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To New Beginnings!



As the calendar turns the page, we wish you the very best in the year ahead.

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Cool Readings within the pages of PARIS! In Winter

One of the best things about winter in Henry County is that we usually get several beautiful snows, but they rarely stay around too long. In fact, a snow in our neck of the woods is a license to close schools for a day or two, perhaps leave work a little early, cook a big pot of chili or build a snowman.

Having said that, a group of people who NEVER slack off in a snow are the fine folks at Helping Hand. That means that no matter what it looks like outside, there will be items for sale, an auctioneer at the microphone and volunteers manning the phones (see calendar on page 19).

After a fun day in the snow, come inside, sip on some hot cocoa, and read a little PARIS! Magazine. You won't be disappointed.

In this issue we introduce you to a new writer, Jesse Parker, Jr., who'll

be sharing stories from his younger days. Jesse will make you laugh, but through his writings you'll feel just how important his family and Henry County roots are to him.

Read more about Paris' history with Beth Fay's article about a home-grown jewelry thief, Shannon McFarlin tells us about the old bottling companies that once occupied Henry County, and she also enlightens us with an article about the spectacular ginkgo trees growing here.

Feeling hungry? Karen Geary's got you covered in Paris Cuisine with some good old recipes she'd tucked away for years. She also has a pretty special Valentine's story about her findings in her Mamaw's bible as she was hunting down those recipes. With the recent passing of former President Jimmy Carter, she was reminded of a time when she was involved with his inauguration and shares that with us too.

There's no shortage of great people in Henry County and in this issue we spotlight a couple of them. Crystal Kendall is the superhero next door and Darren Webb who bravely fights wildfires. Keep reading and you'll see where there's a new tv series being filmed in Paris, John Watkins imagines a different type of playoffs, and give the crossword puzzle a try. If you're still looking for something to do, check out the Calendar of Events. One thing for sure, sunny or snowy, hot or cold, there's no shortage of things to do in Henry County.

Stay warm!

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ON THE COVER

Ashli Newcomb captured this photo of Chris Scott holding the sled while grandkids Caroline Kate Newcomb and Ford Newcomb are bundled up to slide down the hill. Donna Scott prepares to give them a little push.



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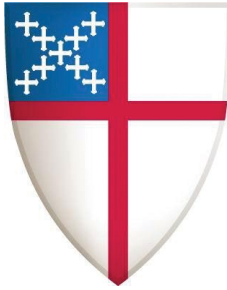
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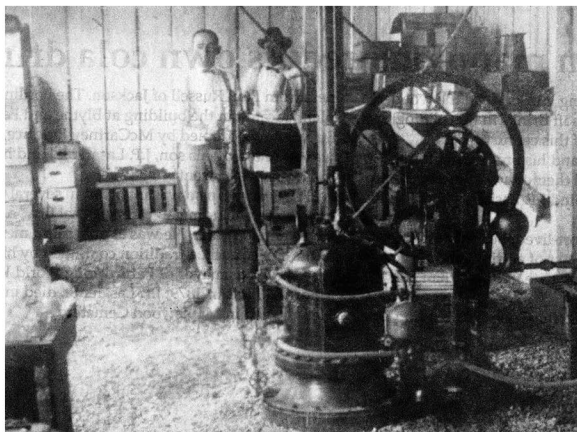
Bottling Companies

In Henry County



In May of 1888, the first Coca-Cola was served in Atlanta, Georgia. But did you know that this world famous soft-drink has ties to Tennessee too? And did you know that Paris had its own cola manufactured right here? According to the Tennessee Historical Commission, though the Coca-Cola company is headquartered in Atlanta, they did not bottle their beverage themselves. Instead, Coca-Cola supplied their syrups to individual bottling companies, to then distribute their product so that it could be enjoyed beyond the soda fountain. Above is the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. that was located at the corner of Fentress and West Blythe Street in downtown Paris. The photo was taken in 1934.

By 1909, nearly 400 Coca-Cola bottling plants were operating, most of them family-owned businesses. The Coca-Cola company wasn't the only bottling company in Paris. In the 1957 Paris City Directory, these bottling companies are identified: Dr. Pepper Bottling Co., Hwy. 69S; Royal Crown Bottling Co., 706 N. Market Street; and Seven Up bottling Co., 407 Powell St.



In the early 1900s, Paris also was home to the Electro-Cola Bottling Co. Brothers John Porter Lasater and Hafford Lasater bottled their own soft drink brand, called Electro-Cola, at their plant on North Poplar St. Their plant was located in the Lasater garage. This photo was taken around 1905.

DALLAS HALL

Paris' Homegrown Jewelry Thief



DALLAS
HALL

By Beth Fay

You've heard of Bonnie and Clyde and Baby Face Nelson, but here is the story of Henry County's own gangster, Dallas Hall.

The Halls were one of the earliest families to settle the western part of Henry County. The family's progenitor was James Murphy Hall, born in 1824 in North Carolina, who came to Henry County as a very young man. He married another North Carolinian - Lucy Elizabeth High - here in Henry County in 1846, and the couple proceeded to raise a whole bunch of Henry County Halls.

James and Lucy had a total of 13 children, of whom only 7 survived to adulthood. One of their many grandchildren was Charles Thomas Hall, who married a local Henry County girl, Annie May Lanius, in Paris in 1907. Charles and Annie's firstborn was a boy by the name of Dallas Hafford Hall, born in 1909 in Paris.

While in Paris, Charles worked as a farm laborer, but by the 1920 Census, he was employed as a car repairman on the Missouri Pacific railroad in Little Rock, Arkansas. Charles and Annie had one other child while in

Arkansas, Dallas' little sister Mary Elizabeth, who was born in 1914. Right after her birth, the Hall family moved from Arkansas to Saint Louis where Charles continued his work for the railroad.

Dallas Hall married Barbara V. Farris in 1927 and they promptly had a baby boy - Kenneth Charles Hall. Unfortunately, things did not go well. Dallas couldn't hang onto a job to save his life, the few that he did get lasted no more than a month or two. The last job he held was at the Riefing Automobile Company, working as a mechanic. Reportedly, he deserted his station on a very hot day in July 1930, was found sitting under a shade tree and was fired. That was the last known time that Hall held a (legitimate) paying position.

After losing this job, Dallas' wife Barbara kicked him out of their house on Sidney Street in the historic Benton Park neighborhood. He then lived in a row house on South Broadway Street, south of downtown St Louis. Just a short time later, on July 22, an unidentified bandit flourishing an automatic pistol and a revolver held up Miss Elsie Goeb in the jewelry store

owned by her brother, William, and escaped with \$178 worth of jewelry and \$18 in cash.

Eight days later, the same bandit with the same two guns held up another jewelry store in south St Louis. Eight more jewelry store holdups followed. The police were determined that the robber must be stopped. They stationed guards at a number of jewelry stores which turned out to be a successful plan. The "two gun bandit" showed up again after seven days and walked into the trap.

Police watched him loiter around the store until a customer left, at which point the bandit pulled out his two guns and pointed them at the shop owner. The owner dropped to the floor at which point the shooting started. The bandit shot at the police officers eight times, but hit nothing. The police fired back, killing the gunman. The dead robber was identified as Dallas Hall through finding a receipt in his pocket for \$4 paid for work on a Ford automobile the day before at the Riefing agency. His body was identified as the robber of ten other jewelry stores by workers who were present during the robberies.

After further investigation, police found that Hall had been spending money freely and was a frequenter of dice games across the river in east Saint Louis. Once police were able to enter his home, they found more than \$13,000 in diamond rings and other valuables, along with over \$900 in cash. He also hid 55 diamond rings in a piano at his parents' home, valued at several thousand dollars.

Halls' parents and his wife were shocked to hear of his criminal activities. He was described by his mother as a "good boy" who did what he could to find work. She told police, "I had always thought him a model young man. He told me he couldn't get work, so I went to work. I bought him a suit, paying \$2.50 a week on it. In addition, I contributed \$5 a week to the support of his son." His wife also said she knew nothing of his secret career. She had taken a job in a shoe factory to support herself and her son after she had kicked him out of their home.

Law enforcement proceeded over the next weeks to canvas all of Hall's known friends and family to attempt to recover other stolen goods. His wife surrendered a ring with three diamonds that Hall had given her the weekend before his death, telling her that he got it for a bargain from a friend. Two female "associates" of Hall's in east St Louis admitted that Hall had given them rings and other valuables which they claimed to



Dallas Hall's wife, Barbara, is pictured with baby son Kenneth Charles, ca. 1928.

have either pawned or lost.

Hall had visited Paris a short time before his final "job" and police suspected that additional loot might have been carried to Henry County. A Pinkerton detective came to Paris and visited the homes of various relatives of Hall's in Como. Three additional diamond rings were found that Hall had given away as "presents." In investigating his Henry County family, and friends, investigators learned that Hall had told his cousins that he planned to return soon to Henry County to get a job and settle down -



Dallas Hall's headstone in Henry County's Olive Branch Cemetery. Laid beside him is his young son, Kenneth. Dallas Hall's death certificate stated he died from a gunshot wound to the head by police during an attempted jewelry store heist in St. Louis.

presumably after just "one more job" that he failed to share with them.

The Halls had been away from Paris for quite some time, but their roots were still in Henry County. Hall's body was brought back to Paris by his parents. His uncle, Luther Hall, officiated at his funeral. Sadly, Dallas' toddler son, Kenneth Charles, died just three weeks after the death of his father. Father and son are buried side by side in Olive Branch Cemetery.

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To My Valentine

A Lesson From Mamaw's Bible

BY KAREN GEARY

While returning my ratty manila envelope full of clipped recipes to my bookcase (see Paris Cuisine on page 30 for mention), I noticed my Grandmother Thacker's worn Bible sitting on the shelf with other keepsakes and books. Like many people my age, not only did I inherit my parents' photographs, mementos, and what-nots, but my grandparents', too. It was inside a ziplock bag to protect it from further deterioration and a scalloped paper edge was peeking out of the pages.

My grandmother - "Mamaw" to us grandchildren - kept her Bible on the lamp table next to the couch, and I don't remember a time when she

didn't sit down after a day of house chores to read her Bible, study her Sunday School literature, and work the Jumble puzzle in the newspaper. The binding on the book is covered with an adhesive tape, now brittle, to hold it together, and on the inside front page was her address from a time before my birth. Its pages contain the red-lettered King James version of God's Word and full-color plates of famous Biblical scenes. The Bible was gifted to my grandmother by my mother in 1943, a time when she was a young woman probably working her first job.

But within those pages Mamaw saved little treasures, and one of those items is the elaborately embossed "To

My Valentine" card that caught my eye on the bookcase shelf. It has an intricate die-cut, a colorful flowery scene with a cupid, and red paper honeycombs that open when the three-dimensional card is stood up. I estimated the "Made In Germany" card was produced circa 1920s to early 1930s. The back is signed "To Glen and Hazel from Daisy" (my grandmother's sister). To me, the card seems a bit over-the-top for a sister-to-sister Valentine, but it may have come at a time when my grandparents were young and in love. Yet within the pages, the card was kept safe and cherished for nearly a century.

Also in the Bible was another smaller Valentine, unsigned, that

was produced by one of the largest Valentine card producers in America, Whitney Made. It has a melancholy sentiment – *I've been setting here all week waiting for a beau. Perhaps I am not pretty, Else someone's awful slow.* It's a mystery why this card was kept, but Mamaw always had a reason.



In the back of the Bible was a cute Valentine from my grandfather to her. The envelope was addressed to “Wifie, the old side kick.” “Wifie” was Granddaddy’s term of endearment for Mamaw, especially when he needed to get on her good side. The card’s cowboy-cowgirl theme indicated he was glad she “fenced him in.” From the artwork’s style, I believe the card was from the 1960s, and he probably purchased it on his daily walk to work at Louisville’s L&N railroad station where he was a car coupler.

The Bible’s leaves contained other items – her brother’s obituary who served overseas during World War II, photographs of family members, a saved returned address of a relative in California, and a laminated bookmark with a tassel and printed Bible verse. But in Mamaw’s Bible where she held close to its teachings, she cherished these symbols of love from her family.

As it says in 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NKJV): *“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”*



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MUSINGS OF THE BOWDEN FAMILY



By Jesse Parker, Jr.

I'm Jesse Parker and was born in Henry County, Tennessee, in the 1960s. When my father JD Parker re-enlisted in the Navy, my mother Polly and older brother Harvey moved to California. Eventually I had two younger brothers, Timothy and William, and a sister Kathryn.

During my father's vacations, that lasted 30 days or more each year, we would drive "home" to Tennessee and stay with Harvey and RE Bowden on Bowden Farm. RE was a school teacher at Van Dyke School, and Harvey Bowden, "HT" as most people called him, was a farmer who worked with his brother Jimmy and Jimmy's son, Billy. All the Parker children called HT "Granddaddy" and RE "Grandma". The Bowden's grew corn and soybeans in many locations in the county. I remember them farming land far from the Bowden Farm, even where Lakeway IGA stands today.

There are roads now that were not there, near Hwy. 79, back in the 1970s. Young people today couldn't even imagine that so many buildings and parking lots, covered in asphalt today, were once fields full of crops.

The Bowdens also raised cattle and hogs. But the hogs were not raised in buildings back then. Hogs could root around in the dirt and make mud

puddles to cool off in. They had small wooden and tin covered sheds they could get in. They were raised on the ground, not on concrete.

Grandma RE also had chickens behind their yellow brick two-story house built in the 1940s for \$8,000. It had a tall fireplace and three arches over the concrete front porch where we sat in white rocking chairs and watch the dust fly up as vehicles or a tractor passed by a few times a day.



"All the Parker children loved the farm but loved HT and RE even more! He was always kind and told us wonderful stories about history and his childhood."

I remember it was strange that my grandparents looked at each car or truck as it passed by, even from inside the house. We could hear the gravel crunching and see a dust cloud rolling, plus the dogs alerted us that someone was coming down our road.

The house also had a white board fence on one side and in the back to keep the cows out of the yard and garden. There was also a short white picket fence in front, by the road, with a gate to retrieve the mail from the partly rust covered mailbox with the numbers "235" on one side. We did not even have to use road names back then for mail. Just the owners name, route number, box number, city and state, and later a five-digit zip code. Their address was on Route 6. Somehow mail still found us even without a zip code or return address on it.

There was a huge poplar tree with a swing in the front yard, and the fences were landscaped with multiple flowers or small flowering trees and bushes. There was an old wooden house straight out back in the pasture where HT and RE lived before building their brick home. They married in the 1930s, and RE was made to stop teaching school. Married women were not allowed to teach until the United States got involved in World

War II back in the 1940s. The war created a worker shortage so Mrs. RE was allowed to teach again.

Many women went to work back then to help the war effort. Many took jobs for the first time. Even JD's mother and father moved by train to Seattle with seven children and had an eighth child there, where Grandma Emily welded warplanes, and her husband, Elgin Parker, built ships for the war effort.

Things were different then. We didn't have computers keeping up with everyone! My Uncle Larry Parker joined the Air Force at age 15. The government didn't find out his real age until he was about to retire. When they did, the military made him serve 3 more years- for lying about his age!

But back to the 1970s where I first started telling you about Bowden Farm and the Parkers, there were two old houses on Bowden farm back then that were so old nobody lived in either one of them. The one behind HT's house was used to store ear corn for feed. The one up the road was bigger and had two or three brick fireplaces that were made from clay dug from the ground using mules to pull up the dirt and clay with small dirt pans, where the operator could dump it out in a pile for use. That house was built back in the 1800s. I think Henry Atkins may have built it. He is buried there.

Both wooden houses are gone now. (HT and RE's yellow brick house still stands.) JD and Polly Parker were the last ones to live in what we still call to this day "The Old House". That's where I lived when I was born.

Before Dad reenlisted into the Navy again, my great-grandfather, Walter Turner Bowden, lived in The Old House in the early 1900s. My Grandmother Ruby was born in it. But Great-Granddaddy lost it to the bank during the Great Depression, so he moved to a farm over near Henry that his brother gave him.

One time HT and my older brother Harvey were bushhogging the pastures behind The Old House, and Mr. Atkins' tombstone had fell over and they couldn't see it. So HT had Harvey help him move it a little bit and lean it up against a tree so they

would not hit it. My brother protested moving it but obeyed and did it with him anyway. When they turned around one of the two John Deere tractors was on fire. They used the water jugs and dug up dirt to put it out and saved the tractor! Brother Harvey told HT, "I think we made Mr. Atkins mad and his ghost set the tractor on fire!"

During our summertime vacations to the farm, HT would take all of us out in the multiple cattle fields to feed the cows. We would ride in the back of his black Ford pickup and he'd dump feed in a straight line, then climb into the bed of the truck with the five of us. He'd stand up and point as he counted each cow and calf. He'd always ask us to help, to see if our numbers matched.

All the Parker children loved the farm but loved HT and RE even more! He was always kind and told us wonderful stories about history and his childhood. He played games with us and sang nursery rhymes, adding in our names multiple times. RE made sure we always had plenty to eat and sewed clothes for us or bought them as we wore out (or out grew) our old ones. She was a wonderful cook and taught my mom, sister, and many years later my wife, Susan Parker, how to cook.

RE was more strict than HT and made us say "please" and "thank you" and threaten to whip us with a razor strap if we disobeyed. She never whipped us. She didn't have to. We believed her and never wanted to disappoint her. Granddaddy HT Bowden was our hero. He always made us laugh. All year long, we looked forward to our summer visits to Bowden Farm with more anticipation than even Christmas!

Well, I'm out of space and time. I'll continue on and try to tell you more stories the next time we meet for some storytelling. You might even have to correct me because this is all from memory of things I've seen and stories I've heard. But of the stories I did not see, I learned most of them from my Granddaddy HT.

Jesse Parker, Jr. is a Navy veteran, former teacher, and mussel diver who loves storytelling.

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JIMMY'S PRAYER

Local Woman Recalls Presidential Blessing

By Susan Jones

With the recent passing of Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, the world received a refresher course on his life. PARIS! designer Karen Geary has a distinctive memory of Carter's inauguration including a special memento.

PM: Karen, give us a little background for this story.

KG: In 1976, my husband and I were living in Atlanta. It was the beginning their building boom, and Jimmy Carter's election win added to the air of excitement. My husband, Joe was working toward his Masters in Divinity

at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, and I got a job at the North Georgia Conference of the United Methodist Church. I worked for the assistant to Bishop William R. Cannon, a renowned Methodist minister and college dean. According to sources, Cannon also served as an unofficial envoy for Carter.

PM: How did you get pulled into the inaugural effort?

KG: When Carter was elected, Bishop Cannon was invited to give the prayer at the inauguration. This meant our office became ground zero for inaugural

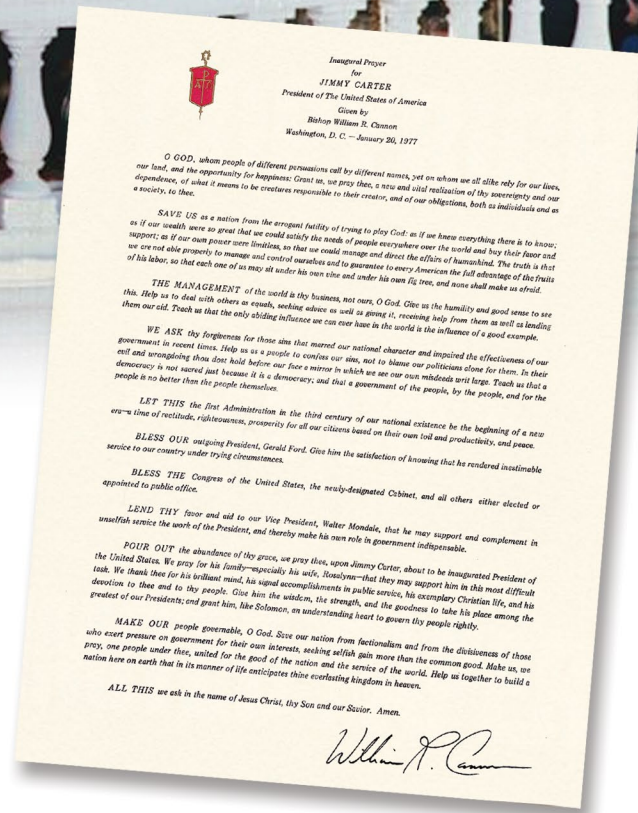
prayer planning between the President-elect's inauguration staff and Bishop Cannon.

PM: That came with its own set of challenges?

KG: Yes. The Carter's team gave the bishop a three-to-four-minute time limit for his prayer. The bishop's first draft was about 20 minutes long. After several attempts, the prayer was eventually whittled down to meet the speech limit.

PM: Where do you fit into this story?

KG: After the prayer was approved, the conference decided to print the prayer in document



form, something of a keepsake for certain members of the press and others attending the inauguration. I was given the final text of the prayer, or so I thought, and was told to “make it look nice on the page” with the bishop’s emblem. It was exacting work, because I had no typesetting equipment like one found in a print shop, just an IBM Selectric typewriter.

PM: So, what happened next?

KG: With a deadline looming, I was literally locked in a room with the typewriter, like a top-secret assignment. If I needed to eat or use the restroom, I had to call to be let out. I had strict orders to “do not discuss” regarding the prayer.

PM: You said “...or I thought so.” Was there a problem?

KG: After finishing, my work was sent to the bishop for approval. He changed words in the first draft or requested more spacing, then we’d go through another round of changes. With each draft, I had to completely redo the entire piece. It was a lesson in patience.

PM: How did the finished prayer turn out?

KG: It was very nice. It was printed on a special archival paper, and



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On January 20, 1977, Bishop William R. Cannon delivered the inaugural prayer for President Jimmy Carter.

if I remember correctly, the bishop’s emblem had gold ink in it. But that’s not the end of the story. The United Methodist communications director went to the inauguration and took the prayers to distribute. It was a proud moment for her when Bishop Cannon came to the podium. She began following along with the words of his prayer on her copy. To her horror, the bishop went off script and began winging it. She compared her notes to the bishop’s spontaneous changes, and there was too much verbiage difference. Sadly, she was unable to dis-

tribute the printed prayer, and she hurriedly composed a press release as a handout. As far as I know, the printed pieces were destroyed, except a few copies that didn’t go to Washington.

PM: Sounds like something that might show up on “Antiques Road Show”. Do you still have your copy?

KG: For years, I stored the printed prayer in my keepsake trunk for protection. Due to the historical importance of the document, Joe suggested we donate our copy to the Arthur J. Moore Methodist Museum at Epworth By The Sea, on St. Simons Island, Georgia several years ago.

PM: Have you seen the prayer in the museum?

KG: No, I had forgotten about it really. After Carter’s death, the United Methodist Church posted on Facebook a photograph of Bishop Cannon at the Presidential podium delivering his prayer. The post stirred some memories for me, especially working on the document. It prompted me to call the museum, and the archivist I spoke with had just seen the prayer while gathering items related to Carter for a display. She promised to send me a photo of it, which she did. It was nice seeing it again.



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By Shannon McFarlin

It takes a rare kind of person to do what Darren Webb does. In addition to his duties as Assistant Fire Chief at the Mansfield Volunteer Fire Department, he also is on call with the U.S. Forestry Service, which means he spends weeks at a time in danger zones around the country, fighting wildfires and facing life and death situations.

Webb grew up as a firefighter. With his dad, Wayne Webb as the Mansfield Fire Chief, Darren learned by doing, starting at the age of 16. He joined the Forestry Service in 2005 and in 2014, broke his back in a fall from a tree. After a lengthy and arduous period of rehab, Webb returned to firefighting. But not without pain.

He said he has just learned to live with the pain. "It's pretty much constant," he said, but he can't imagine giving up his firefighting duties. "I love my job," he said.

Webb is now a Forestry Aide 2 heavy equipment operator for Henry

County and surrounding counties. He is headquartered at the fire tower located on Macedonia, along with his boss Jason Waddell, who is a Forestry Technician. "We're on a new proce-

dure here now," he said. "We have a wider area, including Benton and Carroll Counties and even as far as Decatur County."

And you know that fire tower? It's 80 feet tall and even with Webb's experience with the fall he had, you can often find Webb climbing it for relaxation. "I like to go up there to eat a snack and look around," he said.

The job duties that keep him away from home are the wildfires that you've seen on television.

"Let's say Texas needs a heavy equipment operator. I may get a call saying I'm needed. This year, I was equipment inspector. I set up the combat centers at our bases. We might have 4,000 firemen in one camp and my job is to inspect every piece of equipment that comes into the camp to make sure everything is safe to operate."

By the end of 2024, Webb had already had five assignments. He was in Oklahoma, California twice, and



working in East Tennessee helping to combat their wildfires, and he had been away from home in dangerous situations for 87 days.

In California, he saw a town burn down. "We were able to save very few buildings and two of the dozers we were using were destroyed," he said.

At the camps, they work 16 hour days and sleep in tents. There is a shower system set up, but "you're dirty all the time. Just standing still, you get dirty and dusty. In the summer, it's already hot and the fires make it hotter, of course, so you get sweaty and all the dust sticks to you all the time."

He remembered watching the fire in the mountains and saw it coming toward camp. Four helicopters were dipping water from a lake nearby the tents "and the rotors blew our tents away and we just watched them. It was 2 am before the helicopters stopped. Needless to say, we didn't get any sleep that night."

The heat was intense not just from the fire but the location. "About 1 or 2 a.m., it would get cool as the wind

came over the mountains from the Mojave Desert, but we had to get up again at 6:30 a.m."

His scariest situation happened in 2007 in Florida at what was called the Bugaboo Fire. He and another heavy equipment operator went into the fire on one piece of equipment.

"We got separated from the rest of the group. A message came over the radio saying we needed to get out of there. We started heading out and there was just a wall of fire around us. We were in the middle of pine trees.

"We went in another direction trying to get out of there and the next message we got said, 'You guys are trapped. Start clearing out as well as you can. I actually called my wife and told her, 'I think we could die in this one'. At the last minute, a plane came with retardant that they poured over the fire. We followed the retardant out. The plane doused the fire just enough that we could get out," he said. "That was the most scared I've ever been."

Even with all that, Webb said, he still loves what he does and he has

never turned down an assignment since he's been working for the Forestry Service.

"When they need me, they need me," he said. "it makes me feel good that I'm helping in some way."



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The Superhero Next Door:

CRYSTAL KENDALL



By Noah Way

When most think of superheroes, they typically think of the fictitious ones. Batman, Spider-Man, Superman, and other rogue vigilantes in capes and tights that often grace our screens and childhood comic books.

When you ask the average person, “Who is your Superhero?” they often pause to give a more insightful, personal answer, such as “Mom,” “my third grade teacher,” or “the fireman who got my cat out of that tree.” Those are a much more fitting answer for those of us who don’t live in universes with special powers and webs shooting from hands.

Crystal Kendall is such a superhero, the next door neighbor type, hiding in plain sight. As most superheroes, they often live unassuming “ordinary” lives. Crystal is a single mother to four boys.

Jaylen, who was #95 for the Henry County Patriots, has created a beautiful life for himself with his wife,

Victoria, and their two children. He is an Agricultural Leader at Cachengo Equestrian in Huntingdon.

Jayden, who locals might remember as #3, helped his Patriots’ team to many victories against West Creek, Dyer County, and most notably Haywood County, where his success was featured on the front page of *The Post-Intelligencer* in September 2020.

Jayce, who was #7 for the Patriots before he graduated in 2023, pursued an education at Bethel University before working for UPS.

With JaNoah, her youngest, is still a fan of the other types of superheroes, like Iron Man. He is an incredibly bright student currently fielding some child modeling opportunities.

Don’t let her youthful glow and vibrance fool you. Crystal is also a proud grandmother, from her eldest son. Hearing her grandbabies call her “Grandma” and “Mama Crys” might sound strange to the casual observer. Crystal was born and raised in Paris

and is an alumni of Henry County High School. She grew up surrounded by a large, loving family with her mother, many aunts, and cousins. She was very studious in high school and went on to play softball and basketball at Jackson State Community College after graduation.

As Crystal grew into adulthood, it was clear that her loving nature and kind personality needed an outlet in more ways than just her personal life. So she began a career in education where she could spend her days teaching and pouring her nurturing tendencies into the students and community. As many know, teaching is not for the faint of heart. Especially in today’s society with new challenges arrive constantly for youth. But Crystal has always been up for the challenge and loves what she does.

She quickly found her knack as a teacher at Tennessee State University Cares Early Head Start and spent 15 years improving the quality of life

and education of children, families, and the greater community.

Later, she taught Pre-K at Henry Elementary for five years, where she helped hundreds of little ones learn the first, integral steps to becoming a star student and paving the way for the rest of their educational tenure. Teaching cognitive and emotional development and social and fine motor skills to 4-year-olds, all while tying tiny shoes every ten minutes sounds like another's nightmare, for Crystal it's part of her passion— and what she's good at.

Nowadays, you can find Crystal at Lakewood Elementary in Buchanan where she's been for the past three years. In a partially self-contained special education classroom, she works as a one-on-one aide with a fifth grader of special needs, who benefits from hands-on care and attention. She cares deeply for her student, as well as the others in the classroom who she assists daily.

Although Crystal's one-on-one does not often express themselves with words, it is clear through their physical and emotional behavior that they have a great rapport with her. On any given workday, she might provide extra help with math, reading, or writing or taking someone for a walk to the playground to "cool off" when things get a little too frustrating. She can be seen chaperoning her student to gym, assemblies, and school events or stepping out of her class to make



"Have consistence in everything you do, it's key. That's my motto, everyday." Crystal Kendall poses with her boys: Jaylen, Jayden, Jayce, and JaNoah at a family wedding.

her special popcorn for almost 1,000 students for "Popcorn Friday." It is easy to see that Crystal excels at what she does, in superhero-fashion, with a big smile on her face.

"Of course, the thing I love the most about my job is the students. But what is really cool, is that because I used to teach Pre-K, I have had the opportunity to teach many of my former students a second time. That's a privilege not every educator receives. I love my team and what I do," Crystal said, when asked what she enjoys most about her work. "I learned early on, from my mother,

about consistency. Have consistence in everything you do, it's key. That's my motto, everyday".

Like many superheroes, everyone needs a good break, too. It's an important reminder to let the mind and body rest from all the hard work. When Crystal's not changing lives at Lakewood Elementary, she can be found hanging out with her family, reading a good book, hitting up the spa for a much needed self-care day, spending a weekend on the lake, or fishing in her free time.

Crystal's impact on students, and in turn, the Henry County community over her educational career for the past 23 years has been unforgettable to many. Her compassion, empathy, and signature smile is something many former students remember most about her.

One may find it fitting to ask Crystal who her own superhero is in her life. Without missing a beat, she mentions the matriarch of her family— her own mother, Gloria Kendall. Crystal has many fond memories of her and credits her with several of the ways of being a good parent to her own children.

Sadly, Crystal's mother passed away unexpectedly at the age of 83 in December. However, Crystal is assured in knowing how much her mother loved her and passes it down into her own relations everyday. The apple doesn't fall too far from the tree with this incredible superhero.

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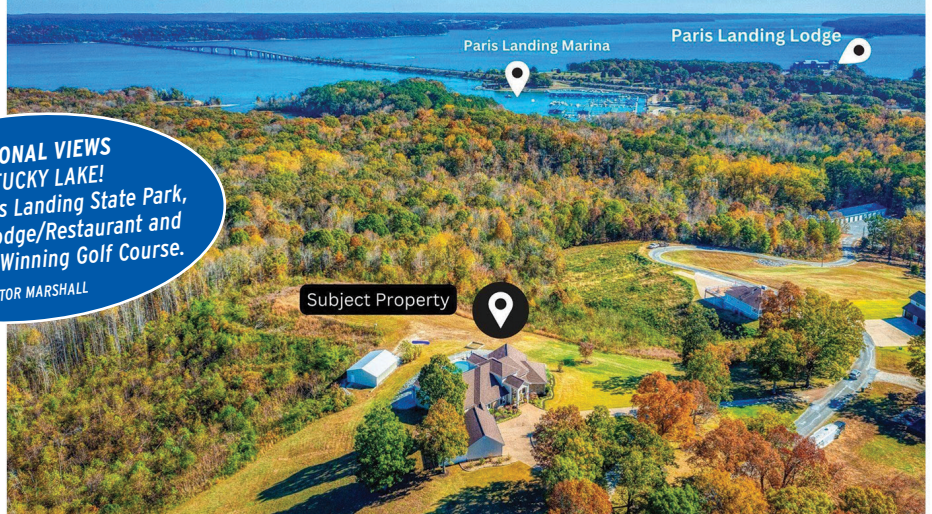
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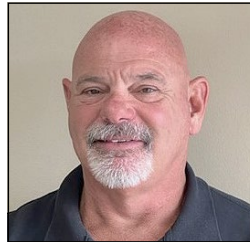
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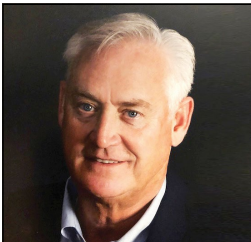
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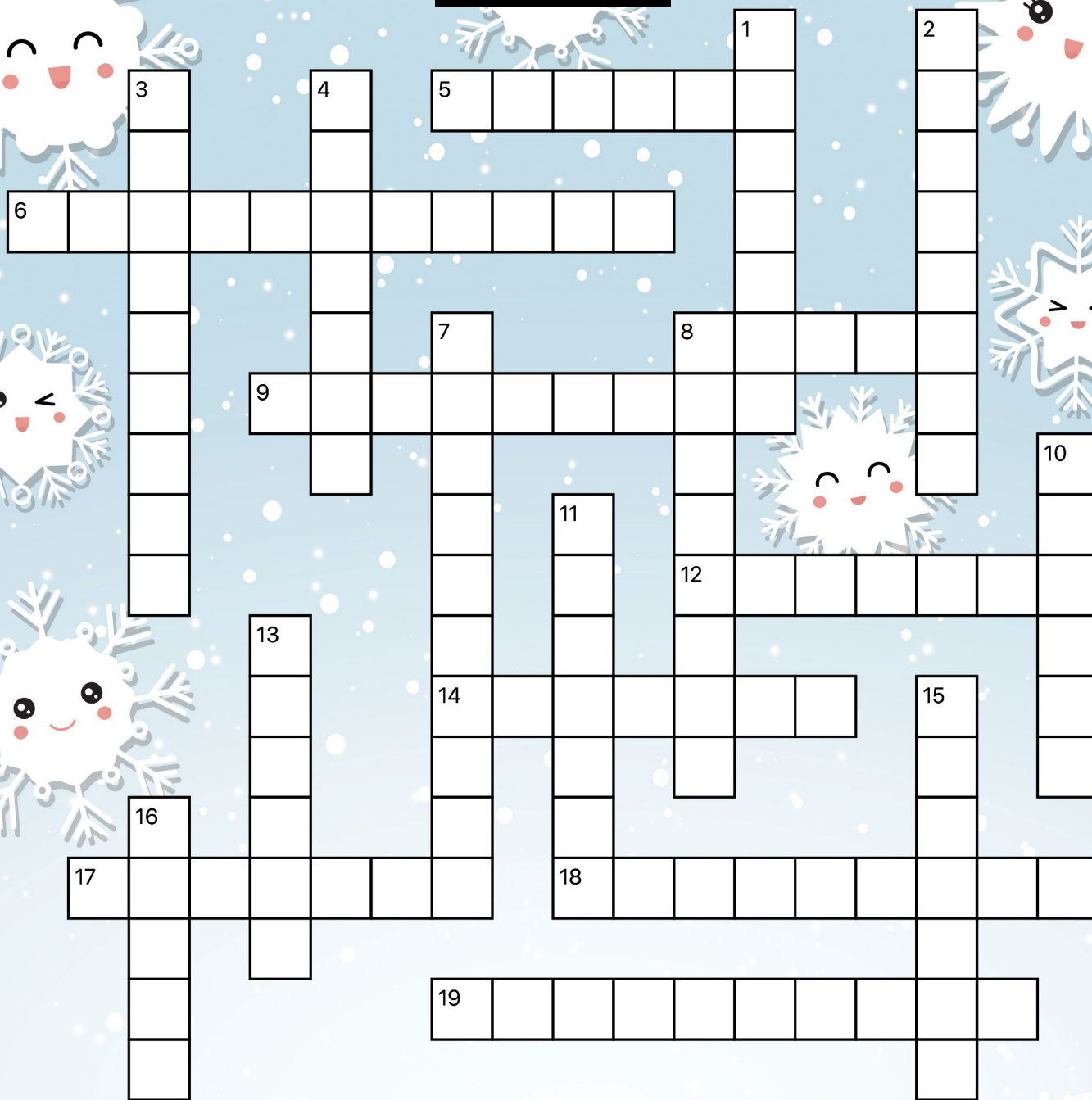
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“SITTING ROOM ONLY”

New TV Series Being Filmed in Paris

Is Paris the next Hollywood? Recently, “The Mike Weatherford Show” asked that question on the popular local podcast. The question has merit, as over the past couple of years as the art scene in Paris continues to flourish, so has the independent film scene in Henry County.

“Steadfast County Christmas” and “Blood River Reckoning” were two indie’s shot and filmed in and around the Paris area back in 2022. Both films directed by Michael Mai and starring musician Johnny Mac have screened at the Parisian Theatre and Krider Performing Arts Center upon their release and again in April 2024, giving resident’s the opportunity to check out movie’s made in their own town.

The latest production to film in Paris is a brand-new “mockumentary” limited series titled “Sitting Room Only” (a play on the theatrical term Standing Room Only). A limited series

is just like an ordinary television show, only with an abbreviated season of what one might expect from a network sitcom.

The show will have six, 30-minute episodes which centers around a fictional, nearly-defunct community theater company as they attempt to put on their next musical season with little-to-no funding, all while a third-rate documentary crew captures the antics of the unhinged dramatists. It will be filmed in a mock-documentary fashion similar to NBC’s “The Office” or ABC’s “Modern Family”.

The series is written and directed by Noah Way, a filmmaker from Chicago by way of Los Angeles, who has worked on film and television sets across the country for the past decade, including writing and directing his own feature films “Rink” and “Ekstasis”. The former of which was released and still available on Ama-

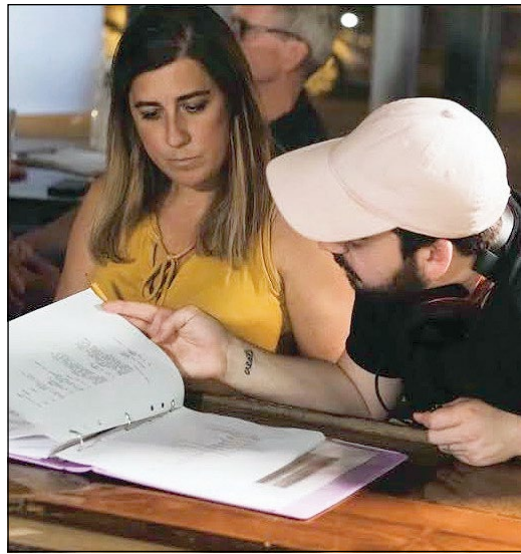
zon Prime. Way’s other credits include working on projects for Tubi, NBCUniversal, Amblin Entertainment (Steven Spielberg’s production company), and Warner Bros.

“The show takes place in a smaller, Southern town. I always like showcasing places that feel real and have never been seen on camera before to a wider audience. I felt like it was only appropriate to film a majority of the show in this area, as it would help bring realism and ingratiate the vibe into what we’re attempting to create,” Way said when asked why he chose Paris to shoot.

“Sitting Room Only” also features local talent in the series as well. Like the lead of the show, William Guynn (Dover) as the head-in-his-clouds artistic director; Hailey Prince, who is most notable for her work as the vocal director of numerous KPAC productions, and Noah Reilly, who



Left: Noah Way appeared at The Chicago International Film Festival.
 Right: Way goes over script changes for one of his productions.



grew up in Paris before his break into the industry when he was cast in the Oscar-nominated film “Babylon” where he shared scenes alongside Brad Pitt. The show also features Victoria Grace Moore, Vivian Gornik, and Rebecca Lines who some might recognize from “Cobra Kai,” “House of Cards,” or “Marvel’s The Falcon and the Winter Soldier”.

Described as an irreverent comedy comparable more to the styles of “30 Rock”, Lisa Kudrow’s “The Comeback”, or Christopher Guest films like “Waiting for Guffman” and “Best in Show”, Way hopes to poke fun at the cultural differences between big city and small town lifestyles, hardcore theater geeks, and people who “just don’t get musicals”.

“I think fiction is a good way to tell the truth. Of course in an absurdist comedy, a lot of the situations and characters are incredibly heightened,

but I hope there will be many times audiences’ can laugh and say ‘I know that person’ even if the person in question is themselves. I think it’s cheap humor to make anyone the butt of a joke, but the show definitely ribs on many types of people in one way or the other. So hopefully at least everyone can be equally offended,” Way laughed. “I mean in the first episode we say ‘the only thing worse than a guy in film school is a guy who drops out of film school’ and I’m literally talking about myself.”

The series plans to release on Amazon Prime and other VOD platforms by the end of 2025, with hopes to be picked up by a major distribution company. The show is executive produced by Samantha Parker, associate produced by Bailey McSwain, assistant produced by Anna Hefner, with consulting producing by Ava Leigh Stewart.

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The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has partnered with art students at Lakewood School in Paris for the region's inaugural Paint the Plow event. The students designed and painted a TDOT snowplow using the slogan, "Stay Safe: Moo-ve Over". The snowplow has now been formally retired and will be in parades



Ava Hazel from Lakewood School watches anxiously as her ball nears the pins at the Special Olympics at THE Bowling Alley. Some 130 kids from kindergarten through 12th grade were enjoying themselves, with about 100 peer helpers, teachers, administrators, and parents also on hand.



Getting ready for the 2025 Henry County Helping Hand Radio Auction were auctioneers and officers. Clockwise, Andy Collins, Helping Hand President Bruce Reed, Noel Hatman, Darrin Thompson, Secretary Allie Harper, Wendy Barnhart and Ray Compton.



Maddie Wilson is all smiles while celebrating her son, Miles, second birthday with family and friends.



Regent Kyle Spurgeon, TCAT President John Penn Ridgeway, and State Senator John Stevens share a light moment at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new TCAT facility.



Thanks to the Tennessee River Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation in Paris, 66 families had plentiful Thanksgiving Day dinners with boxes containing turkeys and all the fixings. Natalie Hickman explained the group receives the names of families each year from the Family Resource Center, churches and the Carl Perkins Center.



Rita Main and Robbie McNutt were the winners in the annual best decorated walker parade at RoseStone Retirement.



Santa and his helpers on the bumper of the Paris Fire Truck before their arrival downtown. Demitrios Noles (Rudolph), Alex Wilson and Braxton Wilson.



Left: Congrats to Donna Craig on being honored with the Outstanding County Official Award and the Outstanding County Clerk Award at the County Officials Association of Tennessee (COAT) Conference in Nashville.



Right: Cole Edwards, who scored a perfect 36 on his ACT. He's the son of Chad and Samantha Edwards of Mineral Wells Animal Clinic.

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The Great Garden PLAYOFFS



By John Watkins

The good old Wintertime – when the frost covers your windshield in the mornings when it knows darn well that you don’t have an ice scraper, and the sun decides to go down at five in the afternoon before you can even leave the office.

Doesn’t seem like much of a time to be interested in gardening unless you are a true die-hard fan and not just jumping on the bandwagon when your garden is in full bloom. So, for all you loyal garden followers, have I got an article for you.

I consider myself an avid supporter of football, and since this year ushered in the new CFP (College Football Playoff) system, I have to admit that I couldn’t have been more excited. (At least until my beloved Tennessee Vols fell out in the first round. Alas, nothing we haven’t had to deal with before.) Anyway, I thought it might be fun to come up with a little playoff of my own which I have entitled, “The

GGP” or the “Great Garden Playoff”. This is where I pick a couple of worthy gardening opponents, place them in a bowl game, and see where they line up against each other.

Let’s start with the Mulch Bowl. This exciting matchup includes two tried-and-true teams vying for the coveted honor of Mulch Monarch.

On the home side we have the “Hardwood Barkers” who seem to have a lot of depth in the affordability and availability rankings, not to mention the fact that they are biodegradable and really give us garden fans something to break down about.

Their opponents, the “Graveliers,” have a rock-solid defense and a resume that is all but written in stone. While the Gravelier’s success depends on a solid weed barrier to stem the rush of weeds from penetrating their defense, this team is all about longevity and legacy.

The Irrigation Bowl is another tournament favorite that guarantees

fans won’t be left out to dry. This year’s opponents are both worthy contenders with winning records and similar strengths and weaknesses.

The “Drippers” come into the playoffs with a truly down-to-earth approach of placing water where the plants need it most (the root zone) without wasting any of their resources. However, the “Sprinklers” have the advantage when it comes to cost and maneuverability. They’re not afraid to throw it long, especially when the pressure is on, so don’t be caught off guard.

This year’s Color Bowl will surely bring a lot of debate to the table regarding which team is most deserving of the coveted title of MCB (Most Colorful Bloomers).

While the “Pastels” have been a popular favorite in past years, it’s hard to deny the mass appeal that the “Bold Primaries” bring to the field. To be honest, this game is a toss-up in my book with each team having their

own standouts and diversity according to where they are played.

And finally, the granddaddy of the GGP bowl season, The Life-Cycle Bowl. I promise that this one will be a battle of the generations as the "Annuals" take on the "Perennials". While the "Annuals" do require a lot of substitutions from season to season, they more than make up for that by being highly seeded and adaptable to both day and night games (sun and shade).

But my pick will probably have to stay with the perennial favorite, the "Perennials". First of all, these players just don't quit and continue to be reliable from year to year. Secondly, this team isn't afraid of taking full advantage of the transfer portal and can be dug up, divided, and replanted without missing a beat.

Whoever you decide to pull for this year, you can't go wrong with your garden picks if you just practice hard, stay hydrated, and go in with a winning attitude.

John Watkins is grounds director at Discovery Park of America and resides in Henry County.



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SPECTACULAR GINGKO TREES

By Shannon McFarlin

One of the most magical trees, if not THE most magical, is the ginkgo tree, and Paris is fortunate to have at least 16 of them for people to enjoy and marvel over.

The ginkgo has qualities like no other. It produces show-stopping bright yellow leaves right before the winter freezes set in and all its leaves – and there are many – blanket the ground around them as they shed. The leaves are small and fan-shaped, and when it's time to shed, they shed all at the same time, creating the effect of a yellow brick road.

But did you know the history of the ginkgo? It is considered a living fossil and is the only surviving species of a group of trees that existed before dinosaurs roamed the earth. It's referred to in some circles as "The tree that outlived the dinosaurs",

Former Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge Ranger Joan Howe, who recently retired, said the trees have remained unchanged over millions of years. According to the Clemson College of Agriculture, the number is

more precisely 180+ million years.

Howe is one of several people in Paris who are fascinated by the ginkgo tree. Not just because of her naturalist background, but because her "Granny, her great-grandmother, planted one that still grows and blooms right across the street from Joan and her family.

The ginkgo has been thought to be extinct a few times over the multiple decades. They were considered sacred by Buddhist monks who then took trees to Japan to plant in palace and temple gardens.

According to the National Park Service, the first ginkgo trees were introduced in America in 1764. Scientists marvel that the genetics of the ginkgo have been unchanged over all those decades.

If you're not impressed yet, consider this: The ginkgo is the only living witness to the atomic bomb, having survived the bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. The deep roots of the ginkgo protected them from the heat and radiation of the bomb.

Rick and Pam Conger are among

those who are fascinated by the trees, to the extent that they drive "The Ginkgo Trail", keeping watch over Paris' trees until they finally shed their leaves in late fall.

"We do that all the time," Rick said. "We love watching them turn that bright yellow and then we try to be there when they lose all their leaves. We love seeing those yellow carpets."

On their travels down "The Ginkgo Trail," Rick and Pam visit the trees at Maplewood Cemetery, behind Paris City Hall, on Walnut Street, at John and Lily VanDyck's house on Dunlap, Paris First United Methodist Church, Park Street, Whitehall Circle, Blanton Street, Alexander Street, Corbin Street and Greenacres Drive.

Jimmy Williams, who has written a garden column for the local newspaper for years, said in one of his columns that one of the first trees to mesmerize him was the ginkgo that his father planted at their house on Greenacres Drive. According to Jimmy, their family tree began as a seedling from the spectacular ginkgo

at the First United Methodist Church at the corner of Blythe and Brewer Street. The late Bethel Williams collected seedlings of the tree and passed them along to friends.

Probably the most spectacular ginkgo trees are those planted at the grave of Governor Thomas Rye in Maplewood Cemetery. The monument at the grave is shaped like a bench and with the ginkgo trees gracing both sides of the Rye family plot, it is quite a spectacular sight. It is said that the trees were a gift to Governor Rye from the Chinese or Japanese governments, but a perusal of the Maplewood Cemetery records and newspapers of the time does not find any documentation of this.

The ginkgo trees at the Rye family plot are as sturdy as they come, having survived at least one tornado which took down several nearby trees, not to mention strong winds that took down several of their limbs. But a few years later, the ginkgos were back blooming their magnificent yellow once again.

See you on "The Ginkgo Trail"!



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We all have them – recipes tucked away in the junk drawer, hiding with the ketchup packets, take-out menus, flash-light, and other what-nots. Or the recipes are clipped and filed away in a ratty manila envelope or shoebox. And if you are so blessed, you have your mother's or grandmother's old cookbooks or recipe boxes full of their family's favorites.

Shake off the procrastination and try out one of those forgotten gems. Then sit back and wait for the "Yum! Why haven't you fixed this before?" compliments. Here's a few recipes that we have saved for one day.

Recipe: SKILLET APPLE BROWNIE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup all purpose flour
- ½ cup white sugar
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup melted butter
- 2 cups apples, peeled, cored, and chopped
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon butter



DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place an 8- or 9-inch cast iron skillet into the oven to preheat. Whisk together the flour, white sugar, brown sugar, salt, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves in a bowl; set aside.
2. Beat together the eggs, vanilla extract, and melted butter in a mixing bowl. Toss the apples and pecans in the flour mixture, then stir into the egg mixture until combined. Melt 1 tablespoon butter in the preheated skillet, swirling to coat the pan.
3. Pour the batter into the hot pan and place in oven. Bake until the sides are dry and a toothpick inserted into the center of the brownie comes out clean, about 40 minutes. Cool in the skillet 20 minutes before removing and slicing.
4. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream.

NOTE: Don't have a casted iron skillet; use a well-greased frying pan or other skillet with the non-metal parts wrapped in a double layer of tinfoil. Or use regular pan or brownie pan, but don't preheat glass or ceramic pans.



CHEESY THUMBPRINT APPETIZERS WITH HOT PEPPER JELLY

INGREDIENTS

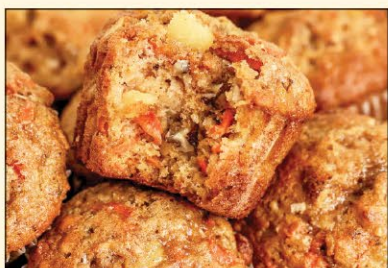
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- ½ cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard (optional, for extra flavor)
- ¼ cup hot pepper jelly (or more to taste)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or grease lightly.
2. In a large mixing bowl, combine the softened butter, flour, shredded cheddar cheese, garlic powder, salt, and pepper. Add Dijon mustard, if desired. Mix everything together until the dough forms a smooth, cohesive ball.
3. Use hands or a small cookie scoop to form the dough into 1-inch balls. Place on the prepared baking sheet, spaced about 1 inch apart.
4. Use thumb or the back of a spoon to make an indentation in the center of each dough ball, creating a small dent.
5. Bake the thumbprint cookies in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes, or until the edges are golden brown.
6. Once cookies are out of the oven, cool for 5 minutes. Then spoon a small amount of hot pepper jelly (about ½ teaspoon) into indentation of each cookie.
7. Allow jelly to set for a few minutes, then serve warm or at room temperature.

Recipe

MORNING GLORY MUFFINS



INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1¼ cups white sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained and pressed dry
- ½ cup raisins
- ½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans
- ½ cup unsweetened flaked coconut
- 1 apple, peeled, cored, and shredded
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil (or ½ cup vegetable oil, ½ cup applesauce)
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS

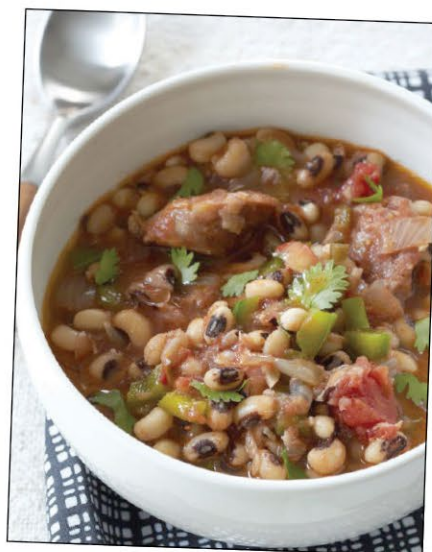
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Grease pan with 12 muffin cups or line with paper muffin liners.
2. In large bowl, mix together flour, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon, and salt. Stir in the carrot, raisins, nuts, coconut, and apple.
3. In a separate bowl, beat together eggs, oil, and vanilla. Stir egg mixture into the carrot/flour mixture, just until moistened. Scoop batter into prepared muffin cups.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 20 minutes, until a tooth pick inserted into center of the muffin comes out clean.

Recipe

BLACK-EYED PEAS STEW WITH SAUSAGE

INGREDIENTS

- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1½ pounds hot Italian sausages (about 8 links), pricked with fork
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, seeded and diced
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and minced
- 1 14-oz. can Italian tomatoes, drained and chopped
- 2 cups dried black-eyed peas, rinsed
- 4 cups chicken broth
- 3 cups water
- Salt and pepper to taste
- ¼ cup cilantro, plus leaves, for garnish



DIRECTIONS

1. In large enameled casted iron casserole, heat oil until shimmering. Add sausage links and cook over moderate heat, turning occasionally, until cooked through, about 10 minutes. Transfer sausages to plate.
2. Add onion, bell pepper, garlic, and jalapeno to the casserole and cook over moderate heat, stirring, until just beginning to brown, about 6 minutes. Add tomatoes and cook until liquid is evaporated. Add black-eyed peas, broth, and water. Season with salt and pepper and bring to boil. Cover partially and simmer over moderately low heat until the black-eyed peas are tender, about 1 hour, 15 minutes.
3. Cut sausages on the diagonal into ½-inch slices and add to the stew along with any accumulated juices from the plate. Add chopped cilantro, season with salt and pepper, and simmer the stew for 10 minutes.
4. Spoon into deep bowls, garnish with cilantro leaves, and serve.



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FEBRUARY

Been fishin' lately? Head out to one of the Paris Landing State Park Marina Fishing Tournaments. For more information contact Rob Markum at 731-641-4475.

FEBRUARY 1 - 26 - Continue to support our **Helping Hand Radio Auction!** See the schedule on page 19 of this issue.

FEBRUARY 1 - Local historian Ski Witzosky will present the **program on The Battle of Fort Henry** followed by a guided hike (weather permitting). Presented by the Homeplace 1850s Working Farm and the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. Call 931-232-6457 for info.

FEBRUARY 2 - Groundhog Day! How many weeks until spring?

FEBRUARY 6 - Give the "Gift of Life" at the **Lifeline Blood Drive**, First United Methodist Church, Blythe Street, from noon to 6 pm.

FEBRUARY 8 - Able Stables will host the **2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast** from 7-11am at the Enoch Building at the Henry County Fairgrounds. Tickets: \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door.

FEBRUARY 14 - It's Valentines Day! Take you sweetie to one of our local restaurants for an evening out. Be sure and call ahead for reservations.

FEBRUARY 15 - Gun Safety Class will be offered, 10 am-2 pm. For more information, contact civilian.standard1@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.

FEBRUARY 17 - President's Day! No school in the Paris Special School District or the Henry County School System.

FEBRUARY 7 & 21 - Bingo + music = SINGO! at Paris Station, located at 304 W. Washington Street, 7-8:30 pm. Admission is free, prizes awarded. Food and beverages on site. For more information, call (731) 407-4500.

FEBRUARY 25 - Yummy, yummy! The annual **Lion's Club Chili Day** at First Baptist Church Christian Life Center, 11 am-7 pm. For more information, call 731-642-5074.

FEBRUARY 26 - Last day to bid! Call 731-644-1695 to scoop up one last goody from the **Helping Hand Radio Auction.**

MARCH

Head out fishin' at one of the Paris Landing Marina Fishing Tournaments. For more information, contact Rob Markum at 731-641-4475.

MARCH 1 - Gun Safety Class will be offered, 10 am-2 pm. For more information, contact civilian.standard1@gmail.com to RSVP or with questions.

MARCH 6 - Help save a life at the **Lifeline Blood Drive**, First United Methodist Church, Blythe Street, from noon to 6 pm. Call Tammy Hurst at 1-800-924-6572 for more information.

MARCH 9 - Spring Forward! It's **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.**

MARCH 15 - PARIS! Magazine Spring issue is out today!

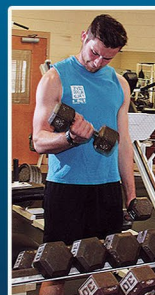
UPCOMING EVENT

MARCH 18 - A Taste of Ireland: The Irish Music & Dance Sensation at KPAC, 7:30 pm. Tickets are on sale now at www.eventbrite.com.

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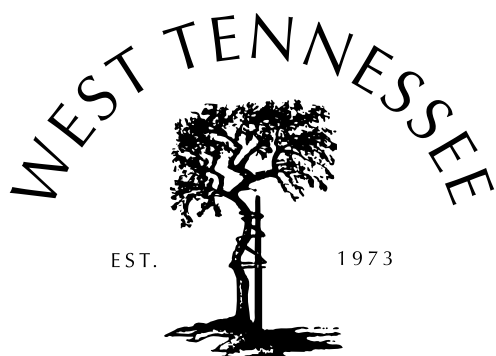


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Now that Old Man Winter is here, we wanted to offer some Winter Safety Tips:

- Slow and steady wins the race, especially in winter. Don't get in a hurry.
- For increased balance, keep your hands free and out of your pockets.
- Keep rock salt and some sand or cat litter on hand. Salt helps melt ice and cat litter or sand can offer temporary traction.
- Plan your steps to the car, office and elsewhere to avoid snowy, icy walkways.
- Look at the bottom of your footwear. Make sure your shoes/boots have good tread.



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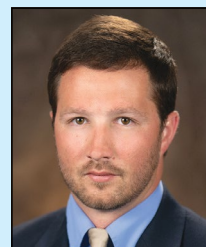
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