

April
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Corbin Connection

Corbin Tourism & Convention Commission



From the Director

Maggy Kriebel

It's officially spring! The Redbuds and Bradford Pear trees are in full bloom and the tulips have raised their trumpets in full glory. What better way to celebrate the beauty of Kentucky than to travel to see some of our beautiful attractions? Celebrate Corbin's most famous citizen by making a trip to see Sanders Park where you can take a photo with the life size bronze statue of Colonel Harland Sanders. Enjoy the splendor and mystique of the herb garden and see if you can figure out which herbs and spices he included in the famous "Secret Recipe". After the park, take advantage of one of our unique and locally owned dining establishments on Main Street, or enjoy the exceptional architecture of the Engineer Street Bridge while enjoying a walk along the Lynn Camp Creek.

Are you ready to rumble? Check out our editorial in this months' newsletter about the grand re-opening of the Corbin Motor Speedway. The Whitley County Farmers Market will kick off its season on April 26th at Nibroc Park on Main Street at 5pm. Be sure to stop in and pick up a variety of fresh vegetables and Appalachian Proud products, we promise you will be delighted! In the words of Robin Williams, "spring is nature's way of saying lets party!" Corbin Loves Company, so come on and celebrate with us!



Corbin Tourism and Convention Commission is looking for volunteers for work on the French Broad River. Saturday, April 9th, 2016, at 9am at the Depot Building on Depot Street, we are having our first work event for the Pullman car. Interested in volunteering or need an application? Contact Maggy Kriebel at 606-528-8860 or maggy@corbinkytourism.com for more information.

***Must be 18 years or older to volunteer and children not permitted at work site during volunteer sessions due to insurance regulations.**



**Whitley County Farmers Market Kick Off is
Tuesday, April 26th at 5pm at Nibroc Park!**

You can shop for all your produce, meats, eggs and other farmed goods from local farmers.





Drivers.....Start, Your, ENGINES!

Motor Speedway to Make a Comeback as Corbin Attraction

Submitted by Maggy Kriebel

The Corbin Tourism and Convention Commission is excited to announce that one of Corbin's most historic attractions will be re-opening this weekend! According to Sports Illustrated, there are over 75 million NASCAR fans (NASCAR, Columbia Business, January 14, 2014), all of whom should want to check out the Corbin Motor Speedway, the first place to hold a NASCAR race in Kentucky.

According to the Natural Museum of American History, "American automobile racing has a century-long history of grass-roots invention" (http://amhistory.si.edu/onthemove/themes/story_66_1.html). Stock car racing traces its roots to 1894, when the Paris magazine Le Petit Journal initiated the first automobile race. According to Finding Dulcinea, "the sport quickly spread to the United States, where the first race traversed about 54 miles of Illinois and took the winner more than 10 hours to complete" (http://www.findingdulcinea.com/guides/Sports/Auto-Racing.pg_0.html).

The speedway hosted its last race in 2013, and quickly fell into a state of disrepair. On April 23, 2015, the 15-acre property sold at auction for \$181,000 to local a group that included Corbin attorney Aaron Howard (Smith, May 2, 2015). The speedway started as a half-mile dirt track. On Aug. 29, 1954 it hosted a NASCAR race, which was won by Lee Petty, father of NASCAR legend Richard Petty (Feb 5, 2016 <http://www.performanceracing.com/news/corbin-motor-speedway-set-reopen-april>). The series, then known as Grand National, today is known as Sprint Cup (M. Story, Herald Leader, June 18, 2004). It wasn't until 2004 that Kentucky hosted another Sprint Cup series race in Sparta, KY.

The speedway is now a ¼ mile oval paved track, and after three years of silence, it will roar back to life with its season opening race on Saturday, April 2, 2016. The 18 race season will run from April to August with live action racing happening every Saturday night. The pit gates open at 12pm, general admission and grandstands gates open at 4pm. Tickets prices are \$10 for grandstand admission and \$30 for pit admission. Children 10 & under are always free! Located at 6914 Cumberland Falls Highway head on out this weekend for some family friendly entertainment and a look at one of Corbin's many historic sites.

For more information, please call Corbin Speedway Manager Jerry Brock at 606-521-1863, or follow them on Facebook at Corbin Speedway. We hope to see you there!

Photo Credit:

Lexington Herald-
Leader

July 5, 2011



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Save the Steam Queen of Corbin!

Join the "Steam Team" and help protect and preserve a vital piece of Corbin AND Louisville & Nashville Railroad history!

The Friends of the Corbin Rail Museum, Inc. is accepting tax deductible donations for the restoration of L&N steam engine 2132, her coal tender and L&N caboose #30. Funding and supplies are needed to cosmetically restore L&N 2132 back to the way she looked when she operated in the Corbin yard in the 1920's. All part of the larger project, the Corbin Rail Museum, the pieces returned home to Corbin, KY on January 18, 2016 from where they had sat on display for 36 years in Bainbridge, GA. "Number 2132 is the sole survivor of 400 steam locomotives designed and constructed from scratch at the L&N's South Louisville Shops between 1905 and 1923." (Flanary, 2016). Now that we have celebrated her homecoming, it is time to ensure that Corbin's history and heritage are persevered for future generations to come.

Corporate sponsorships are also being sought. To make your tax deductible donation, please call 606-528-8860 or email maggy@corbinkytourism.com.

*Corbin Tourism is still accepting donations of artifacts for the Corbin Rail Museum. For more information or to donate, contact Maggy at the email or phone number above.



Corbin Tourism and Convention Commission is shooting a series of commercials. Check out Director Maggy Kriebel in the first of the series!

<https://youtu.be/Caj3m0kWguk>

According to [Urban Farmer](#), it's a good time to plant a salsa garden! Ingredients can include home grown:

Roma Tomatoes

Jalapenos

Cilantro

Basil

Candy Hybrid Onions

Things to do...

[Cumberland Falls State Resort Park](#)

Native American Weekend

April 1-3, 7:00pm-noon

Nature Photography Weekend

April 22-24, 6:00am-1:00pm

[Pine Mountain State Resort Park](#)

Frontier Night Buffet

April 9, 5:00pm-8:00pm

Hike-A-Thon

April 23, 10:00am-3:00pm

[Fine Arts Association of Southeastern Kentucky](#)

Southern Stars Symphonic Brass Band

at University of the Cumberlands

April 23, 7:30pm

[Downtown Corbin](#)

City Yard Sale (every first Sat through Sept)

April 2, 8:00am-2:00pm

[Corbin Public Library Events & Classes](#)

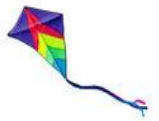
[Gospel Concert](#)

At The Arena

April 29, 6:00pm-9:15pm

Fun Facts about April:

- Birthstone for April is the Diamond • National Kite month
- NASA announced selection of America's first 7 astronauts on April 9, 1959 • National Humor month
- April begins the same day of the week as July every year
- George Washington was inaugurated as the 1st president of the USA on April 30, 1789



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