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## Summertime, and the living is... *busy!*



We've had a fabulous Fish Fry (thanks, Jaycees), a chilly blackberry winter and a productive school year. Now it's time to settle into the slower pace of summer...or is it?

Not everybody slows down this time of year; some folks speed up. Find out why athletes come by the hundreds to swim, bike and run in the Paris Landing Tri.

If exercise isn't your cup of tea, there are plenty of other things to do in Henry County, and it's easier than ever to find out about them. The Chamber's Monica Smith explains the importance of the new, online community calendar and how to get your next event included. Speaking of which, don't miss Shannon McFarlin's piece on a brand new venue for weddings and events. Hint: a barn is for more than horses and hay!

Our Spotlight shines on two doctors who happen to be husband and wife. Find out more as Dr. and Dr. Dandridge offer insight into the commitment they share as AME Church ministers.

Henry County has plenty of weekend tourists, but Susan Jones found the story of a Norwegian visitor who stayed for eight months. Find out what this 17-year old exchange student thought about her adopted town and why she wants more locals to become host families.

We also have plenty of history, starting with Larry Ray's article about an intriguing gentleman who may be new to most readers. Sandee Green shares her love of stained glass in our "Windows of Paris" series. And Shannon McFarlin tells us about the clock that's been chiming the hour for more than a century.

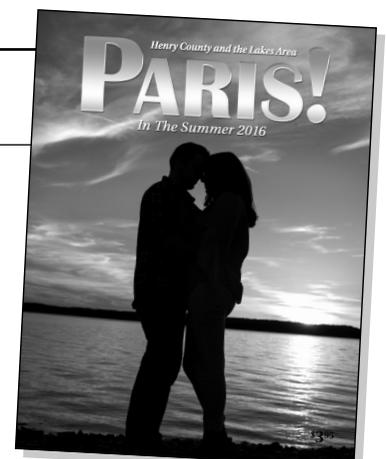
Whether it's an article about a stray who became a star, delicious summer drinks, or how to have fun in the garden, there's plenty more to read, so get started!

Enjoy summer and enjoy PARIS! magazine.

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## On The Cover

Professional photographer Traci Shepherd captured the glowing sunset sinking slowly on the horizon of Kentucky Lake, making the perfect spot for a silhouette of newlyweds Matt and Cayla Byars.



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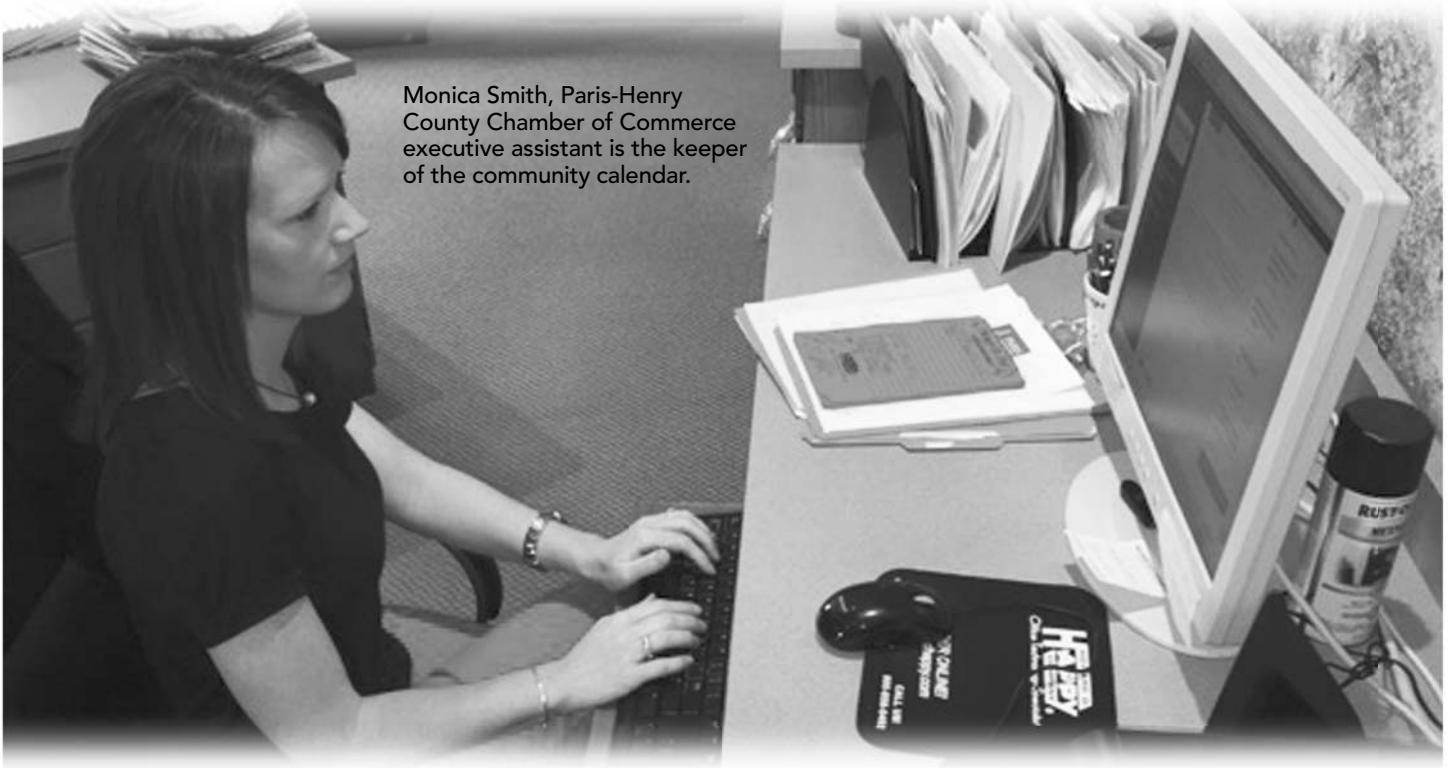
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Monica Smith, Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce executive assistant is the keeper of the community calendar.

By Susan Jones

It's a question that has plagued the human race from the beginning of time, "What are we going to do this weekend?"

With the assistance of Paris and Henry County's new community calendar, that age-old question can be easily answered, but that's not what interests Monica Smith. As the executive assistant at the Chamber of Com-

merce, Smith is the official keeper of the calendar, and she's serious about content. "We need more people to submit their events, upload photos and tell their friends about this free service," she said.

While the calendar already includes everything from fundraisers to car shows, and activities from Paris Land- ing to Downtown, Smith wants more.

"There are lots of church groups, civic groups and other non-profit organizations that aren't taking advantage of the calendar to promote their activities," she said.

Just getting folks to remember that this resource exists will take time, but Smith is confident that it will eventually seep into the community's collective memory. "It will be a process

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- Make certain **all information is correct.**
- **Share the event** from the calendar page using Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Email or hit the print button and post it at the office.
- **Contact Monica Smith** at the Chamber for help. (731-642-3431 or [pariscoc@paristnchamber.com](mailto:pariscoc@paristnchamber.com))

to get people to think about it," she admitted, but it will happen over time. She has no doubt that soon people will be using the calendar to plan outings with family and friends or to confirm event times and locations.

Aside from being handy, the Community Calendar does something else for Paris, according to Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jennifer Wheatley. "Potential tourists and those interested in moving to our area learn about our community on-line. Long

before they get in their cars, they sit down at their computers," she said. "If they like what they see, they're likely to come for a visit. That's the power of having a more well-rounded online presence.

"It's wonderful that our community leaders have made this a priority," said Wheatley.

The calendar is a joint venture of the City of Paris, County of Henry, PHC Chamber of Commerce, HC Alliance, Downtown Paris Association and HC

Emergency Management. It already is or soon will be available on these sponsoring websites and their mobile apps.

When sending items to the calendar, simply go to [paristnchamber.com](http://paristnchamber.com) and click on "Events/Community Calendar." Go to "Community Calendar" on the left hand side. Click on "Visit" and type in your event information. Items sent during business hours are usually uploaded by the Chamber that same day.

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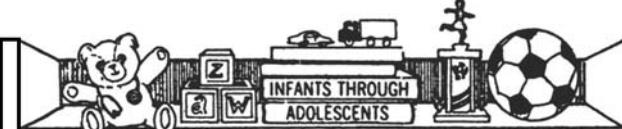


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# PRESERVE PARIS

## Neighbors Helping Neighbors

**N**eighbors helping neighbors. Neighborhood Associations being formed and others reinvigorated. Flowers and trees being planted. Abandoned properties being tended. Homeowners and renters learning what resources are available to help them with their needed repairs.

The city of Paris is seeing the beginning of all the benefits that will come with the newly inaugurated Preserve Paris program.

Preserve Paris “is not only a project,” City Manager Kim Foster said. “We hope it becomes a mindset. This isn’t just a one shot event, but hopefully an ongoing process that will continue to be beneficial to our neighborhoods.”

Preserve Paris was an idea brought to the city through the USDA by way of Michigan. And even in its infancy, it’s working beyond expectations.

Lisa Hewitt-Cruz, the USDA’s Single Family Housing State Office Specialist, brought the idea to Tennessee from Michigan, according to Mary Hickman of Paris, who serves as USDA’s area specialist.

Hewitt-Cruz said, “I worked for another agency and did the same type of initiative there, several years ago.”

Three Tennessee communities were chosen as the first to embark on the program: Paris, Bolivar and Springfield.

Paris city officials not only embraced the idea, they ran with it. Two community planning meetings and one clean-up day have already been held since March, with large numbers of citizens in attendance for each of the activities.

“I’ve been so encouraged to see how the community has grasped this concept and gotten excited about it,” Foster said. “We will work in the months and years to come to make physical improvements, but my biggest hope is that residents will want to keep the spirit of Preserve Paris alive whether there is an event or improvement going on in their neighborhood or not.”

Preserve Paris is as much about creating a mindset as replacing sidewalks, Foster said. “It’s as much about developing relationships with your neighbors as adding a sign to your neighborhood.”

Everyone knows that Paris has always been a great place to live, but Foster said she hopes that Preserve Paris “will not only improve our infra-

structure, but enhance our relationships with our friends and neighbors as we work together to make neighborhoods be as good as they can be.”

Both Foster and Hickman said they have been impressed with the response of the public to the concept. “One of the most positive aspects,” Foster said, “is the way that residents have come together for a common goal. Neighborhood associations have been reactivated in some neighborhoods and created in others. Residents are coming together to plan, work, and help one another, and they’re not always actual neighbors.”

The first Preserve Paris “Clean Sweep Day” in the Lee School Neighborhood drew some 100 participants who were willing to get dirty and sweaty to clean up other peoples’ neighborhood. Those who participated included individuals, church groups, business groups, city officials—and even USDA officials from Jackson and Nashville who were pushing wheelbarrows and raking leaves.

Foster recalled an incident during the first “Clean Sweep Day”. Two individuals from Tennessee Valley Community Church helped a resident on College Street clean up some things

in her backyard. "They noticed that her back porch was in bad shape and needed to be fixed. They decided a day or two later that it wasn't going to fix itself so they would fix it for her. This story really touched my heart and I thought, that's really what this effort is all about: neighbors helping neighbors, it's why I love Paris so much."

For Paris officials—and in the long-run the Paris community as a whole—another positive aspect of the program is the relationship that has developed between the city and USDA Rural Development. "We've always worked with them, but this opportunity has really helped to raise our awareness of the resources and programs they have to offer," Foster said. "Without their support it would have been difficult to get this off the ground, and certainly not in the short time frame that we've experienced so far. They've provided manpower and technical support that has been invaluable."

Foster and other city officials were especially impressed when USDA officials showed up at the Lee Neighbor-



City Manager Kim Foster: Preserve Paris "is not only a project. We hope it becomes a mindset."

hood Clean Sweep Day. "They believe in this concept and want to see it be successful just as much as we do."

Foster noted that USDA is pulling resources from other agencies (such as from the State Housing Development Agency and State Economic and Community Development) to help the

city in various ways. "We are incredibly fortunate to have been chosen as one of their pilot cities," she said.

Looking ahead to the future, Hickman said, "The Preserve Paris project will benefit Paris in so many ways! The benefits are already being seen in the community. Neighbors are assisting each other with yard work, flowers are being planted and shrubs are being trimmed. Neighbors are meeting and visiting with each other. Homeowners are being introduced to organizations that may be able to assist them with repairs, health care assistance, meals, and many other benefits that they may have not been aware of in the past."

Hickman said the city as whole will benefit from the program in another key way, too: "The city itself benefits because the project increases the value of the homes in the community and diminishes the likelihood of abandoned properties. Individuals become more involved in their communities, along with other communities that are close in proximity to them. Everyone actually benefits when anything done is taken in the positive direction."

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# As Time Goes By

By Shannon McFarlin

**I**t's the oldest working courthouse in West Tennessee and it contains one of the oldest, most elaborate and despite its age, one of the most accurate clocks you can find anywhere.

The tower clock is one of the most interesting aspects of the Henry County Courthouse, but also one which most people don't think about. Most probably don't notice the clock chiming on the hour and the half-hour all day, every single day. Until the chiming stops, which has happened just a few times over the years, and

the absence of the daily time-telling sounds seem to be maddening.

The present Henry County Courthouse was built in 1896 (three other courthouses preceded it, two in that location) and has withstood tornadoes and the vestiges of age through the years. So has the clock and clock tower, which is arguably the courthouse's most unique feature.

The tower clock, known as a No. 1 Striker, was ordered from the E. Howard Watch and Clock Company on August 4, 1896. Jeweler J.P. Jones facilitated the purchase and the county paid a grand total of \$670 for the clock, hands and figures. For his work in arranging the transaction, Jones received a 10 percent commission.

The E. Howard Company of Massachusetts was founded in 1881, making the Henry County Courthouse clock one of its earliest big jobs. The company was known for its timepieces and regulators of fine quality and manufactured many clock styles, big and small. The clocks were manufactured at its factory in Roxbury. The Henry County Courthouse clock was shipped from that factory August 19, 1896, ahead of schedule.

In its earliest days, the clock would have required regular maintenance. Two weights would have driven the time and strike trains, and courthouse personnel would manually rewind it on a weekly or semi-weekly basis.

Rather than the customary cylindrical weights made of metal or concrete, the weights were actually wooden boxes filled with horseshoes and other scrap metal and built into vertical tracks. The clock was electrified in the 1950s, relieving personnel of those duties.



The bell in the clock tower was cast by William Kaye of Louisville, who was born in Yorkshire, England. Later, he became the mayor of Louisville. In 1841, he founded Kaye & Company, which was well-known for its brass and bell works, including the bell in the Cathedral of the Assumption in Louisville.

According to the *History of Henry County* written by McLeod Johnson, the alloy reportedly contains the metal of several silver dollars donated by the citizens of Paris to give it a clearer sound.

The bell began its local life when it was installed in the belfry of the former Odd Fellows Female Institute which stood at the corner of Market and McNeill Streets in downtown Paris, in the 1850s, according to W.O. Inman's *History of Henry County*. While at the institute, the bell was rung not only for the school, but for the Baptist Church and funerals. After



Switches inside the clock tower

the Odd Fellows Female Institute was burned in 1890, the bell was saved and became an integral part of the courthouse tower.

The tower area of the courthouse used to be adjacent to a balcony section which served as a viewing gallery for spectators who crowded in to watch hearings and trials in the second floor courtroom below. The viewing gallery and the much fancier original courtroom ceiling were covered by a drop ceiling when the air conditioning system was installed.

Two narrow and difficult staircases still are used by maintenance workers to reach the clock tower, but they are closed off to the public.

For many years, the clock was maintained by Dr. John Van Dyck of Paris who said he learned how to fix clocks when he was in his residency in New Orleans. "New Orleans is full of antique shops and I found I could make some extra money fixing clocks," he said.

Dr. Van Dyck said he fixed the clock in the 1970s after a long period of the clock not working after it was electrified. "I fixed the clock and I fixed the stairs, too, by replanking the boards so they wouldn't break. They were in pretty bad shape." A group including himself, Ricky Searcy and others also scrubbed down the clock tower which had accumulated a large amount of pigeon droppings.

"The clock either keeps perfect time or no time at all," Van Dyck said. "Anytime the electricity goes out in town, the clock also goes out and has to be reset. When I first started fixing it, I was focused on that. I really wanted to get that going again and sometimes I'd be up there at midnight."

He said when he was unable to make the trek up and down the narrow stairway anymore he taught J.C. Ramos of Computer HELP how to fix the clock.

"We went up there together a couple of times and I couldn't believe how fast he learned. He really took to it," Van Dyck said.

Ramos said he enjoys maintaining the clock and has plans to replace the battery.

Dr. Van Dyck recalled when the clock was electrified the parts were ready to be thrown out and "it was through the blessing of (former County Executive) Herman Jackson that I have the old pendulum bob from the clock in my house. It's one of my treasured possessions."

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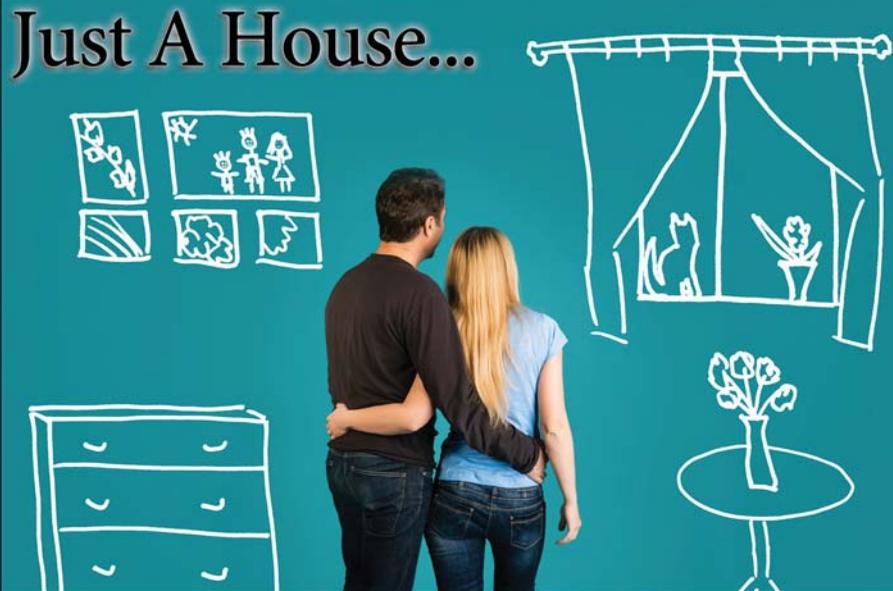
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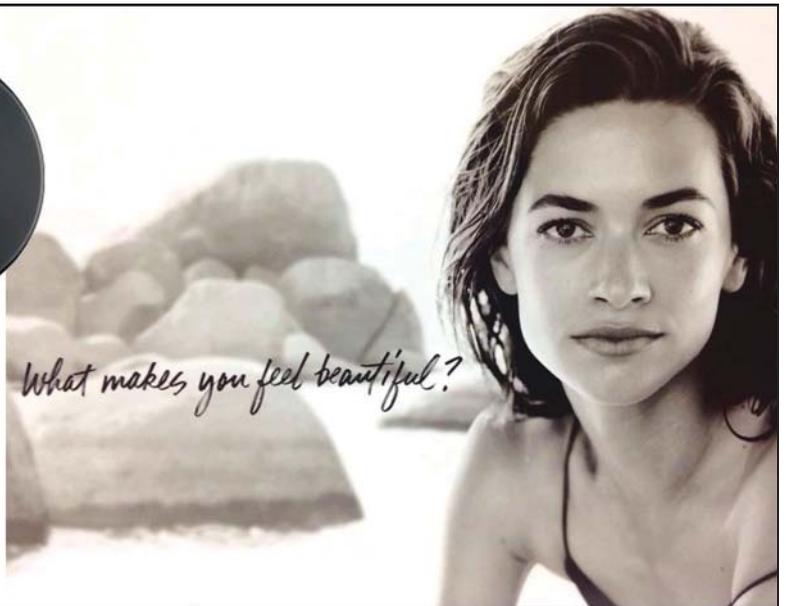


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**H**ave you ever had this dream for your wedding? You're out in the beautiful countryside, surrounded by rolling hills, a picturesque pond with an old wooden swing hanging from a century-old tree. You and your intended exchange your vows by a rustic barn with soft lights that make everything glow.

That's not just a dream. Stephanie and Stan Dunagan have created your dream venue right here in Henry County.

Nestled in the countryside, adjoining their home on Gate 3 Road, the Dunagans have opened a wedding and event venue that most would agree is very special.

Family is the prevalent theme for the site: it is located on land that has

been in Stephanie's family for generations and which the Dunagans will pass on to their children. The huge old-fashioned barn that is the centerpiece of the venue was modeled by Stephanie on the barn at her grandparent's homeplace just around the corner on Steele Road.

A huge old bell, that still rings, from Stan Dunagan's home in Caruthersville, Missouri, decorates the site near the barn. An old mirror that was salvaged from Stephanie's father's home in Mansfield and wood from an old family barn decorate the bridal parlor built on the property.

"I wanted the barn to look as rustic as it could," Stephanie said. The 2,300 square foot barn was built by Amish craftsmen from McKenzie and is designed in a gambrel-style with cypress

siding. The stamped concrete floor is crafted to look like wood.

"I wanted a blank pallet for the bride so she could make it her own," she said. "Each wedding or event here will look different from every other."

The barn is built with an indoor loft that looks down on the main floor. The interior may be decorated with round tables and it has plenty of room for dancing and visiting. Lighting includes 10 sconce lights and decorative string lights all over, as well as old-fashioned lanterns.

Stephanie said she specifically wanted the loft to highlight the barn. "I thought that would be a great place for musicians to perform. Also a great place to take photos."

She and her husband were prompted to create the venue after trips they



have taken abroad. "We always take the agri-business trips when we travel. We want to see what the local people have to offer and that's what we wanted for this place, too."

The land on which the venue rests is rich in history and "we believe history should be shared," she said. The Dunagan's land is within feet from the back entrance of the former Camp Tyson, a historic barrage balloon battalion training center that operated during World War II. The property was among those that was taken by the United States government through eminent domain and then sold back to the original owners after the war.

"We also wanted to create a place unlike any other in Henry County," she said. "So many people today want outdoor weddings and events, and there are so few places equipped for that. We really thought this was something that Henry County needed."

The property also includes The Cypress Cottage with two guest restrooms just within a few steps from the barn. That structure also includes a kitchenette, a cooling and warming spot for



Dr. Stephanie Dunagan rests in the bridal parlor at the barn's event site.

the caterers with enough room for food preparation. It is equipped with sinks, refrigerator and food warmer.

In the same facility is The Cottage, a bridal parlor where the bride and her party can dress and prepare for their day, with a private bathroom. A fire pit is outside, along with the pond, which soon will have a dock.

"We wanted somewhere we could offer everything all in one place: the rehearsals, rehearsal dinner, wedding and reception," Stephanie said.

The site is also perfect for other events, too, from Easter and Halloween-themed parties to family and class reunions. "We've already had a wedding and a sorority from the University of Tennessee Martin had an event here," she stated.

"Even if you do already own a family farm, we wanted to offer something for people that is economical; a site that is already set up and ready for weddings and other events," Stephanie said. "More and more people nowadays want an outdoor, casual setting for their events."

"This truly is a labor of love and we're not done working on it," Stephanie added. "We have a lot more plans that will make people happy."

For more information on the venue and its packages, visit [www.dunagan-farms.com](http://www.dunagan-farms.com)

*Dr. Stephanie Dunagan is a physician at the Griffey Clinic in Paris and Dr. Stan Dunagan is a professor of geology at the University of Tennessee at Martin, who currently is working toward another degree in agriculture.*

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# COOL! Summer Drinks

By Annie Mayoza Holmes

One of the biggest parts of summer is deciding how to beat the heat. Is your cure the pool or maybe the lake? I am the type of person that believes food can cure just about anything. There is nothing better on a hot summer day than a nice big ice cold drink! In honor of lazy pool days and hot summer nights I've come up with some of my very favorite recipes to beat the heat. These easy drinks will be your new favorites all summer long!

*Annie Mayoza Holmes is the gluten-free blogger behind the website Maebells. She is a Henry County native who has a passion for revamping classic Southern dishes into lighter, healthier, gluten-free fare. To see more from Annie, visit her website, [www.maebells.com](http://www.maebells.com).*

## WATERMELON LIMEADE

The Watermelon Limeade is so easy, just two ingredients! Make this large batch drink for all your cookouts.

### INGREDIENTS

- 5 cups watermelon juice (10 cups seedless watermelon chunks blended)
- 1 can frozen limeade

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place the seedless watermelon chunks in the blender and blend until smooth. (You may need to do this in 2 batches.)
2. Pour watermelon juice through a mesh strainer and discard the pulp.
3. Measure out 5 cups of strained watermelon juice and add it to the blender with the frozen limeade. Blend well and serve ice cold with additional watermelon chunks.

## BLENDING COCONUT MOCHA

This Blended Coconut Mocha drink is packed with mocha flavor and a tropical kick from a bit of coconut! Top this with toasted coconut for a truly decadent drink.

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup cold coffee
- ¼ cup milk or fat free half and half
- 1 tablespoon vanilla syrup
- 5-7 ice cubes
- 1 teaspoon cocoa powder\*
- ½ teaspoon coconut extract
- ⅓ cup shredded coconut for toasting



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat your broiler to low and place the coconut in an oven proof dish, let it sit under the broiler 30 seconds to one minute or until golden brown. Let the toasted coconut cool.
2. Combine cold coffee, milk, vanilla syrup, cocoa powder and coconut extract in a blender. Add ice cubes and blend approximately 40 seconds until ice cubes are totally crushed.
3. This makes one large drink or two small drinks as pictured.

*\*For a sweeter, more chocolate version, use a tablespoon of chocolate syrup in place of the cocoa powder.*

## PASSIONFRUIT TEA

The Passionfruit Tea is packed with fresh berries and mint for an ultra refreshing beverage.

### INGREDIENTS

- 8 cups water, divided
- 1 Tazo Iced Passion tea bag
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 4 cups sliced strawberries
- 1 cup fresh blackberries
- 2 lemons, sliced
- ¼ cup loosely packed mint leaves

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Bring four cups of fresh water to a boil.
2. Remove from heat and add the tea bag and let steep for 7 minutes.
3. Remove tea bag, add sugar and stir well.
4. Pour into a large pitcher, add 4 cups of cold water, cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours until cool.
5. Add fruit and mint leaves.
6. Serve over ice and garnish with additional mint if desired.



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Recently at the Parisian Theatre, Stephen Hulbert and his son, Lucas, came dressed up for fun during the opening weekend of the movie *Captain America*.

If you have photos from recent local events, please share them with PARIS! Magazine. Simply identify your subjects, briefly describe the event, and email the photo(s) to [parker@myparismagazine.com](mailto:parker@myparismagazine.com). You just might see your photograph on these pages!



Laura and Mae Whitby are all smiles as they attended the 142nd running of the Kentucky Derby at Churchill Downs in Louisville, Kentucky.



Brother Andre Richardson talks with members of the Fisk Jubilee Singers after their performance at KPAC.



The new Birds of Prey habitat at Paris Landing State Park was dedicated at a ribbon-cutting. Park Staff Gina Lowry shows the crowd a Great Horned Owl as Mark Archer of the Paris Rotary Club joins in the fun.



Madison Hutson portrayed Minnie Pearl perfectly at Paris Elementary's 4th grade play, "A Tennessee Celebration."



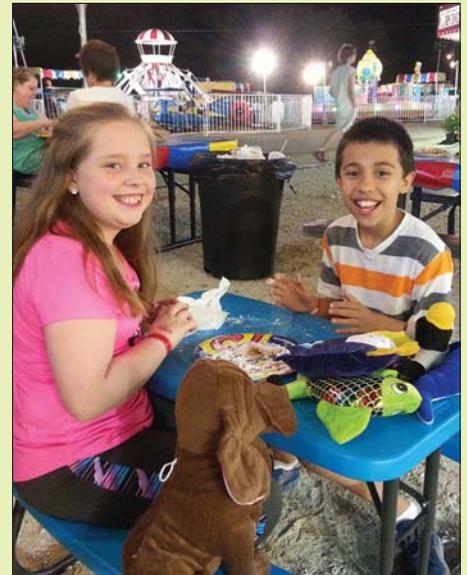
At a presentation to Lakewood Elementary School children, Juvenile Court Judge Vicki Snyder gets help from Paris Patrolman Jamie James and his K9 Herrum.



DeLaina Greene, who is employed by the Henry County Election Commission, was the newest member of the Quota Club and is being pinned by Melanie Townsend.



Leon Ridgeway puts finishing touches on the All-Star plaques at McNeill Park after they were recently refurbished.



Beau Gallimore and Addy Parker had a blast sharing a funnel cake and winning lots of prizes at the World's Biggest Fish Fry carnival.

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# Dr. & Dr. Dandridge

**T**he doctor is in. Or in this case, we should say the doctors are in.

If there is such a thing as a power couple in Paris, it could very well be the duo of Dr. John Dandridge and Dr. Janie Dowdy-Dandridge. Both are ministers with the African Methodist Episcopal Church, with John serving as pastor of the historic Quinn Chapel AME Church in Paris and his wife serving the Mt. Herman AME Church in Millington as pastor.

Long and winding roads led both John and Janie to their ministries. For John Dandridge, it followed an upbringing in an Air Force family and a lengthy career in the Army, both of which took him all around the world. For Janie, it involved being raised as a preacher's daughter, suffering the loss of her first husband to murder, raising her children as a single mother and putting herself through school and working hard.

Both describe being called to service, at first resisting that call and then

making the monumental decision to give themselves to God. Both also describe themselves as being 'itinerant preachers' who spent much of their time on the road to fulfill their calling, giving their time to programs for people. They also have been foster parents for dozens of children over the years, including an entire family of seven at one time.

For John Dandridge, his life as a world traveler was started five days after he was born when his family flew to Turkey for his father's Air Force career. "I was born in Washington, D.C., and was raised under the auspices of the United States Air Force. We lived all over the world and a lot of places in the U.S., including Alaska," Dandridge said. "Actually, I answered the call when I was a child in Anchorage, Alaska, when our minister inspired me to live, be and do right."

Dandridge said he began his spiritual life in the Church of God In Christ and became a licensed and ordained minister at the age of 17. As a minister,

he said, "I did it all. I cleaned latrines. I was an usher. I was a deacon," while at the same time serving in the Army and attending school.

Dandridge attained his bachelor's and master's degrees at SUNY and his doctor of divinity degree at the International Bible Seminary in Plymouth, Florida.

In the Army, he served as a communications officer and chaplain during his assignments in Asia, the Middle East, Central and South America, Europe and Africa. As a communications officer, he worked in information systems management in both audio and visual fields, public relations, broadcasting, and radio. He served in the Army for 22 years, nine months and 12 days, he said, and that included 18 assignments in all.

Twenty-two years after being ordained into the Church of God In Christ, Dandridge "reobligated as an AME minister", and as such, he has served churches, including Fayetteville, Wartrace, Pulaski, Prospect and

Agnew, Tennessee, before arriving at Quinn Chapel four years ago.

Janie Dowdy-Dandridge grew up in Memphis and received her bachelor's degree from the American Baptist College in Nashville and her master's from the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas and her doctorate of divinity from the United Theological Seminary in Dayton.

Her father was a Baptist minister and she announced her call to preach when she was in her 30s. "I struggled with it. I heard an audible voice speak to me. I had dreams. I had visions. I heard a soft voice saying that the spirit of the Lord is upon you. I opened the Bible and the pages fell open on Isaiah 61:1, saying, 'The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me.' I knew God was telling me to preach."

After announcing her calling, she said she felt happiness and her burdens lifted, but it was a difficult road. "I knew I wanted formal training but that was a struggle. My husband was murdered in Memphis, I was raising my two children and I was also getting my schooling."

She applied to the Memphis Theological Seminary but Dr. James Hester told her although she was a good candidate, it would be too stressful for her to achieve. "I was crushed and we both cried. He wished me the best but a couple of years later, I received a full scholarship to the Baptist College in Nashville."

The couple's paths finally crossed during a God Vision meeting in Hendersonville, Tennessee. "I wasn't looking for a boyfriend right then," she said. "I was satisfied with the ministry, traveling and preaching and I was also running boutiques. We started as friends. I asked him to help me with a project and he just happened to be available. He was such a gentleman that he asked me for coffee."

Janie remembered that John told her even though she wasn't looking for a boyfriend right then that he would eventually ask her to marry him. "Four or five months later, we were married and we've been married for 16 years," she laughed.

John said, "We have a unique relationship. We're best prayer partners

and best friends. Our relationship is predicated on our love of God. And we love preaching together."

Their blended families include children from the ages of 19 to 41 and has included being foster parents to several children over the years.

"I think our congregations know that our experiences are real and we can relate to what they are going through. We both know pain and trauma and we're passionate," Janie said.

John said, "We're both lifelong learners to this very day" and stay active. Both serve as chaplains for the Metro Nashville Police Department and both are active in women, men's and couples' ministries.

"We both have a plethora of affiliations and associations," he said. "We can't keep up with all the life memberships".

Janie also is an author and her book, "Woman Power: I Got It From My Momma" will be published soon.

Being at Quinn Chapel, John said, "has been a joy. It's been a real gladness to serve the people here in Paris. I love it. We're not going anywhere."



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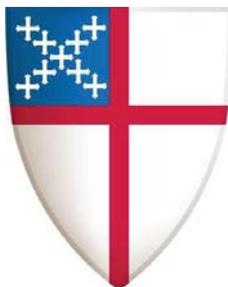
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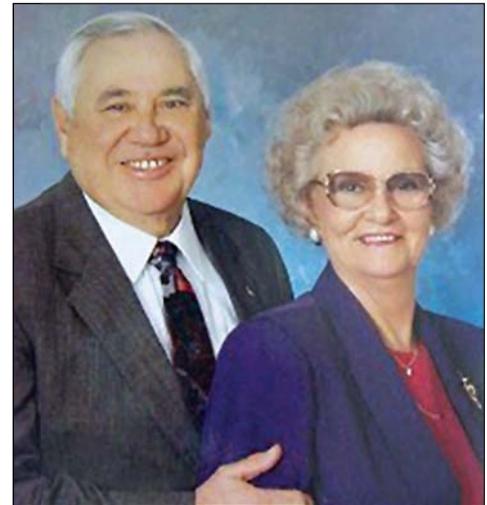
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# From STRAY to ★ STAR

By Susan Jones

Photos by Jean Owens

**A**nimal shelters serve a unique purpose in communities, but rarely does that include training dogs to work on stage in the theatre. That was the task earlier this year at the Henry County Sherriff's Office Animal Shelter.

On Christmas Eve last year, a stray, mixed breed found himself abandoned on Shady Grove Road. Someone saw the lost pup, notified the sheriff's shelter and the pooch was picked up by shelter worker Andy Kent. When Christmas morning dawned, the dog

was warm and dry, surrounded by new friends and plenty to eat. As the calendar turned to a new year, he was feeling right at home.

Across town at Henry County High School, Holly Todd, the theater arts teacher was working on her spring production. She had chosen the musical *Annie*, and the clock was ticking. Todd had talented actors, an industrious stage crew and a creative set designer. What she didn't have was a Sandy, the stray dog that befriends the young orphan, Annie in the story.

That's when Sheriff Monte Belew's phone rang.

"Holly told me a little bit about what she needed in terms of size, color," said Belew, who in turn contacted Kent at the shelter. "Andy told me he had just the right pup for the job. He described him as friendly and pretty obedient," said the sheriff. So Kent began spending lots of time working with the budding star, whose shelter name was Bruno.

If the name, Bruno, seems a little unrefined for a dog who would soon

make his stage debut, that's because the shelter pups get to choose their own monikers. "I let them out into the yard and start calling names until they come to one of them," said Kent. "He came to Bruno."

Although Bruno had no lines in the musical, he had to be able to follow directions. "When he first got here, he wouldn't do anything but stand there and bark," said Kent. "Now he can sit, lay down, roll over, stay and come." Lest Bruno get an inflated ego, he isn't the only one to get special training at the shelter. Kent worked with all of the dogs to obey commands. "It makes a good impression on folks if the dog they want is already trained to sit and stay. It really ups the adoption odds for the dogs," he said.

Kent had about six-weeks to work with Bruno, who he began calling Sandy following the dog's big break into show biz. And although the pup was well-prepped by show time, the sheriff and Kent were like anxious stage mothers, saying that their biggest fear was that Bruno might leave a "surprise package" on stage. "I'll be taking him on a long, long walk prior to show time," said Belew.

In the end, Bruno was charming. "He did a great job and I loved working with him," said Charlie Raymer who portrayed Annie. "I fell in love with him and so did the entire cast and crew. I'd love to work with him again."

Does Bruno have an agent now with plans to move to Hollywood? No,



Andy Kent and Sheriff Monte Belew saw star quality in Bruno, an animal shelter rescue dog, for the musical Annie.

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# TICKS:

## Unwanted Summer Guests

By Angie Gregson Dotson

**W**armer weather means more time outdoors and with that brings shorts and flip flops. Unfortunately, warm weather also welcomes some unwanted guests like ticks. Ticks become a problem when they give a special gift back to their host, usually in the form of a bacteria or virus. Removing a tick quickly is very important in the prevention of disease. So, how does one properly remove a tick and are ticks as harmful as we have been lead to believe?

As common in most spring seasons, experts predict an increase in the tick population, in part to the lack of freezing temperatures over the past winter. Others say it is due to the deer population or an increase in the acorn crop. Whatever the reason, ticks are unwanted summer guests.

Ticks are the leading carriers, also called vectors, of disease to humans, followed by mosquitoes. Ticks are part of the arachnid family, which also includes mites, spiders, and scorpions. When a tick attaches itself to the skin of an animal or human, it begins to feed on blood. It is not the tick bite that causes harm, but the toxins or organisms in the tick's saliva and stomach contents that are transmitted

through the bite. There are over 800 different species of ticks throughout the world.

Ticks are responsible for carrying such diseases as Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Lyme Disease, Babesiosis (Texas fever), Ehrlichiosis, and Tularemia (also transmitted via rabbits), as well as Colorado Tick Fever and Powassan (a form of encephalitis). Two species of ticks which are known to specifically carry Lyme disease are now in over half of all the counties in the United States.

According to the CDC, Centers for Disease Control, if you find a tick attached to your skin, there is no need to panic. Not all ticks are infected, and studies suggest it may take several hours or even days for infected ticks to transmit the rickettsia that cause infection. Therefore, your chances of contracting a tickborne disease are greatly reduced if you remove a tick quickly after attachment.

The actual bite may cause symptoms only after the tick drops off. One may notice localized redness, itching, burning, and rarely, localized intense pain, usually caused by soft ticks. The results of the illnesses transmitted by ticks often begin days to weeks after the tick bite and removal. This is why

doctors may not suspect a tick-related illness. The most important clue about any tick-related illness is to tell the physician about all tick bites. Also, tell your physician if you have been outdoors (camping, hiking, etc.) in tick-infested areas even if you do not remember a tick bite.

What is the best way to prevent tick bites or becoming infected? First and most important is to shower as soon as possible after coming indoors, especially if you have been in tall grass or wooded areas. Ticks sit on the blades of grass waiting for a host to walk by, whether human or animal. Quick removal is the key, so either wash the tick off or use this time to inspect the body. Areas such as the groin, back and under arms are likely spots. If a tick is found to be attached, DO NOT run for the matches or finger nail polish.

Once the tick is firmly fastened in place, it takes time for the tick to detach itself and depart. No matter how badly the tick may wish to leave quickly, it simply can't. A burning cigarette or smoldering match may kill the tick but won't make it fall off. Ticks can live without air for a long time, so attempts to smother it allow disease transmission to continue for several hours. Anything that upsets or harms

the tick without removing it can theoretically cause the tick to regurgitate its stomach contents back into the host, increasing the likelihood of disease transmission.

The proper way to remove a tick, according to the CDC, is to use fine-tipped tweezers and protect your fingers with a tissue, paper towel, or latex gloves. Persons should avoid removing ticks with bare hands. Grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure. Do not twist or jerk the tick; this may cause the mouthparts to break off and remain in the skin. Do not squeeze, crush, or puncture the body of the tick because its fluids may contain infectious organisms. After removing the tick, thoroughly disinfect the bite site and wash your hands with soap and water. Skin accidentally exposed to tick fluids can be disinfected with iodine scrub, rubbing alcohol, or water-containing detergents.

The CDC also encourages one to save the tick for identification in case you become ill. This may help your doctor make an accurate diagnosis.

Place the tick in a sealable plastic bag and put it in your freezer. Write the date of the bite on a piece of paper with a pencil and place it in the bag.

Your doctor should be called if you are not able to completely remove the tick, or if a fever, rash, muscle aches, joint pain, or flu like symptoms develop. If you develop a severe headache, difficulty breathing, chest pain or heart palpitations, please call 911 or your local emergency number.

The chance that the tick you just removed was infected is rare; however, it is possible so remember to always err on the side of caution. If you begin to experience flu-like symptoms, even several weeks after the bite, contact your health care provider immediately. Once you know how to remove a tick and what to look for, ticks really aren't so scary. So lace up those boots and go for a hike; summer will be gone before we know it.

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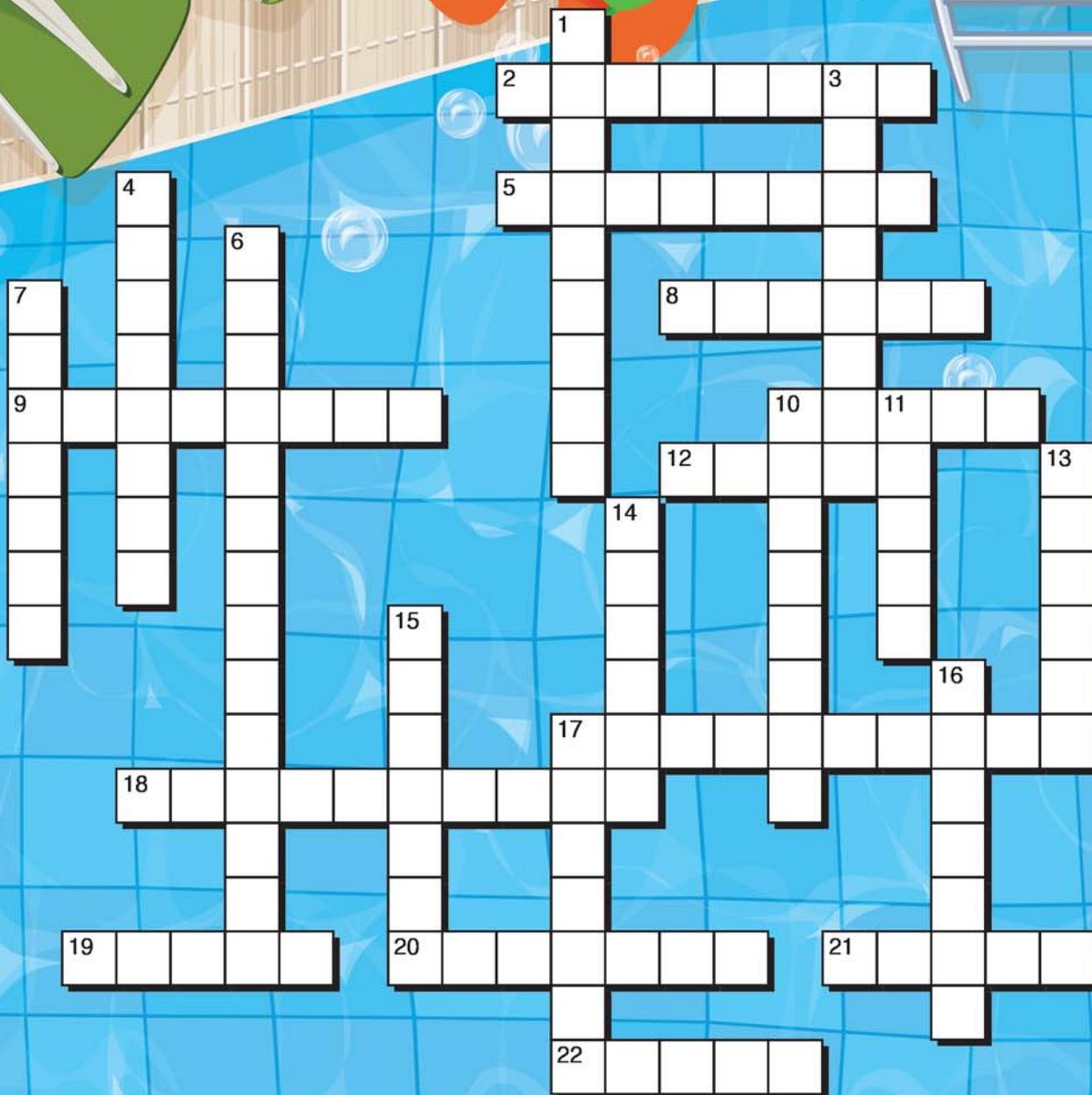
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- 17. Fruit used in limeade drink
- 18. Shown wearing Confederate medal
- 19. Henry County Sheriff
- 20. Sandee Green designs \_\_\_\_\_ glass.
- 21. \_\_\_\_\_ Episcopal Church
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- 17. Dunagan's barn is perfect site for a rustic \_\_\_\_\_.

# HOME Away From HOME

*Norwegian student spends school year  
with local host family*



By Susan Jones

**J**ulie Larsen is 17-years-old and is 4,330 miles away from her home in Leira, Norway, a small town of about 900 people. “I got on the plane and left everything I knew to come to a country I’d never been to and live with a family I’d never before met,” said Larsen. The young Norwegian is an exchange student who recently spent nine months with her American host family, Brian and Vicky Norton and their daughter, Carleigh.

It was Larsen’s aunt who exposed her to the concept of studying in a foreign country. “I was seven-years-old when my aunt left for Oregon as an exchange student. I remember thinking, ‘I’ll never do that.’” But as Larsen ma-

tured, travel became important, so she sat down with her aunt for advice. “She had this scrapbook that I’d seen plenty of times before, but this time something clicked in my brain; I wanted to become an exchange student. Since that day, I never doubted it.”

There are a number of agencies that facilitate exchange programs. The one Larsen used in Norway works with organizations around the world. “They paired me with one of their United States partners, Cultural Homestay International, and they worked together to make all of this happen,” she said.

Applicants were required to write a letter to potential host families. “The letter is your one and only opportunity

to get everything out about yourself that you think is important,” said Larsen. “You try to portray your personality on paper because the agency will give that letter to families that they feel you’d be suited with. The Norton family got three letters and they chose mine. That’s how I got to Paris.”

In any given year, students applying to come to the United States are not guaranteed early placement in a host family because so many students want to visit here. To increase her odds, Larsen did not request a specific region or a state. “When you put those restrictions on your application, it makes it more difficult for the agency to find a family for you.”

Having spoken English since first grade, this exchange student would have been comfortable anywhere in the U.S. “but we are taught proper British English, so that was a little bit of an adjustment,” she said.

Her command of the language, along with flawless pronunciation was impressive. However, by the end of her visit, she had picked up a Southern inflection, particularly on the word “fried,” which she pronounced with a long, lingering “i” worthy of a native Tennessean.

The dialect may have been different for Larsen but her biggest challenge was the food. “Naturally, we eat a lot of fish in Norway. We also eat a lot of fresh produce. But I came here and everything was fried, absolutely everything,” she said. During Larsen’s stay, her host dad’s Southern cooking became a source of amusement. When she heard about Norton preparing to fry pickles, she was incredulous. “You’re going to fry the pickles?” she laughed. “Leave the pickles alone!”

Diverse food was just the beginning of what the young Norwegian experienced between her arrival in August and her departure in May. “We went to sporting events from football to basketball to softball and baseball, which I really enjoyed. We also did a lot with our church. We went to Maplewood Baptist Church; they’re good with hav-

ing events and activities for youth. So we stayed busy.”

Larsen noted that her American church experience differed from her experience at home. “We are officially a Christian country, but it’s more ceremonial than spiritual, like when you’re baptized or have your confirmation.”

Henry County High School was vastly different from Larsen’s Norwegian high school. For starters, there is an extra grade in Norway, so when she returns, she will be a senior in the 13th grade. A self-described academically oriented student, Larsen said that she enjoyed HCHS, but her native school pushed students harder to be independent. “We have a lot of freedom, but it’s up to us to do good. The teachers and administration are not responsible for our results, we are. The student is the only one who’s going to benefit and the only one who’s going to suffer if the work doesn’t get done.”

The Nortons wanted Larsen to see as much of America as possible during her stay. Although a host family is not required to provide anything more than a bed and meals, Brian and Vicky Norton had other plans. “We’ve been traveling a lot as a family,” Larsen said. “For fall break we went to Gatlinburg. For winter break we went to Disney World in Florida.” Afterward, the family came back to Illinois to visit Vicky’s parents. For spring break the family

trekked to the nation’s capital. Larsen said that Washington was “strange in a way, because I was seeing places like the White House, the Capitol building and memorials that I’ve seen pictures of a thousand times, but I never thought I’d be standing there looking at them.”

While Larsen is not a politician, she is on a campaign of sorts to urge young people to travel internationally. “You can travel from state to state, but you’re still in America,” she said. But if you travel outside of your country, “it’s a completely different culture with different people, with different mindsets, with different traditions who eat different foods. I don’t ever want to stop traveling, because it’s the only thing that I’ve ever bought that’s made me richer.”

With that in mind, Larsen encouraged more Henry Countians to become host families, “because there are so many young people who dream of seeing America. The wonderful family who did that for me knew nothing about me, yet they opened their home and more importantly they opened their hearts to me. After a couple of days, I felt like I’d lived here forever. It was a feeling of leaving home, yet coming home. I will forever be grateful for everything that they have done. It’s a beautiful thing when you can do that for somebody.”



Julie Larsen urges families to open their homes to international students.



Brian Norton explains the fine details of Henry County High School football to Julie.

# SPRINT TRIATHLON

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The roots of this "tri" go back to the Paris Tower Tri, a children's triathlon that began in 2010. "Clint Davis inspired me to get the kids' tri going. He'd seen one in Nashville, and he had the vision for the adult one, too," said Tony Lawrence, director of the Paris Parks and Recreation Department and president of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. "It wasn't long afterwards that we started looking at hosting an adult tri."

The interest was certainly there. "We have a large number of local triathletes in Paris, McKenzie and Murray, maybe 50 or more," said Clint Davis, committee member. "Some of them have been doing it for years and were a huge resource." But there is a vast difference between the types

of management required for an adult race versus a kids' tri.

"The adult race covers a 14-mile bike course, 500 meters in the lake and a three-mile run," said Lawrence. "It was something that we didn't feel comfortable managing." He looked at event companies for two years before hiring a large group out of Memphis called Start2Finish. "They were familiar with the area, so that was our foot in the door," said Lawrence. "Then we started telling them about the relationships that we had with the chamber, local government, sheriff's department and Paris Landing State Park, and they were blown away."

Paris Landing is an enviable location with Clarksville, Nashville, Jackson and Memphis nearby. Still, it takes a great deal to lure hundreds of athletes to a race. But the event, which began three years ago with 215 participants, is on track to boast 400 athletes this year. At least part of that increase is due to a creative team of organizers. "We have a unique after-party where we serve catfish and french fries," said Lawrence. "A lot of people think we're crazy serving catfish at 10:00 am, but that's lunchtime for these athletes.

Many of them have been up since 4:30 in the morning."

The medals and trophies have a fish theme, as well. "It's a cool trophy that's eye catching," said Davis. The proof is in the tweets, as Davis found out after the first race. "Someone posted a picture of their trophy and medal on their dashboard with the tweet, 'Awesome morning at Paris Landing.' That was great," he said.

As with any event at Paris Landing, this one fills up a lot of hotel rooms, but it's hard to track the number, according to Lawrence. That's because much like the pre-fishing that goes on before a big bass tournament, there are athletes who come and practice months before this race. But this event is a winner when it comes to "putting heads in beds," as the tourism folks say.

"The Sprint Triathlon brings hundreds of athletes in a growing sport to our community and showcases Paris Landing State Park, which encourages those from out of town to return," said Jennifer Wheatley, executive director of the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. "It is the best kind of 'sneak peek.' People are coming here to participate in a sport they love

and get to see firsthand all of the recreational opportunities in our area. We are showcasing our community to people who already love outdoor events.”

The economic impact is evident to Davis. “This is a travel sport and people may travel four or five hours to race, plus they have different people they train with, so they often come as a group.”

Aside from the “cool factor” associated with a triathlon and the economic impact it brings to the community, the Sprint-Tri may have done something else. It may be encouraging a more healthy community. “Usage at the civic center pool is up, and I now see people biking all the time,” said Lawrence, who attributes at least a portion of these up-ticks to the tri. He thinks this trend bodes well for the health of current and future generations of Henry Countians. “Biking is such a social sport where there can be lots family interaction. Like the tri, it’s a life long sport that can be multi-generational.”

That’s good news to Tory Daughrity, director of marketing and public rela-



tions at Henry County Medical Center. “Our health statistics as a state are poor and as a county they are even worse,” she said. “We work with the Henry County Health Council and other groups promoting healthy lifestyles in our community.” Like Lawrence and Davis, she is an enthusiastic supporter of the tri, as well as a participant.

“I am not a swimmer or biker, but I run,” said Daughrity, who was on a relay team with Lawrence, who swam and Davis, who biked. “It isn’t about winning or losing, but about saying,

‘I’m committed to doing this and training for it.’”

Daughrity had good tips for those who would like to work toward participating in a triathlon. “Make it a goal, develop a training plan, find a group to train with who will make you accountable, and go for it. Once you start, it becomes a habit and you can reach your goals.”

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# SANDEE GREEN

## *Putting the Pieces Together*

By Shannon McFarlin

**S**andee Green's beautiful stained glass creations adorn houses, lofts and buildings in 13 states, Canada and England, even the Scottish Rites Cathedral in downtown Dallas. Luckily for us, since she moved to Paris 16 years ago, her creations have also brightened many local homes and lives.

Green is a creative soul who came to Paris by a circuitous route through several states. But thankfully, as it says in the old joke, she got here as soon as she could. Green said she knew she wanted to stay here as soon as she drove through the town square with her late husband, John.

A native of Memphis, the Greens had driven through Paris on other trips here and there, "but we had gone out Mineral Wells to Wal-Mart and all that. We finally drove through the middle of town on one trip and saw the court square and the minute I saw the square, I knew this was it. I felt at home right away."

Other cities where she and her husband had lived "never felt like home," and that's why they were looking for a place to settle after they both retired in 1986. Her husband was from Buffalo and the couple had lived in Texas,

including Dallas; Chatham, Virginia; Tulsa; and Hot Springs, Arkansas. They lived in big cities and tiny towns (Chatham is a village of 1,200 people), but they wanted someplace closer to other family members.

And they moved the bins of stained glass that she works with to every place they lived. "We sure moved a lot of glass," she laughed.

Green learned how to do stained glass 30 years ago, somewhat by accident. "We had bought a 115-year-old house in the Dallas suburbs and I inherited a broken stained glass window and I wanted to fix it. That's how it all started." Today, that stained glass piece hangs in one of her front windows, having also made the trip from place to place.



Sandee Green shows the detailed pattern she used for her iris stained glass.



like to be creative and draw my own.”

She then traces the pattern, duplicates it, numbers each piece and color-coordinates it with the numbers. “It’s really like putting a puzzle together from that point,” Green said.

Green doesn’t shy away from any design that a customer may want, even the pieces that are more difficult. “I like a challenge,” she said. “I like the creative process.”

From her work table, she expertly uses a glass cutter to cut the glass into just the right size of pieces she wants. She has quick access to her grinders and soldering iron and deftly shows how to wrap the copper foil around each piece. When she is working on a piece depicting a farm scene with a horse, sky, hay mow, field and more, that’s a lot of pieces to solder and wrap.

“This is 30 years of practice right here,” she said. “Really, all it takes is practice. It’s like anything, the more you do it, the better you get at it.”

She and her husband were active in the community and she still is, whether it be the Lee School Neighborhood Association, the Lee Academy of the Arts, the Arts Council or the Heritage Center. During the current transition, Green had been serving as the Interim Director at the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center.

Through the Lee Academy she teaches the art of stained glass. “I prefer just teaching one or two people at a time,” she said. “I enjoy seeing them catch on and enjoy it themselves.”

“I know one of my neighbors knew how to do stained glass so I went over to her house and asked if she could show me how to fix it,” Green said. The neighbor did glass works for a living and Green said, “I could tell she was really busy and really wished I would just kind of go away, but she showed me her glass and her tools.” Green more or less taught herself how to fix the broken glass. “Somehow I finished it and I guess I did a pretty good job.”

Green kept at it and her neighbor started complimenting her on how quickly she was learning the art. And soon after that, the neighbor asked her to go into business with her, designing custom windows, big and small. “There are a lot of homes in Dallas that have our windows”, she said, and that’s

where she and her partner designed and installed the windows at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

From move to move, Green kept doing stained glass, becoming more and more accomplished. Today, she has a downstairs studio with all the equipment she needs at arm’s length and can quickly perform each step.

Green first talks with the customer about what type of design they are looking for: what colors and pattern, whether it be a farm scene, a beach, flowers, or whatever. “The first thing I do is make a drawing of the design I’ll be making. I do a small drawing of what they want first. Actually, anyone can do stained glass. It’s a craft. Anyone can learn it. A lot of people just use patterns that you can buy, but I

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# GARDENS

## *Just for the Fun of It*

By John Watkins

**I**t seems that all too often we find ourselves with the mentality that gardening is all work and no play. And granted, if all we do in the garden is plant, water, weed, repeat, then it doesn't leave much to get excited about. But gardening is supposed to be fun for goodness sake! If it wasn't, I suppose we would all be happy with a small patch of weeds and a handful of plastic dahlias.

Now I will be the first to admit that a beautiful garden does take some sweat and a healthy amount of dirt under your nails. But why not add a little something to your garden that is there solely for the fact that it makes you smile? It doesn't necessarily have to be a particular shrub or flower and it doesn't really even have to fit in with your garden theme. In fact, sometimes the odder it is the better. As long as it

is something that brings enjoyment to you or those special guests you wish to share it with. Still not sure what to add? Here's a few ideas to get those creative juices flowing.

### Statuary

There was a time a few years back when I would have scorned the idea of adding a piece of statuary as a focal piece in the garden. As a plant design purist I would have likened it to trying to slip broccoli onto a pizza. (Some things just aren't done!). But I have mellowed a good deal with age and the addition of an interesting focal point now seems a bit more palatable.

Whether it's a gazing globe, a bunny rabbit or even the once persecuted garden gnome, creatively placing an outdoor work of art can help lighten the mood or draw your eye to an oth-

erwise overlooked area. If you want to class things up in the garden, why not try a statue of St. Fiacre, the Patron Saint of Gardeners. I know, many of you are asking what about St. Francis? Actually St Francis of Assisi was known as a protector of garden animals and the natural environment. Not too shabby Francis, but Fiacre gets my vote.

### Garden Planters

Not all garden plants have to go in the ground you know. Sometimes you have a plant that just screams to be put on a different level from all of those "common" flowers that are somewhat beneath them. A unique garden planter can help you achieve those lofty ambitions. The beauty of this idea is that just about anything can become a planter as long as it will

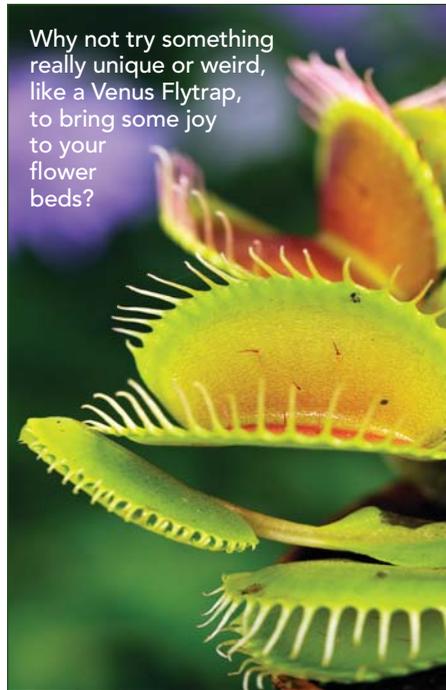
hold some soil and has a way for water to drain out.

Got an old grill laying around? Viola, instant planter. Kids outgrown their Tonka trucks? Fill 'em up and plant 'em. So you want your garden to be clothing optional? How about filling some colorful galoshes with some trailing petunias and nailing them to the fence? And of course there's the all-time southern classic of turning an old toilet into a porcelain planter masterpiece.

If you already have some containers but they just seem a little too plain for you, try this little trick. Take an ordinary pot, spray paint an interesting color (lighter colors work best), and then top things off with a coat or two of glow-in-the-dark spray paint. The containers will absorb light during the day and give off an eerie glow for a few hours after sundown. Yet another way to extend the hours you can enjoy in the garden.

### Interesting Plants

Since I stated earlier that plants should still be the centerpieces of the



Why not try something really unique or weird, like a Venus Flytrap, to bring some joy to your flower beds?

garden, why not try something really unique or weird to bring some joy to your flower beds. For example, if you have a wet area in the yard where it is hard to grow much of anything, why not try planting some Venus Flytrap or Pitcher Plant. Nothing brightens my

day more than watching some pesky insects being devoured by a carnivorous plant! Not into all the carnage? How about planting an ornamental specifically for its interesting fruit? Blueberries, ornamental peppers, or even a dwarf fruit tree in a container on the patio are all good choices.

And finally, if you enjoy taking a perfectly happy and healthy plant and turning it into a panda bear or some otherworldly obelisk, then perhaps a topiary would fit your needs. You can buy one ready to plant or if you have some time and patience (and isn't that what gardening is really about?) you can train one into whatever shape you wish.

So this year, make a vow to yourself to get out and play in the dirt again and create something truly unique in your garden. Even if you're the only one that it makes smile! (And by the way, keep that broccoli away from my deep dish!)

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



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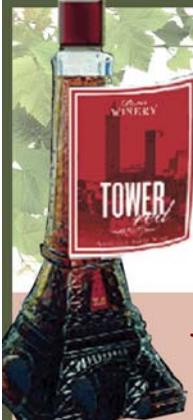
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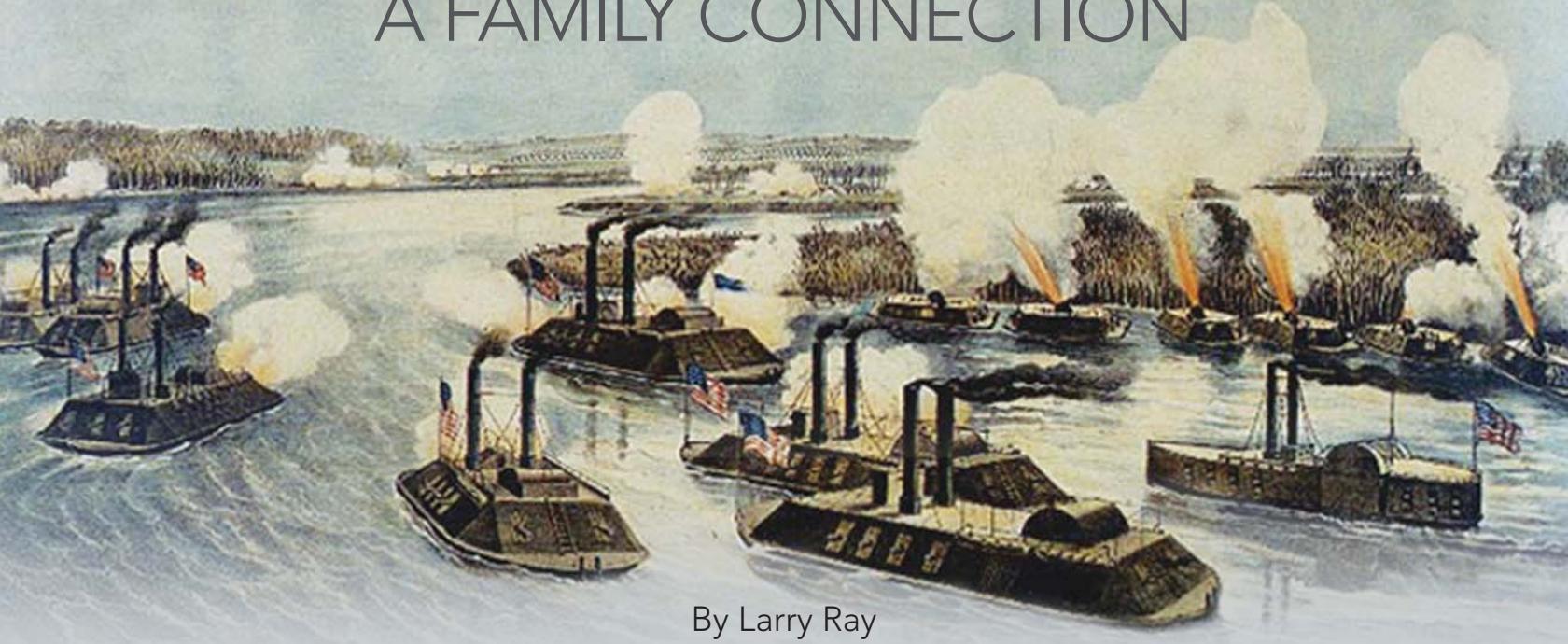


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# William Harrison Key

## A FAMILY CONNECTION



By Larry Ray

*As part of his quest to help save our forgotten and often ignored history for future generations, Larry Ray is compiling a number of articles detailing the history of some local families during the Civil War. This is the 23rd in the series. Previous articles can be read online in the archives of [MyParisMagazine.com](http://MyParisMagazine.com).*

In one of my recent articles about the Caldwell family, I wrote about Major Dr. Samuel Houston Caldwell who was a member of the 46th Tennessee Infantry and Confederate battlefield surgeon from Henry County. His story inspired me to write about another local Confederate veteran that survived the Civil War, William Harrison Key who was also a member of the 46th Tennessee and the great-great grandfather of my wife, Kathy Callicott Ray.

William Key, known as “Uncle Bill” to his friends and family, survived four years of a bloody war in spite of having to endure crippling wounds and terrible conditions as well as being captured twice to escape each time. William endured and survived many hard fought famous battles all through the war with huge casualties that were staggering.

The 46th Tennessee was organized on the Henry County Court House lawn on November 29, 1861. The Civil War dramatically impacted many local families. William and his brother, Thompson Key, both joined the 46th and began their training at Union City, Tennessee in December 1861. In January 1862, the regiment was ordered to the defense of Island Number 10 on the Mississippi River.

After three weeks of battle, the 46th Regiment was on the eastern shore of the Mississippi River at Madrid Bend, near Reel Foot Lake, when it was surrounded and outnumbered. Severely hindered by an outbreak of measles and lacking sufficient weapons, the regiment surrendered on April 8, 1862.

William’s brother, Thompson Key, was sent to Camp Douglas prison near Chicago along with many of the captured enlisted men. The Union did not

provide shelter or humane treatment for the Confederate soldiers at Camp Douglas and it was considered one of the most inhumane prisons during the war. Thompson died of pneumonia on August 16, 1862 while imprisoned. He is buried along with 4,275 Confederate prisoners that were later reinterred from the camp cemetery to a mass grave called “Confederate Mound” in Oakwoods Cemetery in Chicago.

William Key, wounded on the right wrist during his capture, managed to make his escape, along with several others, by crossing Reelfoot Lake using means of crude rafts built of logs and wood. He eventually found his way home to Henry County on April 10, 1862. A few weeks after returning, William reconnected with some of his unit in Alabama and was then reorganized at Jackson, Mississippi. They were then ordered to Port Hudson, Louisiana,

where William was consolidated with the 55th Tennessee Regiment.

During May of 1863, the regiment left Port Hudson for Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and was engaged outside of Vicksburg until its fall on July 4th. The regiment then moved to Mobile, Alabama, in August where William rejoined the 46th Tennessee.

In late November of 1863, the 46th and 55th Regiments were ordered to join the Army of Tennessee near Chattanooga. They arrived while the battle of Missionary Ridge was in progress. They were ordered back to Mobile in January 1864. They remained there until May when they were ordered to join the Army of Tennessee for the Atlanta campaign and then returned with General Hood to Tennessee.

The 46th was in the first line of assault at the Battle of Franklin Tennessee on November 30, 1864, in some of the fiercest action where they suffered a terrible loss of lives. William's company is reported to have gone into battle with 125 men and came out with only 25. William was severely wounded and captured near the Carter Cotton Gin. Now in captivity for the second time, he was taken to Tree Law Plantation about two miles outside Franklin for medical attention.

After the battle of Franklin, William's participation in the war ended. He stated in his Tennessee Civil War Veteran questionnaire that he was wounded and needed medical attention for a serious wound in his right forearm and was attended to by a Union surgeon, but the wound became infected. The tendons in his wrist and hand became permanently contracted, and he lost his three middle fingers and much of the mobility of his wounded hand for the rest of his life. In February 1865, after receiving medical treatment, William escaped again and traveled back to his home in Henry County.

J.C. Nance, a U.S. Federal cavalryman stationed in Paducah at the close of the war stated that, "William H. Key came home after making his escape from the Federals at Franklin," and that "he was then not able for duty on the field. He reported his arrival to me and asked my assistance in case our command should capture him. He was not paroled. I know he remained at home

convalescing until the war was over."

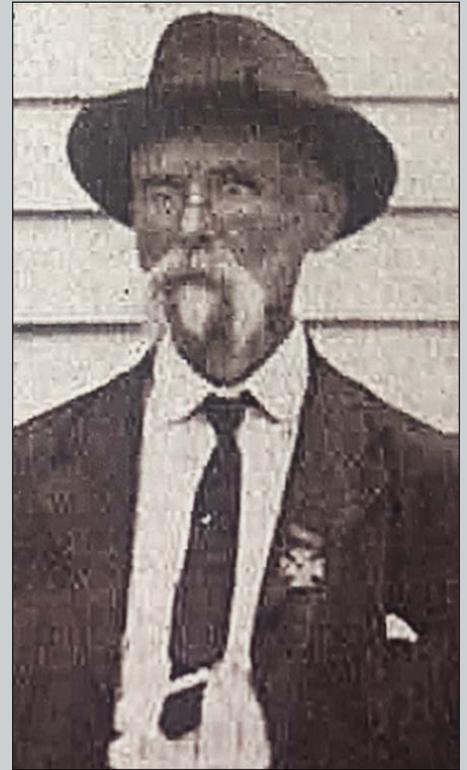
On William Key's civil war questionnaire, he states that "in my experience there was a great deal of sickness for want of shelter, we had no tents, just sleeping on the ground. After we got up to Chattanooga, we lived on stock peas and potatoes most of the time. Some of the time we lived on parched corn and raw pumpkin. We were fed very well when we came to Tennessee and had sheep and hog on the sly." Also on William's civil war questionnaire he states that his father was Garland Key who came to Henry County in 1827.

After the war, William returned to farming and, along with his father, carried on a variety of pursuits. They did some beautiful cabinet and furniture making, some of which survives to this day. They were both good blacksmiths and William took up brick making and masonry work to supplement his income. A photo of William shows him proudly wearing his Confederate medal called the "Southern Cross of Honor" that was given to veterans who served with distinction.

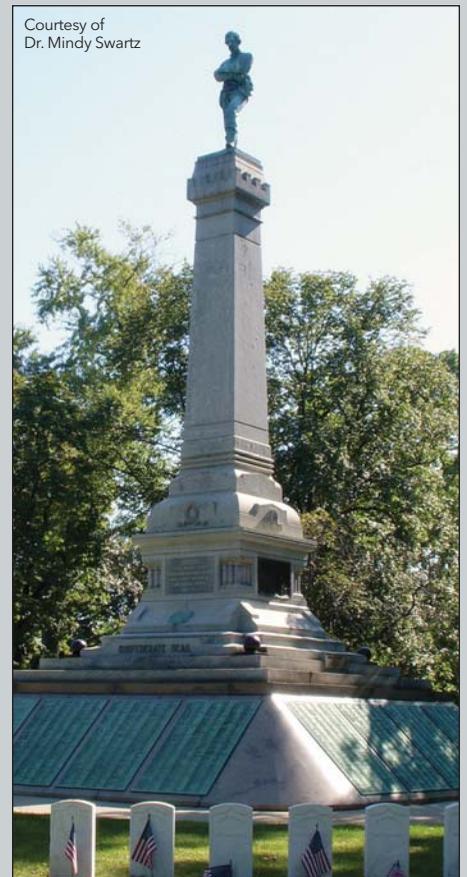
When Kathy's grandfather, Elisha William Key was 25 years old, his grandfather and namesake, William Key died on November 9, 1926. William's Confederate tombstone is located in the Spann Cemetery in northwest Henry County. William's life was very hard at times, but he left a legacy to his family of hard work and endurance. There are several of his descendants still living in Henry County including David Ellis who places flags on local Confederate graves in honor of his great-great grandfather, William Key.

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

Upper left: *Bombardment and Capture of Island Number Ten on the Mississippi River, April 7, 1862.* Colored lithograph published by Currier & Ives, New York, circa 1862. It depicts the bombardment of the Confederate fortifications on Island Number Ten by Federal gunboats and mortar boats.



William Key was photographed wearing his Confederate medal, the Southern Cross of Honor.



Thompson Key is buried in the mass grave called Confederate Mound located in the Oakwoods Cemetery of Chicago, Illinois.



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Eat fresh, eat local! – Seasonal produce is waiting for you at the **Downtown Farmer's Market**. Call 731-653-7274 for locations and hours.

Learn about your health – **Henry County Medical Center** offers FREE monthly seminars/screenings including Cardiac Rehab, Nutrition, Shopping Smart, Joint Replacement, Chronic Disease Management, Childbirth, Medicare and more. Classes are free to the community but you must pre-register at 731-644-3463 or [www.hcmc-tn.org](http://www.hcmc-tn.org).

Come play inside at the **Paris Civic Center's** indoor pool, track, weights

and fitness room. Pay by the visit or become a member. Located on Volunteer Drive. Call 731-644-2517.

Old country faves are played at the **jam sessions at the Paris Civic Center** on Volunteer Drive every Tuesday (except the second Tuesday) and every Friday night at 7 pm. Call 731-641-7577 or 731-641-0562.

The **Henry Civic Center** becomes a dance hall Thursdays when James Greer and Friends play, 7-10 pm. For more information, call, 731-336-7071. Also, Judy and the Guys play at the Central Community Building every Tuesday night from 7-9:30 pm.

Make a day of it with a wine tasting at **Paris Winery**. The scenery is beautiful and the wine is impeccable. Dine lunch or dinner at Ruggero's Italian Bistro. For upcoming events log onto [pariswinery.com](http://pariswinery.com) or call 731-644-9500.

Find your inner artist at **Lee Academy for the Arts**. For a schedule of singing, instrumental, pottery and other classes, visit [www.SchoolForTheArts.org](http://www.SchoolForTheArts.org).

**Swim beneath the Eiffel Tower** at Eiffel Tower Park swimming pool, open daily 10 am - 6 pm, Sundays 1-6pm. For more info, 731-644-2517.

"Oh The Places You'll Go" ...if you head down to **W. G. Rhea Library** for a good book! Don't forget to sign your child up for the summer reading program. For more information call 731-642-1702.

Enjoy a summer blockbuster at the **Parisian Theatre** with nightly showings and daily matinees on all six screens during the summer. For movie schedule and times call the information line at 731-642-7171.

**JUNE 2** – Summer means blood shortages. Give when **Lifeline Bloodmobile** visits First United Methodist Church from noon until 6 pm in downtown Paris. For information call Tammy Hurst at 1-800-924-6572 extension 310.

**JUNE 4** – It's the **5th Annual Tower Youth Triathlon** held at Eiffel Tower Park at 7:15 am. Contact Tony Lawrence for information 731-644-2517.

**JUNE 4** – **National Trail Day Mile Hike**. Enjoy a morning in nature getting fit and explore Paris Landing State Park starting at 9 am. Discover the history of the park and beautiful Kentucky Lake on this 3-mile moderate hike. For more information contact Ranger Gina Lowry at 731-281-6611.

**JUNE 4** – **The Paris Jamboree** is local country at its best. Showtime is 7 pm at the Krider Performing Arts Center. Proceeds to benefit Tomorrow's Hope. For information call 731-644-2571.

**JUNE 5-11** – It's **Downtown Paris Association Week!** Be on the lookout for special activities including sales, live music, membership opportunities and more. Log on to [www.VisitDowntownParis.com](http://www.VisitDowntownParis.com) for information. Also, see the schedule of events on the inside back cover of this magazine.

**JUNE 10** – **Relay for Life** is at the Henry County Fairgrounds; gates open at 4 pm. The party lasts until 6am and includes delicious food, live music, games, and more activities to raise money and beat cancer! For more information contact Dana Allen at [dana.allen@fstanning.com](mailto:dana.allen@fstanning.com).

**JUNE 11**– **Round Nashville** featuring performances by Buddy Jewell, Doc Holladay and more at the Krider Performing Arts Center at 7 pm. Tickets are \$15 for general admission and \$21 for VIP. For information call 731-644-2517.

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

**JUNE 14 - JULY 2** – **Paris Henry County Heritage Center 2016 Quilt Show** begins featuring antique and contemporary quilts. For more information call 731-642-1030.

**JUNE 14** – **Community Job Fair** at the Paris Convention Center behind the Quality Inn from 10 am-2 pm. For more information contact the Chamber at 731-642-3431.

**JUNE 18** - Head out to the **Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge** and learn about archery and even get some hands on experience with 3-D targets. For program info, call 731-642-2091.

**JUNE 19** – **Father's Day!** Ballgames, vacations, hunting, bedtime stories-remember the fun times with your Dad and celebrate with him today!

**JUNE 20** – First day of summer!

**JUNE 25 – Concert at the Vineyard** at Paris Winery from 6-10 pm. Bring some friends and a picnic basket and make a night of it under the stars. For more information call 731-644-9500.

**JUNE 28** – The Downtown Paris Association is hosting the annual “**Cruise In**” on the east side of the courthouse. Classic cars, antique cars and those who just love to look at the cars can meet at 5:30 pm the fourth Tuesday in June, August, September and October. FREE! For more information go to [www.VisitDowntownParis.com](http://www.VisitDowntownParis.com).

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

**JULY 1-2** – KPAC Young Artists present “**Magic Treehouse: Dinosaurs Before Dark**” at 7 pm on Friday and 3 pm on Saturday. Performers are ages 5-9. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Call Rhonda Stanton at 731-644-2517 for more information.

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

**JULY 4 – Water, live entertainment, picnicking and fireworks** await you and your family at Paris Landing State Park. Enjoy from land or water. For more information call 641-4465.

**JULY 4 – Freedom Festival 2016** will be 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 7** – Give blood and save a life! The **Lifeline Blood Mobile** will visit First United Methodist Church from noon until 6 pm. For information call Tammy Hurst at 1-800-924-6572 extension 310.

**JULY 9 – Paris Landing Sprint Triathlon** starts at 7 am. 500 meter swim, 14 mile bike, 3 mile run. For more information call 731-644-2517 or go to [paristntri.racesonline.com](http://paristntri.racesonline.com).

**JULY 16** – Raise your anchors! It’s the **Annual Water Fun Run**, sponsored by the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. This year’s theme is “Lucky On The Lake.” For more information call 731-642-3431 or visit [www.paristnchamber.com](http://www.paristnchamber.com).

**JULY 16 - “Forget Me Not Affair,”** an event to benefit Alzheimers at the Paris Convention Center. Starting at 7 pm, it’s an evening of entertainment, dancing, silent auctions and socializing. Tickets are available now. Call 731-676-5970 or 731-571-1880.

**JULY 23 - 24** – KPAC Young Artists present “**Legally Blonde, Jr.**” at the Krider at 7pm both nights. Performers are ages 10-18. Tickets \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. For more info call Rhonda Stanton at 731-644-2517.

**JULY 30 – Concert in the Vineyards** at Paris Winery. 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 also open! For information, call 731-644-9500.

**JULY 30** – Chill out with cool cars and cold ice cream at the **Downtown Paris Association’s Ice Cream Social & Antique Car Show**, 4-7 pm. Enjoy an all-you-can-eat ice cream extravaganza in beautiful and historic Downtown Paris. For more information, log on [www.visitdowntownparis.com](http://www.visitdowntownparis.com).

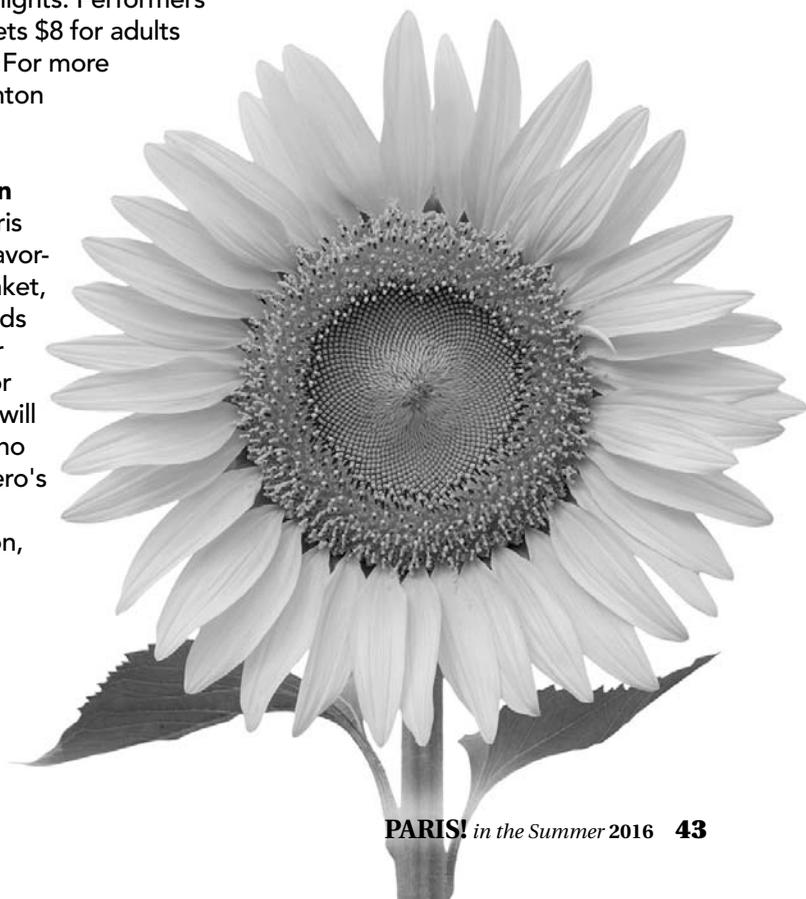
**AUGUST – Fishing tournaments** continue at Paris Landing State Park. For more information, call 731-641-4465.

**AUGUST 1** – Kids in the **Henry County School System** return to school for an abbreviated first day back.

**AUGUST 4** – Give blood and save a life! The **Lifeline Blood Mobile** will visit First United Methodist Church from noon until 6 pm. For information call Tammy Hurst at 1-800-924-6572 extension 310.

**AUGUST 5** – All kids in the **Paris Special School District** return to school for an abbreviated day of classes!

**AUGUST 15 – PARIS! In Autumn** hits the stands.





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