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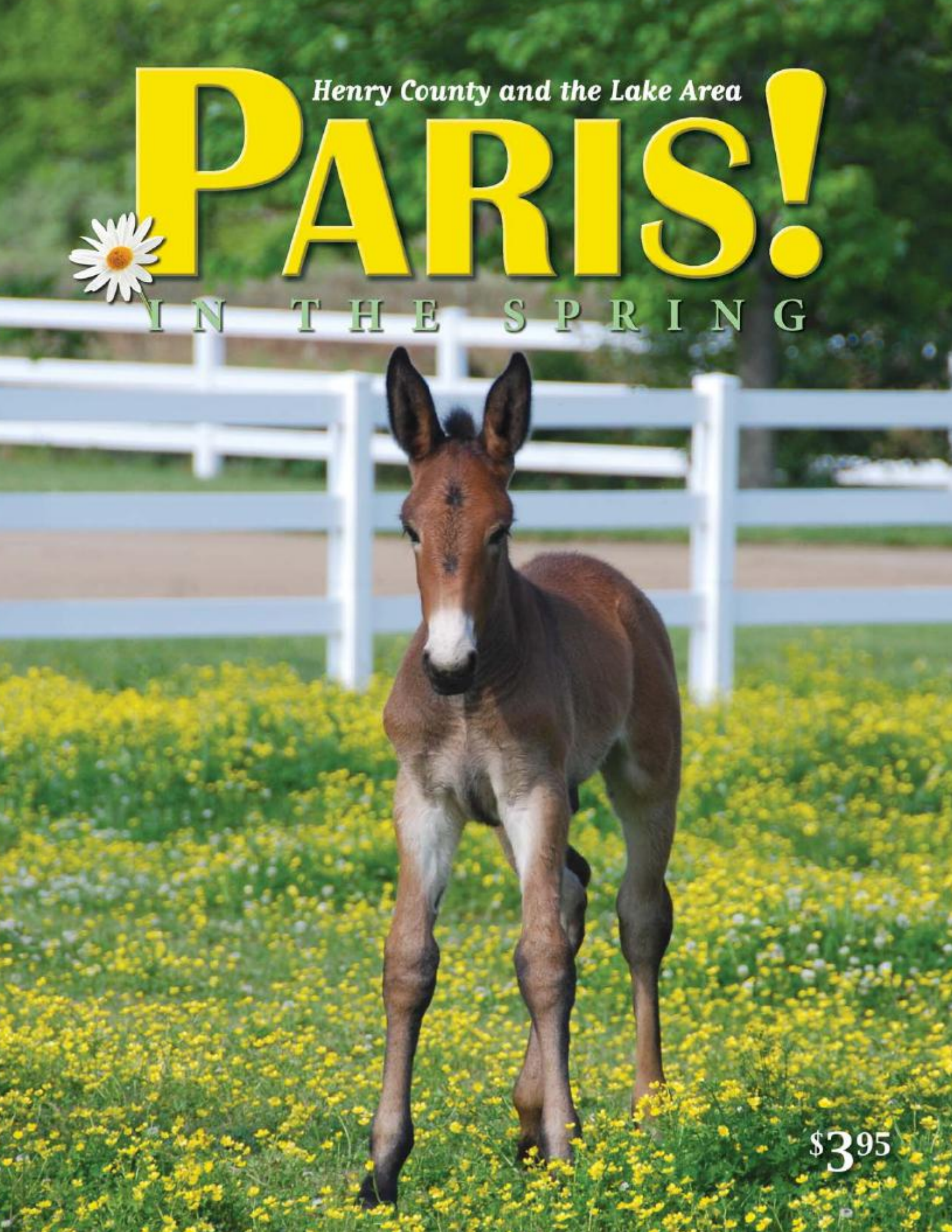

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Editor's Notes

A Fish Fry Toast

There are gifts that come wrapped in pretty paper to celebrate special occasions, and then there are gifts that seemingly pop up out of nowhere. Back in February, the city of Paris received a couple of the latter.

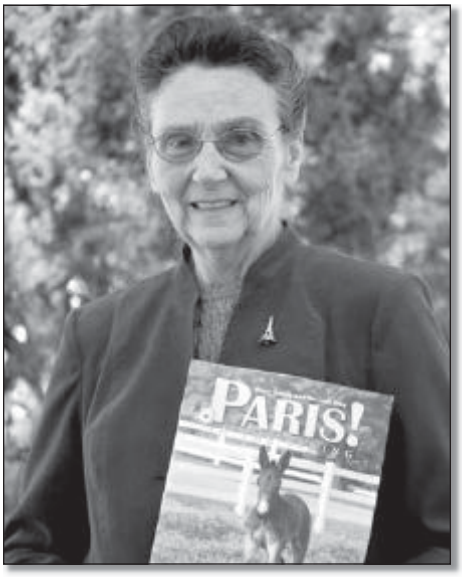
The first came when the stars of the CBS sitcom "Mike and Molly" discussed honeymooning in Paris, Tennessee. They not only chatted about our "mini Eiffel Tower," but also about the World's Largest (we're sure they meant "Biggest") Fish Fry. Right on the heels of that coup, a videographer with CNN rolled into town to film a short piece about Paris that aired during Oscar week. He was interested in parallels between Paris, Tennessee and Woody Allen's Oscar-nominated film, "Midnight in Paris."

While all of this coverage appears to have materialized out of thin air, nothing could be further from the truth. Years of work by the Jaycees, the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce and others landed the Fish Fry in a food festival book, which was the hook for the "Mike and Molly" piece. And locating an Eiffel Tower here, which captivated the CNN videographer, had everything to do with our forward-thinking Chamber and city commission, as well as PARIS! Co-Founder Art Nellen, who hatched the plan that eventually brought the tower to town.

Thanks to these two priceless television events, an even wider audience now knows about our community and may just give Paris new consideration when it comes to tourism, business location and retirement. Fish Fry is the perfect time to toast all of the folks who have worked so hard through the years to make sure our little town gets noticed for all the right reasons. You know who you are; thank you so very much!

Happy Hushpuppies!
See you at the Fish Tent…

Susan Jones



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The Greening of Paris

"Ring Around the Downtown Park Fountain" appears to be the game of the day at the popular park located across from the post office, which includes a fountain, gazebo, tables and seating.

By Shannon McFarlin

They say, "It ain't easy being green," but in recent years, Paris has enjoyed a rebirth of green with a proliferation of impressive park space. On any given day, children enjoy the various playgrounds; people and their dogs walk the trails; large crowds are at youth baseball and soccer games; people sail discs through the air at the disc golf course; families cook up burgers; youth show off at the skate park and anglers try their hand at trout fishing.

In addition to the city's parks and recreation department and its board, credit for the growing spotlight on parks can be traced to Families for Paris Parks, a group of parents who determined that Paris was lacking fun places for children to play outdoors.

Parks Director Tony Lawrence said the group "has probably been the driving force behind us building more park areas. They really got the city thinking in that direction."

With fundraisers and private donations, Families for Paris Parks took it upon themselves to help the city raise money to purchase new equipment. In the beginning, their efforts seemed ambitious but with the purchase of new equipment for Johnson and Ogburn Parks, their plan to create new play spaces is complete. New playgrounds at Eiffel Tower Park (formerly Memorial Park) and McNeil Park were installed a few years ago.

Former Parks Director Tim Check began moving the department in a green direction with Lawrence and his staff building on that foundation – in spades. In addition to a work ethic, what Lawrence and his staff offer the public is an openness to new ideas.

Enhanced play areas, additional walking trails, disc golf, bigger soccer areas and trout in a park pond are a few of the ideas that have been sparked by suggestions from the public, parks board or staff.

Kay Whitby is one of the organizers of Families for Paris Parks. She recalled that a group of mothers

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On the disc golf course, a sharp eye and steady hand are needed to score.

would take their children to local parks "and in minutes they were ready to go because there was not anything to play on. So we started car-pooling to other towns, like Murray and Martin, where they have awesome equipment. While there we would eat lunch, shop and buy gas."

She said the parents decided that spending money elsewhere was not good for Paris. But bad parks weren't good for Paris, either. "We decided it wasn't right for us to have to drive elsewhere to play when we should have this in our own backyards," she said. That was the impetus for the parents to approach Check and Lawrence back in 2005.

The group of some 11 mothers did their homework, establishing a way for donors to contribute money for new equipment and contacted playground suppliers for ideas and presentations. Their organization decided early on that one new playground was not enough. They dedicated themselves to new equipment at all four city playgrounds.

Other ideas that have taken fruit:

• Young adults were the target group when the parks department looked at adding disc golf, a growing popular sport. A course designer from Kentucky helped organize the courses, which now include an 18-hole course at Eiffel Tower and a 9-hole course at McNeil.

• Former Parks Board member Mike Calfee suggested the expansion of the soccer fields to McNeil Park. Those wondering about the success of that idea should visit McNeil during soccer season.

• Parks employee Gary "Peanut" Paschall was aware that ponds at McKenzie and Martin had been fed with trout and he thought the pond at Eiffel Tower Park Extended (across Volunteer) would be ideal for similar fish stocking. Response from local anglers has been good, prompting the city to create another access road to the pond.

• Central Services Building Supervisor David Wood called Lawrence with the idea of utilizing the wooded area next to Central on Jones Bend Road Extended. With Eagle Scout Jacob Capps taking it on as a project, a new quarter-mile walking trail was created for the public. "The Boy Scouts made the benches and helped with the trails. This has been one of the best scout projects we've had," Lawrence said.

"To get anything big, you have to get a grant and we've been pretty successful with those," said Lawrence. "We've financed a new skate park at Ogburn and new restrooms at Eiffel Tower that way. It's been amazing to me how much the public is using the parks now. The public is obviously telling us this is what they want."

Shannon McFarlin is a freelance writer, a lover of walking outside with her dogs and a supporter of public outdoor spaces.

WORLD'S BIGGEST FISH FRY

Locals and Expatriates Chime In On Pageants, Parades and Glug-Glug

PARIS! *issued a challenge on Facebook to find out what special Fish Fry memories stood out in the minds of Henry Countians and expatriates. Here are a few highlights. Thanks to all who chimed in!*

Pam Walker of Surprise, AZ remembered "the carnival on opening night because it was "Guinea Pig Night" and the rides were cheap."

Elise Wright Myers of Gray, GA wrote that she "spent lots of quarters to see Glug Glug, the frog-eating man. I was fascinated by his regurgitation skills until I saw him eating a hamburger at the Sewanee Castle! I was so disappointed in him and wanted a refund!"

Amy Underwood Veazey wrote that one of her special memories was her sister "folding down her little white socks" before Veazey was "crowned Fish Fry Junior Queen in a pageant at the old Paris City Auditorium."

Patty Ball Millay of Owensboro, KY is a former drum major for the Henry County High School Marching Patriot Band. She reminisced about when the parade started at Holley Carburetor and went "up and down all those West Wood Street hills." While she survived the experience, she wrote that "marching backwards while conducting was a challenge!"

Dani Cox of Union City, TN enjoyed the catfish and carnival, and "my Uncle George signing in as 'Ronald Reagan' one year at the visitors' sign-in at the fish tent!"

Judy Garner remembered "eating fish downtown on the square when all the community clubs had a booth."

Ronda Elaine Shelton of Hazel, KY wrote, "Oh my goodness, my all-time FAVORITES are the catfish races and all the mania on the court square…I LOVE me some catfish races!!

John Myers of Gray, GA remembered that in 1971 he and Doc Perkins, Mike Key, Louis Robbins and Kent Smith decided to be in the parade, but they needed a purpose. So on parade day, they "loaded up in a pickup truck, slapped a sign on the side that declared themselves 'West Tennessee District 2 Champions' and joined the parade about mid-stream." Of course, they just made up the title, but they thoroughly enjoyed the applause and cheers from the spectators.

Amanda Barnes Hendrix is the granddaughter of Earl and Mary Jane Shankle, whose home was within a block of the parade route. "My grandmother used to say she was going to push the button for the parade to start. She would leave for about 15 minutes and when she returned we could see and hear the police sirens. I thought there was a start button for many years."

Elizabeth Grimstead of Cocoa Beach, FL wrote "Jackson Central-Merry's band was always outrageously entertaining. One year the lead drum major tossed his 4.5-foot baton into the air, over the heads of the ENTIRE marching band. It was caught by the secondary drum major in the rear without missing a beat. Astounding…"

John Neal of Knoxville, TN wrote that his "favorite Fish Fry memories lie in the days when the Fish Fry was in its infancy. Stores on the court square used to give away tickets to the rides. I'd go from store to store and collect scads of the tickets and then have a ball down on Washington Street."

Vicky Wallis Salmon is pushed down the Small Fry parade route by her father, Lewis Wallis, in her "ringing" princess telephone float.

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Michael Wilson of Cocoa Beach, FL recalled "Crawford Chambers (above) and his goat in the Grand Parade; and the carnival rides at the old hitch-lot being leveled with concrete blocks…scary for this engineer to even think about!"

Dwayne Baldwin, whose job it is to line up all of the floats, bands, cars, walking units and horses in the parade each year simply wrote, "Oh Lord, where do I start!"

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The organizers of the inaugural Youth Villages Reel 'em In For Kids Bass Tourney invite "everyone who'd like to help a worthy cause. Whether they're pros or regular Joes, we've got a fun fishing tournament that helps children in need," said Vicki Long of Youth Villages.

"All monies raised will be used in the rural west Tennessee area," said Long. "People sometimes forget that foster children don't have access to things other families take for granted."

Monies raised will be used in three categories:

- Assisting with the therapeutic care of foster children;
- Purchasing emergency clothing and school supplies;
- Paying fees for summer camps, scouting events, recreational sports teams and more.

The tournament is Saturday, April 7 at Paris Landing Marina. The cost is $100 per two-person boat. First prize is $5000 with a guaranteed 50% payout.

Register at www.ReelYV.org. Registrations will be accepted April 6 at Paris Landing State Park and the morning of April 7 at the Marina. For more information contact Vicki Long at 731-641-4152 or Rachel Hanson at 731-641-4159.

Murder Mystery Theater and Dinner Event

April at Paris Winery includes Love, Lust and Lies on the Lentini Line, a murder mystery that unfolds as diners enjoy a 5-7 course Italian feast, served family-style at Ruggero's Bistro on Saturday evening, April 14.

"Everyone has so much fun at these dinners," said Lisa Ciarrocchi, who owns the winery with her husband, Ruggero.

"This special evening of food and entertainment lasts about three hours; people come from all over Tennessee and Kentucky to enjoy a great meal and find out 'who dun it'," she laughed.

Tickets are $65/person and can be reserved by phone (731-644-9500), email (pariswinery.com) or in person at Paris Winery (2982 Harvey Bowden Road). The last Murder Mystery/Dinner Event of the season is May 12.

Youth for the Arts Fundraiser featuring the Renaissance Choir

If the word Renaissance sounds a little high-brow, don't worry – this talented group of students from Bethel University sings everything from Southern gospel to blues to rock 'n roll and bluegrass. "Like a Renaissance man, the Renaissance Choir can do a little bit of everything," said Arts Council Assistant Director Travis McLeese.

"This year, we're especially excited to have a 75-student chorus comprised of young singers from across the county," said Event Chair Minette Veazey. "They will sing with the Renaissance Choir. We're also thrilled to have the Art Gallery that will spotlight the work of young Henry County artists."

Now in its second year, the fundraising goal for this event is $10,000, according to McLeese. The money funds the Arts Council's Youth for the Arts Enrichment

Fund which offers scholarships and grants for local students, teachers and groups engaged in artistic learning endeavors.

Scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at the Krider Performing Arts Center, the event begins at 6:00 pm with a reception and the opening of the art gallery with concert to follow at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students. For more information call the Arts Council at 731-642-3955 or visit www.PHCarts.com.

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World's Biggest Fish Fry

April in Paris isn't over until the fat fish are fried, and that happens the last full week of April each year. The traditional tossing out of the first hushpuppy will be Wednesday afternoon, April 25, but the activities begin earlier in the week.

Things ramp up as the carnival opens, fish begin to fry, the rodeo kicks off, parades wind their way through town and live catfish begin their race to the finish line in custom-made troughs on the courthouse lawn. Seriously.

Find out more on the inside back cover of this issue, in the Calendar of Events on page 40 or at www. worldsbiggestfishfry.com.

Those who can fit all of this entertainment into just one month this spring will no doubt be singing, *"April in Paris, this is a feeling no one can ever reprise."*

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The Living Past

By Shannon McFarlin

Do you miss the magical sound that a screen door makes when it shuts? Do you long for the days when the little balls moved up and down as you pumped your gas? Would you love to lean way over into a big metal cooler and feel the icy water as you pull out a bottle of Coca-Cola?

Andy Bass also longed for those bygone days and instead of just wishing he could go back in time, he actually did something about it.

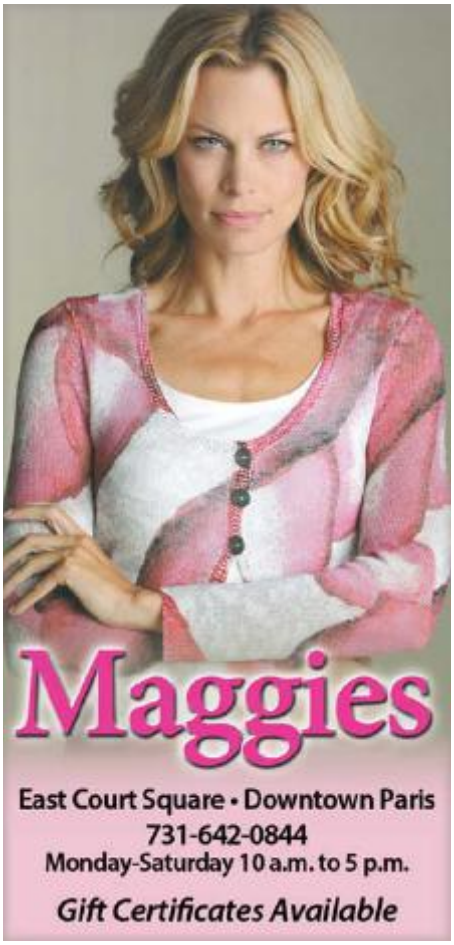
On any given day, time stands still for Bass and his wife, Joyce, right in their own back yard. After years of painstaking work, Bass has created a replica of an old gas station and country store. For Bass, it's been a labor of love.

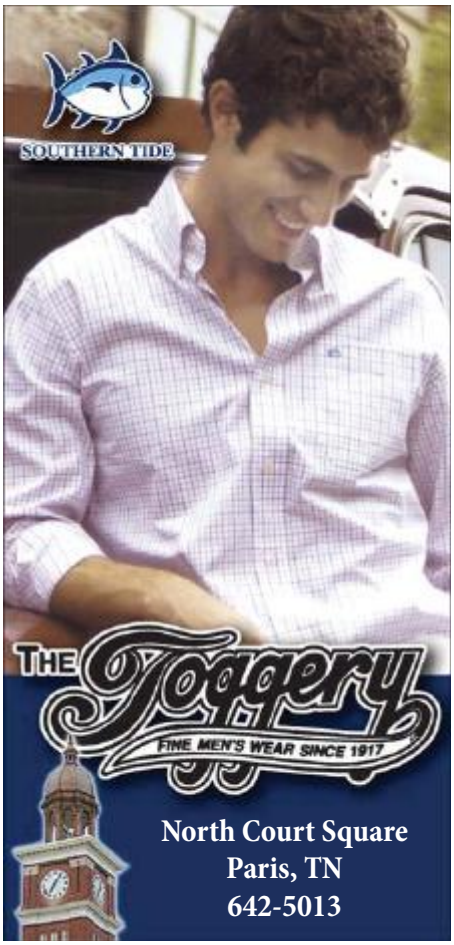
"I grew up working in an old service station when I was 15 or 16 years old in Paris," Bass said, "and that experience grew into a passion."

Bass, who has recently retired as property and evidence officer for the Paris Police Department, wanted to relive those days when stations provided more than just gas — when its employees greeted customers with a smile, checked their oil and water and cleaned their windshields.

With meticulous attention to detail, Bass has been collecting items big and small for 15 years. The show-

At the Dew Drop Inn, one of Andy Bass' treasured collectables is the first bottle of Redmon's Original Bar-B-Que Sauce, signed by Fugate Redmon in 1995.





piece of his collection is also the first thing you see when you drive up to Bass' home at 1170 Highway 77 is a 1918 Birmingham gas pump that stands 10 feet tall. It's his pride and joy and it is the piece that started his collection.

"I wanted a visible gas pump that I could put out on my front yard and word got around," said Bass. The late James Poe of Springville called Bass to his home "and when he opened up his barn door and said, 'Is this what you're looking for?,' I teared up. It's exactly what I wanted."

Poe was a kindred spirit; he spent years recreating a replica of

Andy Bass has collected a variety of petroliana – from oil cans to gasoline pumps.

an old L&N depot and train tracks that still exist at his family's home. He let Bass have the old gas pump with one caveat: that Bass restore it and allow people to look at it.

"That's exactly what I wanted it for anyway," Bass said. "It was rusted and needed sandblasting. It took months but it was worth it."

Starting small, with a few smaller gas pumps that he restored and installed, Bass got the idea of recreating an old gas station in his backyard. As that project moved forward, he decided he wanted to expand that into an old country store next to the gas station. When that project was completed, he built a large porch on the front of the country store so that he and Joyce could sit and enjoy their evenings, looking over their spacious yard.

Bass is picky, though. "I prefer collecting stuff that is local, but that's getting harder and harder to do. We need to preserve things that are from our community."

He calls the interior of his store The Dew Drop Inn. It is decorated with a 1947 dinette set, old photographs from Paris and Coca-Cola items, including a full-size working Coke machine.

Every item he collects has a story and Bass loves telling them, such as how he found the dinette set. "I saw a pickup truck drive by my house with the dinette in the back. I jumped in my truck and caught up with them, asking where they were going with it. They said to the junkyard. I bought it on the spot."

Some items in his collection are small, like antique oil cans, but some are so large, like the huge gas signs, they required a crane and 6 feet-deep ground anchors to install. They all are authentic, including the large Coca-Cola signs that adorn the front of the store.

The effect is so real that people actually have pulled into the Bass' driveway, wanting to fill up with gas. "People drop by and want their pictures taken in front of it," he said, "and that's just fine with us."

The Bass' have three children: twins Donnie and Lisa, and Dennis. Donnie lives in the old store, which also is used for family gatherings. "I love seeing those little kids reach into that old Coca-Cola cooler and getting blue knuckles like we used to," he said.

He has spent so much time on his project, he said, "because I wanted to remind people we need to take time, slow down and just appreciate our past."

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

A Shared History:

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and East Wood Church of Christ

PART I

By Carl Holder

As I considered which communities of faith should be featured in my articles for PARIS!, I realized that First Christian and East Wood Church of Christ were both a must. Knowing they share a common early history, I have opted for two articles.

I grew up attending the Churches of Christ, deciding later that the Disciples were more in keeping with my personal beliefs. Therefore, I am acquainted with the "roots" of both traditions, and aware that they are generally told from very different perspectives.

Earthly origins

The origins of the present day Churches of Christ, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the independent Christian Churches, are in what the Churches of Christ refer to as the Restoration Movement - a title symbolic of their emphasis on the "restoration of New Testament Christianity." The Disciples prefer the term Stone-Campbell Movement, placing more emphasis on the unity aspect. The Stone-Campbell or Restoration Movement was the product of a number of separate, but primarily two movements, which merged to form one body.

A union in the making

A former Presbyterian minister, Barton Stone, was particularly effective in evangelizing the portions of Tennessee and Kentucky, then considered to be the American western frontier. Stone encouraged converts to abstain from sectarian names and to be known simply as Christians. Some time later a father and son, Thomas and Alexander Campbell began a similar work in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Ohio.

The two movements had much in common, and it was only a matter of time before informal unity talks began. Despite their similarities in beliefs, these efforts were difficult since no one person or group of persons had any formal authority to speak on behalf of members beyond the congregational level. For this and other reasons the unity discussions were highly contentious.

Even after unification, Stone's followers preferred to use the name "Christian" while Campbell's followers preferred the term "Disciples," creating confusion in and outside of the Movement. It is unknown which name the Paris congregation adopted but it is possible they used the names interchangeably. For the purposes of these articles I will utilize the name "Christian/Disciples" in reference to the local congregation.

The Movement Takes Hold in Paris

The beginnings of the Paris congregation centered around the arrival of W.Z. Goodman in 1833. Prior to that time Christian/Disciples congregations existed in the Blood River, Van Dyke and Sulphur Wells communities, but not in Paris. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman began meeting with three other persons, forming a home-based fellowship.

In November/December of 1833, a Lexington, Kentucky minister, J.M. McCall, held a month-long gospel meeting. During this time he assisted in organizing a congregation and immersed twenty-five persons. A hallmark of Christian/Disciples beliefs was and still is baptism by full immersion. Accordingly, a baptismal ceremony was set for what turned out to be an extremely cold December day.

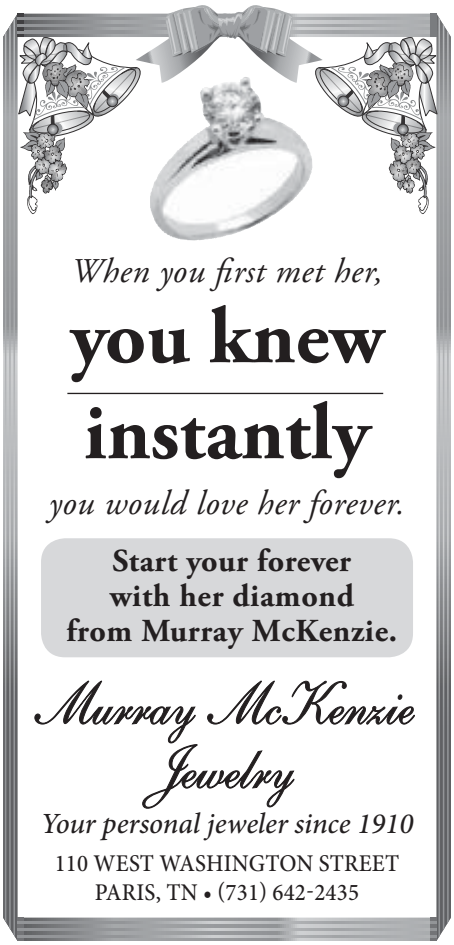
Surprisingly more than 150 persons turned out to witness the service. We are not informed as to their interests, whether religious, or the amusement.

There was an unfortunate aspect of the formation of the Paris congregation. It created ill will among Presbyterians, Methodists, and Baptists when members of these fellowships began leaving to become a part of the new congregation. Making converts among the "unchurched" was one thing; stealing members, as it was viewed, was another. The resulting hostility was often expressed openly and harshly, from pulpits and on the street. Letters from the Paris congregation to early Movement leaders such as Walter Scott and Alexander Campbell, who published the letters in his periodical, The Millennial Harbinger, complained of constant denunciations and the use of a particularly derisive term - "Campbellites!"

Next edition:

Earning Respect the Old Fashioned Way; and a Unity Movement Splinters

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



The Season for Sneezin'

By Tory Daughrity, MS

Nothing is quite as delightful this time of year as a field of wildflowers in bloom - unless you have allergies. From Cottage Grove to Buchanan and every community in between, hundreds of Henry Countians wake up on spring mornings with a runny nose, itchy eyes and a scratchy throat, all symptoms of seasonal allergies.

Robert B. Bressler, MD, is an Allergy, Asthma and Immunology physician at HCMC Medical Arts Building. He offered this Q and A from the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) to help answer questions related to seasonal allergies:

Q: *How do you know if your medical symptoms can be attributed to allergies?*

A: It can be challenging to differentiate between allergies and colds, but there are distinctive signs.

Allergy symptoms usually begin immediately after exposure to the allergen and last as long as you are exposed to it. The experience usually includes itchy and watery eyes, a runny nose and sneezing.

Cold symptoms typically take a few days to develop and subside within several days to a week. Symptoms of a cold usually include fever, aches and pains, and a runny nose or sneezing.

Allergy sufferers can seek out their physician to determine if their symptoms are due to allergies or colds.

Q: *What can be done to prevent allergy symptoms?*

A: Henry Countians don't have to live in a bubble to avoid seasonal allergy attacks. Begin the spring season with a thorough household cleaning, because mold, dust and other allergens tend to collect during the winter. Pay attention to the pollen and mold counts, and avoid outdoor activities until 10:00 a.m.

7 Seven Tips for a Healthier Spring

Those who know what they are allergic to can relieve symptoms by simply avoiding those triggers. Other tips from Dr. Bressler and the AAAAI include the following:

- Try to stay indoors when the pollen count or humidity is high and on windy days.
- Consider taking a vacation during the height of pollen season to a more pollen-free area, such as the beach.
- Don't mow lawns or rake leaves; it stirs up pollens and molds.
- Check pollen levels and mold counts locally at National Allergy Bureau's online site aaaai.org/nab and keep an eye on local TV weather segments.
- Keep house and car windows closed.
- Shower and wash hair before going to bed if you have been outdoors.
- Bathe outdoor pets regularly and don't let these animals sleep in your bedroom.

because pollen counts are highest in the morning. Allergens also are more widespread in hot, dry and windy conditions.

Q: *When should you see a doctor about allergies?*

A: See your doctor if allergy symptoms become unmanageable or resistant to current methods of treatment. Physicians can help find medications and dosages that will work for individual patients. Speak to your physician about immunotherapy, also called allergy shots.

With help, many people can successfully manage their allergies. An allergist can identify what a patient is allergic to and prescribe an allergy nose spray, antihistamine, decongestant or other medications.

Q: *What about eating honey produced in Henry County to reduce allergies?*

A: There have been no peer-reviewed scientific studies that conclusively prove whether honey actually reduces allergies. Almost all evidence regarding the immunizing effects of eating honey is anecdotal. But these reports have proven persuasive enough for some people to try to fight their seasonal allergies by eating honey every day.

If you feel you are sneezing for a reason, take the opportunity to have an annual check-up to address this and other health issues. For a list of Henry County healthcare providers, visit www.hcmc-tn.org and access the online physician directory.

Dr. Robert B. Bressler performs an ear examination on Benjamin Wimberley of Paris. If allergy symptoms persist, visit your doctor and receive treatment for your particular condition.

Tory Daughrity, MS, is the Director of Marketing and Public Relations at Henry County Medical Center.

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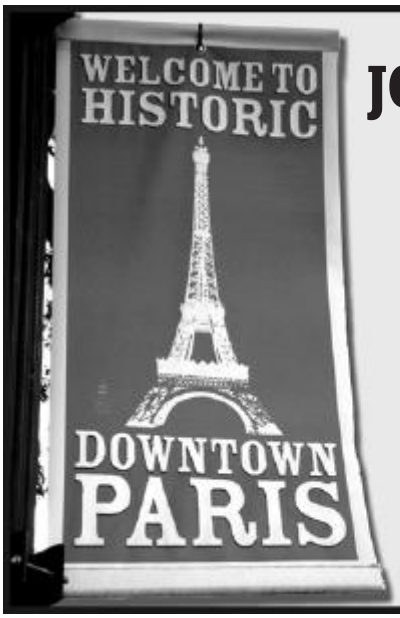

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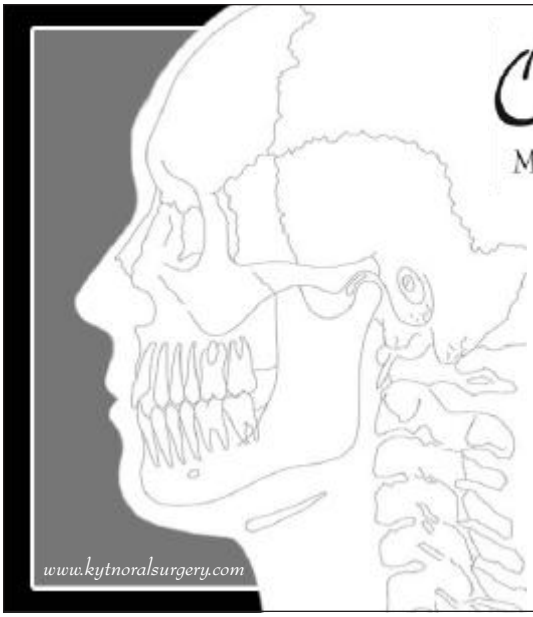

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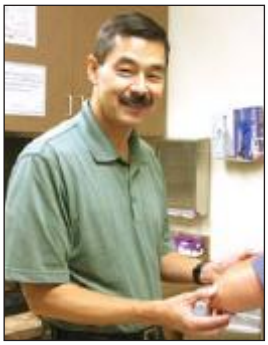

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Third Grade Science

EGGSperiment

By Norma Gerrell

Q: What do you get when you cross a chick with a Martian?

A: An eggs-traterrestrial!

That may be an elementary school joke, but it turns out that plenty of young students know a great deal about chicken and eggs thanks to Tracey Bomar, their third grade teacher at Paris Elementary.

Each spring, Bomar leads her students in a science experiment that gives them hands-on experience with the wonders of life. The children use an incubator to hatch chicks and ducklings right in their classroom.

The learning experiment

Bomar begins the experiment by explaining that chickens exist in many colors, sizes and shapes. There are more than 350 combinations of physical features. Generally it takes 21 days for a chick to hatch from an egg and 28 days for a duck.

Next, the children learn about incubating eggs and caring for the baby chicks who will soon hatch. Getting out of the egg is hard work and can take many hours. The chicks and ducklings use an egg tooth, a hard tooth-like projection from the beak, to break out of their membrane and shell. After the chick chips a circle around the egg to cut the shell into two pieces, the egg tooth quickly falls off.

"For weeks before the event, it is all we can think about," said Bomar, who shares her students' enthusiasm. "When the big day finally arrives, I bring in the eggs."

Bomar gets the chicken eggs from her neighbor Frankie Beecham. The duck eggs come from the resident ducks on her mom and dad's pond, many of which were incubated and hatched in Bomar's classroom in previous years.

"My students are responsible for maintaining the proper temperature and humidity in the incubator," she said. "Over the years, students have hatched Rhode Island Reds, Longhorns, Guineas, ducks and others.

"We know we are lucky when nearly half of the chicks eventually peck their way out of their shells. It's a real-life example of why you should never count your chickens before they hatch," she laughed.

"They are a miracle of cuteness - peeping, fuzzy, and warm. Best of all, they'll fall asleep in your hands if you are sneaky enough to steal away to the brooding area for a few minutes." As a special perk, each student gets to choose a name for a baby chick.

Life's lessons

Two weeks after the chicks hatch comes the dreaded day when they are taken back to the farm. "By this time, most of these third graders have fallen in love with the hatch-

'They are a miracle of cuteness.'

Tracey Bomar's students enjoy watching their ducklings paddling around in a wading pool.

lings and have a hard time letting them go," said Bomar. "But they understand that chicks and ducklings belong on a farm.

"It is wonderful to see my students care for the eggs for 21 days, watching and waiting, checking temps and humidity, writing down the days and candling the eggs for movement," Bomar said. The students spend their time analyzing the parts of the egg and pictures that depict chick development at different stages.

Learning comes alive

Bomar combines science, social studies, reading, language arts and mathematics into the unit she teaches on hatching chicks. Learning comes alive for students as they gather and interpret data, create charts and graphs, read stories, write and closely study the chicks inside their eggs.

"Since they are city kids with no outlet to a farm, pond, or other rural setting, many of them would never have an experience with chickens or eggs outside of a grocery store.

This helps students to make connections across the curriculum; it adds excitement to standards and students have an experience they will carry with them forever."

Dr. Norma Gerrell is the Supervisor of Instruction for the Paris Special School District.

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Spruce Up Spring with the Versatile Crepe

By Lisa Ciarrocchi

Crepes are wonderfully light canvases that are just waiting to be painted for any occasion or no occasion at all! They make an easy Easter morning breakfast or a great way to brighten mom's morning on Mother's Day. They pair well with savory elements for a fancy lunch or dinner and are a fun way to make dessert.

One of the big perks is that crepes may be made ahead. Simply cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate up to three days. They can be frozen for several weeks.

Easy-To-Make Crepes

1 cup all-purpose flour
2 eggs
½ tsp. sugar*
½ cup milk
½ cup water
¼ tsp. salt
2 Tbsp. butter, melted

In large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, eggs and sugar. Gradually add in milk and water, stirring to combine. Add salt and butter; beat until smooth.

Heat small non-stick sauté or crepe pan to medium heat. Spray lightly with butter spray. Pour the batter onto griddle using approx. ¼ cup for each crepe. Immediately swirl to coat bottom of pan evenly. Cook crepe until set and light brown; loosen with spatula, turn and cook other side. Repeat until all batter is used. Makes 4 crepes.

***Time Note**: If time allows, let batter sit for one hour for noticeable difference. Stir again; add a bit more milk if needed.*

Super Simple Strawberry Shortcake Crepes

1 tub Cool Whip®
1 cup powdered sugar
Fresh strawberries, sliced thin
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8 Easy-To-Make Crepes

Mix together powdered sugar and Cool Whip. Place cooled crepe onto plate. Slather powdered sugar and Cool Whip mixture evenly over entire crepe. Place sliced strawberries intermittently over powdered sugar mixture. Roll crepe lengthwise, cut into 8 pieces, drizzle with Paris Winery Strawberry Wine. Repeat.

Grilled Chicken Salad Crepes

1 pkg chicken tenders (about 8 pieces)
7 Tbsp. olive oil, divided
1 Tbsp. butter
1 Tbsp. lemon juice
1 Tbsp. each fresh thyme & rosemary leaves, chopped
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper, freshly ground
3 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar
1 garlic clove, minced
1 cup mixed salad greens
1 red onion - sliced into rings
½ cup feta cheese crumbles

Lay chicken tenders in shallow dish. Pour 1 Tbsp. olive oil and lemon juice over chicken. Mix well. Sprinkle thyme, rosemary, salt and pepper over chicken, turning with tongs to coat all sides. Cover; let stand ten minutes.

If you made crepes ahead of time, remove from refrigerator (or freezer), wrap in foil and warm in a 325°F oven for 10-15 minutes until heated through.

Meanwhile, melt butter and 2 tablespoons of olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Sauté chicken tenders for 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. (Use cast-iron fry pan for best results.) Set chicken aside; keep warm by covering with tinfoil.

Add garlic to pan. Stir and cook for 30 seconds. Add vinegar and remaining 4 tablespoons of olive oil, stirring together for 30 seconds more. Remove from heat.

Assemble crepes: Lay each crepe on the final serving dish. Place 2 chicken tenders in each crepe. Add several leaves of salad greens, 2-3 onion rings and a sprinkle of feta to each crepe. Top with 1 tablespoon of the warm balsamic vinegar dressing. Roll up. Repeat with remaining crepes; serve immediately.

Easy Savory Crepe filling ideas:

To make Easy Savory Crepes, omit sugar from the Easy-To-Make Crepes recipe. Add your favorite fillings like cheese, chopped ham or bacon, chopped chicken, slices of cooked potato and herbs. Anything you could or would put into an omelet is also great in a crepe - *enjoy!*

Lisa Ciarrocchi and her husband Roger operate Paris Winery and Ruggero's Italian Bistro. Their daughter Diana is also a major contributor to Paris Cuisine.

Harry Burton peeks over his painting of hearts and flowers created for the February challenge at the Tennessee River Fine Arts League monthly meeting.

Linda Fields jots down items for a new slate as auctioneer Noel Hatman keeps the bidding hot during the annual Helping Hand Radio Auction. The event, which is broadcast on WTPR raised in excess of $280,000 .

Henry County Patriot football team and coaches, winners of the Class 5A State Championship, head to Nashville after accepting an invitation by State Representative Tim Wirgau to be recognized on the House floor of the 107th General Assembly.

John and Sandra Daniels, members of the Conger Senior Center shake a leg to the music of Judy & the Guys at the Valentine's Dance hosted by the Henry County Office on Aging. Proceeds went to the center. *(Photo submitted by HCOOA)*

Brian Tower of R.E.A.L. Hope Youth Center clowns around with Jeremy Lindsey of Lakeway IGA during the Small Business Basics class at the Chamber. The R.E.A.L. Hope Youth Center students served refreshments during class. *(Photo provided by the Chamber)*

Lynette and Jerry McElroy, long-time owners of Kristi's Corner, visit with Maggie's owner Gerry Scholes, during a retirement reception for the McElroys.

Harellson fifth grader Ashley Capps delivers her speech about Clara Barton in the annual 4-H speech contest at Inman School.

Local teen Alex Carney isn't dressed up for Halloween, she was an extra in the zombie Western movie, "Revelation Trail." Her portion of the film was shot at Fort Massac Park near Metropolis, Illinois. Look for an article on her adventure in the next issue of PARIS!

Henry County Sheriff's Department Corporal Forrest Kemp informs students Aleece Passman and Brooke Daniels of an unexpected life change to their budget at the Henry County School System's "Reality Store." Tina Passman (seated) is in charge of the "Legal" booth for student Katherine Wynn. Students must visit a booth, follow a storyline, and amend their budget accordingly. *(Photo submitted by HCSS)*

CNN videographer Gustav Valdes hooks a sound wire to Andrew Fazzini outside of Paris on the Square. Fazzini played guitar for a television piece in which parallels were drawn between Paris, Tennessee and Woody Allen's Oscar-nominated film, "Midnight in Paris."

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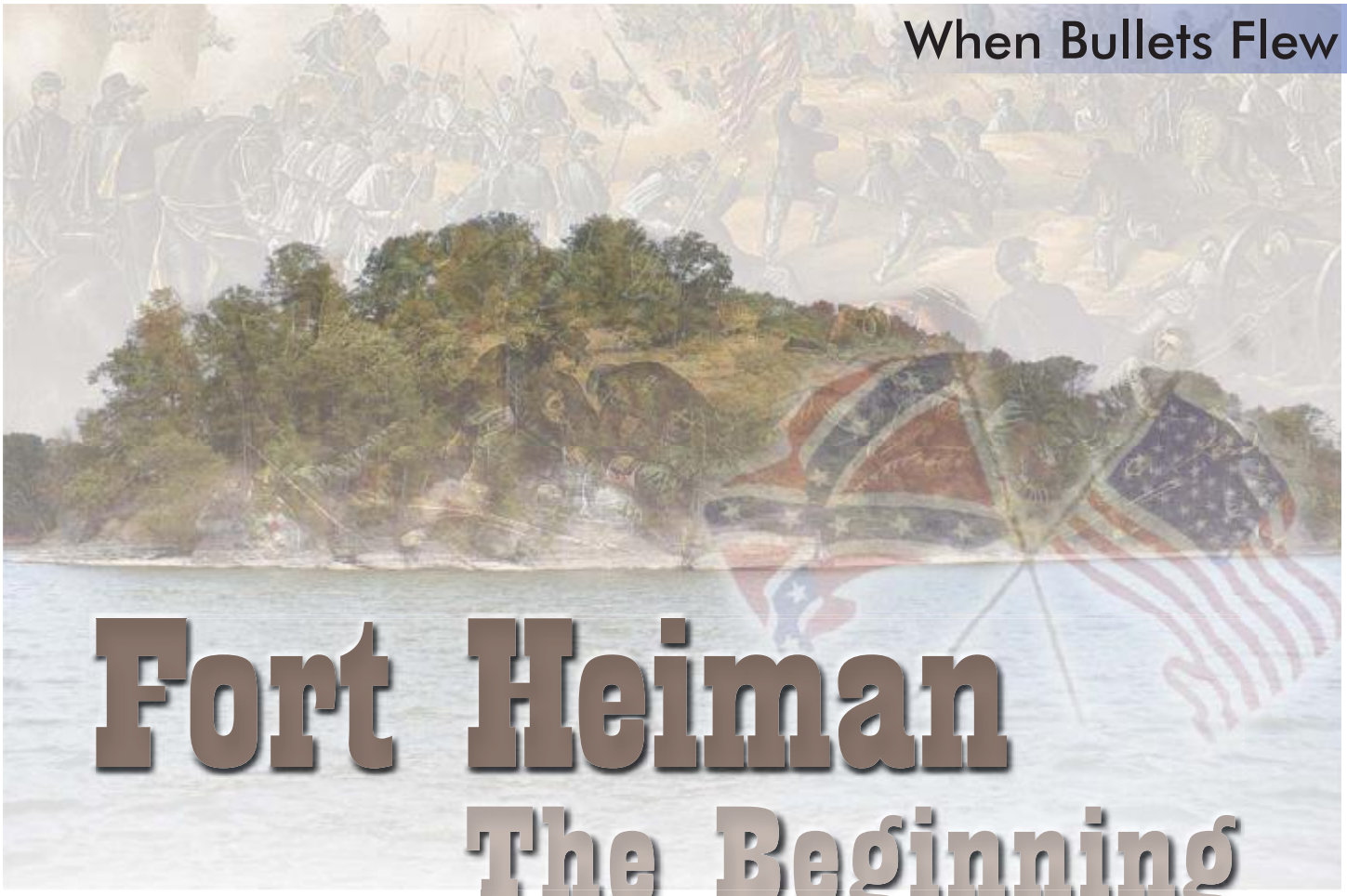


Fort Heiman
The Beginning

By Larry Ray

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

Because Fort Heiman is visible from my home, at first I was only interested in discovering more about this specific fort. But during my research, I found that Heiman was involved in a series of battles and historic events that dramatically influenced the course of the Civil War.

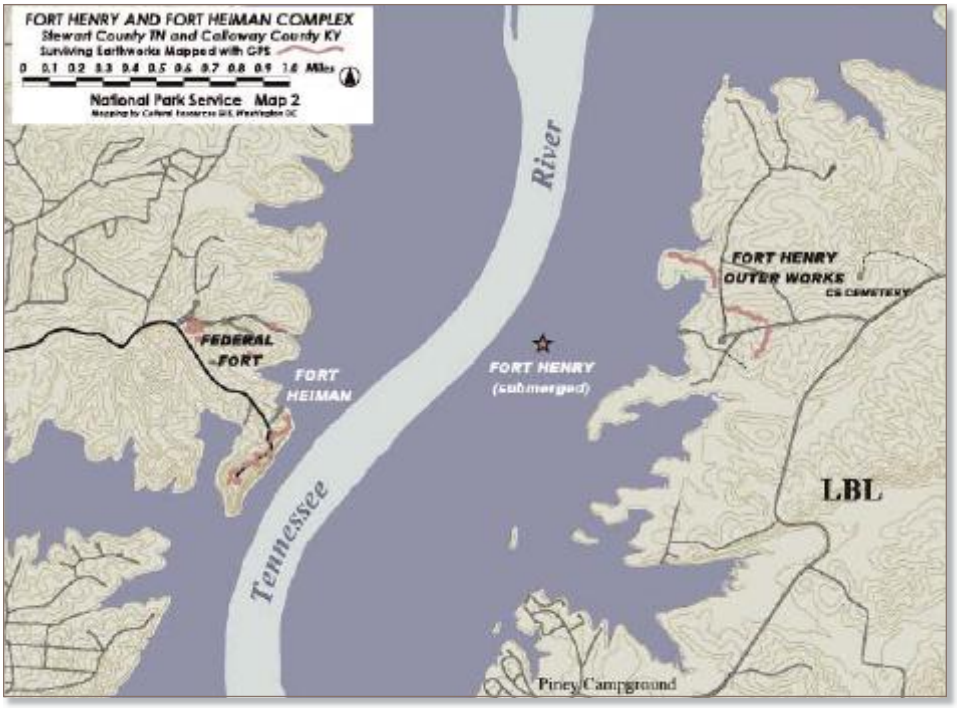
Early in the War, the South realized that it needed to quickly protect the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers from the coming Federal invasion. The new Confederacy hastily chose locations for Fort Henry (on the bank of the Tennessee) and Fort Donelson (on the bank of the Cumberland) to protect these vital routes. Construction began in autumn of 1861.

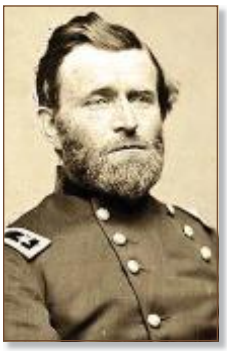
General Lloyd Tilghman

During the building of Fort Henry, the Confederates realized that the fort was poorly sited; it was prone to flooding and needed more protection. *(Note: Prior to TVA's creation of Kentucky Lake on the Tennessee River, the waterway was substantially smaller than it is today.)* Confederate Brigadier General Lloyd Tilghman, then the commanding officer at both Forts Henry and Donelson knew that if the gunboats did not destroy Fort Henry, nature would finish the job for the Federals. Something had to be done, and rapidly.

General Tilghman looked west across the river at the high rocky bluffs and ordered another fort to be built. Its commanding view of the Tennessee River and Fort Henry made it ideal to support the low-lying fort *(see map on page 28)*.

Engineers were quickly sent across the river to start planning the construction. Slave labor from Alabama and Mississippi did most of the work. *(Little did they know that this fort would eventually house black refugees from the area.)* The new fort, named after Colonel Adolphus Heiman of the 10th Tennessee Regiment who commanded the 1,100 troops at the fort and oversaw its construction, was still unfinished when General Grant launched his offensive in February 1862. The fort, which might have stopped the passage of Union gunboats down the Tennessee, was not destined to be completed.





General Ulysses S. Grant

Time was running out and a dark cloud was brewing to the north. Union Brigadier General Ulysses S. Grant wasted no time leaving Cairo, Illinois, on February 2, 1862. His invasion force consisted of 17,000 men in two divisions and a naval flotilla of seven gunboats commanded by Navy Commodore Andrew Hull Foote. There were few transport ships this early in the war to deliver all of the army troops in a single operation. Two trips upriver were required to reach Forts Heiman and Henry.

Fort Heiman, along with Forts Donelson and Henry, was becoming one of three prominent Southern earthen forts on the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers. On February 4, with Heiman still not completed, General Tilghman realized he could not prevent the destruction or capture of Fort Henry and moved the Fort Heiman garrison back to Fort Henry to supplement that fort's defenses. Heiman was being abandoned, but her fight was not over. She still had a big part to play in the war.

Next issue: The Battle for Fort Henry

Larry Ray is a self-employed Business Consultant 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.

When Hosting becomes Heritage

By Jennifer Wheatley

No economic impact analysis or head count can really ever explain what Fish Fry means to Henry Countians. It is more than an event or a single experience. World's Biggest Fish Fry memories are integral threads woven into the lives of everyone who enjoys the fish tent, carnival, catfish races, rodeo, Hushpuppy Dash, and the parade with its marching bands and waving beauty queens.

As the floats glide by, many spectators don't realize that they are watching a transformation of sorts. Fish Fry Hostess Princesses and their courts are more than a group of pretty girls. They are youthful ambassadors for Paris and Henry County, and often that public experience shape their lives and memories forever.

Gale Hartzfeldt Tharpe

In 1975, Gale (Hartzfeldt) Tharpe and Jennifer (Jones) Morris were both members of the Hostess Princess Court. Tharpe is the wife of Paris Mayor Sam Tharpe, an Honors graduate of Murray State University and long-time employee of the local Social Security Administration. She served as first maid, and her memories were fresh and clear as she recalled a fondness for cotton candy from the carnival.

"It was an honor to represent Paris," said Tharpe as she gently turned the pages of a scrapbook, unfolded yellowed newspaper inserts and pointed out the members of the court. She and others "were high school cheerleaders together, so we already had a bond."

Even as a little girl she "admired the Hostess princesses. They were so beautiful and poised." It was the self-confidence, the ability to answer questions and meet people she gained from Fish Fry and other pageant experiences.

Tharpe was also Henry County's Fairest of the Fair and called the cost of her gown to compete at the state competition a "sacrifice" for her family. She remembered travelling with her mother to competitions and later loaning her dresses to other young ladies.

As Paris' first lady, Tharpe calls upon skills developed as part of the

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court as she welcomes visitors to Paris for Fish Fry and other events. She sees those duties as part of her responsibility to her community, as much as teaching Sunday School or serving on multiple boards and committees for the Henry County Healthcare Foundation, Holley Credit Union, Tennessee Vocational Training Center and others.

Jennifer Jones Morris

Jennifer Morris serves as Community Development Director for the City of Paris and is the wife of Dr. Jeff Morris. She can draw a direct correlation between her experiences as a member of the Hostess Princess Court, the Fairest of the Fair Court and her career. She said it "put me in a position to meet and know more people in the community. It allowed me to become more invested in this community personally."

Among her other duties, Morris represents the city at retail shows and is frequently called upon to "sell" Paris and Henry County. It's hard to imagine that she was "less than confident" when she was younger. "The Hostess Princess and Fairest of the Fair experiences helped me overcome a terrific case of shyness," she said. "My first pageant was the Fairest of the Fair. I never thought I'd make it to the finals and have to answer a question. My family admitted to holding their breath until that part was over. I don't remember; I was traumatized for the whole three minutes!"

These days Morris most enjoys the family aspects of the World's Biggest Fish Fry. "My husband is in charge of hushpuppies along with his lodge at the Fish Tent. It is so much fun working the serving line, talking to people you haven't seen in a while and those you don't know. I enjoy finding out where they are from and how far they travelled to visit the Fish Fry."

Morris summed it up: "Fish Fry is generational," she said. "We do the events and activities as children and then watch our children and grandchildren enjoy the same things. I remember being in the Small Fry Parade as a child, then building little floats and costumes for my son, Chad. Now my grandchildren participate."

As the Fish Fry nears its sixtieth anniversary, it appears that its heritage, as well as its future is in very good hands.

Jennifer Wheatley is the executive director of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.

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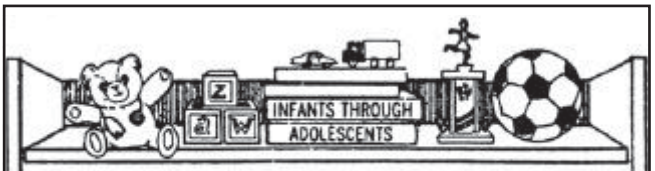

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Time to Start, Look, and Listen!

By Dan Townsend

Although April means Fish Fry to most readers, it also means National Car Care Month (NCCM), a time when motorists are encouraged to have their vehicles inspected and to learn about the benefits of preventive automotive maintenance.

Regular maintenance is the best way for driving divas to avoid big repair bills, costly breakdowns and accidents.

A diva who starts, looks and listens will be ahead of the car care game as she learns to care for her car's battery, lighting and brakes. Here are a few tips but these are just the beginning. For more information, check out www.CarCare.org.

Batteries

Statistics from NCCM showed 13 percent of all vehicles' batteries need maintenance. To get the most life out of a battery, divas should:

• Keep the top of the battery clean. Dirt becomes a conductor that drains power from the battery. Further, as corrosion accumulates on battery terminals it becomes an insulator, inhibiting current flow from the battery.

• Be sure the electrical system is charging at the correct rate; overcharging can damage a battery as quickly as undercharging.

• Always replace a battery with one that's rated at least as high as the one originally specified.

Lights

Automobile lights are normal-wear items that require periodic inspection and replacement. Approximately one in ten vehicles has a faulty light, which means the driver cannot properly communicate with other motorists. Driving divas should:

• Keep headlights, tail lights and signal lights clean. External dirt and debris can dim operational lights. Consider purchasing a kit available at a local parts store that will return cloudy headlight lenses to "like-new" condition.

• Make sure that headlights are properly aimed. Misaligned headlights reduce your ability to see the

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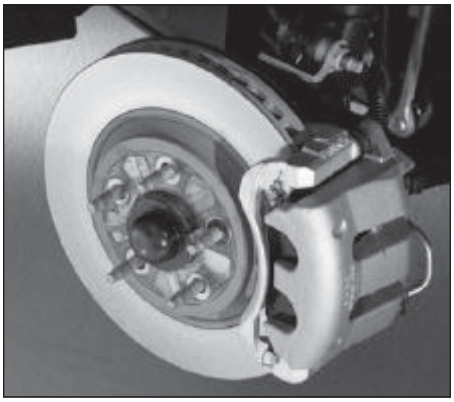
road. They also blind other drivers, creating a dangerous scenario.

Brakes

Brakes are also a normal-wear item for any car. Eventually they'll need to be replaced for both performance and safety reasons. A shocking 24% of vehicles had low brake fluid during National Car Care Month inspections. To avoid brake issues, drivers should:

- Have brakes inspected if scraping, grinding or squealing is heard when the brakes are applied.
- Have the brake fluid level checked each time the car is serviced.
- Have the car checked right away if it begins pulling to either side when braking.
- Have the car inspected if other warning signs appear including an (even intermittently) illuminated brake warning light, brake grabbing, an unusual low or hard pedal feel or vibration.



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Normal brake wear needs to be inspected for performance and safety reasons.

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Ease into Spring
with Three West Tennessee Trails

By Tim Check

With good riding weather near, cyclists and hikers will want to check out these three West Tennessee trails. They are great for folks who want to get conditioned for longer rides and those who enjoy nice walks.

RIDE #1
Brian Brown Memorial Greenway, Martin, TN
Distance: 30 miles or 45 minutes

This nice urban trail is 1.15 miles in length and is paved and flat. It begins at Highway 431 and Skyhawk Parkway and passes east through the old railroad grade and farms into the campus area. A very easy conditioning ride, it's also a commonly used walking and multiple-use trail. The greenway will eventually connect downtown Martin with the UT Martin campus and the west side. The greenway was funded by a TDOT Grant and locally generated matching money. Brian Brown, former UT Martin Campus Recreation Director was in the process of designing this greenway when he passed away. Individuals and groups united to make his dream of a recreational trail for local residents and students a reality.

For more information contact Martin Parks and Recreation at 731-587-6784 or www.cityofmartin.net/PDF/greenway.pdf.

RIDE #2
Meeman-Shelby Forest Bike Trail, Millington, TN
Distance: Paris to Millington, 146 miles or 2½ hours

Meeman-Shelby State Park is one of the nicest parks in far West Tennessee. The park features biking, fishing, boating, camping, hiking, nature observation, horseback riding, picnic facilities, disc golf and swimming. Biking is amazing with a scenic five-mile paved trail that meanders through heavy forest. Hikers and even skaters can use this trail.

The park also has a nature center. In addition to the designated bike trail, many cyclists use the

paved park roads to extend their rides. If you enjoy hiking, there are over twenty miles of trails that wind throughout the park.

The Chickasaw Bluff trail is especially nice with impressive views and wildlife observation. The Pioneer and Woodland trails are a bonus.

Contact 800-471-5293 or visit www.tn.gov and search bike trails.

RIDE #3
Shelby Farms Greenline Trail, Memphis, TN

Distance: 137 miles or 2½ hours

This is an urban experience that runs for seven miles between Tillman Street in east Memphis, crossing the Wolf River, and Farm Road in Shelby Farms Park. The greenline is built on the old CSX railroad grade, which was closed down in 2004. An excellent example of how to use an old railroad grade in an urban setting, this paved wide and smooth trail is used for cycling, walking, skating and running. Mostly shaded, it connects numerous other paved trails within the park for extended rides.

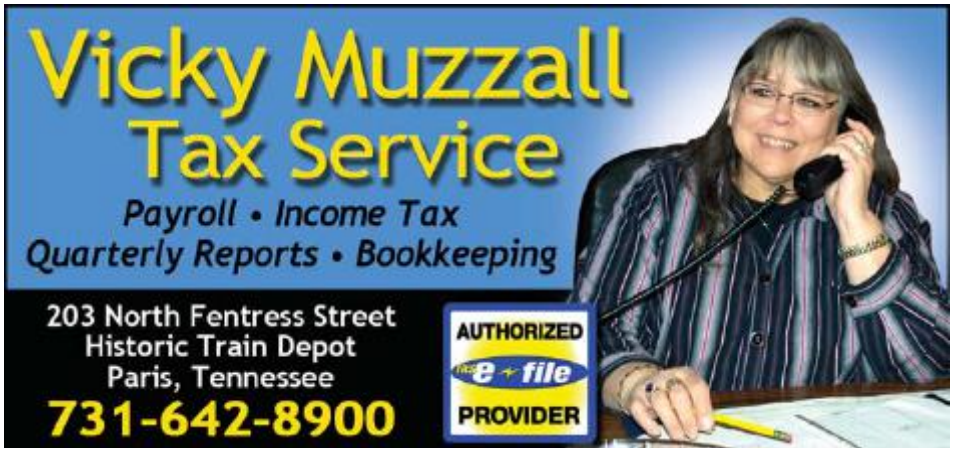
At 4,500 acres, Shelby Farms Park is one the largest of its kind. There are dozens of lakes, ponds and meadows. Between 1929 and 1964 Shelby Farms was a penal colony where inmates worked the land for agriculture.

To get to the park, take I-240 to the Walnut Grove Exit and head east to the third stop light. The park is on both sides of the road.

For more information, visit shelbyfarmpark.org

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."

These photos from the Meeman-Shelby Forest Bike Trail illustrate why this heavily forested trek is one of the best in West Tennessee.



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Going Native!

By John Watkins

There has been a growing interest in the past few years to use more native plant materials in landscapes, and as a horticulturist, I try to promote this cause on a daily basis. Yet I have to admit that I am as guilty as the next person of not always picking native plants first.

As a landscape designer my job is to create a landscape filled with beautiful plants, and I have a much larger palate to work with if I can choose plants from all over the globe. Convincing customers to use native plants can sometimes be difficult because they don't always know a lot about them or how to use them successfully.

Many are also under the misconception that native plant landscapes are an "all or nothing" deal. But by adding a few native plants to your garden can alleviate that "cookie cutter" design mentality and attract more diverse wildlife to your area.

Natives vs. Exotics

What exactly makes a plant native or exotic? Quite simply, a native plant is one that occurs naturally in a region (indigenous) while an exotic is one that has been introduced by humans, either deliberately or accidentally. This also means that while a plant may be native to North America, it may be exotic to our region here in West Tennessee.

I don't normally think of Bradford pears, burning bushes or nandinas as being all that exotic, but they aren't considered natives to our area either. While many exotics are harmless and can add interest to our landscapes, some threaten biodiversity by out-competing and displacing natives. Think kudzu, spearmint and privet.

Benefits of Using Natives

Before anyone can be convinced to use native plants in their landscape, there has to be some benefit or payback. Consider these benefits:

- Natural adaption to regional conditions (this means less maintenance and more success)
- Hardiness (they can withstand extremes in temperatures)
- Environmental friendiness (require fewer pesticides and fertilizers)
- Food and shelter for native wildlife
- Regional landscapes restoration to promote biodiversity

And while these attributes alone should be reasons enough to warrant their use, many native plants have enormous ornamental appeal as well.

Using Native Plants

Just like incorporating any successful landscape plan, using native plants involves choosing the right plants for the right place. The

design goal for landscaping with native plants is to have "art imitate nature." A little homework on your part will ensure that you have combinations that occur together in natural landscapes.

Below, I've put together a little list recommeded plants:

Flowers for sunny areas : tall coreopsis, Joe-pye weed, purple beebalm, black-eyed susan, sedum, garden phlox, butterfly weed, partridgeberry, obedient plant, wild petunia, fragrant goldenrod, little bluestem (grass), switchgrass (grass).

Plants for a shady area : Jack-in-the-pulpit, alumroot, spiderwort, violet, Christmas fern, lady fern, maidenhair fern, ebony spleenwort, Solomon's seal, Jacob's ladder.

Native Shrubs : chokeberry, American beautyberry, buttonbush, hearts-a-bustin', oakleaf hydrangea, deciduous holly, winterberry, mockorange, fragrant sumac, Virginia sweetspire, elderberry.

Southern crabapple

Small Trees : red buckeye, serviceberry, northern catalpa, redbud, dogwood, hawthorn, American holly, sweetbay magnolia, Southern crabapple, sourwood.

Large Trees : red maple, river birch, hickories, yellowwood, persimmon, beech, red cedar, blackgum, sycamore, oak (many species), sassafras, bald cypress.

Vines: crossvine, trumpet creeper, climbing hydrangea, Virginia creeper, passion flower, wisteria.

When it comes down to it, planting some native plants in your garden just makes good sense. The benefits are less care and maintenance, attraction of wildlife, and the beauty of a more natural landscape. Plus you are adding a wealth of plant selections to your pallette.

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

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March 4–28 - Paris Henry County Arts Council presents the **20th Annual Photo Showcase** at the Heritage Center. Admission is free. Sponsored by Dr. & Mrs. Danny Kimberlin. Call 731-642-3955 for information.

March 11 - Spring forward, it's **Daylight Savings Time.**

March 16–18 - HCHS stages the musical **"Little Shop of Horrors"** at the Krider Performing Arts Center. Call 731-642-5232 for more information.

March 16 – Parent Teacher Conference in Henry County School System and Paris Special School District. Call your school for more information.

March 16 - First Christian Church's Annual **St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**. 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Christian Women Fellowship's local charities. Tickets available from members or at the door.

March 17 – **St. Patrick's Day**

March 17 – **Fort Henry Trail Cleanup** at Land Between the Lakes, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Join us as we hike the Ft. Henry Trails, picking up trash and recyclables and learn more about the area during the Civil War. For more information call (270) 924-2007. Read more about Fort Henry in "When Bullets Flew" on page 27.

March 20 – **Yippee! Spring** officially begins today!

March 22 – Paris Elementary School **Third Grade Swim Program** is at the Civic Center Pool. Call 731-642-3675 for more information.

March 24 - **Alyssa Dance Studio Recital** takes the stage at the Krider at 6:30 p.m. For info, call 931-627-2604.

March 24 – Meet regional authors Michael Freeland and Tom McKenney during a **booksigning at W. G. Rhea Library** from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information call 731-642-1702.

March 29 - **Paris Elementary School Strings** welcomes spring in their concert at 6 p.m. at the Krider. Call 731-642-3675 for more information.

March 30–31 - **Henry School** students bring the music and magic of **"Aladdin"** to the Krider stage at 7 p.m. Call 731-243-7114 for inforrmation.

March 31 – **Grand Opening** of the World's Biggest Fish Fry Headquarters, 1330 East Wood Street, 10 a.m. Call 731-644-1143.

April 1–26 - The Arts Council presents the **27th Annual Artist Showcase** at the Heritage Center. Admission is free. Sponsored by Dr. and Mrs. Blake Chandler. For info, call 731-642-3955.

April 2–6 - Ahhhh….**Spring Break** for students in Paris and Henry County.

April 2–6 - **Holy Week Services** are held daily at noon at Grace Episcopal Church, 103 S. Poplar, followed by lunch in Ketchum Hall. Call 731-642-1721.

April 5 - Lie down, give blood, have a snack, and save a life. **Lifeline Bloodmobile** is at First United Methodist Church, noon to 6 p.m. 731-642-2941 for information.

April 5 - First United Methodist Church **Maundy Thursday Service** is at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Call 731-642-4764.

April 6 - **Good Friday.** No school in Paris and Henry County.

April 8 – **Happy Easter!** He is risen indeed!

April 8 – **Easter Sunrise Service** is on the front steps of First United Methodist Church. Breakfast, contemporary and traditional services follow throughout the morning. Call 731-642-4764.

April 12 - **Inman Middle School Band** celebrates spring with a concert in the IMS Gym. For information call 731-642-8131.

April 13 – **Chamber of Commerce Annual Membership Golf Tournament** is at The Tennessean. Call 731-642-3431.

April 13 – 15 - R.E.A.L. Hope Youth Center and Dad's Docks Family Fun Center present the first annual **R.E.A.L. Fun Weekend.** Advance tickets $12/day for unlimited play on laser tag, miniature golf, bumper cars etc. $15 day of event. Call R.E.A.L. Hope at (731) 333-1320 for more information.

April 14 - **Fantastic Four** four-mile run sponsored by Paris Lions Club, begins at 8 a.m. For more information, call Amy Veazey at 731-693-8108.

April 14 - **Arts Council Youth For The Arts Fundraiser concert** featuring Bethel University Renaissance Choir, 7 p.m. at the Krider. Student art show 6 p.m. Call 731-642-3955.

April 16 - **Inman Middle School Spring Chorus Concert** at the Krider at 6 p.m. Call 731-642-8131.

April 20 - Hats off to the **Tennessee Technical School graduates** who receive their diplomas at the Krider at 6:30 p.m. Call 731-644-7365.

April 21 – **The World's Biggest Fish Fry 5K Hushpuppy Dash**, 8 a.m., Henry County High School. Register at 7 a.m.; entry fee $20.00 or $15.00 if preregistered. Call 731-644-1143 or visit www.worldsbiggestfishfry.com.

April 23–29 - **The Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry!** See the exciting schedule of events on the back cover of this issue. Read related article on page 7. Be sure to hug those Jaycees!

April 25 - Remember the unsung heroes of the your office on **Administrative Professional's Day.**

April 27 - **No School!** PSSD and Henry County Schools are closed to celebrate the World's Biggest Fish Fry. See you at the parade at 10 a.m. Hear Susan Jones, Mary Kate Ridgeway and Brad Hosford on WTPR 710 AM for live parade coverage.

May 1 - **Rhea School Spring Concert** is at the Krider Center at 6 p.m. 731-642-0961 for information.

May 3 - **Lifeline Bloodmobile** is at First United Methodist Church, Blythe Street from noon- 6 p.m. Call 731-642-2941.

May 3 - **Spring Gathering** is at First United Methodist Church. Lunch is served from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. Tickets available at the door; dine in or take out. Call 731-642-4764.

May 4–5 - Enjoy the crazy antics of **The Gong Show** featuring The Barons at TVCC, Highway 79 (behind the Chamber of Commerce.) Call 731-333-1320 for more information. Proceeds benefit R.E.A.L. Hope Youth Center.

May 4 - KPAC Children's Theater's 5-8 year-olds present **"The Three Little Pigs"** followed by 9-18 year-olds in the musical **"Do-Wap Wed Widing Hood"** at 7:00 pm. Tickets are $8 for general, $10 reserved; $5 seniors and childen. Call 731-363-4668 with questions.

May 5 - **The Children's Theater musical matinee** is at 3 p.m. at KPAC

May 5 - **Tomorrow's Hope Pregnancy Help Center** sponsors the **"Walk For Life,"** a walk, run, or wheel event. The event begins at noon at 211 Brewer Street and includes music plus kids' activities throughout the day.

May 6 - **The Athena Delphian Club Garden Tour**, 3 to 5:30 p.m. This year's tour features the gorgeous gardens of Jimmy and Peggy Williams, Pat and Rachel Terrell and Gaines and Becky Hedges. For information, call 731-535-9116.

May 11 - Find the $100 clue in the **Hidden Object Game** at the Tennessee River Fine Arts League Spring Art Show and Sale, 5 - 8 p.m. at Lee School Academy for the Arts, 402 Lee Street. For more informatian, call 731-644-1217.

May 12 - Do you smell ham? The Rotary Club hosts its annual **Country Ham Breakfast** in the Paris Elementary School Cafeteria from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

May 12 - Rhea School PTO sponsors a **5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk** at Rhea School. Call 731-642-0961 for info.

May 12 - **5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Fun Walk** leaves from First United Methodist Church at 8 a.m., finishes at Henry County Court House. Benefits FUMC Relay for Life Team. Call 731-336-8579 for information.

May 12 - **You Be The Judge Bar-B-Que Festival** kicks off on the Court House lawn, Downtown Paris. Tickets $5. Call 731-643-PARIS for info.

May 13 – It's **Mother's Day.**

May 17 - **No school** in Paris Special School District for Administrative Day.

May 18 - Paris Special School District has an **abbreviated day**. Last day!

May 18 - **Henry County High School graduation.** Congratulations grads! For information, call 731-642-9733.

May 19 - **Puryear Day** is always great! For info, 731-247-5362.

May 19 – **The Quebe Sisters Band** perform a benefit concert for Lee Academy at the Krider. These three sisters are national fiddle champions who play everything from Texas swing to hot jazz with amazing three-part vocals. Listen at www.quebesistersband.com.

May 19 - The Annual **Fancy Nancy Day** for 4-8-year old girls, 2 to 4 p.m. at the W. G. Rhea Library. Tea is served at 3 p.m. Admission is free but must register. Call 731-642-1702.

May 20 - **The Martin Dance Studio Recital** fills the stage of the Krider. For information call 731-642-2517.

May 24 – **Last day of school** in Henry County.

May 25 – **Trina's Dance Studio Recital** is at the Krider at 7 p.m. For more information call 731-642-2517.

May 28 – **Memorial Day!** Special service to honor our fallen heroes is at the Henry County Court House. Call the county mayor's office at 731-642-5212 for information.

ONGOING EVENTS

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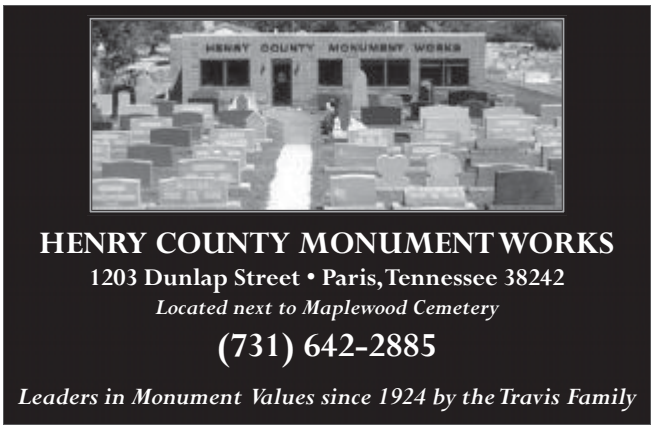
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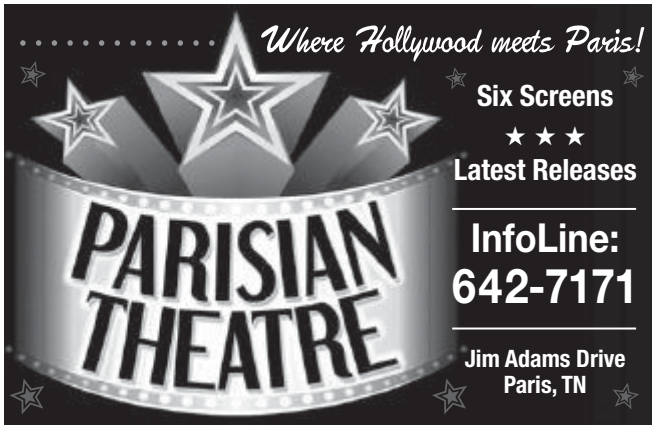
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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Saturday, March 31	10:00 am	**Headquarters Grand Opening**
Saturday, April 21	7:00 am	**5k Hushpuppy Dash Registration**
	8:00 am	**5k Hushpuppy Dash Begins**
	7:00 am	**Horse & Mule Farm Pull weigh-in**
	10:00 am	**Horse & Mule Farm Pull begins**
	7:00 pm	**Demolition Derby**
Monday, April 23	7:00 pm	**Kick-off Street Dance** (Ray Lewis Band)
Tuesday, April 24	5:00 pm	**Carnival** - Belle City/Casey Rides
	7:00 pm	**Country Dance** (Branded Country Band)
Wednesday, April 25	5:00 pm	**FISH TENT OPENS** (All-You-Can-Eat)
	5:00 pm	**Carnival** (Belle City/Casey Rides)
	7:00 pm	**Christian Concert** (TBD)
Thursday, April 26	5:00 pm	**Arts & Crafts Show**
	5:00 pm	**Fish Tent** (All-You-Can-Eat)
	5:00 pm	**Carnival** (Belle City/Casey Rides)
	7:30 pm	**IPRA Rodeo** (AT&T Family Night)
Friday, April 27	8:30 am	**Arts & Crafts Show**
	10:00 am	**Grand Parade**
	11:00 am	**Fish Tent** (All-You-Can-Eat)
	11:00 am	**Carnival** (Belle City/Casey Rides)
	5:00 pm	**Carnival** (Belle City/Casey Rides)
	7:30 pm	**IPRA Rodeo**
Saturday, April 28	10:00 am	**Small Fry Parade** (Court Square)
	10:00 am	**Arts & Crafts Show**
	10:30 am	**Catfish Races** (Court Square)
	11:00 am	**Carnival** (Belle City/Casey Rides)
	11:00 am	**Fish Tent** (All-You-Can-Eat)
	11:00 am	**Junior Fishing Rodeo**
	5:00 pm	**Carnival** (Belle City/Casey Rides)
	7:30 pm	**IPRA Rodeo**
Sunday, April 29	1:00 pm	**Carnival** (Belle City/Casey Rides)

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