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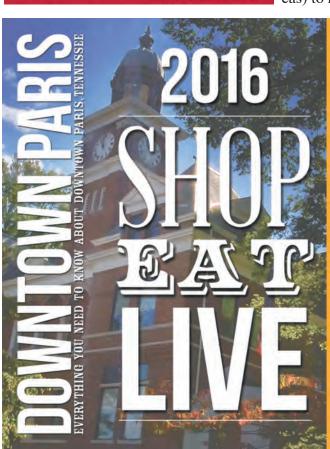
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- St. Patty's Day Luncheon at First Christian Church
- Teen Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt (Ages 11-18) at the W.G. Rhea Library 7pm

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- World's Biggest Fish Fry Week
- Street Dance Downtown, 7pm
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- Small Fry Parade 10am

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- ing Gathering at First United Methodist Church
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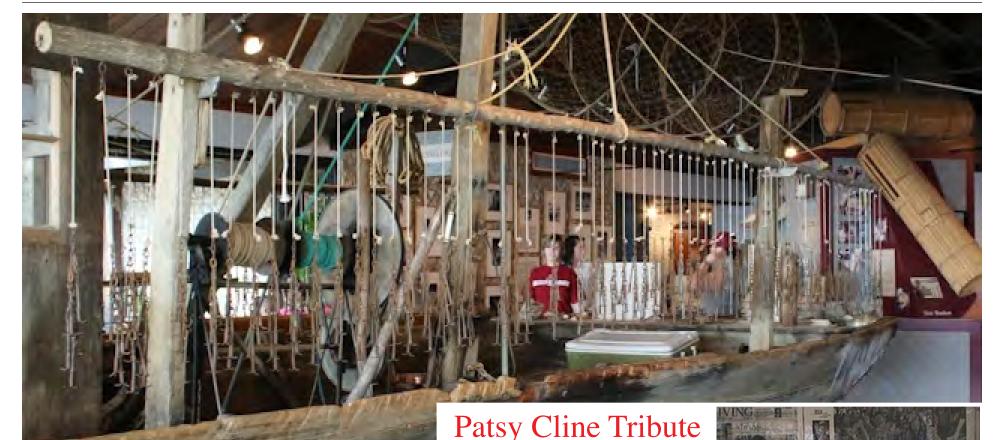
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Like most small communities, Benton County has plenty of opportunity to enjoy is community activities. The third Saturday in April you will always find the Old Time Blue-

grass and Fiddlers' Jamboree in Holladay. On Memorial Weekend you can head on down to Big Sandy to visit with everyone at the Spring Festival. Every 4th Saturday of the month from April to October, you can join the Legend Cruisers to enjoy a Cruise In. Or the first weekend in June you can have the opportunity to weave baskets at the annual Weave-In presented by the West TN Basket Guild. The first Saturday in August will be the Waterfowl Festival in Big Sandy. On Labor Day weekend you can shop for trinkets and treasures at Bargain Highway which is a 30 mile yard sale. The third weekend

in September will be the Eva Beach Music Festival. Rounding out the year will be the Magic Valley Christmas Parade will be the 2nd Saturday in December. Great yearly events that we would love to have you come to visit. Stop by the Benton County/ Camden Chamber of Commerce for information about any and all Benton County attractions or activities.

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# LEPRECHAUNS ARE LOOSE IN ERIN ON ST. PATRICKS DAY

by John Wambles

"Get Your Shamrock On" at this year's Irish Day Celebration in Erin, Tennessee. This year's theme is definitely a fun one and all of Houston County will see to it that you have the best St. Patrick's Day ever! The 2016 Irish Day Celebration begins Friday, March 11th and runs through Saturday, March 19th.

There is no better way to kick things off than with a big hearty breakfast. The Irish Day Celebration Kick Off Breakfast will be held at 9am, Friday, March 11th at Erin City Hall. This will be a special day for one **Houston County** resident - he or she will be named the Lord High Mayor the official host of the Irish Day Celebration. The Lord High Mayor is an honor bestowed on a member of the community that has made significant

ment at Danville Lake. Check in for this event begins at 6am. A foul weather date has been scheduled for March 26th. Want to stay on dry land, then get a team together for the Rotary Golf Tournament at Paris Landing State Park. No waiting around, the shotgun start begins promptly at 8am. Not into fishing or swinging a club, no worries the "Get Your Shamrock On" 5K at will begin at 9am. The proceeds from this run/walk

March 16th & 17th, are Family Night with special discounts for the entire family and Dollar Night is on Friday, March 18th. The carnival will remain open until Saturday, March 19th.

The Red River
Breeze Celtic
concert will also
be held on Tuesday
evening, March
15th. The concert,
sponsored by the
Houston County
Arts Council, will
feature classic
Celtic hymns and
anthems and will

open at 11am, on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday, March 17th at Signature Health Care on Rocky Hollow Rd., in Erin. The cost is only \$6 and includes a huge baked potato and all the delicious trimmings like cheese, bacon, sour cream, butter and more. That evening Solid Gospel 105.1 will sponsor the Homecoming Jubilee - Gospel Singing at Yellow Creek Baptist Church. The concert is free to the public and will begin at 6:30pm.

The Irish Banquet and Auction will begin with a social hour at 5pm and dinner at 6pm, on Friday, March 18th, at the Houston County High School Forum. This is a grand occasion to get dressed up and go out on the town and enjoy a delicious dinner. You may also have the chance to take home some unique items from the silent or live auction. This event is sponsored by the **Houston County** Area Chamber of Commerce and tickets are available in advance for \$25 at the Erin City Hall. Also, on Friday evening there will be live music on Front Street at the Perdue Acoustics Show Grounds,



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Hopefully, Saturday, March12th, will be a beautifully clear and almost warm day. The Irish Day Celebration has a lot of outside activities planned! The morning begins with the 10th Annual Bass Tourna-

will benefit the Irish Firefighter's Benevolent Association.

The carnival comes to town on Tuesday, March 15th! You will find all of your favorite rides, games and carnival food vendors in downtown Erin on Front Street. Wednesday and Thursday nights,

set the perfect tone for St. Patrick's Day. The concert will begin at 7pm at the Erin United Methodist Church on Spring Street and there is no charge for admission.

Good food is always part of any Irish Day Celebration. The Irish Potato Bar will be beginning at 7pm.

The Irish Day Celebration will end with a ton of activities going on all around Erin on Saturday, March 19th. Start the day off with pancakes! The Erin United Methodist Church, on the corner of Spring Street and Walnut will serve from 6:30am to 10 am, \$6 per plate. They will also have a donut and hot chocolate cart rolling up and down Main Street from 9am to 11am. The Erin Nazarene Church, located on Main Street, will serve pancakes from 7:30am to 9:30am. Each person is asked to give a \$5 donation for breakfast. Beginning at noon the Methodist Church will hold an old-fashioned fish fry and serve hot, delicious Fried Catfish with all of the fixings and a cold drink for \$6.

The Irish Day Celebration gets revved up into high gear with their famous parades. The Leprechaun Parade is just for the little **Houston County** boys and girls. Cute costumes and mini-floats pulled by hand line the street and have everyone cooing at the adorableness. The Leprechaun Parade will line up at the Erin Nazarene Church, judging will be-

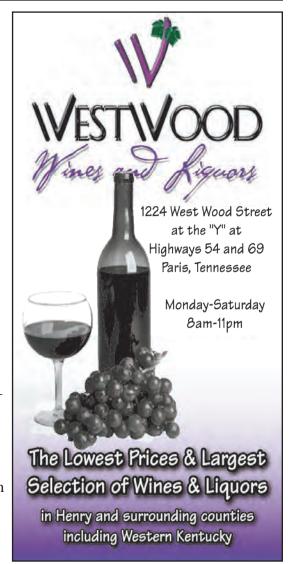
gin promptly at 10:30am, no late entries allowed. Following the Leprechaun Parade will be the Irish Day Celebration Grand Parade. Line up and judging begins at 10am, the parade rolls out at 11am. Main Street will be filled with a sea of green when the Grand Parade takes over downtown Erin. The street closes at 10am so get there early to get your special spot.

The Class of 1966 will be celebrating their 50th high school reunion at the Shamrocks & Shenanigans on the Court Square. All classes are welcome to join in

this festive event and reunion of old friends. The reunion and visitation will be from 10am to 4pm, Saturday, March 19th. The Houston **County Archives** will also be open to the public all day. The Archives are located on the lower floor of the Courthouse, on the square, in Erin.

The Irish Day Celebration literally ends with a bang at the Demolition Derby. This even takes place at the Perdue Acoustics Show Grounds and is sponsored by the Houston County Fair Board. The gates open at 10am and the Derby starts at 3pm. The

Derby lasts as long as it takes to get to the last car still running! All throughout the day, on Saturday, March 19th, the Irish Day Celebration will feature live music and entertainment on the various stages around downtown Erin. There will also be restaurants open and ready to serve you, as well as, all kinds of food vendors on the street. Come hungry, come looking to have a good time, come and "Get Your Shamrock On!" For updates on the Irish Day Celebration visit their website www.houstonco-





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# It is important to test drive your boat-and-motor Submitted by Vernon Gaylord



Recently I've noticed that people are buying used boats, motors and trailers and are not having them checked out by a professional or

closely inspecting the items themselves. This can result in costing a person a whole lot of money. You should do this just like you do when you purchase a car. You could save yourself a lot of time, effort and dollars by taking the boat, motor and trailer to a shop in your neighborhood and have it checked out.

A few things that a person can do on his own is to check out the trailer by just jacking up the wheels and spinning the tires. Listen for noisy bearings in the wheels. Also, make sure the wench works properly. Have them hook up the lights to make sure they work and make note of any visible signs of rust.

When checking out the boat, take a piece of hard plastic or a small

hammer and tap on the transom. If it has a hollow sound to it that means the transom is bad and that is a very expensive repair. A good transom has a solid sound when tapped on. Check the floor for soft spots. A soft spot means the floor is worn out and that, also, can be a costly repair.



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Any boat that you purchase should be taken to the lake and test run to make sure everything is shifting and running properly. Make sure all components like gauges, pumps and the electrical system are functioning as they should. Too many people run the motor on a hose thinking that shows that everything is OK. A motor can run on a hose

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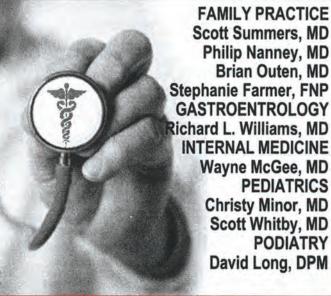
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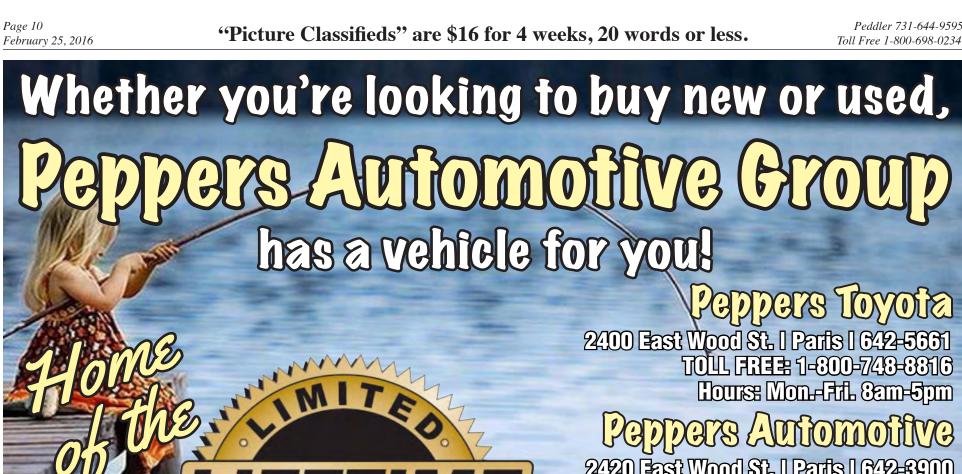
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# by John Wambles

There is only one place in the entire world that you can find more than 10,000 pounds of delicious golden fried catfish! That is in Paris, Tennessee at the World's Biggest Fish Fry! It takes more than

World's Biggest Fish Fry is always held the last week in April. Fish Fry events this year will run from Saturday, April 23rd to Sunday, May 1st.

Just try to imagine how many differof course, tons of food, literally!

The 5K Hushpuppy Dash starts everything in motion. Registration begins at 7am, Saturday, April 23rd, at Henry County High School. The race

to the Henry County Fairgrounds that evening for the Fish Fry's Demolition Derby. The smash up begins at 7pm. The Derby entry fee is \$40 with various prizes awarded. Admission to the Derby is

set up on the Court Square and the music is blaring for everyone to dance to. This years featured performer is the Ray Lewis Band, everyone's favorite local band. Admission is free and the music begins at 7pm, Monday April 25th. Bring a lawn chair or bring your dance partner, either

way you are sure to have a dancing good time.

There will be more dancing at the Henry County Fairgrounds on Tuesday night. The Country Dance, sponsored by WMUF, is held indoors and the admission is \$5. Enjoy the good old time country

music you remember from when you were young. Sit a spell and then dance a spell, enjoy refreshments and visiting with you friends.

The carnival opens on Tuesday night at the fairgrounds! Everyone loves the Tilt-A-Whirl and the Swings, along with the games and



a couple of little hushpuppies to be classified as the World's Biggest Fish Fry, but don't take our word for it - come find out for yourself! The Paris Henry County parade, a rodeo, a Jaycees want you to know that the

ent fun things that you would like to squeeze into a week and the Jaycees have done it. There is a carnival, a concert, not one but two dances, a demolition derby, arts and crafts and,

begins at 8am and the entry fee is \$20. You may pre-register at the Fish Fry Headquarters located on East Wood Street. The charge for pre-registration is only \$15.

The action moves

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prizes. And who doesn't want to eat at least one foot long corn dog with a cold lemonade? Carnival hours are 5pm to 11pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11am to midnight on Friday and Saturday; and 1pm to 6pm on Sunday. The carnival always offers special family deals and bracelet nights, so check the Fish Fry book for those days and times.

Dinner is served starting on Wednesday night! The Fish Tent opens at 5pm with a few remarks from this year's General Manager, Loria Plunk, the introduction of the Jaycees President and the tossing of the first hushpuppy by the Hostess Princess. Just to clear up any confu-

sion, the "fish tent" is the traditional name of where the fish is served, a throw back to the early Fish Fry days. The fish is actually served in the new, clean and air conditioned commercial building at the Henry County Fairgrounds. Adults pay \$12, and children, ages 6 to 12, pay \$8 for all-you-caneat catfish, french fries, white beans, cole slaw, hushpuppies and soft drinks! Fish tent hours are Wednesday and Thursday, 5pm to 9pm; and Friday and Saturday, 11am to 9pm. This year's Fish Tent is sponsored by Holley Credit Union. There is also a Christian Concert on Wednesday night. Enjoy the music

and testimony of

Daniel Doss at the

Henry County Fairgrounds. Admission for everyone is \$5.

The IPRA Rodeo starts on Thursday night and, best of all, it is the AT&T Family Night! Everyone gets in for only \$5. Enjoy the action of bull riding, brone riding Literally thousands of people visit Paris just to see this premier event. Professionally decorated floats, marching units, high school bands, decorated cars, trucks and the Grand Parade. The parade has

boats are just a few of the highlights of nearly 100 entires

### Catfish Races

and barrel racing in and runs almost the Main Arena at the Henry County Fairgrounds. The rodeo runs, Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, beginning at 7:30pm. Admission on Friday and Saturday is \$10 for Adults and \$8 for children, ages 6 to 12. The Arts & Crafts Show also begins on Thursday night in the Enoch Building at the Fairgrounds. Arts & Crafts Show hours are Thursday, 5pm to 8:30pm; Friday and Saturday, 10am to 8:30 pm.

Friday of Fish Fry week is usually known as "Fish Fry Day" because of all of the big events going on. The biggest of those being the Grand Parade.

the entire length of East Wood Street in Paris. There are plenty of excellent places to view the Grand Parade, but you do want to come early before the streets close at 9am. The parade rolls out after float judging at 10am, Friday, April 29th.

Another big day during Fish Fry week is Saturday. Some of the big events move back to Downtown Paris. The popular and most-adorable Small Fry Parade begins at 10am. The Small Fry Parade is made up of Henry County's young people. They are in beautiful costumes and ride in wagons or on small floats that can be hand-pulled. They all march around the square and are simply the cutest thing you will ever see.

Immediately following the Small Fry Parade are the world famous Catfish Races, held on the Courthouse lawn. Special water lanes are set up so catfish can swim for the gold. This is truly an event that has to be seen to be believed. Cheer on your favorite catfish and see who takes home the top prize!

All of Henry County's young Anglers head to Williams Lake in Paris to participate in the Jr. Fishing Rodeo. This is open to children up to age 12 and free to the public. Prizes are awarded in many fun categories and age groups. The Jr. Fishing Rodeo gets started at 11am, Saturday, April 30th.

How many times can you say that you visited the biggest of anything in the world? Well, it's easy to do if you come to Paris, the home of the World's Biggest Fish Fry. The Fish Fry Headquarters open, Saturday, March 26th, at 10am. For more information about Fish Fry, visit the Headquarters at 1299 East Wood Street, or call them at (731)644-1143 or visit their website at www.worlds biggestfishfry.com.



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The Chamber's Water Fun Run is

played like a Poker Run but with a few twists. It's easy to get started. The chamber will start selling Registration Packets in June for \$20. You will want to pick these up as soon as possible, Registration on the day of the Water Fun Run is \$25. Inside of that packet will be everything you need to participate.

Like any Poker Run you will have destinations to visit. In the Chamber's Water Fun Run, it is the beautiful resorts located around the majestic Kentucky Lake. But here's the first twist - you won't get a card when you stop. Instead, you will have a sheet in your registration packet that you will you use to collect stamps or stickers. The more destinations you visit, the more stamps or stickers you get. Now, here is the next twist, when you check in at the final destination the "professional" poker dealers will shuffle their deck of cards with precision and deal you the number of cards that match the number of resorts you visited. You can draw

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play - the Chamber provides local "experts" to help you determine your best hand from the cards you are dealt. The Water Fun Run begins at 9am and has a firm deadline at 4pm for checkin. You do not want to be late and miss your chance at winning \$1,000.

Win or lose, the Water Fun Run is an experience not to be missed. There is always a fun theme every year. The theme makes for some interesting tee shirts, too! Because they have become like a badge of

honor for past Fun Runners they sell out fairly quickly. Goody Bags are always a big hit at the Fun Run, too. You never know what surprise you may find inside of them! Sunscreen, sunglasses, blowup beach balls, leis, water guns and snacks are just a few of the things that have been discovered inside of them in years before! Past popular themes have included That's the Way I Lake It - a disco theme, Gilligan's Island - after the popular TV series, and Luau on

everyone received a lei!

Start tuning up your jet ski, and go on your own, or get the pontoon boat ready and take a crowd - either way you don't want to miss the Paris - Henry County Chamber of Commerce's Water Fun Run. More information about the Fun Run, or any of the other Chamber events, may be obtained by contacting Jennifer or Monica at (731) 642-3431. Or visit their website at www.paristnchamber.com.

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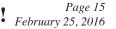
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### **KENTUCKY** LAKE:

Murray is only a short drive from Kentucky Lake and Land Between the Lakes, one of Kentucky's top tourist destinations. Kentucky Lake is perfect for an outdoor adventure such as boating, kayaking,

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The first bridge across the Tennessee River at Paris Landing was constructed between 1927 and 1929. The state authorized \$1,029,390.66 to build a bridge north of the Sandy River near Fort Henry. Originally built as a toll bridge connecting Henry County to Stewart County, state employees lived in a toll house near the bridge to collect the fares. Since the tolls did not generate enough revenue to offset the costs of the toll employee and pay the anticipated 2% cost of the bridge, tolls were removed in 1947. Around 1948 when Kentucky Dam caused water levels to rise, the Paris Landing Bridge was vertically extended to increase it's height. It was then named The Scott Fitzhugh Bridge in honor of a former Speaker of the House from Paris. The bridge was considered unusually large in scale and contained more truss spans than any bridge in Tennessee. This bridge was demolished in 1989 and the new 4,734 foot long, 20 feet wide roadway was opened in 1992. At this time the bridge was re-named **The Ned** 

Ray McWherter Bridge in honor of the governor who served Tennessee form 1987 to 1985 and was a resident of Henry County. A section of the original bridge now serves as a memorial display at the Paris Landing State Park's Marina.

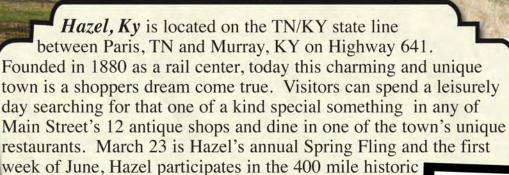
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Kenlake, established in 1952, is located on the western shore of Kentucky Lake near Murray, KY. The park offers boat rentals, fishing, hiking trails, indoor tennis facilities, archery, golf, bird and eagle tours, marina and restaurant, swimming and playgrounds. The 48 room lodge also houses a 182 seat dining room with beautiful lake views and serves excellent Kentucky cuisine made from local produce and meat as part of the Kentucky Proud Program. Cottages and camping are also available in the park. More information can be obtained at parks.ky.gov/resortparks/Kenlake or phone 270-474-2211.

The Elk and Bison Preserve at Land Between the Lakes boasts 700 acres where elk and bison roam freely. The preserve is located north of the Golden Pond Visitor Center inside LBL on the Trace. The beautiful scenic drive features a 3.5 mile loop road where visitors may enjoy seeing elk, bison, wild turkey, small game, prairie animals and birds thriving in their natural habitat. The prairie is open year round and has a \$5 entry fee. This is a very enjoyable leisurely way to witness nature at it's best.



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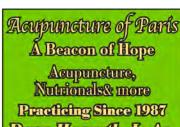
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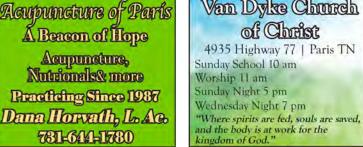
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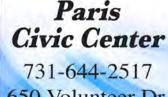
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# Have a grand ole time at Murray's Freedom Fest 2016 by John Wambles

It may be too early to think about what you are going to do on the Fourth Of July. The folks in Murray, Kentucky, think about that big day all year long. Independence Day is on a Monday this year so cap off a nice long weekend spending the day at Murray's Freedom Fest 2016

Freedom Fest has a full day of activities planned.
Beginning at 7am, the Primary Care 5K Run will kick off the day with a fun Run/Walk at the Primary Care Medical Center in Murray. Register early so you can wear your tee shirt for the run and be ready to go when

the race begins.

Freedom Fest is all about celebrating the independence and freedom of America. That would not have happened without the sacrifice of our men and women in the military. There will be a Veteran's Remembrance Ceremony at 7:30am,

in Chestnut Park.
Music and testimonies will mark this special occasion as one to never forget.
Honor the work of our service men and women and remember those that have made the ultimate sacrifice at the Veteran's Remembrance Ceremony.

Briggs and Stratton will again partner with the Murray Tourism Commission and Freedom Fest to host the Main Street Mile run. The Main Street Mile will begin at 8:45 am and line up at Sparks Hall on the campus of Murray State

University. There will be awards given in many different age categories for the best timed runs. Put on your running shoes and see how you stack up against others in your age category or come out and cheer on your favorite sprinter! The **Briggs and Stratton** Main Street Mile is sure to get your adrenaline flowing!

You just can't celebrate Independence Day without having a Grand Parade! Murray's Freedom Fest has one of the grandest parades you will find in any community in north-

west Tennessee or southwest Kentucky. The FNB Bank Freedom Fest Parade makes its way down Main Street in Murray starting at 9:30am. The parade always features a patriotic theme and is chock full of floats, decorated cars, marching units, beauty queens and local dignitaries. If you're not in the parade you will definitely want to attend. Come early and bring a lawn chair to secure a good spot and settle in for viewing the big event. They close the streets early so keep that

in mind when trav-

eling to the parade. The young and the young at heart all enjoy a festive parade and the FNB Bank Freedom Fest Parade will never disappoint!

Stewart Stadium, on the MSU campus, is the home of the Top Gun Cruise-In Car Show. This is an excellent opportunity to see the classic cars and trucks along with the new detailing features of modern vehicles. Check out the restoration projects that take years and the new paint, rims and wheels of the newer models. Big sound systems are always a hit and new car accessories are always popular, too. The Top Gun Cruise-In Car Show is from 4pm to 9pm on Monday, July 4th, at Stewart Stadium in Murray.

The Murray Bank Family Night is a highlight of Freedom Fest. This year will be no exception. Central Park will be filled with all kinds of fun for everyone in the family. You will find a petting zoo with animals, big and small, for the little ones to visit. There will be games all over the park for kids







of every age with prizes just waiting to be taken home. The big fun comes with the inflatable playground. The kids love the big slides, obstacle courses and jumping houses. Local "artists" will be on hand doing their best works on the canvas of cheeks with their face painting. Every where you turn will be the yummiest food and cold drinks. You can always find music at the outdoor amphitheater, too. The Murray Bank Family Night in the Park is from 6pm to 10pm.

The Town and Gown Community

Band performance will begin at 8pm at Lovett Auditorium at Murray State University. The Community Band is made up of more than 100 musicians and vocalists from Murray and the surrounding area, and the ages range from school age to retirees. The concert is free and features a variety of patriotic tunes that are sure to inspire your inner American Spirit! The Community Band works months on their performance. When you see the show you will know that the time put in was well worth it. The perfect Fourth of July always ends

with a spectacular fireworks show. Freedom Fest and **Briggs and Stratton** provide a Fireworks Extravaganza! The skies over Murray literally light up like it's day time when the fireworks start going off. Red, white and blue can be seen for miles. The Briggs and Stratton Fireworks Extravaganza doesn't start until 9:30pm so you don't have to miss any of the other activities or concerts to see the show. Murray has thought of everything so you will have a perfect Independence Day experience.

More information

may be obtained about Freedom Fest and the other events held in Murray, KY by visiting the Murray Tourism Commission's website at www. tourmurray.com or calling (800) 651-1603.

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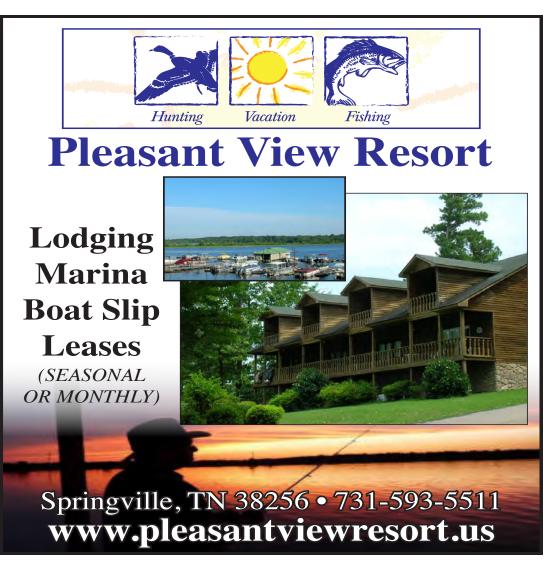


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"Homemade ice cream is encouraged, but not essential," she said. "The group also is looking for booth sponsors who will specialize in sugarfree treats. And as always, we want a court square full of the awesome classic cars!"

Entry forms for the ice cream social or classic cars are available online at www.VisitDowntown Paris.com, at

the DPA office at 203 N. Fentress, City Hall or Chamber of Commerce. For more information call Kathy Ray at 731-653-PARIS (7274) or email DowntownParis@ outlook.com. Car enthusiasts may call Vicky Muzzall at 731-642-8900.

The mission of the Downtown Paris Association is to promote prosperous business activity and community involvement while encouraging preservation of the downtown area. Log on www.VisitDowntownParis. com.

Henry County Young Professionals is an organization encouraging community, professional and personal growth. This is achieved through networking, engagement, advocacy and community involvement in order to make a significant and charitable impact on the Paris and Henry County community.



Premier Exhibitions, Inc. has announced that Bodies Revealed will be on display at Discovery Park of America in Union City, TN, through May 1, 2016.

Discovery Park of America is one of this nation's newest attractions, opening on November 1st, 2013 in this rural Northwest Tennessee town. The park recently celebrated its 570,000th visitor in just over two years. CEO Jim Rippy said that

founder Robert Kirkland would be thrilled with **Bodies Revealed** being on display at Discovery Park. "Our mission is education, and this is one of the most fascinating exhibits I have ever seen, "Rippy said.

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WHEN: Opens January 29th, 2016 and will be at the park through May 1st, 2016.

WHERE: 830 Everett Blvd., Union City, TN 38261

### **TICKETS:**

Available online or by calling the park at 731-885-5455. Ticket Prices for Bodies Revealed are in addition to park admission.

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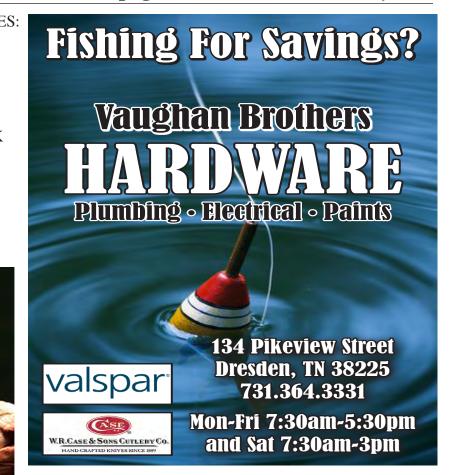


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### March 6th

Henry County Arts Council 24th Annual Photo Showcase Reception Lee School for the Arts, 2-4pm Paris, TN

### March 6th-**April 1st**

Henry County Arts Council 24th Annual Photo Showcase Exhibit Lee School for the Arts Paris, TN

### March 11th Wine & Paint Class

painting class, wine tasting Discovery Park of America, 6 pm Union City, TN

### March 11th -19th

54th Annual Irish Day Celebration

parade, music, food, arts & crafts Erin, TN

### March 17th

Pottery Workshop arts and crafts Discovery Park of America, 6-8pm Union City, TN

### March 26th WMUF/WLZK/ WRQR - Peddler Advantage Family Easter Egg Hunt candy, Easter Baskets

Ogburn Park, 10am

Paris, TN

April 15th Wine & Paint painting class, wine tasting Discovery Park of America, 6pm Union City, TN

### April 21st Pottery Workshop arts and crafts Discovery Park of

America, 6-8pm Union City, TN

### April 16th 60th Annual Old Time Bluegrass and Fiddlers' **Jamboree**

music, competition, food Holladay School, registration - 12:30pm, competition - 1pm

### April 22nd-**24th**

Holladay, TN

Civil War Days reenactments and demonstrations. arts and crafts Discovery Park of America, Saturday Skirmish - 3pm, Sunday Chaplain's Tent Service -11am Union City, TN

### April 23rd-30th Paris Henry County Jaycees'

Fish Fry carnival, parade, fish fry, arts & crafts, rodeo, demolition derby Henry County Fairgrounds Paris, TN

### May 7th Southern Nights concert, food, wine & beer Discovery Park of America, 6pm

### Union City, TN Top Gun Car Show car and truck show Stewart Stadium, all day

Murray, KY May 13th Wine & Paint painting class, wine tasting

Discovery Park of

### Union City, TN May 13th

America, 6pm

&14th

Bruceton In May BBQ contest, music, games, arts & crafts Bruceton City Park

Bruceton, TN

### May 19th Pottery Workshop arts and crafts Discovery Park of America, 6-8pm Union City, TN

May 21st Puryear Day carnival, parade, food, arts & crafts Puryear, TN

### Downtown Farmers Market fresh produce, baked goods Court Square, 7amnoon Murray, KY

### May 24th Downtown Cruise-In

car show. entertainment, arts and crafts

Fri - Sat 5 am - 12 pm

**Downtown Court** Square, 5:30pm Paris, TN

### May 28th Camden Cruise-In car show. entertainment, food

Court Square, 4pm Camden, TN

### Cardboard Boat Regatta Discovery Park of

America Union City, TN

### May 30th Memorial Day Ceremony

remembering our fallen soldiers Downtown Court Square Paris, TN

### Memorial Day Open All Day special admission pricing Discovery Park of

America Union City, TN

### Huntingdon Memorial Day Celebration

honoring veterans, Memorial wreaths Thomas Park, Main St. Huntingdon, TN

### McKenzie Memorial Day Celebration speaker, music,





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June 3rd
Contemporary
Christian Concert
music and

fellowship Discovery Park of America Union City, TN

June 3rd & 4th Atwood Antique Tractor Show antique tractors & implements Atwood, TN

June 4th
Downtown
Farmers Market
fresh produce,
baked goods
Court Square, 7am-

noon Murray, KY

Top Gun Car Show car and truck show Stewart Stadium, all day Murray, KY June 5th-11th Downtown Paris Week

shopping, special sales, food Downtown Paris Paris, TN

June 10th Wine & Paint painting class, wine tasting Discovery Park of America, 6pm Union City, TN

June 10th-18th Calloway County Fair carnival, exhibits, food Calloway County Fairgrounds Murray, KY

June 11th
Downtown
Farmers Market
fresh produce,
baked goods
Court Square, 7amnoon
Murray, KY

June 23rd Pottery Workshop arts and crafts Discovery Park of America, 6-8pm Union City, TN

June 25th Camden Cruise-In car show. entertainment, food Court Square, 4pm Camden, TN

June 28th

Paris, TN

Downtown Cruise-In
car show,
entertainment, arts
and crafts
Downtown Court
Square, 5:30pm

July 2nd Southern Nights concert, food, beer and wine Discovery Park of America, 6pm Union City, TN

Downtown Farmers Market fresh produce, baked goods Court Square, 7amnoon Murray, KY

July 4th
Paris Henry
County Jaycees
Fireworks Display
Paris Landing State
Park, after dark
Paris Landing, TN

Cottage Grove Freedom Festival parade, food, music, fireworks, games Downtown Cottage Grove Cottage Grove, TN

Freedom Fest
parade, carnival,
games, food,
music, fireworks
Murray, KY

Rides, Music, Fireworks Discovery Park of America, all day Union City, TN

McKenzie Freedom Festival parade, music, games, fireworks recreation park McKenzie, TN

McLemoresville 4th Celebration parade, cake walk, music, dance, fireworks downtown square McLemoresville, TN

July 15th
Wine & Paint
painting class and
wine tasting
Discovery Park of
America, 6pm
Union City, TN

July 16th
Paris Henry
County Chamber
of Commerce
Water Fun Run
poker run on
Kentucky Lake,
9am-4pm
Paris Landing State
Park

July 21st Pottery Workshop arts and crafts Discovery Park of America, 6-8pm Union City, TN

July 23rd
Camden Cruise-In
car show,
entertainment, food
Court Square, 4pm
Camden, TN

July 30th
Downtown Paris
Association's Ice
Cream Social
ice cream, games,
music
Downtown Court
Square
Paris, TN

Downtown
Farmers Market
fresh produce,
baked goods
Court Square, 7amnoon
Murray, KY

August 6th
Waterfowl Festival
and Duck Blind
Drawing
demonstrations,
flea market,
contests
Big Sandy City
Park
Big Sandy, TN

Downtown
Farmers Market
fresh produce,
baked goods
Court Square, 7am-



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August 23rd
Downtown CruiseIn
car show,

car show, entertainment, arts and crafts Downtown Court Square, 5:30pm Paris, TN

August 27th
Camden Cruise-In
car show,

entertainment, food Court Square, 4pm Camden, TN

September 2nd Commercial Bank's Noon on the Square music, food, drinks Court Square Downtown Paris, noon Paris, TN



September 3rd
Downtown
Farmers Market
fresh produce,
baked goods
Court Square, 7amnoon
Murray, KY

September
2nd-3rd
30 Mile Yard Sale
Bargain Highway,
dawn to dusk
Benton County, TN

September 9th
Commercial
Bank's Noon on
the Square
music, food, drinks
Court Square
Downtown Paris,
noon
Paris, TN

September 12-16th

Henry County
Fair
carnival, food, livestock show, pageant
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Fairgrounds
Paris, TN

September 16th Commercial Bank's Noon on

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September 17th *Pioneer Day* exhibits, food, games, music Henry Civic Center Henry, TN

September 23rd Commercial Bank's Noon on the Square music, food, drinks Court Square Downtown Paris, noon Paris, TN

September
23rd-25th
Eyefull of Paris
Weekend
September 23rd
- Wine to Share
Water, 7pm, Lee
Academy
September 24th
- Arts Round the
Square, 9am, Court
Square

September 24th
- Brews, Blues
& BBQ, 7pm,
Fairgrounds
September 25th
- Downtown
Churches Rejoice

September 24th Camden Cruise-In car show, entertainment, food Court Square, 4pm Camden, TN

September 27th
Downtown CruiseIn
car show,

entertainment, arts and crafts Downtown Court Square, 5:30pm Paris, TN

September 30th
Commercial
Bank's Noon on
the Square
music, food, drinks
Court Square
Downtown Paris,
noon
Paris, TN

October 1st
Holy Cross
Catholic Church

Oktoberfest arts & crafts, flea market, food, music Henry County Fairgrounds Paris, TN

October 22nd
Downtown Paris
Association's
Spooktacular
Halloween, trick
or treating, games,
contests
Downtown Court
Square, noon
Paris, TN

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