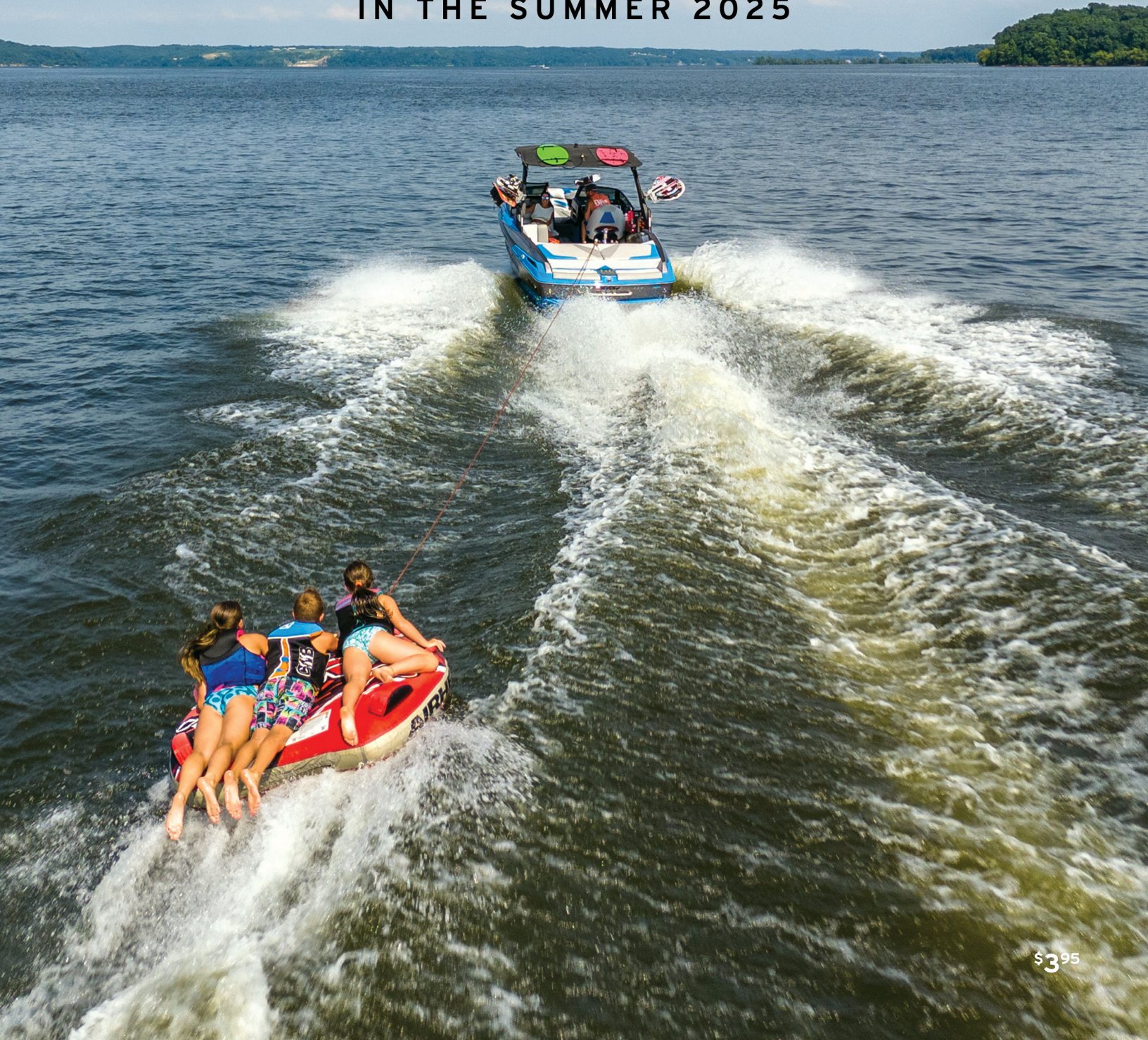


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There's Nothing Like The Summertime

Now that summer has arrived in full force, it's the perfect time to dive into all the stories, sights, and sounds our community has to offer!

Start your summer journey with "Around Our Town" for a look at how Henry County shines in the sunshine. Then, drift into the past with "Remember When" where over 70 years of Kentucky Lake memories are lovingly revisited.

If you're looking for thrills and a splash of adventure, don't miss "Ka-boom!"—a feature on one man's explosive passion for lighting up the sky. And speaking of sparks, "Spotlight" turns to Sam Bates and his world of creativity and connection.

Craving a quiet afternoon? "Home Sweet Home" takes you inside the Paradise that Chris and Donna Scott call home— it's more than a house, it's an experience. Meanwhile, green thumbs will love "In the Garden" where you'll meet some superhero plants with amazing abilities.

Music fans can tune in with "Soundtracks," a celebration of the melodies that define Kentucky Lake summers. If food is more your jam, "Paris Cuisine" serves up a delicious reminder that when life gives you lemons, you make something grand.

History buffs and nostalgia lovers alike will find treasures in "Recollections," "Reminiscence," and "The Rest of the Story," where personal reflections and local legends come to life.

From magnet fishing and Elvis tributes to community celebrations and heartfelt family stories, this issue of **PARIS! In The Summer** has something for everyone.

So grab a cool drink, find your favorite spot in the sun (or shade), and enjoy every page!

Smantha

ON THE COVER

Dustin and Mary Beth Forrester and their children Knox and Presley brought along their friend, Mary Mable Hutson, for a boat ride in Girl Scout Cove on Kentucky Lake. Sam Hutson of Crove Media captured this aerial view of a thrilling boating tube ride.



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REMEMBER WHEN

An aerial view of The Shamrock Resort's boat slips.

OVER 70 YEARS


Of Loving The Kentucky Lake Life

By Karen Geary

In the area now occupied by The Breakers on Kentucky Lake, Harry and Ora Crocker erected their retreat, the Garrison's Resort. In the early

1950's, this "getting away from it all" brought families and fishermen to the picturesque resort. Large, mature trees shaded the cozy cabins and the

boat dock and ramp were handy for boaters and anglers. According the Henry County Archives, the Garrison's Resort was sold in 1961.

Garrison's  Resort on Beautiful Kentucky TVA Lake, Paris, Tenn.

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Robert "Bob" and Barbara Boyd bought the Garrison's Resort and renamed it The Shamrock Resort in the early 1960s. They sold the property in 2005.

Above: The balcony of the lodge seemed to be the place to socialize with other resort guests.

Right: A modern picture postcard detailed the facilities and lakefront view. Pontoon rentals were also available.



Below: Look at the fancy fins and whitewall tires on that Plymouth!



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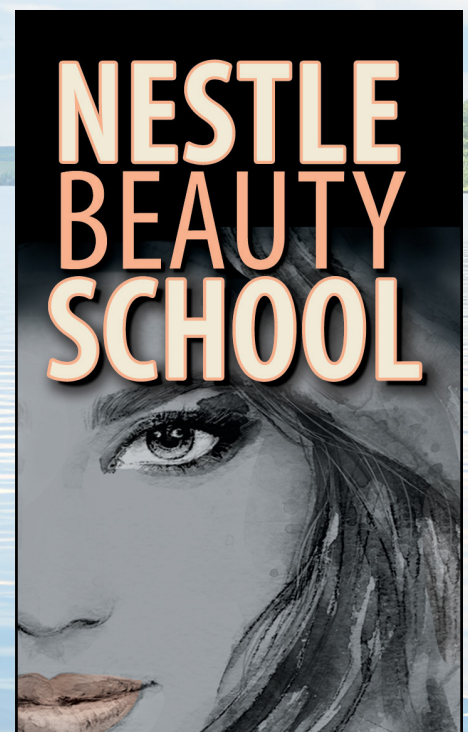
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Explore Our Corner!

Summertime In Henry County



By Kasey Muench

Throughout Northwest Tennessee, small towns deliver big experiences, with festivals, live music, and outdoor adventures that make summer days feel endless. The small towns of Henry County, Tennessee, are no exception.

From lazy days on the lake and strolls through historic downtown to unique dining spots and family-friendly parks, Henry County is packed with ways to soak up the season. Whether you're craving a peaceful escape or a lively outing, Paris offers the perfect blend of small-town charm and memorable summer fun.

LAKESIDE ADVENTURE & UNIQUE STAYS

Kick off your summer day in our corner of Northwest Tennessee at Paris Landing / Kentucky Lake KOA. This family-friendly campground offers a swimming pool, gem mine, mini golf, RV hook-ups, and cozy cabins — perfect for those who want a laid-back, outdoor escape.

When it's time to hit the water, Buchanan Resort has you covered with kayak and pontoon rentals. Along with camping and RV opportunities, Buchanan also offers lakeside cottages and roomy lodges for large parties, making it a great spot for family gatherings or group getaways.

For those who crave a touch of luxury, The Lodge at Paris Landing offers rooms with stunning lake views, a lakeside pool, and fire pits on the patio. Paris Landing State Park also offers seasonal activities, including hiking trails, an 18-hole golf course, and plenty of spots to sit back and take in those waterfront views.

WATERFRONT DINING AT THE BREAKERS

Pull up by boat or drive over to The Breakers on Kentucky Lake for a laid-back lunch with a view. Dive into local favorites like fish tacos, fried catfish, or a juicy burger. With a delicious menu, lakeside seating, and plenty of live music, The Breakers is where good food meets good company.

SMALL-TOWN CHARM & SPLASH PARK FUN

If you're looking for activities in town, head into Downtown Paris to explore the historic Court Square, where locally-owned shops, boutiques, and colorful murals invite you to slow down and soak up the local flavor. Pop into unique stores and pick up a one-of-a-kind souvenir to remember your day.

If you're traveling with kids, make your way to Eiffel Tower Park for some Splash Park fun. Cool off in the interactive water features, then grab that iconic selfie in front of the 70-foot Eiffel Tower replica — a must for any Paris visit.

WILDLIFE AND RELAXATION

If you're craving a peaceful escape, take a short, scenic drive to the Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge. This beautiful sanctuary offers miles of nature trails, scenic overlooks, and some of the best birdwatching in the region. Stop by the visitor center to learn more about the local wildlife,



Whether it's family fun at Paris Station or a leisurely paddle around Buchanan Resort, Henry County has much to offer everyone.

then take a leisurely stroll along the trails or find a shady spot by the water to sit back, relax, and let the calm surroundings work their magic.

LOCAL EATERIES

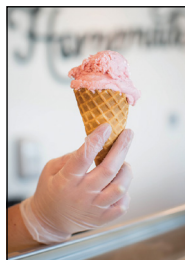
When it comes to good food, Paris doesn't disappoint. Paris Station offers live music and a laid-back atmosphere perfect for relaxing with friends and family. Grab a drink, catch some tunes, and let the kids enjoy the indoor lawn area equipped with cornhole and other yard games.

Ace's Restaurant serves up Chicago-inspired pizzas and a casual, family-friendly vibe. Try the Ace's Special or the spicy Buffalo Chicken Pizza — both local favorites.

If you're planning a special evening, Oaklawn Southern Dining sets the stage with prime steaks, fresh sea-

food, and a curated list of bourbons, wines, and Paris-inspired cocktails. Perfect for date nights, celebrations, or unwinding after a long day.

For a sweet treat, Sweet Jordan's is the spot for homemade ice cream, warm cookies, and community-driven charm.



MUSIC VIBES

Music lovers will find plenty to enjoy in Henry County, especially during the summer months. Tennessee River Jam, typically held in early June, brings a weekend full of concerts to Downtown Paris featuring big-name acts and local talent alike. For more laid-back entertainment, head to Eiffel Tower Park on select evenings for Tuesdays

at the Park, where local musicians keep the summer vibes going strong.

EXPLORE PARIS & BEYOND

From lakeside adventures and small-town charm to flavorful dining and peaceful nature escapes, Henry County offers a little something for everyone. Northwest Tennessee is packed with places to explore and memories to make, whether you're planning a day trip or a weekend getaway. For even more ways to experience Paris and surrounding communities, visit www.nwntourism.com.

Kasey Muench is the executive director of Northwest Tennessee Tourism.

Previous page: The Breakers' boat dock and condos glow in a summer sunset. Inset photo: The splash pad at Eiffel Tower Park is the site for family fun and giggles.

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HOOKED ON TREASURE

Magnet Fishing On Kentucky Lake

by Smantha Parker

If you've ever dreamed of treasure hunting without needing a map or a pirate ship, magnet fishing might be your new favorite weekend hobby. And if you're anywhere near Paris Landing on Kentucky Lake, you've got one of the best spots in the South to give it a try.

Magnet fishing is exactly what it sounds like — fishing with a magnet instead of bait. You take a super-strong neodymium magnet, tie it to a sturdy rope, and toss it into the water with dreams of pulling out something mysterious, metallic, and maybe a little bit historic. It's like fishing, metal detecting, and treasure hunting rolled into one. And it's surprisingly addictive.

Paris Landing, located in the beautiful Land Between the Lakes region, is a magnet fisher's dream.

With a rich history, heavy boat traffic, and the occasional Civil War relic rumor, there's no telling what might be resting beneath the calm surface of Kentucky Lake.

One Sunday morning, my family and I decided to give it a whirl. We grabbed our gear — gloves, rope, magnet, and a five-gallon bucket (optimistically labeled "treasure") — and headed for the public docks near Paris Landing State Park. The sun was shining, birds were chirping, and the only thing more peaceful than the water was our absolute certainty that we'd find buried treasure within the hour. Spoiler: We did not find buried treasure. But we did pull up a gloriously rusted fishing reel, the remnants of an old folding knife, and what we're pretty sure was a piece of a 1960s outboard motor.

A group of curious onlookers were excited when my daughter found what looked like a chunk of chain link, and a fisherman nearby offered a friendly tip: "If it doesn't smell like the lake, you probably found something interesting."

Magnet fishing is part sport, part meditation, and part community. Several folks stopped to ask how it worked, and one interesting fellow swapped stories about the time he found an entire bicycle in the Tennessee River. "It still had the basket on it," he said proudly, like it was a trophy.

Besides being a fun way to spend an afternoon, magnet fishing is oddly satisfying. There's something calming about the rhythm — throw, sink, drag, pull — that makes the time float by. Even when you're not hauling

up anything fancy, the idea that you might keeps things exciting. Kind of like fishing, but less smelly.

Of course, it's also a pretty eco-friendly pastime. Every bottle cap, rusty nail, or forgotten lawn chair you pull from the water is one less bit of junk polluting the lake. So in a way, you're not just magnet fishing, you're helping clean up the planet. (Cue the superhero music.)

If you're planning a trip to Paris Landing and want to try magnet fishing, all you need is a strong magnet (at least 500-800 lbs of pull strength), some rope, gloves, and a sense of adventure. There are no special licenses or permits needed in Tennessee — just make sure you follow local rules and avoid private docks.

Whether you're hoping to find a Civil War relic, a piece of someone's long-lost tackle box, or just a reason to enjoy the sunshine, magnet fishing at Kentucky Lake might just be the unexpected hobby you didn't know you needed. Who knows? Maybe next time, you'll be the one pulling up the treasure chest.



This hunting knife was a lucky find during one person's magnet fishing trip.

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Paradise

"It's An Experience"

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It was the winter of 2022, during a rare blizzard on Kentucky Lake. Snow blanketed the landscape, and the lake lay frozen and silent. Bundled against the cold, Donna and Chris Scott took a spontaneous drive. As they crested a ridge, a quiet lakeside property came into view—its for sale sign barely visible against the whiteout.

Pulled by instinct, they stopped, stepped out into the frigid air, and walked toward the icy shoreline. Donna turned to Chris and asked, "Are you thinking what I'm thinking?" Chris replied without hesitation, "We need to buy this place."

They called their realtor on the spot. She arrived shortly after—and had to thaw the frozen lockbox with a lighter inside her SUV. The Scotts took one last look at the view, hearts racing. They made an offer that day. Soon after, the land—and the dream—became theirs.

Paradise was no longer just a vision. It was home.

A LAKEFRONT RETREAT LIKE NO OTHER

Perched at the end of a ridge where Kentucky Lake wraps into Little Cypress Bay, the Scotts' home—fittingly named "Paradise"—is more than a house. It's an experience.

Expansive views surround the home, creating the illusion of an "infinity house." From nearly every room, it feels as though you could step directly into the lake.

The design, led entirely by Chris and Donna themselves, reflects years of love, care, and imagination. Creamy white brick, stone, and board-and-batten form a timeless exterior. A covered wrap-around porch flows into a screened room with automatic retractable screens, bringing the outside in at the touch of a button.



YEAR-ROUND OUTDOOR LUXURY

The outdoor space is a sanctuary of its own. A beach entry, heated infinity hot tub flows into the pool with a waterfall feature and deck jets, open all year round with an automatic cover.

Steps away, a wood-burning outdoor fireplace anchors a plush seating area, while a granite-topped bar that seats eight connects indoors and out via large serving windows. Nearby, a fire pit with wraparound seating nestles into the hillside, perfect for evenings under the stars. A garden arbor draped in white and lilac clematis welcomes you into a secret garden, filled with pink, coral, and white roses, spiral boxwoods, and overflowing flower pots.

A 75-foot pier draws family and friends to the water's edge for spontaneous boat rides or lakefront gatherings. It's a place where community thrives and neighbors often cruising by just to wave hello.



INTERIOR SPLENDOR WITH HEART

The kitchen is a masterclass in design. Black leathered granite lines the perimeter counters, while twin 13-foot floating islands are topped in white quartz with black and gold veining. Matching quartz waterfalls down the walls for a seamless effect. Cabinetry blends creamy whites and warm woods, adorned with antique gold screen doors and Top Knob hardware.

Donna's signature "Celebration Station" is a whimsical touch—a dedicated nook in the kitchen that's always ready for any festive occasion. A butler's pantry serves as a second kitchen with mirrored and screened wood cabinetry, quartz countertops, a refrigerator, dishwasher, ice maker, and coffee bar. Nearby, custom locker-style cabinets and a granite bench create a perfect drop zone.



Natural wood ceilings, sourced locally, feature intricate patterns throughout the home – adding a warm, custom touch to every room.

THE MASTER SUITE

A SANCTUARY ABOVE THE LAKE

The master suite is nothing short of exquisite. Twenty-foot ceilings showcase cross-hatched wood beams. Floor-to-ceiling windows open to an observation deck, offering unobstructed views of the lake and moonlit sky. A fireplace and theater system with surround sound invite rest and relaxation.



In the master bath, luxury abounds. Two-tone gray marble floors with black insets set the stage for a slipper air tub positioned beneath a picture window framing the Paris Landing Bridge.

A walk-in shower and dual vanities lead to separate walk-in closets—his, in rich wood tones, and hers, in creamy white with mirrored cabinetry and a marble-topped center island.

FAMILY, FUNCTION & FUN

Designed for family, the home includes a cozy bunk room for grandchildren, a spacious gym/playroom (complete with its own barbershop), and an additional guest suite. A lake-view office on the second level features windows on three sides—flooding the space with light and inspiration.

Even the stair railings were designed by the Scotts and crafted locally, a reflection of their personal touch on every detail.



LIFE IN PARADISE

The entire home is automated—lighting, security, sound, irrigation, and more—making life easy and beautiful. Wildlife is part of daily life, with bald eagles and the beloved herons Cupcake and Sprinkles frequenting the shoreline.

Chris and Donna Scott didn't just build a home. They created a legacy—a place where beauty, family, fun, and nature come together.



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The Sounds Of Summer

...Kentucky Lake Style

By Kathy Ray, City Mayor

The State of Tennessee is home to many genres of music. Nashville might be known as Music City USA, but Henry County is a community filled with talented musicians and songwriters too. So, it is no surprise in Paris and Henry County, the Summer brings out the best entertainment at the best venues, in the best Lake area in the state of Tennessee. It is entertainment at its finest! Whether by boat or land, get ready for a summer of great entertainment and a good time!



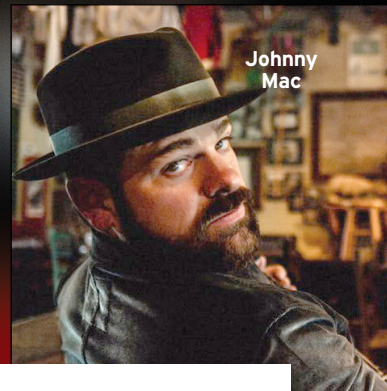
Multiple venues in the Lake area are hosting great music this summer. Be sure and check out the Facebook pages or websites for Breakers Marina, Dew Drop In, and Blues Landing for music updates throughout the summer. It has been said that our music is as good as any music in Nashville. There are truly great musicians right here in our own backyard.

The Breakers Marina is located at 526 Shamrock Road, Buchanan, Tennessee, by land. If by water, it is two inlets north of the bridge at Paris Landing, Highway 79.

Celebrating its 17th season, The Breakers Marina is a unique, premier setting on the beautiful Tennessee River/Kentucky Lake with a 400-seat entertainment venue. The restaurant will be serving delicious food on weekends from May 17 through August 31 this year.

Entertainment Director, Terry Hudson, said "We feel this could be our best summer season ever! We have new artists performing for the first time and all our local favorites from past years. Show tickets are available online at breakersmarina.com. I think everyone is going to be very pleased with the new additions and improvements to the main restaurant area."

Operating hours are 1 to 9 pm on Fridays, 11 am to 10 pm on Saturdays, and 11 am to 6 pm on Sundays. Johnny Mac will be playing Saturdays 1 to 4 pm and Sundays 2 to 5 pm.



- June 6 Paul Thorn Band & JD Graham
- June 7 Johnny Mac Country Tribute
- June 14 Randall French Break Wall Show
- June 14 The Trace
- June 19 Cheeseburger In Paradise
- June 20 Derrick Cole Band
- June 21 Justin Jeansonne Band
- June 27 Ethan Torsak
- June 28 Creed Fisher & Joe Clark

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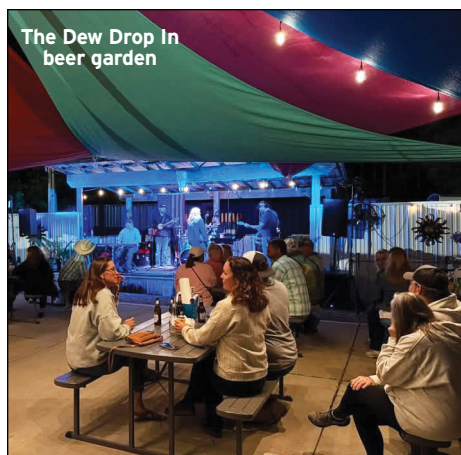
- July 3 24 Seven
- July 4 Dallas Moore & Wes Shipp
- July 5 Taylor Hunnicutt, Tony Logue, Daniel Johnson
- July 6 Johnny Mac
- July 11 Randall French
- July 12 Hippies & Cowboys
- July 18 Play Some Skynyrd
- July 19 Kendell Marvell & Steph Maguire
- July 25 Waymore's Outlaws
- July 26 Ryan Larkins
- August 2 Cody Ikerd & The Sidewinders
- August 9 Mixtape 80's Tribute Band
- August 16 Resurrection
- August 23 Levon
- August 30 Andy Lundberg's Day Off
- August 31 Randall French All Star Band

The Dew Drop In is a family-friendly restaurant with live entertainment on weekends. They are located at 125 Cypress Road, Buchanan, Tennessee, just two miles north of Paris Landing. They are known for delicious BBQ, burgers, ribs, Texas style brisket, and great live entertainment in the beer garden.

Angie and Bill Nelms, owners, said, "Summer is heating up and so are we! Join us every Friday and Saturday for live music from 7 to 10 pm, delicious BBQ, and great company. We are proud to be your Reader's Choice Best BBQ Restaurant in Henry County and Paris, Tennessee. Bring your friends, bring your family, and let's make this summer unforgettable in our lively beer garden!"

Here is the Summer lineup for June through August:

June 6 Jason Acy
 June 7 Brian McCadams
 June 13 Stronghold
 June 14 24 Seven
 June 20 Ray Lewis Band
 June 21 Tanner Burch Band
 June 27 John Sutton
 June 28 Brian McCadams & Taylor Nauta
 July 4 TBD
 July 11 The Trace
 July 18 Ray Lewis Band
 July 19 Brian McCadams
 July 25 Johnathan Len
 July 26 Brian McCadams & Taylor Nauta



August 1 Soul Dog
 August 2 24 Seven
 August 8 Kimberley Helton Band
 August 9 4 on the Floor
 August 15 Crooked Creek Band
 August 16 Tanner Burch
 August 22 Stronghold
 August 23 Brian McCadams
 August 29 Andy Avery
 August 30 Johnathan Len



Kimberley Helton Band



Tanner Burch



Blues Landing is a family restaurant specializing in Cajun and Creole dishes, seafood, and steak with a bar area and live music in the Blue Note Lounge.

The venue is located near Fish Tale Lodge at 130 Tate Drive, Buchanan, Tennessee. Owner Eric Sykes said "Music in this area is a huge part of this community, and we have some of the best entertainment offered around." Johnny Mac, a well-respected musician and fan favorite is at Blues Landing every Thursday evening from 7 to 10 pm. Friday night entertainment is from 8 to 11 pm while Saturday nights are 8 to 12 pm.

Our line up for the summer:

June 6 Cade Doyle Band
 June 7 24 Seven Band
 June 13 Rockin' Randall
 June 14 Johnny Mac & Friends
 June 20 Topsy Gypsy
 June 21 The Trace Band
 June 27 Kimberley Helton Duo
 June 28 Ray Lewis Band
 July 4 Weekend TBD
 July 11 Kelso Mojo duo
 July 12 Fajita Brothers
 July 18 Jordan Skoda Duo
 July 19 Ethan Torsak Band
 July 25 Topsy Gypsy duo
 July 26 Allen Warren Band
 August 2 Kelso Mojo Band
 August 9 Johnny Mac & Friends
 August 15 Rockin' Randall
 August 16 Risky Business
 August 23 Ray Lewis Band

KA BOOM

Local Man's Hobby Lights Up
Many July 4th Celebrations

By Karen Geary

When John Hawk of Paris looks up at the night sky, not only is he admiring the beauty of the moon, planets, and stars against the deep blues and black of the heavens, but he is also envisioning a canvas for his next adventure with shells and mortars.

Hawk is a trained pyrotechnic specialist and frequently puts on fireworks shows in the area. "I started really getting interested in fireworks when I was about 12 years old. Like most people, we celebrated holidays, like July 4th and New Year's Eve,

with fireworks," said Hawk. "As I got older, I studied more about pyrotechnic techniques and worked with a man who put on fireworks shows. Six years ago, he asked me if I would like to put on my own show and I said sure. My business has been expanding ever since."

A professional fireworks show employs several different methods for a crowd-pleasing display. The pyrotechnic specialist chooses specific firework types and arranges those in a certain order while taking in safety and environmental factors. Hawk uses an electrical system for the

ignition of the shells and is situated 500 feet from the explosives. Crowd safety is extremely important, and a safe distance for spectators to be from the firing is typically 1.5 times the height of the highest firework.

"Fireworks are my passion. I really enjoy putting on a show. It started as a hobby, but it has turned into a fun side job," said Hawk. He is a full-time heavy machine operator in Camden.

"I put on the fireworks show at The Breakers, Kenlake State Park, Camp Springs Church, and several other places. But I also do fireworks for weddings, birthday parties, and

graduations, too. No job is too big or too small for me. I enjoy doing them all.” He also puts on pyro musical – a firework show performed to music.

Hawk’s fireworks are imported from China, and he purchases them from various suppliers throughout the United States. Any business importing, receiving, transporting, or dealing with display fireworks must obtain an explosives license or permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for the specific activities. Imported fireworks must also meet US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) safety regulations and may require a customs bond.

When asked if he has had any frightening moments during a show, Hawk stated he follows strict safety regulations, but once while setting up a “cake” – a single shot grouping with several shells going off simultaneously. “The fireworks started going off on their own. Yeah, you have to respect danger.”

But he likes to think about the ooh’s and ahh’s from the crowds



The preparation and set-up that goes into pyrotechnics is laborious, but for John Hawk, it’s pure joy to hear the ooh’s and ahh’s from the crowd at one of his shows.



when the massive explosions light up the sky. “There’s no better feeling than hearing the people cheer in excitement and children laughing and clapping after each one,” he said. “It takes hours of work, planning, and setting up for a show, but it’s pure joy

for me when I see all the fun people are having. It’s just great!”

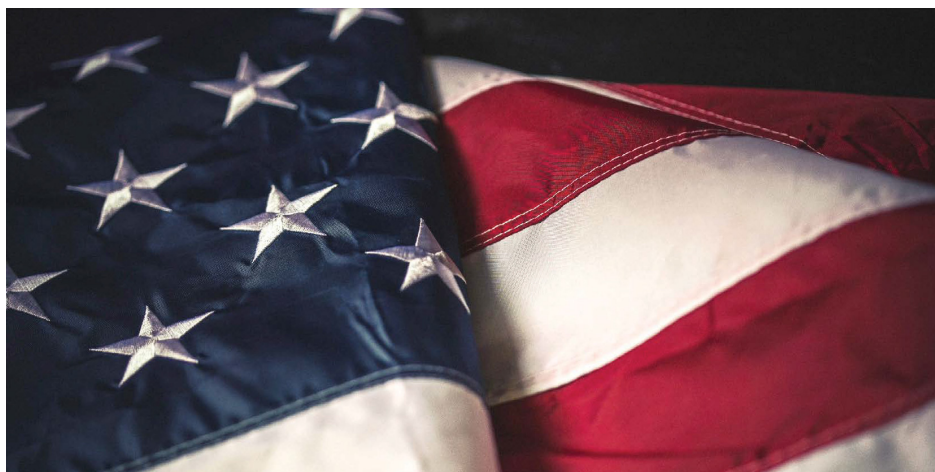
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Are You Lonesome Tonight?

Elvis Tribute Artist

RILEY JENKINS

To Appear At KPAC

By Rhonda Stanton

Twenty-two years ago a baby boy was born at Henry County Medical Center in Paris to parents, Jessica and Jason. Little Riley Jenkins went home and grew up with the love of an extended family including his grandma, Norma Steele and grandparents, Mike and Sharon Loveall. Who knew that he would grow up to be a respected Elvis tribute artist? When asked how he found his love for all-things Elvis, he says that what really happened was that “Elvis found me.”

As a self-professed “kid with an old soul,” he was often drawn to things his young peers may have found less intriguing, but something especially caught his young imagination on a trip to an unlikely place... the Cracker Barrel restaurant. There in a display of CDs, Riley first saw a picture of Elvis staring back at him. His curiosity led him to find out more about the man in the picture, and

after being introduced to the song “Blue Suede Shoes,” Riley’s interest snowballed into exploring all the Elvis music and movies he could possibly find.



Riley Jenkins re-enacted Elvis singing in the 1957 movie, “Jailhouse Rock.”

Knowing how much their grandson loved all things Elvis, grandparents Mike and Sharon bought tickets to take 9-year-old Riley to Paducah, Kentucky, to see two Elvis tribute artists who had won a Memphis-area contest sponsored by Graceland. At first, Riley did not like this idea. He had seen poor parodies of Elvis on TV, and he felt like those parodies were disrespectful to Elvis’ legacy. Sure that the show in Paducah would fall under the same spirit, Riley very reluctantly accompanied his grandparents.

Once the performance started however, Riley’s mind was forever changed. Not only were the tribute artists faithfully embodying the musical style and spirit of an Elvis performance, but the show also included performers who had shared the stage with Elvis – drummer D.J. Fontana and the female background vocal group, The Sweet Inspirations.

Riley’s trajectory in life took a

major turn as he saw the potential for a future career. He began participating in school talent shows and singing wherever he could. At age 14, Riley first went to Elvis week, where he sang in a small tent set up as part of the festival events.

Fast forward to 2025 and there's so much to tell. Riley is taking the tribute artist industry by storm with his tribute to the "Early Years of The Greatest Entertainer of All Time." Riley's tribute to Elvis takes you back in time to 1956 when a shy, humble boy from Tupelo, Mississippi, changed the face of American music and pop culture.

Some of Riley's accolades include being the 2019 Elvis FANTasy Fest Grand Champion, the 2021 Heart of the King Horizon Award, the 2023 Nashville Elvis Festival Grand Champion, and the 2024 Branson Elvis Festival Grand Champion. This past August, Riley placed as one of the Top 5 Finalists of the 2024 Ultimate Elvis Tribute Artist Contest held every year at Graceland in Memphis during Elvis Week.

With his charming looks, uncanny voice, charismatic moves, and West Tennessee roots, Riley embodies the raw magnitude that Elvis had when he exploded onto the scene back in

the 1950s. As he continues to climb the mountain of success higher and higher, his growing legion of adoring fans have given him the nickname, "The Tennessee Dynamite."

What does the future hold? Riley has just finished a 2-year stint with the cast of "Million Dollar Quartet," and he is moving back to this area in hopes of being closer to and becoming involved with the Nashville music scene. Elvis did most of his recording in Nashville, and the history of that Nashville connection is inspiring.

Riley will definitely keep honing his craft and moving forward to become the very best Elvis tribute artist he can be, and he is thrilled to bring his live show to the Krider Performing Arts Center for the first time.

Join Riley and his band on Saturday, June 14 for the 7pm show and support our very talented Paris native at our hometown arts venue. Tickets are \$27 and \$33, and seating is reserved. Please purchase advance tickets at KriderPAC.com and come to KPAC for "Good Rocking Tonight! The Early Years of the King with Riley Jenkins."

Rhonda Stanton is the general manager of Krider Performing Arts Center for the City of Paris, TN.



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Remembering WINK



By Shannon McFarlin

Imagine our surprise when we realized that Wink Martindale had written about my Mom and Dad in his autobiography, *Winking At Life*. We hadn't seen Winkie (what we called him) in ages, but we exchanged Christmas cards through the years.

I remember it well. I had bought Mom a copy of Winkie's book for her birthday, and I was presenting it to her. I said as a joke, "Well, let's look in the index first and see where he talks about you" and Mom laughed. As I was going through the index, I saw the listing: "Mac McFarlin, page 42" and "Jigger McFarlin, page 43".

I said, "Oh my God, you really are in here!" Mom let out a whoop and holler and said, "Give me the book and let me see!"

Dad had been gone for several years before Winkie's book came out, but I'm sure he would have been pleased, too. Winkie was a good friend of ours, so good in fact that he was one of a VERY few people who referred to Mom as "Jigger". That was Dad's special nickname for her.

My Dad got his start in radio and transitioned into television. His first

radio job was at WTPR in Paris. He was an anchorman for TV stations in St. Louis, Mobile, Meridian, Vicksburg, Bowling Green in Kentucky, Evansville, and Dayton.

Dad and Winkie worked together at WDXI in Jackson, which was Dad's second radio job. They hit it off right away. Wink became a regular at their



Wink Martindale hosted the game show "Gambit" from 1972 to 1976 on CBS.

apartment in Jackson, where he ate many meals, and enjoyed many long conversations with Dad and Jigger.

Even after Dad got a job at KWK in St. Louis, and I came along, Wink was still a fixture in our lives. He used to make the drive from Jackson to St. Louis for visits, which often ended up at a Cardinals' game. And he always brought a gift for me.

Wink started his career as a 17-year-old at WPLI in Jackson, then at WTJS, and finally at WDXI.

Dad could see Winkie's potential from the beginning – his good looks, his personality and charisma, and his voice. He kept encouraging him to "Go West, Young Man!" because he was sure that Wink could be a national television star.

It's funny, but even with Winkie's distinctive voice, he always said he was jealous of Dad's deep broadcaster's voice, which he honed at Keegan's Broadcasting School in Memphis.

That's one of the things he talked about when speaking about Dad in his book: *"Mac McFarlin, with his deep, mellifluous tones, and far too advanced to be an announcer in Jackson, was my hero at WDXI,"* Wink

wrote. *"And I must say he looked upon me as one with an uncanny promise for my age. He wished for me what he dreamed for himself, a staff job with CBS in New York! He revered the call letters CBS and everything Edward R. Murrow and their award-winning news organization stood for. Quality and depth in news journalism."*

And that was true. Dad never worked for a station that wasn't a CBS affiliate.

In his book, Winkie talks about growing up in Jackson, his family, his transition from Jackson to Hollywood – thanks to his boss at WHBQ – and of course, how he got the nickname. His real name was Winston.

He writes about how the only person who didn't like his nickname was his mother, who thought Winston was much better. She really didn't like "Winkie" and then "Wink" which he used as his professional name.

He also writes about this connection with Elvis, who he knew from the beginning of his career when Elvis was a shy kid who could barely speak for radio interviews.

As we all know, Wink went on to become "The King of the Game Shows", a moniker given him by showbiz people, and it was a perfect fit. Every step of the way, Mom and Dad were proud of him.

After Mom died, I emailed Wink because I had one of those moments where I couldn't remember where he and Dad had met Hugh Jarrett of the Jordanaires, and it was really bugging me. He surprised me by calling and there was that familiar voice on the other end of the line. We ended up talking a lot about Dad and Jigger, the times they had, and how much they influenced in his life.

Wink Martindale died April 15 at the age of 91, and his passing hit me harder than I would have thought. I realized why: he was one of the only people left who had memories of Mom and Dad in their young days.

In the tributes I have read after his passing, everyone remembered Wink as a really nice person. How very true that is.

Rest in peace, Winkie.



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Family Of Jean Palmer Receives Her Congressional Gold Medal

It was a privilege.” That’s how Wanda Graham described the feeling she and other descendants of Jean Palmer of Paris had as they were a part of the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony for members of the “Six Triple Eight.”

We published an article in our last *PARIS!* Magazine about Jean Palmer, who was a member of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, Women Army Corps, which finally gained fame for their work during World War II in the popular motion picture directed by Tyler Perry.

Private Jean Palmer, whose full name was Lima Jean Howard Palmer, was a trailblazer here at home, too, having served two terms on the Henry County Commission, making her the first woman and the first African-American on the commission.

The “Six Triple Eight” was the only all-female, all-African-American WAC unit during World War II. Her unit was deployed overseas to Birmingham, England, and Rouen, France.

On April 28, U.S. Army Lt. Col. (Retired) Wanda Bruce Graham and her husband William “Bill” Graham, MSgt. USMC (Retired) traveled from

Brentwood to Washington, D.C to participate in the ceremony.

“This was a much anticipated journey as we would be two of the four descendants of Aunt Jean attending the Congressional Gold Medal Ceremony to be held in U.S. Capitol’s Emancipation Hall. Her granddaughter, Midori Hutcherson Carpenter from Covington, Louisiana, and her husband, Paxton Carpenter, Sr. also attended.”

The Congressional Gold Medal is the highest honor that can be awarded by the U.S. Congress.

“Midori and I, with our husbands, were so proud to be there to represent Aunt Jean. I took a copy of the article written by Shannon McFarlin in *PARIS!* Magazine to Midori, and when we took photos by the replicas of the gold medal, she held it up,” she said.

As a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and descendant of Aunt Jean, she said, “I am so very, very proud of the 6888th unit of 855 black and brown women who were the only all women unit of the Women Army Corps deployed to the European Theater during World War II being awarded the Congressional Gold

Medal 80 years after their awesome accomplishment. Processing over 17 million pieces of undelivered mail to our troops overseas is no easy feat, and the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion accomplished this without computers, scanners, email, or internet!”

“Sitting in Emancipation Hall before the ceremony began was a surreal moment as I allowed my mind to imagine all of them present for this most worthy recognition. There are only two known survivors, but over 300 descendants and family members attended the ceremony. I was so proud to be counted in that number with Aunt Jean’s granddaughter and our husbands. One descendant said, ‘They were history and we are too, because they instilled those things in us,’” Graham recalled.

“I will forever hold (the ceremony) as a most unforgettable event in my life. Because the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion served especially Private Lima Justine Howard, aka ‘Lima Jean’ Howard Palmer of Paris, TN, I had the privilege and honor to successfully serve my country as well.”

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Inside The Worlds Of SAM BATES

By Brian Wimberley

It was once said that local authors are the storytellers of their communities. A recent local authors' showcase held at the W.G. Rhea Library was evidence the above was more than just a statement.

One doesn't have to go far to find incredible writing and creative talent from a myriad of authors of various writing styles and genres. One of those local showcases of talent is Sam Bates. In a recent sit down and interview for Paris Magazine, we learned a little more about the man behind the pen and writing desk, and would like to invite you into the fictional journey of the mind of Sam Bates.

Originally born in Kentucky, Sam has lived in Paris for around 18 years. He has been writing stories since he was 8 years old. Sam credits his parents for their unwavering support of him in his writing journey, stating, "my parents have always been very supportive to foster my creativity and provide opportunities for me to learn and further my craft."

In 2021, Sam self-published his first book *Doompoint* through Amazon. *Doompoint* is the story of a former sellsword named Dane, who

must navigate a world of monsters and magic as he strives to protect his daughter while she is being hunted because of her own mystical abilities. It will take Dane much more than his skills of battle to survive the mysteries of the world he thought he knew.

When asked about his first book, Sam said he has "always been enthralled by the fantasy genre, and so far, that is what all three of my published works have been, though I've written stories in a couple different genres like western and historical fiction."

Following his first work is Sam's 2022 publication *Warden* which is set 800 years before *Doompoint* and focuses on a group of monster hunters that are sent to a small village that is overwhelmed by a string of mysterious deaths.

Sam's latest book was a collection of short stories called *The Iron Fox Tales* which includes eight prequel stories that feature many of the characters that first appeared in *Doompoint*. "I'm proud of the variety in the book, with some of the stories focusing on action, mystery, or even a bit of romance." It is Sam's hope that

these tales will entertain his readers while also helping set the stage for the adventure that awaits them in his first book.

Though his love for writing carries him through each project, Sam admits there are difficult portions of the journey. When asked what he found to be the most challenging part of writing, Sam replied, "I'm usually happy with the first act of whatever project I'm working on, and very excited about the endings I dream up, but there is usually a slump in the middle of every story where I struggle to get from point A to point C. I have to spend weeks just mulling over the plot in my head so I can figure out how to connect everything. I've tried many different tactics to avoid this, but it happens every time."

Sam, like many authors, admits part of the wonder and excitement of writing is the entire publishing journey, from start to finish. When asked about his favorite part of the process, Sam states, "My favorite part has been learning so much about the publishing industry as a whole. Self-publishing can be an expensive endeavor, so the more you can do

yourself the better off you are. I've had to learn about the different types and styles of editing, how to format, how to find a good cover artist, how to market, and even how to become a better public speaker. There is so much nuance to the industry!"

When we discussed the other side to that coin, Sam said his "least favorite part is definitely the formatting. Choosing the right size font, the margins for the pages, the numbering, and even the type and color of paper affects the outcome! One minor miscalculation can throw off the whole layout of the book."

With three books already written and published, we were excited to ask and learn if Sam was working on anything at the present time. "The one I'm working on now takes place before *Doompoint* and even has the same main character - Dane," Sam shared. "My world is modeled after medieval Europe like a lot of classic fantasy, but this new book will take Dane and put him in a new location inspired heavily by feudal Japan, so I'm very excited about that."

Sam also shared that all of his books so far are set in the same universe that his creative mind dreamed up and put into motion, therefore all of his stories have connections. However, each are written in a way that you can pick them up in any order, dive in, and begin to read.

Having explored the writing world of Sam Bates, we also were eager to find out what he enjoyed doing when he wasn't writing or reading. One shouldn't be surprised to learn that when he finds himself with some down time from the world of writing and publishing, Sam enjoys "perusing a bookstore with my wife, gaming with my son, or going with friends to see a movie" as some of his favorite things to do when breaks come.

For those of you who wish to explore the fictional works of Sam Bates, he invites to you to step into another realm through *Doompoint* (2021), *Warden* (2022), and *The Iron Fox Tales* (2023) (all three published through Amazon in paperback and digital formats) with even more adventures soon to come!



Sam Bates signed his book, *Doompoint*, during a local author's event at the W. G. Rhea Library.


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Someone To Look Up To
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By Jesse Parker, Jr.

When we first moved back to Tennessee after Dad's second stint in the Navy, it was the summer of 1974. We used to live with Grandma and Granddaddy Bowden, but the Old House we left in the 1960s was not livable anymore. It was built in the 1800s so by 1974, after being left vacant, we couldn't move back in. It had no water or electricity and the tin roof was leaking. I was surprised how long it lasted.

Dad planned on building a house on his land one mile down the road from the Bowden's. I went with Dad when he chain-sawed trees above our spring. At the time we didn't even have a hole dug yet for a basement, so Dad cut cedar poles and covered them with a tarp for us to sleep under. He dug out a natural spring for water underneath a huge beech tree. Many people had carved their initials in it over the years, and it was a special tree to everyone in our family and the families that lived came before us.

I learned later there were houses in multiple locations on these farms

before we built ours. Granddaddy would tell me the names of all of Claiborne Teague's children and where their houses or log cabins stood. I even made a map of them and labeled it, but I can't tell you where it is now. I do remember the locations though.

Right across from Nelson Pond I remember watching my father fall big trees and I was amazed not only at the huge cracking and crashing sounds but also how the earth moved and vibrated beneath my feet as the trees fell. When it got hot, we drank from the spring. Dad had driven a cedar post in and hung an aluminum dipper up. The water flowed clearly and it was colder than tap water and tasted better. He put a glass jar with a lid on it to hold cold goats milk so we could drink it during lunch. The spring kept it as cold as a refrigerator. Remember I was raised in the city, so much of this was a new adventure for me and my siblings.

But that day was special because Dad chose me as the only one to go along to carry things and watch after him. I guess he knew I was the fastest

and could get out of the way of falling trees. Dad said many times that I learned how to run before I could walk. He and Mom said I walked at seven months old. She remembered me running across the room from chair to chair or running to anything to grab onto, so I could still stand up. I guess instead of calling it "walking" it should have been called "preventative falling." But in 1974, I was eight years old and faster. I was even faster than my older brother, Harvey.

After getting some trees cut, Dad decided to have professional loggers come in and buy the rest of his timber. He planned on using that income to build his house. Plans are good but they don't always work out. His plans for the big red oak flat roof worked, but he didn't make as much money as he had expected on the timber. We didn't sleep in that tent very long. It was so cramped and uncomfortable with acorns and small twigs under us. Mom went back to the Bowden's house pretty quick!

My Uncle Paul was a brick mason, so he dug up the ground, waited until



"Here was a man with five kids and a wife, working a job that high school age people usually worked. I didn't realize the sacrifices my father had made."

after the next few hard rains to make sure the ground was packed down, and then poured a two-foot wide foundation in the sand to keep it from sinking. Then he laid blocks. He left a few openings for windows and a place for a sliding glass door let in more light. We needed light because we didn't have electricity yet. It would be a long time before we got it.

I remember my father saying the power company needed a \$600 deposit on the power poles down our mile long gravel road. They ran up a hill through the woods to a hole in the ground, then to a transformer on a temporary pole. That was a lot of money so Dad got a job working at Jim Adams IGA making \$1.90 an hour. It was over a decade later, when I was telling my students about it,

that I finally realized that my father was so unusual. Here was a man with five kids and a wife, working a job that high school age people usually worked. I didn't realize the sacrifices my father had made – leaving the Navy without a retirement or disability, taking all of us back home to the country, and getting out of the big city. Especially not after being a Petty Officer First Class, and an electrical instructor in charge of many men over so many years.

I remember as a child being so proud to see our dad wearing his red apron, bringing us groceries out to our station wagon. My father didn't let his pride get in the way of doing the right thing for his family. I was never ashamed of him, not even today. He eventually got a job with

the county school system as a maintenance man. We were so happy to see him every time he came out to our school in Springville! No matter what type job you have, your children should be proud of you and I was certainly proud of my Daddy. I'm glad I had the opportunity to tell him that and how much he was loved before he passed away.

Father's Day is just around the corner, but you shouldn't wait to let your loved ones know just how much you love and appreciate them. Go on and tell them today!



"I was certainly proud of my Daddy. I'm glad I had the opportunity to tell him that and how much he was loved before he passed away."

Jesse Parker, Jr. is a Navy veteran, former teacher, and mussel diver who loves storytelling.

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SUPERHERO PLANTS!



By John Watkins

Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive. Look, in the sky...it's a bird, it's a plane...*It's a petunia???* Okay, so not every plant can be a superhero but to some degree they all are.

Consider this: plants literally save our lives every day by converting a poisonous gas into something that keeps us alive, right? They mediate temperatures by providing shade. (*Try living in the desert for a while.*) They stabilize the earth on which we live with root systems to hold everything together. (*Think about those horrible mudslides where vegetation has been removed.*) Not too shabby in my book. But some plants can even go a step beyond and reach what I consider superhero status. Take a look at a few of these understated examples.

Let's start with a simple one we're probably all familiar with, the aloe plant. This simple succulent has been found growing in almost every kitch-

en window at one point or another. The healing powers of aloe have been utilized since Ancient Greeks and Romans used them to treat wounds. It can also be taken internally as well and is used as a laxative in many over-the-counter products. Pretty impressive for a little houseplant found above the sink.

Conifers (like pine trees or firs) are remarkable as well. If you've ever seen a conifer clinging to the side of a rocky cliff, seemingly growing out of the rocks themselves, you know they must be pretty tough hombres.

The fact that their leaves are coated in a waxy substance that allows them to protect themselves from freezing temperatures by reducing the amount of moisture loss during the winter is impressive. They also produce cones instead of what we think of as flowers. The cones protect the seeds, in some cases even through fires, ensuring that the next generation will continue.

And how about bamboo? While we generally think of bamboo as growing in groves in far-off countries and feeding pandas, there are many varieties that perform well in our area as well. Their superpower? Some species of bamboo can grow as much as 35 inches in one day, making them one of the fastest growing plants in the world!

And while some of you might not think of that as a superpower, I imagine it as what would be sold if The Flash and Elastigirl hooked up and started a nursery.

The Resurrection plant is a species of plant native to deserts in the United States and Mexico. They are known as poikilohydric plants, which is a fancy term meaning they can survive extreme dehydration. Once they are rehydrated, they can quickly recover and continue growing like nothing ever happened.

What's amazing is how they go about this survival strategy. They protect themselves in a number of ways



The baobab tree is commonly called the "tree of life."

like replacing water with sugars that slow down chemical reactions, changing their pigments with substances that act as sunscreen, and even altering their cell structure to minimize water loss. Definitely superpowers in my mind.

If you ever find yourself in Africa or the Australian Outback, be sure to look around for our next super plant, the Baobab tree. Baobabs can live for thousands of years due to several remarkable characteristics.

First of all, they almost look like they are growing upside-down with massive trunks and very sparse root-like branches. Those large trunks can hold almost 1,200 gallons of water which makes them invaluable to humans and animals during dry seasons. The baobab fruit is also very rich in vitamin C and antioxidants. Talk about superhero qualities, this plant has them all.

And finally, let's close out with what might be considered a few "supervillain" plants. There are several predatory plants on the list such as Venus Flytrap, Pitcher Plants, and the infamous Corpse Flower.

I think we're all familiar with the Venus Flytrap and how it snaps its modified leaves shut to trap and digest insects (*pretty gruesome*) and how the Pitcher plant obtains nutrients by trapping insects in their pitcher shaped leaves filled with digestive fluid (*devious*).

But the Corpse Flower takes things a step further. Known for producing the largest flower in the world, the Corpse Flower emits a very strong and nauseating odor of decaying flesh. This odor attracts very specific insects which are essential for its pollination process (*world domination ensues*). No thank you, please, I don't think I'll be growing the Corpse Flower any time soon.

This is just a short list of some plants with very amazing capabilities. But again, every plant is a superhero to some degree so get out there and find yours today.

Until next time, "Same plant time, Same plant channel!"

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Let's start with dessert, because that's obviously the best part. Lemon glazed cookies with their tangy-sweetness will simply melt in your mouth.

But lemons aren't just for the sweet tooth! They're also a secret weapon in the savory world. Try the delectable lemon ricotta pancake recipe. It's sure to please.

A squeeze of lemon over grilled chicken or fish brings everything to life. Lemon zest in pasta—especially with a little garlic and parmesan—makes a simple dish feel like a gourmet experience as you'll see with the creamy lemon pasta recipe.

Whether you're baking, cooking, or mixing a refreshing drink, lemons bring brightness, zing and just the right amount of sass to your kitchen. So grab a few, roll them on the counter like a pro, and get zesting – because lemon recipes are basically edible sunshine.

LEMON RICOTTA PANCAKES

Yield: 8 to 10 small pancakes

INGREDIENTS

- ¾ cup all-purpose flour
- 1½ teaspoons baking powder
- ¾ teaspoon fine salt
- ¼ cup granulated sugar
- 1 lemon
- 1½ teaspoons pure vanilla extract
- 3 large eggs
- ¾ cup whole-milk ricotta
- ¼ cup buttermilk, preferably whole milk
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted, plus room-temperature butter for cooking and serving
- Blueberry Compote or choice of toppings



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Whisk flour, baking powder and salt in small bowl. Heat griddle or large nonstick pan or well-seasoned cast-iron skillet over medium-low.
2. Add sugar to large bowl, finely grate zest of lemon directly over sugar. Using your fingers, gently rub zest into sugar.
3. Add vanilla and whisk to evenly moisten. Add eggs and whisk until foamy on top.
4. Next, add ricotta, buttermilk and butter, and whisk until well blended.
5. Add flour mixture and gently stir until no traces of flour remain.
6. Generously butter the griddle, then drop a scant ¼ cup batter onto it. Repeat, spacing rounds at least an inch apart. Cook until bottoms are golden brown and tops are bubbling, 2 to 3 minutes.
7. Flip and cook until other sides are golden brown, about 2 minutes more.
8. Repeat with more butter and the remaining batter. Serve warm, slathered with butter and blueberry compote or other desired toppings.



BLUEBERRY COMPOTE

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups fresh blueberries
- ¼ cup maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons water
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Combine 1 cup blueberries, maple syrup, water, lemon juice, and vanilla in small saucepan. Simmer over medium heat for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Add remaining 1 cup blueberries and cook for 8 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from the heat. The mixture will become thick and jammy as it cools.

GLAZED LEMON COOKIES



INGREDIENTS

- 2¼ cups all-purpose flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 sticks unsalted butter, at cool room temperature
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 1 large egg, at room temperature

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
2. Whisk flour, baking powder, and salt in a small bowl.
3. In a large bowl, beat together butter, sugar, and lemon zest until light and fluffy, scraping down the bowl at least once. Beat in egg until very well combined, about 1 minute. Scrape down the bowl. On low speed, add the flour mixture and blend until just incorporated. Dough will be slightly dry.
4. Drop 1½-tablespoon sized balls of cookie dough onto prepared baking sheets, spacing 2 inches apart. Roll each ball with your palms, then using your palm, gently flatten dough to about ½-inch thick.
5. Bake for 12-14 minutes or until cookies are just set and slightly golden brown at the edges. Cool cookies on baking sheet for 5 minutes and transfer to cooling racks. Glaze cookies when completely.

MAKE THE LEMON GLAZE:

In medium bowl, whisk 1½ cups powdered sugar and 2 to 4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice, a tablespoon at a time, until it is a very thick but pourable glaze forms. Spoon each cookie with the lemon glaze. Garnish with extra lemon zest, if desired. Let cookies sit until icing has set, at least 30 minutes.



CREAMY LEMON PASTA

INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces pasta, any shape
- 2¼ teaspoons salt
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- ½ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, plus more for garnish
- 1 to 2 lemons
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- Fresh basil or parsley leaves, for garnish

DIRECTIONS

1. Bring large pot of water to boil and season with 2 teaspoons salt. Add the pasta and stir. Cook to al dente according to package directions. Reserve 1 cup of pasta water before draining.
2. While pasta cooks, make the sauce. For an extra creamy sauce, add the ricotta and Parmesan to a small to medium food processor fitted with the blade attachment. Zest a lemon and squeeze 1 to 2 lemons to make 2 tablespoons of juice. Add to the cheeses. Season with ¼ teaspoon salt and several grinds of pepper; blend until very creamy.
3. Heat olive oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until fragrant, 30 seconds to 1 minute. Turn heat to low and add ricotta cheese, Parmesan, and lemon mixture. Add ¼ cup reserved pasta water and stir to thoroughly combine.
4. Once pasta is cooked and drained, add to sauce. Turn heat up to medium-low and toss until the sauce thickens enough to coat the noodles without becoming dry, 3 to 4 minutes. Serve and top with more parmesan.

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FACES & PLACES



A group of friends from Henry County recently donned their best medieval clothing to participate in the fun at the annual Tennessee Renaissance Festival held in Arrington, TN. Standing, left to right: Meagan Huerta, Asher Allbritton, Sam Bates, Seth Shepard, Bryan McMillin, Camille Whitt, kneeling: Leah Bates.



Georg Todd was one of many at this year's Fish Fry Car & Bike Show. Todd, is one of Henry County's most highly-decorated soldiers. He was awarded 17 medals in all, including the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.



Fairest of the Fair Emma Grace Dotson was certainly beautiful when she represented the Henry County Fair at the Strawberry Festival Friday May 9.



Vickey Roberts, Jackie Jones, and Mayor Kathy Ray were interviewed by John Penn Ridgeway for the WTPR live streaming of the Fish Fry parade.



Good friends got together during this year's Photo Showcase at W.G. Rhea Library. Beverly Hicks, right, gives Martha Jo and Danny Kimberlin a hug before the awards ceremony.

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David 'Tater' Hayes, at right, and his son Christian pose with the aluminum ball that keeps growing each year at the Fish Tent. Workers started collecting every piece of foil used in the tent over 15 years ago and the ball is now too big for Tater to pick up by himself!



The Office on Aging at the Central Services Building is a bustling place, with activities all the time. Look how beautiful these bottles are when decorated at a recent program.



HCHS graduate Amelia Northam helped with food boxes at a recent Second Harvest Food Distribution at First United Methodist Church. She is the daughter of Sharon Sabin and the late Chris Northam.



Josie Abbott, left, daughter of Austin and Delaney Abbott, celebrated her second birthday at the Splash Pad with her cousin, Blakely, daughter of Will and Heather Roberts.



A table of students chose to pray before the meal at the Henry School Elegant Dinner. Photo by Jammie Adkisson



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- JUNE -

JUNE 3 - It's **Tuesdays in the Park** at Eiffel Tower Park from 7-9 pm with **Lamar Music Group** tonight. They play a wide variety of styles including R&B, Rock, Pop, Country, Jazz and more. Every other Tuesday night through the summer will be a different artist. Food trucks, free splash-pad and the best music around, bring a blanket and enjoy a night under the stars. For more information, call 731-644-2517.

JUNE 5 - Summer means blood shortages. The **Lifeline Blood Mobile** will visit First United Methodist Church in downtown Paris from noon until 6 pm. Please give.

JUNE 5-7 - **Tennessee River Jam Music Festival** will be in full swing with multiple artists singing throughout the days. For more information, call 731-642-3431.

JUNE 7 - Head out to hike and help complete a trail at beautiful Kentucky Lake on **National Trails Day Volunteer Event** to help out from 9 am-2 pm. For more information, call 731-641-4465.

JUNE 8-12 - All aboard for **Wonder Junction Vacation Bible School** at Puryear Baptist Church, 6-8 pm. Open to ages

Kindergarten to sixth grade. For information or transportation, contact 731-247-3782 or 731-336-0236.

JUNE 8-12 - New Harmony Baptist Church will hold their **Wonder Junction Bible School** for ages pre-K through 5th grade. Meal at 5:15 pm; 8:30 pickup. Located at 7050 Hwy 69S. For more information, contact 731-593-5276.

JUNE 12-13 - Learn skills while having fun at **Teen Academy**, sponsored by UT Extension Office. 9 am-2pm both days. Learn how to sew on a button, cook a meal, use a debit card or write a check, change a tire, and much more! Cost \$30, lunch and snacks provided. To register, call Michele at 731-642-2941.

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

JUNE 14 - It's time for the **Henry County Summerfest** is at the fairground. 80+ Indoor and outdoor vendor booths, arts & crafts, eats, drinks and sweet treat desserts will be available. For more information, check out their Facebook page for more information.

JUNE 15 - It's **Father's Day!** Ballgames, vacations, hunting, bedtime stories, remember the fun times with your Dad and celebrate with him today!

JUNE 16 - Kick off summer with **Family Pool Party** sponsored by Henry County Prevention Coalition at Eiffel Tower Park, 6-8pm. All families are welcome to join us for this free, fun-filled evening, but pre-registration is required. Limited to 150 individuals. Contact 731-333-9797 for more information.

JUNE 19 - **Cheeseburger at The Breakers Marina** from 6-10 pm. Need a break from all the fun in the sun? Cool down at this annual event that benefits the Henry County Carl Perkins Center. Entertainment by Randall French. Tickets \$20. For more information, contact 731-642-8455.

JUNE 20 - First official day of summer!

JUNE 20 - **KPAC Young Artists** ages 5-7 will present **"Welcome To The Jungle"** at 6 pm. For information, call 731-644-2517.

JUNE 21 - **Henry County TN Farmers Market & Vendor Fair** is sponsoring a **Y.A. Market**. Are you 16 years old or under and an entrepreneur? Are you in a youth group that you want to promote? If yes, come set up a booth for FREE! 8-Noon. Email your business or group information to: Hctnfarmersmarket@gmail.com or Facebook: Henry County TN Farmers Market & Vendor Fair. 517 Royal Oak Drive, Paris, TN.

JUNE 21 - **Paris Station** invites you for **Jazz at the Station** with Mike Holden & The Paris Big Band at 3 pm. Tickets: \$15. For more information, call 731-407-4500.

JUNE 27-28 - **KPAC Young Artists** present **Dreamworks "Madagascar: A Musical Adventure JR"** at 7 pm on Friday and 2 pm on Saturday. Performers are ages 8-12. Call Rhonda Stanton at 731-644-2517 for information.

- JULY -

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

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

JULY 4 - Freedom Festival 2025 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 and food. For information, call 731-782-3657, 731-642-8270, or 731-782-3559.

JULY 11- 12 - Come enjoy the **KPAC Young Artists** as they present Roald Dahl's "**Matilda the Musical JR**" at the Krider Performing Arts Center, 7 pm Friday and 2 pm Saturday. Performers are ages 13-17. For more information, call Rhonda Stanton at 731-644-2517.

JULY 19 - Raise your anchors! It's the annual **Water Fun Run**, sponsored by the Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce. Call 731-642-3431 or visit www.paristnchamber.com for more information.

JULY 19 - The Shed and The Family Resource Center will host a drive-thru **Back-To-School Bash** at the Henry County Fairgrounds. This is a great event for all kiddos of Paris and Henry County. If you would like to donate or volunteer at the event, call 731-642-1672 and ask for The Shed to leave a private message.

JULY 25-27 - KPAC Players present **Disney Freaky Friday** at the Krider at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday, 3pm on Sunday. For more information, call 731-644-2517.

- AUGUST -

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

AUGUST 1 - All kids in the Paris Special School District and the Henry County School System return to school for an **abbreviated first day of classes!**

AUGUST 2 - Laugh out loud when **Comedian Killer Beaz LIVE** comes to KPAC at 7 pm. He's a legend in the comedy industry and you can have a meet-and-greet with him for \$55. All other tickets are \$27 and \$33. For more information, call 731-644-2517.

AUGUST 7 - Give Blood and Save a Life! The **Lifeline Blood Mobile** will visit First United Methodist Church from noon until 6 pm.

AUGUST 8-16 - FAIR WEEK!
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AUGUST 15 - It's time for **PARIS! IN AUTUMN** hits the stands.





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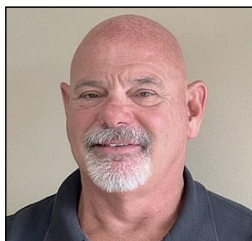
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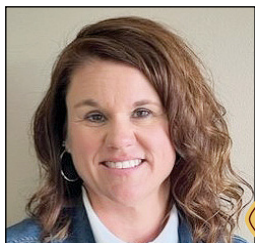
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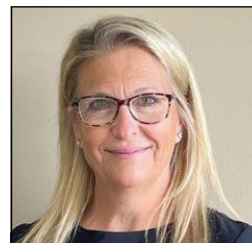
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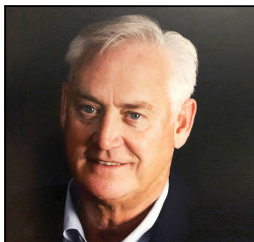
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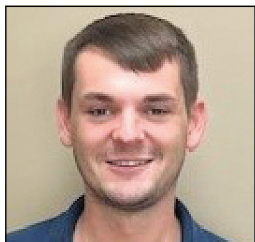
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