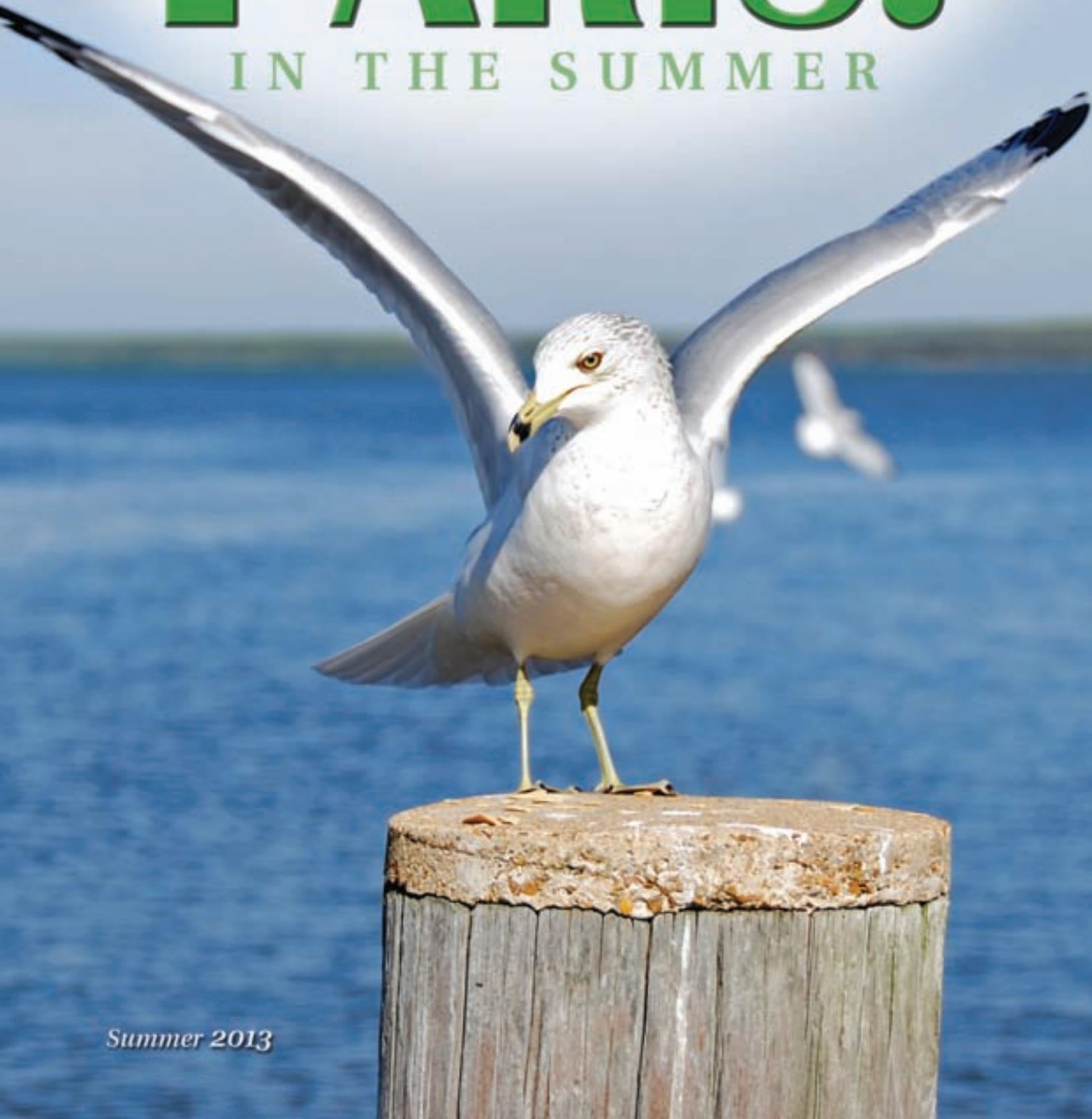


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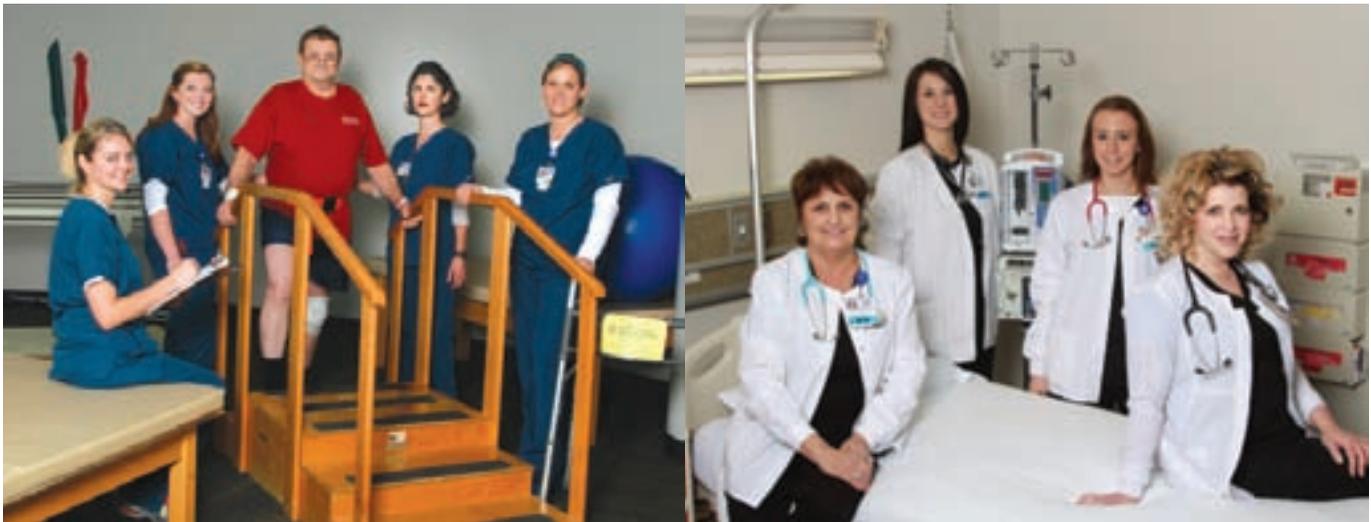
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I don't mean to participate in the literary equivalent of swaggering, but this issue of **PARIS!** is a cool summer read. I'm a native Parisian, yet this edition entertained and educated me as if I'd just moved to the area.

First, there are some fun, Henry County-centric activities going on this summer that everyone can enjoy. Check them out in *Around Our Town*, *Four-State Ice Cream Date*, *Arts and Entertainment*, *Sowing the Seeds* and of course, the *Calendar of Events*.

Second, a couple of introductions are in order. We'd like to welcome Henry County High School Agriscience Teacher *Laura Moss* to the magazine. *Moss*, who is *West Tennessee FFA's Agriscience Teacher of the Year* shares a little insight into what her students will be doing this summer. FYI, it does not include sleeping late. We'd also like

to welcome *Jesse Burns*, a local RN who has been seeing the country as a traveling nurse. She will be sharing her experiences of roaming the US with *Sydney*, her four-legged companion, in "Have Dog Will Travel."

There's an enlightening Spotlight article on Elementary School Counselor *Brendell Cowan*, plus plenty of gardening advice from local expert *John Watkins*. (*John is the new grounds manager of Discovery Park of America in Union City. Don't worry, he's not moving from Paris!*)

There are also "no-fry" fish recipes from *Cindy Snyder*, plenty of history from *Larry Ray*, *Shannon McFarlin* and *Carl Holder*, a fun pedaling article from *Tim Check* and an eye-opening piece on smart phones in the classroom from *Dr. Susan Burton*. And we can't forget "Just for Fun" where readers can check their recall.

So pack that old quilt and a picnic lunch and head for the lake with a jug of sweet tea and your copy of **PARIS!** in the Summer. You'll be glad you did.

*Samantha Parker*

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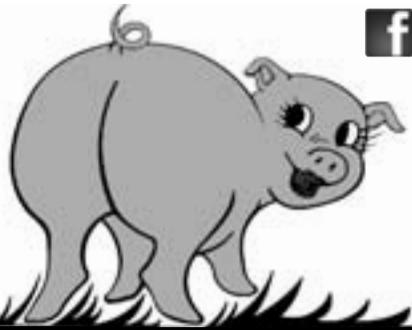
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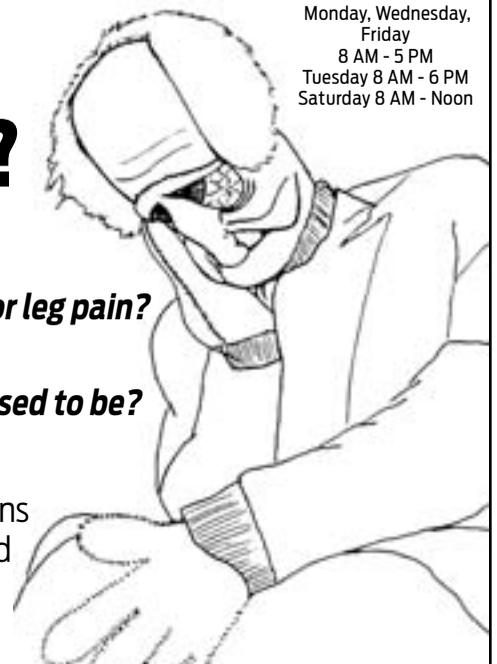
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# Pencil, Paper, iPad?

By Dr. Susan Burton

**M**y daughter has a Twitter, a Facebook and an Instagram account. She SnapChats with friends, creates videos on Vine and has posted her favorites on Pinterest. She sends emails and text messages. I've received texts from her, which is not out of the ordinary, except that on several occasions we're at home...both of us in the same house, occasionally in the same room.

Don't think me old-school, I get it: social media is fun and it's the way our children and the majority of adults communicate. Even Governor Haslam and the US Department of Education have an online presence.

So why is it so controversial in the classroom?

### **It's a good thing**

I hold the wavering opinion that personal devices in the classroom are a good thing.

They allow creativity by giving students various channels to express their work. They allow students to use a form of communication they enjoy and have fun using.

In the past, students were limited to posters, dioramas and VCR tapes. Now they can video themselves in six-second vines and share their work immediately.

### **It's a bad thing**

Then I think about those



Jennifer Barrett with the Photography Club students at Henry County High School.

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who will abuse the privilege and personal devices suddenly become a bad thing. The concern arises that their use in the classroom will allow too much access to one another and to outside influences.

In the past, students were restricted to note-passing and talking in class. Now, classmates could use their devices to cheat by sharing answers through text messages, or the devices could be used to text during lectures, causing distractions.

### Or is it?

Proponents of personal devices say that it saves a small fortune on technology costs because students bring their own devices. There are free apps for classroom use, including formative assessments, and using online media also teaches real-world skills needed for a global workplace.

In helping students become college and career-ready, some teachers received permission from the board of education to allow students to use their personal smartphones, iPads™ or tablets to complete homework and in-class assignments.

Judy Cunningham, Henry County High School family and consumer science teacher asks her students to take pictures on their phones of houses with specific architectural features. "They send pictures to my e-mail and then the pictures are used in class to spark discussion."

Teacher Jennifer Barrett explained, "My students use both tablets and smartphones in my English II classroom. We actually have a classroom set of tablets, and we use them on an almost daily basis, depending on the lesson. I have a classroom blog — [www.barrethchs.wordpress.com](http://www.barrethchs.wordpress.com) — which contains most of my online classroom lessons. As far as the smartphones go, some of my students use their phones to take notes. We also use PollEverywhere as a form of formative assessment."

"Students take and process notes faster on the electronic devices, and this moves class along more quickly. It's especially true of the inclusion classes where writing (printing) is an issue," added Sherri Middleton. Not only did she find that special education students achieved more, but she also tracked 35 honors students who used their own devices and found that each of them showed gains in their Tennessee Value Added Assessment Scores (TVAAS).

Embracing new ideas in education takes us out of our comfort zone. Blended learning, combining face-to-face instruction and an online presence helps us think differently and more creatively. What is new to me is what my daughter and our students come into contact with every day. Maybe it's time to catch up with our students.



*Dr. Susan Burton is the Federal Programs Director with the Henry County School System.*

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# OLD Swimming Holes

By Shannon McFarlin

To drive by them today, most folks would never know that there once were three popular swimming holes in Paris where people could get some relief from the hot days of summer – Shady Nook, Windy Waters and Russell’s Lake.

Shady Nook was located on East Blythe Street between Blakemore and Blanton Streets. Russell’s Lake was on West Blythe at the corner of Porter Street, and Windy Waters was on Forrest Heights.

All three were spring-fed, with Windy Waters being described as the coldest. They were equipped with dressing rooms, picnic areas and concessions, and both Windy Waters and Shady Nook boasted tall diving boards.

## Windy Waters

Windy Waters originated mostly as a spot where employees of the L&N Railroad and their families could go for entertainment during the Depression years and beyond, since West Paris at that time was alive with the railroad.

As for the name “Windy Waters,” Tommie Claxton remembered it being owned by Jim Winfield, whose nickname was “Windy.” As Claxton put it, “he always had a tale to tell.”

During its heyday many social gatherings were held there. Today the

bathhouse is the only structure still standing. “On the west side of the pool there were birch trees and that’s where everyone used to carve their initials,” Claxton recalled.

The late Stella Conway remembered Windy Waters in a short story that was published in *Henry County, Tennessee, History and Families*. The pool was 100 by 150 feet, with an artificial sand bank on all sides and a shallow enclosed pool for children, according to the article. “People went there as much for the scenery as the refreshing waters,” said Conway. “It was surrounded by wildwood, redbud, dogwood and honeysuckle.”

“There were seats and grapevine swings and outdoor stoves where delicious ‘weenies’ or puffy marshmallows were roasted,” Conway said. There was a store with cold drinks, bathing suits and chocolates. Cornell Snow and Blake Crawford were swimming instructors and lifeguards. The price of admission? A whopping 15 cents.

Conway recalled that Windy Waters was the brainchild of Conductor R.A. Pitt as a treat for his fellow rail employees. It grew and was improved each year, drawing hundreds on any given day. According to Conway, on one memorable occasion 3,600 were there for an American Legion event.

Virgil Wall and others recalled Windy Waters as having the coldest water. “I remember a preacher from West Paris Baptist Church used to hold revivals and baptisms there,” Wall said.

## Shady Nook

Shady Nook, operational in the 30s and 40s, was another popular spot with three diving boards on three levels, bathhouses, concessions and trapezes. “I remember there were about three trapezes over the pool that you’d swing from one to the other,” Al Walker said. “I remember falling off and hitting my face more than once.”

It was the Camp Tyson soldiers that Margaret Weaks remembered. “We were young girls and we liked seeing the soldiers who came there. Of course we were too young to date them.”

Even though it was spring-fed, the Shady Nook pool was made with concrete. Jimmy Williams remembered that once you put on your bathing suit in the bathhouse, you walked through a basin filled with chlorine “to get the germs off your feet before you went in the pool.”

Williams said that people named Jackson operated the pool although they may not have been the owners. “They lived on the property and one or both were always there. The price



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of admission,” as he recalled, “was a quarter.” As it turns out, that was the price he paid to learn to swim because some bigger boys pushed him in the Shady Nook pool and “it was either sink or swim.”

### Russell's Lake

At the turn of the 20th Century the place to go in Paris was Russell's Lake. “I heard about it mostly from the adults who used to go there,” Wall said. “It was a lot like Sulphur Well in that it was very popular and you could go there for fishing and boating. You rented the boats and they also charged you for fishing – that's how they kept the business going.”

“It was so named because of nearby Russell's Pottery company which mined clay from the lake,” he said.

The lake was a bustling place in its day. “I remember hearing adults talk about the parties they used to have there,” Wall said. A building extended over the lake on piers. “The boats and piers were still there when I was a kid,” he remembered, “but by that time they were pretty sorry-looking.”



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RUSSELL'S LAKE. Gus L. Orr and Helen Morris on Russell's Lake, Paris, Tennessee, about 1906.

A small grocery store was also on the property, operated by a man named Petty. And there was an island in the middle of the lake large enough for several picnics.

These days Parisians swim and picnic in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower at Eiffel Tower Park. That's proof positive that some things never change. Because when the weather heats up, folks will always find a way to cool down.



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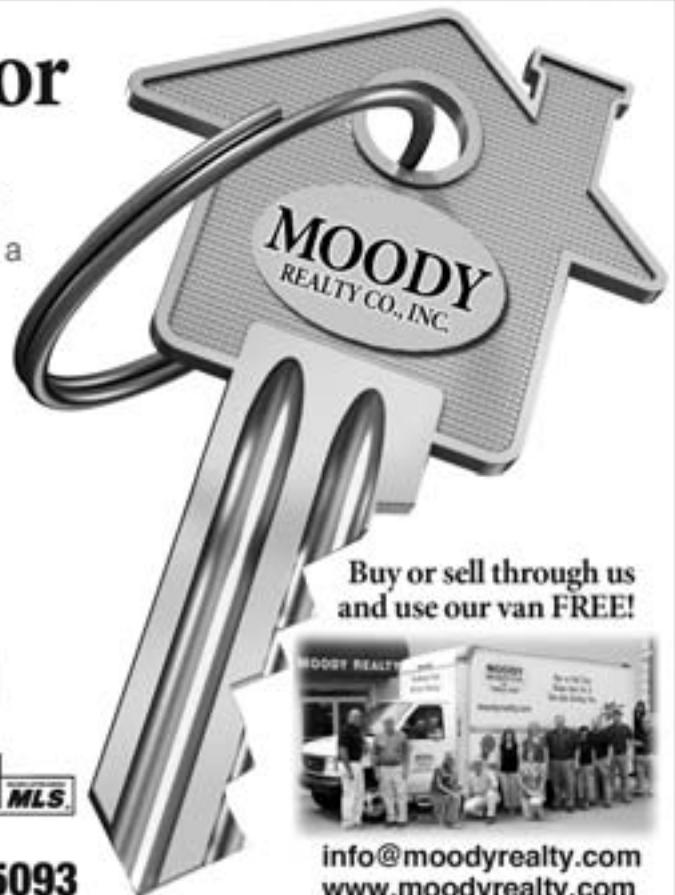
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# Downtown Paris Week

*Magnifique!*

by Jennifer Wheatley

**W**hen FirstBanker Kathy Ray became president of the Downtown Paris Association in July 2011 she took over the reins of an organization that was thriving, having re-focused its efforts and found its calling in the preservation and promotion of the downtown Paris footprint.

Kathy took it upon herself to kick it all up a notch. The Association's efforts have resulted in 110 of the 365 days of 2012 having a downtown event.

She began 2013 with 21 committees in place to create even more activity downtown, but one event is special. "Downtown Paris Week" is, according to Ray, "a chance to appreciate what we have. Anyone who has ever visited

another downtown knows that ours is special."

Begun in 2012, Downtown Paris Week is returning this year. Planned for June 9–15, each day of the week has a special emphasis:

**SUNDAY – Worship Downtown**  
*First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, First Baptist, First Christian, Grace Episcopal and Quinn Chapel AME*

All of the downtown churches – which Ray calls the "cornerstones of our downtown" – are invited to participate. Ray encourages everyone to visit a downtown church during this special Sunday in June, noting that, "With buildings dating back to 1895,

these congregations were the first in our community."

**MONDAY – Dine Downtown**  
*Paulette's, Pi Pizza, Golden Dragon, A La Mode Sweet Shoppe, Jack's Java, Jack's Pool Room, Take Me Back Café, Big City Dogs hotdog stand*

According to Ray, "Any day is a great day to eat downtown, but on Monday every guest check will be a registration for a \$25 certificate of Downtown Bucks. We will give away four. You can eat lunch or dinner."

She adds that there is more diversity of food than most people think downtown and setting one day aside to support these local merchants is a great way to show off.

## TUESDAY – Downtown Movie Night

Building on the success of the DPA's "National Night Out" event with the Paris City Police and Paris Fire Department, Ray added another outdoor movie experience to the week of celebrating downtown.

"The kids will be out of school. The DPA will be selling popcorn and we promise a fun family-friendly movie shown on a screen against a downtown building. Paris Police Chief Chuck Elizondo makes it all happen for downtown movies and everyone can bring a lawn chair or blanket," she said.

## WEDNESDAY – Downtown Heritage

Ray Harding will lead a half-hour historical walking tour beginning at 11 am. This event was a big hit during the inaugural Downtown Paris Week and Harding has agreed to return.

The tour includes history, folklore and significant architectural elements. Ray was not surprised by the interest in the tour. "We are a heritage downtown. Our own community is interested in how the buildings used to look, the stories of the people who live and worked here, and Ray Harding is a master at preserving that history."

Harding is active with the Robert E. Lee Academy for the Arts and the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center and is a former "Person of the Year," awarded by the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce.



## THURSDAY – Songwriters on the Square – Downtown Music

Mark Johnson of Paris Realty has organized a songwriters' night scheduled for 6-8 pm to be held on the east side of the court square. Local songwriters, as well as those with Henry County ties, will perform original music and share stories of how the songs came to be. Bring a lawn chair or blanket.

## FRIDAY – Government Recognition Day & Downtown Paris Extra Value Days

Ray said, "Thank a city or county employee or office holder for the service they provide to our community! We simply could not achieve what we do without the support of County Mayor or Brent Greer, Paris Mayor Sam Tharpe and their commissioners. We have one of the oldest working courthouses in Tennessee and our Constitutional office holders are all right here downtown. A strong and supportive local government is worth recognizing."

Friday also kicks off the return of Downtown Paris Extra Value Days, with Father's Day sales and in-store specials.

## SATURDAY – Farmer's Market Downtown & Downtown Paris Extra Value Days

Local farmers will be set up early on Saturday morning to sell fruits and vegetables until they're sold out, but stick around for the continuation of Extra Value Days, which will feature live models in stores.

Ray, who is the branch manager of FirstBank's downtown location, is not shy about her passion for Paris-Henry County and especially downtown. She believes it is "the crown jewel of Paris!"



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## *The Epic Race of America*

# Tour de Paris Landing

by Jennifer Wheatley

**C**ome Play With Us is the catchphrase of the Paris Landing Tourism League. Sara Johnson, president, has planned a big event to encourage a whole new group of folks to discover many of the recreational opportunities of our community.

The Tour de Paris Landing, a bicycle road race planned for August 9, 10 and 11, will feature a 45-mile competition on Saturday, an 85-mile trek on Sunday and will cover Henry and Stewart Counties and the Land Between the Lakes.

Four, five-to-nine person teams from Georgia, Colorado, Arkansas and Florida are already confirmed.

They will be accompanied by family members, mechanics and supporters. Johnson said, "Colorado is the team to beat this year!"

Johnson first heard about USA Cycling, the event promoter, through Jim Napier, who said on the group's website, "I want to create this as a cycling destination. We need something here other than fishing tournaments."

Johnson then met with Devon Campbell and Johan Ismail, representatives from USA Cycling, who will sanction Tour de Paris Landing and handle the logistics of police barricades, safety procedures and EMS personnel. The duo scheduled the event as the first outing of a five-year commitment.

USA Cycling's vision is to "make the United States of America the most successful country in the world of competitive cycling. USA Cycling is comprised of over 2,500 clubs and teams; and 70,800 licensees which include officials, coaches, mechanics, race directors, and competitive cyclists of all ages and abilities across all five disciplines of the sport," according to their website. (The five disciplines of bicycling are road, track, mountain bike, BMX and cyclo-cross.)

Sharon Seaton, who owns the Fish Tale Lodge with husband David and considers fishing tournaments her main business, supports a diversity of events at Paris Landing. She is a mem-

ber of the league and planning committee of the cycling event and sees their long term goal as “working hard to bring people into the lake area for something other than fishing.”

She sees value in both the Boss Hoss motorcycle event and Ferry Stock, as well as Tour de Paris Landing. Seaton thinks every group that visits helps us all learn about the impact of tourism dollars on the local economy, and while the bicyclists will be interested in their tour, every newcomer is an opportunity to create a return customer.

“An event visitor might or might not visit a boutique, but they allow me to do that. A full house of fishermen means I can go to Maggie’s or Jack’s Java. There is a trickle-down effect.”

The other side is that participants frequently bring their families, creating more room nights, restaurant

receipts and retail sales, and return for personal vacations after being introduced to the area.

Seaton is especially hopeful of additional guests with the Tour de Paris Landing because of the great distances many of the participants will travel to get here. It is also a phenomenon she experiences daily with her lodge guests. “Businesses want people to come here and spend money.”

Community financial support was necessary to bring USA Cycling to Henry County. The event is supported by the Paris Landing Tourism League and Tennessee River Resort Act funds provided by Henry County, but Johnson is still seeking sponsors. All the levels and opportunities are available at [www.visitparislanding.com](http://www.visitparislanding.com).

Local artistic support was also given to the event, with Chris Evans winning the logo design contest, which

Seaton called the “coolest t-shirt in the world!”

Henry County’s best known cyclist, Henry County Medical Center CEO Tom Gee said, “I am hopeful that the Tour de Paris Landing event will highlight the great bicycle riding we have in the Paris area. Tennessee and Henry County have some of the best roads for cycling in the country. An event like this has the ability to bring people to our area who might not otherwise be exposed to our community. Likewise, this is an opportunity for Henry Countians to be exposed to a competitive sport like cycling at a very high level.”



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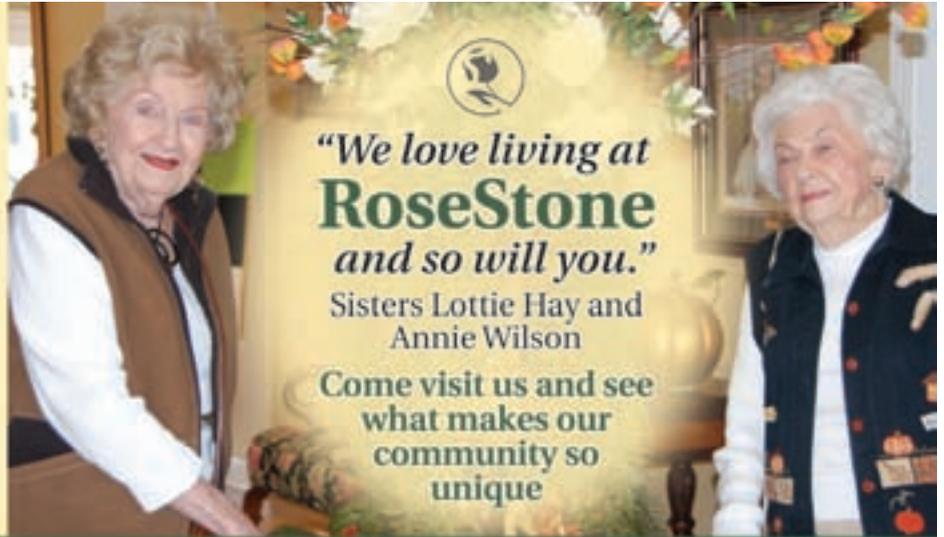


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travels with  
*Sydney*

by Jesse Burns

**S**ydney's ears perk up as I inquire if she is ready for our next adventure. A slight tilt of her head lets me know she is up to the task. Sydney is a 6 year-old Boston Terrier who has been my copilot for the last two years as I have traveled the country working as an RN. We have been far and wide, and as my faithful companion will tell you, most people welcome a sweet, friendly canine.

Our traveling adventures began in the Northeast as we made our way to Baltimore in the spring of 2011. Sydney was practically catatonic after the 16-hour journey. Once we settled in, she seemed to adjust to city life well. As a matter of fact, Sydney adjusted better than some Southern women hindered

with the tasks of bus routes, taxi cab hailing and the sometimes unsettling presence of the homeless population.

Downtown Baltimore is a city deeply instilled with history and charm. Our home was in an area called Mount Vernon which has several parks, eateries and stunning architecture. The Washington Monument sits in the center of the neighborhood and at 175 feet overlooks beautiful cobblestone roads and parks in all directions.

Pets have to be leashed and owners are asked to clean up after their furry friends, but the picturesque surroundings make Mount Vernon a top-five on my list of places to take Sydney.

Each park boasts fountains or art, as well as manicured grassy areas for

pets to run and play. If you're lucky, you might catch one of the many festivals held in the neighborhood throughout the year. These too are pet-friendly. Local business owners often have pets of their own, and it is nice to stop in and shop as they offer pets a cool drink of water.

A short month later we are headed to Pennsylvania. Sydney insisted the windows be rolled down, and I oblige her. We are greeted with the first taste of home as the smell of fresh-cut hay seeps in the windows.

We are on our way to Gettysburg and the mood is somber. Even Sydney senses the reverence as we near this place rich in history and ghosts of the past. The park is pet-friendly, as long

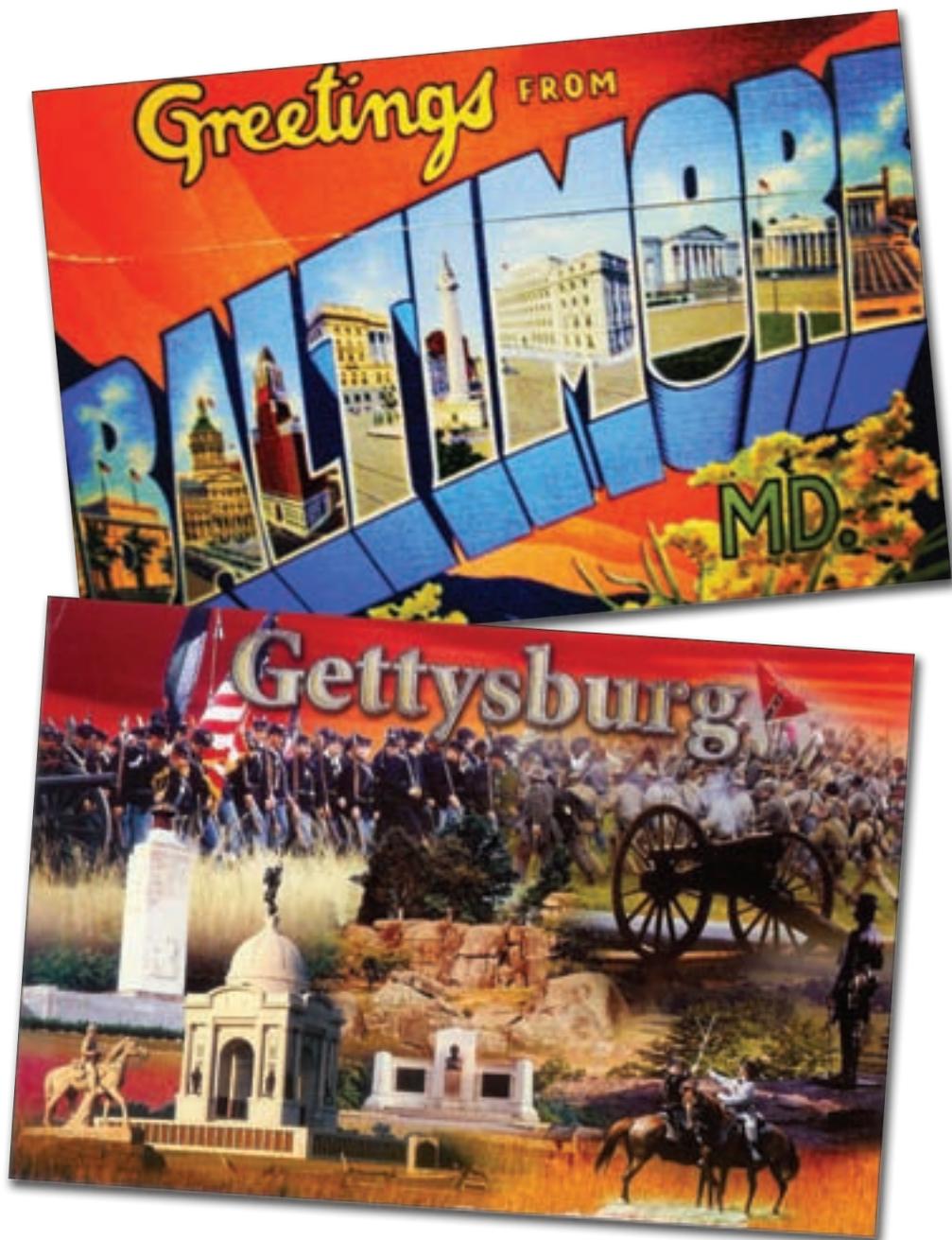
as they are leashed. As Sydney and I walk the grounds we tread lightly thinking of all those lost during that three-day battle. Each state whose soldiers fought here is represented by detailed monuments placed throughout the park. Additionally, there are bronze statues in the likenesses of Civil War heroes, cannons set up for viewing and the main battlefield which looks today much like it did when this area was in conflict.

Be sure to take in the cemetery where troops lost during the battle are buried, as well as where Abraham Lincoln gave the Gettysburg Address.

One area we especially liked was Little Round Top. Today it boasts a stunning view of the park and allows one to envision what the soldiers who once stood here saw. Give yourself most of a day to explore the park, and don't be in a rush when the sun starts going down. It is a thing of beauty to catch the last light of day silhouetting the statues.

Our first trip was a complete success. There were many other places we were able to go and multiple things to do. I try my best to include Sydney in most everything, and I wanted to share some of our adventures for those of you interested in traveling with pets.

As always, check to see if pets are allowed where you are headed. You just might find that they are as welcome as you are.





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- 7. John Watkins now works at \_\_\_\_\_ Park of America
- 9. Theme of Henry County Fair Week
- 12. What Susan Jones sought out in four states
- 13. Confederate Sniper
- 16. Traveling dog
- 18. Man who likes his fish with spicy red beans and rice
- 19. English II teacher at HCHS using smartphones in class
- 20. Number of years pro bike race will come to Henry County

**DOWN**

- 1. River worth "pedaling along"
- 2. First name of Downtown Paris Association president
- 3. Hometown of Dippin' Dots' founder
- 6. Number of states Cowan has visited
- 8. Man leading tours during Downtown Paris Week
- 10. Oak Hill Union has three denominations: Baptist, Presbyterian and \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Camp that FFA retreats to each summer
- 13. Occupation of Sydney's travel companion
- 14. Occupation of Sydney's travel companion
- 15. "Downtown \_\_\_\_\_ Value Days"
- 17. Street that was home to two swimming holes

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# The Four-State Ice Cream Date

by Susan Jones

**I**t was hot. It was a rare, 105° heat that settled in and wouldn't leave. On any other day I would've combatted the weather by slinking into the recesses of my home, but on this particular day my favorite 11-year-old was coming for an overnight visit. Unfortunately, Kayla was expecting a far greater "fun quotient" than mere air conditioning could offer. We had planned to kayak, swim and perhaps shop downtown. But the heat was a beast, pounding me back indoors. I needed a Plan B.

Brainstorming with just one brain is not the optimal method but it works in a pinch. Before her arrival, I made a profile of Kayla. She is inquisitive, a fan of history and travel, a good navigator, a good photographer, big on visiting different states and an ice cream lover.

And that's how Plan B hit me. It was as plain as the car in my driveway. In fact, my car was the centerpiece but other items were needed too. They included: a camera, a small box of mark-

ers, crayons and construction paper, a charged smartphone (info printed from the Internet would also work), an atlas and/or GPS, a full tank of gas, and some cold hard cash

By the time Kayla arrived, my plan was almost fully hatched and was starting to take on a Blues Brothers feel. It was a combination road trip/scavenger hunt/ice cream tasting/photo safari/history lesson.

Her finishing touches were to create the route and a name. She decided that if we left by 9 am, we could hit Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and of course Tennessee. She made the route via Mapquest, but gathered no information on the places we would visit. That would happen en route. The adventure was christened "The Four-State Ice Cream Date."

We needed one more thing: a back-seat pal for Kayla. Enter my favorite nine-year-old and next-door neighbor Olivia, who is always fun and always game.

The next morning I laid out the challenge. The girls had to get us from town to town using a smartphone and an atlas. As we travelled through the countryside, they each had to look up and report interesting facts about the towns we were passing through. Finally, they had to locate a good ice cream stop in each state.

## The coolest stop

Voted the coolest ice cream stop by the young experts was Parkers, a 50s retro drive-in in Paducah. Although they had a full-service restaurant, we opted to have our brownie parfaits outside at a picnic table under the shade.

## Best photo op

With the home of Superman on our itinerary, photos featuring the Man of Steel should have been the hands-down favorite photo op.

However, in Mayfield, Kentucky, we encountered a cemetery with what looked to be an entire family recreated

...You scream, I scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM!



in concrete. We pulled into Maplewood Cemetery where 18 memorial statues had been built by Henry G. Wooldridge in the 1890s.

The statues not only included loved ones from this wealthy bachelor's family but his favorite horse and dogs as well. Wooldridge, however, is the only person entombed in the grouping. Oddly enough, the girls said these statues trumped photo ops with Superman, Wonder Woman and Lois Lane.

#### Weirdest tidbits

The two oddest tidbits were found in Kentucky and Metropolis, Illinois. First, Mayfield, KY was named for a gambler who was kidnapped around

1817, brought to the area and killed. During the ordeal, Mayfield carved his name into a tree. A local creek and the town still bear his name. That's weird in anyone's book.

The second tidbit had to do with one of Metropolis' famous graveyard residents, the Birdman of Alcatraz. An infamous murderer, Robert Stroud was transferred from Alcatraz to a prison near his mother's family hometown, Metropolis, IL. He died shortly thereafter and is buried next to her.

#### Biggest Surprise

Perhaps the biggest surprise was when the girls' research revealed that Metropolis, IL, was the hometown of

Dippin' Dots founder/chairman Curt Jones. Proud of his creamy confection, Jones built the world's largest Dippin' Dots store right downtown, a stone's throw from the 15-foot statue of Superman.

#### Best Ice Cream

Four states and eight hours later, we found the best ice cream to be in good old Paris, TN, at Eats N' Treats on Mineral Wells. The girls are currently working on "The Six-County Ice Cream Bounty" featuring Carroll, Weakley, Stewart, Calloway, Benton and Henry. Stay tuned...

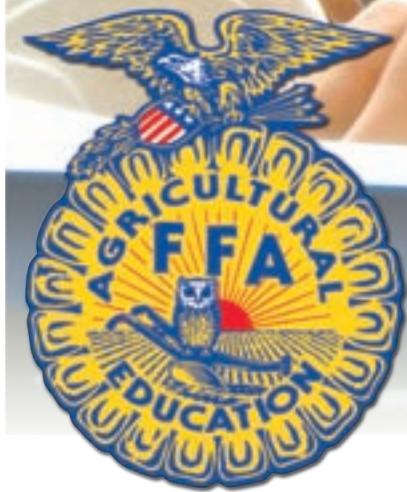


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## SOWING THE SEEDS

*Mavs Ward, Jack Paschall and Emily Rose paddle along the Caney Fork at FFA Leadership Camp Clements. FFA members travel to camp each summer to learn new skills that will help them lead the chapter during the upcoming year.*



# Raising Leaders

by Laura Moss

May 20 was a magical date for the students of the Henry County School System. It signaled the end of the school year. Visions of sleeping in, beachside vacations and lazy days poolside are what many school-aged children conjure up, but not the typical agriculture students. Paris Future Farmers of America (FFA) members have busy summers days and nights ahead and gladly look forward to two favorite activities: the days of camp and working with their show animals.

### **A camp with a connection**

The Paris FFA members look forward to a week of leadership activities at Camp Clements in Doyle, Tennessee. D.M. Clements, former principal at E.W. Grove High School, purchased this camp in Van Buren County. He also was the first agriculture teacher

in the nation after the passage of the Smith-Hughes Act in 1917, a piece of legislation that provided funding for agriculture education classes in public schools.

### **Setting the tone**

All members of the chapter are given the opportunity to attend, and the chapter officers are required to attend to gain leadership skills that will help guide the chapter in the year to come.

This year, the first week in July brings training for specific officer positions and many contests such as Parliamentary Procedure, Agriculture Issues and Agriculture Communications. The members will learn more about each other and how they can work as a team as they participate in a multitude of physical activities. They can be found playing basketball and

volleyball, and boating on the Caney Fork River. This idyllic setting brings the chapter together and helps to set the tone for the year to come.

### **Junior Livestock Program**

Henry County has one of the strongest Junior Livestock Programs in the state of Tennessee due to the generous support of the community. FFA members can select one of four species to raise, train, exhibit and then sell. Beef steers, swine, lambs and goats become the new “babies” of students and they are the primary caregivers for these animals.

The students have to work closely with many people to keep them healthy and growing. The show animals must reach market weight before show date in order to enter the fair in August. Carefully portioned rations are

offered to the animals several times a day along with all the water the animal can consume. FFA members also see to the comfort of their animals as they keep their pens clean and cool to ensure that they keep eating.

**Life lessons**

Students are learning many life lessons with their livestock projects as they have to manage their waking hours and maintain the responsibility of being in charge of feeding, watering and caring for this animal. Large amounts of time are spent teaching the animals to walk with a halter, stand for hair maintenance and how to act in the show ring.

When summer starts to wind down, the FFA members learn the next and most difficult aspect: marketing. The Junior Livestock Show is a terminal show, which means that the animals are sold for food consumption. The members must invite businesses and community members to the show and sale during Fair Week, August 3-10.

They have to learn how to market their product and attract buyers to come purchase their animals. The checks they receive for their summer of hard work are put aside to help pay for events such as college educations, first vehicles and a higher quality animal for the next year.

**Time well spent**

As August 3 draws near, members of the Paris FFA have enjoyed a break



*Megan Aiosa uses a show stick to place her steer's feet to exhibit him to his best advantage during the Market Steer Show. Over 150 FFA and 4-H members will exhibit animals during the Henry County Fair Junior Livestock Show and Sale.*

from a formal school education but not from learning. They have been sharpening their leadership skills, raising show animals and then marketing them to raise money to fund their college educations. These lessons are only a part of receiving a complete education in agriculture education, but sometimes the ones that become treasured memories.

FFA members here in Henry County may not get to have a beach-worthy tan or spend mornings in bed, but they are making memories and learning life lessons that will serve them for years to come.



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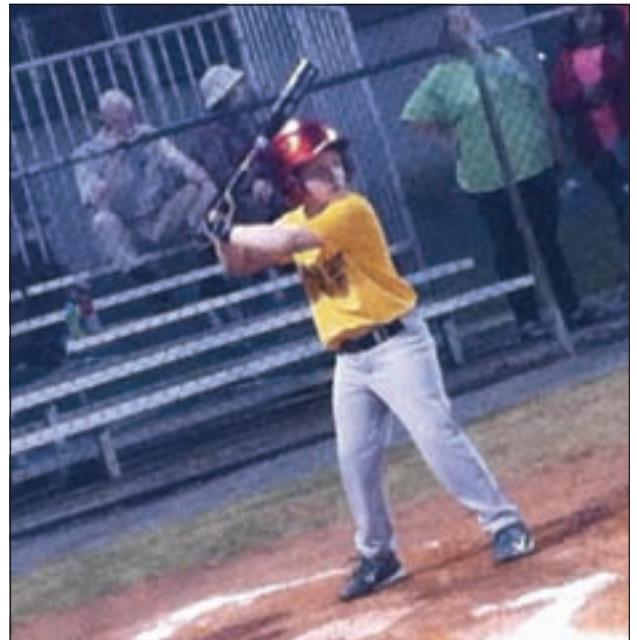
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Inman Strings students, parents, and Director Megan Norris board a chartered bus headed for competition in Chicago, IL. Congratulations are in order as they won several top awards!



Chip Anderson and his wife Karen participated in the Henry County Chamber of Commerce annual membership golf tournament held at The Tennessean.



There's always something or somebody new in downtown Paris. Pictured here helping a customer are Adam Weatherly and Jamie Barker, the new pharmacists at Perkins Drugs and Gifts.



Troy Buttrey of FirstBank reaches for another plate to fill at the annual Rotary Country Ham Breakfast at Paris Elementary. Proceeds benefit the organization's scholarship fund.



Ben Jelks, Zach Wilson, Kyle Green, Allie Guarino, and many others enjoy Henry County High School's 2013 prom held at the Fairgrounds.



Jeremy Lindsey, Lakeway IGA store manager and some of his store employees handed out samples and prizes at the Taste of Home Cooking Show. Lakeway IGA was the food sponsor for the show.



Paris Police Department Officers, Herrum and Jamie James, recently participated in regional K-9 training at the Fairgrounds.



Look who we caught strummin' away in downtown Paris. It's Taylor Nauta, the grandson of the late great Merle Kilgore. With his mix of blues and country, you can bet we'll be hearing a lot more from this young man.



Elise Stephenson belts out her number as Aretha Franklin in the 4th grade Tennessee Play production at Paris Elementary School.



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# Brendell Cowan

## *From Hard-Scrabble to Hard-Won*

by Susan Jones

Mention the name “Brendell Cowan” to local educators and parents and the descriptions are similar: “loving, motivating and compassionate, yet unaccepting of excuses from herself or the youngsters she nurtures.” Cowan, a recently retired counselor from Paris Elementary School has brought out the best in children for three decades.

### Early on

The middle child of seven children, she spent her early years on the family farm where “the smokehouses were full,” and her mother was home to “cook, clean, sew and nurture.” But when Cowan was nine her parents divorced, her father moved away and “poverty became our new way of life,” she said.

### Many hands

The family’s hard-scrabble existence was exacerbated by the fact that her mother refused social services. “In fact, she was offended when her best friend suggested welfare,” said Cowan, who remembers being disappointed by her mother’s response. Today however, the counselor with the endearing smile sides with her mom. “I don’t think enough people believe they should work for what they have.”

Work became ingrained in Cowan and her siblings early on. They helped

care for the younger siblings while their mother cleaned houses six days a week for eight dollars a day. The struggling family had an enormous garden. “We had to turn the ground with hoes, plant, weed, worm, harvest and can.” The children also ironed clothes and raked leaves for neighbors, then “gave the money to our mother to pay the electric bill and buy food.”

### Teachable moments

As harsh as things were, Cowan’s mother took advantage of the teachable moments along the way. She taught her children to budget. With no bathtub, she taught them how to improvise with a galvanized tub.

With no car, she taught them that living within walking distance of stores and school was important. And she constantly reminded them to “make good grades and obey our teachers. She encouraged all of us to plan what we wanted to do and make goals.”

### Cowan’s plan

“It was no secret that I wanted to be a teacher when I grew up,” said Cowan. “I taught the dolls, the dog and my younger brother and sisters. I kept telling myself that I would go to college and get a good job so there would be money for things.”

Cowan knew that her mom had let her educational opportunities slip



*Brendell Cowan and husband Harry*

away by marrying young and starting a family. However, when she fell in love with her sweetheart Harry Cowan, the two were soon at the altar. Cowan was not yet 20. After almost 40 years of marriage, three children and 14 foster children, the Cowans’ union has been successful, but not without struggles. Finishing college was one of the first.

### The budget

After a small church wedding, Cowan began college and three jobs: the K&N Root Beer Stand, Big K and the bookstore at Murray State. The couple pooled their money and purchased a house with a monthly payment of \$99. “We had one car with a payment of \$145 a month,” said Cowan. “We planned our schedule every day so we could both use the same car.”

Cowan credits a local banker, the late Sammy McCampbell, for helping



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her figure out college financing. "He told me to apply for financial aid at Murray State University (MSU) and he would lend me money for whatever financial aid didn't pay," said Cowan. She repaid the money at the close of each semester."

By this time, the Cowans had started a family which meant diapers, milk, clothing and childcare. Although friends and family pitched in, "there was only \$17 left each month after the bills were paid."

#### Let the teaching began

Cowan's first year of teaching was "full of fun. The students seemed eager to learn and were well-behaved. The second year was very different. With a classroom full of misbehaving students, Cowan began to doubt herself. "My principal and the other teachers assured me that I could teach."

She decided to learn more about student behavior by enrolling in counseling classes at MSU. "I figured this would help me learn how to handle a difficult class," she said. "I had not entertained the idea of becoming a guidance counselor. I was a second-grade teacher for seven years, but enjoyed the counseling courses and got a Master of Arts in 1990 in elementary guidance and counseling."

About that time, the Paris City School System (PSSD) hired a counselor at each of the system's three schools. "Society had changed," said Cowan, "and PSSD was being proactive in dealing with social problems such as divorce, single parenting and incarcerated parents. I was hired as a counselor and worked for the next 23 years."

When it comes to counseling, it's no surprise that Cowan would be a fan. "I can't help but think about my parents' divorce. I thought we might have done something to cause the breakup. There were so many things that I could have talked about to a counselor. " But with no access to a professional, Cowan bore the guilt for a long time.

#### Advice

Cowan considers counseling to be a rewarding profession, but warns that counselors must have tough skin. "You hear everything and many questions don't have ready answers. You will be blown away by some students' problems." Cowan is especially happy when she can "help a child feel not so alone in our often-unfair society."

What makes a good counselor? "Someone who is colorblind, fair, impartial and kind to everybody," said the 30-year veteran. "I pray a lot."

#### The future

Cowan said that she's wanted to see the world since she was a child. "When I became a teacher, I planned to see the whole United States," she said. So far she's been to 47 states, creating scrapbooks afterward.

After visiting Alaska, Hawaii and Oregon, Cowan's new goal is to visit each continent. "My older brother lives in Tanga, Tanzania, East Africa," she said. "That will probably be the next continent for me to visit; then on to London, Paris, Sydney and the rest until I can't go anymore!"



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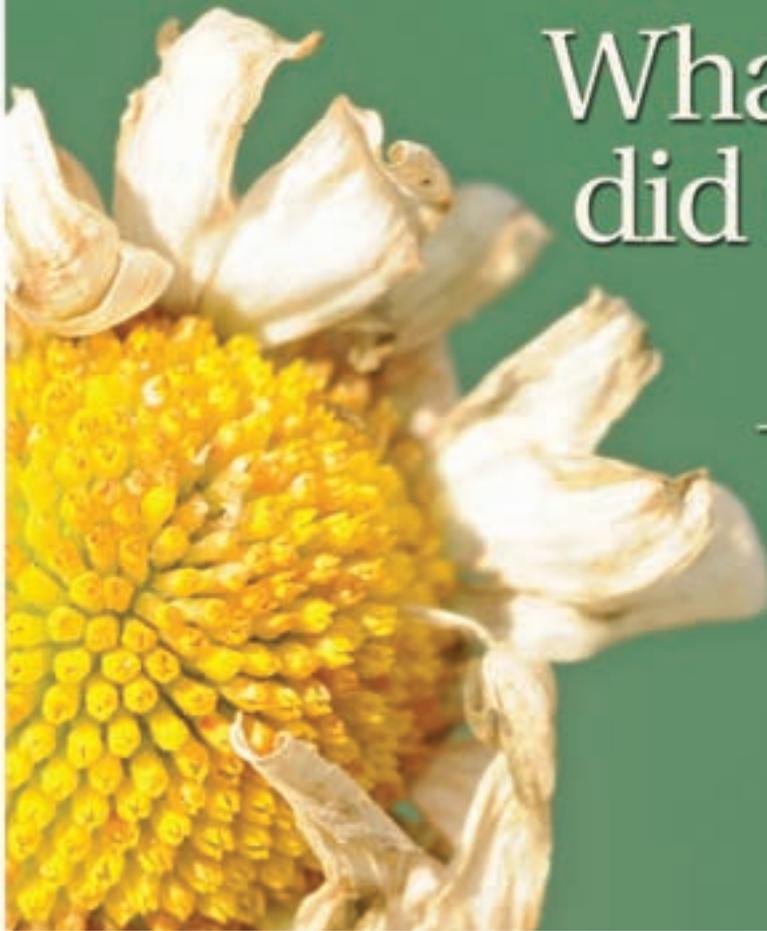
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# What my plants did on summer vacation

— OR —

My gardener went on vacation and all I got was this lousy leaf spot!

by John Watkins

**S**o the bags are packed, the family truckster is fueled up, and you remembered to turn the oven off (or did you)? Looks like you're all ready for that much-needed vacation. But you still have that nagging feeling that you're forgetting something. Oh yeah, the garden!

How will your garden ever make it on its own with you being gone for a week or two? You can't take it with you. Believe me, I've tried – you just end up with potting soil in your favorite pair of Bermuda shorts. Not to fear – with a little planning you can assure that your garden will be alive and well when you return.

## Planning Ahead

Let's start with the outdoor garden first. Just as you planned for your vacation months in advance, take some time to plan your garden ahead of time also. If you know you are going to be out of town for a week or more,

it's probably not the best idea to plant any new seedlings or young plants at least a month before you plan to leave. These new plants will need more care and attention than ones that are already established, especially if we have another summer like last year.

Avoid fertilizing your flowers just before leaving as this will simply stimulate new growth that needs more water. If you haven't done so already, a good layer of mulch will help conserve moisture and moderate temperatures around your plantings.

Take some time before you leave to do a thorough clean-up and weeding. It's amazing how opportunistic weeds seem to be if you don't keep up with them. If left unchecked, they will often outcompete your plants for moisture.

## Watering

Unless you have arranged for a plant sitter to come by and keep your garden watered, you will need to make

sure to give your plants a good soaking before leaving. A deep, slow soaking will generally keep your plants in good shape for at least a week or so.

The plants that will need the most water are shallow-rooted plants such as annuals, perennials, shrubs or newly-planted trees. You may want to invest in a soaker hose or dripline to solve this problem. An inexpensive timer can be attached to make sure they are watered regularly.

If you have an especially sensitive individual plant, you can create your own watering system by filling a milk jug or soda bottle with water, poking a couple of holes in the cap, and inverting it in the soil next to the plant.

## Lawns

Most lawns can stand being left alone for a week or so while you are away, but plan on mowing a day or so before you leave so you won't be left with a jungle when you return.

A common mistake many people make is to mow their lawn extremely short before leaving, thinking there will be less to cut when they get home. This actually puts a great deal of stress on your lawn and can lead to failure if severe heat and drought follow.

It is better to have it a little high when you return and then gradually mow it back down to a desired height.

### Containers and Houseplants

Plants in containers generally require a lot more care than those in the ground. Keeping them watered properly while you are away can be more of a challenge, but here are a couple of ideas to keep them going.

If you do have someone lined up to water your containers, make it easier on them by grouping the plants together so that none are overlooked.

They should also be moved to a shady location to keep them from drying out as fast.

If you have a lot of containers, you could even group them in a small children's wading pool with an inch or so of water. Just be sure to elevate them a little to make sure that the roots don't drown.

There you have it! Now crank those engines and head out for that vacation of a lifetime.

*By the way, you DID remember to turn the iron off too, didn't you?*

*John Watkins is the grounds manager of Discovery Park of America and resides in Henry County.*





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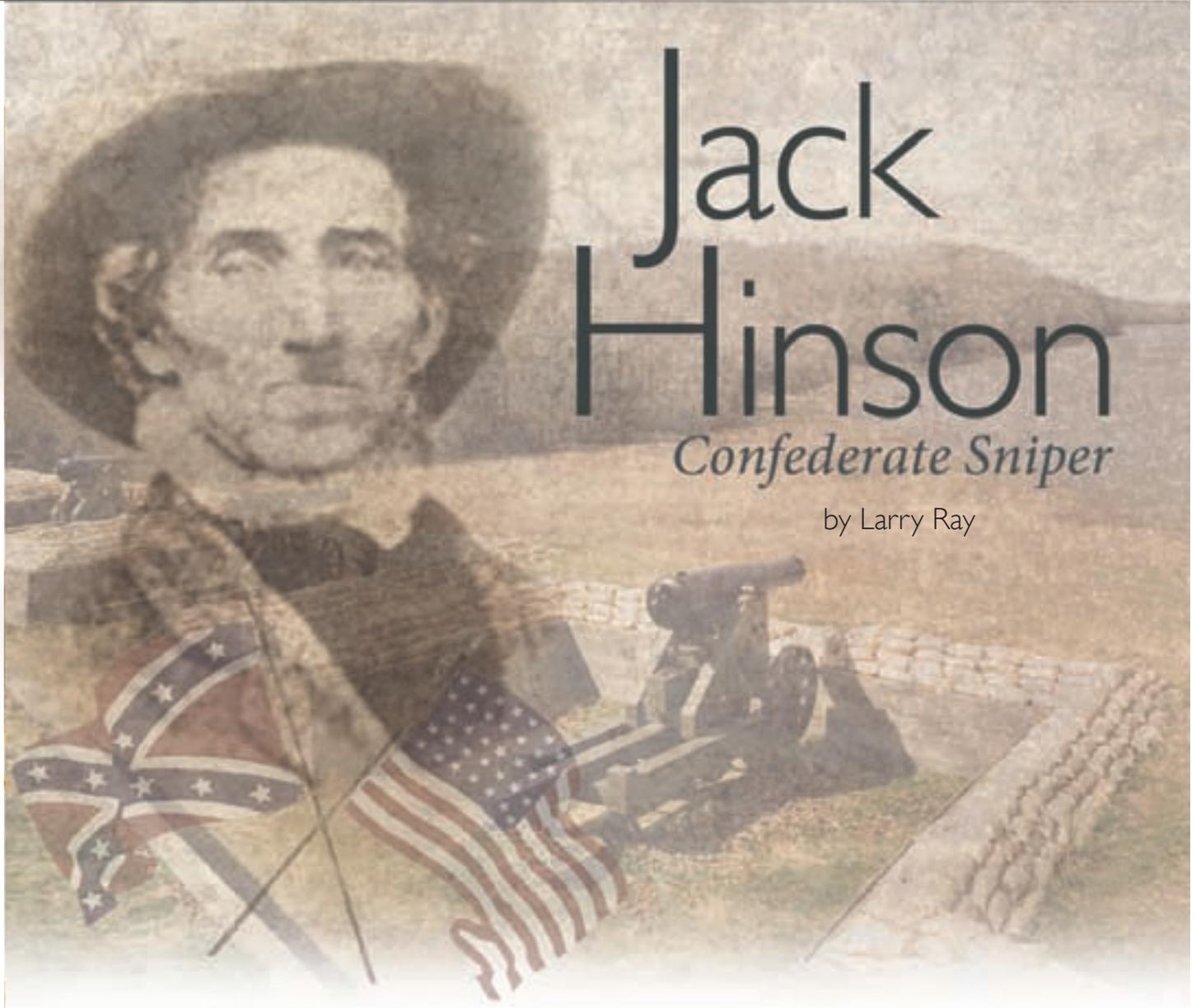


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# Jack Hinson

## Confederate Sniper

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 along the Tennessee River. This is the seventh in the series. Previous articles can be read online in the archives of [MyParisMagazine.com](http://MyParisMagazine.com).*

**W**hile researching the history of Forts Heiman, Henry and Donelson, I found several references to a man named Jack Hinson. He was sometimes referred to as “Captain Jack,” or “old man Hinson.” Unfamiliar with him, I decided to look deeper into this mysterious person who had influenced many area events during the Civil War.

Hinson was so intriguing that in 2009 a biography was published about him. Colonel Tom C. McKenney researched Hinson for 15 years before writing *Jack Hinson's One-Man War*. It

is available in bookstores, online and at the Visitor Center at Fort Donelson.

As we cover Hinson's fascinating life, we will follow him back and forth across the Tennessee River during Civil War events in Henry, Stewart, Houston and Benton Counties. During my research, I have visited many of the places described in the book and took photos, which I will be sharing in this series of articles.

Jack Hinson was a wealthy man of his day and owned a 1200-acre plantation, Bubbling Springs, just outside of Dover close to Fort Donelson. He was against secession from the Union and

did not support the war. He was a man of peace who wanted to be neutral. His desire was to be left alone so that he and his sons could work the land.

During the Battle at Fort Donelson, Hinson could hear the guns from his home. Many of the Federals were camped on his land; in fact, some of the fighting took place on his property. Not partisan to either side, he had come to know many of the Confederate and Union officers and freely rode his horse through both Union and Confederate lines. Hinson had met Grant at the general's headquarters in Hinson's neighbor's home. Grant even

stayed in Hinson's home briefly after the battle of Fort Donelson.

Before leaving the area, General Grant put Colonel W. W. Lowe in command of Forts Donelson, Henry and Heiman, and made them federal garrisons to secure the area. Since Hinson's plantation was so close to Fort Donelson, patrols frequently crossed his land. Early one morning, one of Colonel Lowe's patrols was crossing Hinson's property when they came upon two of his sons who were hunting. Being armed and of military age (17 and 22) the lieutenant in command accused them of being bushwhackers, tied them to a tree and executed them less than a mile from their home. With his saber he cut off their heads and dragged their bodies through Dover as an example. Although it seems that their horrific behavior could get no worse, the lieutenant and his men

then took the young brothers' heads to the family home, situating them on the gateposts in front of the house as a warning to their father.

This execution and mutilation changed Hinson forever, and turned him into a deadly enemy of the Union. Leaving his neutrality behind, the once-peaceful plantation owner would soon be launching a personal campaign as a one-man special operation force against the Union. He would eventually break hearts in more than 100 homes of men in Union blue.

The next few installments will cover Jack Hinson's life and how he sought revenge against the cavalry men of 5th Iowa Regiment. He blamed them for the deaths of his sons and officers of U.S. transports and gunboats along the Tennessee River.



*Colonel William W. Lowe*



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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.*

# OAK HILL UNION CHURCH

*Diverse but United*

By Carl Holder



**I**n the seventeenth chapter of the Gospel of John, the author records the words of Jesus as he prays: "I pray for those who will believe in Me...that they may be one as You and I are One."

Unfortunately, Christendom has largely ignored that plea in favor of condemning dissenting voices as heretics, engaging in full-scale divisiveness and even warfare over the most trivial matters allowing various entities

to become instruments of political, social, and economic repression, often persecuting those intent on living Christian lives.

Oak Hill Union Church, about five miles north of Paris, stands as a small but radiant example of present day denominations willing to lay aside differences in favor of worshipping and working together.

While there are many voices today calling for unity, Oak Hill Union has

practiced their own unusual form for over 130 years.

The beginning of Oak Hill Union in the early 1880s was the result of a Baptist minister, William Jones of the Osage community, to establish a Baptist congregation in that area. Reverend Jones issued a call to Baptists, but discovered they were too few in number to form a viable congregation. Undaunted, he issued an invitation to any Christians to attend an open

meeting to consider the formation of a new congregation. Today we might find it unusual that many people would respond to such a call. However, we must remember that denominational affiliation in that time, in rural areas, was often more of a function of proximity to the church than doctrinal concerns. The difference between a five-mile wagon ride with the wife and six children in bad weather, as opposed to a three-mile ride often decided whether you were Baptist or Methodist.

When Reverend Jones issued his call, members of the Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian Churches responded. Initially the new congregation met in homes. In 1884, 1½ acres of land was purchased for \$12, and in 1885 a one-room building was constructed. Three traditions agreed to participate including Baptists, Methodists, and Cumberland Presbyterians.

We do not know why the Christian Church did not participate, other than the knowledge that the only represen-

tative of the Christian Church attending the open meeting was an active member of the Paris congregation, and may have attended solely to lend moral support to the effort.

The congregation grew as a result of a number of revival meetings held over the course of the next few years. Initially the ministers for all three denominations would preach at each service. Needless to say, the time element alone must have made for an interesting dynamic, not to mention any competitiveness which may have developed.

In 1907, Oak Hill Union began the practice of alternating ministers from each tradition, while continuing joint Sunday School.

Another interesting practice which should not go unheeded was that at least two of the three traditions used a pledge system to ensure that the needs of the joint and individual denominations were met. However, two if not all three groups employed a rather unusual practice. Representatives of the church would go door-to-door to collect pledges. I assume this was a

highly effective if unorthodox method, and that it was done in the highest tradition of Christian brotherhood with minimal arm twisting.

The one-room clapboard building remained as originally built until the 1940s when improvements were made to the structure. Additional improvements were made in the 50s and 60s as well. Today the building is home to Cumberland Presbyterian, Southern Baptist and United Methodist congregants with each denomination maintaining their separate denominational affiliation, but continuing the 130 years tradition of meeting together, acknowledging the differences but displaying mutual respect for the faith traditions of the others.

It is an extraordinary testimony to the original founders and those who have come after them.



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

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# summer fish dishes

by Cindy Snyder

**H**ow good do you feel when you finish a delicious meal of baked or grilled fish?

How much do you dread cooking that fish? Fish has to be the easiest thing to cook, but I have seen it put fear in the best cooks I know. So we are sharing our favorites that will take you less than 30 minutes start to finish.

Cornflakes make a great crust. My family was given this recipe for chicken back in the 60s. It was supposed to be a healthy alternative to fried chicken. It is, and works even better with fish.

One of our favorite meals year-round is blackened fish. With a side burner on the gas grill and a well-sea-

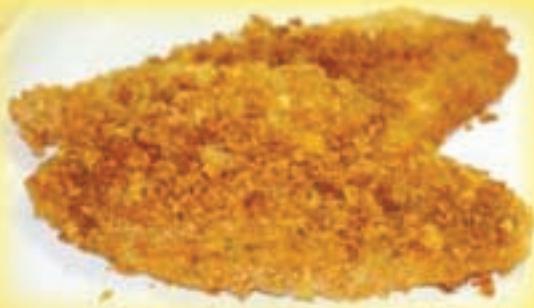
soned cast-iron skillet, this delicious dish can be on your table in under 30 minutes. You can also set the skillet on the grill as it is preheating. We have several favorite seasonings including Tony Chachere's, Paul Prudhomme's blackened redfish magic and even our own 8-spice seasoning. You will find this dish so easy to prepare that you will want to try different seasonings each time.

Having a party? I have a recipe for you that is not only delicious, but makes a very pretty plate. Lemony Caesar catfish or tilapia. This dish teams a savory Caesar dressing with fresh lemons and sweet onions. We all know lemons and onions are great

with catfish, no matter how you cook it. One tip for baking fish is to cover the baking sheet with aluminum foil. It makes clean-up faster than the cooking.

If you want good sides with the fish, try salsas, red beans and rice, cheesy grits and all kinds of green salads. We have included one dish, compliments of John Nichols. John says to make your favorite red beans and rice. He likes it spicy, I like it with black beans.

It is hard to beat fried catfish, especially in Paris, TN. But when you want to try baking or grilling, I hope these recipes will help you. As always, we appreciate your comments. Have a great summer and enjoy more fish!



## CRUSTED CATFISH OR TILAPIA

- |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 lb. catfish or tilapia fillets | 2 cups crushed cornflakes |
| 2 egg whites                     | ½ c. Parmesan cheese      |
| 1 Tbsp. water                    | Salt and pepper to taste  |

Mix egg whites and water with fork. Mix cornflake crumbs with Parmesan cheese. Pat fillets dry, dredge in eggwash, roll in cornflake/cheese mixture and put on pre-sprayed baking sheet. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven for 15 minutes.

## BLACKENED FISH

- Cast-iron skillet  
 2 Tbsp. olive oil and 2 Tbsp. butter  
 1 ½ lbs. of salmon, steelhead trout or catfish  
 Seasonings, your choice.

*Here are a few options: Tony Chachere's, Paul Prudhomme blackened redfish magic, Cindy's 8-spice seasoning or your own.*



Preheat skillet on grill, in fire or on side grill burner for at least 20 minutes. Meanwhile, melt butter and olive oil in microwavable dish for one minute. Turn fish fillets over in melted mixture, leave in dish and sprinkle seasoning on both sides. When pan is ready, lay fillets in the skillet. There will be a lot of sizzling going on. Cook 5 minutes on side one. Turn with long-handled spatula and cook 3 minutes on second side. If you have a thick piece of fish you may need to add 2 minutes to each side. Also if you have skin on one side, put the other side on first. When you are ready to remove the fish, the skin will easily peel off.



## LEMONY CAESAR CATFISH OR TILAPIA

- 1 lb. fillets  
 1 lemon, sliced  
 1 sweet onion, sliced  
 1 cup of creamy Caesar dressing

Pat fillets dry. Lay fillets on a pre-sprayed baking sheet. Brush dressing liberally on fillets and top with a slice of lemon and onion. Bake in preheated 350 degree oven 15 minutes.

## JOHN'S RED BEANS, RICE AND FISH

Place tilapia fillets in a single layer in a pre-sprayed baking dish. Top with red beans and rice. Bake 15 minutes at 350. Delicious. Thanks to John for the recipe - we have been enjoying it at our house for several months!

Enough tilapia fillets to cover the bottom of your dish

### Red Beans and Rice

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| ½ cup chopped onion                             | 1 can tomato sauce          |
| ½ cup chopped celery                            | 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce |
| ½ cup chopped red pepper                        | ½ tsp. ground red pepper    |
| 2 cloves of garlic, minced                      | ¼ tsp. hot pepper sauce     |
| 2 cans of red beans, black beans or pinto beans | 3 cups cooked rice          |

Spray skillet with vegetable cooking spray. Sauté vegetables for 2 to 3 minutes. Add beans and all other ingredients, except rice. Cook 15 minutes. Mix in rice gently.



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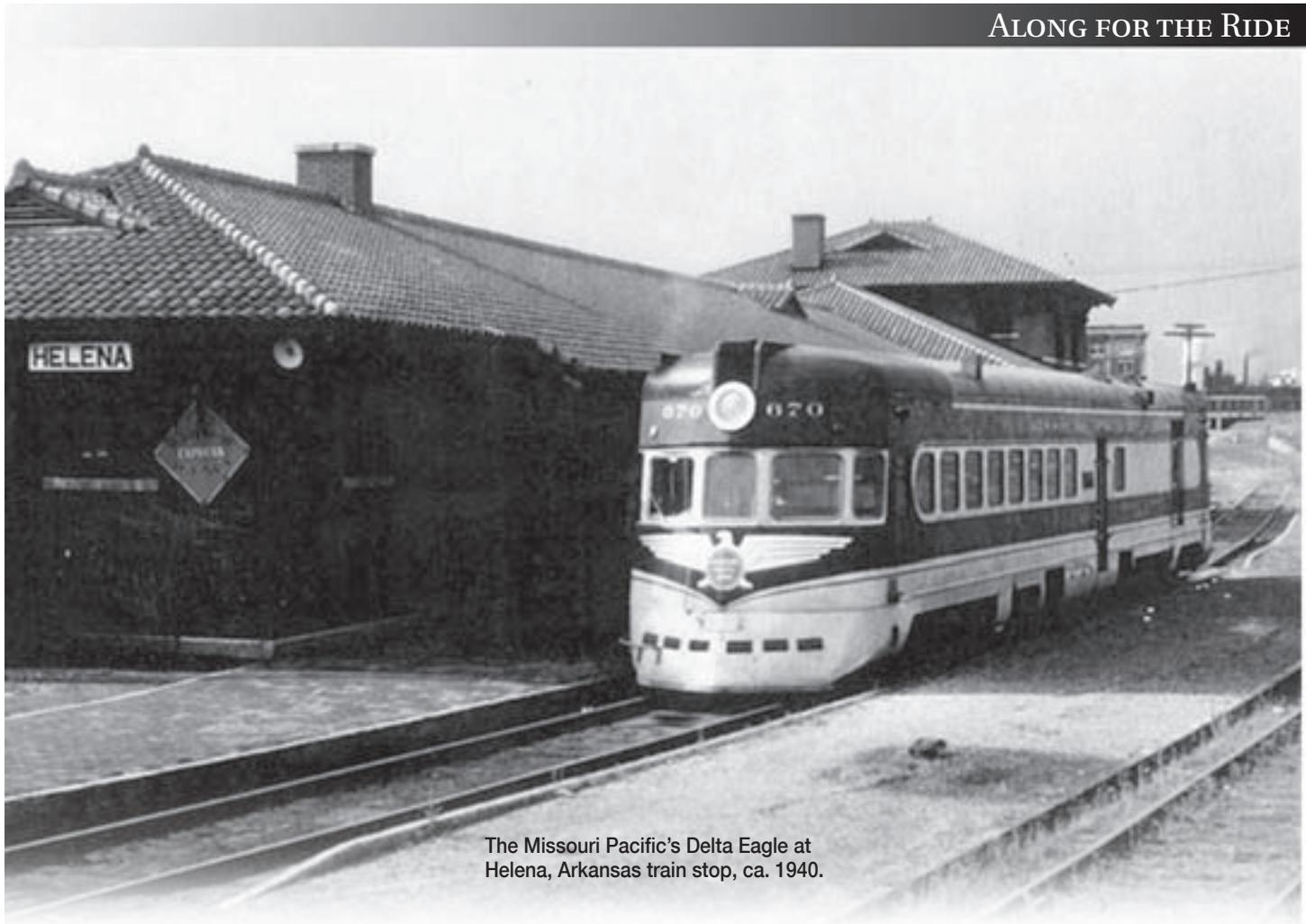
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The Missouri Pacific's Delta Eagle at Helena, Arkansas train stop, ca. 1940.

# PEDALING *Along the Tracks*

By Tim Check

**W**e recently discovered a little treasure of Rails to Trails bicycle ride in Eastern Arkansas, just across the Mississippi River near Tunica, MS. This ride is a mere three-and-a-half hours from Paris or 200 miles.

The start of the Delta Heritage Trail is in the river town of Helena/West Helena, Arkansas. State Park Ranger/Interpreter Johnathan Hutto was our most delightful guide and resource person. He may be reached at [johnathon.hutto@arkansas.gov](mailto:johnathon.hutto@arkansas.gov).

## Few and far between

Arkansas does not have many bike trails, but this is a real gem. The trail was built on the former Missouri Pacific Railroad, which was given to

Arkansas by the National Trails System Act. Having been an active rail line, the grade is extremely level making for easy pedaling. Riders can enjoy the breathtaking beauty of this rural setting, which follows the Mississippi River for 73 miles. While 59 miles are under construction, the first 14 are already completed.

## Historic Delta Eagle

This trail is ideal for the cyclist, walker, jogger, wildlife enthusiast or history buff. The trail system allows users to travel through some of the most picturesque areas of the state. Most of the trail follows the route of the historic Delta Eagle passenger line. Hikers and cyclists can almost picture themselves on that notable train as

they wind their way under the shaded canopy, levee systems and numerous bridges.

## Critters galore

Wildlife habitat is exceptional because of the trail's rural nature. There is an abundance of small mammals and birds, including an interesting variety of woodpecker. Red and grey fox, fox squirrel and bobcat also can be seen.

## Sit a spell

Being an old rail line the Delta Trail takes visitors through tiny farming towns like Lake View, Snow Lake, and Watson. There are plenty of opportunities to take breaks as the trail has benches and rest areas about every half-mile.

The state park along the way has camping for tents and travel trailers. Another interesting aspect to this trail is the variety of workshops held for tourists in campfire cooking and Dutch oven cooking. They have other offerings including storytelling.

### Other local interests

The local community of Helena/ West Helena, once one of the largest cities in Arkansas is now rediscovering itself. During the summer, they have a fun community festival called "Second Saturday" which features arts, crafts, blues music, street carnivals, specialty foods and more. Oh yes - another treat is Ray's Dairy Bar in Helena where visitors can wrap their lips around one of the best homemade pies anywhere.

### En route

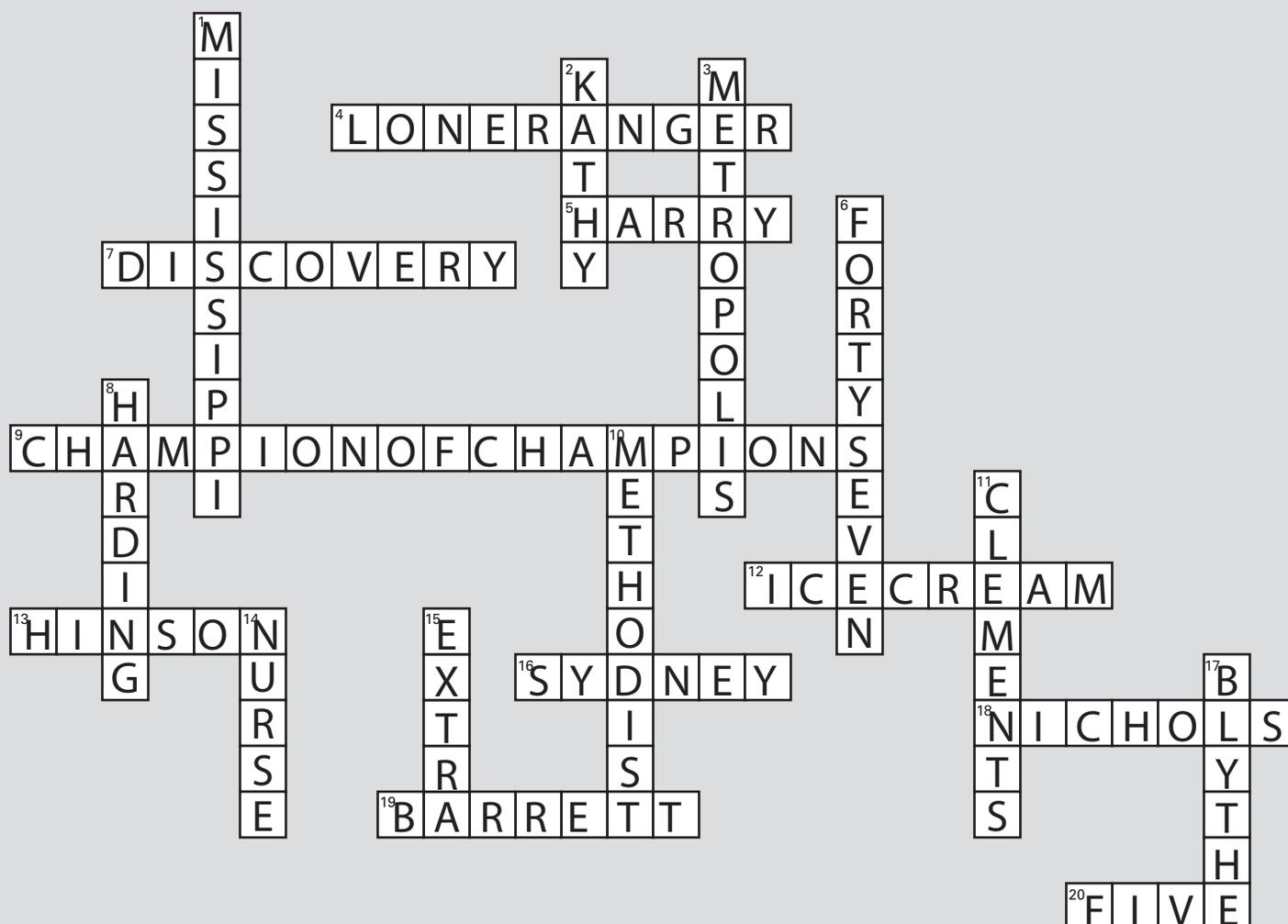
For those traveling to Memphis then heading across the Mississippi, Crowley's River is a hilly, windy road where Campbell Peaches originate. This scenic byway in Eastern Arkansas is a must-see. For Ernest Hemingway fans Piggott, Arkansas, offers a tour of the home where he wrote *A Farewell to Arms*.



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



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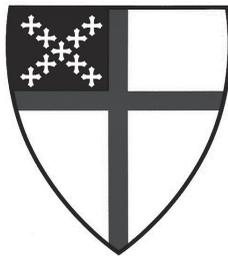
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# Summer Blockbusters

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Summer may not officially begin until June 21, but as far as summer movie season is concerned, it began May 2 with the release of *"Iron Man 3"* kicking it into high gear. Following on its heels, were *"The Great Gatsby"* and the new *"Star Trek Into Darkness,"* all of which are still playing, but look what's to come.

## Wherefore art thy women?

They are always in short supply in the summer, but this year they're an endangered species. A few to watch for are Carey Mulligan in *"The Great Gatsby,"* Sandra Bullock and Melissa McCarthy in *"The Heat,"* Emma Watson in *"The Bling Ring,"* and Lily Collins in *"Mortal Instruments: City of Bones."*

## The End?

It's the end of the world as we know it, over and over, thanks to movies such as *"After Earth," "This Is The End," "World War Z," "Elysium,"* and *"The World's End."*

## Sequels

When it comes to sequels, *"Fast & Furious"* is the reigning champ with its sixth movie and a seventh announced to be released in 2014.

Runner-up would have to be the third and final installment of *"The Hangover."* Both having been released May 24, you can probably get a great seat about now.

If you cannot wind the clock forward, spin it back, as *"Monsters University"* does, giving us a college level origin story for Sulley (voice of John Goodman) and his one-eyed little buddy Mike (Billy Crystal).

It will be hard to top last year's crop of animated movies, but this summer will deliver *"From Up on Poppy Hill," "Epic," "Monsters University," "Despicable Me 2," "Turbo,"* and *"Planes."*

## Hi Yo, Silver

*"The Lone Ranger"* is sure to rope in moviegoers young and old. After all, the program originated on a Detroit

radio station in early 1933 and crossed over to television in 1949, eventually spawning feature films too. Opening July 3, this newest rendition with Johnny Depp is sure to entertain.

## Up, up and away

The best preview thus far would have to be *"Man of Steel."* In theaters June 14, Superman is back!

All these and more can be found at nearby movie theaters. Locally, the Parisian Theatre on Jim Adams Drive offers two showings nightly on all six screens, with matinees on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday as well during the summer. New this year is the Kids' Summer Program showing previously released children's movies on Thursdays at 10 am and 1 pm for only \$3 per person.

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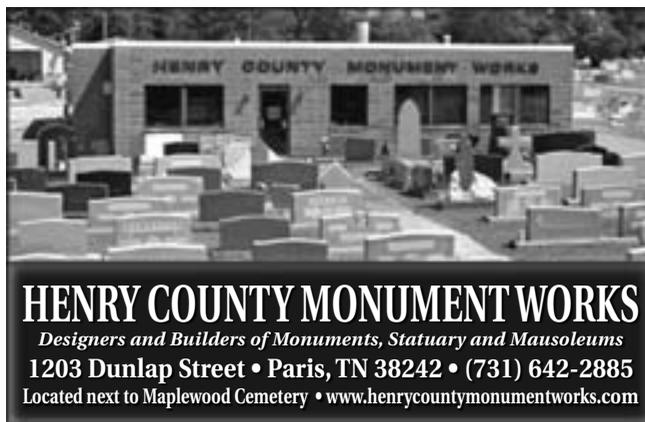
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**June 1 – The Krider Center is hosting Lisa’s Dance Studio Recital.** Please call 731-644-2517 for more information.

**June 1 – The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Grapes and Gourmet** at the Heritage Center boasts delicious wine and tasty food along with an auction all for a historic cause. For more information or tickets call 731-642-1030.

**June 6 – Summer means blood shortages.** Give from noon until 6 pm when **Lifeline Bloodmobile** visits First United Methodist Church in downtown Paris. 731-642-2941.

**June 8 – Tower Youth Triathlon** held at Eiffel Tower Park. Contact Tony Lawrence for more information 731-644-2517.

**June 9-15 – It’s Downtown Paris Week.** Be on the lookout for special activities including sales, live music, membership opportunities and more. Check out the article on page 12 or log on [www.VisitDowntownParis.com](http://www.VisitDowntownParis.com) for more information.

**June 14-15 – The Children’s Theater at the Krider presents “Aristocats KIDS”** at 7 pm on Friday and 2 pm on Saturday. Performers are ages 5-8. Tickets are \$8/general admission, \$5/students. Call Genine at 731-924-8080 for more info.

**June 14 – Relay for Life is at the Henry County Fairgrounds;** gates open at 4 pm. The party lasts till 6am and includes delicious food, live music, games, and more activities to raise money and beat cancer!

**June 14 – Flag Day!** Honor our flag and its meaning for the USA.

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**June 21 – First day of summer.**

**June 22 – The Paris Opry** is local country at its best. Showtime is 7 pm. at the Krider Performing Arts Center. Call 731-644-2571.

**June 25 – The Downtown Paris Association** is hosting the “**Cruise In**” in Paris. Classic cars, antique cars and those who just love to look at the cars meet at 5:30 pm the fourth Tuesday in June, August, and October. FREE! For more information go to [www.VisitDowntownParis.com](http://www.VisitDowntownParis.com).

**June 28-29 – The Children’s Theater** at the Krider presents “**The Hobbit**” at 7pm. Performers are ages 9-18. Tickets are \$8/general admission, \$5/students. For more information call Genine at 731-924-8080.

**July – Enjoy Paris Landing State Park Fishing Tournaments.** Many tournaments are scheduled during the summer. For more information on dates, times and weigh ins call 731-641-4465.

**July 4 – Celebrate our Independence!!** Fly that red, white, and blue with PRIDE.

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**July 4 – Freedom Festival 2013** is held in Downtown Cottage Grove’s Cardinal Park, sponsored by Cottage Grove Volunteer Fire Department. Watch the P-I for schedule, including parade, music, food, and fireworks. For information, call 731-782-3657, 731-642-8270, or 731-782-3559.

**July 12-13 – The Children’s Theater** at the Krider presents “**Beauty and the Beast**” at 7pm Friday and 2pm Saturday. Performers are ages 9-18. Tickets \$8/general admission, \$5/students. Also, on July 13, children can attend “**Belle’s Tea Party**” where characters from the play will serve food, sign autographs, and take pictures. Tickets to the tea party are \$7. For more info call Genine at 731-924-8080.

**July 13 – Cool & Crawly Critters Day** 10am-4pm at Land Between The Lakes. A complete schedule will be available by June 10. Program will be held rain or shine. \$5 for adults; \$4 for kids ages 5-12; free for ages 4 and under. For more info call 270-924-2000 or [www.lbl.org](http://www.lbl.org).

**July 20 – Raise your anchors! It’s the Annual Water Fun Run,** sponsored by the Henry County Chamber of Commerce. For more info call 731-642-3431 or visit [www.paristnchamber.com](http://www.paristnchamber.com).

**July 27 – Chill out with cool cars and cold ice cream at the Downtown Paris Association’s Ice Cream Social & Antique Car Show,** 3-6 pm Enjoy an all-you-can-eat ice cream extravaganza in beautiful and historic Downtown Paris. \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 years of age and younger. For more information log on [www.visitdowntownparis.com](http://www.visitdowntownparis.com).

**July 27 – “Concert in the Vineyards”** at Paris Winery; 7-10 pm. Bring your favorite lawn chair or blanket, your family and friends for an evening under the stars. No grills or pets and the winery will be open so please no other alcohol. Ruggero’s Italian Bistro is open late on concert nights! For more information, call 731-644-9500.

**August – Fishing tournaments** continue at Paris Landing State Park. For more information, call 731-641-4465.

**August 1 – Give Blood and Save a Life!** The **Lifeline Blood Mobile** will visit First United Methodist Church from noon until 6 pm. For information, call 731-642-2941.

**August 3-10 – FAIR WEEK!** Grab some cotton candy, get thrilled on a carnival ride, admire a well-groomed steer during exhibition and see who won a blue ribbon at the **Henry County Fair.** For complete schedule call 731-641-9340.

**August 10-11 – OverDrive Car Show 2013** presented by Street Dynamics at the Paris Convention Center. Open car show with special guests appearances. See inside back cover for more information.

**August 12 – SCHOOL STARTS!** First full day in Paris and Henry County schools.

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