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# It's Winter *Plain and Simple*

By the time you read this, it will be 2016. Baby New Year will be waddling through January at breakneck speed. The children will be back in school and doing their snow dance. And you may be half way through that 10,000-piece jigsaw puzzle that Aunt Suzy gave you for Christmas. Yep, it's winter, plain and simple.

And that's what I like about this time of year. No frilly leaves on the trees. No bountiful garden to pick or colorful flowers to tend. There's just cold weather, hot soup and PARIS! magazine, plain and simple

If you're ready for a tempting hot beverage, Angie Holmes has gathered delicious tea and cocoa recipes. Don't like hot drinks? There's even a step-by-step for an ice-cold frappe. Burrrrr....

Paris and Henry County's students are well represented in this issue with Angie Dotson's inspiring "Save a Heart Day" at Grove and Leah Watkins' story of PSSD students who, even as kindergarteners, are learning a foreign language. Très bon!

There's history galore with Larry Ray's great take on the life of Governor

James Porter and Shannon McFarlin's inspiring piece on Howard University President and Paris native Mordecai Johnson. Susan Jones shares her conversation with Shannon McFarlin, author of the greatly anticipated local history book, *As If They Were Ours - The Story of Camp Tyson, America's Only Barrage Balloon Training Facility.*

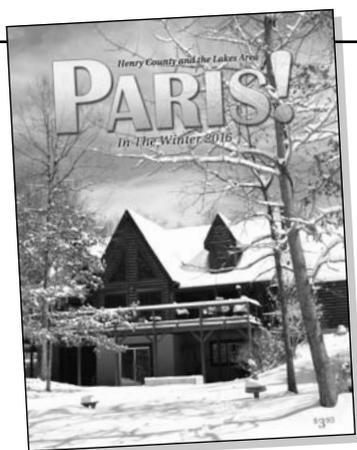
Ready for a chuckle? Don't miss the Great Landscape Debate by garden guru John Watkins. Who knew that plants were so much like presidential candidates?

Finally, hometown heroes Mark Johnson, Don Davenport and Dr. Kyle Stephens show up in three, must-read articles that will make you proud to call Henry County home.

What? You haven't gotten your Helping Hand Calendar? It's in this issue. Dining Guide? It's here. Calendar of Events? You bet!

Happy Winter....plain and simple,

*Smantha*



## On The Cover

*Bright sunlight graced the log home of Kim and Vickie Miller of Puryear, making a peaceful vignette after last year's heavy snow.*

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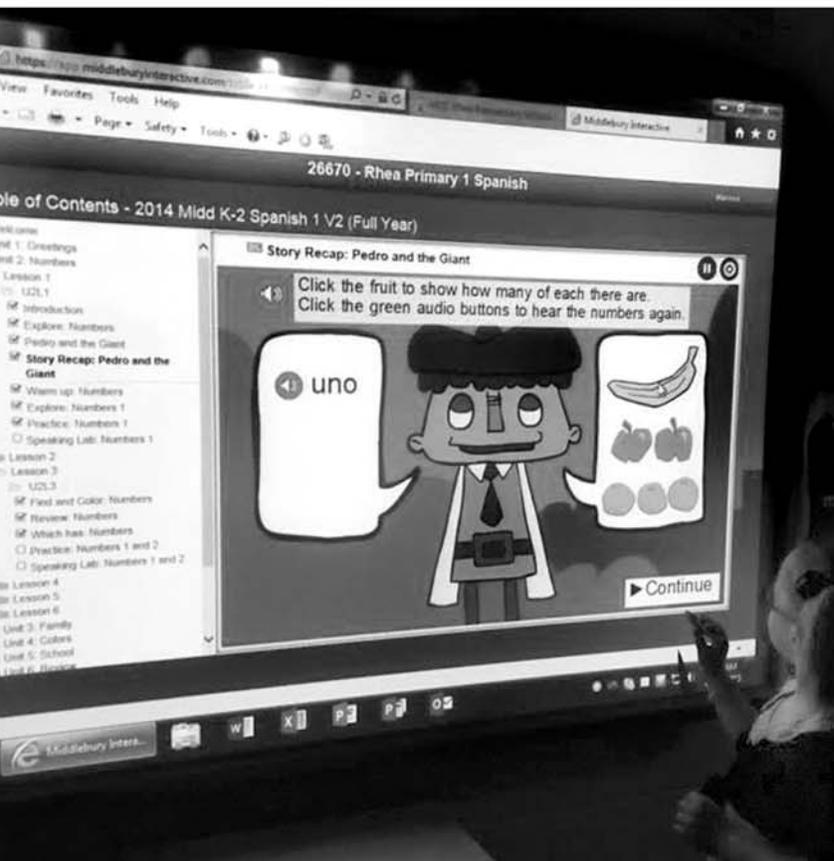
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# PSSD students embark on journey to other countries

By Dr. Leah Watkins

"Middlebury has been a positive influence, not only for my daughter, Zoey, but for the whole family. We enjoy working on it with her and learning too!"

**Tiffany Bishop**

*Mother of Zoey Bishop at W.G. Rhea School*

Well, actually, students will not really be visiting other countries during the school day. Rather, they will be learning to speak multiple languages.

The 2015-16 school year marked the inaugural of the Paris Special School District foreign language initiative through a partnership with Middlebury foreign language. Students will have the opportunity to learn Spanish as well as become accustomed to the computer-based format of language instruction.

Subsequent years will allow students additional opportunities with French and German. The district roll-out plan will include K-2 students primarily working all three years within the introductory Spanish courses. As students move through the district, they will gradually receive more intensive Spanish coursework and potentially add French during their fifth grade year.

As students enter and progress through Inman Middle School, they will continue with French instruc-

tion and culminate with the German language. While this is the tentative sequence of instruction, adjustments will be made to student progression through the languages based upon the needs of the students.

The PSSD feels strongly about preparing students to become successful adults. Middlebury foreign language is one more component of a robust and well-rounded education including the basics as well as the arts, extracurricular activities, STEM, and now foreign language. Though the students won't literally travel to all of these countries during the school day, they will be prepared to speak in each of them.

## Why go digital with the foreign language instruction?

The PSSD chose to utilize the Middlebury online platform for multiple reasons. The program allows the students to progress at their own level, a significant benefit for students. It also has coursework designed for each of the various grade bands of students, with an introduction to the language at the primary level, elementary ap-

propriate content for grades three through five, and competency based programs at the middle school level.

The program is designed to provide a language foundation with basic expressions and words. Students have opportunities to develop their listening and speaking abilities with the language as well as practice reading and writing.

One of the strongest components of the Middlebury program includes student access from home. Students and parents can log-in together. The district knew this was an added component to the curriculum with tremendous potential to expand the horizons for the PSSD students. With effort and continual enrollment, a student could potentially understand and speak up to three languages before leaving the system.

## When and how will students interact with the online program?

The approach to incorporation of the language instruction into a students' daily routine varies between buildings though there are some com-

monalities between implementation.

Across the district, foreign language instruction is non-graded. It is an opportunity for students to learn and grow but is not reflected on the report card. However, students do receive feedback through the program on their assignment completion, skill mastery and other metrics.

At Rhea School, students are receiving foreign language during their library rotation and during extension opportunities. Paris Elementary students are also working during the library rotation and as extension during the RTI (Response to Intervention) time. The students at Inman Middle School are utilize the program during RTI time as well.

### Why teach foreign language to students?

The PSSD focuses heavily on ensuring students are prepared for grade level expectations in reading/English language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies each day. Those are the foundational areas for instruction

within the system. Well-rounded students must have experiences with art, music, drama, and technology as well. These are also crucial components of great value for student development.

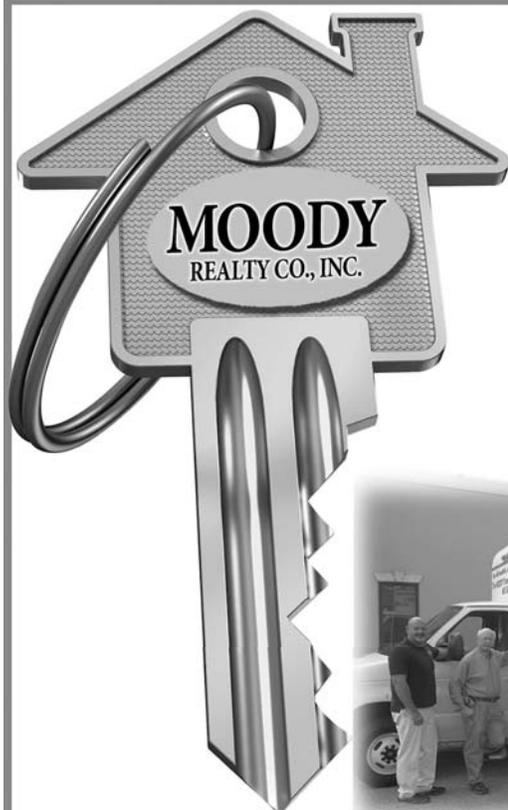
Following this same emphasis, for PSSD students to be competitive in a multi-cultural society, it is important for them to be able to communicate within that diversity.

In addition to appreciation of diversity, foreign language instruction also benefits students in academic achievement in reading, language arts, mathematics as well as cognitive ability. Studies even show benefits of foreign language instruction extending into ACT, SAT, and college performance ([www.actfl.org/advocacy/discover-languages/advocacy/discover-languages/what-the-research-shows/studies-supporting](http://www.actfl.org/advocacy/discover-languages/advocacy/discover-languages/what-the-research-shows/studies-supporting)). The opportunity this creates for our students extends well beyond their K-8 education.

*Dr. Leah Watkins is the Supervisor of Instruction for the Paris Special School District.*



"I like how it (Middlebury) translates the words into Spanish and how you can look back at what you did. It is really fun for me because I get to learn a new language," said Lucy Beth Jackson, third grader at Paris Elementary School.



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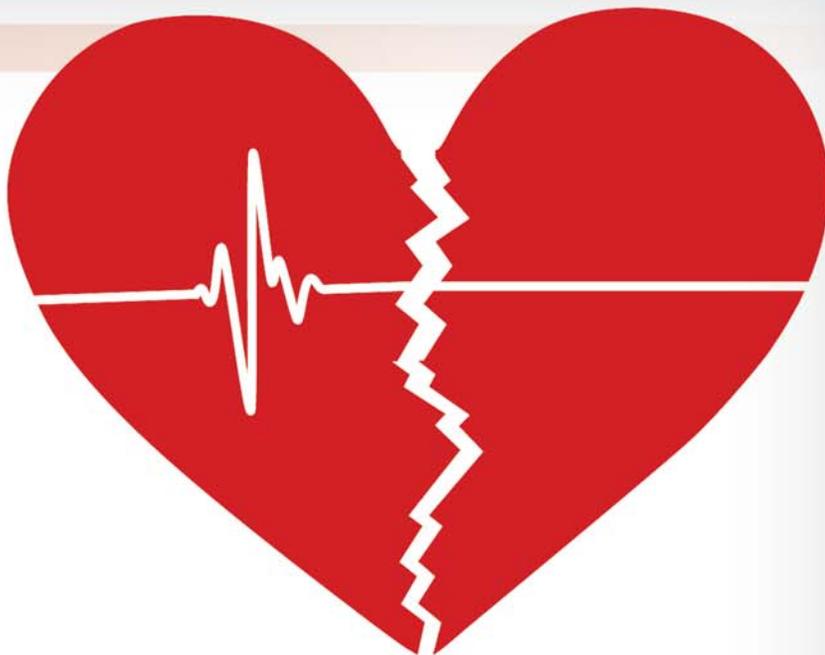
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# SAVE a HEART DAY at Grove



By Angie Gregson Dotson

**S**ave a Heart Day began in 2007. It is usually held in February each year in honor of it being National Heart Awareness month. This program is dedicated to teaching all ninth-graders in Henry County healthy living skills and has provided each student cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and certification in the years since.

The program has become vital to our youth and because of our statistics as a state and a nation for deaths due to heart disease, it has become a program that is held yearly.

The first year of the program, 237 students were trained and five nurses became certified to teach CPR. Since that time, it has become a joint community effort between Grove faculty

and staff, Henry County Medical Center and EMS, along with many businesses and civic organizations working together. To date, over 3,000 ninth-graders have been certified in CPR in Henry County.

LuJan Meketi, RN, was the original brainchild of the program. Back in 2007, the event was only the CPR certification and 5 nurses spent six weeks completing the certifications. Today Stephanie Winders, co-founder of Save a Heart Day and Director of Henry County Coordinated School Health along with Dr. Michelle Webb, Assistant Principal at E.W. Grove School, have continued to expand and grow the program into a one day event.

Now there are approximately 17 CPR instructors and although each child is

still certified in CPR, Save a Heart Day has become so much more that just learning a lifesaving skill.

The children spend one entire day learning the importance not only of heart health, but also mind, body and spiritual health. Students learn about proper nutrition, making the right choices in life as well as a variety of heart healthy activities including exercise, risk factors for heart disease and the dangers of risky behaviors including smoking, drugs and alcohol.

Most recently the day has expanded to provide education on driving and texting as well as an ambulance from Henry County Medical Center and an air ambulance from Air-Evac on site for the children and staff to have hands-on learning experience of the



All ninth-graders in Henry County receive healthy living skills and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training and certification.

transport process that can occur if a medical heart emergency takes place.

Currently, Tennessee is ranked as one of the least healthy states in the nation. According to the Centers for Disease control (CDC) the facts of heart disease are staggering:

- ♥ About 610,000 people die of heart disease in the United States every year – that's 1 in every 4 deaths.
- ♥ Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. More than half of the deaths due to heart disease in 2009 were in men.
- ♥ Coronary heart disease (CHD) is the most common type of heart disease, killing over 370,000 people annually.
- ♥ Every year about 735,000 Americans have a heart attack. Of these, 525,000 are a first heart attack and 210,000 happen in people who have already had a heart attack.

With statistics like these, we will all be touched by heart disease at some point in our lives. Isn't it good to know that the youth of our community are learning how to improve those statistics, one heart at a time?

*Here's to Your Health!*

Grove ninth-grade students receive a hands-on learning experience of the transport process that can occur if a medical heart emergency takes place. Pictured below, personnel from the Air-Evac air ambulance service explains features of the medical helicopter to the students.



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# Mordecai Johnson

From Paris to University President

By Shannon McFarlin

**W**hen the man who grew up to be the first African-American Howard University president was little, he and his family could often see men on handcars pumping their way to work for the L&N Railroad.

## Growing up in Paris

During his childhood, Dr. Mordecai Johnson lived in a modest frame house on Johnson Street in Paris. It was a good location, on Rison Street close to Mt. Zion Baptist Church which was founded by his father Wyatt Johnson.

As long of a road as it was for Johnson to grow up in the segregated South to become a university president, it was a long road, too, for his parents just to get to the point where they owned a home in Paris.

From the most humble of beginnings, Mordecai Johnson became an internationally acclaimed educator. The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. named Johnson as one of his key inspirations.

Mordecai Johnson will be honored with a portrait to be hung in the Henry County Courthouse in February. There are already other reminders of him in Paris as well – the statue at Paris City Cemetery and Johnson Park.

Both his parents, Wyatt and Carolyn Johnson, were born on slave plantations. Wyatt's first wife died and he married Carolyn Freeman, an attrac-

tive woman 30 years his junior, becoming Johnson's stepfather.

While a slave, Wyatt had served with his slave owner in the Confederate Army and was injured during the Civil War. Nonetheless, he had a booming voice and a spirited nature and after he was emancipated he settled in Henry County where he became an independent farmer and worked in several mills locally, including Porters', Dobbins', Parkers' and for the Paris Lumber Co.

From all reports, Wyatt was a stern and devout man who had become educated while a slave. He founded the Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Cottage Grove, then became pastor at Mt. Zion in Paris, also founding the Obion River Baptist Association.

Mt. Zion was founded in 1866 and moved to its present location on Rison Street while Wyatt was pastor. Johnson's best friend in Paris, Robert Woodson, also had a preacher father named General Pillow Woodson and he donated his labor to build Mt. Zion.

Johnson's mother Carolyn had a limited education and enjoyed fixing up their home and planting flower beds. She had a kind nature and worked as a domestic housekeeper for several homes in Paris.

According to the book, *Mordecai: The Man And His Message* by Richard McKinney, Johnson was intelligent and gifted and became well aware from an

early age of the differences between black and white lives and it engendered feelings of right and wrong that stayed with him all his life. “Mordecai saw the domestics in the late afternoon, trudging home from the big houses, often carrying a pan of leftover food from their mistresses’ kitchens to feed their families. Sometimes those pans were the primary source of food for all their relatives.”

While their temperaments were starkly different, Wyatt and Carolyn both were religious and picked Mordecai as the name for their son from the Bible. As a child, Johnson said his mother would often read the story of Mordecai to him.

### Education and Joe Routon

Both Wyatt and Carolyn also knew their son had a gift and worked hard to provide him with the best education all his life. His earliest teacher was Nora Porter, who had a private school in the country and took Mordecai there on horseback every day. He was taught to read and write by her and she took him with her later to the public school for African Americans that used to be located on “Methodist Hill”.

With no high school for African Americans in Paris at that time, his parents sent him at the age of 13 to Roger Williams University in Nashville, where he had his first experience with equality between the races.

During summers, Johnson worked in a Paris grocery store and recalled in his memoirs what Saturdays were like. “On Saturdays, when great crowds of people came to the county seat to the court house and on other business, it was my job to go out on one of the leading corners and cook and sell hamburgers. I had a great time doing this – meeting and serving all kinds of people, white and colored from all over Henry County. If I must say so, I could cook a mean hamburger.”

Mordecai Johnson had a benefactor in former Henry County School Superintendent Joe Routon. In a letter written to S.J. Routon from Howard University on April 20, 1932, Johnson wrote of his sadness at the passing of Joe Routon. “Once, as a young man, discouraged and without funds, I abandoned my pursuit for an educa-



Dr. Mordecai Johnson and Eleanor Roosevelt engaged in conversation while a crowd gathered in the background.

tion and returned to the fields. A few days later, Mr. Joe appeared and announced I was to attend Howe Institute in Memphis. Arrangements had been made by some good citizens of Paris, not only for my train fare, but board for a year.”

In his letter, Johnson said he did not know until years later that “my saintly mother, in desperation, had gone to Mr. Joe. He always had time for those seeking his assistance.”

After his stint at Howe, both Johnson and Woodson had the adventure of their lives when they boarded the L&N train in Paris bound for Morehouse College in Atlanta, where Johnson graduated with high honors in 1911. He was on his way.

From Morehouse, Johnson received a second bachelor’s degree at the University of Chicago, received a divinity degree from Rochester Theological Seminary and received his master’s degree from Howard University. Johnson was a pastor at various Baptist churches over the years and was appointed in 1926 as Howard University’s first African American president.

According to the late Bryant Williams in one of his “Post-Mortem” columns, Johnson is credited with building Howard “from a weak college into a powerful institution of learning.” Johnson served as president for 34 years.

### Civil Rights Movement

Johnson did return to Paris over the years, speaking on one occasion before the Paris Civic League at the city auditorium in April of 1945. Geneva McGehee remembers that appearance well. “I remember going with my mother. There was a big crowd there and I remember everyone standing and applauding him,” she said.

Roland Atkinson said his father was thrilled at Johnson’s speech. “I remember my Daddy talking about how Mordecai Johnson talked about Civil Rights that night! He was so happy about that.”

Johnson also returned to Paris over the years to speak at Mt. Zion Church. According to Williams, Johnson returned in 1972 as a dignitary at the World’s Biggest Fish Fry and stayed with the Woodson family while here.

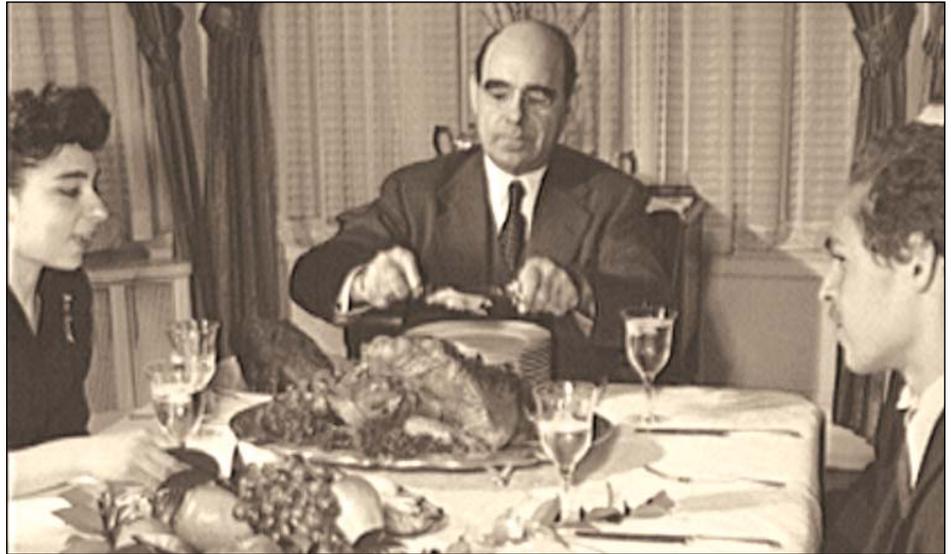
George Bass Sr. is mentioned in the acknowledgements in the book, *Mordecai: The Man And His Message*, for taking the author around Paris and telling him about Johnson’s history. Bass’ father and Johnson were friends and he remembered hearing him speak about Johnson with much admiration.

Bass, George Combs Sr. and the late Clarence Clark were among the original active members of the Paris Civic League who were responsible for naming Johnson Park after Mordecai.

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Mordecai Johnson with his family, ca. 1942.

### Family life & successful career

Johnson married twice; his first wife, Anna died in 1969 and he then was survived by his second wife, Alice, two daughters and three sons.

During his lengthy career, Johnson represented the United States at the first Atlantic Congress, was a director of the National Council of the United Negro College Fund and of the Nation-

al Conference of Christians and Jews. He also received the NAACP's highest honor, the Springarm Medal.

Johnson died in 1976 in Washington, D.C. at the age of 86.

*Shannon McFarlin is a freelance writer and author. Her book about the history of Camp Tyson is featured in this issue on page 22.*

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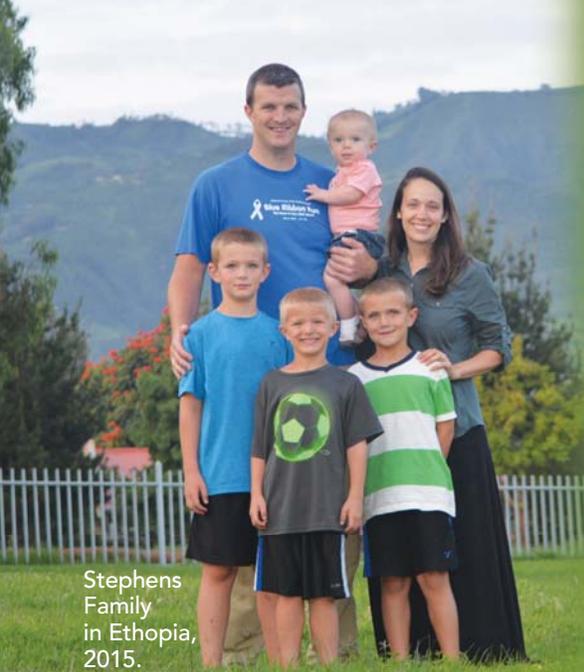
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Stephens Family in Ethiopia, 2015.

# Blessings

## from the Stephens Family

By Angie Gregson Dotson

**S**itting down with Dr. Kyle Stephens and his family it is hard not to take notice of their beautiful home and the sense of being with family and friends. From the home's front porch there are breathtaking views of open fields and wooded areas with wildlife. The comfortable, warm feeling you have just from being there makes you want to stay for hours and come back often.

The Stephens family was gracious enough to sit down and open their lives, hearts and home to me recently. When planning for this interview, I wanted to learn more about them as a family; their interest, passions and how they view Paris and Henry County, as well as their many travels.

**Q** – Tell me about your family; what is your wife's name?

**A** – Jennifer, though she is Jenn to most people.

**Q** – Where is she from?

**A** – Midland, TX. Her father is a banker and her mother is a retired teacher and now a homemaker. She has two brothers in Midland who are both CPAs.

**Q** – How long have you two been married?

**A** – Ten years. We married the day after Jenn and I graduated from Abilene Christian University. We graduated on a Friday, married on Saturday, moved to Kansas City, Missouri, Sunday and I began medical school on

Monday. Two months later we found out we were pregnant with our first son. Life hasn't slowed down since!

**Q** – How many children?

**A** – We have four boys. Garrett is nine, Luke is seven, Bryan is six, and Nolan is one. Our oldest three boys are in school at Lakewood Elementary.

**Q** – Most everyone knows you (Kyle) grew up here, but for those who may not, give us a brief summary.

**A** – I grew up in Springville, Tennessee. I attended school at Springville Elementary and Henry County High School (1998) where I played basketball. I went to undergrad school at Lipscomb University on a basketball scholarship. After that I did a Masters of Divinity degree in Abilene, Texas; medical school in Kansas City; residency in Detroit, Michigan; and fellowship in St Paul, Minnesota.

I also showed steers at the Henry County Fair through the junior livestock program. Those steers eventually paid for my master's degree. I grew up at the Sulphur Well Church of Christ in Springville where my father Randy Stephens has been a pastor for almost 40 years. We are thrilled to be back out there serving with them.

**Q** – You took a rather unconventional path to medicine by doing semi-nary training prior to attending medical school. Why was that?

**A** – During my time at Lipscomb University, I discovered that my two

passions were ministry and medicine. After undergraduate training was over, I was offered a graduate assistant position with the athletic department at Lipscomb and spent that year studying ministry and theology. I absolutely loved it and chose to continue exploring spirituality and how to effectively minister to people for an extra couple of years. The spiritual formation during those years was priceless though I never saw myself working full-time with a congregation.

I never lost the love of medicine and being a physician is a natural way for me to do what I love doing and walk alongside people during very vulnerable times in their lives.

**Q** – You could have gone anywhere in the world to practice; why did you choose to work in Paris?

**A** – Henry County is home and has always been “home” in my mind. As a young boy, Dad told us, “You can get to anywhere in the world from Elkhorn.” I've been blessed to travel and see different corners of the world but regardless of how far away from home we've gone, Elkhorn has always felt like home and it's where we feel God has called us to live, work, and raise our family.

**Q** – Why choose orthopedics?

**A** – Orthopedics was a natural fit for me. I love encountering people who are hurting and at some of their most vulnerable points in life and walking alongside them through the healing process. Orthopedics was also the

only rotation where Jenn noticed how happy I was when I came home. I absolutely love my job as an orthopedic surgeon and could not be happier doing it in my hometown.

**Q** – *Why did you want to do spines in addition to orthopedics?*

**A** – Patients often come into the office with hip or shoulder pain that wind up being problems with pinched nerves in their neck or their low back. I wanted to be able to help those patients too and so I did a spine surgery fellowship in order to help more people here. I like the challenge of finding the source of people’s pain and then being able to offer a treatment for it right here at home whether that involves their hip, knee, back, shoulder, or neck.

**Q** – *Do you see children in your practice?*

**A** – I do see children in my practice above the age of two years. Children less than two years old, particularly those with injuries around a joint, often need a pediatric orthopedic specialist and I refer those to either Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital or LeBohneur Children’s Hospital.

**Q** – *What types of orthopedic problems will you not take care of?*

**A** – Elective problems with the feet and children less than two years of age.

**Q** – *You, along with the entire family have recently returned from a month long mission trip to Africa, specifically Ethiopia. Why is mission work so important to your family? What did the kids think of the trip?*

**A** – Our month in Ethiopia was a wonderful adventure and a blessing to our family on so many levels. From a medical standpoint, two of my role models – Duane Anderson and Bob Greene – are excellent orthopedic surgeons who work at Soddo Christian Hospital in Ethiopia full-time.

I plan on international orthopedic work being a regular part of my life and I wanted to learn from those two men how to do excellent surgeries in areas with fewer resources than we are accustomed to here in the United States. What a blessing it was for me to



Stephens operating in Peru.

pick their brain and learn from their 75 years of combined experience!

For our family, we wanted our four boys to know that they can also get anywhere in the world from Elkhorn and to know that the world is much larger than West Tennessee. Our boys were fantastic and were really impacted by seeing poverty up close and yet realizing that the Ethiopian children there are loved by God just as much as they are.

**Q** – *How many mission trips have you both been on?*

**A** – Jennifer spent almost six months in Thailand during college as well as trips to Mexico. I have been to Mexico (two trips), Honduras (two trips), Romania, Brazil, and Peru. Jenn and I have gone to Kenya and Ethiopia together.

**Q** – *Why is mission work so important to you and Jennifer?*

**A** – We believe that mission is a way of life, not something you have to travel overseas to do. We believe that everyday God is already at work in this world, often in the places we least expect. Life is about discerning where that might be and joining Him in restoring the brokenness of our world.

We want our children to know and understand that we are all equally important to God, regardless of which corner of the world we come from.

**Q** – *What is your greatest accomplishment thus far?*

**A** – My wife and sons are my greatest treasures here on earth.

**Q** – *Who has been your greatest influence thus far?*

**A** – Whatever I am as a man today, I owe the majority of that to my Dad. Growing up, he was basically my best friend because there were not many young people around my home. He emphasized excellence in everything while also insisting on a balance between academics, athletics, church, and family activities. We spent hours together having ‘tailgate talks’ where he and I discussed everything under the sun. I would consider those talks some of the most formative moments of my life.

**Q** – *We all leave a footprint or a mark on others when we are gone. What do you want yours to be?*

**A** – Our hope is that people remember us as being blessings to other people with our time, abilities, and resources. We want to be remembered for treating other people with dignity, compassion, and grace.

**Q** – *You end your cards, letters and email with the phrase “blessings” instead of sincerely or love. That is quite unique. Where does that come from?*

**A** – The use of “Blessings” comes from the conviction that Jenn and I have been blessed in order to be a blessing to those around us here locally as well as around the world.

*Angie Gregson Dotson, RN BSN, contributing writer for PARIS! Magazine, is also Dr. Kyle Stephens’ nurse. Together they are looking forward to giving back to the community that has given so much to each of them. “What an honor and privilege to grow up in such a wonderful place as Paris and Henry County. The opportunity to give back to the people of this community, which has given so much to both Dr. Stephens and myself, is a dream come true,” Dotson said.*

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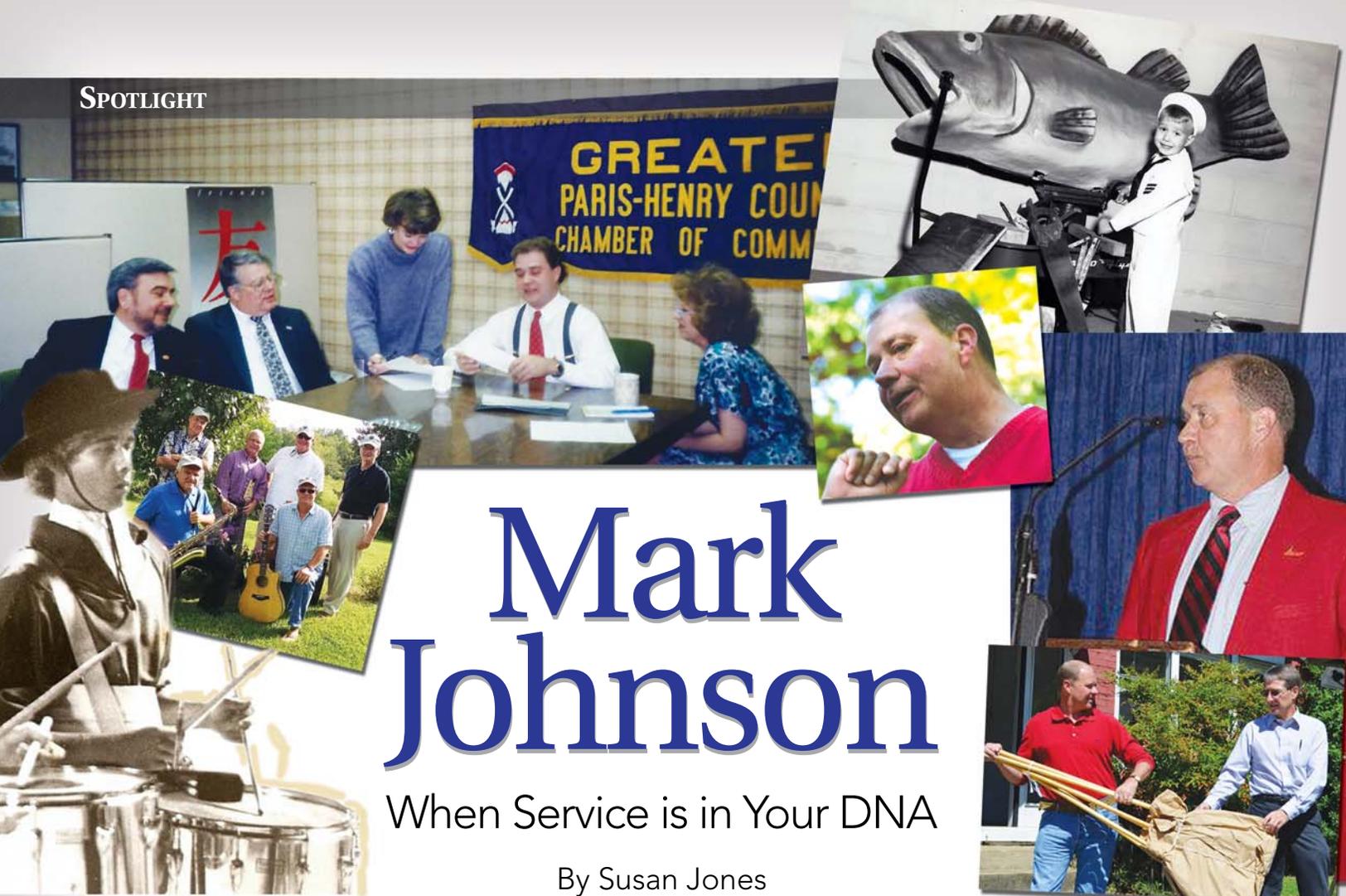
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# Mark Johnson

When Service is in Your DNA

By Susan Jones

It's hard to put your finger on what makes a community great, but dedicated public servants are a big part of the picture. Mark Johnson, the current Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year learned to serve his community as a youngster and never looked back.

"My father has always been my biggest role model, and he encouraged me to get involved in civic work. When I was young he was active in the Jaycees and the Rescue Squad. I wanted to be like my dad, so it wasn't surprising that my first experience in community service was with the local Jaycees."

The World's Biggest Fish Fry offered Johnson the chance to promote Paris and Henry County throughout middle and West Tennessee. "As a young, single guy, escorting the hostess princess court to TV and radio appearances was a great job. I was never shy when it came to public speaking or being in front of a camera, so being the publicity chairman for the Fish Fry was a natural fit."

In fact, almost all of his endeavors were "natural fits." After aging out of the Jaycees, Johnson shifted his energies to the Chamber of Commerce. "One of my first volunteer jobs with the chamber was serving on the Tourism & Retiree Committee."

His reputation for turning work into fun lured officials from stuffy boardrooms to entertaining events that showcased the area. "Our whole focus was to show people how enjoyable it was to live and play in Henry County, and to create events that would bring those people back year after year. We were pretty successful at it, too."

Johnson is fond of saying that, "When you truly enjoy what you're doing, good things will come from it," and his marriage to Rosie Dunning is a great example. "Rosie's sense of community and her dedication to being involved was one of the things that made me fall in love with her. We've both tried to set an example of leadership that our kids could be proud of and hopefully follow. For our family it starts in church, which is where all

four of our daughters have been most involved."

But service is in their DNA. At the tender age of 13, the couple's daughter, Cara has already served as the Inman mascot, manager of the girls' softball team and president of the Beta club. "Seeing our girls take advantage of those opportunities makes me proud."

As a youngster, Johnson took advantage of opportunities, too. "I've been a drummer since I was old enough to bang a couple of wooden spoons on an upside down pot," he said, but his formal training came courtesy of school music programs.

"At Grove our band director, Joe Farmer formed a jazz band and we would play concerts for other schools in the area. I learned about the great jazz drummers like Gene Krupa, Max Roach and Buddy Rich. We also played standards from the big band era."

His mom, Cookie, kept things hopping at home with a jukebox in the den loaded with tunes from the 50s and 60s. By the time he was in high school, Johnson was playing in the HCHS

Marching Band, Jazz Band, Swing Choir band and garage bands that entertained at local parties and dances.

After graduation he played in club bands, but by the mid-80s he realized that they “probably weren’t going to be the next Rolling Stones.” He got his real estate license and joined his parents in the family business at Paris Realty Company. And while he made a great realtor, he also became interested in other endeavors.

Ken Alexander, whom Johnson had worked with in community theater, was helping organize a storytelling event for the Arts Council in the late 90s. He encouraged Johnson to give it a try. “I guess I had a knack for it because I started getting invitations to tell for local groups and churches and it grew from there. I’ve told stories professionally for dozens of events including “Fish Tales” during the World’s Biggest Fish Fry and the Nathan Bedford State Park Storytelling Festival, but I still enjoy telling stories around a campfire for family and friends the most.”

Between storytelling, theater and music, it’s no surprise that Johnson has been a long-time supporter of the Paris-Henry County Arts Council. These days he is on the board and chairman of Youth for the Arts (YFTA), which operates under the umbrella of the Arts Council. “YFTA offers arts related scholarships and cultural opportunities for the students of our community,” he explained. “Major fundraising projects include Krider



Left: Johnson takes a call in his historic downtown office. Right: It’s not surprising that Mark and Rosie Johnson are University of Tennessee Volunteers fans.

Idol and The Bethel Renaissance Choir Concert. We have some exciting new events planned for this spring, so stay tuned.”

In the last few years, Johnson sold the family agency and now concentrates on commercial real estate from his new office on the historic court square. “I’ve always loved our downtown,” he said. “There’s a feeling of community here that you just don’t get anywhere else. I love the architecture of the old buildings, too.

“Renovating what is now The Johnson Agency office has been a real passion project for me. Having a vibrant downtown business district sets Paris and Henry County apart from most other towns our size and plays a vital role in attracting people and business

to our community. I’ve always believed that in order to protect your future you’ve got to preserve your past.”

As a card-carrying member of the Downtown Paris Association, the Arts Council, Youth for the Arts and the Lions Club, Johnson knows something about service. “These groups give people an organized opportunity to give back to their community and be a part of something bigger than themselves,” he said.

In a day when younger generations seem too busy for organizations such as these, Johnson reiterated, “Having the opportunity to be involved in civic work makes your community stronger. And helping make your community successful ultimately makes you successful.”



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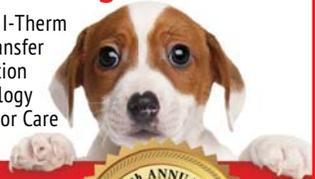
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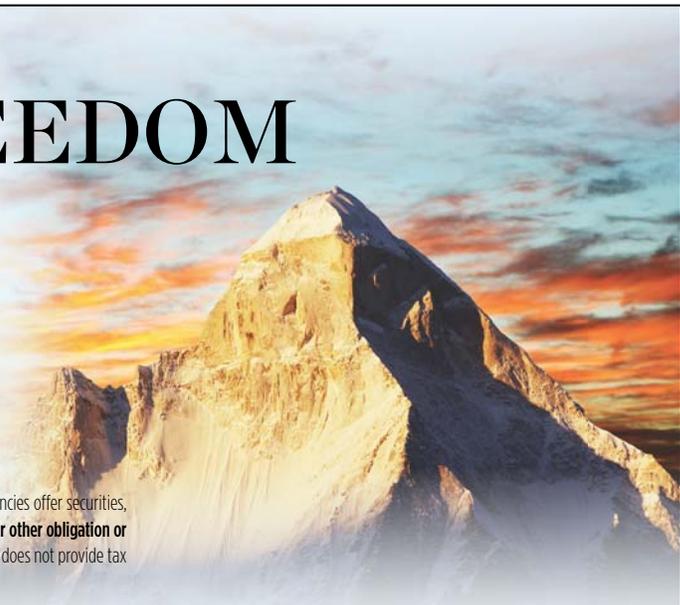
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*Airport's growth essential for local economy*

By Shannon McFarlin

**P**aris-Henry County Airport Manager Don Davenport calls the airport the front door for the community, and he knows its importance first-hand.

As with any front door, the airport is the spot where many receive their first impression of us and our community. Among those receiving that all important first impression are business leaders and government officials who are in the position to provide vital resources for the continued growth of the county.

The importance the airport plays in Henry County cannot be overstated. It has been the deciding factor in many of the new businesses that have located here. Steak 'n Shake executives were in and out of the county via the airport while they were negotiating the purchase of the restaurant in Paris. Wal-Mart executives use the airport regularly, as do officials from the Dana Corp., Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), Henry County Medical Center and its physicians.

"Contractors are always flying in and out of our airport and just about all the businesses and all the major chains we have in Henry County use our airport regularly," Davenport said. "We've had a lot of important business meetings out here. A lot of important real estate transactions have taken place in our meeting room too."

Crop spraying airplanes – very important for this area – utilize the airport, as do local law enforcement for marijuana eradication and searches. In addition, there are all the conventions and fishing tournaments that are held locally which use the airport.

Famous personages are also frequent guests. All the Tennessee governors and many other politicians have come through the airport, especially the late Ned Ray McWherter, whose home was nearby in Dresden. Hank Williams Jr. is a regular user along with his 'rowdy friends', such as Kid Rock, Pamela Anderson and Travis Tritt. Former Indy car driver Dario

buying property and starting the winery here."

The airport has been a mainstay of Henry County since it opened in 1947 but has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. The airport currently owns 270 acres and is located a few miles outside of Paris on Diggs Road.

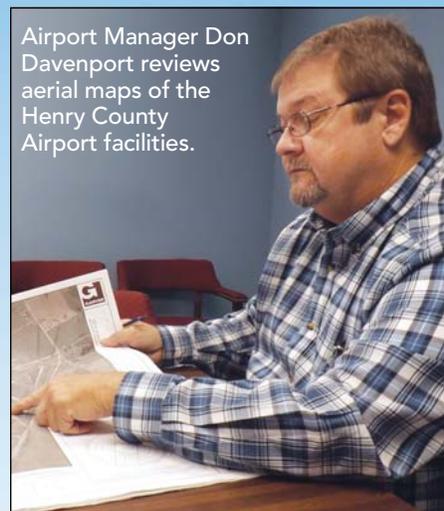
According to Davenport, the airport probably began as a flying club back in the 1940s. "It had a different purpose," he said. "Back then, it was mostly recreational. The original runway started as a grass strip along the highway."

The Federal Aviation Authority became involved with the airport in the 1950s and the airport began constructing more runways. "The county began operating the airport in 1999, before which it was run by a fixed base operator," Davenport said.

Some 15 years ago, Henry County government decided an airport manager was needed and Davenport was just the man for the job.

Davenport has been fascinated by air travel since he was a boy and acquired 3,000 flying hours in the U.S. Air Force over an eight-year military career during which he was an aircraft load master. He also worked as a civilian for eight years at Fort Campbell in a deploying division for Operation Desert Shield. Davenport has a bachelor of science in aeronautics and airport development.

There have been a lot of changes at the airport in recent years, Davenport said. "We've brought it up to standards. Without this airport, a lot of businesses would not have located to Henry County. The first impression they get of our county is right here."



Airport Manager Don Davenport reviews aerial maps of the Henry County Airport facilities.

Franchitti had a layover at the airport to get fuel on his way to his former home in Franklin, Tennessee, when he was married to Ashley Judd, as well as NASCAR driver Sterling Martin.

Several local business owners got their first look at Paris and Henry County because of the airport, such as Roger and Lisa Ciarrocchi, owners of the Paris Winery. "Roger is a pilot and they needed fuel and landed here," Davenport recalled. "We let them use one of our courtesy cars while they were in town. They drove around and liked what they saw and ended up



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Airport manager Don Davenport calls the airport the front door for the community.

New runways have been built with LED lights, aircraft hangars have been added and plans are in the works for an even larger runway. Fourteen hangars are on the airport grounds, with one unit able to hold eight airplanes. Two more hangars are in the works.

Private jets are a common sight at the airport, which performs 8,000 operations a year. "An operation is considered any take-off, landing, fueling, and getting the planes ready to go," Davenport said. "Most Henry Countians don't realize just how much activity occurs out here on a regular basis."

Costs are kept down by airport staff doing maintenance at the airport "and we operate as green as we can – we're environmentally-friendly. We keep the buildings and the grounds up, we keep the hangars painted and looking good. We want the airport to be as attractive to the business community and our customers as possible."

The airport plans to add a larger runway that would be built in phases, rebuild the terminal and change the entrance into the airport. "We plan eventually to have the entrance open onto Highway 218 when the bypass is completed," Davenport reported.

"But those are our long-range plans and we're working with the FFA on that. The FFA wants us to have the new terminal and we would have to have a federal grant."

The airport is even busier now, with both Air Evac and Vanderbilt/Air Methods having local headquarters for their air ambulances services there. "We're very pleased having them here," Davenport stated.

Jet and 100LL fuels are available at the airport 24-hours a day self-service with full attendant service during regular business hours. The runway is open 24-hours a day as well.

Amenities available at the airport include a conference room/pilot lounge, courtesy car service, rental car delivery and pickup, charter service and aircraft rental.

Flying lessons are offered at the airport which also provides Aviation Days for children and experimental aircraft events.

"Ours is one of the busier airports around," Davenport said. "Our operation is well above average from others in the area. We love what we do and we're here to serve Henry County and the public."

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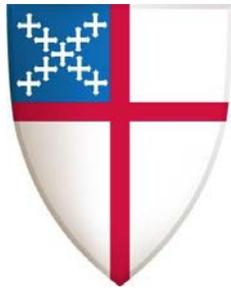


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# The Untold Story of CAMP TYSON

From postcard, ca. 1943.  
"Barrage Balloon Training Center,"  
Camp Tyson, Tenn.

**A**uthor Shannon McFarlin did not grow up in Paris, but she spent plenty of time here visiting family. As a girl the tales about Camp Tyson fascinated her. She recently completed a book entitled, *As if They Were Ours - The Story of America's Only Barrage Balloon Training Facility*.

**PM – Explain Camp Tyson.**

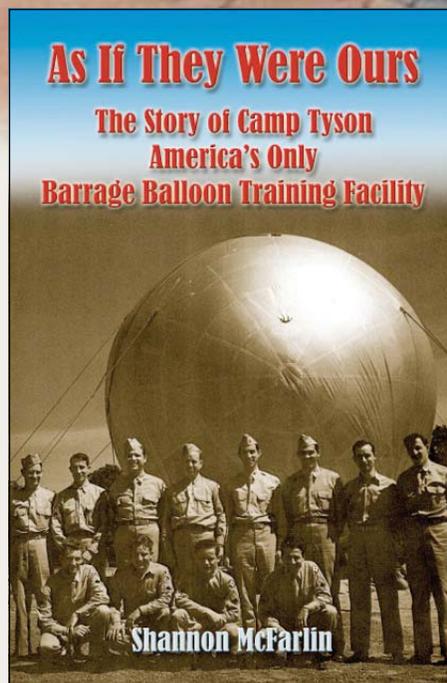
**McFarlin** – During the war, Camp Tyson was the only barrage balloon training facility in the nation, and it was right here in Henry County. They also built the balloons and housed prisoners of war, as well.

**PM – Why did it intrigue you?**

**McFarlin** – From the time I was young, I knew I wanted to write about Camp Tyson. My mom, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great grandmother told me so many great stories about those days.

During the war, lots of local families, both black and white took Camp Tyson soldiers and construction workers and their families into their homes. In fact, that's where the title comes from, the locals said they treated them, "As if they were ours."

There were as many as five families living with my mother's family at one



time, which included a soldier's family and families of construction workers. Paris was a boomtown and these folks needed accommodations.

There's a picture of our soldier and his wife in our family photo album; that shows the deep connection between the townspeople and the camp. The children were affected, too. Like us, our neighbors housed soldiers. When they came home from Camp Tyson in the afternoon, the kids would line up in our driveway and salute.

**PM – How did you gather your information and get started?**

**McFarlin** – I've written for several local publications through the years. Every time I interviewed someone of a certain age I'd ask if they remembered Camp Tyson and they'd tell me stories. I kept those notes and already had a lot of information about it before I got the contract to write the book.

**PM – What spurred you to get it finished?**

**McFarlin** – A lot of that generation was disappearing and I needed to get the stories recorded soon. Everyone I spoke with had an immediate memory and their descriptions were like it all happened yesterday, which shows how important Camp Tyson was to them. Many of them kept mementos and photos, too, which made the book so much easier to write.

**PM – Lots of people have ideas for books but they never get published.**

**McFarlin** – I had a conversation with Carl Holder, who was the head of the Henry County Alliance and a member of what was then called the Tennessee River Resort Act (TRRA) Board. Carl is a history lover and knows that heritage tourism is one of the most profitable aspects of tourism.

He thought it was something that the TRRA should fund. I made a proposal so I could concentrate on researching and writing and they funded it.

**PM – How many folks did you interview?**

**McFarlin** – Over 100 people. I also did research at the Library of Congress, and through the Freedom of Information Act I got many declassified documents. There were U.S. Army documents about Camp Tyson, as well as documents from the time it was a Prisoner of War Camp. The Carothers family gave me documents, too regarding the purchase of the camp by their family and their family business, the Spinks Clay Company.

**PM – How did you find your people to interview?**

**McFarlin** – I put an ad in area news publications and the E.W. Grove High School website asking people with Camp Tyson connections to contact me. The Grove alumni were extremely helpful. They wanted their stories told. For example, a man who lives in Florida sent me his scrapbooks including things like Camp Tyson menus and matchbooks. I made copies and then sent it all back to him.

I couldn't believe how trusting people were with their photos and mementos. I really appreciated that and honored that trust.

**PM – What would you say your biggest obstacle was?**

**McFarlin** – Getting it published. My mom became very ill, and I was caring for her. I put everything on hold for a while and that was hard.

**PM – When did the camp open?**

**McFarlin** – It was already being planned when Pearl Harbor happened. It opened in 1942 and closed in 1944. The 75th anniversary of the opening of Camp Tyson is in 2017. Henry County Mayor Brent Greer has expressed interest in a commemorative event, which is a great idea.

**PM – What will surprise your readers the most?**

**McFarlin** – Probably the impact of Camp Tyson's African American



County Mayor Brett Greer and author Shannon McFarlin hold head figures of Tojo and Hitler that were used during target practice at Camp Tyson. The barrage balloon painting above them was created by a soldier at the camp. These items are on display at the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center.

soldiers in the history of WWII and D-Day. I think it will surprise both black and white readers.

Henry County was such a segregated community at that time that a lot of people didn't even know there were black soldiers at the camp – there were three African American battalions, including the 320th Barrage Balloon Battalion.

Those men were in the first wave on D-Day, and they were the only black soldiers in the invasion. The barrage balloons were attached to their belts, so you can imagine the extreme danger that they faced.

The newspapers of the day didn't report on it, and those men were never recognized for what they had done locally or nationally. I'm proud that it's documented in the book.

**PM – How did Camp Tyson define Paris and Henry County's legacy?**

**McFarlin** – Before Camp Tyson, Paris was a small, isolated, southern town. Rural Tennessee was still, more or less, in the Depression. But news

of the camp boosted the economy. Paris grew overnight and was forced to develop an infrastructure to accommodate the construction workers (up to 8,000 of them) and soldiers (up to 25,000 of them).

There were more homes, more businesses and more opportunities than ever before. Several of the soldiers married local women and put down roots here, all of which contributed to a larger, more culturally diverse, modern little city.

**PM – Who should read this book and why?**

**McFarlin** – Obviously the people of the Greatest Generation will enjoy it, but younger generations should read it, too. It's a good lesson on how and why Paris grew and the debt that we owe to those who lived through the Great Depression and WWII.

**PM – Where locally can the book be purchased?**

**McFarlin** – From the Chamber of Commerce or local gift shops.

# Governor James D. Porter

## *“A Southern Gentleman”*

*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 twenty-first in his series.*

*Previous articles can be read online in the archives of [MyParisMagazine.com](http://MyParisMagazine.com).*

By Larry Ray

This is a continuation of the series of articles sharing unique Civil War stories about local families. The next two articles will cover the Porter family that had two prominent Confederate veterans – Governor James D. Porter and his brother, Captain Thomas Kennedy Porter, Jr. They are both buried in the Paris City Cemetery which is a treasure trove of history about many famous people.

James Davis Porter, a friend of Presidents and generals, was the epitome of a Southern gentleman and the pride of Paris: successful lawyer, Civil War hero, circuit court judge, two-term governor, Assistant Secretary of State, Minister to Chile and an acclaimed educator. His life was touched with

triumph and tragedy along with a cast of fascinating characters.

James D. Porter was born in Paris on December 7, 1828, the son of Dr. Thomas Kennedy Porter and Geraldine Horton Porter. He attended the University of Nashville, where he obtained his Bachelor of Arts in 1846, and a Master of Arts in 1849. He studied law under Paris attorney John Dunlap and was admitted to the bar in 1851.

Porter married Susannah Dunlap, the daughter of his law mentor, John Dunlap, in 1851. They had six children, three of whom died at a young age and as a result, it is said that they were overly protective of their surviving children of privilege.

Governor Porter was well respected and considered to be an honest, out-

standing citizen but had two younger sons that committed numerous acts that got them in trouble with the law. Between them the Porter sons killed two men and seriously wounded three others. One son, Dudley was killed in a pistol duel with Alex White on the west side of the court square in Paris on June 4, 1888. Dudley was carried to the family home on Dunlap Street and later buried in the Paris City Cemetery.

Porter was elected to the Tennessee House of Representatives in 1859. In 1861, he introduced the “Porter Resolutions,” which were eventually adopted. These resolutions stipulated that in the event of war between seceding states and the Union, Tennessee would align itself with the seceding states. In May 1861, following the Battle of Fort

Sumter, these measures were enacted and Tennessee signed a military pact with the Confederacy.

At the beginning of the Civil War, Porter initially served as an adjutant general under Gideon J. Pillow, and helped organize the Provisional Army of Tennessee. After this army was attached to the greater Confederate Army, Porter was assigned to General Benjamin F. Cheatham as a lieutenant colonel. As Cheatham's chief of staff, Porter took part in the battles of Belmont, Shiloh, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, the Siege of Atlanta and the battles of Jonesboro, Franklin, Nashville and Bentonville.

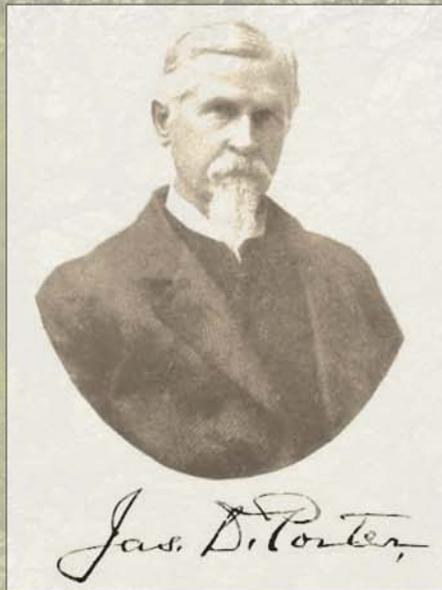
After the war, Porter returned to his law practice in Paris. In 1870, he was a delegate to the state's constitutional convention, which wrote the current Tennessee State Constitution, and served on the convention's judiciary committee. Following the convention, he was elected judge of the state's 12th Circuit. Originally a Whig, he aligned himself with the Democratic Party after the Civil War.

Porter received the Democratic nomination for governor in 1874, and easily defeated his Republican opponent, Horace Maynard, by a 2-to-1 vote later that year. In 1876, he was re-elected by a similarly lopsided margin over several candidates including Republican William F. Yardley from Knoxville who was the state's first African-American candidate for governor.

Porter was a strong supporter of public education. While he was governor, the South's first medical school for African Americans, Meharry Medical College, was founded in Nashville. When the Peabody Fund announced it was going to establish a school for teachers in Nashville, Porter used his influence to have the school attached to the University of Nashville.

In his book, *Appalachian Aspirations*, Professor John Benhart describes Porter as "typical of the New South Conservatives who dominated Tennessee politics during the two decades following Reconstruction, mixing the mores of the Old South with a recognition that industrial capitalism was the wave of the future."

Following his tenure as governor, Porter remained active in the New



South economy. He served as president of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway from 1880 to 1884, and also served on the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Company.

In 1885, Porter was appointed Assistant Secretary of State by President Grover Cleveland. He served under Secretary of State Thomas F. Bayard. In 1893, during Cleveland's second term, Porter was appointed U.S. Minister to Chile.

During his term of service he re-established friendly relations between that government and the United States, which had been seriously endangered by the indiscretion of a former Minister. He remained at this post until the spring of 1894.

Porter spent the latter part of his life promoting and raising funds for his alma mater, the University of Nashville and its affiliated Peabody College. He was appointed a trustee of the Peabody Education Fund in 1883, and became president of the Board of Trustees for the University of Nashville in 1890. He became chancellor of the University of Nashville in 1901, and president of Peabody College in 1902.

It is touching that Governor Porter had a very close relationship with Billy Porter who he fondly called "Uncle Billy". Billy was well known in Paris and among Porter's friends. Billy was one of Porter's father's ex-slaves that worked for Governor Porter.

In a 1915 newspaper interview, Billy said of Governor Porter, "I ain't never heard of him buying or selling no slave...When he passes, people from far and wide come to say Good-by, and after my misses they all come to shake my hand. Yes Sir, I sure am loved by the Governor."

Porter died at his Paris home on Dunlap Street in 1912 (currently the home of Dr. and Mrs. John Van Dyke), and is buried in the Paris City Cemetery near other family members. His friend, "Uncle Billy" rode in the front of the funeral carriage to the cemetery.

*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 War.*



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**ACROSS**

- 3. Dr. Stephens signs his letters with this word.
- 5. Hank William's friend who has been to Paris-Henry Co. Airport
- 9. Mark Johnson likes to \_\_\_\_ in our community.
- 11. Dr. Johnson met with this First Lady.
- 14. Name of Annie Holmes' website
- 16. Location of barrage balloon training facility
- 17. Author of book about Army training site
- 18. New doctor at Henry Co. Orthopaedic & Sports Medicine
- 19. Ninth graders in Henry County learn this life-saving technique
- 20. Edward Jones: Making Sense of \_\_\_\_

**PUZZLE SOLVE ON PAGE 36**

**DOWN**

- 1. Type of vehicle used for ambulance service
- 2. State Farm \_\_\_\_ Double Check
- 4. Airport Manager's name
- 6. Governor James D. Porter was a Southern \_\_\_\_.
- 7. John Watson's debater \_\_\_\_ Clinton
- 8. List of events going on in Henry County
- 10. Mark Johnson's wife
- 12. Dr. Kyle Stephens grew up in \_\_\_\_.
- 13. \_\_\_\_ Whipped Cream
- 14. Howard University president's first name
- 15. Governor Porter was a \_\_\_\_ before becoming a Democrat.



Grand Marshal Elmer Scott Welch, a WWII veteran, at this year's Veterans' Day parade.



At the Hoofbeats of Hope Fall Festival, Helen Neimi of Cottage Grove organizes a round of the cake walk.



Setting up a shot for the movie "Painted Horses" at the juvenile courtroom in the Henry County Courthouse annex. The movie was filmed at several locations in Henry County.



The new fire support tanker acquired by the Henry County Sheriff's Office at no cost to taxpayers. From left: Maintenance Supervisor Chris Thompson, Deputy Stacey Bostwick, Paris Fire Chief Michael Williams and Sheriff Monte Belew (back to camera).

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The Chill Tonics warm up before the Candlelight Advent Walk.



Former Paris City Manager Carl Holder impersonating a peasant boy at this year's Chamber Business Expo which had a Renaissance Fair theme.



International Quota President Karen Murphy, from Australia, recently visited with the local club. She is pictured with Paris Quota Club President Stephanie Tayloe (right).



Mary Beth Puckett of My Favorite Things is surrounded by beautiful decorations and looking festive at the Christmas open houses.

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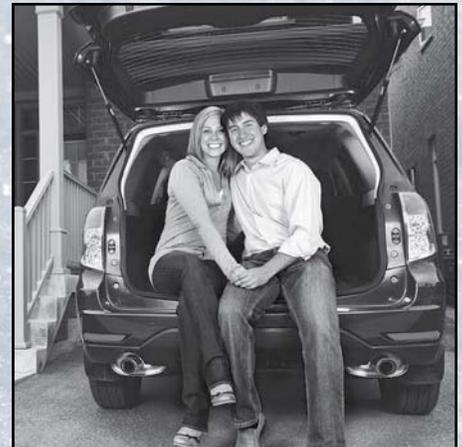


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# Warm Drinks to Warm Your Heart

By Annie Mayoza Holmes

*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).*

Some foods and drinks are meant to nourish your soul, not necessarily your body. They're the ones whose taste and smell can take you back in time or remind you of someone.

Last weekend as I made this Cranberry Pineapple Spice Tea, the smell of cinnamon, cranberries and cloves began to fill my house. It was raining outside and the dogs were sleeping and the fireplace was flickering. I was folding warm, fresh towels straight out of the dryer and I looked around my sleepy quiet house. It made me smile

because this is the exact opposite from how my parents' house feels when my Mom makes this tea.

I am the oldest of four kids so it was always noisy in our home. Mom would be in the kitchen cooking, usually with music playing. Dad would be in and out of the house with all of the dogs following closely. The four of us would be talking, laughing or arguing, but definitely not being quiet. The TV would be on somewhere in the house.

That busy little house is all I could think about while sipping on this tea in

my quiet home. My three siblings and I do not live together anymore. Actually, we all live in four different places, but with the Holidays over, the void that they have left in my heart grows bigger. I find myself wanting something, anything to make them feel a little closer. This tea is the only cure I could think of this weekend.

It worked too. As I sipped cup after cup I couldn't help but smile and think to myself, my house may be quiet but my heart is full.

## CRANBERRY PINEAPPLE SPICE TEA

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 46-ounce can pineapple juice
- 1 64-ounce bottle cranberry juice
- 2 family size tea bags
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 1 teaspoon cloves\*
- 1 orange, sliced
- 1/3 cup fresh cranberries, optional

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pour juices in a large pot and heat to medium heat. Add tea bags, cinnamon sticks, cloves, orange slices and cranberries.
2. Bring mixture to a light simmer for 40 minutes.
3. Reduce heat to low and remove the tea bags, fruit and spices.
4. Serve warm.

\* I cut a small square of cheesecloth and place the spices in it and tie it closed. This makes removing the spices easier.





## DARK CHOCOLATE COCOA WITH ESPRESSO WHIPPED CREAM

### INGREDIENTS

For the Dark Chocolate Cocoa

- 2 tablespoons cocoa
- 1½ tablespoons honey
- 1 square semi sweet bakers chocolate
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

For the Espresso Whipped Cream

- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 tablespoon espresso or strong coffee\*

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. For the Cocoa: Heat all ingredients over medium heat in a small saucepan stirring occasionally until warm. Adjust heat if necessary.
2. For the Espresso Whipped Cream: Using a mixer beat the cream, sugar, and espresso until stiff peaks form.
3. Pour cocoa into mugs and top with whipped cream

\* I used one to go packet of instant espresso and dissolved it into one tablespoon warm water.



## FRUIT SPICE TEA

### INGREDIENTS

- 1 can (46 ounces) pineapple juice
- 1 cup orange juice
- 1 cup pomegranate juice
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 2 teaspoons cloves
- 2 family size tea bags

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pour juices in a large pot and heat to medium heat. Add tea bags, cinnamon sticks, and cloves.
2. Bring mixture to a light simmer for 30 minutes.
3. Reduce heat to low and remove the tea bags and spices.
4. Serve warm and garnish with fruit slices if desired

\* I cut a small square of cheesecloth and place the spices in it and tie it closed. This makes removing the spices easier.



## PEPPERMINT FRAPPUCCINO

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups milk
- 2 cups ice
- 1½ cup frozen fat free Cool Whip
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ teaspoon peppermint extract
- 2-3 tablespoons crushed candy canes

### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Place all ingredients except candy canes in a blender and blend for 20 seconds until ice is completely crushed and drink is smooth.
2. Stir in crushed candy canes.
3. Garnish with additional candy canes if desired.



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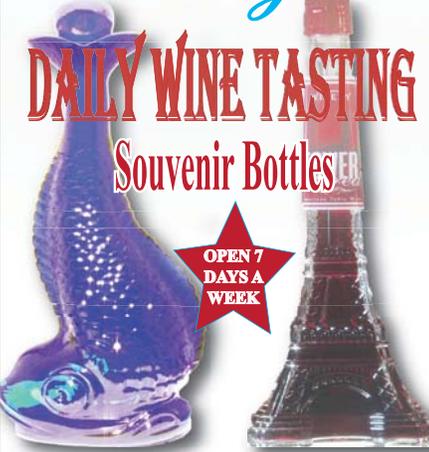
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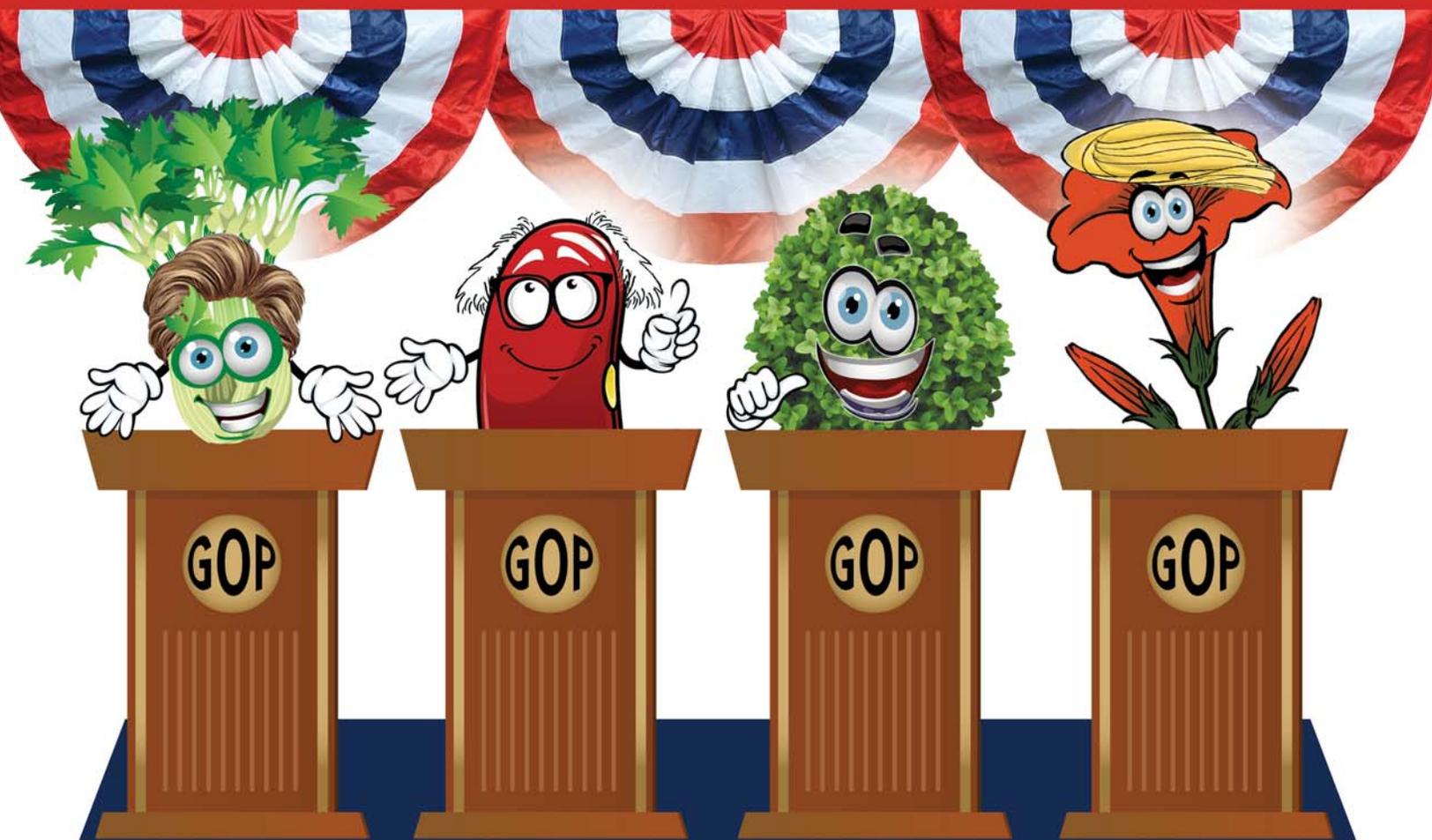


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# The Great Landscape Debate

by John Watkins

**I**n case you have forgotten, this just so happens to be an election year. And unless you have been marooned on a desert island or happen to live under a rock (not that there's anything wrong with that), you're probably getting a little tired of campaign ads and political debates. But before you decide to write the whole thing off and move to Antarctica, it might be entertaining to hear from that little known group of plantidates known as the GOP (Grand Old Plants). While not usually recognized as front-runners, this group of grass root activists might just have some ideas worth hearing about. So sit back and enjoy this "Primetime Residential Debate" as we join it in progress.

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**Moderator:** "The first question of the evening goes to Mr. Donald Trump Etvine. Mr. Trump Etvine, what are your views on immigration?"

**Mr. Trump Etvine:** "I don't want to give the impression that I'm against immigration. I realize that this great landscape of ours has certainly benefitted from the contributions of such great plants as the Chinese Holly or the Dutch Iris. But I simply must draw the line when it comes to the overpopulation of such insects as the Japanese Beetle!"

**Moderator:** "Very well. The next question is for the honorable Celery Clinton. Mrs. Clinton, there has been increased concern recently on the

subject of health care. What are your thoughts and what changes would you make, if any?"

**Mrs. Clinton:** "Complete and affordable health care is the right of all plants, regardless of their position in the landscape. I don't think a plant should be denied fertilizer or irrigation based solely on the fact of whether they are an annual or perennial. Also, as you might recall, the education of all gardeners on the proper use and application of pesticides has always been at the forefront of my campaign."

**Moderator:** "Thank you Celery. Now a question for the esteemed gardener, Mr. Jade Bush. The issue of climate change is a very hot topic



these days. What solutions would you propose to slow down this process?”

**Mr. Bush:** “Well, first of all, there has been an awful lot of debate about reducing our carbon footprint and the dangers of the greenhouse effect. I have made it quite clear in my campaign that I feel the greenhouse effect is a positive one. Just remember that millions of plants are produced each year in greenhouses and, as far as I can tell, all of these plants are carbon based! I will go so far as to encourage everyone to actually contribute to climate change by planting more trees, thus producing more shade and reducing temperatures.”

**Moderator:** “Quite interesting. Next up, Mr. Beanie Sanders. Mr. Sanders, how would you go about solving the problem of “soil” cial security?”

**Mr. Sanders:** “As we all know, with the increase in the number of paved areas and the lack of green space, we

are continually putting our soils at risk of being lost due to runoff. Therefore my stance is that there should be a groundcover in every plot and greener pastures will be our reward!”

**Moderator:** “Mr. Trump Etvine, rebuttal?”

**Mr. Trump Etvine:** “It is simply ludicrous to believe that this problem can be solved by groundcovers alone! A generous application of mulch must also be considered in order to properly maintain our “soil” cial security.”

**Moderator:** “And finally, a question for the whole group. What are your general thoughts on raising Taxus?”

**Celery Clinton:** “Since Taxus is a genus that includes all of the yew family, I feel it would be unconscionable to not raise as many Taxus as possible.”

**Donald Trump Etvine:** “Trying to force more Taxus on the rich will get us nowhere. They already have enough

plants to deal with as it is. Why not encourage the poor to just accept more Taxus as a part of their landscape?”

**Jade Bush:** “Everyone knows that cutting Taxus is much harder than raising Taxus. I mean, you get that sticky sap all over you and one wrong cut can wipe out the whole shrub.”

**Beanie Sanders:** “I have to disagree with Mr. Bush. Raising Taxus is probably one of the most difficult issues a landscaper could face. Too much water, heavy clay soils, and too much sunlight are all factors that must be considered before one simply decides to raise Taxus.”

**Moderator:** “Thank you all for sharing your candid answers with us and best of luck to you all in the upcoming growing season.”

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



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**January 5** - Students in the Paris Special School District **head back to school** today!

**January 6** - Students **return to school** in Henry County School System.

**January 11** - You've waited all year, now **Helping Hand Radio Auction** is back through March 2. Auction begins at 12:30 pm. Check the calendar on pages 6 & 7 of this issue.

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**February 2 - Happy Groundhog Day!** How many weeks until spring?

**February 4** - Give the "Gift of Life" at the **Lifeline Blood Drive**, First United Methodist Church, Blythe Street, from noon to 6 pm. Call Tammy Hurst at 1-800-924-6572 for more information.

**February 5** - Come one, come all to the **Mardi Gras Ball** with proceeds benefitting the Paris-Henry County Heritage Center. Dinner and entertainment 6:30 pm at the Paris Convention Center. For more information or to reserve a table call 731-642-1030.

**February 8 - Lego League** at W. G. Rhea Library from 3:30-4:30. Join them in the kid's room as they read Lego Stories and build awesome Lego creations. For more information call 731-6542-1702.

**February 13 - Love & Laughter** at the Paris Convention Center 7pm. For more information contact the Paris Henry County Arts Council at 731-642-3955.

**February 15 - President's Day!** No school in the Paris Special School District or the Henry County School System.

**February 15 - Movie Mania Monday** at W. G. Rhea Library. Movies showing all day on a projector in the kids room at the library. For more information call 731-642-1702.

**February 23** - Yummy, yummy! **Lion's Club Chili Day** at First United Methodist Church, 11 am - 6 pm. For more information call 731-642-4764.

**March** - Head out fishin' at one of the **Paris Landing Marina Fishing Tournaments**. For information contact Rob Markum at 731-641-4475.

**March 3** - Help save a life at the **Lifeline Blood Drive**, First United Methodist Church, Blythe Street, from noon to 6 pm. Call Tammy Hurst at 1-800-924-6572 for more information.

**March 6 - April 1 - Annual Photo Showcase**, free to the public and open to all ages to enter photography, at Lee Academy. For more information call 731-642-3411.

**March 11- Runway for a Cure** benefitting Relay for Life will be at the Krider Performing Arts Center. This year the emcee will be Miss Tennessee Hannah Robison. For more information call 731-644-2517.

**March 11- Story time and Meet & Greet with Peter Rabbit** at the W. G. Rhea Library from 4-6 pm. For more information call 731-642-1702.

**March 13** - Don't be late! Spring Forward. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins.

**March 15 - Henry County Combined Middle School Chorus Concert** the Krider Performing Arts Center at 7pm. Lakewood, Henry, and Harrelson students in grades 6-8 join their voices for a fabulous concert. Free to the public. For more information call 731-642-2517.

**March 15** - Spring issue of **PARIS! Magazine is out!**

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