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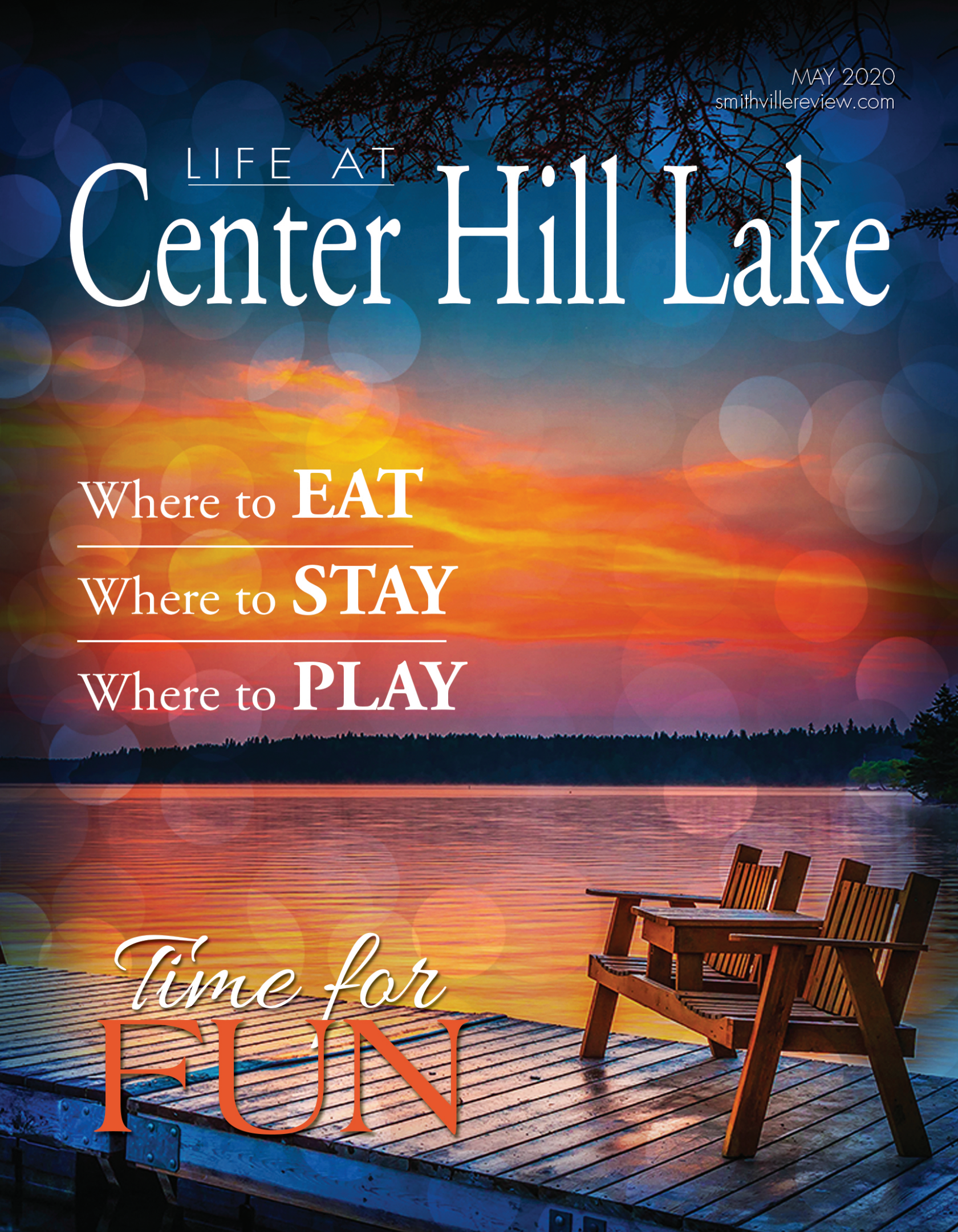
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LIFE AT
Center Hill Lake

DOWNTOWN

While you may be visiting DeKalb County to take advantage of all the fun and/or relaxation Center Hill Lake provides, be sure not to miss out on the county's quaint shops and eateries.

Downtown Smithville will remind you of a modern day Mayberry. Small locally owned stores who still believe in providing excellent one-on-one services to its patrons.

Enjoy shopping its stores for the latest fashion trends and home goods including Fluty's the Home of Cantrell's, Fluty's Shoes, Savvy Scrubs & More, 615 Threads, Magnolia Boutique, The Market on Main, Jamie A. Boutique, and the Vintage Owl.

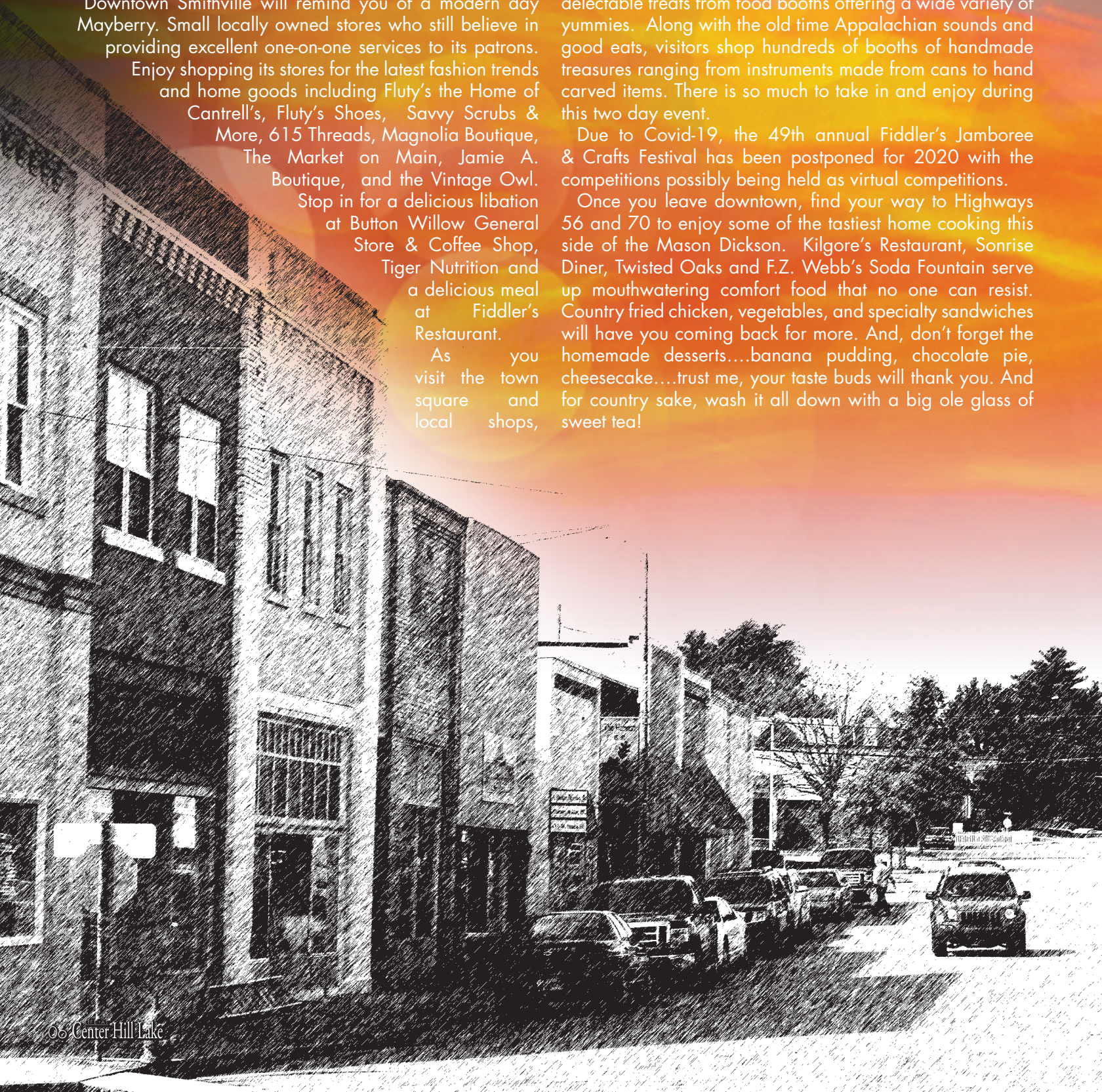
Stop in for a delicious libation at Button Willow General Store & Coffee Shop, Tiger Nutrition and a delicious meal at Fiddler's Restaurant.

As you visit the town square and local shops,

picture the square and its streets filled with visitors who have traveled from near and far to enjoy Tennessee's official Fiddler's Jamboree & Crafts Festival the first weekend of July. Echoes of bluegrass music fill the air along with the smell of delectable treats from food booths offering a wide variety of yummys. Along with the old time Appalachian sounds and good eats, visitors shop hundreds of booths of handmade treasures ranging from instruments made from cans to hand carved items. There is so much to take in and enjoy during this two day event.

Due to Covid-19, the 49th annual Fiddler's Jamboree & Crafts Festival has been postponed for 2020 with the competitions possibly being held as virtual competitions.

Once you leave downtown, find your way to Highways 56 and 70 to enjoy some of the tastiest home cooking this side of the Mason Dickson. Kilgore's Restaurant, Sonrise Diner, Twisted Oaks and F.Z. Webb's Soda Fountain serve up mouthwatering comfort food that no one can resist. Country fried chicken, vegetables, and specialty sandwiches will have you coming back for more. And, don't forget the homemade desserts....banana pudding, chocolate pie, cheesecake....trust me, your taste buds will thank you. And for country sake, wash it all down with a big ole glass of sweet tea!



SMITHVILLE

BY ANGIE MEADOWS

Now once you fill your tummies, you have to visit a few places off the beaten path and enjoy what they have to offer! Just off of Highway 70, you can't miss baby goat cuddling at Harmony Lane Farm & Creamery. This fun family establishment provided a fun-filled farm experience while still in the city limits. You can't believe how satisfying it is to see and interact with the many goats who live on the farm. While there, visit the farm store to try out delicious homemade Chevre, feta, fudge, caramels, ice cream, ground beef, sausage, pork chops, Italian sausage and shop for souvenirs. Harmony Lane is located at 285 Harmony Lane, Smithville.

While out on adventure it's a must to visit Southern Splendor Farms and Bright Hill Bed & Breakfast. At Southern Splendor Farms & The Hay Loft you will find natural goods, hand crafted artisan works made in Tennessee, and holistic products. The business co-hosts workshops one to two times each month as part of their Earth & Tea Thyme project. Visit their website at www.southernsplendorfarms.com

Every workshop is unique, with experts sharing knowledge in their fields of holistic health and natural living. Relax by the fire, sip on herbal tea and sample some gourmet foods. Laugh with friends and make new ones. Workshops include: girls night out, family friendly, his & hers, church groups,

ladies groups & business groups. Join us in ever changing, new adventures.

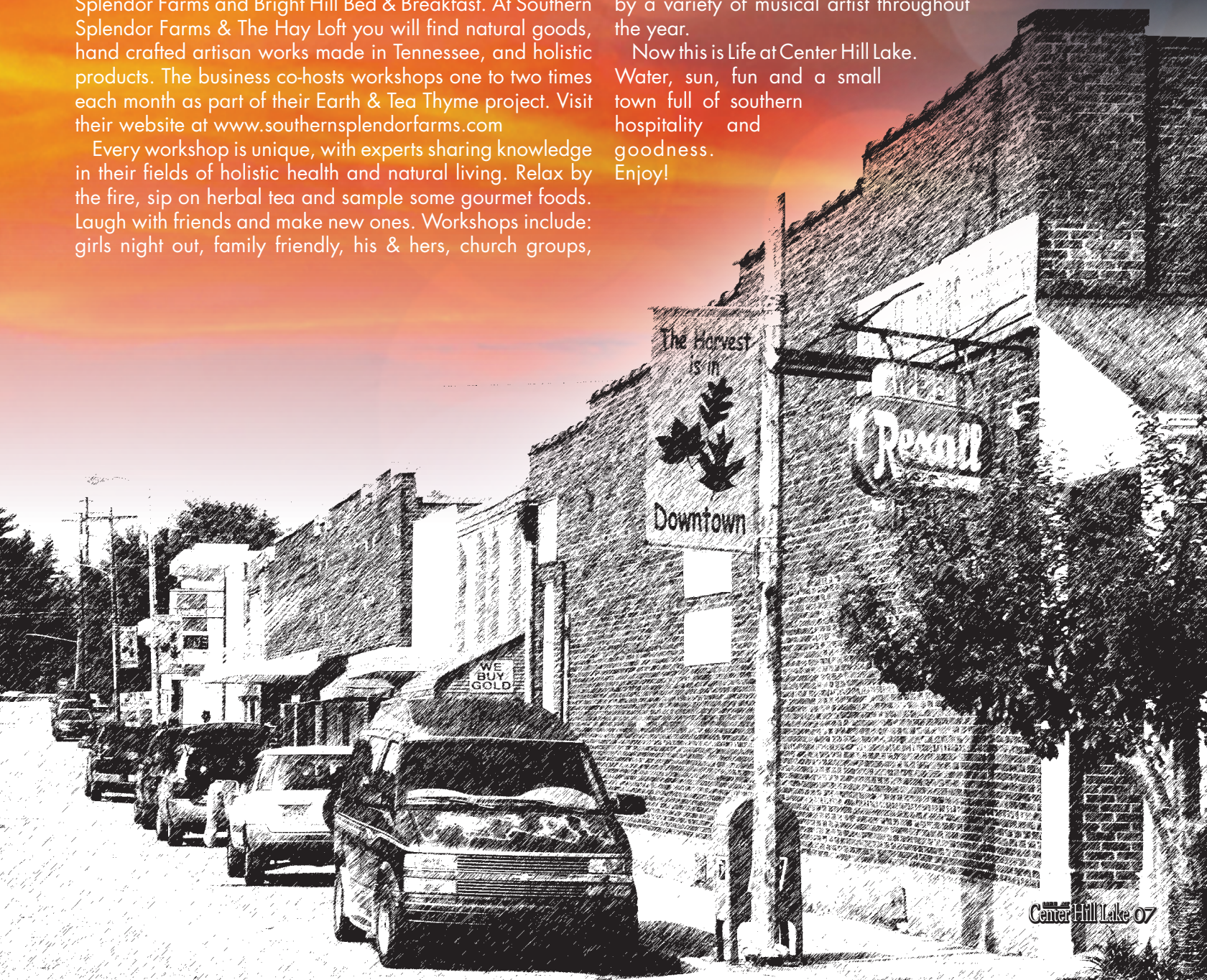
Bright Hill Bed & Barn is not just another bed and breakfast. Tucked away and surrounded by nature, this beautiful location is only minutes from Highway 56. In addition to lodging, the property contains an open-air barn for weddings and events, it offers many fun experiences including paint classes, KinderFarm and more. Visit their website at www.brighthilltn.com

If you're looking for some nightly entertainment, be sure to visit Button Willow General Store & Coffee Shop downtown, Twisted Oaks and The Burlap Room located on Highway 70 West. Here, you will find live performances by a variety of musical artist throughout the year.

Now this is Life at Center Hill Lake.

Water, sun, fun and a small town full of southern hospitality and goodness.

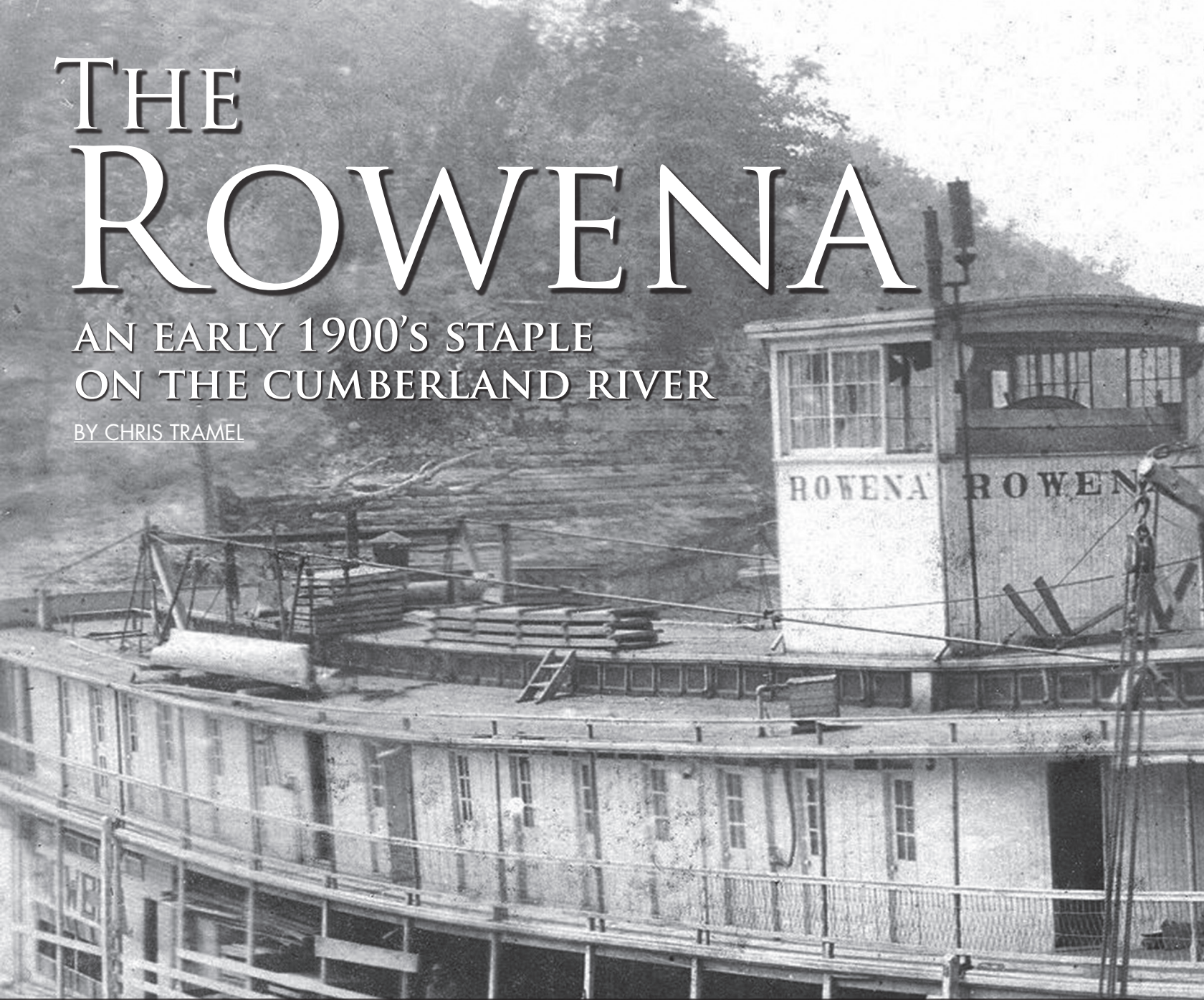
Enjoy!



THE ROWENA

AN EARLY 1900'S STAPLE ON THE CUMBERLAND RIVER

BY CHRIS TRAMEL



The Steamboat Rowena first appeared on the Cumberland River around 1912.

Alexander Massey, a native of Burnside, was the first man to successfully develop a system of transporting cargo down the Cumberland River. He used temporary barges manned by a small crew to ship merchandise downstream. Massey started the foundation for future steamboat navigation and formed the Massey Transportation Company.

The Steamboat "Warren" was purchased and rebuilt into the "Rowena." The "Rowena" and the "Celina" the sister of the two were the most popular Burnside Steamboats used as freight, cargo and passenger steamboats.

Towns below Monticello like Albany and Burksville, had no roads except muddy roads, so the steamboats were the only source of dependable transportation for poultry, lumber and things of that nature and the list of cargo would soon increase.

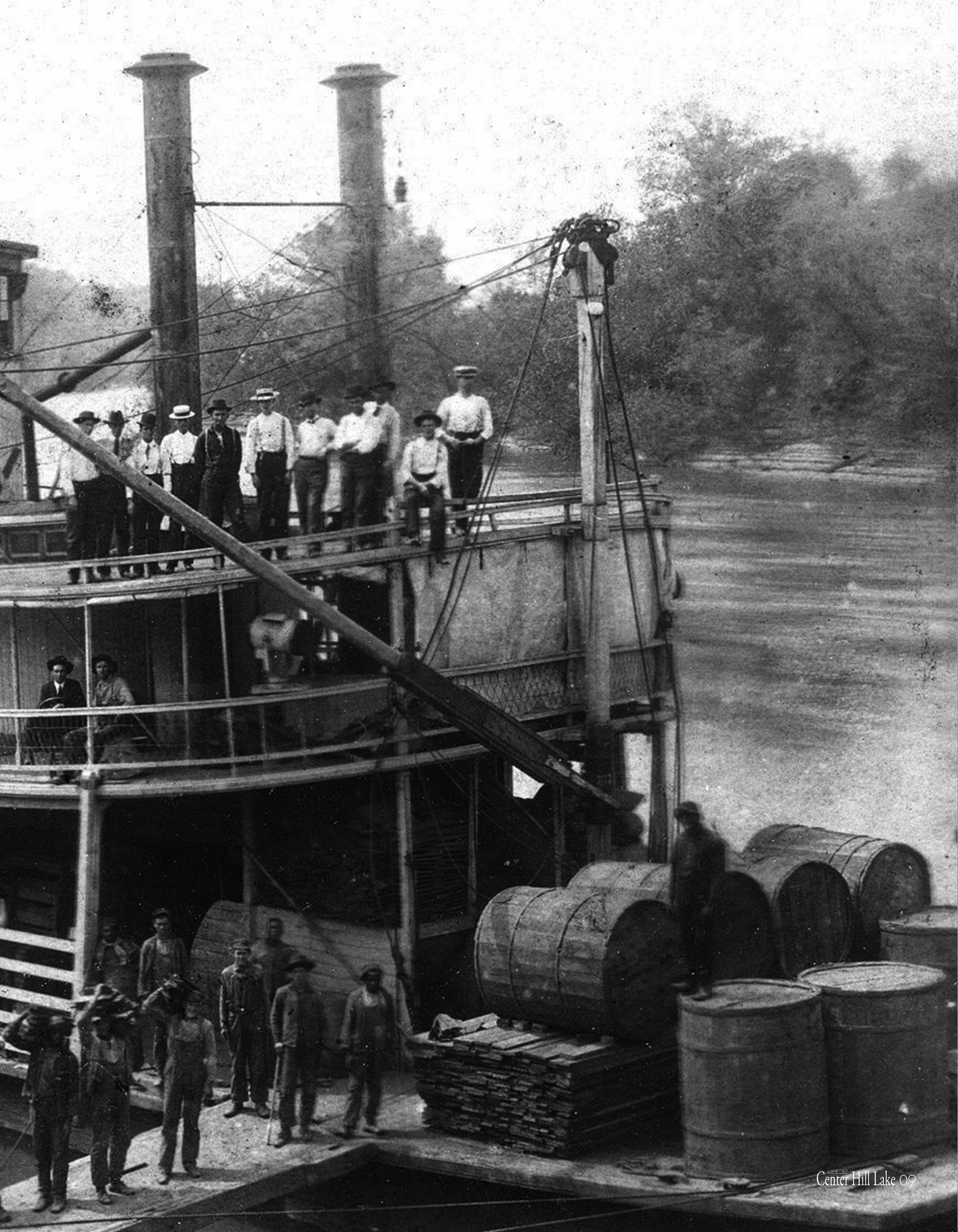
The "Celina" and "Rowena" frequently overlapped the territory of the Nashville boats between Carthage and Celina, however they seldom traveled to the Nashville wharf. The steamboats went on to transport merchandise for farmers and livestock, staples, food, clothing, varieties of merchandise, skins and furs that were traded down the Cumberland

River. The "Rowena" was unique because it also transported passengers and had well remembered tasty meals served to them as well included in the price of the passenger fare. The dining room of the "Rowena" consisted of one row of tables with space to feed twenty people at one time.

In 1928 highways and good roads were built and the early 1900's brought the coming of motor trucks, and put an end to river navigation and the riverboats were no longer needed or in demand. The steamboats are remembered to this day as being responsible for the growth and backbone of the economy and trade all along the Cumberland River.

According to a log book owned to this day by Stewart Porter, the "Rowena's" last arrival at the Greasy Creek Landing was December 10th, 1933. An entry in the log says the "Rowena" started from Paducah on June 19th, 1934 and sunk at the head of the Greasy Creek shoals on June 20th.

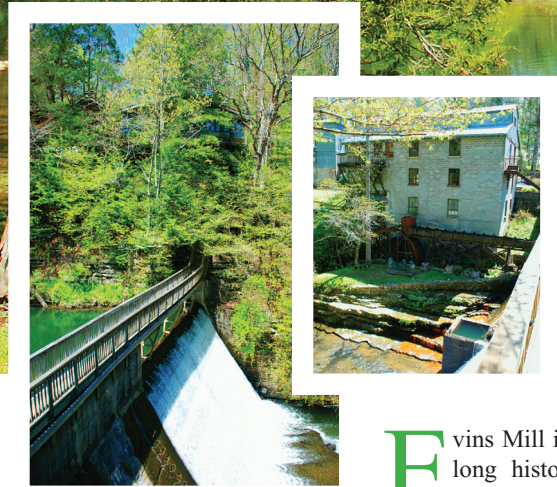
Both the "Rowena" and "Celina" were purchased in 1932 for \$150.00 and \$100.00 from a Burnside firm, "Burnside & Burksville Transportation Co" by H.P. (Paul) Dunbar. In 1934 the two steamboats were sold to Paducah's John F. Cline. The "Rowena" also has its own landing named after it.



The Inn AT EVINS MILL

BY CHRIS TRAMEL

A RICH HISTORY AND STILL MAKING MEMORIES



first settlers moved to the Smithville, TN area, the property has been an essential part of the community. Today, the site is still making history and creating memories for visitors from near and far.

In farming communities all across the country, the gristmill was an important part of life. There, farmers could take their corn or wheat and have it milled into meal or flour, an essential part their diets. In return, the mills would get a percentage of the product, or the “miller’s toll,” to sell.

Mills were usually located on the banks of a running stream or creek, though some were wind driven or powered by animal labor. The hydro powered mills would use the running water to turn large waterwheels. Dams were sometimes built to direct the water flow through a sluice gate. There, the water would flow over or underneath the waterwheel, which would turn large millstones. The millstones would grind the grain into product.

The history of the Evins Mill site dates back to the days when DeKalb County was first being settled, even before the formation of the county itself. “The history of the property goes back to 1824,” General Manager William Cochran said. “It was then that a Tennessee deed registered it as Lockhart’s Mill. Later on, another family owned the property and it was known as Lawrence’s Mill. Both of those mills were washed away during floods.”

Cochran continued, “During the early 1900s another family bought the property and built a mill, known as Webb’s Mill. Again, that mill was washed away during a flood.”

In 1937, Edgar Evins, a state senator and successful businessman in DeKalb County, bought the property and built the mill that still stands

today. The mill was originally built in conjunction with a new Lebanon business known as Martha White. The mill was only in operation for a few years, and ceased business at the end of World War II.

Evins’ wife, Myrtie, had the lodge built in that same time, using historic homes for the construction. “I am told that Myrtie used existing building blocks from old log cabins in North Carolina and East Tennessee to construct the lodge,” Cochran explained. The Evins used the lodge as a summer home, and the site became a retreat for the family.

Later, the property was passed on their son, Joe L. Evins, who served as a United States congressman for 30 years. “Joe L. Evins would host family reunions here,” Cochran said. “A couple of his daughters hosted their weddings here. In fact, we’ve had the privilege of hosting two weddings of their daughters. The Evins family are good people and are real supportive of what we’re doing here.”

Governors of Tennessee, including Buford Ellington, Estes Kefauver, and Frank Clement visited the Congressman there, as did Evins’ friends Albert Gore, Sr. and his son Al Gore, Jr. Before becoming a U.S. Senator, and later U.S. Vice-President, Al Gore Jr. was elected to the same congressional seat Evins once held.

Cochran describes the Inn at Evins Mill as a woodland resort property that offers some unique services. “We have a total of 20 rooms, all of which have private bathrooms, decks that are covered and have great views of the creek. We can accommodate as many as 54 people, because some of the rooms have two beds.”

“We have several thousand square feet of event space, with conference rooms and reception halls,” he said. “Our largest event room can accommodate about 100 theater style, and about 80 banquet style. We can host much larger food events. The whole lodge can accommodate 150-170 folks, and we can use our outdoor space for food service.”

Cochran said the property is not just for big events, but also a great getaway option. “We primarily host special events; weddings, receptions, rehearsal dinners, a lot of corporate affairs and offsite conferences and retreats. That’s a big part of what we do, but we also host couples, who might want to get away for the weekend and celebrate an anniversary or birthday. One thing that differentiates from a typical inn, and the reason we market ourselves as a resort property, is that we have four chefs on staff. We have a full wait staff, and a full bar. That is a huge attraction. We have a reputation for quality cuisine and service. If we are serving dinner for overnight guests, and someone wants to make a dinner reservation, we would gladly welcome such reservations.”

“Another big part of what we do is what we call ‘day tripper packages,’ where people will come get a takeout lunch, or to-go dinner, and it gives them access to our private 40-acre property; the trails, the waterfall, the swimming hole, the fishing pond, and the game hall.”

“We have a game hall over the gristmill. We have converted the mill building into a game hall with a 1,200 square foot billiards room, foosball, ping pong, and darts, while upstairs we have two conference rooms we use for meetings.”

Cochran said the property also offers special events like a Mother’s Day brunch, Thanksgiving Day dinner, and a New Year’s Eve dinner. “We do things throughout the year that a lot of the local folks would get a kick out of. One of the more popular events is the Calfkiller beer tasting. That’s another part of what we do. About six times a year we host tastings with local vendors. We do a Harmony Lane cheese tasting. Every year we do a wine tasting with Northfield or Stonehaus wineries. We’ve done some things with Short Mountain Distillery. Those are always a lot of fun.”

According to Cochran, the property also has some ecological wonderment and spectacular scenery, having been designated an official state natural area, a designation given to both public and privately owned land. “It signifies that it is a unique piece of property. It is the western most extent, in the State of Tennessee, for what is known as the Appalachian mixed mesophytic forest.”

The Appalachian mixed mesophytic forests is an eco region of the temperate broadleaf and mixed forests, consisting of mesophytic plants west of the Appalachian Mountains in the Southeastern United States. “There are tree species here like hemlock and cedar, mixed in with oaks and hickories that you don’t see anywhere else west of here.”

“On the very eastern part of the property is Carmac Falls, a 90-foot water fall that is just spectacular. There are two trails that lead from the developed part of the property that lead to overlooks and the base of the falls. They’re not overly strenuous, though the hike to the base is fairly steep.”

Whether you’re looking for a location for your next family gathering, or you’re interested in a relaxing couple’s getaway, chances are the Inn at Evins Mill has something for you. Enjoy the history, wonder at nature, and just sit back and breath the fresh air.

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A NEW STORE With An Old

To many there are three essentials for a town to be called a town, the church, which is the foundation of almost every community or town in the United States, a post office, which is an essential government service, and the general store.

General stores were the beating heart of every community. Not only were they the place residents could buy everything from fresh produce and shoes and clothing, the general store, or mercantile as they were also known, were the place to buy furniture, hardware, and even trade goods. Farmers could barter their goods, such as butter, cheese, eggs, vegetables or other foods, which the store would resell. In some cases the general store and the post office were one in the same.

Long before the days of the big box stores, the general store was the center of a town. Not only were they places of commerce, but also meeting and gathering points. Farmers and businessmen would often gather at the store to whittle, talk politics, and discuss the weather, while the ladies would pass around the latest gossip. Community news could travel far faster through the general store than any telegraph or newspaper might hope to do.

As the automobile grew in popularity, fewer and fewer mercantiles survived. The new era of the big department store and the big box stores provided more options for buyers, and at lower prices. The intimacy of the local general store would be lost to many communities, replaced by convenience stores and specialty shops, but the idea of the classic general store is making a comeback. The community feel and sense of friends and family is appealing to many in small town areas, and the City of Smithville now has a new store with some old time ideas.

Joe and Angela Brown were looking for a place to retire when they came to Smithville. The successful Cookeville couple loved the area and thought it might be the place to begin their dream, the Button Willow General Store.

"We're a general store with a coffee shop," Angela said. "We actually added the coffee shop to try to create foot traffic, and the top coffee business just took off. Then, we started getting local artists and musicians to come in and play, usually on Friday evenings from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We have all kinds of music from jazz and country, to southern rock, and have had some new musicians come out that were just starting."

Mrs. Brown said the store tries to stay true to the local community, offering several items that are produced in the Center Hill area. "We try to do a lot of local stuff, because we're a local business. We have local made soaps, and local artists that are part of Off the Beaten Path that sell things here. We have someone doing some sewing for us and making these really nice aprons."

"We also have our own herb line called Not Enough Thyme," she continued. "They are all sorts of different herbs and seasonings. Our best seller is a savory seasoning and we have sea salts that are very popular,

but we also have a lady that does jams and jellies for us."

"And pickles," Joe added. "Don't forget the pickles."

While the store offers locally produced food items, they also offer some novelty items. "We sell Axe Heaven guitars, which are replica guitar miniatures of the original guitars," Angela said. "We have Les Pauls, Fenders, and Gibson guitar miniatures, one is a Toby Keith American flag guitars that are really popular."

"There are also all sorts of hats," Mrs. Brown added. "From steampunk hats to cowboy hats and derbies. The hats are fun. We have a lot of comments on the hats, but we also carry Myra handbags, and we even sell cigars."

*"We really have enjoyed it
and we've enjoyed being
in Smithville."*

Mr. Brown pointed out the local art the store has available. "We have local art in here too. Potters, painters, and even have a guy that has been on Tennessee Crossroads that makes lamps."

While the store has too many items to list for sale to the public, they also want to carry on the traditional "meeting place" vibe of the general store. "We love to have people just come and hang out," Angela said. "We have a baby grand piano that people love to come in and play. We have checkers, and tic tac toe. We invite everyone to come out and read and play, and of course we have wifi internet access here. We have a lounge area people can relax in, and we have tables and chairs out back for people who want to sit outside."

If you want to enjoy the old time feel of the general store, where you can meet with friends and family, and have a good time, join them 114 West Main Street in Smithville. "It's a fun business," Mrs Brown said. "We really have enjoyed it and we've enjoyed being in Smithville."



Time Feel

BY CHRIS TRAMEL



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EAT

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Sonrise Diner

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Smithville, TN 37166
615-215-3463

White Possum Grille

1060 W Broad St
Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-9009

Patty's Restaurant

715 W Broad St
Smithville, TN 37166
615-318-1158

Cloverleaf Restaurant

10905 Nashville Hwy
Liberty, TN 37095
615-536-5534

Fiddler's Café

108 W. Walnut St.
Smithville, TN 37166

A Taste of Country

918 W Broad St,
Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-4488

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3349 Nashville Hwy,
Dowelltown, TN 37059
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Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-4186

McDonald's

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615-597-8944

Hardee's

135 W Broad St
Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-8570

Arby's

510 S. Congress Blvd.
Smithville, TN 37166
615-215-6565

KFC/Taco Bell

105 E. Broad St.
Smithville, TN 37166
615-215-1050

Sonic Drive-In

602 S. Congress Blvd.
Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-9494

Bumpers Drive-In

303 E Broad St
Smithville, TN 37166
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El Rancho Mexican Restaurant

1101 W Broad St
Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-4272

Los Lobos Mexican Restaurant

106 E Broad St,
Smithville, TN 37166
615-215-8971

Disco Tienda Latina

431 E. Broad
Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-2695

Fiesta Jalisco Mexican Grill

130 Walmart Dr
Smithville, TN 37166
615-215-8220

China Garden

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Smithville, TN 37166
615-215-9001

Dairy Queen

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Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-5545

Subway

100 E. Broad St.
Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-7111

Pizza Hut

120 E. Broad St.
Smithville, TN 37166
615-597-1462

Dominos Pizza

408 E. Broad
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Fish Lipz

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Lancaster, TN 38569
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Silver Point, TN 38582
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Bridgeway Motel

713 W Broad St
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Eastside Inn

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The Ship Store offers a full range from groceries to snack, cold drinks, beer, ice, boating supplies, marine parts, bait, tackle, resort apparel, sunglasses, souvenirs and many other essentials for your boating experience. It also offer non-ethanol fuel in 87 and 93 octane, as well as oil and propane exchanges.

After spending a full day out on the water, end the evening with a delicious meal at Copper Top Restaurant. It is open mid-May thru Labor Day and offers a wide variety of delicious foods.

Center Hill Marina is located at 450 Cove Hollow Circle, Lancaster. Visit their website at www.ctrhill@dtccom.net

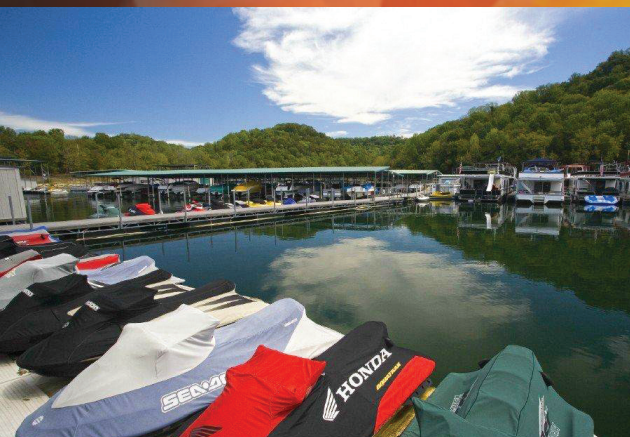
COOKEVILLE BOAT DOCK

Cookeville Boat Dock is located at 13800 Cookeville Boat Dock Rd., Baxter, TN and is a family friendly marina. They offer yearly dockage, boat and gear rental, a pro shop, mechanical services along with a floating restaurant. This marina has been family owned and operated for over 50 years.

They offer pontoon and fishing boats, kayaks and stand up paddleboats. The store is stocked with everything from cold drink to wake boards.

Drive down or boat up and enjoy a meal with a beautiful view from the floating Lighthouse Restaurant,

The menu includes something for every taste- catfish, burgers, homemade pie, ice cold sweet tea, and fresh salads, just to name a few.



EDGAR EVINS MARINA

Edgar Evins Marina is located inside Edgar Evins State Park, on one of Tennessee's cleanest and most beautiful lakes. You will discover the marina is family oriented, eco-friendly – a full service marina offering over 350 private slip rentals, security staff and coded entry gate, free wi-fi, plumbed in pump-out system throughout for boats withholding tanks, a full rental fleet including luxury houseboats, ski boats, pontoon, bass and fishing boats and jet skis.

The marina has its own gas island and a Ship's Store featuring grocery items, fishing license and tackle, boat supplies, live bait, film, apparel, refreshments, snacks and more.

The Galley, one of the finest restaurants on the water, features gourmet cuisine with indoor/outdoor dining.

Edgar Evins State Park is located at 1630 Edgar Evins Park Road, Silver Point, TN 38582



HIDDEN HARBOR

Hidden Harbor Marina knows that boating is central to enjoying your vacation, provides an assortment of pontoon boat rentals, fishing boat rentals and houseboat rentals, so you can have several options! All boats are well-maintained and designed for your fun and enjoyment. Whether you are looking for a houseboat, pontoon, deck or fishing boat, you can find it right here.

After spending a fun day on the lake, pitch your tents at one of the camp sites or stay in one of the cozy cabins. Cabins are comfortable and welcoming home-away-from-home where your family and friends can grill out, relax and enjoy the surrounding beauty near the lake. We offer two different sizes of cabins for our guests to choose from. Each of these cabin rentals in Tennessee include a bathroom with shower, kitchenette with refrigerator, electric stove and oven, microwave oven, and cooking utensils for your convenience. Each cabin also has a front porch with charcoal BBQ, picnic table and rocking chairs so that you can enjoy the beautiful weather at Hidden Harbor Marina. With so many amenities, there isn't much for you to do except relax and enjoy your stay.

The Ship's Store at Hidden Harbor Marina carries all the supplies you might need including grocery items, cold drinks, souvenirs, fuel, fishing supplies and more. A short order grill is also located at the store.

Hidden Harbor Marina is located at 2685 Casey Cove Road, Smithville. Visit their web site at www.hiddenharbortn.com

HURRICANE MARINA

Hurricane Marina is located off Highway 56 North at 864 Floating Mill Road, Silver Point and offers 600 boat slips, boats and houseboat rentals.

Center Hill Lake's oldest marina has been transformed into a state-of-the-art facility in one of the lake's only natural harbors. From their 24-hour fuel stations that accept all major credit cards to the new Blue Water Grille restaurant, every inch of our marina was designed with the boat owner's convenience in mind.

The Ship Store has everything you need to host a party or outfit your boat on Center Hill Lake, and the golf cart valet service will take you directly from the parking lot to the pier. To ensure that you have the safest boating experience, Hurricane Marina has also installed an extra-wide main pier that won't buckle or warp over time and increased the lighting in parking areas and along all docks. A security gate and cameras throughout the marina and parking lot for your safety.

If you are hungry after a day on the lake check out the The Blue Water Grill. The restaurant was voted Best Restaurant on the Water" by Nashville Lifestyles Magazine. Menu items include appetizers, sandwiches, pizza, salads, steak, chicken, grouper and lobster. Visit them at hurricane@suntexmarinas.com



PATES FORD MARINA

Pates Ford Marina, located at the southern end of Center Hill Lake at 6323 Jefferson Road in Smithville, not only features pontoon boat rentals, boat slips, cabin rentals and FishLipz Grill, it plays host to numerous events including one of the largest on the lake, WakeFest.

The Annual In-Water Boat Show, scheduled to be held May 30-31, will feature houseboats, wake boats, pontoons, fishing boats, personal watercraft and more – all on the water and ready to drive. A new Sea-Doo Spark will be given away on Sunday after the show.

TNT Watersport's WakeFest is a community outreach event designed to promote the sport of wakeboarding. Started in 2005 on Old Hickory Lake, WakeFest has ever growing popularity not only locally but in the southeast. With divisions starting as young children and up to professional, all ages and skill levels are celebrated in this grassroots tournament.

In 2012, Wakefest re-located to Pates Ford Marina at Center Hill Lake in order to expand and attract an even larger group of riders and spectators. The re-location was a success with over 75 riders and 2,000 spectators making it one of the largest grassroots tournaments in the Southeast.

This year's Wakefest again will award thousands of dollars in prizes. For more information and registration details visit the marinas site at www.patesfordmarina.com

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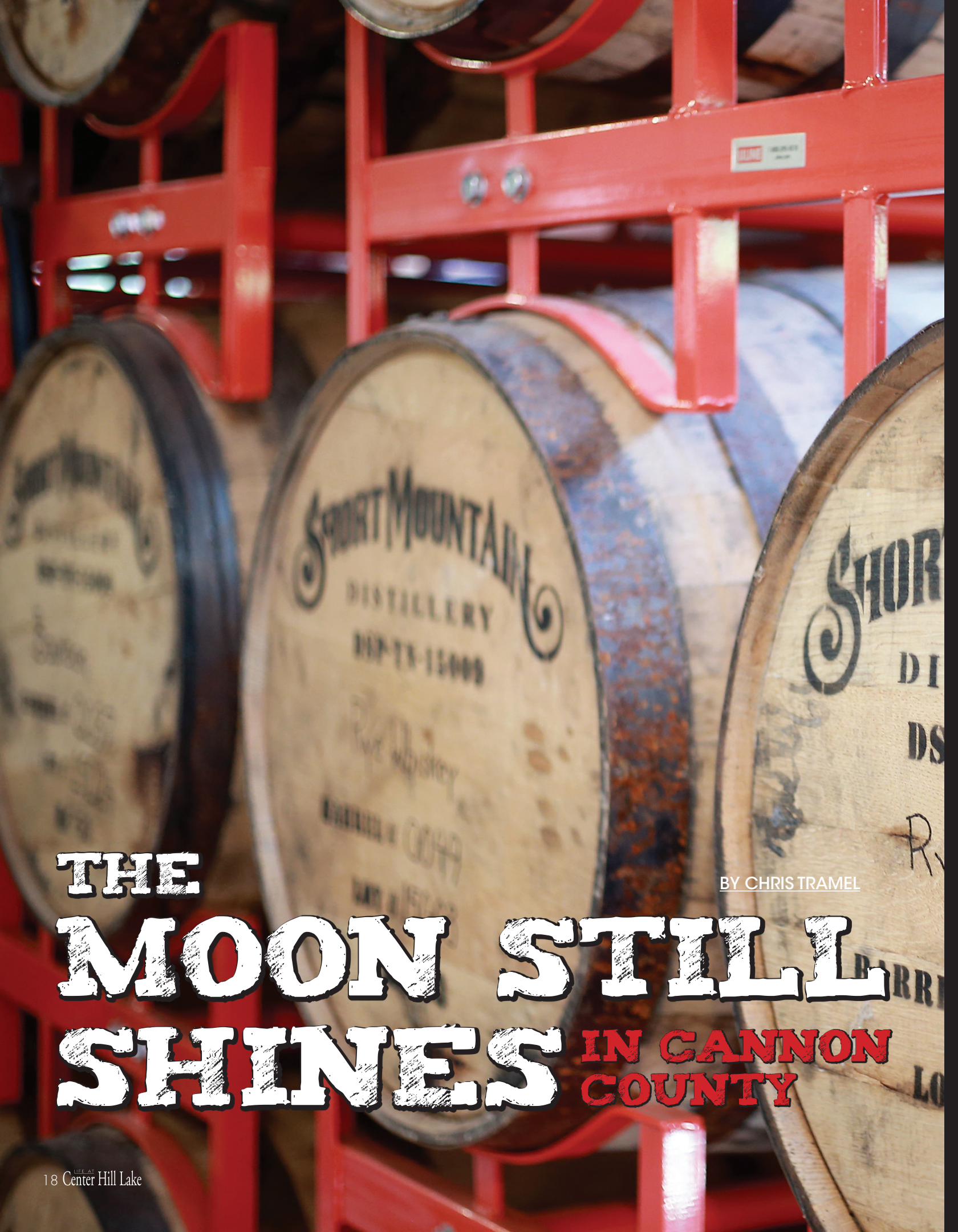
Sligo Marina offers pontoon boat rentals, boat slip rentals, Ship's Store, cabin rentals, gas island, and the Wheel House Restaurant.

Pontoon boats are available for half-day and full-day rental. Double deck pontoon boats include a slide and have a 14 person limit. If you are looking for a place to store your boat at Center Hill Lake Sligo Marina has multiple options available. Slips available include covered and uncovered and can accommodate boat sizes ranging from Jet Ski's to large pontoon boats. The marina has a launch ramp and nightly tie-ups are available. Electricity and water are available.

A rental cabin is a great way to spend the weekend at Center Hill Lake. The rustic rental cabins sleep six and include three full beds, two baths, kitchenette, and screened porch. The cabins overlook the lake and include a boat slip.

The Sligo Ship's Store carries most common items needed for a day on the lake. There is also a gas island for boat refueling. If you are hungry after a day on the water stop by the Wheelhouse Restaurant for a great meal.





THE MOON STILL SHINES

BY CHRIS TRAMEL

IN CANNON COUNTY

When one thinks of southern culture you almost have to think of moonshine. For years the moonshiner has been romanticized through film, book and song. Who amongst us hasn't watched the Dukes of Hazzard, a show about two former bootleggers in that famous Dodge Charger, or listened Steve Earle sing about whiskey burning down Copperhead Road. A famous movie about moonshiners, I Walk the Line, starring Gregory Peck and Tuesday Weld was even filmed in DeKalb County back in the 70s.

The Center Hill region is rich with the history of real moonshiners. Cannon County's own Cooper Melton was said to have supplied Al Capone's Chicago speakeasies with liquid corn back in the days of prohibition. It is from Cooper's very land, and the same cave spring he used to make his illegal liquor, that today's Short Mountain Distillery carries on the traditions of yesterday.

"The history of moonshine on Short Mountain should be a miniseries," said Distillery President Billy Kaufman. "There were 100s of moonshiners from this area. A lot of the economy of this area was founded on moonshine. I think that if your family has lived in this area for at least two or three generations, you have been affected by moonshiners in some way. Either you were related to a moonshiner, or related to someone that arrested a moonshiner. You were connected in some way to the moonshine industry. This area's motto was, and still is, 'If it wasn't for white oak baskets and moonshine, we all would have starved to death.' Moonshine kept Cannon County and DeKalb County alive for a long time. Whether you like it or not, it's part of the history of this area."

Kaufman said today's distillery started in 2010 with a distilled spirits plant, which is a federally licensed business. There, the site makes legal moonshine, flavored moonshine, bourbon, rye whiskey, and Tennessee whiskey. The distillery

even offers an organic Tennessee whiskey, where all the grains are certified as organic, meaning no pesticides, artificial fertilizers, or genetically modified seeds were used.

The property offers more than just a distillery. The site also features a restaurant, and an outside events venue. "We consider ourselves as a farm-to-table restaurant and distillery," Kaufman said. "We use local grains, as local as we can, as well as our restaurant where we serve farm-to-table products there. I think our restaurant is one of the best in a 30 mile radius. The pork and the beef, and a lot of the vegetables, are from our own farm, and we use other local producers for our product when possible."

Kaufman said the distillery has modern day equipment, but still pays homage to the days of yesteryear. "We have three stills that are legal, and we have one illegal still. Of course the illegal still we don't make anything on and is just for display. That came from Ricky Estes and was an old time moonshine still that was used back through the years."

He continued, "The stills that we produce with came from reputable manufacturers, made from copper with silver solder. We make our product with spring water from three springs on this property. Limestone filtered cave spring water, as far as I'm concerned, is the only way to make a good spirit, and we're blessed that we have plenty of water here."

Kaufman said the process is complicated when making spirits. "When we make the spirits, we take the whole grain like corn or rye or barley, we grind them, they get cooked, and then we add yeast. We then ferment it in our spring water for three or four days until it has the alcohol content. It is then distilled."

While you can buy the liquor at the property, there are many more offerings at the site. "We offer tours of our facility," Kaufman said. "We do cocktail classes at the restaurant. We have lunch and dinner Thursday through Sunday, and

offer brunch on Sunday. We also have live music on Friday and Saturday nights. On almost every holiday we usually have something special going on."

The site also has disc golf, or Frisbee golf course, where they host a charity disc golf tournament, as well as a charity fundraiser with their haunted woods in October. "We try to be community oriented," Kaufman added. "I'm here to benefit the local community, not to profit off of it. I try to do what I can for the locals. If you're local, you're part of our family. If someone's local, I try to give them a 20 percent diner's card to get some money off of their meal. Those people are dear to me."

The distillery gets tourists from all over the country, and the world, and as a result is part of the Tennessee Whiskey Trail. As part of the Tennessee Distillers Guild, which includes Jack Daniels, George Dickel, Ole Smokey and other distillers from all over the state. The Tennessee Whiskey Trail allows participants a way to visit all the different distillers in Tennessee and receive gifts after a number of visits are completed.

To see a list of events at Short Mountain Distillery, and to view their menu, visit their website at www.shortmountaindistillery.com.



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Fishing is a favorite and done year round at the lake. The sport is enjoyed by anglers of all ages and abilities. Fishing opportunities are numerous throughout the lake whether you are fishing from a boat or from the long shoreline. Fishing tournaments are often held at the lake during summer months and professional fishing guides are also available for hire.

Center Hill Lake and the Caney Fork River, downstream of the Center Hill Dam, are very popular areas for fishing. Due to the cooler water temperatures released from the dam, the Caney Fork has become one of the most productive trout fisheries in the state. Other trout streams in the area such as Pine Creek and Sink Creek are stocked by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TSWRA) regularly.

You will also find an abundance of bass including Large Mouth, Small Mouth, Stripped, White, Spotted, Rock Bass, Walleye, Sunfish, Catfish, Crappie, Bluegill and Paddlefish.

Everyone 13 years of age and older are required to have a fishing license.

Tennessee's 2020-21 fishing regulations went into effective March 1 and anglers are encouraged to obtain the new Tennessee Fishing Guide now available at locations throughout the state, on the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency website (www.tnwildlife.org) and on the TWRA "On the Go App."

Hard copies of the guide are available wherever hunting and fishing licenses are sold and at the TWRA's four regional offices located in Jackson (Region I), Nashville (Region II), Crossville (Region III), and Morristown (Region IV). This year's statewide and specific region regulation changes are featured in the "What's New" section on page 2 of the guide.

The 2020-21 licenses are available at license agents, regional offices, and available anytime at www.GoOutdoorsTennessee.com, or the TWRA "On the Go App."

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CENTER HILL LAKE CANEY FORK RIVER



COOL EATS

for Summer Weather

Written and Photographed by ANGIE MEADOWS

With the heat of summer, it's the perfect time to devote to cool foods. Just as soup is delicious in the fall, cool dishes and chilled desserts are perfect for hot weather. Crank up a bucket of decadent homemade ice cream or combine nutritious leafy greens for a healthy salad. Keep cool in the warm weather by dining on cool foods.

For breakfast, try assorted fruits and sliced melons and have tuna or chicken salad for lunch. These foods are fresh and tasty, and you won't heat up the kitchen on days that are hot already.



Grape Salad

- 8 ounces of cream cheese
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 8 ounces cheddar cheese, shredded (optional)
- 2 pounds seedless red grapes
- 2 pounds seedless green grapes
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Cream together cream cheese, sour cream and sugar; add cheese, if using, to creamed mixture. Add grapes and stir. Pour mixture into baking dish.

Combine brown sugar and chopped pecans. Spread over casserole mixer. Refrigerate for a minimum of 1 hour.



Easy Chicken Salad

2-2¹/₂ cups cooked chicken, pulled
1 cup chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped seedless grapes
1 cup mayonnaise

Stir together ingredients. Serve with crackers
or in sandwiches.



Cream Chese Roll-Ups

- 2 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 (4-ounce) jar hot salsa
- Green onions, finely sliced
- 4 large flour tortillas
- 10 slices bacon, cut into small pieces and cooked crisp
- 16 thin slices deli ham

In medium bowl, mix together cream cheese, salsa and onions. Spread mixture on tortillas, leaving a half-in edge. Top each with bacon and ham, and roll into tight cylinders and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for at least an hour.

Remove from fridge, discard plastic wrap, and cut each roll into 1-inch pieces, discarding uneven ends.



No-Bake Banana Pudding

- 3 (3-ounce) boxes instant vanilla pudding
- 5 cups milk
- 1 (12-ounce) container whipped topping, divided
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 5 bananas, sliced
- 1 box vanilla wafers

Mix instant pudding with milk. Beat until slightly thickened. Mix half of whipped topping and sour cream with pudding mixture. Set aside. Place half of bananas in bottom of large dish. Top with half of vanilla wafers. Pour half of pudding mixture over bananas and wafers. Add a second layer of bananas, wafers and pudding. Top with remaining whipped topping. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours before serving.

Macaroni Salad

- 1 (8-ounce) box macaroni, cooked to make 2 cups
- 1 cucumber, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 or 4 tablespoons sweet salad pickles
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 3 teaspoons vinegar
- 2 teaspoons granulated sugar
- Salt to taste

Stir together macaroni, cucumber, tomato, onion and pickles. Mix together mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar and salt; toss with macaroni mixture. Refrigerate overnight for best flavor.



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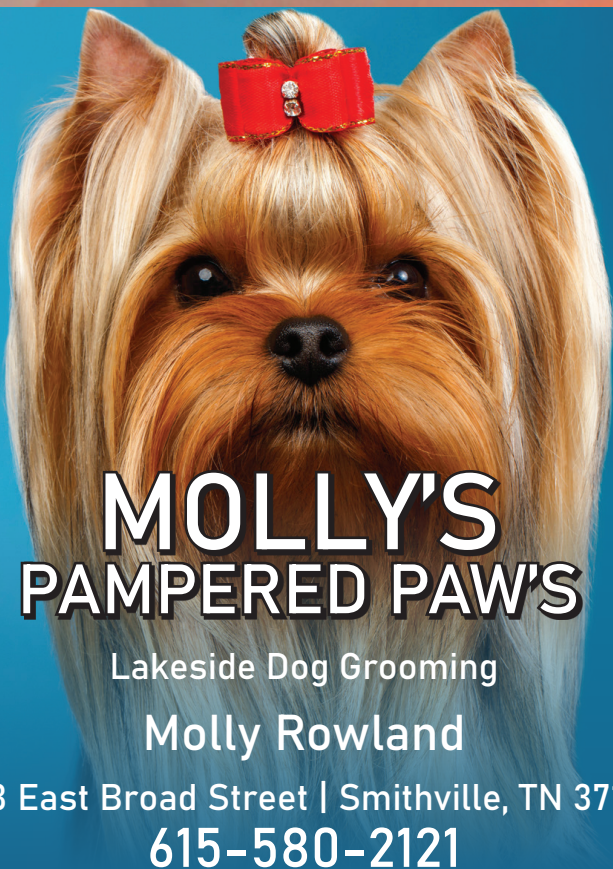
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Take Time to Canoe THE CANEY

BY ANGIE MEADOWS

One of the most beautiful places in Tennessee is DeKalb County and its Center Hill Lake. Full of possibilities the lake will fulfill desires of the angler in you, allow you to put your swimming abilities to the test and provide a tranquil retreat when needed. Surrounded by beautiful scenery a slower excursion may be what you would prefer.

If a leisure trip and sightseeing sounds enjoyable, Canoe the Caney is a perfect choice for you.

Canoe the Caney offers beautiful trips along the riverbanks. Paddlers will enjoy either a six-mile, nine-mile or 12-mile round trip. As you paddle along the upper banks of Center Hill Lake, you will see majestic coves, tranquil waterfalls and wildlife in its own habitat.

There are four trips to choose and enjoy.

The first option begins at Floating Mill Recreation area and takes paddlers north through six or nine miles of secluded coves and shorelines. This option is exciting for people with very small children and those who are looking to take a swim.

The second trip begins at the beautiful Center Hill Retreat. Paddlers can book a night's stay and wake up refreshed and ready to enjoy a six-mile trip around Davies Island. Next stop "picnic bay," where if you prepare ahead you can enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch on the banks of the island.

Get ready for some beautiful photo opportunities on the third and fourth trip options. The waterfalls are beautiful and peaceful. The water level has to be just right for the canoes and kayaks to be able to paddle to the waterfalls locations. April, May, September and October are the best times for this waterfall excursion.

The third trip begins at Johnson's Chapel recreation area and takes paddlers six-miles upstream to the beautiful Fancher Falls waterfalls.

The longest trip of 12-miles round trip, and the fourth option, paddlers will travel to the base of the popular Burgess Falls.

Canoe the Caney has many things to do for the entire family. Whether you're in the mood for a scenic canoe ride or a scenic picnic, the choice is yours. There is also trout fishing and Pirate Adventures.

Located at 17055 Smithville Highway in Silver Point, TN, the summer season officially launches Memorial Day weekend. Festivities will begin May 27 at 8 a.m. Get your fix of nature with crisp clear water, trout fishing, paddling, cows, eagles, old train bridges, goats, and good times with friends and family. We will also be running our famous "Caney River Tavern" all weekend with delicious BBQ, nachos, Nathans hot dogs, great sub sandwiches and more!

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