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Downtown SPOOK-tacular, A Howling Good Time

(Paris, TN) The Downtown SPOOK-tacular promises a howling good time on the Henry County Court House lawn on Saturday afternoon, October 29. Organizations and businesses will provide free crafts, entertainment, contests with prizes, live music and concessions from noon until 4:00 p.m. Merchants invite children to the stop by downtown stores to trick or treat during SPOOK-tacular which is sponsored by the Downtown Paris Association (DPA).

“This is a fantastic, annual festival that’s a tradition for many families,” said DPA President Kathy Ray. “Where else can folks enjoy free crafts and games, hear live music from the Inman Pep Band and other Paris/Henry County Middle School Bands, win prize money and have delicious treats, to boot?”

Throughout the day children can visit DPA booth partners including Friends of the National Wildlife Refuge/W.G. Rhea Library; Children’s Theater; PARIS! magazine; Relay for Life; REAL Hope Youth Center; various public officials; Inman Band Boosters; K98.3; Grace Episcopal Church; Caring Hearts Fund; Youth Villages; Tomorrow’s Hope; Kroger and Merle Norman. The DPA’s famous Pumpkin Patch Pete will be on hand; event goers can guess Pete’s weight. On Halloween day, the winner will be announced and will receive \$100 in DPA bucks, just in time for Christmas Open House weekend, November 4-6.

The fun isn’t limited to children. The Henry County High School Madrigals, a SPOOK-tacular partner, include adults and pets in their costume contests. Don’t have a costume? “It’s fun to come out and just enjoy the show,” said Ray. “There are hundreds of costumed children on parade, dancing, howling, delicious concessions, music and other activities, all in a fabulous setting, Downtown Paris.”

“SPOOK-tacular is one of my favorite events,” said DPA member Rick Conger of Paris Karate Studio. “It gives youngsters the opportunity to trick or treat during daylight hours and enjoy fun activities on our historic Court House lawn, courtesy of the many partnering businesses and organizations.”

A list of booth ideas is available for groups or businesses that would like to participate in the Downtown SPOOK-tacular at www.VisitDowntownParis.com. In case of rain, the event will be cancelled. For more information contact Kathy Ray at 731-642-8000.

The Downtown Paris Association is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote prosperous business activity and community involvement while encouraging preservation of the downtown area. For more information, log on www.VisitDowntownParis.com.

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