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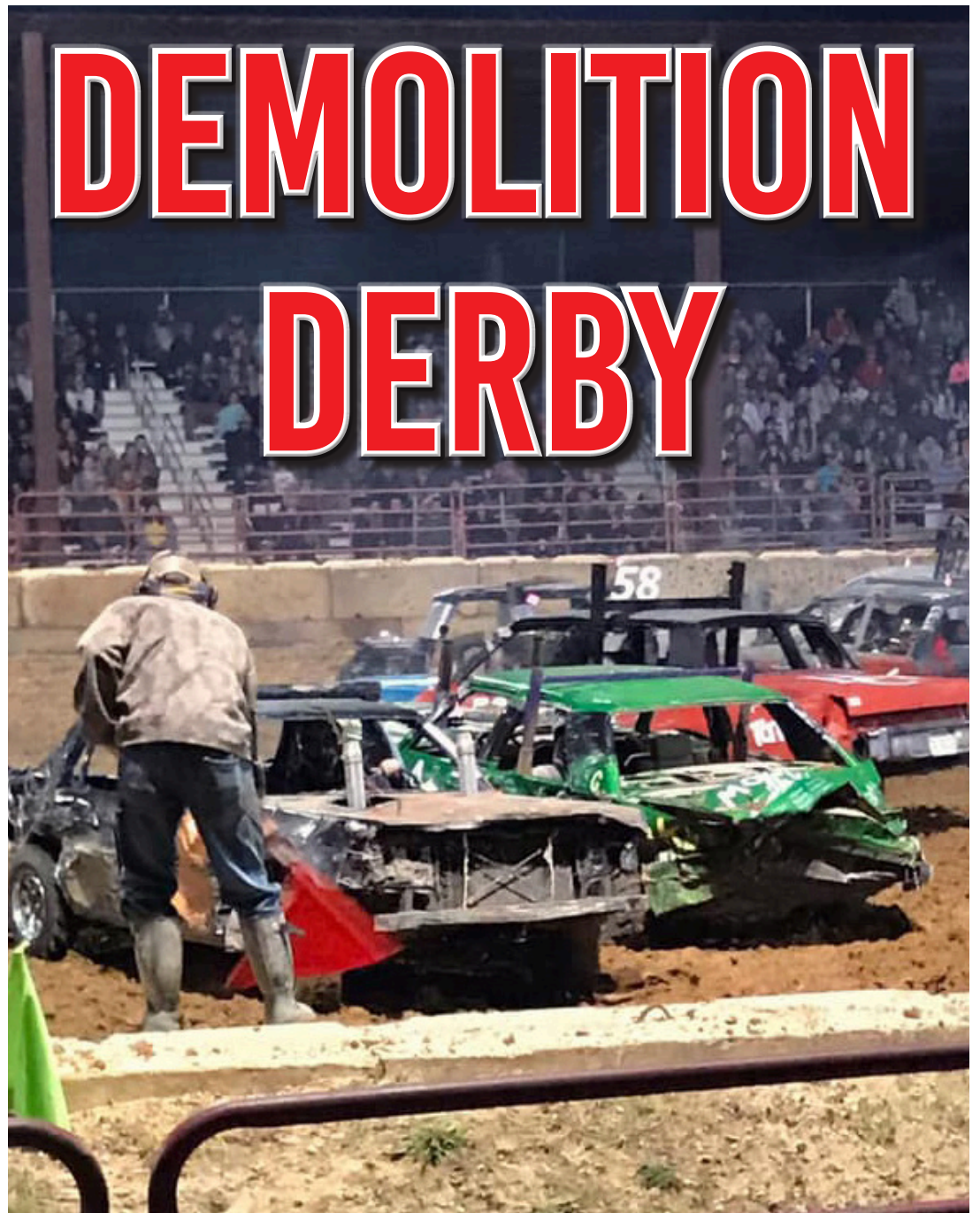
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The gates open for the Demolition Derby at 5pm. If you are wanting to participate in the Demo Derby you will want to be there at 5pm. There will be a \$40 car entry fee. Admission to the event is \$10 for adults, children ages 6 to 10, \$5. Five years and younger admitted only with an adult and at no charge.

The first night of Fish Fry is always exciting! This year

will prove to be no exception. Those cars will just keep on crashing into each other until only one is left running! Make sure your favorite driver makes it to the end! See you at the Demolition Derby, Saturday, April 17, beginning at 7pm. The Henry County Jaycees have vowed to maintain as much safety and sanitizing as possible, but masks and social distancing are suggested.

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One thing you can definitely say about those folks that go to Fish Fry is that they love to dance!! So much so, that they start Fish Fry Week with music and dancing! The Kick-Off Street Dance will begin at 7pm, Monday, April 19th, on the Court Square in Downtown Paris.

This year's Street Dance will feature everyone's favorite local band, The

Ray Lewis Band. New country, rock and roll and any other kind of music that will get you moving is sure to fill the night air in Downtown Paris. The band will play until 9pm and there is no fee for this event.

The Kick-Off Street Dance is sponsored by Westfalia Farms. So gather up your dancing shoes and bring a comfy

blanket to sit down on or your trusty lawn chairs and get ready for an evening of fun and entertainment. The only thing you won't need is an umbrella. The rain location for the Street Dance is the Pavilion at the Henry County Fairgrounds. It may be a little hard to social distance and dance but keep your health in mind as you attend these events.

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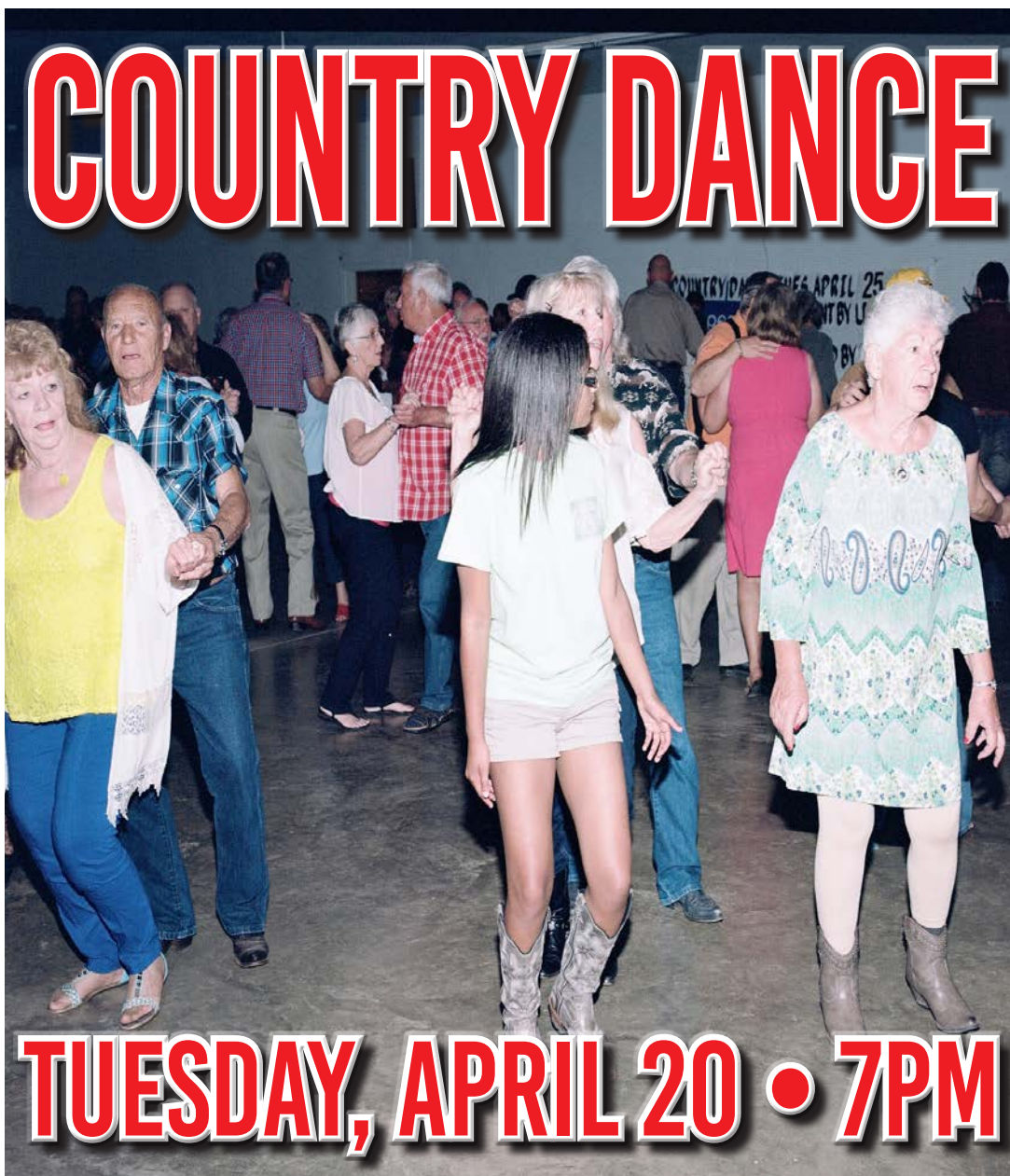
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Everyone just keeps on dancing at the World's Biggest Fish Fry!! The music moves out to the Henry County Fairgrounds on Tuesday Night. The Country Dance will begin at 7pm, Tuesday, April 20th, in the Enoch Building. Some country dancers prefer this event because it is indoors, air-conditioned (or heated – this is Tennessee and you never know), and chairs are provided. There are also snacks and drinks available for purchase.

The Southside Cafe will sponsor this year's

Country Dance. The featured band will be The James Greer Band. These fellas have a huge following of line dancers and are sure to keep the crowd on their feet all night.

The band will play until 10pm. Admission is only \$5 per person. The Henry County Jaycees will work hard to make sure that the entertainment is worth way more than what you pay for and that the venue is as safe as possible. So get your boots and grab your cowboy hat and head on over to the Country Dance.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 25 • 1PM-6PM

One thing everyone has surely missed is a big carnival! The thrilling rides, the flashy games and the yummy food are all a fun part of any festival. The Henry County Jaycess say the Fish Fry Carnival is back and ready for a good time!

The carnival opens at 5pm and runs until 11pm on April 20th thru the 22nd. Each night has a family special, too! A coupon will be sent home from school for Tuesday night. Present the coupon and you

get \$5 off the price of an armband. Wednesday night the armband is only \$20. Thursday you can get 10 rides for only \$10!

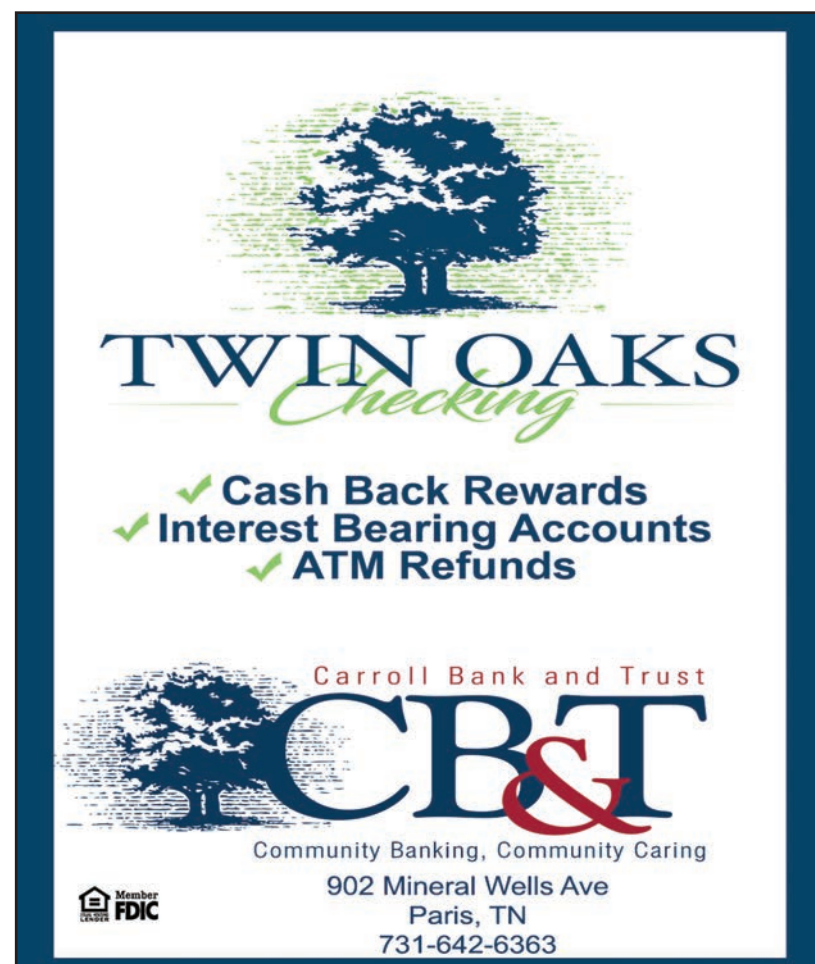
The carnival is open from 11am until midnight on April 23rd and 24th. From noon to 5pm, on both Friday and Saturday, you can purchase and use your armband for only \$20. Tickest must be purchased for all rides from 5pm until midnight on Friday and Saturday at the carnival.



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The Fish Tent is not only the center point of the World's Biggest Fish Fry it is chock full of good ole' Henry County Traditions. Start with the name – in the early Fish Fry days everyone sat under tents in downtown Paris and Mr. Bobby Cox was the man with the plan to oversee that it all got taken care of. Now the fish is served in a beautiful air conditioned facility at the Henry County Fairgrounds but

is still referred to as the Fish Tent and named for everyone's buddy, Bobby.

Other traditions that the Fish Fry still keep is that the fish is served by the community to it friends, family and visitors. Civic organizations, community leaders, churches and other volunteer groups sign up every year to stand in line and pass out catfish, hush puppies and dip out white beans. One of the most cherished traditions is the tossing of the first hush puppy. Each year the Hostess Princess, tosses out the first hush puppy to a member of her family and thus begins the eating of the catfish!

The Fish Tent is open from April 21st thru the 24th. Keep in mind that Fish Fry week may start on

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There will be lots of detail to safe serving and social distancing so if the line moves a bit slower than usual please be patient. Servers will be wearing gloves like always, but will



also wear masks. They will also be the only person handling plates. You just follow the line and tell them what you want. Simple, easy and safe!

Speaking of telling them what you want – that’s the yummy part. The World’s Biggest Fish Fry menu will include fresh fried catfish, hush puppies, french fries, white beans, vinegar and mayo cole slaw and a cold drink. You get all of this for only \$15 and it is all-you-can-eat! Children ages 6 – 12 years old will eat for only \$10. All-you-can-eat is only available to customers that dine in. Take out containers will be available.

It takes a lot of Jaycees and volunteers to keep the Fish Tent going. Holley Credit Union is the sponsor for the 2021 World’s Biggest Fish Fry. Henry County Jaycees and various volunteers fry the fish and make the hush puppies. Different churches donate the delicious white beans and everyone helps keep the Fish Tent clean!

There may be a lot of things going on at The World’s Biggest Fish Fry, but there is only one thing you better not miss! The Fish Tent!! They don’t call it a Fish Fry for nothing! Get all you can eat and enjoy yourself.



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The World's Biggest Fish Fry brings all types of entertainment to the Henry County Fairgrounds. One of the more popular musical events is the Christian Concert, sponsored by the Western District Baptist Association.

The Christian Concert is always held on Wednesday of Fish Fry week. This year's concert will begin at 7pm, April 21st, under the pavilion at the Henry Fairgrounds. The Nathan Shoemaker Band will be taking the stage at

this year's concert. Their style of contemporary style of Christian music has made them one of the most popular local Christian bands. There is a \$5 admission for this concert.

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The Arts and Crafts Show opens on Thursday, April 22nd, 5 to 8:30pm,, in the Enoch Building at the Henry County Fairgrounds. The Arts and Crafts Show continues on Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th, from 10am until 8:30 pm, There is no charge for admission.

Contact the World's Biggest Fish Fry Headquarters for information about entry submissions, winning submissions and pick-up times for entries. Visit The Official World's Biggest Fish Fry Facebook page for more info, updates and registration or contact the headquarters, located at 219 Tyson Ave., or by calling (731) 644-1143.

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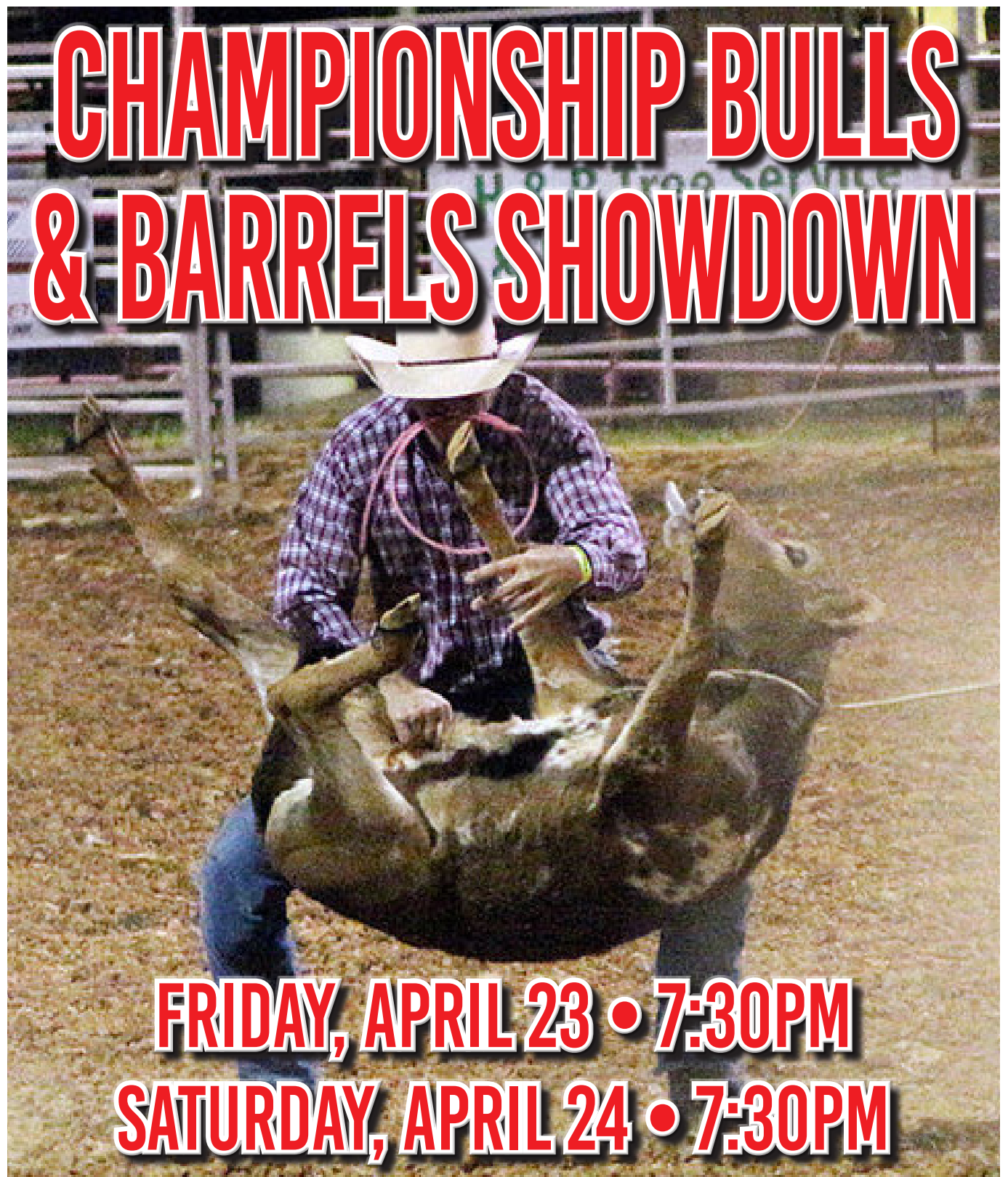
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pionship Bulls & Barrels Showdown on Friday and Saturday, April 23rd and 24th.

The gates will open at 6pm and the Showdown begins at 7:30 pm, each night. Tickets will be available in advance, \$8 for adults, \$6 for children (ages 6-12). Tickets at the gate will be \$12 for adults and \$10 for children (ages

6-12). Free admission for children under age 6 when accompanied by an adult.

The nightly featured events will include Bull Riding, Barrel Racing, Mutton Bustin' and a Calf scramble. Contestants can enter both nights and the person with

the highest 2 night total with win \$500 and a trophy buckle. The entry fee for Bull Riding is \$60. The entry fee for Barrel Racing is \$25. The contestants gate opens at 5:30pm and must arrive prior to 6pm. Any contestants under the age of 18 must have parental permission.

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Calling the parade the Grand Parade this year will probably be the biggest understatement of 2021! There isn't a person in Paris, Tennessee that didn't miss the parade last year. It is the one event that brings everybody together – either as a spectator or a participant. The Grand Parade this year will begin at 10am, Friday, April 23rd, on East Wood Street. The Jaycees are proud to announce that

everyone's favorite Henry County Resident and hometown hero George "Tink" Combs, Jr. will be this year's Grand Marshall.

People have had an extra year to get creative with their floats and decorated cars, trucks and boats. This year is sure to be one of the most elaborate parades the Jaycees have ever seen in their 68 year history! The parade will be coordinated by the pro himself,



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The Jaycees have not changed the route this year so everyone knows just where to go and the best places to park to see the whole thing. They usually start shutting down streets around 9am so it is best to arrive early and get your favorite spot. The Grand Parade begins on Wood Street close to the East Wood Church of Christ and heads down East to Fairgrounds Rd., where it makes a right and heads to The Fish Fry parking area where the parade ends.

of Ogburn Park. Regardless of your number in the parade you will proceed in the order that you arrived. This is to cut down on confusion, unnecessary congestion and to make the flow easier for all involved. For safety purposes no candy will be thrown from floats into the crowd and there will be no fire works or poppers permitted in the Grand Parade.

This year's Grand Parade is sponsored by Martin Construction. All judging will be done prior to the start of the parade. It is important that you arrive at your designated time and be ready for judging. Bring a lawn chair and bring your masks, for social distancing will be tough during the parade, but it is not impossible for each of us to do our part to stay safe.

As usual bands will meet and line up at Ogburn Park, located directly behind the East Wood Church of Christ. Floats will line up on East Wood Street and other vehicles will remain in the Church parking lot until they are directed to join the procession. Also, the horses will be unloaded at the lower level

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Where the Big Fries lead the Small Fries are sure to follow. That holds true for parades at the World's Biggest Fish Fry! The Small Fry Parade is always held on the Saturday morning after the parade. This year's event will be at 10am, April 24th, around the Court Square in Downtown Paris.

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this most famous event this year. Come out and see the little ones in their costumes and makeup and their homemade floats. The theme each year is pretty much whatever each participant chooses which makes it more fun and creative. Pre-schools, church groups, and any individual can participate. If you are willing to have fun, you pretty

much can be a part of the Small Fry Parade.

Awards will be given in many different categories, including: Best Marching Unit, Coolest Pet, Best Decorated Float, Most Original Float, Best Character/Costume, and the Best Decorated Bicycle/Tricycle. Just keep in mind that floats must be pulled by a non-

motorized source. Bikes, peddle tractors and hand-pulled wagons are perfect for the Small Fry Parade.

In the past the line up has started at the First United Methodist Church just off the Court Square in downtown Paris. The parade usually ends there, too. Awards are announced on the steps of the Methodist Church.

Any changes to that will be announced ahead of the parade.

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JUNIOR FISHING RODEO

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If you want to fry some fish – you have to catch some fish first! The fish from the Junior Fishing Rodeo may not make it to the Fish Tent but they sure are a lot of fun to try and catch. This event is held at Williams Lake in Paris, beginning at 11am until 1pm, on Saturday, April 24th. It is free for children 12 years old and younger.

The Junior Fishing Rodeo is sponsored by A.C.S. Marine, Hulme Sporting Goods, TWRA and 54 Fuel Mart. The children will compete for prizes in different age groups. There will be awards for ages 4 years and under, ages 5-8, and ages 9-12. Prizes will be awarded in each age group for the boy and the girl with the most fish and the boy and the

girl with the biggest fish.

The secret is not to get frustrated and just keep trying. You never know what you might catch each time you cast out that line. You could go home a winner. Even if you don't take home an award, it is still a lot of fun to get out by the water and fish with your family and friends.

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