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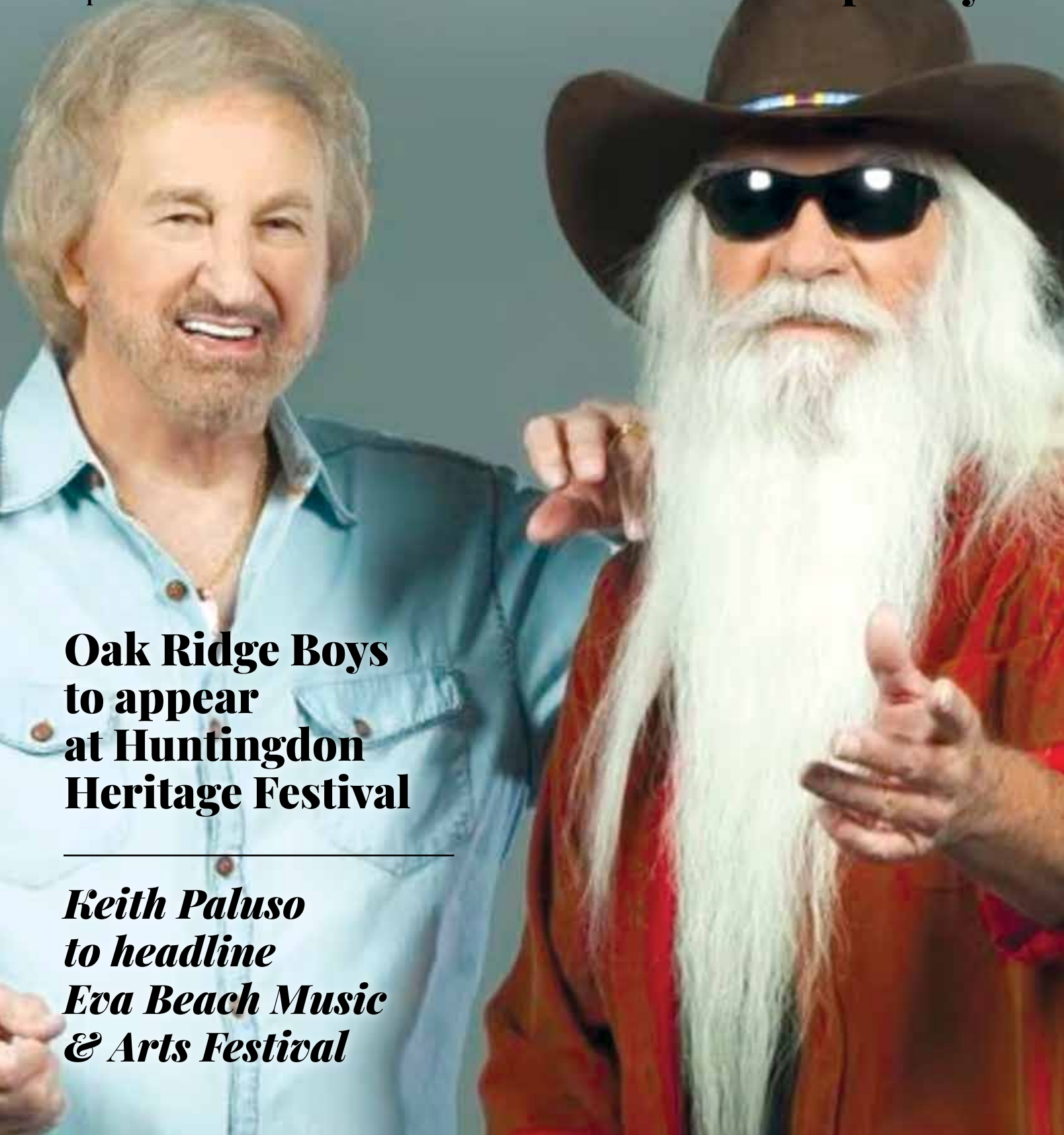


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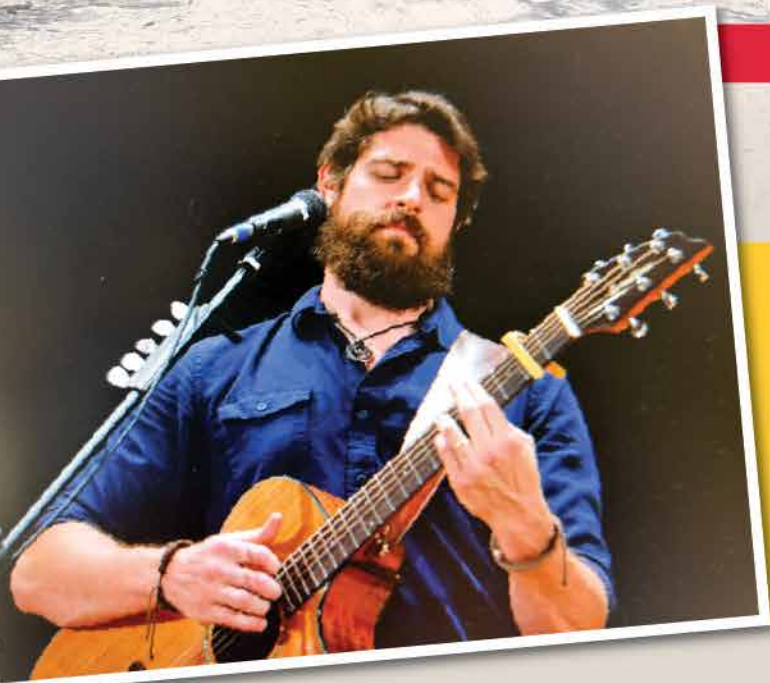


Eva Beach Music and Arts Festival



Saturday, September 16
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Eva Beach Day Use Area - Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park, Eva, Tennessee
From I-40 take Exit 126 to Camden Court Square - follow the signs to Eva!



This year's headliner

Keith Paluso

Former contestant on "The Voice"

Also Appearing:

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Keith Paluso, former contestant on “The Voice” to headline 2023 Eva Beach Music & Arts Festival

Eva, Tennessee is a small, quiet town on the shores of Kentucky Lake in Benton County. People there enjoy boating, fishing, and lounging on the beach, or visiting other areas of the park. But, on Saturday, September 16, 2023, it's going to get loud! The 19th annual Eva Beach Music & Arts Festival will kick off at 10 a.m. with music until 6 p.m.

The Eva Beach Day Use Area is part of the Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park. From I-40 take Exit 126 to the Camden Court Square, then follow the signs to Eva. The festival is free and open to the public and in addition to some great music, there will be food and arts and crafts vendors, along with a car show held by Camden Legends Cruisers Car Club.

Headlining this year's festival will be Keith Paluso, a Southern soul, folk and Americana singer/songwriter from Munford, Tennessee. In 2018 Keith was a contestant on NBC's "The Voice". In addition to singing Keith has also worked as a Tennessee park ranger.

Also appearing on the schedule will be Joe and Stacy Hudson from Muhlenberg County, Ky, you know the place...down by the Green River where Paradise lay! Joe has played with several bands, including actor John Schneider's band. He began playing at the age of 13 and became a student of thumb-picking under guitarist Steve Rector. He was awarded the Horizon Award in 2009, the President's Award in 2014, and was voted Co-Thumbpicker of the Year

in 2016 by the fans and members of the National Thumbpickers Hall of Fame.

“We are very excited to have Keith and Joe with us this year,” said Malinda Florence, organizer of the event. “We have a lot of great talent coming, including Jamie Cauley, who is a pianist, singer/songwriter from Nashville, with family roots here in Camden.” Jamie has performed in public for six years with his blend of Ragtime, Jazz and R&B.

Another out of town group, “Geezer” from Clarksville has been a regular at the festival for several years. Their music is classic rock. “Geezer’s members, whose motto is ‘not old, not dead, just somewhere in between’, enjoy performing here at the festival each year and pretty much consider it their vacation spot,” said Florence.

“We are also welcoming back Haley Flowers from Camden, who will once again kick off our event with her rendition of the ‘Star Spangled Banner’. Last year the Eva Volunteer Fire Department came with a truck and brought a huge American flag, and we had a surprise flyover of several WWII planes that we were not expecting, but which made that time even more special.”

Benton County and the surrounding area has many talented musicians which have been added to this year’s schedule, including Bill Randall Kee from Camden; Steve Patterson and the J-Town Ramblers from Jackson; Michael Daniel and Higher Ground from Humphreys County; Tommy Akers Band from Big Sandy and Dixie Antebellum from Camden.

“We try to bring in music for everyone from country/bluegrass, gospel, classic rock and R&B. Last year’s festival was the largest we’ve ever had, but with the people we have coming this year, we believe it will be even bigger and better. We thank the Tennessee River Resort District who sponsors the festival. Without their help the Friends of NBFSP, who host the event, would not be able to do this,” said Florence.

Be sure to come hungry! You will enjoy the fantastic food vendors who will be set up along the beachfront area. And don’t forget to visit the arts/crafts vendors who will be set up with their many displays of beautiful, handcrafted items.

Come early, come hungry and come ready to enjoy a day of great music, good food and unique arts/crafts. Oh, and don’t forget your lawn chairs and sunscreen! We’ll see you at the beach!



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Jada Brown captures the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Crown

Plant City, Florida, native and Lane College Student wins \$11,000 scholarship and will serve as Governor Lee's Spokesperson for Character Education

For Miss Lane College Jada Brown, first time's the charm, as she is crowned the new Miss

Tennessee Volunteer on Saturday, July 29, 2023, at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson, Tennes-

see. In her first year of competition and representing Lane College as Miss Lane College, Brown is a

21-year-old senior biology major with a minor in chemistry at Lane College. She wowed the judges in five areas of competition, including talent, private interview, swimsuit, evening gown, and on-stage question to take home the state title.

The Miss Tennessee Volunteer crown comes with many perks – with the opportunity to travel the state as the official representative for character education. The Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant, prize package includes an \$11,000 scholarship and use of a car for her year of traveling from Jerry Ward Autoplex of Union City, plus a wardrobe from Joann's of Tennessee.

“I am thrilled to represent Tennessee and my contestant class as Miss Tennessee Volunteer,” Brown says. “This is an opportunity of a lifetime.”

In addition to speaking to over 70,000 school children and civic clubs across the state, Brown will also dedicate time to support her personal platform, The Beauty Within Our Hands. Once her year of service is complete, Brown will use her scholarship earnings to pursue her dental healthcare professional degree to become a dental hygienist.

While Brown may have captured the crown and scholarship money, there were 35 additional incredibly intelligent and talented young women who will take home scholarships to further their education and professional goals.

Additional finalists in the pageant included:

• 1st runner-up: Kara Short, Miss Mid-South—taking home

\$7,000 in scholarships

• 2nd runner-up: Erin Sharp, Miss Germantown—receiving \$8,000 in scholarships for Top Five Placement, Talent Preliminary Award, and the Public Relations Award

• 3rd runner-up: D’Ambrah, Miss Midtown—receiving \$5,000 in scholarships

• 4th runner-up: Lydia Waldrop, Miss Mid-South Fair—receiving \$5,000 in scholarships for Top Five Placement, and Talent Preliminary Award

Top 10 finalists included (in no particular order):

• Miss Knoxville, Kelsi Walters—taking home \$3,000 in scholarships for Top 10 placement and the Community Service Award

• Miss Murfreesboro, Jordynne Tucker—receiving \$3,000 in scholarships for Top 10 placement and Lifestyle and Fitness Preliminary Award

• Miss Nashville, Mary Humphrey—was awarded \$3,000 in scholarships for Top 10 placement and Lifestyle and Fitness Preliminary Award

• Miss Tipton County, Gracelyn Eaves—receiving \$3,000 in scholarships for Top 10 placement and Lifestyle and Fitness Preliminary Award

• Miss West Tennessee, Kim Gordon—receiving \$2,000 in scholarships

Top 12 finalists included (in no particular order & both receiving \$2,750 in scholarships for Top 12 placement and a Lifestyle & Fitness preliminary award)

• Miss Fall Fest, Emma Martin

• Miss Northwest TN, Emily

Pennington

Top 15 finalists included (in no particular order)

• Miss Davidson County, Carsyn Hughes—taking home \$1,600 for Top 15 placement

• Miss Memphis, Kataen Shockley—receiving \$1,600 for Top 15 placement

• Miss Queen City, Gracyn Van Winkle (also winning the People’s Choice Award)—receiving \$1,600 in scholarships

Non-finalist awards as well as academic and community service awards are also awarded. Each contestant receives a minimum of a \$500 scholarship from the local program and at least \$1,000 in scholarships for participating at the state level.

In total, the Miss Tennessee Volunteer Pageant awarded more than \$89,000 scholarship dollars to its 36 contestants. Paige Clark, Miss Tennessee Volunteer 2023, crowned Brown.

“We are so proud to continue our mission in supporting the young women of Tennessee through awarding college scholarships, recognizing their achievements in academics, and community involvement, and inspiring thousands of schoolchildren across the state,” says Emily Anne Sparks, Miss Tennessee Volunteer Co-Executive Director. “I know Jada will add to the exceptional legacy Paige has set forth.”

For appearance or interview requests for Miss Tennessee Volunteer, please contact Rachel Nall, Miss Tennessee Volunteer Business Manager, at MissTNBusinessManager@gmail.com.

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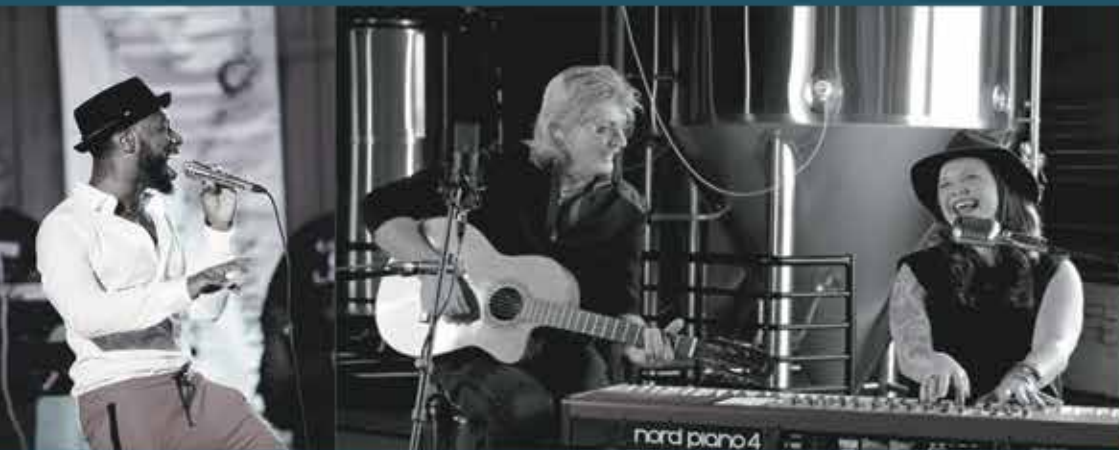


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The Oak Ridge Boys have sold more than 41 million records and are synonymous with "America, apple pie, baseball, and country music." In addition to their many awards and accolades in the country music field, they have garnered five GRAMMY® Awards, nine GMA Dove Awards, and two American Music Awards. In 1981, their double-platinum single, "Elvira," set the Pop charts on fire and paved the way for three more Pop-charted singles, "Bobbie Sue," "American Made, and "So Fine."

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Since that time, Duane Allen, Joe Bonsall, William Lee Golden, and Richard Sterban—The Oak Ridge Boys—have come to be known worldwide as one of recording history's most extraordinary musical successes. Registering multiple gold, platinum, and double-platinum singles and albums, they have charted more than 30 albums, including Deliver, Fancy Free, and 17th Avenue Revival.

The Oak Ridge Boys are members of the Country Music Hall of Fame (2015 Inductees), the Grand Ole Opry (since 2011), and the Gospel Music Hall of Fame (2000 Inductees). They are also recipients of the Academy of Country Music Pioneer Award for Lifetime Achievement.

In August 2020, when the world needed a positive message, the group went into the studio with award-winning Nashville producer Dave Cobb to record their Front Porch Singin' album. It was their fourth project with Cobb.

"I think God had a plan for this album. I really do," says tenor singer Joe Bonsall. "I think it was bigger than the four of us even realized when we were working on it."

The Oak Ridge Boys are bringing their 2023 Front Porch Singin' Tour, which includes both new music and classic hits, to the Huntingdon Heritage Festival on September 23rd.

For more information about The Oak Ridge Boys, visit www.oakridgeboys.com.

More details about this day to follow! Be sure to LIKE the Huntingdon Heritage Festival page on Facebook to stay in the know!

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6 steps to help someone who may be suicidal

Suicide is a complicated topic, and all of us can think of someone we've known or loved who has died by suicide. While the subject can generate anxiety, it's worth discussing it with those we love when we have concerns.

1. Prepare Yourself

First, imagine how you might explain this concern to them. And then, gather a few resources and have them easily accessible during or after the conversation. Knowing that **988 can be texted or called 24/7** gives you or your friend a professional within a few strokes on your phone.

2. Choose a Place

Choose a place that offers privacy and offers the person a way to respond and talk and feel however they need to without worrying what those around them may see or think.

3. Share your Concerns

Offer concrete examples of why you're concerned. Mention warning signs you've noticed from the person, such as avoiding friends, neglecting appearance or hygiene, increased use of drugs or alcohol, etc. During this part of the conversation, it's essential to state why you're concerned in nonjudgmental ways and reveal your awareness, care, and compassion for the person.

4. Ask the Question

Know this: asking about suicide does not cause suicide; instead, it can often save a life.

It's **CRITICAL** to ask if someone is thinking about suicide in a way that begs a clear "yes" or "no" answer. For example, **DON'T SAY**, "You're not thinking about suicide, are you?"

Instead, **DO SAY**, "Are you considering killing yourself?" or "Are you having thoughts of suicide?"

5. Listen with Care

Don't panic, and validate the seriousness someone may be feeling. Listen without judgment, and resist the urge to give advice. Remember that suicidal thoughts and behaviors are often brief and passing and regularly related to specific realities or circumstances.

6. Instill Hope & Offer Resources

Managing your emotions and fears during the conversation can help keep the other person calm. Provide the resources you prepared. Offer to make the call to 988 with them at that moment. If you are worried about their safety or if they have already harmed themselves, call 911.

If you or someone you know is considering suicide, call or text 988 right now.



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TN River BBQ Fest returns to Hardin County: Saltillo

The 2023 TN River BBQ Fest is set for August 25-26, 2023 in Saltillo, Tenn!!! Join us on the banks of the beautiful Tennessee River! Over \$14,000 will be up for grabs in a battle for Grand Champion!

This Kansas City BBQ Society (KCBS) sanctioned cook-off event will be held in the Town of Saltillo, Tenn., at the intersection of Main Street (Hwy. 36) and Shoreline Drive, on the bank of the beautiful TN River. Along

with being a KCBS sanctioned BBQ contest, the TN River BBQ Fest is also a state championship BBQ contest. Over 20 BBQ teams have entered including cooks from Michigan, Illinois, Arkansas, Mississippi, South

Carolina, Indiana, Alabama, and Tennessee, come judge samples for yourself in the People's Choice sampling.

BBQ Tasting: People's Choice - Public Food Sampling

Be sure to attend the People's Choice event on Saturday morning (11 a.m.) and sample some of this great award-winning BBQ from the champions, then vote for your favorite! Winners of the People's Choice Awards will be announced at 3:30 p.m. Saturday during the competition awards.

Admission to the BBQ grounds is FREE!

Come enjoy great fun and the heavenly smells of some of the best BBQ in the country. Local food trucks are on site Friday night and Saturday to please all your taste buds! Live music begins on Friday night starting at 5:30 p.m.

For more information contact Southwest Tennessee Tourism at 731-616-7474 or Hardin County CVB at 731-925-8181. Find more info at www.tnriverbbqfest.com or follow us on Facebook at [tnriverbbqfest](https://www.facebook.com/tnriverbbqfest).



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Tourism to Shiloh National Military Park contributes \$30.5 million to local economy

A new National Park Service (NPS) report shows that 387,000 visitors to Shiloh National Military Park in 2022 spent \$25.6 million in communities near the park. That spending supported 358 jobs in the local area and had a cumulative benefit to the local economy of \$30.5 million.

"Since 1916, the National Park Service has been entrusted with the care of our national parks. With the help of volunteers and partners, we safeguard these special places and share their stories with more than 300 million visitors every year. The impact of tourism to national parks is undeniable: bringing jobs and revenue to communities in every state in the country and making national parks

an essential driver to the national economy," said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams.

"We are pleased that Shiloh National Military Park attracts more than 300,000 visitors to explore the commemorative landscapes of both Shiloh and Corinth. As a gateway, the park offers an opportunity for visitors to also experience the natural beauty, inspiring history, and historic towns that are part of this extraordinary Civil War story, said Shiloh Superintendent Catherine Bragaw."

The peer-reviewed visitor spending analysis was conducted by economists at the National Park Service. The report shows \$23.9 billion of direct spending by nearly 312 million park visitors in com-

munities within 60 miles of a national park. This spending supported 378,400 jobs nationally; 314,600 of those jobs are found in these gateway communities. The cumulative benefit to the U.S. economy was \$50.3 billion.

Report authors also produce an interactive tool that enables users to explore visitor spending, jobs, labor income, value added, and output effects by sector for national, state and local economies. Users can also view year-by-year trend data. The interactive tool and report are available at the NPS Social Science Program webpage: "<https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>" <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/socialscience/vse.htm>



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Discovery Park of America Launches next phase in its commitment to agriculture and horticulture education

Discovery Park of America will cut the ribbon on the new Farm Credit Mid-America Education Pavilion and greenhouses on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023 at 11 a.m. Chelsea Rose, executive director of the Tennessee FFA Foundation,

will join as special guest.

The event will also launch a new phase in the museum and heritage park's commitment to agriculture and horticulture education. The first phase began in December 2020 with the opening of "Ag-

riCulture: Innovating for Our Survival," a \$1 million exhibit that tells the story of farming innovation in the past, present—and especially—the future.

A member of the Farm Credit System and the primary sponsor

of the education pavilion, Farm Credit Mid-America exists to secure the future of rural communities and agriculture as a leading provider of reliable, consistent credit and financial services to farmers, producers, agribusinesses and rural residents in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee.

“Our association’s mission is to support young and beginning farmers and the communities where we live and work. We are excited to welcome visitors to the Farm Credit Mid-America Education Pavilion at Discovery Park,” said Andrew Melton, regional vice president of agricultural lending at Farm Credit Mid-America. “We’re committed to supporting opportunities like these, which provide an interactive educational experience to a variety of guests—many of whom have no background in agriculture or horticulture.”

Other major contributors include the Bayer Fund, Michelle and Al Creswell, Green Plains and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Organizations and individuals who give \$100 or more by Friday, Aug. 18, 2023, will be included on

the sponsorship wall at the Farm Credit Mid-America Education Pavilion as a “Green Thumb” supporter. Gifts can be given in honor or memory of loved ones and can be made on Discovery Park’s website or by contacting Mary Nita Bondurant at mbondurant@discoveryparkofamerica.com.

Discovery Park’s education department and others will be utilizing the Farm Credit Mid-America Education Pavilion to spotlight topics relating to the business of agriculture along with growing cycles, garden design, soil health and the basics of plant science. The area also includes two new greenhouses. One greenhouse will provide an opportunity for Discovery Park’s grounds team and volunteers to work with plants that will be used to enhance the park’s 50 acres of landscaping. An additional greenhouse has been designated for educational programs and hands-on experiences for children and adults.

“We’re working with educators at local primary and secondary schools and the University of Tennessee at Martin, as well as the Tennessee Master Gardeners program to develop learning opportunities in the new greenhouse and

pavilion,” said Dr. Emalee Buttrey, Discovery Park’s director of education, programming and museum experience. “This new facility is the perfect addition to our existing Heritage Garden, USDA-NRCS pollinator and native shrub plots and row crop displays.”

The Discovery Park grounds crew and educators have been working for several years with USDA-NRCS biologist, Mike Hansbrough, to develop examples of plots that provide food and cover for pollinators and other wildlife. The pollinator plot is composed of over 20 native wildflowers and forbs, while the native shrub plot is mostly comprised of American Plum and False Indigo.

“Visitors to Discovery Park get to see these pollinators and shrubs providing valuable nectar sources for a wide variety of native pollinators and upland birds and other wildlife. I have watched lots of butterflies and bees use this plot in summer and songbirds using it in winter,” said Hansbrough. “Imagine what a difference it would make if every farm and every backyard had a plot like this. We’re grateful Discovery Park is helping tell this story.”

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FRIDAY, OCT. 27

10 a.m. to 4p.m.

Friday has been planned with students in mind. "Birds of Prey" demonstrations from representatives from Reelfoot Lake State Park. Choctaw storytelling and dancing, exhibition of powwow drum songs and demonstrations of hoop dancing and shopping indigenous items and food. Interested in registering your student group? Schedule your group at DiscoveryParkofAmerica.com/education.

SATURDAY, OCT. 28

Vendors will be selling handmade, indigenous items and food all day.

(10 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

All powwow activities take place on Discovery Park's great lawn.

11 a.m. Opening Ceremony

12 p.m. Grand entry, round dance, intertribal dancing, contest dancing and hoop dance demonstration

5 p.m. Performance from Arvel Bird

6 p.m. Closing Ceremony includes grand entry, round dance, intertribal dancing, contest dancing and hoop dance demonstration



Arvel Bird

SUNDAY, OCT. 29

Vendors will be selling handmade, indigenous items and food all day. (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

1 p.m. Opening Ceremony

Grand entry, round dance, intertribal dancing, contest dancing and hoop dance demonstration

Announcement of dance contest winners with prizes

Closing Ceremony

Stay!



SEPTEMBER National Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month

ONE LIFE LOST IS ONE TOO MANY,
SO WE'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW MORNING.

If you or someone you love is struggling with thoughts of suicide or self-harm, reach out.

Talking about suicide doesn't cause suicide; it can save lives. It's often hard to understand why someone might feel like suicide is the only option. It's also hard for those considering suicide to communicate how they feel. Whatever makes you nervous about asking for help or offering it to someone else, it's always worth pushing through the fears and letting someone know they are not a burden.

Call or text the 988 *Suicide & Crisis Lifeline* if you need help or want help offering it to others.

Scan the code below with your smartphone for additional suicide prevention and awareness resources from *Pathways of West Tennessee Healthcare*. Find support for those who have lost loved ones to suicide. Explore ways to raise awareness. Learn more about suicide prevention and how to get help... whether that help is for you or for someone you love.

Stay with us, and we'll see you tomorrow morning.



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1 800 372 8297
Call for an appointment
wth.org/Pathways



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