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## Secretariat festival 2020

The Bourbon County Secretariat Festival, which celebrates the life and legacy of the 1973 Triple Crown champion, is scheduled for September 16-18 in Paris, Ky. For its ninth renovation this year, the Festival is moving its epicenter to Main Street in historic central Paris with excursions to nearby farms and will once again attract the royalty of The Bluegrass's Home Thoroughbred races to meet with fans, as well as showcase the culture and character of the region. Admission to the Festival is free, although some top-notch events require pre-convenient entry, and a number of convenient auxiliary parking spots will be designated for Festival attendees in the downtown area. That list and a calendar of events was released today: Thursday, September 15 The Third Thursday Concert at the Bourbon County Courthouse offers live entertainment of The Mercy Men, starting at 5 p.m. on Friday, September 16, Paris Artwalk officially begins the Secretariat Festival on Friday at 5 p.m. with more than 30 shops and venues along Main Street participating in this popular civic event, which showcases more than 100 local and regional artists. In the heart of the city center, Oasis Event Hall, 610 Main St., serves as the headquarters of the Secretariat Festival and information center, where visitors will find the Secretariat.com store and the official festival merchandise. This historic location is also the backdrop for the Decretariat Silent File Auction and all celebrity signings throughout the weekend. At 8 p.m., Oasis also hosts the Barrel Mane-ia Auction Party. The Festival's signing event on Friday night features a live auction of original kentucky oak barrels hand-painted by regional artists that reflect the area's unique equine culture. The character of the exposed brick and the interior of the wooden floor provides the ideal setting to view these creatively embellished whiskey barrels, each with its own individual theme, artist and medium. Tonight's live entertainment and Kentucky-style fun will also offer a cash bar with the sponsor of Blanton's Bourbon Festival, the original single-barrel bourbon. Saturday, September 17 The Festival arrives in its wake by fans and families traveling from all over the country to gather to celebrate the legacy of the Secretariat. Visitors to the Main Street Corridor of the Festival can expect an exciting buzz of excitement with a variety of attractions for all ages. Festival Horse Farm Tours start at 9:30 a.m. and continue throughout the day to give guests a glimpse Kentucky's Thoroughbred breeding industry. For those wishing to explore the roots of the Secretariat, claiborne Farm tours offer visitors a behind-the-scenes look at Thoroughbred's prominent breeding operation, now in its fourth generation owned by the Hancock Family, where the Secretariat was conceived and rests on its sacred site. In addition, are two tours of Adena Springs, the esteemed Bourbon County farm that is home to an impressive list of distinguished stallions, including four breeder champions' Cup Classic and the 2013 Secretariat Vox Populi Award winner, the much Macho Man farm tickets. Horse can be purchased in advance Secretariat.com and oasis Secretariat store for the duration of the quantities. A new addition to the Festival this year has all the brands of evolution in a long tradition of the Festival. The Big Red Beer Garden Secretariat is the exclusive source of the Big Red Amber Ale Secretariat Festival. Made and bottled in Paris, Ky., by the popular Rooster Brew, 609 Main St. directly in front of Oasis Events, this new craft beer created specifically for the Festival pays homage to Secretariat and his legacy greater than life with a large beer born in Bluegrass. This limited-closing beer is offered in a safe collectible race to drink or exhibit, and the beer garden is a must-see stop to raise a toast to the chestnut champion. Contact Rooster Brew for more information. Festival Legends Tribute Appearances offer guests a rare opportunity to meet with racing giants and hear their stories firsthand through truly memorable visits and discussions. This year's lineup begins with The Wise Dan Legends Tribute. Guests can meet the beloved equine athlete and his devoted coach Charles Lopresti on Saturday at the Bourbon County Fairgrounds, just minutes from the city center. Free tours with Wise Dan will take place from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. with a free bus service between Main Street and the exhibition grounds. This chestnut champion of today, who descended appropriately from Secretariat on both sides of his pedigree, was the poster boy for durability, perseverance and success in a race that spanned 31 beginnings over five years and culminated in 23 victories both on the ground and on grass. The second Tribute to the Legends of the Day features Sham and his Hall of Fame rider Laffit Pincay Jr. Most Big Red fans are familiar with Secretariat's brilliant rival Sham, who finished second in second place with Meadow Stable champion in both the Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, unofficially breaking the previous record in both races. Fans of the Secretariat Festival will have the opportunity to learn much more about this brave and talented horse when his Hall of Fame rider Laffit Pincay Jr. teams up with Sham author Phil Dandrea: Great was Second Best in an in-depth discussion of this noble competitor. All you can attend this free discussion and sign books at Oasis Events from 2:45 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Secretariat's Silent Archives Auction continues throughout Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Oasis Events. The final destination for racing memories and sports collectors, the silent auction features a variety of authentic Secretary racing artifacts and claiborne Farm file file This year's auction offers the original halters and horseshoes of some of the industry's most popular stallions, as well as a unique variety of souvenirs and artworks related to the Secretariat and races. In addition, the story will come to life with a special exhibition of the authentic 1973 Preakness-winning garland that the Secretariat led after its victory in the second jewel of the Triple Crown. This quality piece of the museum is an original artifact from the collection of secretariat owner Penny Chenery, and festival guests will have the opportunity to see it before it is offered for sale in October to benefit the equine charity R.A.C.E. Fund. The Saturday Signatures Secretariat Festival features celebrity appearances and autograph sessions to rival the First Saturday of May. This tent event, featuring Meadow Stable team members, Hall of Fame riders and other racing luminaries, has become a dream destination for autograph seekers of all ages. Celebrities confirmed to date include Secretariat Hall of Fame jockey Ron Turcotte, exercise pilot Charlie Davis, author and journalist Bill Nack, and Kentucky Derby winning riders Laffit Pincay Jr., Jean Cruguet, Pat Day, Mike Manganello and Jacinto Vasquez. Others can be added to the schedule, and an updated list of confirmed guests and signature times at Oasis will be announced in early September. A variety of children's activities will be offered along Main Street, including face painting, inflatables, euro aerial bungee, as well as unique interactive exhibits such as Horse of a Different Color and the Pony Express Equicizer, one of the Festival's most popular attractions. For both young and old, the Equicizer's mechanical horses, used by professional riders from all over the world in training to perfect their technique, allow looming riders and equestrians of all ages to ride like a pro. Get personal instructions, tips and tips from some of Thoroughbred's best racing, including famous riders visiting the Festival. This family activity is scheduled from noon to 4 p.m. at Hope Park on Main Street. The Barrel Head Craftsmen Furnishing Gallery, sponsored by Lexington Furniture, is a unique variety of decorative furniture creatively derived from original and authentic oak whiskey barrels representing some of the best distilleries in the world, as well as Bluegrassborn's most talented artisans. Guests can take some of bourbon County's home with them, from this varied selection of rustic to refined offerings. 423 Main St., right in front of street vendors. Sponsored by Bourbon Community Hospital, AngioScreenings Twice the Heart offers affordable, fast and easy private exams to determine the risk of heart attack and stroke. Screening is performed at 530 Main St. between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Secretariat Secretariat Parade Festival, sponsored by Dan Cummins Chevrolet Buick, shows the Paris community at its heart, on charming Main Street. With bands, dancers, floats, new Corvettes and vintage cars, as well as a variety of equine breeds and entertainment, including the Kentucky Mounted Patrol and the Renegade Cowgirl Drill Team. And parade attendees are invited to have fun, dress in 1970s clothing or as Meadow Stable with awards given to the best Penny and other members of the Secretariat team. The parade starts at 5 p.m. at the intersection of 10th Street and goes to the Palace of Justice. Immediately after the Parade, the Secretariat Festival, in partnership with the Blanton Bourbon, is proud to receive Blanton's Bourbon tasting and Bill Nack's narration. This Bluegrass-inspired evening celebrates soft bourbon, good food and horse talk at the elegant BourBon Restaurant, 616 Main St. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a dream tasting by Blanton's bourbon connoisseur led by bourbon expert and retired master distiller Dave Scheurich. At 7 p.m., enjoy a sumptuous Bluegrass-inspired menu of hearty a half-month-olds that represent the tasty history of the region's cuisine. Then, at 8 p.m., renowned sports journalist Bill Nack, author of the best-seller Secretariat: The Making of a Champion, who inspired the hit Disney Secretariat film, leads a unique presentation that provides a privileged perspective on the champion's life and legacy. Joining the acclaimed writer will be special guest Richard Laurin, grandson of legendary Meadow Stable coach Lucien Lauren. Both distinguished Festival attendees will share their favorite stories and personal memories of the Secretariat and participate in a Q&A session with the public. Live entertainment and cash bar will follow you to finish this memorable night. Tickets for this event are available at Secretariat.com. Please Note: Tickets will now be \$50 per person to make this memorable event affordable and accessible to more Festival attendees. This reduction is in line with the mindset of the Festival community and accommodation for all horse racing enthusiasts. On Sunday, September 18, starting at 9 a.m., the Festival will offer satellite experiences from Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, home to the Secretariat's Triple Crown trophies and life-size bronze sculpture. The Old Friends/Darley Stud Tour combines the experiences of the Old Friends non-profit equine retreat center, where visitors can see the Secretariat's most accomplished living son, Tinnars as well as Kentucky Derby silver charm and War Emblem winners, with the illustrious Darley Stud, home to many acclaimed stallions, including Bernardini, Medaglia D'oro and Kentucky Derby Animal Kingdom and Street Sense winners. The double route will start by coach from Kentucky Horse Park at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday and will return to Kentucky Horse Park at approximately 1:15 p.m. Tickets for the tour are available at Secretariat.com. The Ashford Stud Tour is the grand finale of the Secretariat Festival with a rare and very special opportunity for guests with a ticket to visit Ashford Stud, home of the 2015 Triple Crown and the winner of the Vox Populi American Pharoah Secretariat Award. This tour is sold out; however, a couple of tickets to this much-requested opportunity will be offered at the Festival's silent auction. Tickets for major Festival events can be purchased at Secretariat.com; find the 2016 Festival information on the Fan Club tab and the Upcoming Events page. Most of the Festival venues will be on Main Street between 6th and 7th Streets. Festival parking is available along High and Pleasant streets, which run a block parallel to Main Street, as well as at several other designated locations, including: Paris Municipal Lot on High Street, between 6th and 7th First Christian Church on High Street, between 8th and 10th Central Baptist Church on High Street , between 8th and 10th streets of the city at the intersection of 8th and Main streets, running to High Street. Festival updates can be found in the Facebook, Instagram and Twitter feeds of the Secretariat Festival. Feeds.