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Leaders Education Foundation Presents Bicentennial Coloring Books

Leaders Education Foundation presented a framed Commemorative Jackson & Madison County Bicentennial Educational Coloring Book to Jackson's Mayor Scott Conger and Madison County's Trustee John Newman to recognize the

Bicentennial education project. The educational coloring book is a product of the Bicentennial Commission and a labor of love by local artists that Leaders Education Foundation was proud to sponsor. Dr. Marlon King, on behalf of JMCSS,

also joined and received the coloring books for each JMCSS student enrolled in Pre-K through 5th grade. Additional books have also been delivered to private schools and local home school programs throughout Madison County.



From left, John Newman, Madison County Trustee with Scott Conger, Jackson City Mayor.

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Canadians met the polkas and accordions of the German-Czechs. All of these traditions simmered here for centuries, creating essential cultural lifelines as the region endured devastating wars, the atrocities of slavery, massive natural disasters, dramatic migrations and the moral conflicts of a nation struggling to define itself.

These musical traditions continued to evolve over time, building up to the moment when two emerging technologies — radio and records — would collide to capture, define and spread the Americana Music Triangle's distinctive sounds to

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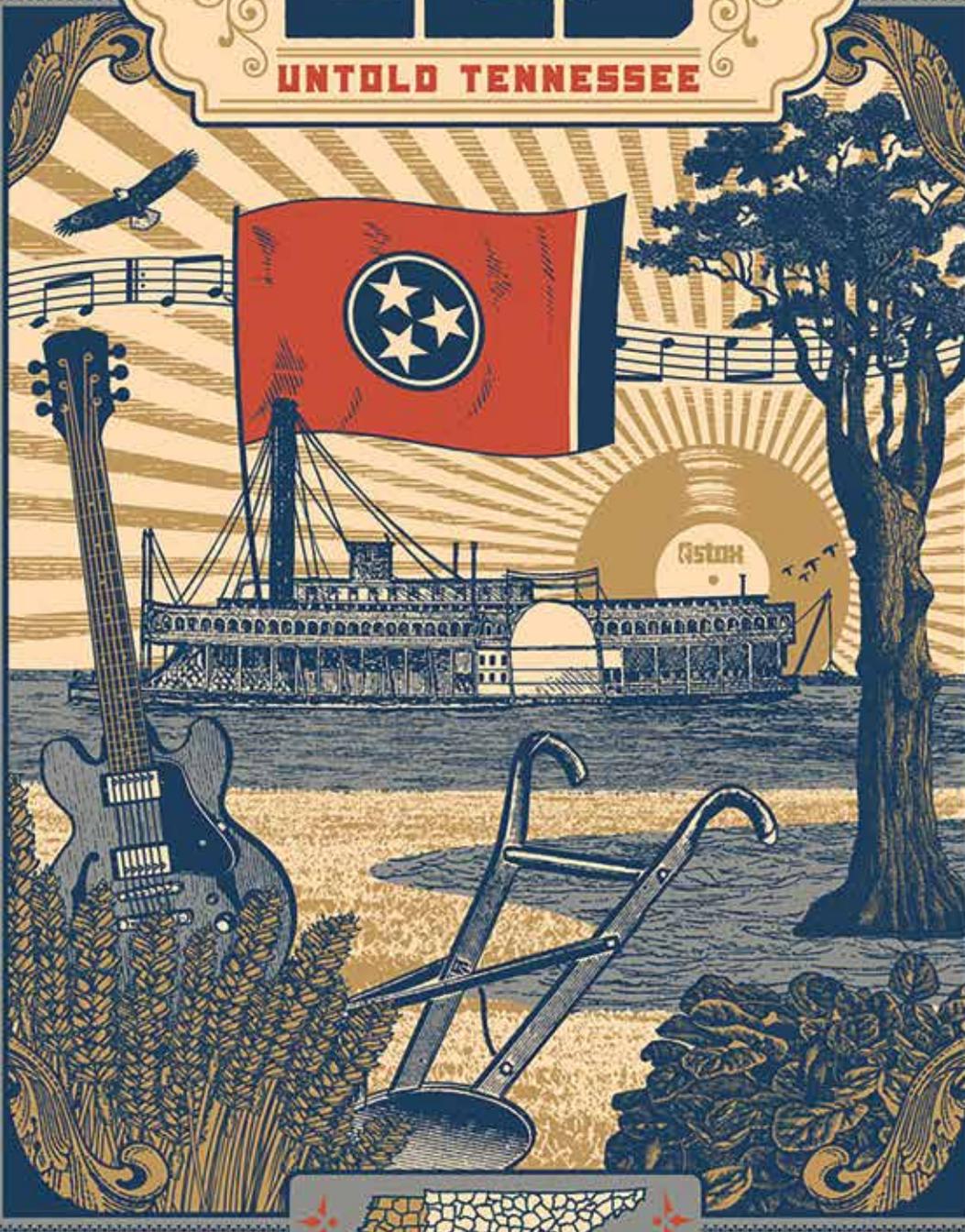


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Untold Tennessee: Governor Lee Announces Year-Long 225 Celebration

Invites Tennesseans to share personal histories that shape our state

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee announced “Untold Tennessee” as the theme for a yearlong celebration commemorating 225 years of statehood. Tennesseans are invited to attend events and activities in all 95 counties and submit stories that showcase their area of the state.

Gov. Lee will kick off a 95-county tour and year of celebration by visiting Bicentennial Mall in Nashville and the Blount Mansion in Knoxville on June 1, 2021, Tennessee’s 225th birthday. Additional events will be announced as they are scheduled.

For more information and event updates, visit www.Tennessee225.com.

“Since 1796, Tennessee has been the portrait of perseverance, character and hope because of everyday heroes,” said

Gov. Lee. “As we reflect on 225 years of statehood, I encourage Tennesseans to join us on the road and share their untold stories of people, places and events that have shaped our state since its beginning.”

Businesses and communities are invited to incorporate the Tennessee 225 brand into their celebrations throughout the year.



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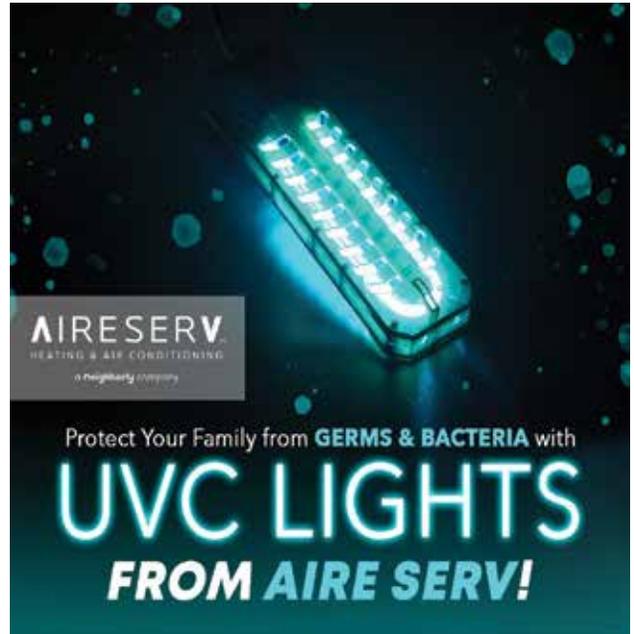
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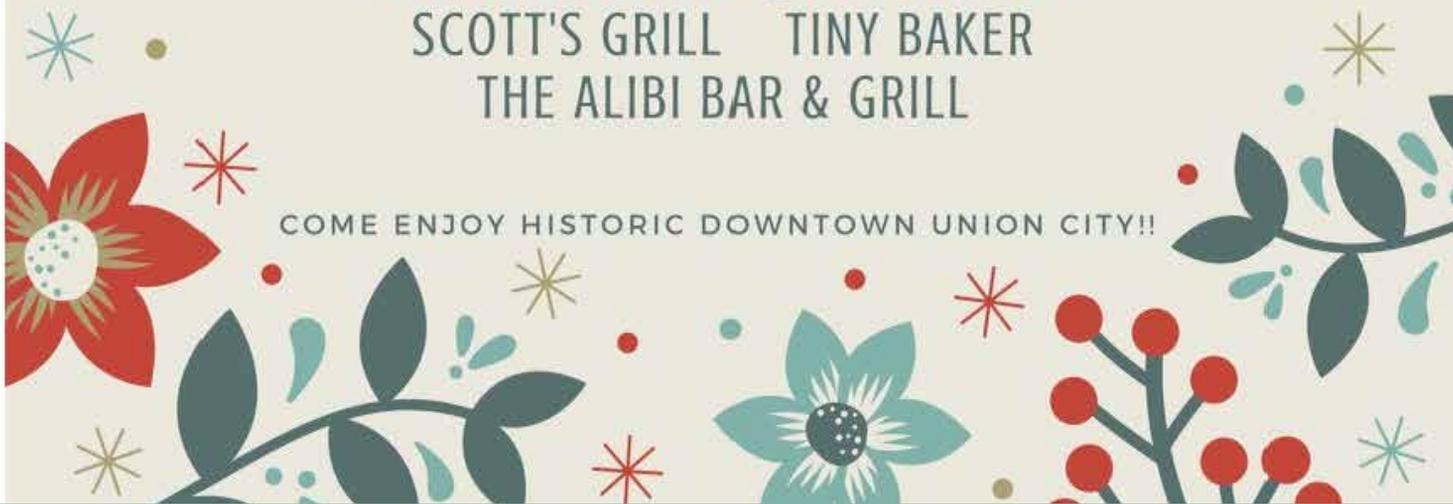
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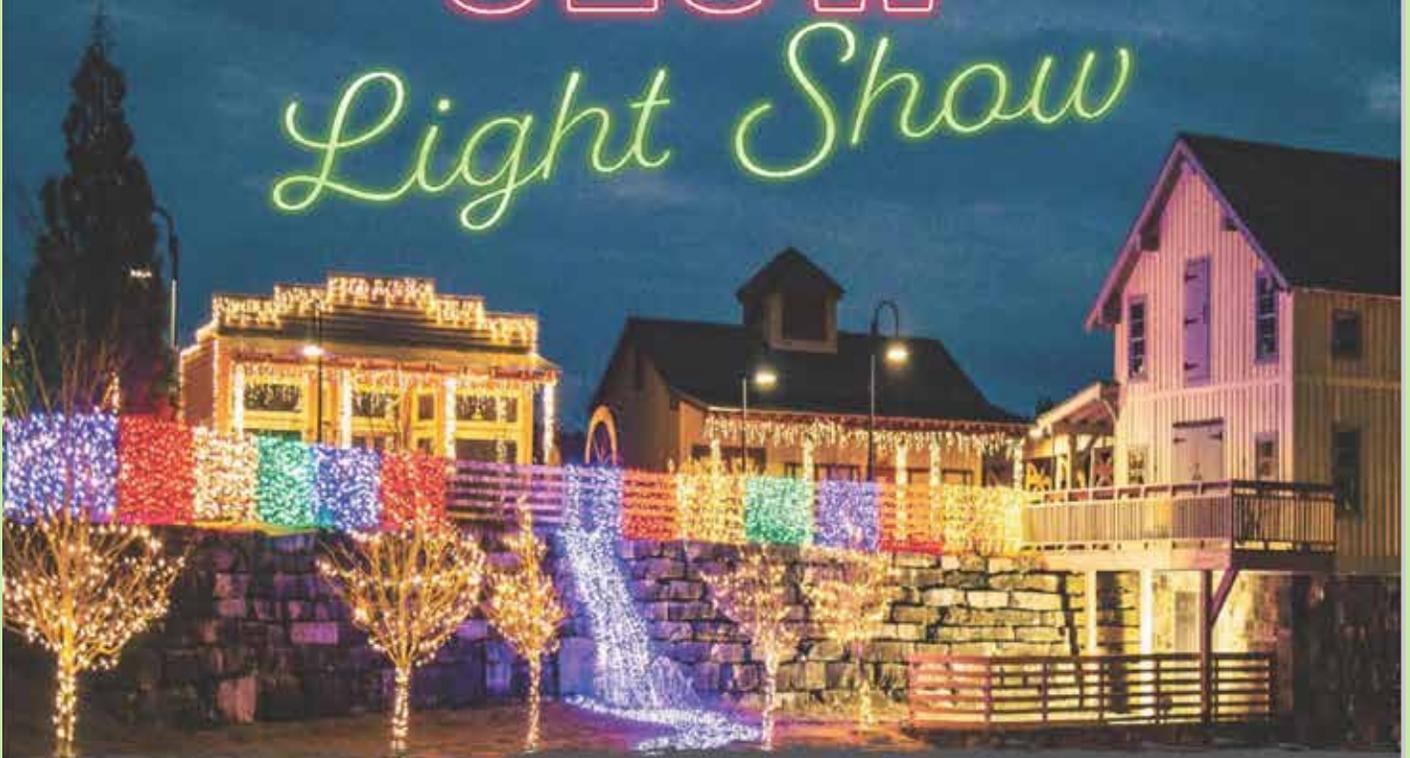


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Christmas Car Show

Nov. 6

Antique, classic, and custom cars will line Poplar Street by First Methodist Church! Listen to live acoustic music as you browse through the car show. Vote for your favorite! To enter, contact Street Dynamics.

Passport to Christmas

Nov. 5 - Dec. 11

Shop and save with your Christmas Passport! Pick yours up at any participating business and collect stamps until Dec. 11. The more stamps you get, the more chances to win \$1,000 and other prizes!

Festival of Trees

Nov. 26 - Dec. 18

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Santa's House

Nov. 26 - Dec. 19

Both Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting with the youngsters every Saturday (10am - 2pm) and Sunday (2-4pm) throughout the holiday season at their house on the court square.

Light Up Paris Christmas Lights Tour

Beginning Nov. 26

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Dec. 11

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History of the World's Biggest Fish Fry

The World's Biggest Fish Fry is a premier event for Paris – Henry County and West Tennessee. The last full week of April annually attracts people locally

as well as nationally. Visitors come from across the country to enjoy the festivities.

The whole festival revolves around the “Fish Tent” where by last account over

12,500 pounds of catfish is served with all the trimmings. In addition to all you can eat catfish you will find parades, carnival, rodeos, catfish races, dances,

arts and crafts to name a few. Events actually begin early in February with beauty pageants leading up to the week long celebration.

The “Fish Fry” as everyone calls it around here evolved from “Mule Day”, which originated in 1938 with the *Paris Post Intelligencer* as the first sponsor. Farmers came to town on the first Monday in April to trade their mules and other farm products, do their shopping and enjoy the fellowship of their friends. Early in the 1950’s the Chamber of Commerce took over “Mule Day” complete with a parade and beauty queens. When the tractor began to replace the mules the Chamber of Commerce contemplated another event to replace “Mule Day”.

In 1953, the Chamber of Commerce held the first “Fish Fry”. The event was not as successful as hoped. The fish were

not from Kentucky Lake and just didn’t live up to the palates of the fish eating public. The parade was short and the event was held on the high school football field for one day and night.

In 1961 the Paris-Henry County Jaycees (Junior Chamber of Commerce) took over the “Fish Fry” from the Chamber of Commerce.

Since 1961 and thanks to the Paris-Henry County Jaycees the festival has grown unbelievably from 1,600 pounds of catfish cooked to over five tons of catfish and a two hour grand parade.

The venue of the festival has moved from the court square, then to what was once known as the hitch lot just blocks from the court square, then back to a parking lot downtown and finally to a building at the Henry County Fairgrounds in the early 1980’s. In the early

days the fish cooking was done outdoors and eaten on picnic tables under big tents, hence the term “Fish Tent”. It is now known as the Robert E. “Bobby” Cox Memorial Fish Tent.

The Jaycees continue to do a fantastic job organizing the event but also depend on many community volunteers to pull it off each year. The Paris-Henry County Jaycees are still growing the event and offering new and different things resulting in increased attendance, more catfish cooked and served.

The Jaycees and the community invite everyone to visit Paris and Henry County the last full week of April for a week of fun and southern hospitality!

For a complete list of events and activities please visit...

<https://www.paristnchamber.com/fish-fry-information/>



2019 Queen and her court: Left to right: Third Maid Lexi Daniels, First Maid Olivia Harber, Queen Paige Alexander, Second Maid Caroline Gurton and Fourth Maid Jessica Whalen pose in front of the “Rock N Roller” Ferris Wheel.

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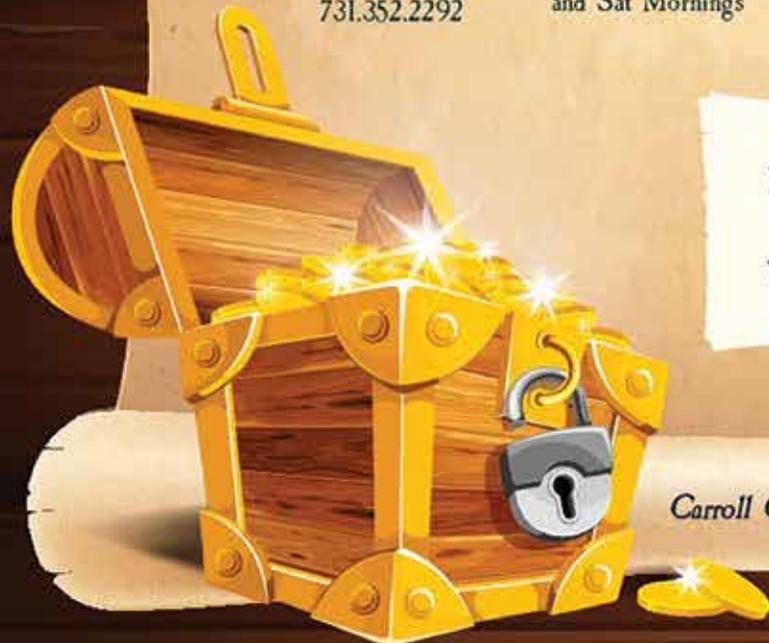
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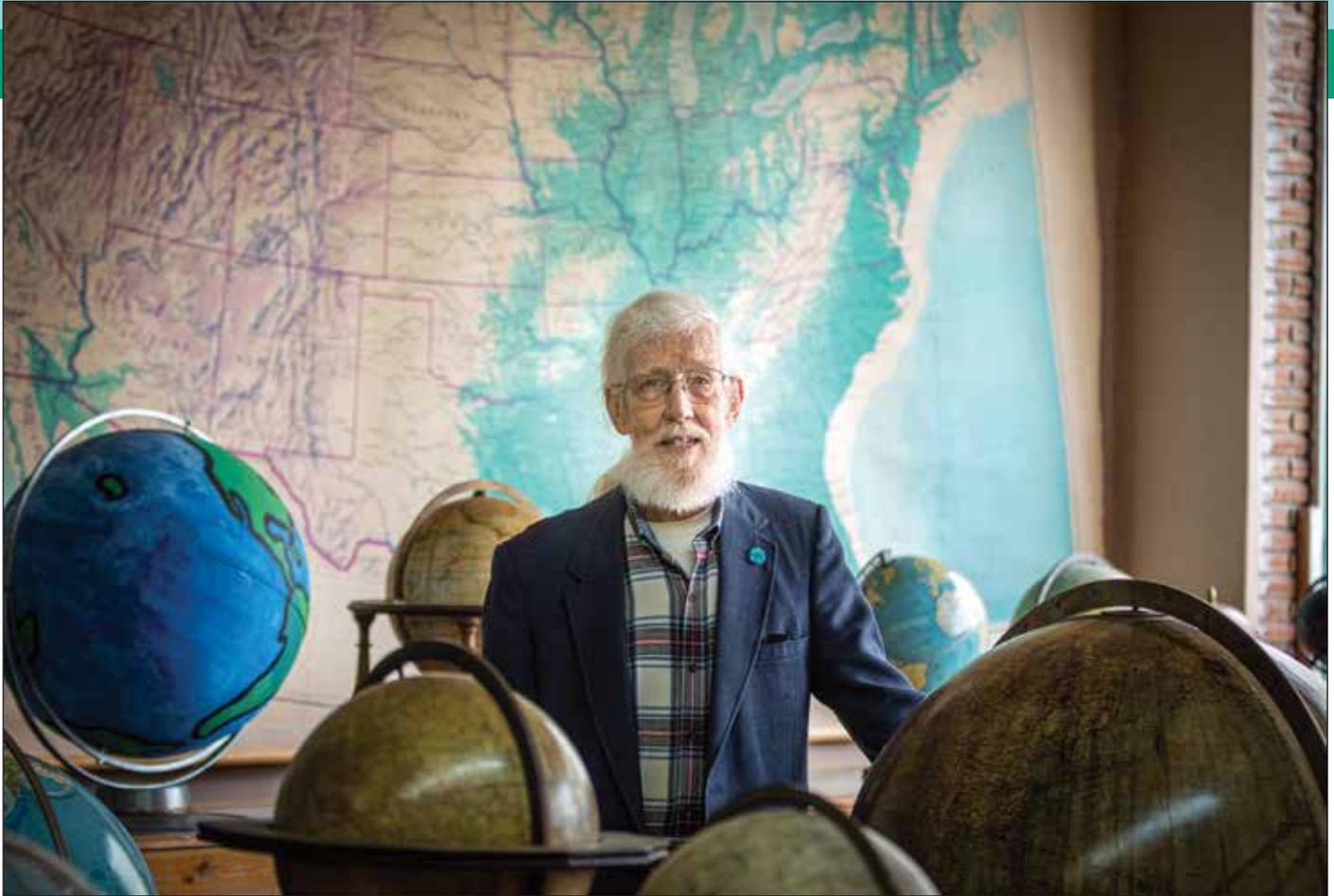
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Murray Hudson is a former English professor, stockbroker and farmer who has amassed the largest private collection of for-sale antiquarian maps, globes, books and prints in the world. Some of his collection will be on display at Discovery Park of American in Union City, Tenn., Dec. 2, 2021-March 1, 2022.

Never-before-seen Exhibit of Rare Collection of Globes and Maps Opens at Discovery Park on Dec. 2, 2021

Discovery Park of America released details today about the upcoming temporary exhibit premiering at the museum and heritage park that will shine a spotlight on one of the most unique collections of globes and maps in the world. "The Fascinating World of Murray Hudson's Globes and Maps" will be on display in the museum's ATA Traveling Exhibit Hall Dec. 2, 2021-March 1, 2022.

"The Fascinating World of Murray Hudson's Globes and Maps" is sponsored by Conley and Conley Attorneys at Law.

Hudson is a former English professor, stockbroker and farmer originally from Dyersburg, Tenn., who owns the largest private collection of for-sale antiquarian maps, globes, books and prints in the world. The spark of inspiration for his collection came from visiting an antique map shop on High Street in London

while taking a summer course at Oxford University in 1964. His collection today includes more than 17,000 maps and more than 700 globes of various ages, sizes and designs. Many can be found in his shop, Murray Hudson - Antique Maps, Globes, Books & Prints, in the former Halls, Tenn., Post Office at 109 Church Street, where he also sells vintage sheet music and antique posters.

"Because 'discovery' is even in the

name, I've always thought Discovery Park would be the perfect place for an exhibit of some of my collection," said Hudson.

The team at Discovery Park that undertook the task of creating an exhibit from Hudson's collection found it challenging to narrow down the items that will appear in the exhibit. "Each time we visited Halls and explored this collection with Murray, we likened the experience to stepping into Harry Potter's Hogwarts School or a magical wizard's lair," said Jennifer Wildes, the museum's senior director of exhibits and collections. "There was so much there we wanted to share with our guests, but only so much room. We selected the items that we thought were the most interesting and that tell the story of the physical history of the world as we knew it, starting as

early as the 1500s."

One extremely rare item that will be on display when the exhibit opens on Dec. 2 is the very first edition of the first atlas of America, printed in 1795, which houses 21 maps. Another early map features Rome as it existed in 1595 and includes hand-written notes made by Abraham Ortelius, the father of modern cartography, the practice of drawing maps.

Those exploring the exhibit will also get to see rare globes that range from the two-and-a-half-foot wide diplomat's globe from 1918 that focuses on political geography to one of the smaller curiosities in his collection, an 1840s boxed globe from Germany that shows Texas as an independent republic, just before it was annexed by the United States.

One globe that will be on display has

personal significance for Hudson. Painted on a gourd, it includes a scene from "The Wizard of Oz." Hudson's late wife, Bonnie Hudson, was a great-granddaughter of L. Frank Baum, author of the famous children's book series that was later adapted for the classic 1939 film.

When asked if the collection will include any treasure maps, Hudson replies that in his collection, "the globes and maps are the treasure."

"The Fascinating World of Murray Hudson's Globes and Maps" will be on display in the museum's ATA Traveling Exhibit Hall Dec. 2, 2021-March 1, 2022 and is free with admission or membership.

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This has caused a huge problem for the community blood supply. January is often a tough month for blood banks, as the need for blood increases as people head to hospitals for procedures that they have put off until after the holidays. Add in the impact of COVID-19, and the supply is at risk of being insufficient for the needs of West Tennessee's hospitals and medical helicopter sites.

As we near what we hope will be the end of this pandemic, we are asking local businesses and industries to please schedule a blood drive as soon as possible.

Giving blood is safe. All precautions, such as masks for donors and staff, temperature checks, hand sanitizer, and questions related to COVID symptoms and exposure, are taken at each drive. Blood donations must increase for the safety of healthcare for our local patients.

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November 3

12 p.m. - Savannah: Hardin Medical Center
1 p.m. - Lexington: Henderson Co. Community Hospital

November 4

8 a.m. - South Fulton: South Fulton HS
12 p.m. - Paris: First United Methodist Church

November 5

12 p.m. - McKenzie: Save-A-Lot
12 p.m. - Bolivar: Simmons Bank

November 6

10 a.m. - Jackson: Browns Creek District Association

November 8

12 p.m. - Martin: EW James & Sons
12 p.m. - Selmer: Selmer Courthouse

November 12

12 p.m. - Henderson: Henderson City Hall

November 15

1 p.m. - Dresden: Southside Church of Christ
1 p.m. - Parsons: First Baptist Church

November 16

9 a.m. - Paris: TCAT

November 17

12 p.m. - Dyer: City Hall of Dyer

November 18

7 a.m. - Jackson: Jackson Madison County General Hospital
10 a.m. - Jackson: Jackson Madison County General Hospital

November 19

1 p.m. - Milan: Lowe's
1 p.m. - Decaturville: Decaturville Elementary School

November 22

1 p.m. - Union City: EW James & Sons
1 p.m. - Paris: Joe Mahan Ford

November 23

12 p.m. Newbern: First United Methodist Church
12:30 p.m. Ripley: Walmart

November 24

11 a.m. - Middleton: Middleton Community Center
12 p.m. - Savannah: Kroger

November 26

10 a.m. - Dyersburg: Lowe's
10 a.m. - Jackson: Kohl's

November 29

12:30 p.m. - Camden: Walmart
2 p.m. - Selmer: Food Giant

November 30

12 p.m. - Jackson: Madison Co. @ Jackson City Hall



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RED CART RIDERS – (From left) Zurrie Banuelos, 3, and 1-year-old Maggie Mullins enjoy the festivities from inside their little red cart, as Maggie’s father Deaton Mullins (not pictured), pulls them along through downtown McKenzie. Photos by Ron Park.

Hundreds Turn Out for McKenzie’s Sweet Tea Festival

There was lots to do and see and hear – and, of course, plenty of cold, southern-style sweet tea to drink – during this year’s Sweet Tea & Southern Pickin’s Festival Friday and Saturday in downtown McKenzie.

The downtown park was packed out with dozens of vendors selling a wide variety of wares, arts and crafts booths, and treats of all kinds to eat and drink, and there were still more vendors, treats,

and attractions at the McKenzie Farmers Market, the Merchants Outlet Mall, the McKenzie Antique Mall, and other locations in the downtown area.

“We are very excited about how today went,” said McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland on Saturday.

Holland was out at the Farmers Market Saturday morning serving free tea and greeting the public. The mayor said that over 400 people had come through the

market before noon.

And this year’s festival was loaded with top notch musical entertainment with performances by Noah Smyth, Tera Townsend, Chris McGuigan, the TOM band, Flashback, and Hog Slog String Band.

Marty Marbry served as guest speaker during the festival luncheon on Saturday, speaking about the joys and pitfalls of starting and running a booth business.



PACKED OUT PARK – Hundreds turned out to check out all the vendors and booths packed into McKenzie's downtown park.





Charlotte Jones (seated) of McKenzie was out enjoying the day and a glass of sweet tea with her daughter, Elizabeth Lott (standing)



Robert Poglitsch with the Tennessee River Artist Blacksmith Association forges a leaf keychain out of steel during the McKenzie Sweet Tea and Southern Pickin's Festival.



McKenzie Mayor Jill Holland hands a cup of sweet tea to local resident Prudencio Becerra at the Farmers Market. Photo by Ron Park.



Who's Davy Crockett?

An excerpt from the prologue of "The Accidental Fame and Lack of Fortune of West Tennessee's David Crockett"

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In the fifth episode of the 20th season of the animated series *The Simpsons*, the family arrives at a cabin in the woods to celebrate the Fourth of July. Bart looks at the cabin and says with confidence, "A log cabin? What am I, Davy Crockett?" He then looks at his father, Homer, and adds, "Also, who's Davy Crockett?"

To answer that question for Bart, you must first separate the real man from the myth and then the myth from the international entertainment icon he became. The real man, David Crockett, was a Tennessee settler who lived during a pivotal period in American history. He served in the Tennessee state legislature from 1821 to 1824 and in the United States House of Representatives from 1827 to 1831, then from 1833 to 1835. His political career took place during the Jacksonian Era, nestled between the Revolutionary and Civil Wars. Crockett played a role on the main stage as Americans struggled

to figure out just who they were going to be now that they had fought for and won their independence.

He was both literally and symbolically a "common man," and that was a role that grew more important as governing the country shifted away from the educated eastern elites to regular working-class Americans. Crockett also became the living embodiment of western expansion for people who had only read about what lay beyond the Allegheny Mountains. He literally and symbolically blazed a trail representing an exciting, new type of American that thrilled early media and entertainment consumers. He made them excited about what could be found down the river or just over the next mountain.

As Crockett purposefully crafted a public image of a "poor man's friend," his supporters and opponents discovered his popularity also resulted in votes. Crockett may not have been sent to a fancy boarding school or attended West Point, but he could protect your cabin from Red Sticks, hunt down and kill a dozen bears,

and argue a bill on the floor of United States Congress while wealthier, more influential men were still trying to decide which cravat to wear to the office. All the while, Crockett was unknowingly creating a "type" with characteristics that would one day be seen in fictional characters like Jed Clampett, Andy Taylor, and Gomer Pyle. For them, a lack of fancy degrees did not equal a lack of intelligence, and their accent and rural backgrounds did not equate to ignorance. Quite the opposite; like Crockett, underestimate them, and you'll be the fool.

Crockett combined traits of all the men he had worked, played, and hunted with through the years. The image he created for the public was a combination of the longhunters, flatboat pilots, soldiers, and settlers of Tennessee he had known his entire life. He took their language, culture, and humor and projected it to the public.

Crockett became a muse in every sense of the word. In Greek mythology, the Muses were daughters of Zeus and

included the goddesses of literature, poetry, music, dance, and comedy. Today, the word is used to describe someone who inspires creativity. In Crockett's day, something about the successes and failures of this uneducated frontiersman from Tennessee inspired writers, artists, and performers of all kinds.

Crockett shows up in every channel of artistic expression available to creatives in the early decades of the nineteenth century. These were frequently second- and third-generation Americans who were creating popular culture from scratch. They had a clean slate and wanted the work to be uniquely American. They even had the challenge of figuring out exactly what that meant. It was only natural that they would gravitate toward the man who represented both the danger and the thrill of settling the wild frontier.

For Crockett, you could add journalism to the list of goddesses. Today, he would likely be a mere footnote in history without innovations in printing technology and the dramatic increase in the number of people who could both read and afford a newspaper. Reporters found that writing about him—and copying and reprinting what others had written—sold newspapers; so, they wrote more and more about Crockett, and the public ate it up.

Crockett had both friends and enemies in Washington, D.C., then called Washington City. And thanks to his immense charisma, sense of humor, and ability to charm an audience, his friends who were forming the Whig party used him to campaign against his enemies, including the biggest of them all, Andrew Jackson. Crockett's circle of friends and political associates included James K. Polk, Henry Clay, Sam Houston, and other notables of the day who had taken the torch of democracy from the founding fathers and were trying mightily to keep it burning.

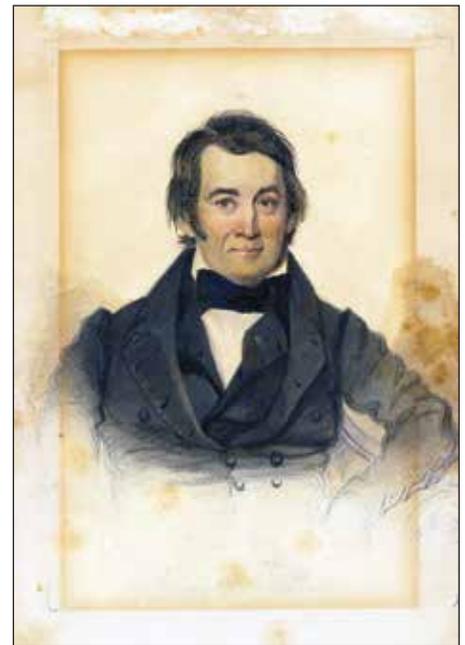
After his tragic death at the Alamo in Texas, the commercialization of Crockett's name and likeness that he had begun during his lifetime took on mythical proportions. Through publications filled with "tall tales" like the Davy Crockett Almanacs that were published until 1856, he morphed into a nineteenth-century version of Superman. Rather than "leaping over tall buildings in a single bound," this early superhero was able to ride

his pet alligator, "Long Mississippi," up Niagara Falls and kill a rattlesnake with his teeth. Superman may have been able to see through walls with his X-ray vision, but Crockett could knock a giant black bear out of a tree with his grin.

It was likely James S. French who wrote the first "unauthorized" biography of Crockett in 1833. Both that and Crockett's autobiography that he wrote later were considered great successes by the measures of the day. Hundreds of authors would follow, just as inspired by this Tennessee muse as those who had come before. Enter the "library of Crockett," and you'll find academics and historians from the early to mid-twentieth century who explored the man and the myth with the goal of separating the two. Then came the authors who wrote after 1954 who had a different challenge: how to tell the story of someone whose image had been Disneyfied, turned into a caricature, and inspired an entertainment licensing phenomenon. Using modern research tools and building upon the work that came before, they have added even more depth and breadth to help answer Bart Simpson's question, "Also, who's Davy Crockett?"

Ultimately, the truth is that Bart's question is impossible to answer. We will never really know for certain the answer to the question, "Who's Davy Crockett?" But hopefully, by reading this book, you'll get to know Colonel David Crockett, settler of the wild frontier, member of Congress from Tennessee, and America's first celebrity, just a little better.

"The Accidental Fame and Lack of Fortune of West Tennessee's David Crockett" was published by Scott Williams in August 2021 in time for David Crockett's 235th birthday on Aug. 17, 2021. It is available on Amazon.com. Scott Williams is the president and CEO of Discovery Park of America in Union City, Tennessee. The museum and heritage park, opened in 2013 by philanthropists Robert and Jenny Kirkland, includes a statue of Crockett, reproductions of artifacts like "Old Betsy," an entire 1800s frontier cabin community, an exhibit on Crockett, and more. To discover more about David Crockett and Williams' book, visit therealdavidcrockett.com.



*An 1831 portrait of Crockett by James Hamilton Shegogue.
Photo credit: National Portrait Gallery*



Boxing champion Jim Jeffries is pictured here with an unidentified child. Jeffries was the star of Davy Crockett," a theatrical performance that opened November 10, 1904, at the Grand Opera House in Seattle. Immediately following was a "boxing exhibition." Photo credit: Retrieved from the Digital Public Library of America

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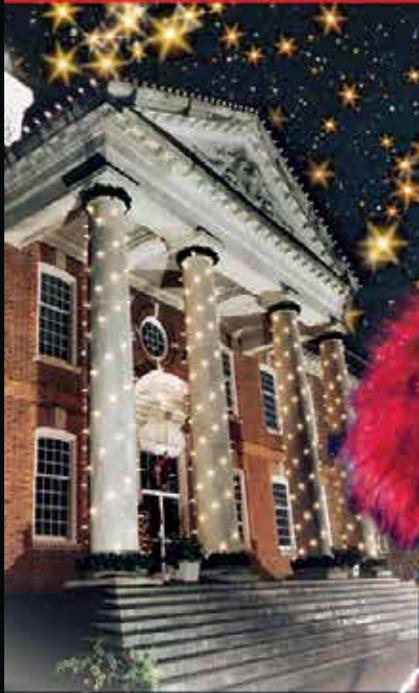
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Pickwick Lake to Host 2022 Major League Fishing Regional Tournament

Major League Fishing announced today the schedule, rules, payouts and entry dates for the 2022 Phoenix Bass Fishing League Presented by T-H Marine, the only circuit offering weekend anglers a clear path to the Toyota Series, Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit and ultimately the Bass Pro Tour. The Phoenix Bass Fishing League is the premier circuit for weekend tournaments, maintaining the best payouts and advancement opportunities for the lowest entry fees available in the sport.

The Phoenix Bass Fishing League allows anglers to fish close to home with opportunities to advance to the prestigious All-American and Toyota Series Championships for a shot at winning top boater awards of \$120,000 and \$235,000, respectively, including lucrative Phoenix MLF Bonuses.

Each qualifying tournament offers a top boater award of up to \$13,000, including a \$7,000 Phoenix MLF Bonus, and a top Strike King co-angler award of \$3,000. Top awards jump up to \$16,000 for boaters, including a \$7,000 Phoenix MLF Bonus, and \$4,500 for Strike King co-anglers in super-tournaments. Entry fees remain unchanged for qualifying and super-tournaments - \$200 per boater

and \$100 per co-angler for one-day qualifying tournaments and \$300 per boater and \$150 per co-angler for two-day super-tournaments. Six Regionals will also have a \$300 per boater and \$150 per co-angler entry fee in 2022, resulting in enhanced payouts of more than 200 percent per tournament with the top 40 boaters and co-anglers receiving checks – up from 24 in previous seasons.

Boaters in each regional compete for a \$67,000 top award, including a Phoenix 819 Pro with 200 HP Mercury and \$10,000 plus a \$7,000 Phoenix MLF Bonus for qualified anglers. Co-anglers in each regional compete for a \$50,000 Phoenix 819 Pro with 200 HP Mercury. Additionally, the highest finishing boater from each division in each regional receives a \$1,000 bonus and the highest finishing co-angler from each division receives a \$500 bonus – you only have to beat 49 anglers from your division to win big.

“We pride ourselves on continuing to provide the absolute best tournaments for the lowest cost of participation available anywhere,” said MLF Senior Director of Tournament Operations Daniel Fennel. “Our team has put together a great sched-

ule that will uphold that tradition, providing a competitive outlet for weekend bass anglers with multiple advancement opportunities for those looking to launch professional careers. We’ve had a fantastic 2021 season and are excited to carry that momentum into 2022.”

The extremely popular Phoenix MLF Bonus contingency award will also continue for the 2022 season. The Phoenix MLF Bonus enhances payouts from \$500 to \$7,000 for registered Phoenix boat owners in every qualifier, super-tournament and regional, an additional \$20,000 in the All-American, and \$35,000 in the Toyota Series Championship.

The top 45 boaters and Strike King co-anglers, plus the five tournament winners in each division, advance to a regional.

Enter all five events in a division, fish at least two and automatically advance to the Wild Card if you weren’t pre-qualified for a regional.

The Wild Card offers a \$13,000 top boater award, including Phoenix MLF Bonus, and a top co-angler award of \$3,000. Entry fees are \$200 for boaters and \$100 for co-anglers.

The top six boaters and co-anglers from

each regional and the Wild Card advance to the 2023 All-American.

The highest-finishing boater and co-angler from each regional and the Wild Card at the All-American advance to the Toyota Series Championship – anglers only need to beat five anglers from their regional to advance.

With every tournament featuring live streaming weigh-in coverage, the Phoenix Bass Fishing League places anglers in front of the sport's largest fan base with coverage on MajorLeagueFishing.com and MLF's social media outlets. The 2022 All-American and Toyota Series Championship will be nationally televised, offering Bass Fishing League anglers unprecedented media exposure.

The complete 2022 Phoenix Bass Fishing League schedule, rules and payouts can be found at MajorLeagueFishing.com.

Anglers can register for the 2022 Phoenix Bass Fishing League season at MajorLeagueFishing.com or by calling 270.252.1000, beginning at 8 a.m. CDT on the dates listed below:

December 6, 2021 – Cowboy, Gator, Hoosier and Music City.

December 7, 2021 – Bulldog, Bama, Illini, Mississippi and Volunteer.

December 8, 2021 – Buckeye, Choo Choo, Great Lakes, Mountain and Ozark.

December 9, 2021 – Arkie, LBL, North Carolina, Northeast and Okie.

December 10, 2021 – Michigan, Piedmont, Savannah River, Shenandoah and South Carolina.

Phoenix boat owners (Phoenix owners with current registrations or confirmation of a boat on order who will use their Phoenix boat in Bass Fishing League competition) and TBF members may enter all divisions by phone starting December 3, 2021.

For complete details and updated information visit MajorLeagueFishing.com. For regular updates, photos, tournament news and more, follow the Phoenix Bass Fishing League Presented by T-H Marine on MLF's social media outlets at Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube.

2022 Regionals:

Oct. 6-8 Lake Murray, Prosperity, S.C. Divisions: Bulldog, Choo Choo, Gator and Piedmont. Hosted by Capital City Lake Murray Country Regional Tourism Board

Oct. 13-15 Pickwick Lake, Counce, TN Divisions: Bama, LBL, Music City and South Carolina Hosted by Hardin County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Oct. 13-15 Mississippi River - La Crosse, La Crosse, Wis.

Divisions: Hoosier, Illini, Michigan and Okie

Hosted by Explore La Crosse

Oct. 20-22 Grand Lake, Grove, Okla. Divisions: Arkie, Cowboy, Great Lakes and Ozark

Hosted by City of Grove and Grove Convention & Tourism Bureau

Oct. 20-22 James River, Richmond, Va. Divisions: Buckeye, North Carolina, Northeast and Shenandoah

Hosted by Richmond Region Tourism

Oct. 20-22 Smith Lake, Cullman, Ala. Divisions: Mississippi, Mountain, Savannah River and Volunteer

Hosted by Cullman Area LOC (Local Organizing Committee)

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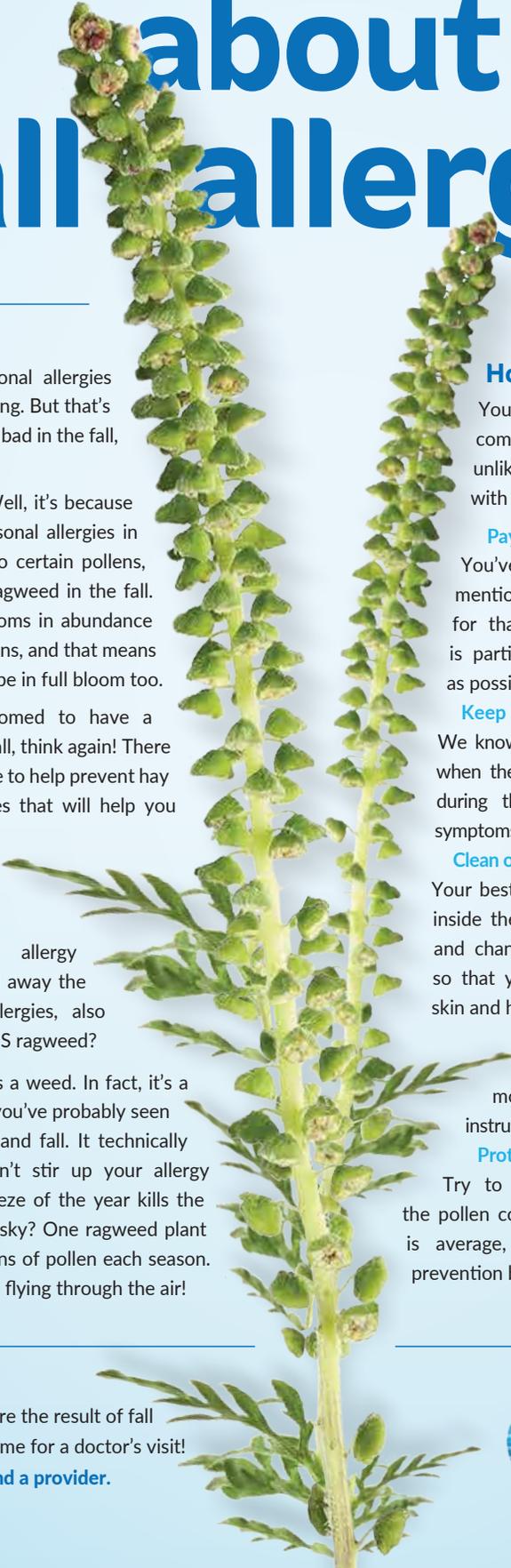
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What to do about Fall allergies.



You might think that seasonal allergies only come around in the spring. But that's not true! They can be just as bad in the fall, especially here in the South.

Why, you might wonder? Well, it's because most people who have seasonal allergies in the spring, when reacting to certain pollens, have a similar reaction to ragweed in the fall. Unfortunately, ragweed blooms in abundance during our Tennessee autumns, and that means your allergy symptoms may be in full bloom too.

Lest you think you're doomed to have a constantly runny nose this fall, think again! There are simple steps you can take to help prevent hay fever and other fall allergies that will help you find relief.

What Is Ragweed?

Ragweed is the biggest allergy problem in the fall—far and away the primary reason for fall allergies, also called “hay fever.” But what IS ragweed?

As its name says, ragweed is a weed. In fact, it's a flowering yellow weed that you've probably seen around in the late summer and fall. It technically blooms in August, but won't stir up your allergy symptoms until the first freeze of the year kills the entire plant. Why is it so pesky? One ragweed plant produces up to 1 billion grains of pollen each season. That's a whole lot of allergen flying through the air!

How Can I Prevent Fall Allergies?

Your best bet at preventing fall allergies is to completely avoid ragweed pollen. But that's unlikely! Still, you can limit your exposure to it with these tips:

Pay attention to the pollen count.

You've probably heard the “pollen count” mentioned on the local news. You'll want to listen for that pollen count—and on the days that it is particularly high, try to stay indoors as much as possible.

Keep the windows and doors closed.

We know, opening the windows is a rite of passage when the temperatures finally cool off in Tennessee during the fall. But if you're plagued by allergy symptoms, that may be doing more harm than good.

Clean off pollen when you come inside.

Your best bet is to leave your shoes outside or just inside the door to avoid tracking in pollen. Shower and change clothing when you're in for the night, so that you can wash any leftover pollen off your skin and hair.

Change your air filter regularly.

These should be changed every few months, depending on the packaging instructions—and more often if you have allergies.

Protect yourself before heading outdoors.

Try to steer clear of outdoor chores on days the pollen count is high. But on days where the count is average, take another step toward fall allergy prevention by taking a dose of an oral antihistamine.

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