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# March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Daylight Savings Time Spring forward 1 hour • 2 am</p> <p><b>Captured Moments:</b> A Photography Show at W.G. Rhea Library Photo Show Case March 8th - April 3rd • Paris, TN</p>						
<p>15 <b>58th Annual Irish Day Celebration</b> Parade • Food • Games Concerts • Banquet Downtown Erin, TN &amp; Houston County</p>	<p>16 <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> St. Patrick's Day Dinner Food &amp; Entertainment The Old Paris 5 &amp; 10 Event Center Downtown Paris, TN 5:30pm</p>	<p>17 <b>58th Annual Irish Day Celebration</b> Parade • Food • Games • Concerts • Banquet Downtown Erin, TN &amp; Houston County March 13th - 21st</p>				
						<p>28 <b>Wild Edible Game</b> An Interpretive Program You Can Eat TN National Wildlife Refuge Springville, TN 5:30 pm</p>
						



A whole lot of folks are working hard to bring a "Wee Bit of Ireland in Tennessee" at this year's Irish Day Celebration in Erin. Beginning Friday, March 13th thru Saturday, March, 21st everyone is invited to Houston County and encouraged to wear their green and show their Irish Pride. Not Irish? No worries! Come join in on the food, music, games and fun!

The festivities begin with the Kick-Off Breakfast, Friday, March 13th. Besides feasting on your favorite breakfast food, many awards and honors are bestowed on the residents of Houston County. Community service awards are given and the official host of the Irish Day Celebration, the Lord High Mayor is named. The weekend brings a fishing tournament and a golf tournament.

The fun just keeps on coming throughout the week. Music is always a big part of their celebration. There are gospel singings, traditional Irish

Folk music recitals and southern rock concerts to entertain any music taste. Most of the events are free and open to the public, too!

The carnival is always a big hit with people of all ages. Rides, games, prizes and food can be found in downtown Erin beginning on Tuesday, March 17th. There is no better way to spend St. Patty's Day than having fun with the family at the carnival!

Can it even be considered a celebration without some good food? The Irish Celebration has plenty! A baked potato bar with all the yummy fixings, a big fish fry, pancake breakfasts and a formal banquet are the highlights of this big event. No matter what you are hungry for you can find it in Erin, Tennessee. Don't forget to dine at the local eateries, too! Traditional restaurants and a pizza house are local favorites.

Saturday is a jam-packed day of activities in Erin. The Leprechaun Parade and the Irish Day Celebration Grand

Parade happen in the morning. The demolition derby and the downtown concerts happen that evening. Everyone will be around and there will be plenty of time for visiting, eating and having a green ole' time!

Visit the Houston County Chamber of Commerce website for a complete list of activities, times and locations at the beginning of March. In Erin everyone looks good in green, so put yours on and come celebrate a Wee Bit of Ireland in Tennessee this St. Patrick's Day week.



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							<b>Duck River Bottoms Clean-Up</b> TN National Wildlife Refuge • Springville, TN 9 - 11 am	
<b>35th Annual Artist Showcase:</b> Original art work exhibits April 5th - May 1st Lee Academy • Paris, TN		<b>Holy Week Services</b> Easter Messages • Music • Food • Fellowship April 6th - 10th Downtown Churches, Paris, TN, 11:30am					<b>Good Friday</b> 10	<b>Holy Saturday</b> 11 WHNY/WTPR/WBQR/ WLKX/WHDM <b>Easter Egg Hunt</b> Candy • Prizes • Eggs Ogburn Park • Paris, TN • 10 am <b>Crazy About Mushrooms</b> TN National Wildlife Refuge • Springville, TN 1 pm
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 12						17	<b>Carl Perkins</b> 18 <b>Center Cast-N-Blast Fishing/Hunting Event</b> Fishing • Hunting Contests • Prizes Food Paris Landing, TN	
<b>World's Biggest Fish Fry</b> Fried Catfish • Parade • Music • Dancing • Carnival • Concerts • Catfish Races • Chalk Crawl April 18th - 26th Henry County Fairgrounds & Downtown Paris, TN								
26	27	<b>Downtown Cruise In</b> Classic Automobiles Music • Food Downtown Paris, TN • 5:30pm		29	30 			



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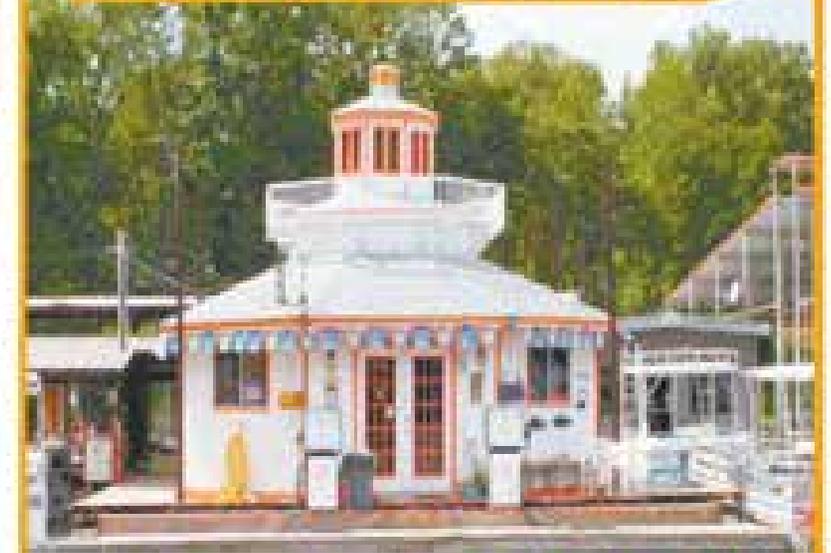
ings, and in-store specials as well as refreshments. So, let's get ready for Spring and get downtown for a Spring shopping experience! Have yourself a downtown Paris day!

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Innovative resource management draws 240 different species of birds each year. A festival celebrates the hum-

mingbird migration in August and boats take visitors in search of eagles in the winter months.

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Self-guided tours, overnight group facilities, and professional naturalists provide learning activities for everyone. Programs are perfect for school groups, scouts and homeschoolers. Four major attractions include the Elk and Bison Prairie, the Homeplace 1850s Working Farm and Living

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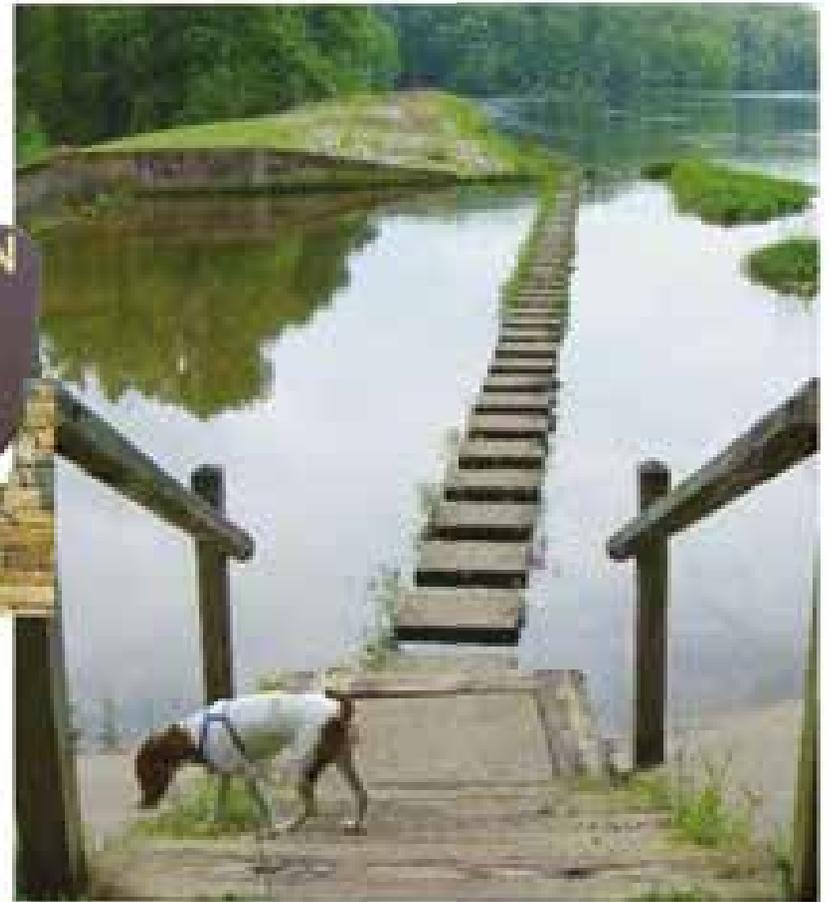
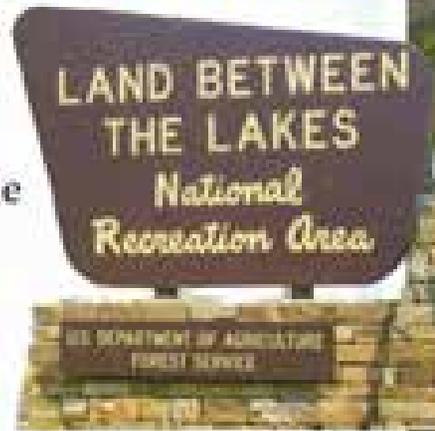
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# A long time family tradition continues with new radio sponsors

Forever Communications and WHNY will be hosting their first ever Easter Egg Hunt, beginning at 10am, on Saturday, April 11th, at Ogburn Park, in Paris, Tennessee. The Egg Hunt, first begun by WMUF, has been a family

tradition in Henry County for more than 30 years. Now WHNY, WTPR, WRQR, WLZK and WHDM will continue that tradition.

The Easter Egg Hunt may have some new sponsors but they will still

do business as usual. To participate in the hunt an Easter Egg "Hunting License" is required. These are available all throughout the city of Paris and at the radio station on India Road. Beginning around the middle of March you will see beauti-

ful Easter Egg baskets full of treats and toys that you can register for and win. Also available will be your Easter Egg Hunting License. Make sure and pick one up for each child, fill them out and bring to Ogburn Park the morning of the Egg

Hunt. There is no charge or purchase necessary to pick up a hunting license or to register for the Easter Egg basket. Winners of the baskets will be notified on Friday, April 10th by the business from which their name was drawn.

Safety at the Easter Egg Hunt is always a priority. The children are divided into age groups so the big kids are not running over the little ones. There is a 0 to 3 age group and the parents may assist with the children on the field. In the

every where you turn. Don't forget to look for the special trinkets that are out on the field. You find one of those and you win one of the many Easter baskets to give away that day. Make sure and bring your own basket or bag for candy and egg collection. There is no charge for this and no limit on how much candy you can pick up. But when it's all gone the hunt is over!

As a helpful hint it is good to have your license filled out and to arrive early for the Egg Hunt. Parking that is available in a close proximity to the park fills up quickly. If possible bring more than one adult. The children can be dropped off with one adult at the park as the other parks the car. Best parking options are Regions Bank and The East Wood Street Church of Christ.

Make sure you attend the WHNY, WTPR, WRQR, WLZK and WHDM Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 11th, 10am at Ogburn Park in Paris.



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# SPRING BRINGS THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FISH FRY TO PARIS, TENNESSEE

Spring brings so many fantastic things to Northwest Tennessee, beautiful flowers, longer days, warmer temperatures and The World's Biggest Fish Fry! Every year the last full week of April is dedicated to the

Henry County Jaycees and all of the events and festivities of The World's Biggest Fish Fry!

As always The Fish Fry gets started with a bang! A very loud bang at the Demolition Derby. The action begins

at 7pm, Saturday, April 18th, at the Henry County Fairgrounds. Admission at the gate is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The entry fee for cars is \$40. If you think your automobile has got what it takes to be the last

lawn. If you are a fan of new country and southern rock you will not want to miss it!

Tuesday night, April 21st you can find at The World's Biggest Fish Fry more music and an exciting carnival.



one running then The Demolition Derby is the place for you.

The music starts playing on Monday night, April 20th, in Downtown Paris! The Kick-Off Dance is open to everyone and free to the public. Bring your lawn chair or be prepared for dancing in the streets when the band gets revved up. The music begins playing at 7pm on the stage set up on the Court House

The Country Dance is known for its more traditional country music. Enjoy the comfort of the Enoch Building at the Henry County Fairgrounds and dance the night away with your partner. Seating and snacks are available in this air conditioned facility. Admission is only \$5 per person.

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our area every year. There are games, food vendors and rides for both little children and the older thrill seekers. Keep watch for arm band and ticket specials during the week. Don't forget to check your children's back pack before going to the carnival, usually an announcement is sent home about all of the deals at the carnival. The carnival hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 21st, April 22nd and April 23rd from 5 to 9pm. The weekend hours are Friday and Saturday, April 24th and April 25th, from 11am to 10pm and Sunday, April 26th, from 1 to 5pm. Make sure and come out and support the carnival at the Fish Fry.

The big event on Wednesday is the opening of the Fish Tents at the World's Biggest Fish Fry! Make sure you are there for that! The serving line begins at 5pm. Follow up your supper with a Christian concert located under the Pavilion at the Fairgrounds. The concert begins at 7pm, Wednesday, April 22nd.

The action continues at the Henry County Fairgrounds Arena when the rodeo comes to town, beginning Thursday,

April 23rd. Parsons & Milam Rough Stock Contractors & Promoters will be running the show again this year. Their events feature bull riding, barrel racing, mutton bustin' and calf scramble. Thursday night is always Family Night at the Rodeo with special admission prices for both adults and children. The rodeo continues on Friday and Saturday nights, April 24th & 25th. The gates open at 6pm and the action gets underway at 7:30pm.

The World's Biggest Fish Fry also opens its Arts & Crafts exhibit on Thursday as well. The Arts & Craft Exhibit is located in the Enoch Building at the Fairgrounds. Exhibit hours are Thursday, 5 to 9pm, and Friday and Saturday, 11am to 9pm.

The Grand Parade is one of the highlights of the official Fish Fry Day, Friday, April 24th. The streets start closing around 9am getting ready for the grand event about to take place. This World's Biggest Fish Fry Grand Parade is one of the largest in Northwest Tennessee. There are lots of decorated automobiles and watercraft. Some brightly colored walking units,

creative floats and skilled marching bands. Be in your spot and ready when the parade rolls out at 10am.

When the parade is over you can spend the remainder of Fish Fry Day at the fairgrounds eating at the fish tent or the carnival, riding rides, watching a rodeo and enjoying the arts & crafts.

Don't forget to head to downtown Paris on Saturday morning, April 25th. There are tons of activities going on like a Kid's Chalk Crawl, Small Fry Parade and the world



famous Catfish Races.

The World's Biggest Fish Fry wraps up Saturday night with catfish frying and rodeos and the carnival is going strong Saturday and Sunday afternoon, too. The Fish Fry Headquarters, located on East Wood Street, will be open the last weekend of March and will be the perfect opportunity to talk to one of the Henry County Jaycees about everything that is going on! Enjoy your stay in Paris and have a blast at the one and only World's Biggest Fish Fry.

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22nd, the Henry County Jaycees will start serving more than six tons of fried catfish along with all the yummy sides and cold drinks.

The World’s Biggest Fish Fry may be a week long event but the cook-

ing doesn’t start until Wednesday night. You really should make a note of that before you make your supper plans. The “Fish Tents” are located at the Henry County Fairgrounds. Just so you know the “Fish Tents” are what the Jaycees



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WMUF, WLZK radio.

If you choose to dine in – it is all-you-can-eat for only \$12. The catfish fillets are fried to perfection each and every year. Also included in your meal is delicious golden fried french fries, home-made hush puppies, perfectly seasoned white beans, tangy vinegar slaw, sweet mayonnaise slaw, and ice cold soft drinks and tea. First round the servers load your plate really good, but if you are still hungry you can go back for more. Carry out plates are available. But the Jaycees suggest that you come hungry and eat all you can hold.

The Fish Tent hours are Wednesday, April 22nd, and Thursday, April 23rd, from 5 to

9pm. Friday, April 24th and Saturday, April 25th, the Fish Tent hours are 11am to 9pm. The Henry County Fairgrounds is located on Fairgrounds Road in Paris, Tennessee. Tickets may be purchased at the World’s Biggest Fish Fry Headquarters located on East Wood Street or at the Fish Tent door.

Don’t worry lines may look long but they move fast. The Jaycees and the other volunteers know how to keep the food coming in a timely manner. So make a note on your calendar, the World’s Biggest Fish Fry will have supper ready for you beginning on Wednesday night during the last week of April.



# Downtown Paris Is the host for many events on Saturday at the World's Biggest Fish Fry



Downtown Paris is becoming a very important part of the Saturday events at the World's Biggest Fish Fry. The entire family can find something fun and entertaining on the Court Square all throughout the day, on Saturday, April 26th.

The events get started with the World's Biggest Fish Fry's Small Fry Parade. This

fun little parade circles around the Court Square beginning at 10am. The boys and girls of Henry County get their chance to have their grand parade. Pre-schools, church groups and any one wanting to parade around can join. Everyone wears brightly colored costumes and face paints. All the floats are made from scratch

and must be pulled by hand. No big trailers or tractors allowed here. It's all about the little guys. Everyone lines up in the parking lot of the First United Methodist Church in downtown Paris and makes their way to the Court Square. Trophies are awarded for the most creative walking units and mini-floats. The Small Fry Parade is

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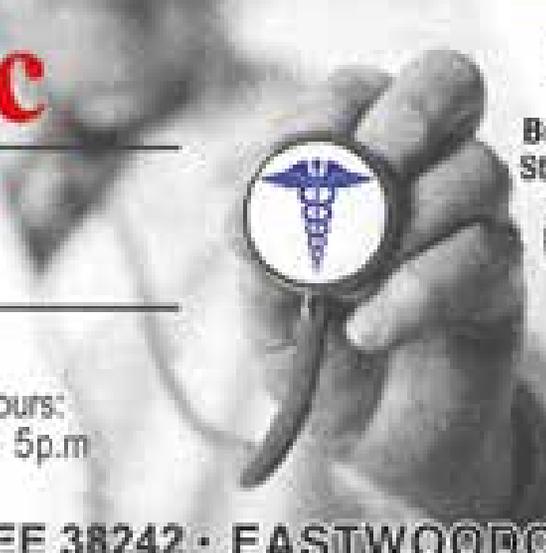
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Immediately following the Small Fry Parade is the Chalk Crawl For Kids, sponsored by the Downtown Paris Association and K & B Supplies

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Bank side of the Court House on the -Square. The kids also receive a strand of fish beads and a little treat just for participating, all provided by K & B. The Downtown Paris Association provides

a resident artist and volunteers to help the kids with their works of art. This event lasts as long as the chalk does so come on out and have some fun. Don't forget to bring your phone or your camera to

snap a pic of their art work. It is Fish Fry week so it won't be long until it rains and washes them away!

This will be the first year that the Downtown Paris Association will

be sponsoring the Catfish Races! This is only something you can find in Paris, Tennessee during the World's Biggest Fish Fry! Special transparent water lanes have been created specifically for this event. Catfish are kept in a wading pool to keep them happy and healthy and ready to race. When their turn is up they are taken to a water lane and held until the whistle. Then they're off! They are let loose and the catfish hopefully swims towards the finish line. First one past the white line is the big

winner. The catfish race in heats until there is only one champion remaining. If you have never witnessed the Catfish Races now is the time! It is unique and fun and oh so exciting. The Catfish Races usually get started around 10:30 am on the Post Office side of the Court House on the Square.

Most big events start to wrap up by Friday! Not the World's Biggest Fish Fry or downtown Paris. Make plans to be there Saturday, April 26th for all the festivities!



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# Riverboats returning to Dover

By: Bonnie Lill • Pictures courtesy of Don Bailey, Stewart County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Nothing is more evocative of Southern ambiance than watching a paddlewheel boat slip down the waterway, calliope music announcing its appearance at its ports of call.

You can catch these iconic sights and sounds in Dover as the American

Duchess high-end luxury paddlewheel vessel will be docking at Dover Landing behind the courthouse six times from April through September, with the dates yet to be determined.

According to information from the American Queen Steamboat Compa-

ny, during the 2020 Ports-of Call, the American Duchess will be visiting Dover at least half a dozen times as a part of their nine-day "Civil War Theme River Journey from Memphis to Clarksville."

The rivers of the South were of great strategic value as

both a transportation and communication route during the Civil War. The river journey is designed to give travelers an experience of Southern culture as they journey through living history and

explore the legacy of the Civil War both on-board and in ports of call. In addition to on-board presentations, the 150-plus travelers get to take shore excursions, and Dover, as the site of two major

Civil War battles, is a key stop.

Stewart County Chamber of Commerce Director Don Bailey said the Chamber is the primary coordinator of the local guides who accompany the guests on the guided tour excursions (on large motor coaches) to Fort Donelson National Battlefield and Cemetery. Bailey had been working with the

"The large motor coaches stop frequently along the Fort Donelson Tour in town, and many guests tour Dover by foot, so please be mindful of the traffic and the extra pedestrians," he added.

Bailey said the Chamber would be proactive about keeping the public apprised of the comings and goings of the vessel on its Stewart



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American Queen Steamboat Company to try and secure some onboard tours of the boat, but so far, these are not on the agenda

Still, just seeing the 322-foot, four passenger deck vessel in person is impressive.

Bailey said, "We welcome all guests to our regional area, and those seeking to take pictures of these great paddle wheel marvels may do so when they are in port at the Dover Boat Launch." He also urged the community to use caution when the paddlewheel boats are in port.

County Chamber of Commerce Facebook page.

He added, "We sincerely appreciate the American Queen Steamboat Company, the crew and the staff of The American Duchess for bringing this majestic vessel to our region, and we welcome our guests with the genuine small town charm and hospitality we are known for."

For more information, contact the Stewart County Chamber of Commerce at 931-232-8290 or email [stewartcountychamber@gmail.com](mailto:stewartcountychamber@gmail.com).

# The beautiful iris stars in its own festival in Dresden

As if the beautiful irises were not enough to bring you to Dresden, Tennessee, add to that a fun-filled week of activities that has something going on for every member of your family. The City of Dresden's 41st Annual Tennessee Iris Festival gets underway beginning on Saturday, April 25th and continues thru May 2nd.

Many of the events are still in the planning stages but there are a lot of festivities that you

can always count on at the Tennessee Iris Festival. The Opening Ceremonies will be Saturday evening, April 25th, beginning at 6pm at the Dresden City Park. Music and local dignitaries will kick-off all of the activities at the park and for the week ahead.

Sunday's festivities include a Prayer Breakfast, where everyone is invited, a Cemetery Walk, accompanied by stories of our fallen neighbors, and a City Wide Yard

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Food is always a big part of every festival. Throughout the week long event The Tennessee Iris Festival has a Tasting Party of

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Besides just eating there are a lot of fun things to do throughout the week! Does anybody like to play Bingo?! The festival holds games for both adults and

one especially for children. It's fun to play and there are prizes too! The rest of the week is filled with a 5K Run/Walk Race for those ready to get up and go! There is lots of music including a Gospel Concert and a Music Fest on the Court Square. Local boutiques will hold an elegant fashion show with the latest styles trending.

No event in the south is complete without a Grand Parade. Beauti-

fully decorated floats featuring the majestic iris will line the streets along with bands, walking units and colorful automobiles. Add in local celebrities and a few beauty queens and you will have a scene you won't want to miss.

What would an Iris Festival be without showcasing the beautiful flower itself. An Iris and Horticulture Show is one of the highlights of the entire week. Come gaze at the handiwork of

local gardeners and marvel at their talents and hard work. No green thumb is required. Just an appreciation for the beautiful Iris.

So much work goes into this event each year and specific details are still being worked out. But all of it will be worth the wait. Visit [www.tennesseeirisfestival.net](http://www.tennesseeirisfestival.net) around the beginning of April for specific dates and times of events. As always, enjoy your visit to Dresden, Tennessee.



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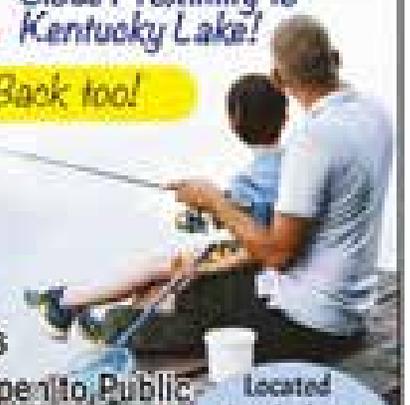
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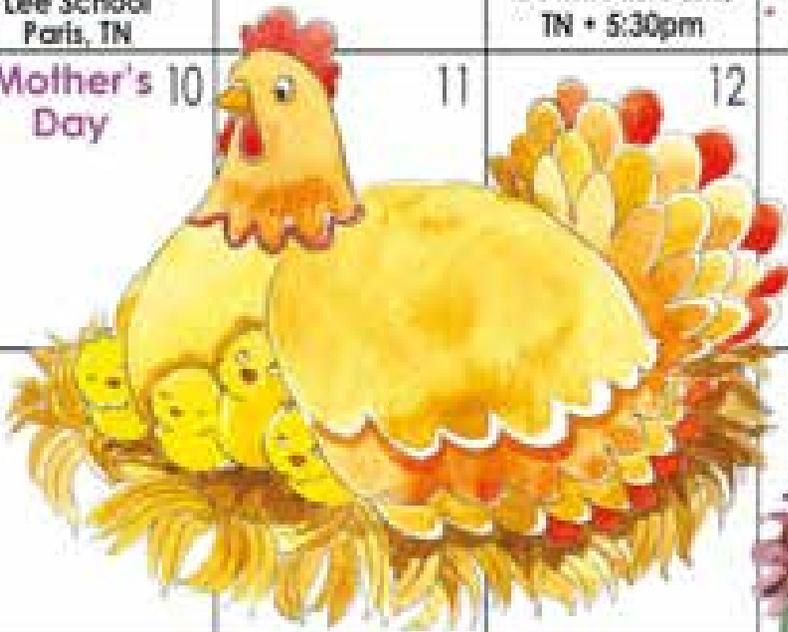
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					<b>Spring Gathering</b> 1 Luncheon Silent Auction Bake Sale Fellowship Hall 1st United Methodist Church Paris, TN • 11am	<b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> 2 Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon <b>Downtown Paris Art Walk</b> Art Exhibit • Tour West Alley • Downtown Paris, TN • 10am
<b>Art Exhibit</b> 3 by Becky Hedges Original Artwork Reception • Food Lee School Paris, TN	4	<b>Cinco de Mayo Dinner</b> 5 Food • Entertainment The Old Paris 5 & 10 Event Center Downtown Paris, TN • 5:30pm		6	<b>Fancy Nancy</b> 8 Fun day at the library registration required W.G. Rhea Library Paris, TN • 5pm	<b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> 9 Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon
<b>Mother's Day</b> 10		11	12	14	15	<b>TVA Bioblitz</b> 16 TN National Wildlife Refuge • Springville, TN • 8am-noon <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon
				20	22	<b>Big Sandy Spring Festival</b> 23 Parade • Food Music • Flea Market Games • Car Show City Park • Big Sandy, TN • 8am <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon
24	<b>Memorial Day</b> 25	<b>Downtown Cruise In</b> 26 Classic Automobiles Music • Food Downtown Paris, TN • 5:30pm				<b>Fishing Derby</b> 30 Parade • Food TN National Wildlife Refuge • Springville, TN • 8am-noon <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon
						



# June

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><b>Summer Reading Program Registration</b> Story Time Activities Reading W.G. Rhea Library • Paris, TN</p>	2	3	4	5	<p><b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon</p>
<p><b>Downtown Paris Week</b> Activities • Tours • Food • Shopping June 7th - 13th</p>						
<p>7 <b>Worship - Downtown Paris</b> Visit a church of your choice</p>	<p>8 <b>Dine - Downtown Paris</b> Visit one of the many delicious restaurants</p>	<p>9 <b>Music on the Square</b> Live Music Court Square • Paris, TN • 5:30pm</p>	<p>10 <b>Heritage Day</b> Walking tour of Downtown Paris 11am</p>	<p>11 <b>Songwriters Night</b> Live music Court Square • Paris, TN • 5:30pm</p>	<p>12 <b>Government Day</b> Celebrating employees Downtown Paris, TN  <b>Wine to Share, Water for All</b> Reception • Food Fellowship Old Paris 5 &amp; 10 Event Center • Paris, TN</p>	<p>13 <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon  <b>Tale from the Crypt</b> Tour &amp; Stories of the City Cemetery Downtown Paris, TN 1pm</p>
14	15	16	18	19	20	<p><b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon</p>
<p>21 <b>Father's Day</b></p>	22	<p>23 <b>Downtown Cruise In</b> Classic Automobiles Music • Food Downtown Paris, TN • 5:30pm</p>	24	<p>25-26 <b>Tennessee River Jam Music Festival</b> Concerts • Vendors • Food June 25th - 28th Paris Landing State Park &amp; throughout Paris, TN</p>		<p>27 <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon</p>
29	30					

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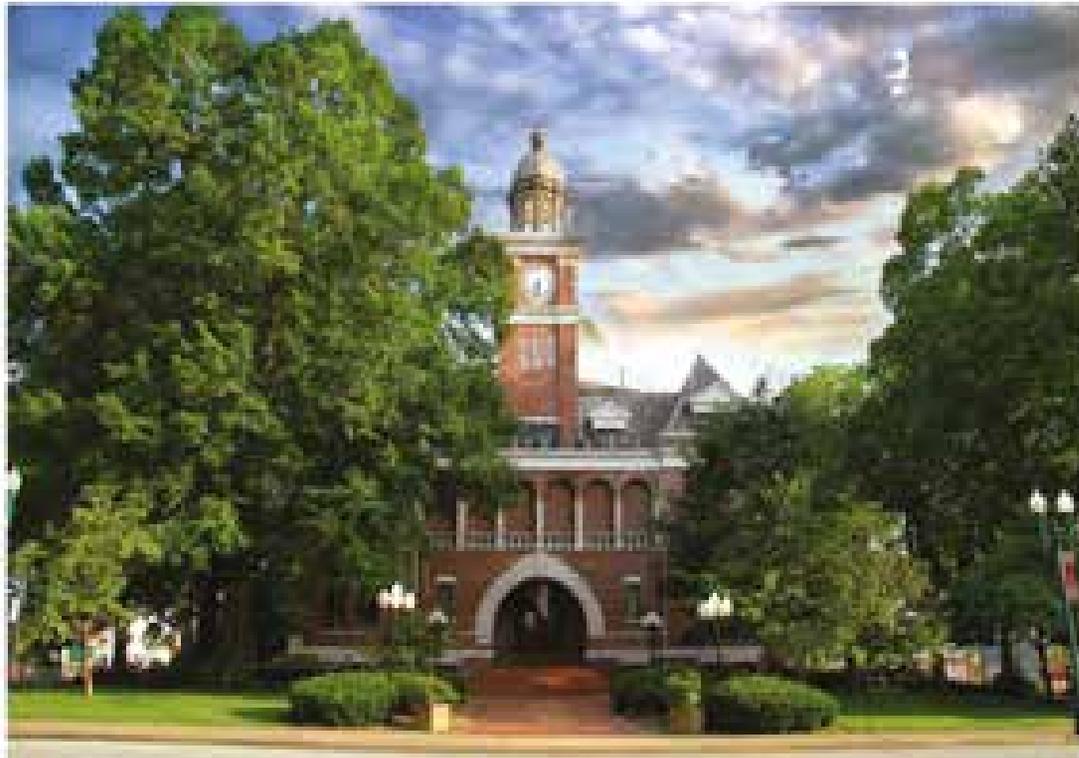
**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**  
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downtown and are the perfect place to begin Downtown Paris Week."

### MONDAY, JUNE 8

- Dine Downtown Day celebrates the eateries of downtown Paris. On a day when many local restaurants are closed, the downtown kitchens are hopping places. Enjoy a delicious meal at The House Downtown Grill, Stella Nera, Uncle Billy's Downtown Eatery, Take Me Back Café, Perry's BBQ, LL's Bar & Grill, and coffee and snacks at Jack's Java. Open register to win a prize from the Downtown Paris Association. Top off that meal with a little exercise and culture with the Downtown Art Walk. Throughout the week, a number of local artists will display their work

in various downtown shops.

### TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- Music on the Square brings great music to the east side of the court house lawn with Brooke and Leslie Cooper and Rock-in' Randall French. The music flows from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. And because great music calls for great food, Perry's BBQ will serve BBQ on site. Just bring a chair and enjoy a fun time with an exciting local musical group and delicious food.

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

- Heritage Day offers the answers to those burning Downtown questions, like "how many times did the court square really catch on fire?" Ray Harding invites locals and visi-

tors alike to find out what's so cool about downtown during his free, 45-minute walking tour. Participants should meet on the corner in front of Jack Jones Flowers. The FREE tour departs at 11:00 am. Wear comfortable walking shoes.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- Songwriters on the Square showcases musicians going "round robin" with favorite tunes that they've penned themselves. "We have so much talent in our area," said Kathy Ray. "This is a great way to spotlight it. Our very own local songwriters with WTPR, West Tennessee Players Resource, will entertain us with Country, Americana, Christian and various new sounds from their group with their original songs." Alan Knowles, spokesperson for WTPR, said, "We like to pay tribute to the radio station WTPR that was in Paris for decades." Music lovers can enjoy a variety of talented songsmiths from 6:00 to 7:30 pm on the Downtown Court Square. Come hungry. Perry's BBQ will be selling BBQ, sides and drinks. Don't forget to bring your chair.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12** - Government Day is a "tip of the hat" to the government workers who serve our community. Please take a minute to thank a City or County employee for their service to our Community.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

- Tales from the Crypt Tour is from 1 to 3 pm in the City Cemetery. For a \$5 donation to the City Cemetery preservation fund, come listen to the stories as told by local historians. Downtown Extra Value Days will feature special value sales all day in stores downtown.

"This is our Eighth Annual Downtown Paris Week and we feel it encompasses everything that is wonderful about our downtown," said DPA Executive Director Kathy Ray. "We invite everyone to enjoy the fun of our historical downtown and to become a member of the DPA, where we champion Downtown Paris and our community."

For more information, LIKE the Downtown Paris Association Facebook page, visit [www.VisitDowntownParis.com](http://www.VisitDowntownParis.com), download the FREE Downtown Paris App, or call (731) 653-7274.

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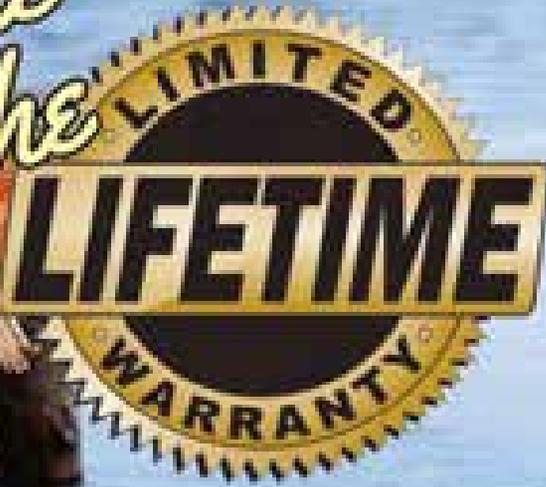
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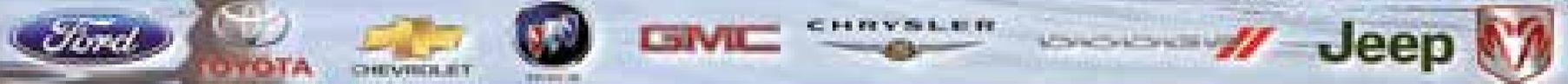
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this one unique is that it is played on the water. You visit destinations located around Kentucky Lake by pontoon, ski boat, jet ski or even a canoe if you choose. The destinations are comprised of the resorts and dock bars and restaurants located around our favorite water spot. At these different stops you will get a stamp on your official Play Sheet that is available in you Water Fun Run Packet.

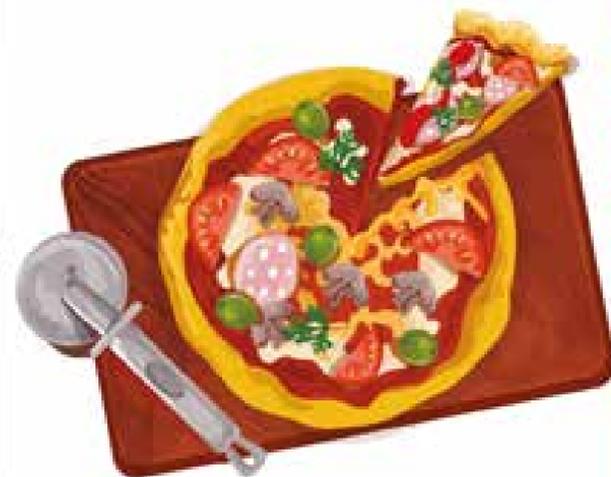
home cold hard cash! The Water Fun Run always has amazing cash prizes and lots of chances to win! Wild and crazy themes are always a big part of the Water Run, too. Past themes have included Red Neck Yacht Club and Cheeseburgers in Paris-dise. This year's amazing theme is Christmas in July! Expect to see lots of Santa hats and swim trunks and elves in bikinis!

Participants must pick up a Water Fun Run Packet, either at the Chamber of Commerce in advance or at one of the Water Run destinations. Packets are usually available around mid-June and cost \$20. On Water Run day they are only available at the lake and the charge is \$25. Also, keep in mind, t-shirts sell out fast. They have become a cherished collector's item. You definitely want to buy one in advance.

When you return to your final destination, which is always the Marina at Paris Landing, you check in with the dealers. Everyone receives a playing card for each stamp you collected on your run around the lake. Sometimes you can collect as many as nine stamps so you would be eligible for nine cards. A poker guru will help you pick out five of those cards to create your best hand. If you end up with the winning hand you take

This is usually one of the last big events on Kentucky Lake during the summer season so you don't want to miss it. Put it on your calendar now, the Water Fun Run, Saturday, July 18th, 9am, at Paris Landing in Henry County Tennessee.

For more information visit the Paris Henry County Chamber of Commerce's website at [www.paristnchamber.com](http://www.paristnchamber.com).



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The venues are as varied as the musical genres and include family-friendly eateries, hopping bars, classic marinas, local performing art centers and a fabulous amphitheater. Set against the shimmering backdrop of Kentucky Lake of Paris Landing State Park, the signature event is a country song in the making. Whether you experience it from the water or from the riverbank, this June evening under the stars is unforgettable.

The series of concerts will kick-off on Thursday night, June 25th, in the Downtown Alley. Other venues throughout the weekend will include Aces' Pizza,

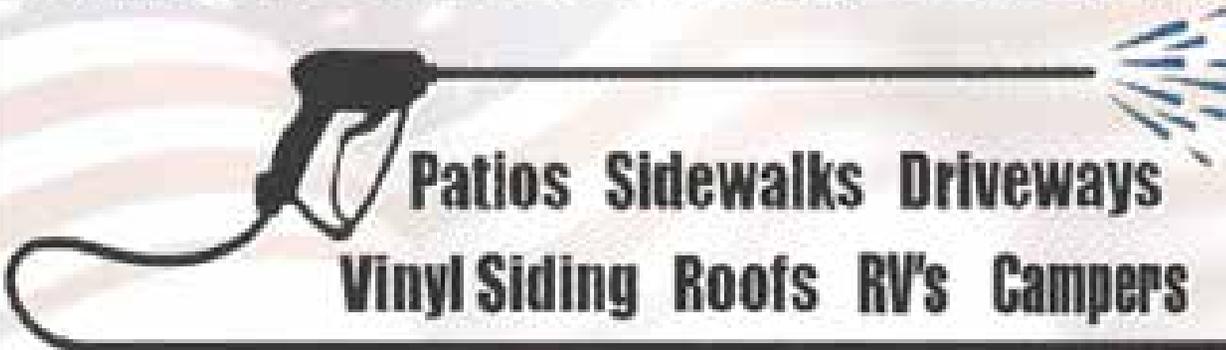
The Breakers, Blues Landing, L. L.'s Bar and grill, Sweet Jordan's, Eiffel Tower Park, Stella Nera and the Paris Landing State Park.

The weekend will be centered around Froggyfest 2020 which will boast four artists starting in the late afternoon on Saturday, June 27th. Performers in past concerts have included country super star Joe Diffie, crowd favorites The Kentucky Headhunters, contestants from ABC Television's American Idol along with local band favorites.

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# July

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			1	2	3	<b>Independence Day</b> <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
						<b>Paris Henry County Chamber of Commerce Water Fun Run</b> Poker Run on the Lake • Prizes • Cash-Kentucky Lake • Paris Landing, TN • 9am <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
						<b>Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon</b> <b>Canoe/Kayak Event</b> TN National Wildlife Refuge • Springville, TN • 9am-noon
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						<b>Ice Cream Social &amp; Antique Car &amp; Tractor Show</b> Ice Cream • Games Contests • Classic Automobiles & Tractors Downtown Paris, TN 4pm <b>Downtown Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon

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by the Downtown Paris Association (DPA), the event benefits the Downtown Paris Association and Historic Atkins-Porter Neighborhood Association (HAPNA).

with fun activities with face painting, and crazy contests; it's definitely the coolest fundraiser around, no pun intended." Wristbands are available for a minimum donation of \$10 for adults or \$5 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased from the DPA, members of the HAPNA, ice cream booth partners, and at the event.

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"This has become an end-of-summer tradition that folks of all ages look forward to," said DPA Executive Director Kathy Ray. "Everyone with an event wristband can enjoy free ice cream from each booth, a "KidsZone" area

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The Antique Car Show brings vehicles in from four states and there will be 80 to 90 classic cars, according to Kathy Ray. Registration is a minimum donation of \$10 which includes an event wristband. "Votes (25-cent donations) are tallied throughout the event," said Ray. "At 6:30 pm the car and tractor with the most votes will each win a Peoples' Choice Award Trophy. The



Antique Tractor Show is relatively new to the event. Last year brought out several tractors and we hope to showcase more this year. Registration process is the same as the Car Show.

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The DPA is always looking for sponsors to be a part of this great fund raising event. If you are interested in being a booth partner or sponsor of this fun event, contact the Downtown Paris Association at 653-PARIS (7274), email Kathy Ray at [downtownparis@outlook.com](mailto:downtownparis@outlook.com) or go online at [www.VisitDowntownParis.com](http://www.VisitDowntownParis.com).

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# August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						<b>Parls Landing  </b> <b>Sprint Triathlon</b> Swimming • Running Biking Parls Landing State Park <b>Downtown</b> <b>Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon	
2						7	<b>Hummingbird</b> <b>Banding</b> TN National Wildlife Refuge • Springville, TN 7am-3pm <b>Downtown</b> <b>Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon
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						21 <b>McKenzie Southern Fried &amp;</b> <b>Sweet Tea Festival</b> Food • Games Music • Kid's Fun Downtown McKenzie, TN	
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23	24	25	26	27	28	<b>Downtown</b> <b>Farmer's Market</b> Fresh Produce Baked Goods Downtown Murray, KY • 7am-noon	
<b>Henry County Fair Week</b> Exhibits • Food • Auctions • Games • Carnival August 23rd - 29th Henry Co. Fair Grounds							
		<b>Downtown Cruise-In</b> Classic Automobiles Music • Food Downtown Paris, TN 5:30pm					
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day. The City Park in Big Sandy will also be full of vendors and other merchants. The latest accessories and equipment such as ammo, weapons and hunting safety clothing will be available for display and purchase. Duck calls and decoys will be bountiful, as well.

Past festivals have featured duck call contests and dog retrieval showcases. Both are always popular with the crowds. All events are free and open

to the public. There will also be plenty of good food on hand, too.

Duck hunting is a sport that has a very loyal following so it is important to be in Big Sandy, Saturday, August 1st for the West Tennessee portion of the state-wide Duck Blind Drawing. Spots are limited and this is the only way to ensure you make it in one. Happy hunting and enjoy your visit to Big Sandy, Tennessee.

Hunters of duck and other waterfowl know that the place to be on the first Saturday in August is Big Sandy, Tennessee. This small town in Benton County is the host of the state's largest Duck Blind Drawing and Waterfowl Festival.

Registration for the Duck Blinds begins precisely at 7am. Drawings are held all throughout the state on that day. The Big Sandy Draw covers

more than 80 Duck Blinds and is one of the few remaining that does the drawing by hand. Drawing begins at 10am. Besides Big Sandy, Duck Blinds are located in Camden, Harmon's Creek and the Gin Creek area. Map locations and GPS coordinates can be found at [www.tnwildlife.org](http://www.tnwildlife.org).

The TWRA Duck Blind Drawing is only one of the highlights of the

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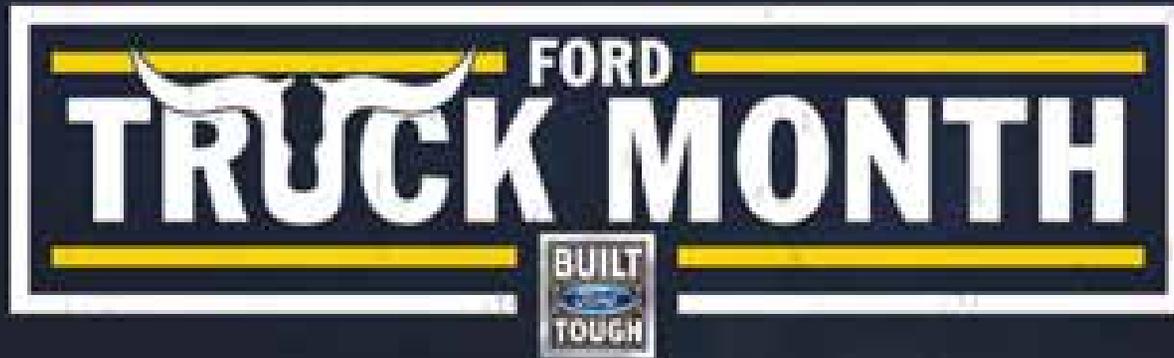
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