LABOR DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: City of Henderson Municipal Center and all other administrative offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, for the Labor Day holiday. For details of your holiday week trash collection schedule visit and scroll to the schedule link: www.cityofhendersonky.org/224//Sanitation-Collection.

News Highlights

Wynonna launching Arts Alliance season ♦ Five-time Grammy winner and Kentucky native Wynonna Judd will kick-off the 26th Henderson Area Arts Alliance season on Sept. 20 at Preston Arts Center. The 7:30 p.m. event will feature storytelling and music by Wynonna’s band The Big Noise. Tickets are available at HAAA’s Citi-Center box office and at haaa.org.

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Audubon plans after-dark hike ♦ There have been some pretty fun hikes each month this year at John James Audubon State Park, and October’s event takes place at a special time in honor of Halloween.

It’s a scare-free event, but the “Creatures of the Night” hike starts at 7 p.m. so participants get a chance to learn a little bit about the nocturnal inhabitants of the forest.

Be prepared for a 2.1-mile hike over hills and a staircase. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a flashlight. If it’s raining the hike will be canceled.

Meet at the Warbler Road Trailhead near the office. Admission is $2.

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Turning trash into treasure ♦ The art exhibit that alternates years with the national wildlife show will be on display from Oct. 7 to Nov. 27 this year at Preston Arts Center.

“The Art of Recycling VIII” presented by Ohio Valley Art League features unique pieces created from 80 percent recycled material. All media or mixed media is eligible. The deadline to enter is Sept. 23. Find entry info at www.ohiovalleyart.org.

The opening reception is 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, with awards to be presented at 6:30 p.m.

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Chili weather rolling into town ♦ Downtown Henderson Partnership and Henderson Police Department are teaming up for the second year hosting a “Chili Cook-Off” in conjunction with the Fall Artisan Market to raise money for local non-profits. The cook-off is set for Saturday, Oct. 19, in Central Park. There is no entry fee for non-profits; other businesses and individuals wishing to enter will pay $25 per chili entered. For details and chili cook-off application, visit downtownhenderson.org.
42420 scores 10 awards in magazine poll

BEST IN KY

Winners and finalists of Kentucky Living magazine’s ninth annual Best in Kentucky Awards were officially announced at an awards show at the Kentucky State Fair in Louisville on Aug. 22.

Ten local attractions, restaurants, and events in Henderson County were recognized as being among the best in their categories. Winners and finalists from Henderson include:

First Place, Event or Festival – W.C. Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival
Second Place, Winery – Farmer & Frenchman Winery
Second Place, Museum – Audubon Museum & Nature Center at Audubon State Park
Second Place, Craft Beer – Henderson Brewing Company

Third Place, Pizza – Rockhouse on the River
Third Place, Barbecue – J&B Barbecue & Catering
Third Place, Arts & Crafts Fair – Lions Club Arts & Crafts Festival at Audubon State Park
Third Place, Down Home Restaurant – Hometown Roots.

This is the W.C. Handy Blues & Barbecue Festival’s fourth year in a row to take top honors in the event or festival category.

Winners and finalists will also be recognized in the September edition of Kentucky Living magazine.

‘Dinner on the River’ coming up

Downtown Henderson Partnership will host its signature fundraiser event, “Dinner on the River,” on Saturday, Sept. 21.

What originated as “White on Main” has morphed into a fall dinner party in the beautiful Audubon Mill Park.

It features live music, a dance floor, a cash bar and photo booth to set the backdrop for a fun evening with friends to support all the free events that DHP offers throughout the year.

“Dinner on the River” runs from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Guests have the opportunity to bring their own picnic dinner or purchase dinner from a customized dinner menu of options provided by local restaurants.

Call DHP at 270-827-0016 for ticket information or visit www.downtownhenderson.org.

PLAY WIFFLEBALL LIKE A CHAMP TO BENEFIT A GOOD CAUSE.

After many months of planning, the Cliff Hagan Boys & Girls Club of Henderson opened for business on Aug. 7 at Community Baptist Church. The Henderson Wiffleball Classic tournament will take place Saturday, Sept. 28, at Henderson County Fairgrounds to benefit the Boys & Girls Club. Entry fees for teams is $100 (3-5 players.) Get more details at www.facebook.com/Hendersonwiffleball or www.hendersonwiffleball.com.

WANT SOME RUNNING BUDDIES? RunHendo has organized a Group Run that takes place every Tuesday at 6:15 starting a Henderson Brewing Company.
Downtown Riverfront

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Take a walk along the Ohio River between Riverview School and the CSX Railroad Bridge to find the images pictured on this page and the next.

Email your answers to: DStinnett@CityOfHendersonKy.org    Deadline: Sept. 30, 2019
Correct entries will be entered into a drawing for a gift card from a downtown Henderson business.
Downtown Riverfront
PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Answers from the July/August issue:
1. Vintage Rescue & Apparel, 128 Second St.
2. Paisley’s, 135 N. Main St.
3. Accessible Playground, Central Park
4. 123 Water St.
5. Marsha’s Place, 235 N. Elm St.
6. Mural at The Perch
7. Miss Ellen’s Little Free Library at The Perch
8. Chris Trammel, State Farm Insurance, 113 N. Main St.
9. Rookie’s Sports Bar, 117 Second St.
RITE OF FALL

Fernwood Tour a glimpse at community history

One of the most popular tours offered by The Depot Community Room takes place in September at Fernwood Cemetery.

During this guided tour, local actors portray some of our community’s most interesting citizens who now reside in Fernwood Cemetery, such as Ulysses Parqny. Parqny in photo above portrayed by Community Room staff member Tom Jake. Parqny ran a Confectionery and Ladies Restaurant from 1893 to 1924 at 116 N. Main St. in downtown Henderson.

This year’s Fernwood Cemetery Tour will take place at 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, and departs from the Cemetery Office on Madison Street. Tickets, $10, are available at The Community Room, 101 N. Water St. Proceeds go toward restoration of monuments.

Since the tour co-hosted by the City of Henderson Parks & Recreation Department started in 2011, guests on the tour have been introduced to such notable citizens as Gov. Lazarus Powell, the daughter of Henderson Founding Father Gen. Samuel Hopkins (Susan Bush Hopkins), decorated World War I nurse Mary Willie Arvin Sissons, Lt. Gov. Archibald Dixon, librarian Susan Starling Towles, Mother’s Day originator Mary Towles Sasseen Wilson, historian Edmund Lyne Starling, school board chairman Thelma B. Johnson and many more colorful Hendersonians. Last year’s tour focused on the centennial anniversary of World War I and told the stories from that era of our community’s history and lore.

Spooky history

Instead of a Downtown Ghost Tour this year, The Depot Community Room will host “Spooks & Legends Storytelling” at The Gatsby Room (Hometown Roots). The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26, and will feature ghost stories with a Henderson connection. Info: 270-830-9707.

YOUR GOVERNMENT AT WORK

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Alcohol ordinance modified

The Board of Commissioners has expanded the areas in Downtown Henderson that can be used for special events with alcohol. Following a proposal by local citizens interested in hosting an event with alcohol sales on Second Street, a committee appointed by Mayor Steve Austin recommended the expansion. Prior to the change, special events with alcohol had been allowed only in Audubon Mill Park, on Water Street adjacent to the park and at The Bridges Golf Course of Henderson.

PUBLIC WORKS

Boardwalk project

Construction began in August on a “boardwalk” project on Water Street above Sunset Park that will finally connect the RiverWalk by the CSX Railroad underpass. Previously, walkers had to cross the street, or walk along the curb. Now there will be a pass-through sidewalk with a boardwalk bump-out that will be large enough to hold a couple of benches for those who wish to take a rest break during their walk — or do a little train-watching.

PARKS & RECREATION

New Pickleball Court created

The City of Henderson has added a new feature to Community Park at 1776 Madison St. The Parks & Recreation Department has transformed the tennis court at Community Park into a pickleball court. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It can be played as doubles or singles, and is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. It can be a fast-paced, competitive game.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

City property tax rate set

The Board of Commissioner finalized an ordinance to keep the City property tax rates the same as what they have been for the past two years (49 cents per $100 of assessed value for real property and 81.3 cents for personal property). The 2019 tax bill is due in full no later than Jan. 3, 2020. Bills paid prior to the end of the business day on Nov. 15 will receive a 1 percent discount.

ADMINISTRATION

‘State of City’ Pension woes

At his annual State of the City address, Mayor Steve Austin warned about challenging financial circumstances faced by the City of Henderson and caused by the pension crisis. To ease some of the financial burden for the current Fiscal Year, he said the City eliminated 10 positions by attrition and made adjustments across every department. The address took place in late July at The Lumberyard.

8th-annual Henderson Senior Expo, 1-4 p.m., Sept. 13, Henderson County Extension Education and Expo Center, 3341 Zion Road: Mammograms, Flu & Pneumonia Shots, Music, Door Prizes, Refreshments. FREE.

AARP Smart Driver Course, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sept. 19, Extension Office. Info: 270-827-3505.
**THINGS TO DO**
September-October

**MONARCH MIGRATION MYSTERIES**
Sept. 7-8, Sept. 14-15, 8 a.m.
John James Audubon Museum

**R/C CLUB ANNUAL FALL FLY-IN**
Sept. 12-14 R/C Club Robards Field

**RIVERVIEW SCHOOL BENEFIT BY HENDERSON AREA RIDING CLUB**
2 p.m. Sept. 14, Fairgrounds

**MASTER GARDENER’S MUM SALE**
8 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 14, Farmer’s Market

**HOLY NAME FALL FESTIVAL**
Sept. 20-21, Holy Name School

**WYNONNA & THE BIG NOISE**
7:30 p.m. Sept. 21, Fernwood Cemetery

**FERNWOOD CEMETERY TOUR**
3 p.m. Sept. 21, Fernwood Cemetery

**DINNER ON THE RIVER**
6 p.m. Sept. 21, Audubon Mill Park

**FAMILY DAY**
5 p.m. Sept. 23, Fairgrounds

**“TOGETHER WE PRINT” Exhibit**
Sept. 24-29, Audubon Park

**LIONS ARTS FESTIVAL @ AUDUBON**
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 27, Preston Arts Center

**POSTMODERN JUKEBOX**
3 p.m. Sept. 27, Preston Arts Center

**FALL HARVEST MARKET & CHILI COOK-OFF**
Oct. 19, Central Park, Downtown

**CREATURES OF THE NIGHT AFTER DARK HIKE**
7 p.m., Oct. 26, Audubon Park

**SPOOKS & LEGENDS STORYTELLING**
7 p.m., Oct. 26, Gatsby Room, Hometown Roots

**DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREATING**
3 p.m., Oct. 31, Downtown Henderson

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**YOUR GOVERNMENT**

**BOARD of COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS**
2nd and 4th Tuesdays • 5:30 p.m.
Assembly Room, Municipal Center
222 First St., Henderson, Ky. 42420

**BOARD of COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION**
3rd Tuesdays, as needed • 5:30 p.m.
Assembly Room, Municipal Center

**CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETINGS**
4th Mondays • 5:30 p.m.
Assembly Room, Municipal Center

**CITY BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MEETINGS**
2nd Wednesday • 5 p.m.
Assembly Room, Municipal Center

**HENDERSON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION**
1st Tuesdays • 5 p.m.
Assembly Room, Municipal Center

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**PITCH IN**

**Volunteer Work Day at Audubon**

**Coming right along**

The addition to the Henderson County Public Library is going up. As of mid-August, the “towers” for the elevator and staircase in the addition were visible.

Check the Henderson County Public Library calendar at www.hcpl.org for many great activities this fall, including the popular “How-To Day” coming up on Saturday, Sept. 28, at which you can learn how to do all sort of things.

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**Save these DATES**

**Monarch Migration Mysteries**
Sept. 7-8, Sept. 14-15

**Holy Name Fall Festival**
Sept. 20-21

**Beetles vs. Stoners—A Musical Showdown**
Oct. 2

**Downtown Trick-or-Treating**
Oct. 31

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**Stay informed**

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