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Exciting New Developments

Over the next few months, you will have an opportunity to experience the American Indian culture of the Natchez Trace area, celebrate the history of the parkway at the beginning of the 75th anniversary activities, and share your interest in nature, history or recreation to help develop an exciting new information system.

On September 8th, the annual Oka Kapassa festival in Tuscumbia will celebrate the area's rich American Indian history and culture. The Alabama Chapter is a sponsor of the Colbert Family Reunion, the annual gathering of descendants of the Chickasaw Colbert family that played an important role at sites along the old Natchez Trace from Nashville to just North of Jackson. More details are inside.

Our Annual Meeting in Natchez on October 27 and 28 commemorates the 75th anniversary of the inaugural of the Natchez Trace Parkway and kicks off its 75th anniversary events. We will return to Brandon Hall Plantation where the ceremony took place, as well as pay tribute to Roane Fleming Byrnes, whose determination and leadership promoted construction of the parkway through the early years. The Natchez meeting is shaping up to be a historic Natchez Trace event.

The Association signed an agreement with OnCell Systems to begin assisting the National Park Service in developing a new cell phone and interactive interpretive system for the parkway. The system will allow visitors to access new information needed to get the most from the experience on the parkway. Initially, the system will allow visitors to take a virtual park ranger on their trip for a personal guided tour. The additional amount of information that can be accessed will help bring the parkway to life.

A new fund has been established to help promote safe cycling on the parkway in honor of Dr. Gary Holdiness. Planning will begin on the best use of the Gary Holdiness Cycling Fund and the experience of the recreation committees will be important.

We have begun to build a good partnership with the Chickasaw Nation to work together to tell the story of their homeland along the Natchez Trace. We share the goal of interpreting that history accurately and presenting it though a means that will help visitors understand both the Chickasaw history and culture and how they shaped the Natchez Trace area. Dr. Boswell and I had an opportunity to meet with representatives at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma. It is an amazing facility, and it immediately became obvious how much the communities and Natchez Trace visitors are missing. Superintendent Sholly signed the agreement to begin the planning process for the Chickasaw Village site, and we discussed with the Nation ways that we can begin telling their story immediately. That development will have an immediate impact on improving the visitor experience.

Chapters continue to form in each of the five divisions. Meetings and events this summer in Pontotoc, Jackson, Tuscumbia, Franklin and Natchez have given members a chance to be involved.

This summer also brought the announcement that Superintendent Sholly has been promoted to an assistant director, and that he will be leaving the parkway. Though we celebrate with Cam for his new position, his leadership on the parkway will be missed.

Take advantage of your membership by exploring the American Indian culture of the parkway in Alabama in September, and joining us for the beginning of the 75th anniversary celebration in Natchez in October.

Tony Turnbow, Association President

Superintendent Sholly Promoted to New Position

Congratulations to Superintendent Cam Sholly on his promotion to Assistant Director of the National Park Service for Visitor and Resource Protection. Cam has been a transformational superintendent. During his brief three-year tenure, aging park facilities were rehabilitated, new relationships were built with the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations as well as communities along the parkway, and new plans were put in place for the future operation of the parkway.

A larger transformation has taken place in the emphasis of the parkway. Until 2005, completing the motor road was a primary focus of both the Natchez Trace Parkway and the Association. But the parkway was never intended to be just a road and maintaining the road was never intended to be the final goal. Cam acknowledged that now is the time to "put the park in the parkway." Moving forward on plans for the Chickasaw Heritage Center is a major step forward toward accomplishing that goal. Designating Terry Wildy as the first Interpretive Specialist will give the parkway the means to help visitors connect to the resources. Beginning the commemorative War of 1812 bicentennial events and a related living history program establishes the War of 1812 story in a national park created in large part to preserve and tell that story. Creating new lesson plans through Jane Farmer will help make a parkway a more accessible resource for the schools. Developing a partnership with the Association to develop a new interpretive tour system for the parkway will move the parkway ahead by light years in creating the park experience for history, nature, recreation and education.

Photo Becky Jane Newbold

Cam Sholly

A farewell luncheon was held in Cam's honor at headquarters on August 24th. Park Service employees and community partners spoke about the significant improvements that have been made to the parkway during Cam's three years as superintendent. Acting superintendent Dale Wilkerson also presented Cam with a Post Rider Award, the parkway's highest award.

The Association's partnership with the parkway has been productive during the past three years, and Cam will leave an indelible mark of his tenure. We thank him for his work and wish him success in his new position.

A product of good leadership is the staff that remains in place to continue the work. What often goes unnoticed is the good work the staff does in making it all happen. During the past three years, parkway staff have expanded their roles to meet new challenges to improve the visitor experience. Their pride was showcased during the Gordon House event in May. The site was well manicured, the event flowed flawlessly, and the staff proudly and enthusiastically shared their work with visitors from across the country. Visitors in turn were overwhelmed as they saw the National Park Service at its best.

A major benefit of an independent association of parkway supporters is that its momentum continues throughout changing parkway administrations. As we work on the new interpretive system, look forward to the Chickasaw Heritage Center and work toward other improvements, the Association will continue to do its part to help put the park in the parkway.

Photo Tony Turnbow

Acting Superintendent Dale Wilkerson presents former Superintendent Cam Sholly with a Mark Muench photo of the parkway for his new office in D.C.

Gary Holdiness Cycling Fund

Dr. Gary Holdiness

The cycling experience on the parkway will benefit from the legacy of one of its most devoted enthusiasts, Dr.Gary Holdiness of Kosciusko. His family and friends have established the Gary Holdiness Cycling Fund to honor the beloved North Central Mississippi physician, who died cycling on the parkway May 6th. It was decided that the best way to memorialize Dr. Holdiness' life and to perpetuate his interest in cycling on the parkway would be to create an ongoing program for cycling safety and education, particularly in making motorists aware of cyclists. In lieu of flowers or other memorials, friends chose to send memorials to the Association.

Dr. Holdiness' wife Donna says that Gary Holdiness was one of the park's strongest supporters. "He loved the park, and he loved cycling." The doctor frequently rode between Jeff Busby Park at Little Mountain and Jackson. He had ridden from Kosciusko to Natchez several times and twice from Kosciusko to Nashville. On the last day of his life, Dr. Holdiness was enjoying a ride on the parkway while training for a ride in Alaska.

Dr. Holdiness was known by his friends and patients as "Dr. Gary." His influence in Kosciusko and on North Central Mississippi is clear from the outpouring of support. Donna Holdiness has agreed to be involved in developing the programming for the fund. That planning should get underway in September.

The Association continues to emphasize that the parkway is a national park and that its space, even on the motor road, is shared among motorists, cyclists and hikers. The increased interest in cycling on the parkway makes it even more imperative to emphasize the park experience. Increasing motorists' awareness of cyclists will be an important part of the program. Recreation committees being formed for each chapter will provide practical information from the perspective of those who frequently use the parkway for recreation.

The Association appreciates the support of Dr. Holdiness' friends and family. His love of cycling on the Trace will be shared with visitors who seek out the experience of riding through one of the nation's greatest national parks.

Photo Tony Turnbow

Sunset at the Tennessee River crossing of the Natchez Trace Parkway. The John Coffee Memorial Bridge runs near the point where George Colbert ferried travelers across the river.

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Muster Day on the Natchez Trace- 1812

The parkway commemoration of the bicentennial of the War of 1812 kicked off on Memorial Day weekend at the Gordon House. Despite unusually hot weather, about 2,000 visitors and reenactors from as far as Minnesota and Oklahoma brought the Gordon House site to life with the sights and sounds of 1812.

The 7th U.S. Infantry Living History Association partnered with the National Park Service, the Tennessee War of 1812 Commission, and the Association to bring the highest quality of interpretation to the event. In addition to the military formations, encampments, and marches, the Blue Devils performed a play from the 1812 period, and a period worship service was held on Sunday. The Lewis and Clark Fife and Drum Corps of St. Charles, Missouri performed. Visitors commented that the reenactment of the debates of whether the nation should go to war gave the feel of being present when the historical event took place.

Photo Becky Jane Newbold

Association member and parkway volunteer Jeff Brewer was recognized for the several hundred hours he and his family volunteered to erect a period fence to return the site to its historic farm context. As soon as the fence began to take shape, visitors were drawn to the house site and to trails that are often ignored. It demonstrated the importance of putting a resource like the Gordon House in its proper setting. The house is one of two remaining original Natchez Trace inns on the parkway.

Photo Becky Jane Newbold

Captain John Gordon's descendants participated in the closing ceremony in which Gordon was honored for his service during the War of 1812. Gordon served as captain of Andrew Jackson's Company of Spies, and he was often noted for riding to the front of action.

Scholars James W. Parker, Director of Fort Toulouse, Dr. Tom Kannon, archivist with the Tennessee State Library and Archives, Mike Bunn Executive Director of the Chattahoochee Trace and Clay Williams, Director of the Old Capitol Museum in Jackson spoke to full houses about the historical background of the events being portrayed.

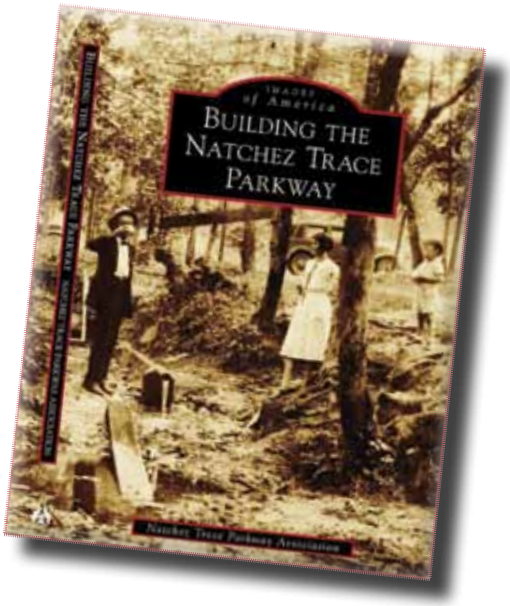
The National Park Service has not yet announced the details of plans for future commemorative events. The Association is making plans to work with the Historic Jefferson College near Natchez on April 13 to reenact Jackson's 1813 encampment at Fort Dearborn near the college. Volunteers will then reenact the return of the Tennessee militia on the Natchez Trace by engaging in living history encampments and school programs along the parkway.

Photo Tony Turnbow

Book Events

The publication of the Association photo history book "Building the Natchez Trace Parkway" has provided good opportunities to remind the public of the Association's vital role in the development of the parkway and to let them know that the Association is gearing up to support the National Park Service in the next phase of developing the visitor amenities. Book events in Tuscumbia, Franklin, Jackson and Natchez in June brought out a number of new Natchez Trace supporters. Many commented that they love the parkway; they just did not know how to get involved.

Books are on sale in bookstores along the parkway, and at Barnes and Noble and Books a Million. The book is one of the Association's contributions to the celebration of the parkway's 75th anniversary.



Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **September 7-8** - Alabama Chapter Meeting and Oka Kapassa Festival, Tuscumbia
- **October 27-28** - Annual Meeting and 75th Anniversary of the Natchez Trace Parkway Association Commemoration at Brandon Hall, Natchez, Mississippi.
- **April 13-20, 2013** - Jackson's Natchez Expedition and the Return March of the Volunteers. War of 1812 Bicentennial Event.

Chapter News

All five chapters are making progress in selecting leaders and becoming functional. The chapters will take on the work at the local level and begin to reconnect the communities to the parkway.

Southern Mississippi

In addition to working on proposed text for the interactive system for Mount Locust, the chapter is helping organize the annual meeting in October and the War of 1812 bicentennial events on April 13.

Mid-Mississippi

Bob Chunn of Jackson has agreed to serve as the first chair. Tom Watts will chair the History Committee and Dr. Robert Hester will chair the Recreation Committee. Andy Menapace will chair the Nature and Conservation Committee. Mid-Mississippi is working on draft text for Brashears' Stand and the Choctaw Agency and for the recreational trail.

Northern-Mississippi

Brad Prewitt of Tupelo has agreed to serve as the first chair. The chapter will be working with the National Park Service and the Chickasaw nation to support the development of the Chickasaw Heritage Center project as well as preservation and interpretation of Chickasaw sites in the area to help tell a broader story.

Alabama

The Alabama Chapter officers met on July 10 to begin work on the proposed text for the cell phone interpretation of Colbert Ferry and the Shoals area. A membership recruitment meeting was held on July 18 at the Helen Keller library in Tuscumbia. The Chapter will help sponsor the Colbert Family Reunion in Tuscumbia on September 7.

Tennessee

After supporting the Gordon House event and the War of 1812 monument dedication, the chapter is continuing to organize. Andy Moore of Columbia, TN will serve as Vice-Chair, Aaron Priest will chair of the Recreation Committee and Doug Rodman of the Tennessee Land Trust will chair the Nature and Conservation Committee. Suggested text for the interpretive system is being developed for the Meriwether Lewis site and the War of 1812 Memorial site.

War of 1812 Bicentennial Monument

The U.S. Daughters of 1812 marked the bicentennial of the declaration of war in 1812 by dedicating a monument to the soldiers in the war. The memorial is now one of a few War of 1812 monuments in the nation.

Photo Tony Turnbow

At the dedication ceremony, Superintendent Cam Sholly announced that the site would be renamed the "War of 1812 Memorial" site. Preserving the story of the War of 1812 along the Natchez Trace was one of the primary objectives listed in the enabling legislation to create the parkway. The site at mile marker 426.3 has previously been designated as the "Old Trace" site, and an illustration of Andrew Jackson appeared on an interpretive panel along a preserved section of the old Natchez Trace. The new designation helps give the important War of 1812 history a more appropriate emphasis.

The Tennessee Society of the U.S. Daughters of 1812 led the effort to place the marker, and the national society contributed to funding. Their organization, like the DAR, erected markers along the old Natchez Trace in the early 1900's to make certain that the Natchez Trace would not be forgotten. The twelve markers in Tennessee were placed at sites significant to the Jackson marches.

Aline Roberts, center,Third Vice-President of the National Society U.S. Daughters of 1812, presided at the ceremony on June 14, 2012. Also pictured, Natchez Trace Parkway Association President Tony Turnbow, left and Natchez Trace Parkway Superintnedent Cam Sholly.

In addition to Superintendent Sholly, speakers from the U.S. Daughters of 1812 from Tennessee and Louisiana and the Society of 1812 spoke about the sacrifices of the troops. City of Franklin mayor Ken Moore, Williamson County Commission Chair Jack Walton, Tennessee Department of Tourism representative Leigh Curtis and Tennessee Chapter history chair Greg Snider spoke of the connection of the local communities to the Natchez Trace during the war, and today to the parkway.

The monument is situated at the focal point of the hilltop ellipse at the site. It serves as a surrogate tombstone to soldiers buried in unmarked graves along the old Trace, and it its hilltop view provides a good setting to contemplate and honor their sacrifice.

Annual Meeting Returns to Brandon Hall 75 Years After Inaugural

Inaugural Event October 28, 1937, Brandon Hall Plantation.

The Annual Meeting in Natchez will re-live early Natchez Trace Parkway history and pay tribute to one of the early parkway promoters Roane Fleming Byrnes. "Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Inaugural of the Natchez Trace Parkway" will also set the stage for next year's 75th anniversary events.

The clock will be turned back to 1937, when the Association hosted leaders from several states, the U.S. Government and Mexico for festivities to celebrate the beginning of construction of the Parkway. Parades and receptions were held, trees were planted by dignitaries near mile marker 9, and a ceremony was held at Brandon Hall Plantation, followed by a barbeque and a Natchez Trace Ball.

The Association will return to three of the original venues. The Eola Hotel, which hosted numerous Association events over the years including Inaugural events, will again welcome the Association and recreate the feel of the 1930's. The Natchez Trace Ball, often used as a fundraiser for the early Association, will once again fill its ballroom. Big Band swing music will be provided by the Tommy Sebrell and his Top Hats Orchestra, featuring vocalist-Kim Coalter a 15 piece ensemble will perform hits of the 30's and 40's. If you like, dress for the New Deal years and revive the jitterbug.

The stately Brandon Hall Plantation on the parkway will again host the ceremony – exactly 75 years to the day of the Inaugural. Its historic front porch will again provide a backdrop for a momentous Natchez Trace event. Following the ceremony, guests will enjoy a barbeque just as in 1937, except that the 2012 dinner will be prepared by Brandon Hall Chef Jason Roland with Heirloom Cuisine from St. Francisville, Louisiana.

Just prior to the Brandon Hall Ceremony, guests will assemble along the parkway where trees were planted in 1937 to plant the 75th Anniversary tree. The original inaugural trees were marked for decades..

Special honor will be paid to Roane Fleming Byrnes, whose leadership, southern charm and persistence, pushed the project for over thirty years. On Saturday, the meeting will assemble at her grave at the Natchez City Cemetery to unveil a plaque to be dedicated in her honor.

Additional activities will be announced later. Tickets for the Natchez Trace Ball, the Brandon Hall Ceremony and Barbeque and special Natchez Tour are available through Natchez Pilgrimage Tours. The Eola Hotel is offering a special rate for the weekend. There is no cost to attend the membership meeting or the dedication of the plaque.

Don't miss out on a memorable and fun weekend and a historic Natchez Trace Parkway event. See you in Natchez! Or as Mrs. Byrnes wrote in her own handwriting on all invitations to Natchez Trace Annual Meetings – "Be Sure to Come."

Saturday, October 27

- 2 p.m. Annual Membership Meeting
- 4 pm Dedication of marker honoring work of Roane Fleming Byrnes. Natchez City Cemetery
- 7 p.m Natchez Trace Ball

Sunday, October 28

- 12:30 Special Tour of Natchez
- 3:15 pm Tree planting ceremony on Natchez Trace Parkway
- 4:00 p.m Ceremony at Brandon Hall Plantation honoring the 75th anniversary of the inaugural
- Followed by a barbeque

Interactive System Under Development

New technology will soon expand the amount of information available to parkway visitors. The Association signed an agreement with OnCell Systems to partner with the National Park Service in developing a cell phone tour and mobile app. One of the goals of the "Call to Action" adopted by NPS to set a direction for the next century of national parks is to take advantage of technology and use it to connect the visitor to the resources.

Initially, visitors will be able to access audio messages by cellphone. Visitors who have smart phones will eventually see a slide show, maps, and videos interpreting sites. Information can be accessed either by dialing a standard telephone number, scanning a Q-R code, or downloading an app in advance. A visitor can choose how much information to access based upon individual interest. The amount of information that eventually can be added is virtually unlimited.

OnCell currently operates at over 130 national park sites. As technology improves, the information is transferred to new technology platforms, but it does not have to be recreated. The Muscle Shoals National Heritage Area is developing a similar system, and the two will be able to overlap to expand information available to the visitor.

Some messages can be designed as if a virtual park ranger is present to give a personal tour. Others will allow visitors to become immersed in the stories. Educational games can be developed for kids.

Messages for six sites along the parkway are being developed as a first step. Other sites will be added over time.

This system uses the current state of technology. The Association has begun discussions with OnCell about developing a system that will be even more interactive as new technology makes new functions possible. Optimistically, basic information for six sites should operational by October.

Photo Tony Turnbow

The new interpretive system will allow visitors to access much more information about resources along the parkway. Wildflowers that are often overlooked will provide more interest once visitors can easily access information about them.

Experience Natchez Trace American Indian Culture at Oka Kapassa Festival

Photo courtesy Oka Kapassa Festival

The Oka Kapassa ("Cold Water") Spring in Tuscumbia and Tuscumbia Landing in Sheffield, Alabama are two significant American Indian sites along the old Natchez Trace. Each September, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Creek people meet at the sites to create a festival of their cultures, and they invite the public to share in the experience.

Photo courtesy Oka Kapassa Festival

Days are filled with dances, storytelling, crafts and food. Stickball, an American Indian sport that became better known as lacrosse, is played. The weekend is a homecoming for many people whose ancestors knew the Natchez Trace as their homeland. The Colbert family holds their family reunion during the festival. George Colbert operated the Natchez Trace ferry crossing the Tennessee River, and his family operated numerous inns along the old Trace.

Saturday, September 7, 2012 began with a solemn event. The "Walk of Life" leds from the Tennessee River at Tuscumbia Landing to the festival grounds at Coldwater Spring Park. In the 1820's and 1830's, Creek and Chickasaw people walked west along the same path on their Trail of Tears, as they left their homeland to board boats to travel west as part of their forced removal from their homeland. Many people died on the journey, as inadequate provisions were made for transportation or for food and water. During the Creek Removal, the people of Tuscumbia provided food and hospitality to the Creeks as they passed through their town. The "Walk of Life" is a reverse walk from the river landing back into Tuscumbia.

Each year the festival provides a way to experience the American Indian culture of the Natchez Trace. Begin planning now for next year's events which are open to the public. Information can be found at okakapassa.org.

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Chickasaw Village

Photo Tony Turnbow

Plans for the Chickasaw Village site at mile marker 261.8 continue to move forward. Superintendent Sholly's last official action was signing an agreement with the Chickasaw Nation to begin the official planning process for improved access and facilities at the site. Funds for improved access were appropriated several years ago.

The Chickasaw Nation is interested in interpreting the story of its homeland in Mississippi and along the parkway. More than just the brief one-dimensional portrayal of the Chickasaws that has often been presented to visitors, the Chickasaw story is a multi-layered tapestry of the history and culture of a nation. The music and art reflect the experience of the Chickasaw people in the Natchez Trace area before the Europeans traveled to the continent. The Chickasaws lived in close connection to nature. Their social structure and customs developed in part as an adaptation to the land known today as "the South."

The Chickasaw story during the late 1700's and early 1800's was influenced by their friendship with the British and later American settlers. That friendship was based at first upon the need for mutual survival, but then adaptation, as the two civilizations learned from each other and intermarried. The story also includes the removal of the Chickasaw from their homeland and their ancestors.

The interpretation of the Chickasaw story will put the Natchez Trace into context. Not only did more than half of the Trace run though Chickasaw territory, but the northern half of the Natchez Trace was a Chickasaw trail known in the late 1700's as "Piomingo's Trace," named after the Chickasaw chief Piomingo ("Mountain Leader"). A better understanding of Chickasaw culture will also encourage better respect for ancestral burial sites and religious sites.

The timing of the new partnership will also benefit other new interpretive projects. Development of the new cell phone interpretive system provides an opportunity to begin providing more layers of the story even before the center is built. The National Park Service has also just received a $300,000 Scenic Byways grant to replace and update all interpretive panels on the parkway discussing the American Indian history.

Planning has not begun on the Heritage Center. Representative buildings from a Chickasaw village, built at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Oklahoma shown above, are one example of enhanced interpretation that would bring the site to life. The large building is the Council House, where village meetings were held. To the left are a summer house and a winter house. The Chickasaw Village site on the parkway currently shows only the outlines of similar structures and displays drawings of how they might have appeared.

Extending the Lewis and Clark Trail to the Parkway Under Consideration

Extending the Lewis and Clark Trail to include the Natchez Trace Parkway from just south of Tupelo to the Meriwether Lewis site is under consideration by the National Park Service. The trail currently includes sites related to the journey from St. Charles, Missouri to the Pacific Ocean and back to St. Louis. The extension known as the "Eastern Legacy" project would add sites important to the preparation for the expedition as well as those connected to the post-expedition publication of the journals. Meriwether Lewis was taking the journals from St. Louis to Philadelphia to meet with the publisher when he died on the Natchez Trace in 1809. He traveled to the Chickasaw Agency near Old Houlka before riding north on the Natchez Trace.

The public had an opportunity to comment on the extension at a meeting in Pontotoc in June. Ian Shanklin, project director for NPS, Jim Mallory, vice-president of the Lewis and Clark Trust, Inc. and vice-president Bryant Boswell spoke. Many participants pointed out that the old Natchez Trace ran through what is now Pontotoc County and that there are several sites related to the old Trace.

If the extension is completed, the trail will run from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean, and will include such sites as the White House and the Natchez Trace Parkway. A preliminary recommendation is expected in October and a final proposal should be completed by next spring. Trail extension would require no new construction.

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-Mrs. Byrnes

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4 p.m. Dedication of Plaque Honoring
Roane Fleming Byrnes - Natchez City Cemetery
7 p.m. **75th Anniversary Natchez Trace Ball and Dinner**
Eola Hotel. Entertainment by Tommy Sebrell and his Top Hats Orchestra featuring vocalist Kim Coalter, Performing Hits of the 30's and 40's

SUNDAY

12:30 **Special Natchez Tour** Onboard the Natchez Trolley
3:15 p.m. Planting The 75th Anniversary Tree
Natchez Trace Parkway Mile Marker 9
4:00 p.m. **75th Anniversary Ceremony and Barbeque at Brandon Hall Plantation**
Other Activities to Be Announced

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