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Demolition Derby Is the Big Bang That Gets Everything Started

When you hear that first car get hit you know one thing for sure! The Demolition Derby has just gotten started at the World's Biggest Fish Fry. Every year the Fish Fry kicks off with a thrilling demo derby. Everyone loves to see the cars and trucks crash until none of them can run again. These vehicles may be tough but they sure ain't pretty!

The Gates open at 5 PM. To participate your entry fee is \$50 per car/person. A strict time guideline is enforced to ensure safety for the evenings event. The RW Promotions Event gets under way at 7 PM. General Admission is \$15 for adults and \$10 for kids 6 to 10. Under age 5 gets in free with an adult.

The Main Arena at the Henry County Fairgrounds is where you will find the driver's waiting to destroy the property of others! Martin Construction is a big sponsor of the Demolition Derby each year. Show your appreciation and attend with the whole family. Get there early seats tend to fill up fast!

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Any everyday ordinary Fish Fry can have lots of fried catfish. The Paris Henry County Jaycees World's Biggest Fish Fry also has lots of music! All week long you can find music playing! There are dances on Monday and Tuesday, a concert on Wednesday and marching bands playing on Friday! If you like any of that kind of music then make a note

on your calendar now! The Kick Off Street Dance hits the asphalt on Monday, April 22nd, around the Court Square in Downtown Paris. Music officially begins at 7 PM. The Ray Lewis Band will be playing and is sponsored by Circle A Dirtwork and Septic and Patriot Plumbers. This concert is Free. You are only asked to show up

and maybe bring your own chair if you're not dancing. But once you hear that awesome music your feet will be moving. The rain location for this dance will be the Fairground's Pavilion. The Country Dance will be held on Tuesday, April 23rd, in the Enoch Building at the Henry County Fairgrounds. Admission is \$5, this is an indoor event so seating

and heat/ air-conditioning will be available. Also, snacks and souvenirs will be on hand for purchase. The James Greer Band will play this event sponsored by Susan Jones Public Relations. The Fish Fry features a Christian Concert on Wednesday evening each year. The Jonathan Turner Band will provide the music at this concert sponsored by the Western District Baptist Association. The band plays from 7 to 8:45 PM, on April 24th. Every one is asked to contribute a \$5 donation.

All we can say about the music in the parade is to make sure you get there early so you have the perfect viewing spot. If you love a grand parade you will love this one – it has everything! Remember, to be at East Wood Street, Friday morning, no later than 9 AM.

Southern Rock, Pop, Country and Christian music, the World's Biggest Fish Fry has a little bit of all of it. The Paris Henry County Jaycees invite you to everything. There is no better way to show your appreciation than to attend a Fish Fry event!

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Come out and have fun at the World's Biggest Fish Fry. The Henry County Fairgrounds Fairway is covered with everyone's favorite rides.

There are the traditional rides like the Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel and Swings. Plus the fun rides like the Tilt-A-Whirl and the Scrambler are always at the best carnivals. There are plenty of rides just right for the little guys too. The Carnival opens on Tuesday, April 23rd and remains open until the end of the Fish Fry week, Sunday, April 27th.

It is hard to believe but some people aren't into rides. No problem! There are plenty of games like shooting water guns and winning a goldfish. Taking home a big stuffed animal can be a lot of fun. Plus don't forget the yummys. Corn dogs, burgers, funnel cakes and lemon-aid are everywhere. Don't forget to save room for catfish, even though the carnival treats are delicious.

Carnival hours are Tuesday, 5 to 11 PM. Look for the \$20 Arm Band School Coupon good for Tuesday night only. Wednesday and Thursday hours are 5 to 11 PM, Arm Bands for these two days are \$25. Friday and



Saturday, carnival hours are 11 AM to 11 PM. Arm Bands are only \$30 for all day. Sunday, Arm Bands are \$25 and the carnival is open from Noon to 6 PM. For your convenience,

individual tickets are available for sale each day. Bracelets or tickets, either way the carnival does not have to blow your budget. Take advantage of the bracelets and

have a great time. The Primetime Carnival is lucky to serve the Fish Fry this year at the Henry County Fairgrounds. The Jaycees sure hope to see you there!

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WELCOME TO THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FISH FRY!

The World's Biggest Fish Fry doesn't take that name for granted. The Paris Henry County Jaycees literally fry the most catfish in the world at this event. So, not only do you want to taste some of the best fried catfish around, you can also be a part of fishstory!

The place where everyone gathers to eat is traditionally known as the "the Bobby Cox Memorial Fish Tent," a throwback to the early days of Fish Fry. The fish used to be served under a tent and good ole Bobby used to keep it all together. Now, the Fish Tent is actually an air-conditioned building with comfortable places to sit and eat. Located at the Henry



County Fairgrounds. No one just eats at the Fish Fry. The Fish Tent is all-you-can-eat! Is there a more perfect southern meal than fried catfish, hushpuppies, white beans, french fries, cole slaw and sweet tea or a soft drink. Once inside you only have to stay in the long line once. After that, the Jaycees have a much shorter line for second servings – or more!

The World's Biggest Fish Fry is a week long event but they do not start frying fish until Wednesday night. The General Manager of the Fish Fry will open the Fish Tent with a few remarks and thank you's and will introduce the volunteers serving fish that night. The first night always includes the Hostess Princess and her Court. The line starts moving when she tosses the first hushpuppy to a waiting family member. Each night a new group of volunteers is on hand to serve at the catfish buffet. City and county officials, churches, banks, civic groups and

various organizations take turns serving during the week. It is an honor to serve at the world's biggest fish fry;

The hours for the Fish Tent are 5 PM to 9 PM on Wednesday, April 24th, at the Henry County Fairgrounds. The remaining hours our from 11 am to 9PM, Thursday, April 25th, Friday, April 26th and Saturday April 27th. If you stay you can eat all you can hold. Adults can eat for \$20 and children ages 6 – 12 can eat for \$12. To go carry outs are available. The Fish Tent accepts both cash and credit. Souvenirs are also available. For more information contact the World's Biggest Fish Fry at their headquarters by calling (731) 644-1143 or visiting worldsbiggestfish-fry.org.

This would be a good week to save up your cheat meals and enjoy some delicious fried catfish or treats from the carnival fairway. Whatever your diet allows you will find something delicious to eat at the World's Biggest Fish Fry.

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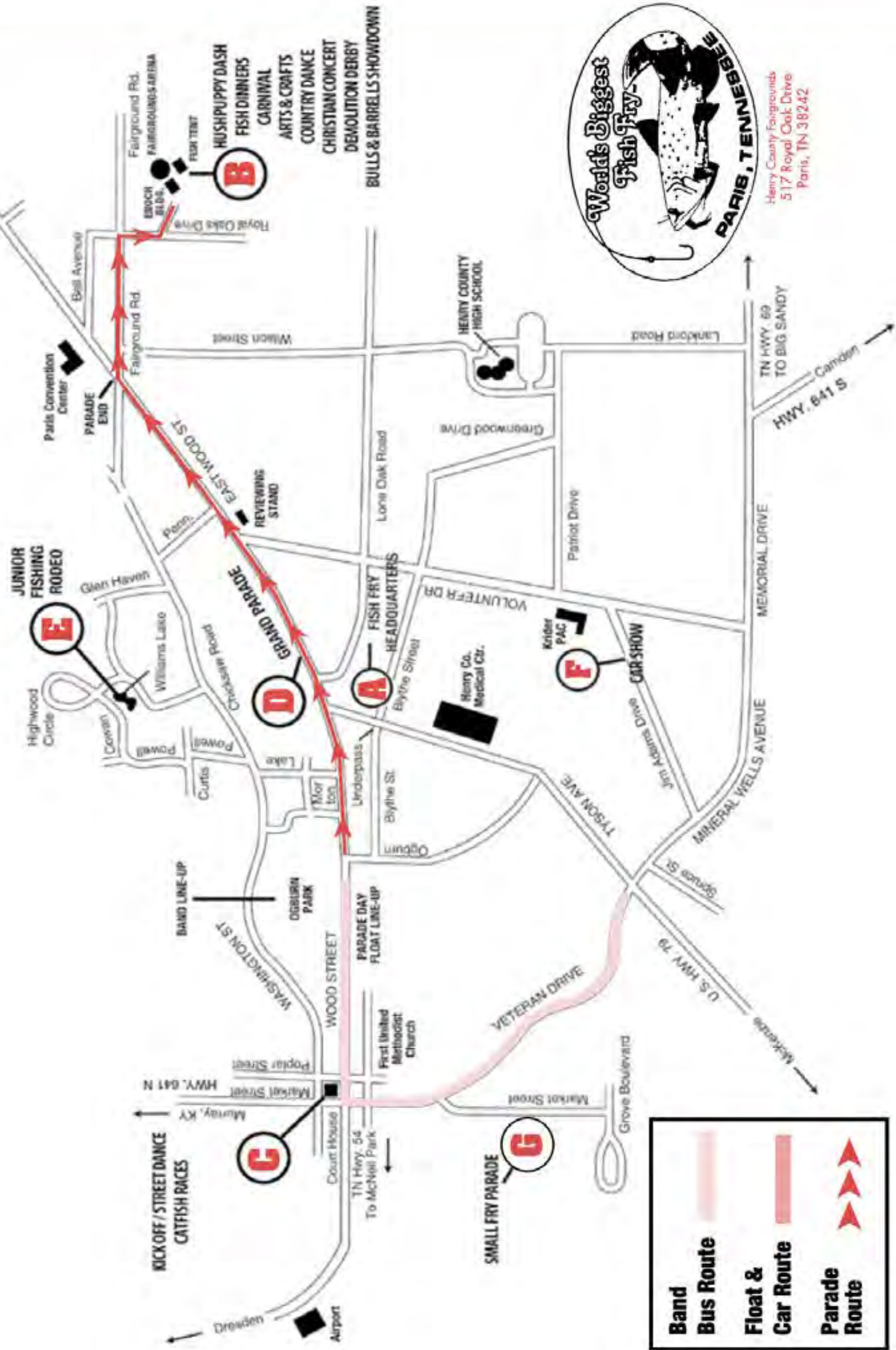


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2024 EVENT MAP

Here's How To Find Your Way Around The 71st Annual World's Biggest Fish Fry





World's Biggest Fish Fry Schedule of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	TIME
4/20/2024	Hushpuppy Dash-5K Walk/Run (Registration starts at 7am)	Henry County Fairgrounds	8AM
4/20/2024	Car & Bike Show	KPAC-Volunteer Drive	8AM
4/20/2024	Demolition Derby (Gates open at 5PM)	Henry County Fairgrounds	7PM
4/22/2024	Kick-Off Street Dance	Downtown Paris	7PM-9PM
4/23-4/25	Carnival	Henry County Fairgrounds	5PM-11PM
4/26-4/27	Carnival	Henry County Fairgrounds	11AM-Midnight
4/28/2024	Carnival	Henry County Fairgrounds	12PM-6PM
4/23/2024	Country Dance	Henry County Fairgrounds	7PM-10PM
4/24/2024	Fish Tent (Opening Day)	Henry County Fairgrounds	5PM-9PM
4/25-4/27	Fish Tent	Henry County Fairgrounds	11AM-9PM
4/24/2024	Christian Concert	Henry County Fairgrounds	7PM-8:45PM
4/24/2024	Arts & Crafts Show (Outside Vendors Only)	Henry County Fairgrounds	5PM-8:30PM
4/25/2024	Arts & Crafts Show	Henry County Fairgrounds	5PM-8:30PM
4/26-4/27	Arts & Crafts Show	Henry County Fairgrounds	10AM-8:30PM
4/26/2024	Grand Parade	East Wood Street	10AM
4/26-4/27	Championship Bulls & Barrels Showdown	Henry County Fairgrounds	7:30PM
4/27/2024	Small Fry Parade	TBA	10AM
4/27/2024	Catfish Races	Downtown Paris Courthouse Lawn	11AM
4/27/2024	Jr. Fishing Rodeo	Williams Lake	11AM-1PM

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ARTS-N-CRAFTS ARE HIGHLIGHT OF talented LOCAL ARTISTS

The Arts-N-Crafts Show will be open for four nights this year! Wednesday evening, April 24th will feature outside vendors only at the get-together, from 5 to 8:30 PM. The Arts-N-Crafts Show is held in the Enoch Building at the Henry County Fairgrounds.

Local folks work year round on creating beautiful arts-n-crafts projects to show off during the World's Biggest Fish Fry. Yard



art, lovely home décor and many other crafts will be on display and for sale. That unique gift someone has been waiting for will be at the Fish

Fry Arts-N-Crafts Show. Admission to the exhibits are free.

The hours will include Thursday, April 25th, 5 to 8:30 PM, and

Friday and Saturday, April 26th and 27th, from 10AM to 8:30PM.

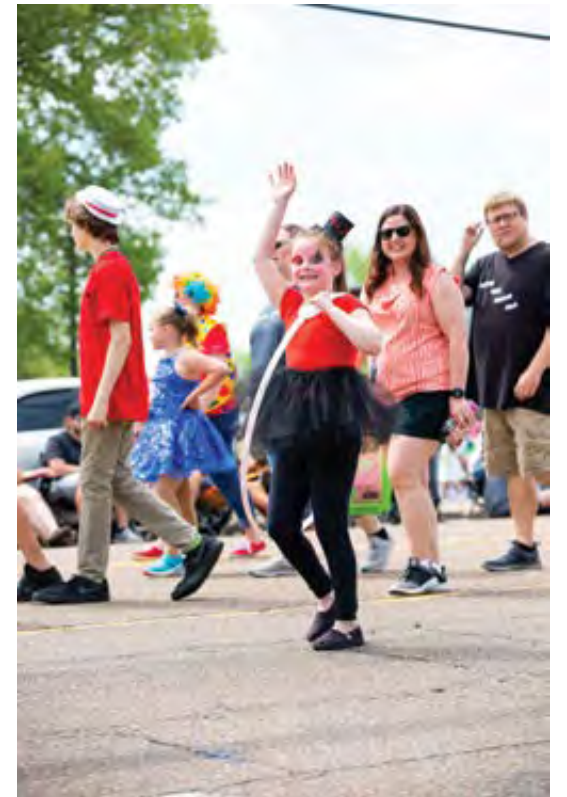
You don't want to miss out on these special projects and deals!

The Grand Parade Is the Best Way to Start Fish Fry Day

One of the biggest and most attended events in Northwest Tennessee is the World's Biggest Fish Fry's Grand Parade. Fish Fry is a week long event with many different activities going on. Friday of Fish Fry week is generally known as Fish Fry Day.

One of the main reasons being it is the day of the Grand Parade and you could get all-you-can-eat fish starting at 11 AM. Some events and times have changed but those two things remain the same.

The Grand Parade is the culmination of a lot of hard work. People that work on floats, decorate cars, sew costumes, play music, do acrobatics and dress up like fun clowns. It takes hours to build floats and days to perfect marching routines. Decorated cars and costumes don't just



show up on their own. Time is spent making them and making sure they look just right.

The Grand Parade begins at

10 AM on Friday, April 26th. The location is on East Wood Street from

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The Republic Services Championship Bulls & Barrels Showdown excitement includes bull riding and barrel racing for the grown-ups and a calf scramble and mutton busting for the kids. The bull riding champion will take home a \$500 bonus and a trophy buckle after a two night total.

Entry fee for Bull Riding is \$60 and Barrel Racing is \$35.

Tickets are available in advance at the Fish Fry Headquarters, 219 Tyson Avenue. Advance adult tickets are \$12. Children ages 6-12 can get an advanced ticket for \$7. Tickets may also be purchased at the gate. Adult tickets are \$15 and children ages 6-12 can get a tickets for \$12. Free Admission for children under the age of 6 when accompanied by a adult.

The World's Biggest Fish Fry Rodeo is held at the Grand Arena at the Henry County Fairgrounds on Friday, April 26th and Saturday, April 27th. Gates open at

6 PM, each night, with the rodeo getting started at 7:30 PM. For more information contact the Headquarters at (731) 644-1143 or visit their website at worldsbiggestfishfry.org.

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be at you favorite viewing spot before then.

Any business or organization can participate in the Grand Parade. Forms are available on their website worldsbiggestfishfry.org. More information may

be obtained by calling (731) 644-1143. Deadline for parade is Wednesday, April 24th. You don't want to miss the Grand Parade. Either be a part of it or come watch it – you are part of the fun both ways.

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One of the most unique events at the World's Biggest Fish Fry is the Bill Williams Catfish Races, Saturday, April 27th. Named for the man, at the Paris Post Intelligencer, that loved a fish tale and children's stories, this event has to be seen to be believed.

The day gets started at 11 AM with the reading of many of the Fish Tales that are submitted to our local paper. Make sure you are in Downtown Paris that morning, on the court square, or you will miss everything!

Afterwards you get to cheer on your favorite catfish as they swim down their 15' waterways to victory. The Catfish are treated like true athlete's with cooling pools to keep them from stressing out. Many catfish are used to race so no single fish is over worked. It is a fun event for everyone including the fish.

There is no charge for this event and seating is limited so you may want to bring your own chair or get there early. This event is sponsored by REAL Hope Youth Center.



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