



The 2011 Halloween Parade featured a trailer load of coffins, some occupied.

Celebrate Minnie's 100th Thursday

Two Centerville events this Thursday will mark the 100th birthday of Sarah Ophelia Colley Cannon while raising funds to help create a new bronze statue of Minnie Pearl and help refurbish the Old Courthouse into a cultural arts center.

The Celebration Auction airs on KIX-96 FM from noon to 8 on October 25, in the spirit of the old Cancer Auction. Steve Turner and Mickey Bunn will keep you up to date on what's being offered.

Call 729-2900 to bid or, in advance, to get a list of items faxed to you. Visit the auction site -- with Mattie Gordon, Michelle Cochran and their team at the former Past Memories store on the west side of the Public Square. Items for auction, including baked goods, will be accepted through Tuesday.

Special "Hold Board" items include Sandy Worboys' yellow Minnie Pearl dollhouse, a parson's

bench from John and Christy Porch, valued at \$475; two classic quilts, donated by Faye Claud; a leather Harley-Davidson jacket, donated by Jacobs Custom Auto Body, valued at \$500; a pre-lit Christmas tree and gift certificate, valued at \$500 from The Town Crier; and one Big Mac sandwich per week for 52 weeks, from McDonald's, valued at \$170.

On the same night, The Pearl On-Line Art Auction comes to a close. Since October 1, 160 items created by local artists and craftsmen have been collecting bids at www.ThePearlAuction.com. Hudgins Auctions, donating the auction service, advises that the final day of action is not to be missed.

Live entertainment is planned throughout the day, featuring local musicians, reminiscing about Minnie and enough birthday cake to hold a party for a 100-year-old.

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The longer route is largely attributable to the crowd that gathered last year, on a Monday night.

"When we got to the Square, it was unreal," he says, and a bit of a hazard for the float drivers, because the crowd was six to 10 people deep as the marchers passed through the east side of the Square. The crowd, he said,

included visitors from at least three other towns.

"They just wanted to see, 'What is a Halloween Parade?'" said McFarlin, who credits Jane Ambrose-Herron with the original idea.

Last Wednesday, the parade organizer was expecting from 35 to 40 floats. The Hickman County Chamber of Com-

merce sent publicity about the upcoming march to various media outlets in the region, which might increase participation and visitors.

Another reason that this year's parade may be bigger: It's on Saturday night, the 27th -- not the traditional date, but it should allow more people to attend the parade and par-

ticipate in other events.

On Saturday night, several other Halloween events will expand the celebration.

"I think you can already see what can be built from it," he said. "I think it still can be expanded some more."

Traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating is still scheduled October 31.

October 27 Halloween celebration

October 27 Halloween events in Centerville:

-- 8 a.m., the Zombie Suicide Run begins from Centerville Elementary School, where registration begins at 7. Run away from the zombies -- to keep your brains from being eaten -- and make it

safely to the Old Courthouse and you could win the \$100 grand prize. The fee is \$25 for survivors, or \$20 to be a zombie.

At the Old Courthouse: -- At 3, a Pumpkin Carving Contest; bring your best orange orb; no carving on the Square, please;

-- At 5, the Haunted Mansion opens in the lower level of the Old Courthouse. This creepy place also is open on Friday, October 26.

-- At 5, live music begins on the east side of the Public Square, and will continue until at least 9.

-- At 6:30, the Halloween Parade steps off.

-- At 8, judging will begin in the Costume Contest, for four age groups: 0-6, 7-13, 14-20 and 21 and older. Trophies will be given.

Live music will resume afterward.

Doggie Dash is Sat.

The Hickman Humane Society's Monster Bash/Doggie Dash unfolds this Saturday at Centerville's RiverPark beginning at 9 a.m.

Starting the day, at 9 a.m., will be a five-kilometer run and walk.

Activities will include Face Painting, Best Owner/Pet Look-alike, Best Dog Costume, Best Pooch/Smooch and Best Pet

Trick. Events are open to all.

The fee to participate in all events is \$15; or \$10 by sending a check to the society, at P.O. Box 183, Centerville.

Homemade doggie treats and grooming will be available, and a microchip service will be available for \$20 per animal. Timeless Treasures will be on hand to make photos.

Saturday, 10-6

Vendors drawn to Winery

More than 20 vendors will display their products for sale at the first Arts and Ag Harvest Market, Saturday from 10 to 6 at Grinder's Switch Winery.

Live entertainment also is planned; admission is free.

Vendors include: -- Adventure Travel Tables: Lee Waggoner, woodworker and motorcycle enthusiast, produces tables that fit in a compact travel case.

-- Arts & Ag: information about the 2013 Tour, and a bakery featuring fall-inspired baked goods.

-- Batson Guitars: Luthier Cory Batson makes guitars. -- Beaverdam Creek Farm: fresh winter produce such as sweet potatoes, tatsoi, bok choy, acorn squash, arugula, basil, butternut squash, radishes and turnip greens.

-- Becca Amick: local, raw and chemical-free honey, herbal teas, lip balms, and salves, hand-made rag-quilt purses and felted hair accessories.

-- Cedar Designed Rustics: handmade birdhouses of western red cedar designed to provide a safe nesting habitat.

-- Fondue Vintage Homewares: vintage wallpapered home decor.

-- Grinder's Switch Winery: free wine tastings; bottles of wine and other goodies for sale; hayrides through the vineyard (\$2 for adults/kids younger than 12 free), and Eat in the Cheap



columnist Jodie Morgan will be serving up tasty BBQ plates for sale.

-- Harper's Custom Clothing: creative clothes and affordable alterations with an informal fashion show.

-- Joann Sadoski: hand-made jewelry, aprons, jams and jellies.

-- Lynn Driver: mosaic sculptures of birds, animals and characters in glass and ceramic tile.

-- Paint My Face: Let Nancy and Isabel add a festive picture on your cheek, or have your whole face done.

-- Stained Glass Mary: Mary Crane creates stained glass sun catchers, jewelry and kaleidoscopes.

-- Tom the Furniture Guy: hand-painted rustic signs made from local barn boards.

-- Tonia Horton Photography: Natural beauty photos of Hickman County in matted prints, notecards and bookmarks; she will be available to take your picture and print them.

-- Totty's Bend Goat Milk Soaps: sustainably

produced bath and body products made in small batches from goats milk and other whole ingredients.

-- True Self Studios: artist and metalsmith Dotti Feinstein's handmade jewelry pieces are created from copper, brass and stainless steel.

-- Pottery -- Vicki ImOberstag's pottery displays vivid earthy colors and is functional art, pretty but useful.

-- Wild Duck Soup Emporium -- wholesome sweet treats, hand-made items, birdhouses, local artwork, and more.

-- Wood Chips and Sawdust: hand-turned wood bowls and vases by wood artisan Norbert Comtois.

-- Women Are Safe: Shop 'til it Stops Halloween Costumery Booth with proceeds benefitting the local women's safety program and shelter.

The list of entertainers: -- Mary Beth Pruett: local story teller and librarian.

-- Gloria McCord: musician and songwriter as seen at Broken Spoke, Boardwalk Café, Bluebird

Café and Memphis' Beale Street.

-- Mark Meadors and the Brown's Giftshop Revival: acoustic eclectic Americana, a funky blend of blues, country and folk.

-- Skillet Lickers: authentic Hickman County bluegrass.

-- Hickman County Mayor Steve Gregory, DJ and MC.

Most vendors will not be set up to take credit cards. Dogs or pets are not allowed.

175 apply at Agrana

In all, 175 applications were submitted to the Tennessee Career Center by persons interested in jobs being offered by Agrana Fruit US of Centerville.

Rob Mitchell, career specialist at the Centerville center, said 151 of

those were submitted in person during a job fair on October 11 and 12. The remainder, he said, were submitted through other Tennessee Career Center offices in the region.

Agrana's Jennifer Baltz said about 40 persons will

be hired by the end of the year, to fill slots created by a \$10-million expansion at the fruit processing plant.

"It was about what we anticipated," said Mitchell of the turnout.