

Vehicle Check Ups, Green Car Show Featured

Car owners will be treated to free vehicle check ups this weekend at GreenFest 2010 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm Saturday, October 9 in the First Bank parking lot in Downtown Paris. Also around the square that day, new, energy saving vehicles will be displayed by local car dealers.

The Fall Vehicle Check Up is a free service of Henry County High School's Skills USA Automotive and Patriot Open Wheel Racing (POWR) Team with sponsorship from First Bank and O'Reilly Auto Parts. "October is Fall Car Care Month. We'll check your car out, make sure it's ready for winter and help you learn how to make your car more fuel efficient while cutting greenhouse gas emissions," said Jeremy McCord, automotive instructor at HCHS. He added that the team's racecar would also be on display.

Fuel efficiency will be the topic of the day as Joe Mahan Ford, Peppers Automotive Group and Premier Nissan set up a mini-car show of new hybrids and other vehicles designed to be kinder to our environment.

"Ford has the Fiesta, which is, in my opinion, the best small car you can buy and we have the Ford Fusion Hybrid, America's most fuel efficient mid size sedan," said Jeff Mahan who plans to be onsite with these vehicles and others.

Don Pierce, sales manager for Peppers Toyota is excited to show the popular Prius and other vehicles at GreenFest. "It's shaped like the wind with 50 miles per gallon and room service for four," he said of the hybrid.

Premier Nissan's New Car Manager Pete Lackey feels strongly about the movement toward more efficient automobiles. "We all must be diligent in preserving and protecting our environment." To that end, Lackey hopes to have Nissan's all electric, 100% recyclable Leaf at the event, along with other offerings.

GreenFest 2010 will also feature educational booths, a clothing swap, concessions, speakers, demonstrations and more. For more information on the free Fall Vehicle Check Up, the Green Car Show or GreenFest 2010 contact the Downtown Paris Association at 731-642-9271, Henry County Solid Waste Office at 731-641-0018 or Henry County Recycling Center at 731-642-5170.

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