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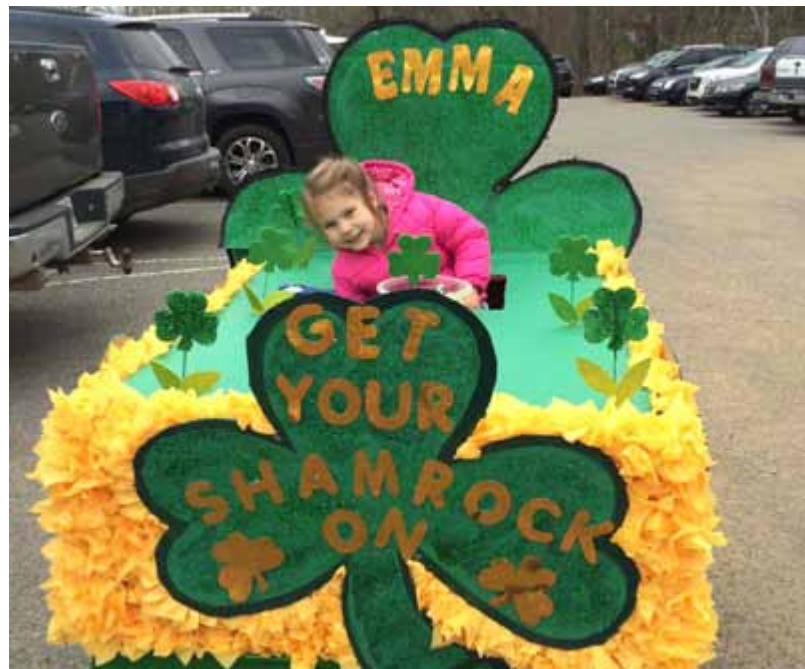


# Celebrate 55 Years of Wearing the Green in Erin, TN

Erin, Tennessee started a tradition 55 years ago that is standing stronger than ever today, the Irish Celebration. This year's theme says it all – Erin, Tennessee is the place to be on Irish Day 2017. The Irish Celebration is a week-long festival filled with family friendly events

for people of all ages. Anything that starts with a good breakfast can only be good! The Kick-Off Breakfast will be held on Friday, March 10th, at the Erin City Hall, beginning at 9am. The Lord High Mayor is announced at the

Kick-Off Breakfast each year. This prestigious honor is given to a leader in the community, to recognize his or her contributions to Houston County. The Lord High Mayor is the official host of the Irish Celebration. Saturday is a busy day for the Houston



Be" 5K Run/Walk begins at 8am and is sponsored by the Irish Firefighter's Benevolent Association. The Rotary Golf Tournament will be held at Paris Landing State Park. The Shotgun Start begins at 8am. Contact the Houston County Chamber of Commerce for information about these events. Check their website at [www.houstoncochamber.com](http://www.houstoncochamber.com) or call (931) 289-5100.

County sportsmen and women at the Irish Celebration. There is a Bass Tournament, a Golf Tournament and a 5K Run/Walk. No

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nival smack dab in the middle of town, on Front Street, in Downtown Erin when it opens on Tuesday, March 14th. Whether it's spinning, swinging or dipping up and down, you will find something for the thrill seekers in your family. There will also be fun rides for the little ones. Games, with lots of prizes, and food vendors will also fill the streets of Downtown Erin. The Carnival always offers special discount on Family Nights, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday is Dollar Night. The Irish Celebration Carnival runs through Saturday, March 18th. Music makes every festival better. This Houston County event manages to provide some of the best concerts in the area. Monday evening, March 13th, the Houston County High School Band will perform at the HCHS Forum. This concert will begin at 7pm. The Nashville Irish Trio Concert will perform at the Erin United Methodist Church, on Spring Street, at 7pm, Tuesday, March 14th. Also, a good old fashioned Gospel Concert is sure to lift your spirits. The Homecoming Jubilee, at the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, is always one of the most popular events at



the Irish Celebration. This Concert will be Thursday, March 16h, at 6:30pm.

Signature Health Care, at 278 Rocky Hollow Rd., Erin, will host an Irish Potato Bar. Stop by and have a delicious lunch that includes a huge

baked potato and all of the trimmings. The meal is only \$7 per plate. Lunch will be served from 10am-2pm, Thursday, March 16th.

The Grand Gala of the week-long celebration is the Irish Banquet and Auction on the official

St. Patrick's Day. Friday evening everyone gathers at the Houston County High School Forum for an evening

of good music, fine dining, a silent auction and a rousing live auction. This exciting event is sponsored by the Houston County Area Chamber of Commerce. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance at the Erin City Hall. Social hour begins at 5pm followed by dinner at 6pm.

Erin, Tennessee is the only place to be on Irish Day 2107! Saturday, March 18th is filled to the brim with family fun and delicious food. Make sure you come hungry on Saturday. The day starts with a huge Pancake Breakfast, in the morning, and an even bigger Fish Fry in the after-

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noon! The Erin United Methodist Church, at the corner of Spring Street and Walnut, will begin serving breakfast at 6:30am. The cost is \$6. They will also sell Catfish Baskets for \$6, beginning at noon until 2pm. Don't worry about the calories – there will be plenty of opportunities to

burn them off during the day.

It seems as if everyone in Houston County turns out for the Leprechaun and Grand Parade during the Irish Celebration! The Leprechaun Parade is a special event just for the little Houston Countians! Their little parade is sort of an



buffs, the Houston County Archives will be open at the Court House, on the lower floor, on the Square in Erin. The archives will be open all day.

The Irish Celebration ends with more music and a demolition derby on Saturday evening. The Houston County Fair Board will sponsor the Demolition Derby at the Perdue Acoustics Show Grounds, that starts at 3pm and goes until the last car moving wins the whole she-bang! More music will be found on the main stage in Downtown Erin beginning at 7pm.

For 55 years Erin has invited everyone to join them and wear the green and be Irish for the day. The shops will be ready for your visits and restaurants will be ready to serve you! Head on over to Erin and Houston County for the Irish Celebration and make this St. Patrick's Day one to remember. An updated calendar of events should be available on their website so check it out! [www.houston-cochamber.com](http://www.houston-cochamber.com).



appetizer for the main event, but still just as much fun. Line-up is at the Erin Church of the Nazarene at 10:30am. That is also when judging will begin for the categories of Best Costume/Dress and Best Mode of Transportation. The parade gets moving at 10:45am. Immediately following the Leprechaun Parade is Erin's Irish Celebration's Grand Parade. Main Street comes alive with the many shades of green when the floats and decorated automobiles start rolling.

Shamrocks & Shenanigans is always a favorite destination during the Irish Celebration. They are the site of the multi-generational Class Reunion each year. Stop by and visit with the members of your graduating class, as well as, those that came before and after you. The reunion will be from 10am-4pm. For the history

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area to Eiffel Tower Park to visit a lighted replica of the Eiffel Tower that offers a breathtaking after dark experience. During the day the park features tennis, swimming, nature trails, disc golf, and an easily accessible public trout fishing pond.

Throughout the year Paris, and Henry County

plays host to a number of exciting events such as The World's Biggest Fish Fry which includes a carnival, parade, rodeo, and the best catfish dinners you'll find anywhere in the world. The event is held in April each year. If you're a fan of the arts, our state of the art performing arts center offers a variety of concerts and



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The World's Biggest Fish Fry is always held the last full week of April



in Paris, Tennessee. It is sponsored by the Paris-Henry County Jaycees. But, it is a coordinated effort of hundreds of volunteers from area churches, other civic organizations, local businesses, city and county government and the area law enforcement. Before it is all said and done, there will have been a demolition derby, a 5K run/walk, a full-blown rodeo, concerts, dances, art and crafts, one major parade and one itty bitty one, catfish races, a chalk crawl and that doesn't even include the thousands of plates of catfish that will be served. Needless to say, if you think you've "been there done that" – you really don't know what goes on at the World's Biggest Fish Fry.

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The festivities begin early on Saturday morning, April 22nd, at the Henry County High School. Registration for the 5K Hushpuppy Dash begins at 7am and the run/walk begins at 8am. Preregistration costs \$15, day-of registration is \$20. An exciting event that has been added this year is the Bed Races Registration will begin at 11am

at the First United Methodist Church, located in Downtown Paris. There will be a contest for best decorated bed, judging will be at 11:30am. The races begin at noon. This popular is making a come-back this you – you don't want to miss it! One thing we know for sure is that no one wants to miss the Demolition Derby. The smash-

ing and crashing will begin at 7pm, in the Main Arena, at the Henry County Fairgrounds, Saturday evening. Adult admission is \$10, children ages 6 to 10 admission is \$5. Children under the age of five will be admitted free with an adult. The entry fee for automobiles is \$40. Downtown Paris is the home of the Kick Off Street

Dance. This event is free to the public and is held on the Court Square in Downtown Paris, beginning at 7pm, Monday, April 24th. The Ray Lewis Band will provide the music – all you have to do is bring your dancing shoes, if you want to shake your booty, or a comfy lawn chair if you just want to chill and enjoy great music.

WMUF 104.7FM Country Music Radio will sponsor the Country Dance held in the Enoch Building at the Henry County Fairgrounds, beginning at 7pm, Tuesday, April 25th. Admission is only \$5. Classic country music and traditional country dance is the spirit of this Fish Fry event. It is your choice if you want to two-step the night away or ease back and listen to some fine country tunes.

The Carnival also gets underway on

Tuesday evening at the Henry County Fairgrounds. All of your favorite rides will make a reappearance along with games and prizes and

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Jaycees don't want you to miss out on having a good time.

The World's Biggest Fish Fry starts serving that golden fried catfish on Wednesday evening, April 26th, at 5pm, in the Holley Credit Union Fish Tent. The “Fish Tent” is actually the new commercial building at the Henry County Fairgrounds. The menu includes fried catfish filets, white beans, hushpuppies, cole slaw, French fries and soft drinks. The hot fresh fish is served

buffet style and for only \$12, is all-you-can-eat. The charge for children ages 6 to 12 is \$8. If you dine in there are no carry-outs, but carry-outs are available. The Fish Tent is open Wednesday, April 26th, 5 – 9pm, Thursday, April 27th, 5 – 9pm, Friday, April 28th, 11am – 9pm, and Saturday, April 29th, 11am- 9pm. Don't miss the traditional opening ceremonies of the Jaycees making their announcements, expressing their gratitude to



the community for their generosity, the opening prayer and the tossing of the first hushpuppy by the 2017 Hostess Princess.

Daniel Doss returns this year to perform a Christian concert on Wednesday evening, beginning at 7pm, under the Pavilion, at the Henry County

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General admission is only \$5 per person. The rodeo gets started at 7:30 pm, Thursday, April 28th, Friday, April 29th, and Saturday, April 30th. Admission on Friday and Saturday is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6 to 10. The IPRA Rodeo is held at the Main Arena at the Henry County Fairgrounds.

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come early and pick a spot. The parade can be a lengthy one, so plan accordingly with proper seating for you, the seniors and the children. After the parade – there is no other place to find Fish Fry events than the fairgrounds – so immediately head that way!

A ton of smaller events rounds out the Fish Fry festivities. Most of these events are held on Saturday, April 29th, except for the Arts and Crafts Show. It opens in the Enoch Building, at the Henry County Fairgrounds, on Thursday, April 28th, 5 – 8:30pm. It continues through Friday, April 29th,

10am - 8:30pm, and Saturday, April 29th, 10am – 8:30pm. Downtown Paris is the host for the Small Fry Parade, an adorable children's version of the Grand Parade, that goes around the Court Square. The Small Fry marchers get going at 10am. Immediately following that is the

Catfish Races. This is a one-of-a-kind event that you have to see to believe. It literally is catfish racing in special waterways created just for the World's Biggest Fish Fry! The Chalk Crawl for kids will also be happening, on the other side of the Court House, in Downtown Paris. The Downtown

Paris Association will provide free colored chalk and creative assistance from resident artists. Later that afternoon will be a Jr. Fishing Rodeo at William's Lake. Prizes will be awarded in various categories and a good time will be had by all, except maybe the worms. As you can probably guess – sched-

ules will change, prices may vary, and events will be added. For the latest updates visit the Paris – Henry County Chamber of Commerce website, [www.paristn-chamber.com](http://www.paristn-chamber.com) or contact the Fish Fry Headquarters at (731) 644-1143. The Headquarters Grand Opening will be Saturday, April 1st at 10am,

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## Visit Murray, Kentucky: Events and activities for everyday fun

### SHOPPING:

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One of Calloway County's most important attractions is a small town named Hazel, the antique shopping capital of Western Kentucky. Today, Hazel has more than a dozen shops representing hundreds of antiques dealers. It is also home to a jewelry store and few exceptional restaurants. Shopping for antiques is no just about finding a good bargain. It's about having an adventure and finding that perfect, out-of-the-ordinary piece.



Only an 8-mile drive from Murray, visitors to Hazel can park their car once and spend the day getting lost in the shops.

### ANNUAL EVENTS

Freedom Fest, an Independence Day celebration, is Murray's oldest and most popular festival. Taking place on July 4, the event includes a parade and fireworks. As the summer weather begins to cool, locals look forward to one of their favorite events: the Ice Cream Festival. What could be better than free ice cream? Four different coolers on the court square serve dozens of different unique flavors of ice cream. The event has plenty for the kids to do, with inflatables, a karaoke contest, a car

show and other fun activities.

Every Saturday in May through October, Murray's court square is filled with local farmers and

vendors for the Downtown Farmers Market. Warm summer mornings are the perfect time to browse the square, catch up with friends and neighbors, and buy produce for the week. The market also offers items like fresh breads, pies, meat, flowers and handcrafted items.

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# Fireworks Light Up the Sky on the Fourth of July

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here on the Fourth of July!

When you think of the Fourth of July what is the one thing that always comes to mind – FIREWORKS!! There are plenty of fireworks shows in our area on Independence Day.

One of the biggest and brightest is the Fireworks Display at Paris Landing State Park put on by the Paris-Henry County Jaycees. Spectators from all over West Tennessee and Kentucky come to the park that day to get some sun, do some grilling, listen to music and swim at the beach. But, if some were to

be honest, they would tell you they come early to get a good spot for the fireworks. The unique thing about the Paris-Henry County Jaycees Fireworks show is that they are on a floating platform on the water. So, if you have the opportunity to come by boat, you will have the best seat in the house. If not,

the display is so huge that if you are within a mile or so of the park you will be able to see the show. Once both sides of the park fill up the local authorities will assist you in finding safe parking along the highway. So save your money and spend your time with family and friends at Paris Landing State Park

for the Paris – Henry County Jaycees Fireworks Extravaganza.

Cottage Grove’s Volunteer Fire Department, in rural West Tennessee, has a huge bash down its main street for America’s birthday. The day begins with a grand parade at 10am at their annual Freedom Festival. The parade will be filled with floats, local dignitaries, decorated cars and the motorcycles that will be participating in the festival’s afternoon Motorcycle Run. They will all be sporting the red, white and blue with great pride. Right after the parade there will be game booths, hay rides, an inflatable playground, a cake walk, a dunk booth and lots of concessions. The Country Store opens at 11am. Check out the arts and

crafts and baked goods, along with the fresh produce for sale. In the afternoon there is an auction, archery shoot, more games, bingo and live music. You will find plenty to do until the big show that night, the fireworks. The volunteer firefighters see to it that everyone gets a good show and that it is safe for all those around. Bring a blanket or some lawn chairs and set up your camp out at the old school house lawn. All proceeds go to help the volunteer firefighters. For more information about the Cottage Grove Freedom Festival contact John Weiher at (731) 782-3657.

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Street, is the home for Freedom Festival and all of its activities. There is plenty of good food and lots of fun for the entire family. The evening begins with a parade at 6pm, usually starting at City Hall and running through to the park. Immediately following is tons of music, games and prizes, food, along with plenty of time to spend with family friends. The McKenzie Freedom Fest has a firework's display almost big enough to light up the all of west Tennessee. By the time the sun sets you need to be settled and ready to be dazzled. The McKenzie Freedom Fest never disappoints when it comes to fun, food and fireworks. For

more information contact McKenzie City Hall at (731) 352-2292. Murray, Kentucky has one of the biggest celebrations around on Independence Day! The festivities get started at 8am and go way past dark! One of the many activities planned is the Briggs and Stratton Main Street Mile. Runners will meet at 8am and will compete for awards in various age categories. The Freedom Fest Parade is one of the grandest parade events in Southwest Kentucky. It stretches for miles in waves of red, white and blue. The Freedom Fest Parade with the Murray Convention and Visitor's Bureau gets rolling at 9:30am.

The Fireworks are provided by Briggs and Stratton and power-up the Murray skyline beginning at 9m. Past Freedom Fest events have included a street fair, concerts, patriotic tributes and lots of delicious food. Find out more information about Freedom Fest by contacting the Murray Convention & Visitors Bureau at (270) 759-2199 or visiting their website at [www.tourmurray.com](http://www.tourmurray.com).

Let Freedom Ring in the United States of America! Nothing says we love our country like honoring our servicemen and women and having a good time with family and friends. Celebrate your Fourth of July responsibly and never forget the sacrifices made by those to secure your freedoms! No matter what direction you turn you will find an Independence Day Celebration going on!



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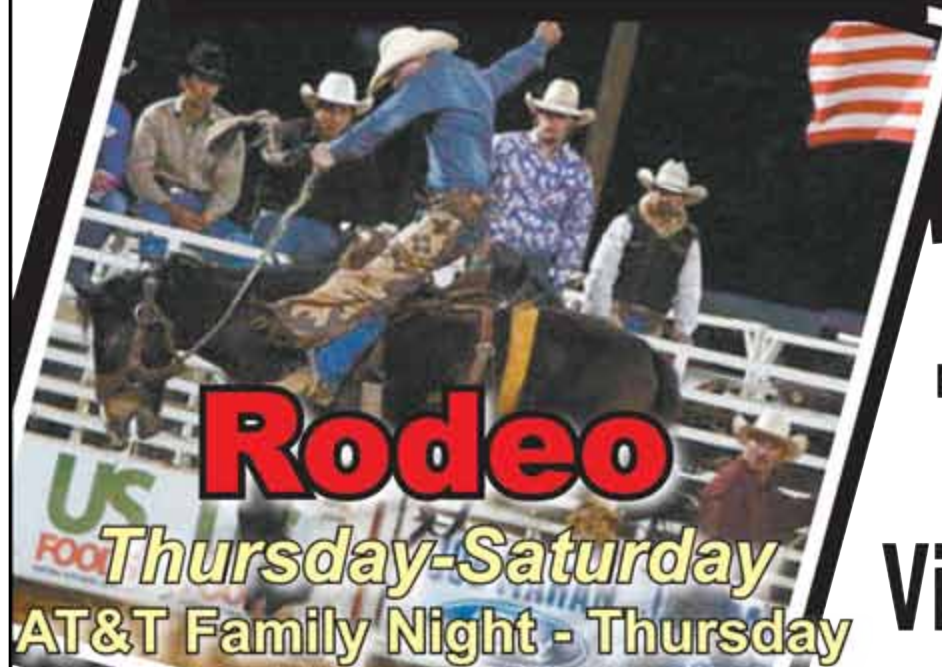
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RV living may not be totally off the grid – but it is definitely an adventurous way to spend your summer. Full time, seasonal or just on the weekends, finding the right RV park can take some time, but in the end will be well worth it.

First you have to take into consideration your RV and your personal needs. Will you need electric or water? Do they

have pads that are large enough for your recreational vehicle? How about easy access? Making a few quick visits can answer those questions immediately.

Some RV parks offer full hookup stations or a variation on hookup stations. A full hookup station includes electricity, water and sewer. The majority of RV parks only offer a hookup station

with electricity and water, but have an on-site dump station for your sewage. A more rustic RV park does not offer any hookup stations but have on-site bathroom facilities and dump stations. If you require electricity, make sure you are aware of the amps that your RV needs. Convertors are available for hookup stations but keep in mind they may be convenient, but may not suffi-

ciently power your RV.

A good RV park knows the logistics for moving your RV around versus their need to stuffing as many campers in one park as possible. You want spacious lots that give you some breathing room. When you visit or move into a park, you go in with the understanding that there is some lack of privacy. But no one wants to deal

with noise from other RV's, especially when there are pets involved.

One of the main points of living the RV life is spending more time outdoors. That is why you want more room to set up a patio area. Make sure your park provides that needed extra

area between sites. A grill, lounge chairs and a picnic table are staples for outdoor entertaining. You don't want to have squeeze that into a small area.

Always look for good pull-through sites, especially if you have a larger RV. No matter

how good of an operator you are, an easy access is desirable. Trees and shrubbery in RV parks add to the aesthetics, but do make moving your vehicle around more difficult. It is hard to judge how level the pads are until you pull your recreational vehicle into one. For safety

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Security is always important at an RV park, not only to keep your items safe when you are not there but to help keep the peace among the visitors. Some people on vacation may imbibe too much and get out of hand. You shouldn't have to handle your neighbors business when you are also trying to have your own good time. Security on the premises can not only alleviate such problems, as they arise, but may actually serve as a deterrent.

Smaller campers, that do not include a bathroom, will benefit from parks that have public bathrooms and shower houses. A good park not only keeps them cleaned regularly but also provides maximum privacy with changing rooms and bathroom stalls with locks. Most of these facilities

that provide a nicer public bathroom and shower house also have a laundromat. Find out before you have loads of clothes to wash if the machines take cash or if you need to buy tokens from the office and if the park has restrictions on usage.

Costs can vary from one park to the next and from one state to the next. It will always depend on what your specific needs are, as well. Investing time in finding the right RV park will always be worth it. Whether you want a more rustic experience or more like a home away from home, you can find it. Our area offers some of the best RV parks in Northwest Tennessee and Southwest Kentucky. Check them out today - you will not be disappointed!

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Thousand Acre Recreational Lake and the Carroll County Sports Shooting Park are rapidly advancing Carroll County as the place to be. Each of the eight towns is very proud

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The Antique Car Show brings vehicles in from four states and there

Paris, TN - The 8th Annual Ice Cream Social & Antique Car Show will fill historic downtown Paris on the last Saturday in July, July 30th, from

4:00 – 6:30 pm. Sponsored by the Downtown Paris Association (DPA), the event benefits Youth for the Arts and the DPA.

“This has become an end-of-summer tradition that folks of all ages look forward to,” said DPA Director Kathy Ray. “Every- one with an event

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Choice Award." Proceeds go to the beneficiaries.

Also, for a donation of \$5, you can get in some fun contests!

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- 6:00 PM Adults Frozen T-Shirt Contest

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The city of Paris sets aside the last weekend in September to celebrate art, food, music and general good family entertainment and fun. It is called the Eye Full Of Paris Week-

end. Arts Round The Square is the crown jewel of Eye Full Of Paris. The event is held on the Court Square lawn, around the Court House, in Downtown Paris. It begins at 9am and lasts till 4pm. You should plan to stay for the entire day. It truly takes that long to see everything.

The first thing you don't want to miss are the many exhibits that will be set up around the Court House. Colorful tents and decorated partitions will be speckled all about the lawn. There will be art-

ists oil painting, making jewelry, creating pottery, putting the finishing touches on their stained glass and handmade quilts. Everywhere you turn will be something new and beautiful being made right before your eyes. Many of these exhibits will have some type of hands-on experience for you to participate in, as well. If you have ever wanted to experience doing water colors or spinning the pottery wheel, this is the place to be!

The exhibitors will also have items for sale. This is no better opportunity for you take home a painting, a custom-made piece of pottery or a one-of-a-kind piece of jewelry. There will also be photography on display, along with a variety of tapestries, dream-catchers, handmade rugs and just about anything else you can think of that will bring beauty to your home and yard.

One unique feature about Arts Round The Square is that it is more than just an art exhibition. There are stages

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set up at the Court House and in some of the shops around the Square. You never know what may take the stage at any time. In the past, Arts Round The Square has featured performances from the local children's theater and recital pieces from dancing groups that attend the local teaching studios. There is always a ton of music going on too! Soloists, bands, instrumental and vocalists of all genres entertain the crowds. A new act will take the stage approximately every thirty minutes. Take a break from walking around the art show and rest while being entertained by the talent on the stage.

Another great thing about Arts Round The Square is that it is located in historical Downtown Paris. The huge shade trees and convenient sidewalks make a stroll around the square an extremely pleasant experience. Shopping in Downtown Paris is amazing – you can find everything from the latest in men's and women's fashion and shoes, antiques, unique gifts and home décor. If you should work up an appetite, big or small, you can

find something to satisfy your hunger. Have lunch in a 50's style diner, grab a bar-be-que sandwich or enjoy international cuisine. Not ready for a sit-down meal, then enjoy an iced coffee or hot chocolate and a cupcake till you are ready for something more.

Arts Round The Square has become the one event downtown that the vendors, artists and the public always look forward to. The variety of

talents that are celebrated make it an affair to remember. So no matter what you are looking for – music, food, dancing, oils, water color, jewelry or home décor – you can find it at Arts Round The Square. Visit Paris and Henry County during Eye Full Of Paris Weekend and take home a little piece of it with you – either as something you bought or a memory you will not soon forget.

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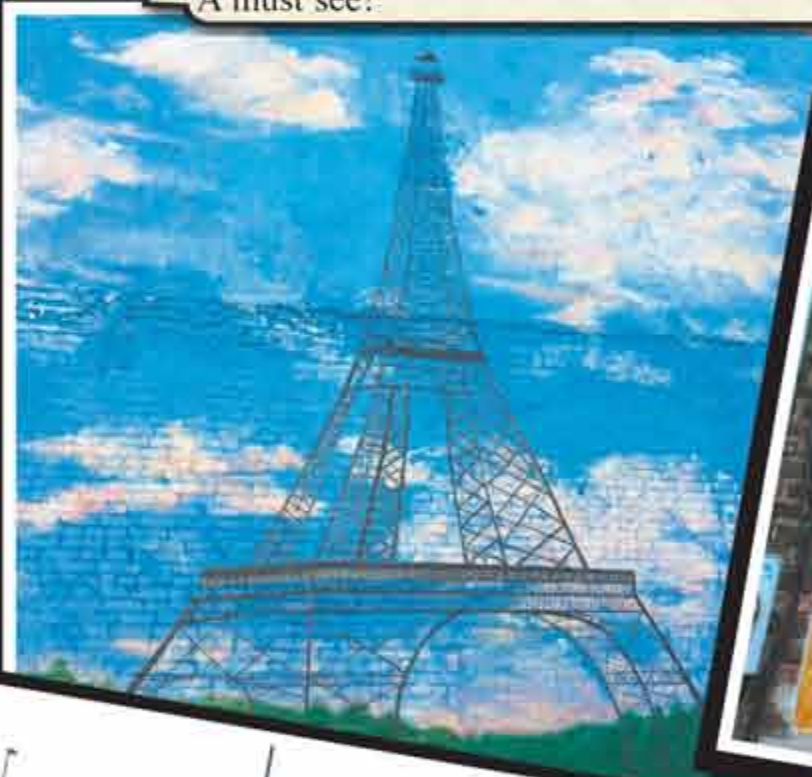
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The *West Tennessee* located off Highway 79 North is an enjoyable journey through an extensive collection of agricultural heritage of agriculture who settled the Tennessee Reservoir surrounding the is no till. The museum is FREE of charge.



**Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge and Visitor Center** is located about 7 miles off Highway 79 North. The Refuge is an exceptional place to explore and learn about the bountiful species of fish, mammals, reptiles, amphibians and birds, as well as a few endangered species that call the Refuge home. There are hiking trails, observation decks, photography blinds and is a wonderful place for kids to play and learn! The Refuge is a fantastic place to take a picnic and spend the day exploring. The Visitor's center is opened Monday-Saturday 8a.m.-4p.m.(closed Federal holidays).





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Paris's iconic landmark *Eiffel Tower* is located just inside the Eiffel Park off Volunteer Drive. The tower now comes alive at dusk with a splendid light show. The lights change, strobe and dance in a bright display of colors. A must see!



**West Tennessee Agricultural Museum.** Highway 79 in Milan, TN takes visitors on an journey through time. The 16,000 sq. ft. museum houses a collection of equipment and artifacts representing the culture and the life and challenges of the people of West TN territory. It also serves as the University of Tennessee's Research and Education Center. The 675 acres of land the museum serves as crop research, much of which the museum is open Monday-Friday, 8a.m.- 4p.m., is free and is handicap accessible.



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and control local wildlife and Benton County lies in the heart of the TN National Wildlife Refuge managed by U.S. Fish and Wildlife managing for migratory birds.

Benton County is home to Birdsong Resort and Marina, which is the State of Tennessee's official site of Freshwater Pearl Culturing. The TN River Freshwater Pearl Museum, Farm and Tour is the only freshwater pearl culturing in North America and is located on the 58 acre Resort. As you may have recently heard, the Pearl Museum suffered a devastating fire in December. However, Bob &

Judy Keast (owners of Birdsong) fully anticipate a rebuild to be completed within the 2017 year. The marina, pool, community room, and boat ramp are still fully operational for visitor use.

You can also visit the historic site where country music stars Patsy Cline, Cowboy Copas, Hawkshaw Hawkins, and pilot Randy Hughes tragically lost their lives in a plane crash. The Memorial will be getting a “face lift” in the 2017 calendar year as Benton County is making great strides in maintaining the historical site. Most recently, the site was accept-

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On October 14, 2010, our son, LCpl Alec E Catherwood, USMC, was killed in action in Afghanistan. He was 19 years old. After spending time with Alec's Marine Corps brothers and other combat veterans, we realized that there is a real need for a place for these men and women to gather and talk with others who have “walked in their boots”.

We have created a not-for-profit corporation and have 501 (c)(3) recognition. We are currently in the process of raising the funds required to build and equip our lodge, and purchase boats, trailers, motors, and fishing gear.

**Our Mission:**  
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We will be building five 5 bedroom cabins. Each bedroom will bear the name of one of the 25 fallen Marines from the 2010-2011 deployment of the 3/5 Darkhorse unit. We will also have a 6th cabin for our resident employees (with a few rooms set aside for caregivers who may need to travel with our guests), most of whom will be combat veterans themselves. In addition to the cabins, we will have a community shower house and a dining facility. All buildings will be handicapped accessible.

Along with our main focus of taking our guests fishing on nearby Kentucky Lake, we will eventually add an equine program and a woodworking program so there will be varied activities for our veterans to enjoy. Visits will be 5 days in length and are provided at no cost to our guests.

In the United States, we lose an average of 22 veterans per day to suicide. One veteran every 65 minutes! This number needs to be zero. Let's help those who have done so much for us, by giving them a place where they can spend time with those who have been there. Most of the time, they are the only ones who these combat veterans can or will, open up to.

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Tennessee River Valley. You can also see some of the most scenic areas by traveling the Quilt Block Trail of the Magic Valley.

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 Bluegrass 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.

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# Calendar of Events 2017

**March 5th – 31st**  
Henry County Arts Council Photo Showcase Exhibit  
Photo exhibits  
Lee School for the Arts, Paris, TN

**March 13th – 18th**  
55th Annual Irish Day Celebration  
Parade, carnival, music, arts & crafts, food  
Erin, TN

**April 2nd – 28th**  
Henry County Arts Council Artist Showcase Exhibits, art  
Lee School for the Arts, Paris, TN

**April 9th – 15th**  
Holy Week Services  
Easter sermons, music, food  
Downtown Churches, Paris, TN

**April 15th**  
WMUF/WLZK/

WRQR & Peddler Advantage Family Easter Egg Hunt  
Candy, face painting, Easter baskets  
Ogburn Park, Paris, TN, 10am

Old Time Bluegrass & Fiddler's Jamboree  
Music, competition, food  
Holladay School, Holladay, TN,

**April 22nd**  
Camden Cruise-In  
Car show, music, food  
Court Square, Camden, TN, 4pm

**April 22nd – 30th**  
Paris-Henry Co. Jaycees' World's Biggest Fish Fry  
Carnival, parade, fish fry, arts & crafts, rodeo, demolition derby  
Henry County Fairgrounds, Paris, TN

**April 29th**  
Chalk Crawl for Kids  
Sidewalk art, free colored chalk  
Court Square, Downtown Paris, TN

**May 5th**  
Spring Gathering

Food, bake sale, silent auction, 11am-1pm  
1st United Methodist Church, Paris, TN

**May 12th – 13th**  
Bruceton In May BBQ contest, music, games, arts & crafts  
Bruceton City Park, Bruceton, TN

**May 20th**  
Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park  
Storytelling Event  
Storytelling, education  
Eva, TN

Purveyor Day  
Carnival, parade, arts & crafts, food  
Downtown Puryear, TN

**May 23rd**  
Downtown Cruise-In  
Car show, entertainment, arts & crafts, food  
Downtown Court Square, Paris, TN, 5:30pm

**May 27th**  
Big Sandy Spring

Festival  
Music, food, games, fireworks, parade, car show  
Downtown Big Sandy & City Park,

Camden Cruise-In  
Car show, music, food  
Court Square, Camden, TN, 4pm

**May 29th**  
Memorial Day Celebration  
Remembering our fallen soldiers  
Downtown Court Square, Paris, TN

**June 3rd – 4th**  
Atwood Antique Tractor Show  
Antique tractors,

food, demonstrations  
Atwood, TN

**June 4th – 10th**  
Downtown Paris Week  
Shopping, food, special events  
Downtown Paris, TN

**June 6th-August 29th**  
Tuesdays & Fridays  
Downtown Farmer's Market  
Fresh produce, baked goods, 3pm  
Court Square Parking Lot, Downtown Paris, TN

**June 24th**  
Camden Cruise-In



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Car show, music,  
food  
Court Square,  
Camden, TN, 4pm

**June 27th**

Downtown Cruise-In  
Car show, music,  
food  
Downtown Court  
Square, Paris, TN,  
5:30pm

**July 4th**

McKenzie Free-  
dom Fest  
Music, food, pa-  
rade, fireworks  
McKenzie City  
Park

McLemoresville  
4th Celebration  
Music, food,  
games, arts &  
crafts

Paris – Henry  
County Jaycees  
Fireworks Extrava-  
ganza  
Paris Landing State  
Park, Paris Land-  
ing, TN

**July 15th**

Paris – Henry  
County Chamber of

Commerce Water  
Fun Run  
Poker run on Ken-  
tucky Lake, prizes  
Paris Landing State  
Park, Paris, TN  
9am-4pm

**July 22nd**

Camden Cruise-In  
Car show, music,  
food  
Court Square,  
Camden, TN, 4pm

**July 29th**

Downtown Paris  
Ice Cream Social &  
Antique Car Show  
Ice cream, car  
show, music, food,  
games  
Downtown Court  
Square, Paris, TN

**August 5th**

Waterfowl Festival  
and Duck Blind  
Drawing  
Vendors, food,  
games, duck blind  
drawing, 7am  
Big Sandy City  
Park, Big Sandy,  
TN

**August 22nd**

Downtown Cruise-In

Car show, music,  
food  
Downtown Court  
Square, Paris, TN,  
5:30pm

**August 26th**

Camden Cruise-In  
Car show, music,  
food  
Court Square,  
Camden, TN, 4pm

**August 26th –  
Sept 2nd**

Henry Co. Fair  
Carnival, food,  
games, Henry Co.

Fairgrounds, Paris, TN  
**September 1st &  
2nd**  
Bargain Highway  
Weekend

30 mile yard sale,  
Benton County, TN  
**September 1st-  
29th**  
Fridays

Noon on the  
Square  
Music, food, soft  
drinks  
Court Square,  
Downtown Paris,  
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**September 16th**  
Pioneer Days  
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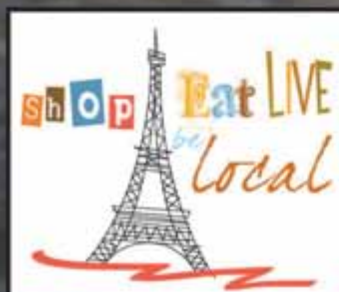


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