-653-PARIS or go to VisitDowntownParis.com.

November 3 – Got a little performer in the house? **Children's Winter Workshop** auditions/sign-ups are being held at Krider Performing Arts Center. Call Rhonda Stanton at 731-644-2517.

November 5 – **Youth for the Arts Veterans Day Celebration** honors those who have served our country. Admission is \$5, show is at 7 pm. at the Krider. For info, call 731-642-3955 or visit www.phcarts.com

November 11 – **Veterans Day**. Thank a Veteran and remember those who fought for our freedom.

November 12, 19, 26 and December 3 – **Dining with Diabetes Class** (4 consecutive Mondays) is at the UT Extension Office. Learn healthy ways of cooking at this program for diabetics. Call 731-642-2941 to pre-register.

November 14 and 15 – Gifts galore are at **Homemakers' Holiday** at the Fairground's Enoch Building. Enjoy food, crafts and gifts from FCE Clubs on Wednesday 3 – 5 pm and Thursday 8 am – 5 pm. Call 731-642-2941 for information.

November 16 – Just in time for Thanksgiving, the **Athena Delphian Club** hosts its annual bake sale on the courthouse lawn from 8 am until everything is sold. Call 731-642-3245 for information.

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November 17 – **Downtown Sketch Crawl** from 10 am – noon followed by a Dutch-treat lunch. Call 731-653-PARIS or go to VisitDowntownParis.com.

November 21 -23 – **Thanksgiving break** for city and county schools.

November 22 – **Thanksgiving Day** – Spend time with loved ones as you celebrate all that we have to be thankful for.

November 23 – **Downtown Paris Association** hosts **North Pole Family Fun Day** from 10 am – 2 pm. Enjoy Santa, Rudolph and the Elves rolling in on the fire truck, photos from Project Graduation, craft booths, readings of *The Polar Express* at the old depot (Vicky Muzzall's Tax Service) and more. For information, call 731-653-PARIS or go to VisitDowntownParis.com.

November 27 – **December 22** – **Festival of Trees** at Heritage Center, open Tuesday – Saturday, Noon – 6 pm; Sundays, 1 – 4 pm.

November 30 – **December 2** – **Christmas by the Lake Holiday Market** is at Paris Landing Inn from 5 – 8 pm Friday; 10 am – 5 pm Saturday; 1 - 5 pm Sunday. For vendor information call 731-641-4450.

December 1 – **Tennessee River Fine Arts League Holiday Arts and Crafts Bazaar**, 9 am – 4 pm in the Luncheon at Lee. 20% of all sales go to the Lee Scholarship Fund. Call 731-644-2056.

December 1 – **David Johnson Chorus Christmas Concert**, Krider Performing Arts Center at 7 pm. Call 731-644-2517.

December 1 – **January 1** – **Light Up The Lake** is at Paris Landing State Park throughout the month each evening at dark. Call 731-641-4450.



December 1 – The man in red goes to **Henry School** for **Breakfast with Santa** from 8 – 10 am. Henry students are free; all others \$3; \$5 for adults. Call 731-243-7114.

December 2 – **45th Annual Community Christmas Concert “Messiah”** at 3 pm, First United Methodist Church, Paris. Admission is free.

December 5 – Worship in Downtown Paris churches during the annual **Candlelight Advent Walk**. The evening begins at 6:30. For more information, call 653-PARIS.

December 6 – Take time out of your busy schedule to visit the **Blood Mobile** at First United Methodist Church, 101 E. Blythe Street noon until 6 pm.

December 7 – **Tennessee River Fine Arts League’s Quarterly Juried Art Show** at Lee Academy for the Arts from 5 – 8 pm. Refreshments served.

December 7, 8, and 9 – **New Harmony Baptist Church** lights up the night with its annual **Live Nativity Scene**, 7050 Highway 69A. Friday and Saturday, 6 – 9 pm; Sunday, 5 – 9 pm. Call 731-593-5276.

December 7 – Enjoy **Supper with Santa** at **Rhea School**, 5 – 8 pm. Santa arrives at 5 pm. Call 731-642-0961.

December 8 – **Over The River 5K Run** is at Paris Landing Inn. Run starts at 11 am. Call 731-641-4450.

December 8 – **The Henry County High School Madrigals** present their annual Christmas Concert at the Krider at 7 pm. Call 731-644-2517.

December 9 – The talented **Henry County Youth Orchestra** performs at the Krider at 7 pm. Call 731-644-2517.

December 11 – **Harrelson Band and Chorus’ Holiday Spectacular Concert** at 6:30 pm in the school gym. Free admission. Call Chris Watson at 812-499-1809.

December 13 – Christmas comes to Henry when the **Henry School Band and Chorus** present their beautiful **Christmas Concert** at 6:30 pm. Call 731-243-7114.

December 15 – **Child/Youth Winter Show** auditions, Krider Center. For more information call 731-644-2517.

December 15 – **The Eiffel Tower Shootout** is basketball’s best-of-the-best at Henry County High School. Games start at 1 pm. Sponsored by the Henry County Sports Alliance. Admission is \$5. Contact Terry Wimberley at 731-336-9326 for information.

December 15 – **Downtown Paris Association** sponsors the **Downtown Christmas Festival**, 3 – 5 pm; **Parade** at 5:30 pm. Awards include Clark Griswold, Golf Cart, Cutest Critter, and Best Decorated. (This event combines the Christmas parade and Santa’s

Last Blast.) Go to VisitDowntownParis.com for entry info or call 731-653-PARIS.

December 17 – **Tennessee Vocational Technical Center** winter graduation is at the Krider at 7 pm. Call 731-644-2517.

December 19 – January 2 – Joyeux Noel! **Holiday Break** for all schools.

December 20 – **Christmas With the Annie Moses Band** is at the **Krider**, backed by **First Baptist Church Choir and Orchestra** at 5:30 pm; second show at 8 pm. \$5 tickets at the church or www.itickets.com. For information, call Scott Nanney at 731-642-5074.

December 24 – **Christmas Eve Services** are held at many area churches. Programs include carols, special music, Christmas messages and communion. Call churches for information.

December 25 – Have a blessed **Merry Christmas!**

December 26 - **Light Up The Lake** has just three days to go at Paris Landing State Park each evening at dark. Call 731-641-4450.

December 29 – **Children’s Theater** presents a musical at the Krider at 7 pm. Christmas-themed, one-act plays. For information call 731-644-2517.

December 31 – **Friends of Paris Landing** host the annual **New Year’s Eve Celebration** at Ridgeway Conference Center at 8 p.m. Syndicate of Soul performs from 9 pm – 1 am. Special packages available. Call 731-642-4311.

January 1 – Take a cold dunk for a great cause! **Shiver on the River** is at Paris Landing Marina’s boat launch ramp. Your donation includes the official plunge, buffet at the Inn’s restaurant, and the official 2013 t-shirt! Proceeds benefit REAL Hope Youth Center.

January 2 – No School! **Administrative Day for Paris Special School District and Henry County School Systems.**

January 3 – **Happy New Year parents!** Students return to school in Paris and Henry County.





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- 2 Community Christmas Concert at First United Methodist Church, 3 pm
- 5 Candlelight Advent Walk, 6:30pm
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