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food, live music and lots of fun! The theme for this year's celebration is Roots Of The Irish Run Deep. Many have said that the beautiful rolling green hills of Erin reminded the early settlers of Ireland and that's why those with and Irish background

were so attracted to the area. That is why this year's theme is so fitting to the tradition of the Irish Day Celebration. The week long events include everything from a breakfast feast to

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The Friday before the big week gets underway the official host of the Irish Celebration, The Lord High Mayor is announced at a special Kick Off Breakfast. Other

community service awards are given as everyone dines on a huge spread of all of your breakfast faves! In the week-end that follows you can participate in the fishing or golf tournaments

The kid's think that it can't come soon

enough but before you know it Tuesday is here and the carnival opens on Front Street. Rides and games that are guaranteed to thrill the young and the young at heart will be open for business. Food vendors will be on hand too with the goodies you just can't get enough of, corn dogs, lemonade, candy apples and cotton candy! Keep watch out for special family night deals and discount bracelets.

Music is always a big part of the Irish Celebration. Past events have featured a traditional concert of authentic Irish hymns. A local radio station also sponsors an evening of gospel music. These events are open to the public and free of charge.

It is time to get all dressed up for the Irish Celebration Banquet on Friday evening. This semi-formal event is one of the highlights of the week long festivities. The delicious food, elegant decorations, beautiful music and the top notch prizes at the Silent Auction make it a grand evening. Tickets are available for this event at Erin City Hall.

Irish Day explodes with fun on Saturday, March 16th with not one, but two parades. Erin's little residents are the main attraction at the Leprechaun Parade. The sweet children look precious in their bow ties and top hats and proudly wear all of their green outfits. This parade starts at 10:45 at

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the Erin Church of the Nazarene. Immediately following is the Irish Celebrations Grand Parade at 11am. Starting at the Houston County Middle School makes it way to downtown Erin with high Irish fashion! The decorated floats and vehicles are the highlight of the day. It is probably safe to say that even though St. Patrick's Day is a day away you still may be pinched if you don't have your green on!

Also that day there will be reunions and visits to the archives, live music downtown, pancake breakfasts and a huge fish fry.

Everyone is welcome to be Irish for the day in Erin. Wearing green has never been more fun than when you attend the Irish Celebration. For more information visit the Houston County Chamber of Commerce page on Facebook. Come find out why the Irish Roots Run Deep in Erin, Tennessee.

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woods of Camden, Tennessee.

The Benton County Chamber of Commerce, along with the work of private citizens and area civic groups, have over the years, made a memorial out of the spot where that plane went down. Great strides have been made recently to make the spot more accessible to the public. It is a short walk to the memorial site and at this time is not completely handicap accessible. These

are things to keep in mind if you are planning on visiting.

The Patsy Cline Memorial is located at 2904 Mt. Carmel Road, in Camden, Tennessee. A sign to the right side of the road indicates the pathway that leads down to the Memorial Boulder. Take a walk back in time to the boulder that marks the central spot as to where the plane wreckage was found. It has the names of the passengers of

the plane and the date of the accident engraved upon it.

You will also find at the site other pieces of memorabilia and newspaper articles in remembrance of that fateful day in country music history. For more information about the Patsy Cline Memorial Site contact the Benton County Chamber of Commerce at 731-584-8395 or send an email to jcole@bentoncountychamber.com.



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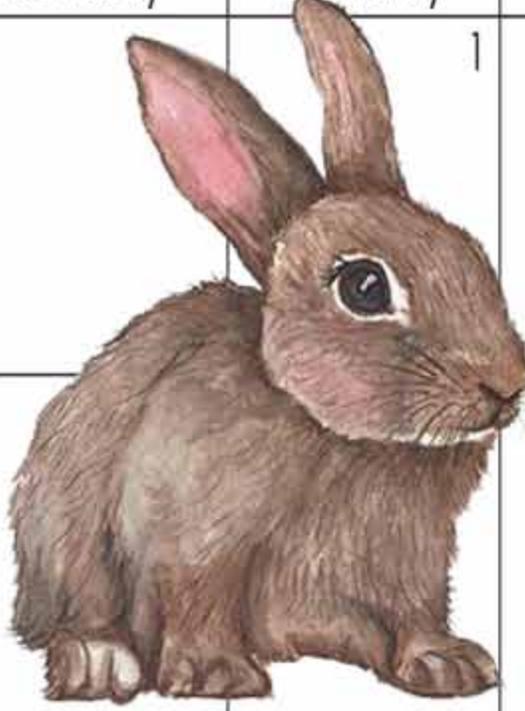
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April in Paris

Spring Open Houses in Downtown Paris

The Downtown Paris Association (DPA) hosts April in Paris, Spring Open Houses in Historic Downtown

Paris Friday and Saturday April 5th and 6th. "This is the kickoff event of Downtown Paris – 2019 with Spring

fashions, gifts for Easter, and Spring décor in downtown stores," said DPA Executive Director Kathy Ray.

The event will start at 4:00 pm with the ribbon cutting for the new mural for Back Alley Paris in the West Alley.



"Back Alley Paris has been a wonderful art project for our entire community. We are very proud of the artwork in the downtown alleys. Come to the West Alley and hear the stories of the new mural and talk with the artist, Dan Knowles. Take a walk through the alley and see where history and art meet," said Kathy Ray, Executive Director of DPA and project manager for Back Alley Paris.

"Stores will be open on Friday evening with extended hours from 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm," said Kathy Ray, who emphasized that there will be open house specials, drawings, and delicious refreshments in more than a dozen stores.

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- 11 LEGO League Valentine's Day theme at W. G. Rhea Library, 3:30-4:30pm
- 13 Valentine Craft stations at W. G. Rhea Library, 11am-5pm
- 16 Heart Health Fair at HCMC, 3-6pm
- 17-3/15 3rd Annual Young Artist Showcase at Lee Academy
- 19 Bob Ross Paint Party at W. G. Rhea Library (most register)
- 24 Relay for Life Coffee House at FUMC Life Center 6-8:30pm
- 26 Lion's Club Chili Day, First United Methodist, 11am-7pm

MARCH

- 2 Downtown Paris Art Walk in the West Alley, 10am-2pm
- 2 Sketch Crawl in the West Alley, 10-11am
- 11 LEGO League St. Patrick's Day theme at W. G. Rhea Library, 3:30-4:30pm
- 15 St. Patty's Day Luncheon at First Christian Church, 11am-1pm
- 17-4/12 Captured Moments: A Photography Show at W. G. Rhea Library
- 19 Opticist Spaghetti Lunch at First United Methodist Church, 11am-2pm, 4-7pm
- 21 Calligraphy Class FREE at W. G. Rhea Library, 6-8pm

APRIL

- 4 Community Screening by HCMC at Farm Bureau, 8:30-10:30am
- 5 April in Paris Downtown Open House, 5-8pm
- 6 April in Paris Downtown Open House, 10am-5pm
- 6 Relay for Life/Kenya Mission Yard Sale in Life Center, 7am-Noon
- 8 LEGO League at W. G. Rhea Library, 3:30-4:30pm
- 14-19 Holy Week Services
- 14-5/10 34th Annual Artist Showcase at Lee Academy
- 18 Teen Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt at W.G. Rhea Library, 8pm
- 20 WMIF/WLEK Annual Easter egg Hunt at Oglethorpe Park, 10am
- 22-27 World's Biggest Fish Fry Week
- 22 Street Dance Downtown, 7pm
- 23 Downtown Cruise In on the Court Square, 5:30-7pm
- 26 World's Biggest Fish Fry Parade, 10am
- 27 Chalk Crawl for Kids, 10am-Noon
- 27 Small Fry Parade, 10am
- 27 Calfish Races, 10:30am

MAY

- 2 Spring Gathering at First United Methodist Church, 11am-1pm
- 4 Carl Perkins Cdn. Card-Blast Fishing, Baiting Event at Paris Landing
- 10 Fancy Nancy at the W. G. Rhea Library (Registration required)
- 13 LEGO League at W. G. Rhea Library, 3:30-4:30pm
- 28 Downtown Cruise In on the Court Square, 5:30-7pm

JUNE

- TBA Carl Perkins Center Choresberger in Paradise at the Breakers
- 1 Summer Reading Registration begins at W. G. Rhea Library
- 2-8 Downtown Paris Week
- 2 Worship Downtown Day
- 3 Dine Downtown Day
- 4 Music on the Square on the Court Square, 5:30-7pm
- 5 Heritage Day with Downtown Walking Tours, 11am
- 6 Songwriters Night on the Court Square, 5:30-7pm
- 7 Government Day
- 8 *Tales From the Crypt Tour of City Cemetery, 1-3pm
- 10 Summer Reading begins at W.G. Rhea Library
- 25 Downtown Cruise In on the Court Square, 5:30-7pm
- 26-30 Tennessee River Jam Musical Festival
- 29 Last day to register for Reading Program at W. G. Rhea Library

JULY

- 11 Community Screening by HCMC at Farm Bureau, 8:30-10:30am
- 13 Paris Landing Sprint Triathlon
- 20 Water Fun Run sponsored by Paris-Henry Co. Chamber of Commerce
- 27 Ice Cream Social & Antique Car & Tractor Show, 4-6:30pm

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WORLD'S BIGGEST FISH FRY HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

The statement that the World's Biggest Fish Fry, in Paris, Tennessee, has something for everyone is a true understatement! It just wouldn't be a fish fry without fried catfish but the entire week is chock full of music, fun, parades, arts and crafts, a demolition derby, rodeo and so much more!

That pile up you see at the Henry County Fairgrounds on April 20th is not an emergency situation – that's just the Demolition Derby! You don't have to rubber-neck at this crash site, it's there for everyone to see! Cars crash 'em and smash 'em til there's only one left running.

Entry fee for cars is \$40. Admission at the gate is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. The havoc begins at 7pm in the main arena.

Head on over to the Henry County Fairgrounds on Tuesday April 23rd for two big events! The Carnival opens at 5pm and the Country Dance begins at 6pm. The Carnival is one of best to come to Paris each year with rides for the big kids, the wild adults and the little guys. There are also lots of games and prizes and yummy food vendors. The Carnival hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 23rd, 24th and 25th from 5 to 9pm, Friday and Saturday, April

26th and 27th, from 11am to 10pm, and Sunday, April 28th, from 1 to 5pm.

Look for special deals on tickets and bracelets during the week and for coupons sent home in the kid's backpacks from school. The Country Dance gets started at 6pm. It is held in the Enoch Building. Favorite local bands play traditional country music in the comfort of the air conditioned building. Seats and concessions are available. The admission cost is only \$5.

After you have filled your belly at the Fish Tent it's time to go and fill your soul. There will be a Christian Concert under the outdoor pavilion. Live artists per-

form the latest in contemporary and traditional christian music. A perfect concert that can be enjoyed by everyone in your family.

Nothing shows off the creativity of the locals like the Arts and Crafts exhibits. Located in the Enoch Building at the Henry County Fairgrounds are some of the beautiful masterpieces of our local artists. They are not to be missed. Arts and Crafts Exhibit hours are Thursday, April 25th, 5pm to 9pm, and Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th, from 11am to 9pm.

It is said that the World's Biggest Fish Fry Grand Parade is one of the largest in West

Tennessee. It can draw nearly 50,000 people to the area. It includes professionally and home-made decorated floats, marching bands, marching units, color guards, decorated cars, trucks and boats, beauty queens, local politicians, and more. It begins promptly at 10am,

rain or shine. Be there early to get a good viewing spot, the crowd tends to get there quick. Streets are usually closed by 9am, so keep that in mind if you are traveling from out of town to attend. Other area festivals try to rival the Fish Fry parade but they simply do not compare. You

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So much work goes into the World's Biggest Fish Fry – it would be a shame to miss it. Mark off on your calendar the whole last week in April and head to Paris, Tennessee. You will not leave disappointed.



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Tons of Catfish Served at The World's Biggest Fish Fry in Paris

It couldn't be called the World's Biggest Fish Fry without some delicious fried fish! That's exactly what the Jaycees serve up every year at the "Fish Tents" located at the Henry County Fairgrounds, in Paris Tennessee. They have been known to cook more than 6 tons of catfish during a 4 day frying fest. That is a lot of food! And that doesn't even count all of the fixin's that are

prepared either. What the Jaycees want you to know is when you come to the Fish Fry, you need to come hungry!

The "Fish Tent" is a term used for the new commercial building at the Henry County Fairgrounds. It is a friendly reminder of how far the World's Fish Fry has come over the years. Once upon a time the fish was served under tents in the early days.

Now it has grown so that the commercial building sometimes fills up to capacity.

Carry out plates are available, but to get the full advantage of all-you-can-eat you should "dine in." \$12 will get you unlimited delicious fried catfish, golden fried hush puppies and French fries, creamy mayo

and tangy vinegar slaw and home-made white beans. Professional fish fryers are brought in for this special occasion and cooks from local churches provide the white beans. Your meal also includes, soda, water and iced tea. To keep from waiting too long in line, the Jaycees provide a special line just for those want-

ing to go back for seconds, or thirds. Or fourths? You've been told – come hungry!

The World's Biggest Fish Fry may be a week long event but the Fish Tent isn't open until Wednesday, April 24th. At that time there is a special opening ceremony lead by the General Manager

of the Fish Fry. A prayer is said and then traditionally the serving begins when the Hostess Princess tosses out the first hush puppy. It takes a huge number of volunteers to serve all the food. Members of local civic groups, churches, businesses and city and county politicians gladly take on the job. Serving

hours are Wednesday and Thursday, April 24th and 25th, 5pm to 9pm, and Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th, 11am to 9pm. Generally service ends when either the guests stop coming or they run out of catfish.

The fish is always hot and fresh. It makes no difference if you want to dine in early or come by late, the Jaycees will have supper ready for ya! You don't want to be left out of the World's Biggest Fish Fry!



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Downtown Paris Hosts Several Fish Fry Events

Downtown Paris serves as host for some of the World's Biggest Fish Fry's most popular and unique events! Not only are they some of the most entertaining events of the week they are also all free and open to the public!

Before Fish Fry Week even gets started you are invited to the Bed Races on Saturday, April 20th. Teams made up of four people will decorate and race a bed on wheels around the designated downtown streets. Runners win heats and move on until there is only one bed left standing, even if the runners are ready to fall into it! This new tradition was a huge hit last year.

Fish Fry Week officially kicks off with a Street Dance on Monday, April 22nd, starting at 7pm. Local bands set up on the courthouse lawn and play music late into the night. Everyone is welcome to either dance their socks off in the street or to bring a lawn chair and relax. It is also a great opportunity to

do a little window shopping around the court square at all the great shops and boutiques.

Saturday, April 27th is a big day for Fish Fry and downtown Paris. It gets started with the Small Fry Parade. It may be a mini-version of the big parade but no less grand. Children are dressed in homemade costumes and march while singing and playing music. Only hand pulled "floats" are allowed or pedal driven vehicles. Everyone meets and lines up at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Paris. The Small Fry Parade circles the Court Square beginning around



10am

Immediately following the Small Fry Parade is the Story Telling sponsored by the Paris Post Intelligencer. Elementary school children write stories about the catfish that are participating in the Catfish Races. The stories are always creative and inventive and remind us how imaginative

the minds of our youth really are.

After the tall tales have been told it is time for the most unique event at the World's Biggest Fish Fry – the Catfish Races.

Specially designed waterways were built just for our swimming champs. Various members of the community volunteer to pick a catfish and hold them at the starting line of their water-

way until their heat begins. The catfish that gets to the end first moves on to the next heat. The catfish race until there is only one winner. Every precaution is taken to make sure the catfish are not harmed during this event. The winner takes home not only a the title of champion but a beautiful prize trophy!

The budding artists in our area may want to take a break from the races and come draw on the sidewalk with colored chalk. The Chalk Crawl for Kids, sponsored by the Downtown Paris Association and K and B Supplies for Success, provides free colored chalk and artistic

assistance during this event which takes place on the sidewalks around the courthouse. The children are invited to draw and color a beautiful fish or anything they want. Each child also gets a strand of fish beads and a snack for participating. Bring your camera and take pics and post them of your child's fabulous art work. It only lasts til the next big rain – and it is April so that may not be long.

Check out all of the World's Biggest Fish Fry events happening the last full week in the month of April. Please visit downtown Paris, they are ready to serve you!

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downtown around their courthouses and feature music, food, give-aways and lots of metal and chrome.

Here is a rundown of scheduled dates and entertainment that is available at this time. Downtown Paris Cruise In, 5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday, April

23rd, featuring music by Scott Myatt and Steve Short. Legends Cruise-In the following weekend, 1-4pm, Saturday, April 27th.

Legends Cruise-In, Saturday, May 25th, 1-4pm. Downtown Paris Cruise In, 5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday,

May 28th, featuring music by Rockin' Randall French.

Legend's Cruise-In, 1-4pm, Saturday, June 22nd. Downtown Paris Cruise In, 5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday, June 25th, featuring music by Olivia Faye and Don Rachford.

Saturday, July 27th Downtown Paris will hold their Ice Cream Social along with the Cruise In and will be joined by Antique Tractors, 4-6:30pm. Legends Cruise-In, 1-4pm, Saturday, July 27th.

Legend Cruise-In, 1-4pm, Saturday, August 24th.

Downtown Paris Cruise In, 5:30-7:30pm, Tuesday, August 27th, featuring music by the Old Spirits.

The last Downtown Paris Cruise In will be held from 5:30-7:30, Tuesday, September 24th, featuring music by the Chill Tonics. Legends Cruise-In, 1-4pm, Saturday September 28th.

The last Legends Cruise-In will be held from 1-4pm, Saturday, October 26th. Their grand

prize will be given away at the last meet!

If you are into the classic cars, either showing them or seeing them, if you like good southern food, and if you like live music from the area's best musicians then you want to visit one or all of these cruise-ins. They are open to the public and there is no charge for viewing the classic autos or to listen to the music. Who knows, you might even win a prize or two!



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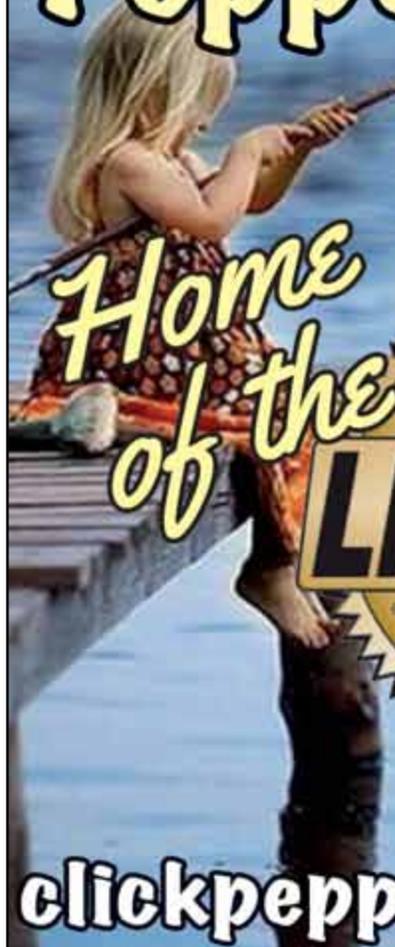
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The City of Dresden Appreciates a Pretty Flower at the Iris Festival

The residents of Dresden Tennessee appreciate the beautiful Iris so much they have created a week long event around the beautiful flower. The 40th Annual Iris Festival will begin April 27th and run thru May 4th. Besides admiring the horticulture there are a lot of fun things happening around town, too!

Everything begins to bloom on Saturday, April 27th, 6pm at Wilson Park with the Opening Ceremonies. After the introductions and announcements there is plenty of free food, live music and a fireworks extravaganza! That is the official opening to the festival. Everyone knows the city-wide yard sale that day is where the fun really begins!

The week of the Iris Festival has so many things going on it is hard to keep up with it all. Everything is also still in the planning stages so dates, times and activities are subject to change. Monday, April 29th there is a Prayer Breakfast and a Tasting Party,

along with the Iris Festival Art Show, beginning at 6pm at the Dresden City Hall.

Bingo Night is Tuesday with a children's round beginning at 6pm at the Elementary School and a game for the adults at the Middle School. Besides cash and prizes there will also be free pizza! Senior Citizens are invited to a pot-luck luncheon on Wednesday, at the McWherter Civic Center. Everyone is welcome to compete in the Baking Contest. That evening head over to the Dresden First Baptist Church for a Pancake Supper and a Community-Wide Gospel Singing. The cost for supper is only \$5.

The Health Fair will be held from 9am to noon, on the Court House Lawn, in Downtown Dresden, on Thursday, May 2nd. You can spend the rest of the day either playing a round of golf in the Golf Tournament, or getting artistic at the Rock Painting, envying high fashion at the Fashion Show or enjoying some delicious

food at the Fairy Tale Feast at the Elementary School Cafeteria.

It's all about the Irises and they will be on full display along with other horticultural wonders at the Horticulture Show, Friday, 1pm, at the First Methodist Church. You can also enjoy more food and music all throughout the day as well. The Corner Cafe will be open from 11am to 1pm and later that day there is a BBQ Cookoff. In the evening there will be a Music Fest on the Court Square and a Teen Street Dance.

The week long celebration concludes on Saturday with a ton of activities. The day starts with a 5K, 2 Mile Walk, 1 Mile Kid's Run, beginning at 8am at Main Street and Poplar St. Following that is the Iris Festival Parade at 10am. The parade starts at the Dresden 1st Baptist Church. Throughout the day there will be a petting zoo and pony rides for the kids. The Governor's Luncheon and Farmer's Market will be held

at the Terry Oliver Plaza and there will also be a fun Pet Show!

Lots of work goes into an event like this and it would be a shame to miss it. For more information visit the Iris Festival's Facebook Page or contact the City of Dresden. You will find that the Iris is just one small part of the beauty found in Dresden, Tennessee.



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For more information and to follow announcements as we make them, please follow the Benton County/Camden Chamber of Commerce on Facebook or visit our website at www.bentoncountycamden.com.

The Benton County/Camden Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce Benton County’s newest event, the JumpFish Jamboree. The JumpFish Jamboree has been a collaborative effort after realizing the threat to the local tourism economy from the Asian Carp crisis.

Asian Carp are an invasive species that threaten to severely damage

the natural habitat of the native fish in our Kentucky Lake resource. With tourism being a large economic driver and a large portion of the tourism dollars being related to the sport-fishing industry, the JumpFish Jamboree will provide an outlet to raise awareness of this invasive species.

JumpFish Jamboree will take place on May 3-4, 2019

at the Eva Beach Day Use Area within the Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park in Eva, Tennessee. This event will be the first of its kind in the State of Tennessee. We are proud to announce that the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency has proudly stepped up to sponsor this event.

At 7 pm on May 3rd, the bow fishing tournament will

begin. Although we do not have exact prize amounts at this time, we expect it to be highly lucrative for any bow fishing sportsman. On May 4th at 6 am, the bow fishing tournament will end. The tournament winners will be determined by total weight.

May 4th at 10:00 am, the Carp Catchin’ tournament will begin. This tournament is

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ADD TO YOUR WATER TIME FUN AND TAKE THE TRIPLE TOWER PLUNGE

Memorial Day Weekend has become the unofficial beginning of summer fun. Making things even more fun – the opening of the Triple Tower Plunge and the Eiffel Tower Park swimming pool in Paris, Tennessee!

Paris Parks and Recreation added

the water slides to the public pool a couple of years ago and they have been a huge hit ever since. The Triple Tower Plunge adds a little excitement to your swimming adventure. Children of all ages and adults, too, have loved the addition to the Park Swimming Pool. There

are three different heights to choose from and all of them lead to a big splash in the water!

The Water Slides and the Park Swimming Pool are open to the public Monday thru Saturday, 10am to 6pm and on Sunday from 1 to 6pm. The cost is only \$6 per person,

\$5 if you if you are military or service. Children that are 3 years of age and under, and accompanied by an adult, get in free. Life-guards are always on duty during the official hours of operation.

The Swimming Pool and Water Slides are also available for private rental after hours. Contact the Paris Civic Center for rental fees and available dates and times. Private rentals begin at 6pm on the weekends and 6 or 7pm during the

week, depending what day swimming lessons are scheduled.

The park usually keeps the pool and water slides open until around the time school goes back in session. Eiffel Tower Park is home to one of the wildest places to have fun in all of Henry County. Bring the whole family and take a dip in the pool and take the Triple Tower Plunge! More info may be obtained by visiting paristn.gov/swimming-pools.



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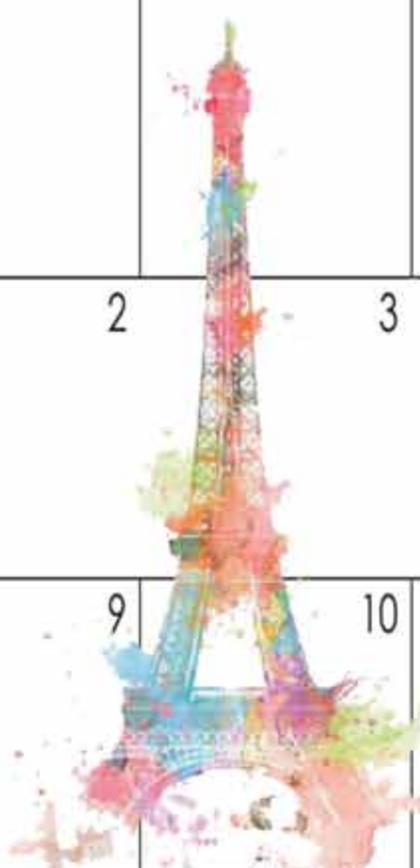
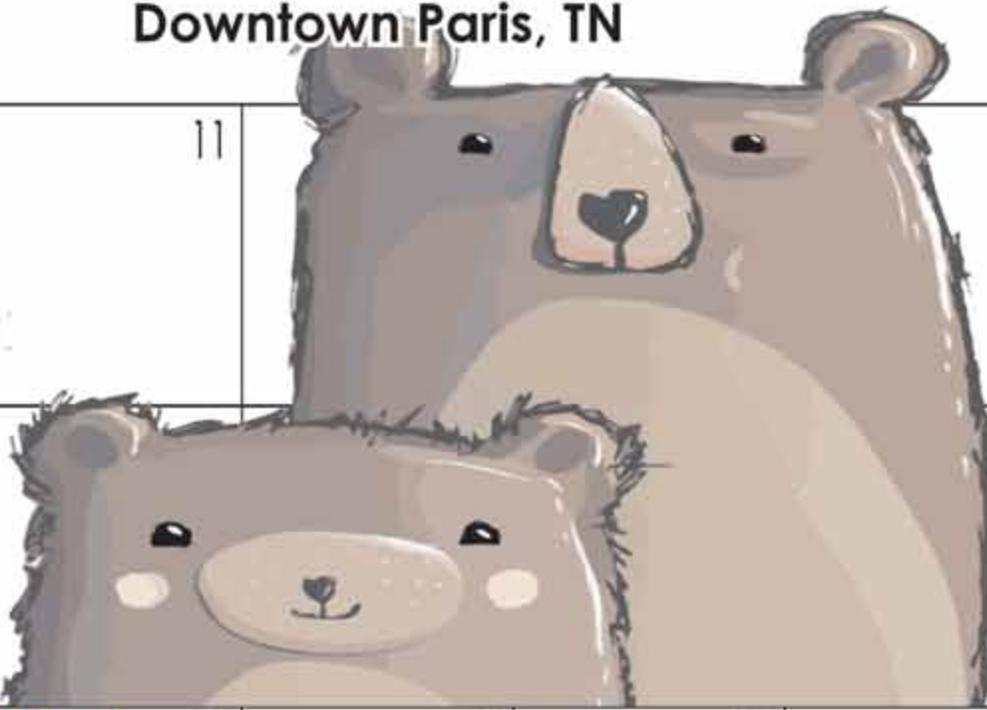
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Downtown Paris Week Celebrates 196 Years

How do you celebrate a downtown that is alive and thriving after 196 years? The Downtown Paris Association is throwing a weeklong party that includes delicious food, historic tours, exhibits, live music, great sales, giveaways and more. Downtown Paris Week 2019, is Sunday through Saturday, June 2-8 in Downtown Paris - the “Crown Jewel of West Tennessee.” Downtown Paris Week continues to grow with seven exciting days of fun, food, music, history and of course, shopping. The festivities are sponsored by the Downtown Paris Association (DPA).

Sunday, June 2 – Worship Downtown Day is an opportunity for our community to visit

one of six, historic downtown churches for Sunday services. Whether it’s First Baptist, First Christian, First Methodist, First Presbyterian, Grace Episcopal or Quinn Chapel AME, the churches of downtown are welcoming and inspiring. “Many of these historic churches have been in the downtown area since the mid-eighteen hundreds,” said Kathy Ray, Executive Director of the DPA. “They are the cornerstones of downtown and are the perfect place to begin Downtown Paris Week.”

Monday, June 3 – 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 Stella Nera, Take Me Back Café, Perry’s BBQ, El Antojo Mexican Grill, Uncle Billy’s Downtown Eatery, LL’s Bar & Grill, and coffee and snacks at Jack’s Java, then 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 4 – Music on the Square brings southern rock to the east side of the court house lawn with The Old Spirits. 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 5 – 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 visitors 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 6 – Songwriters on the Square is sponsored by Paris Fire & Industrial Safety and 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 songwriter, Vince Dodd of Wooden Roses, will lead the group along with several local musician songwriters.” Music lovers can enjoy a variety of talented songsmiths from 5:30 to 7:00

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 7 – 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.

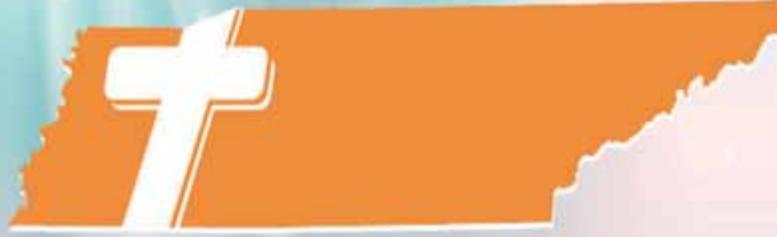
Saturday, June 8 – Tales from the Crypt Tour is from

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 Seventh Annual Downtown Paris Week and we feel it encompasses everything that is wonderful about our downtown,” said DPA Execu-

tive Director Kathy Ray. “We invite everyone to enjoy the fun of our historical downtown and to become a member of the Downtown Paris Association, where we champion Downtown Paris and our community.” For more information, LIKE the Downtown Paris Association Facebook page, visit www.VisitDowntownParis.com, download the FREE Downtown Paris App, or call the DPA at (731) 653-7274.



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Tennessee River Jam & Froggy-Fest Coming to Kentucky Lake

The Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce has announced that Froggyfest 2019 will be held at Paris Landing State Park during the three-day music festival, The Tennessee River Jam. In a collaborative effort from Forever Communication, The Paris-Henry County Chamber of Commerce, The Henry County Tourism Authority and the Paris Landing State Park, the event will rock the shores of Kentucky Lake on Saturday, June 29th.

Headlining the concert will be Grammy Award Winner Joe Diffie, Country Rock Group-The Kentucky Headhunters, and Confederate Railroad. Also performing during Froggyfest, 6th Place Winner of Season 15 of American Idol-Tristan McIntosh and our local favorites Johnny Mac and the Heart Attacks.

“For years our community has had discussion surrounding producing some type of music event. A concert, a festival, really anything that could

bring entertainment and tourist to our area,” commented Travis McLeese, Executive Director of the Paris Henry County Chamber of Commerce. “We have been fortunate to have countless creative people around the table to develop meaningful relationships, that turned into partnerships, to produce an event of this magnitude.”

Tickets for Froggyfest will be available on March 1st. Vendor applications will be available by contacting Debbie Howard, Vice President and General Manager.

“We cannot not thank the Paris Chamber of Commerce enough for inviting us to hold our annual Froggyfest here in Paris,” added Christine Hillard, President and COO of Forever Communications. “Paris Landing is a beautiful location and we are thrilled to be a part of the new Tennessee River Jam. Over the past six months we have formed a valuable partnership with the Paris Chamber and its members and look forward to

continuing this relationship for many years to come.”

In addition to Froggyfest at Paris Landing State Park, The Breakers, Blue’s Landing, The Lee School Academy will produce a concert at The Krider Performing Arts Center, The Ten-

nessee National Wildlife Refuge Visitors Center, Sweet Jordan’s and Ace’s Restaurant will all host concerts during the three-day period, June 28th-30th.

“We are thrilled to host Froggyfest 2019 at Paris Landing State Park,” said Zach Tinkle,

park manager. “We are glad our park can play a role in the three-day Tennessee River Jam. This is one of the many ways Tennessee State Parks can serve the people in this region, combining a beautiful outdoor setting with a boost for rural economic development. It’s a terrific music lineup, and we’re grateful for the opportunity to partner with Forever Communication, the Paris-Henry County Chamber

of Commerce and the Henry County Tourism Authority. Everyone should come and join the fun.”

The Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee is chaired by Vice President Tory Daugherty, and includes members; Kathy Ray, Donna Craig, Kasey Muench, Michael Trolinger, Jennifer Morris, Kenitha Ferguson, Michele Atkins, Tony Law-

rence, John Etheridge, Randi French, Laura Dougherty, Emily Giddens, Jeff Seaton, and Monte Starks. The President of the Chamber of Commerce is Scott Morrison.

A full list of artists and details on each concert for the Tennessee River Jam will be released in early March.



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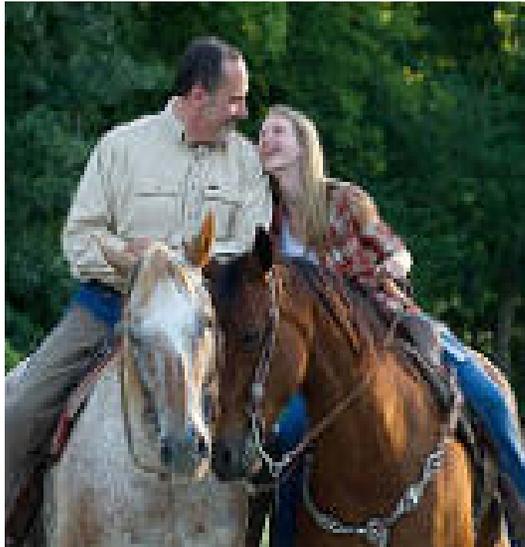
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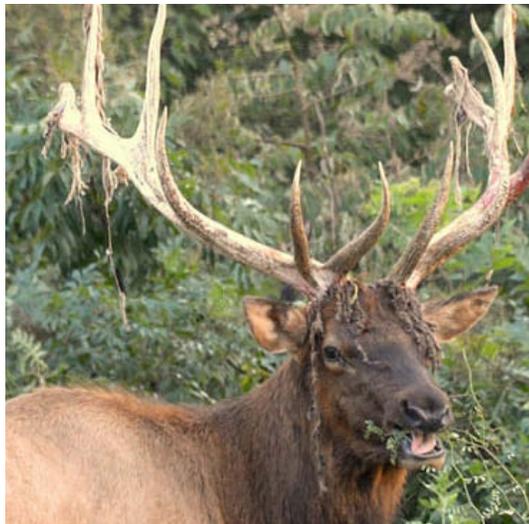


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Fireworks Are the Highlights of Fourth of July Events

Independence Day is one of the most exciting holidays of the year! The weather is usually sunny and warm, the food is sizzling on the grill, the drinks are all chilled in the cool-

er and there's fireworks! Everyone loves fireworks!

Because of the dry summer days and so many cities with ordinances preventing fireworks, it is a good thing that

so many different events exist nearby with a fabulous display of light and color. Best of all, all of these Fireworks Extravanzas are open to the public and free of charge!

Several cities around our area have way more than just firework shows on the Fourth of July. Murray, Kentucky hosts Freedom Fest, an event that includes something

for both the young and not so young. Murray holds a huge Grand Parade down their Main Street and a Street Fair and an Open Market around their Court Square. The city park has live music in their amphitheater, a petting zoo, inflatables, face painting, tons of games and prizes, and arts and crafts. Family Day even has activities that include your

pets. The park also has various food and soft drink vendors serving it up fresh all day! Bring a chair or blanket and when night falls enjoy the huge extravaganza of color and light over the city of Murray. For more info contact the Murray Tourism Commission.

Cottage Grove, Tennessee may be one of the smallest towns in Henry County but they put on one of the biggest events on America's birthday. The Cottage Grove Freedom Fest, sponsored by the Volunteer Fire Department, starts their day with a parade and bike ride down Main Street. Then everyone heads over to the old school building for the rest of the day. A DJ is set up and plays music all throughout the day and there is dancing under the tent. There are arts and crafts tables and food booths set up all over the lawn. You will find face painting and games, too. Usually there are special activities like a Cake Walk and a Dunking Booth. Live music and one of the biggest fireworks shows in our area cap off the evening.

Another Fourth of July Festival in our area is in McKenzie, Tennessee. Their Court Square and Down-

town location are the site for music, food and fun. The red, white and blue are abundant at their Independence Day Parade. Food and live music are also plentiful. They have a surplus of activities for the children, too. Their fireworks display can be seen for miles around. McKenzie celebrates big time at their Freedom Festival.

Maybe you are wanting a more relaxed Fourth of July. That's not a problem either. Just head down to Paris Landing State Park. Find you a good spot, take a blanket and a picnic lunch and camp out for the day. Go swimming at the pool or down on the sandy beach or take a stroll around the park under the shade trees. When night falls, The Henry County Jaycees put on a fireworks show over the reflective waters of Kentucky Lake. Visually it's like getting two fireworks shows at the same time!

Sometimes the best holidays are spent in your own backyard. But if time or funds don't allow for putting a party together yourself then take advantage of these community events. Give one of them a try this year and find out how fun the area festivals really are!

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The Water Fun Run is a huge poker run that uses boats and other forms of fun watercraft! The stops are the beautiful resorts that are located all around Kentucky Lake. When you register for the

Fun Run you get a sheet for collecting stamps at the resorts. The more resorts you visit, the more stamps you get. When you check back in at Paris Landing State Park by the deadline the dealers give you a card for every stamp your received. Your winning hand is your best five cards. The best hand during each designated hour of check in wins \$500 in cash! The Chamber has also added some other fun prizes and cash give-aways to the Fun Run. Make sure you are there to find out more info about those! More winners means more happy people.

The past few years some of the

featured resorts included, Buchanan Resort, Cypress Bay, Fat Daddy's, Leatherwood and Paris Landing State Park. The Fun Run begins promptly at 9am and the last boat in should be no later than 4pm. Disqualifications will apply to boats not attempting to dock by the designated time. Also, every Fun Run has an imaginative theme. Some of the most popular themes in the last few years have been the Gilligan's Island theme, Cheeseburger in Paris-Dise, Red Neck Yacht Club and River Rats. Decorations, costumes and accessories are definitely encouraged! A collector's tee shirt has become one of

the prized possessions from each Fun Run. Make sure and get yours early. The last few years they have been sold out.

Registration packs are usually available at the Henry County Chamber of Commerce beginning at the first week of June. Preregistration is \$20, registration on the day of the Water Fun Run is \$25. The packets are available at the Chamber office and the various resorts participating in the Fun Run. You may register up to the beginning time of the Fun Run on July 20th.

The Water Fun Run is always an awesome way to conclude your

summer on the lake. Even if you don't end up with the best hand of the day, just cruising the lake was worth the time and effort. Get some sun, enjoy some cold beverages and have some quality time with your friends and family. That is what the Water Fun Run is really about. And, some lady luck and cold hard cash doesn't hurt either. For more info contact the Henry County Chamber of Commerce at paristn-chamber.com.



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town Paris Association and Plus Endowment.

“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 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

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.



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

- 4:30 PM Kids Ice Cream Eating Contest sponsored by Comer Farms
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- 6:00 PM Adults Frozen T-Shirt Contest

under. They can be purchased from the DPA, members of Plus Endowment, ice cream booth partners, and at the event.

The Antique Car Show brings vehicles in from four states and there will be 80 to 90 classic cars, according to Chairperson Vicky Muzzall. Registration is a minimum donation of \$10 which includes an event wristband. “Votes (25 cent donations) are tallied throughout the event,” said Muzzall. “At 6:30 pm

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

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Hundreds of hunters gather at the Big Sandy City Park on the first Saturday in August to attend the Waterfowl Festival and register for the duck blind drawing. Tennessee holds several drawings throughout the state on this day. The Big Sandy drawing covers more than 80 duck blinds, not only in Big Sandy, but also in Camden, Harmon's Creek and

Gin Creek areas.

Registration begins promptly at 7am. The duck blinds are drawn by hand and begin at 10am. Map locations and GPS coordinates can be found at tnwildlife.org.

The Waterfowl Festival has a whole lot more going on besides just the duck blind drawing. There are vendors set up with the latest in waterfowl hunting equipment and accessories like weapons, ammo and hunting safety clothing. You will also find a wide

variety of duck calls and decoys. The demonstrations are always popular with the crowd, too. There are duck call contests and dog retrieval showcases. As with any festival there is always good food on hand, too. The events are open to the public and free of charge.

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Downtown McKenzie is the place to be on the evening of Friday, August 23rd and all day on

Saturday, August 24th. The Southern Fried and Sweet Tea Festival may be a new event to our area but it has grown tremendously in popularity from year to year.

The best way to spend a warm summer evening is with a cold glass of sweet tea while you listen to some live music. You can find all of that and more in Downtown McKenzie on Friday night. The stage will be set up and ready for a great show. All you

have to do is show up and bring your own lawn chair. The Kid's Zone will be set up for the little guys, with all sorts of jumpers and inflatables to play on. You will also find carnival rides more suited for the younger children, as well as, a petting zoo. There will also be games and prizes appropriate for kids of all ages.

Friday night is just the appetizer for the Main Event on Saturday. Jam-packed is one way

to describe all the happenings at the Southern Fried and Sweet Tea Festival. You need to make plans to spend the entire day in downtown McKenzie or you will surely miss something that everyone else will be talking about. Every where you turn there will be food vendors with mouth-watering deep fried treats. Corn dogs, french fries, hush puppies, Twinkies, Oreos, you name it, they will fry it! All of this can only be washed down

with a big glass of sweet tea.

Once you have tried out all of the treats it will be a great time to check out the Arts and Crafts Booths and the various local vendors selling everything under the sun. The carnival rides and the Kid's Zone will still be set up for kids to enjoy, too.

Live music can make or break any event. The Sweet Tea Festival is known for their excellent line-ups.

Past performers have included No Time Flatt, Mike Hightower & Friends, Tera Townsend, The Longshot Band and everyone's favorite performer, Paula Bridges. The music is open to the public and there is no charge. Feel free to bring a chair and stay awhile. The kids can play, there will be plenty to eat and drink and the music will be awesome. Sounds like plans for the perfect Saturday night in McKenzie, Tennessee!

If you haven't visited this event yet, now is the time to make plans to go. Set aside Friday and Saturday, August 23rd and 24th for a road trip to McKenzie, Tennessee. The Southern Fried and Sweet Tea Festival is sure to have something to hit your spot! Visit their Facebook page. More information will be available as time draws closer to the event.



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