

“Erin Limekilns”

# 45th Annual Irish Celebration

**Erin's**  
**Irish**  
 Celebration  
 March 17th

Houston County Area Chamber of Commerce  
 P. O. Box 603 - Erin, Tennessee 37061

**“Leprechauns, Shamrocks, and all we adore—  
Celebrating Irish Day with Friends galore.”**

Theme by: Breanna Boggs, Erin Elementary School Student

## 2007 Schedule of Events

Sponsored by the Houston County Area Chamber of Commerce,  
Houston County Recreation Club, Houston County Area Lion’s Club,  
and Erin Rotary Club.

### *Join us for The 45th Wearin’ of the Green Irish Celebration*

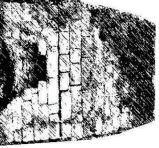
#### **Welcome to Historic Erin, Tennessee...**

Cradled in the heart of Tennessee’s natural wonder and magical charm, Houston County is nestled quietly in a range of hills and valleys, unequaled in beauty by any part of the highland rim portion of the state. According to legend, the name Erin was given to this small community by Irish railroad workers who were reminded of the valleys, hills, hollows, and meadows of their homeland, Ireland. One night, the workers took a ‘wee nip too much’ and let out the ancient rallying cry, “Erin Go Bragh”.

No matter your heritage, everyone is Irish in Erin... The idea of an Irish Celebration for Erin was conceived in 1963, the “Wearing of the Green” was a successful event that year and has continued each year to grow in interest and attendance. Relive the spirit of our Irish forefathers at one of the largest St. Patrick’s Day celebrations south of Chicago!

#### **The Limekilns of Houston County**

There are five different limekilns in Houston County and they were all listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. The limekilns are of significance because of their importance to industry in this area during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Historically the lime industry was the primary industry in Houston County until the decline of the industry in the 1940’s. The Erin Limekilns were erected circa 1871, and are approximately twenty five feet in height and nineteen feet square at the base. They are located on McMillian Street in Erin and can be seen from Highway 49 on the West end of town. The former railroad tracks lie in close proximity to the kilns. Because of the freeze and thaw effects of our weather cycles and the weight of the stones, both of the kilns have some large cracks.



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**Friday, February 23—Begins at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Young Miss Houston County**

Ages 7, 8, 9, & 10 years,  
contact - Treva Nichols 931-289-4929

**Saturday, February 24—Begins at 12:00 p.m.**  
**Tiny Princess & Prince and Little Miss Houston County**  
Ages 0-6 years,  
contact - Tiffany Jones 931-289-5413

**Friday, March 2—Begins at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Junior Miss Houston County**  
Ages 11, 12, 13 & 14 years  
contact - Kristy Dew 931-721-2215

**Saturday, March 3—Begins at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Miss Houston County**, Ages 15- 18 years  
**Ms. Houston County**, Ages 19-50 years  
**Miss Lucky Charm—Womanless Beauty Pageant**  
contact - Lisa Moore 931-289-3268

Pageants sponsored by the Recreation Club in conjunction with Irish Day 2007. All Pageants are held at the Houston County High School Forum. Tickets are available at the door.

**Tuesday, March 13th through Saturday March 17th**  
**Carnival opens**  
Thursday Family Night  
Betsy Ligon Park & along Front Street  
Sponsored by Houston County Recreation Club

**Friday March 9, 2007**  
**Kick-off Breakfast**  
Erin City Hall 9:00 a.m.  
Naming of 2007 Lord High Mayor and Emerald Award Winners  
Contact: Ray Fussell 931-289-5500  
or Diane Lynch 931-721-3100

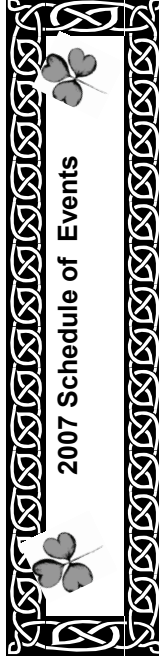
**Arbor Day Celebration**  
Betsy Ligon Park—11:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by City of Erin

**Annual Irish Chocolate Festival, entertainment by HCHS Band.**  
Sponsored by the Erin Rotary Club 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.  
contact - Dana Alexander 931-289-5500

**Lions Club Gospel Show**  
Houston County High School Forum 6:30 p.m.  
contact - Joel Nolen 931-289-4318

**Saturday March 10, 2007**  
**Lions Club Blue Grass Show**  
Houston County High School Forum 6:30 p.m.  
contact - Joel Nolen 931-289-4318

**Rotary Golf Tournament**  
Paris Landing State Park 8:00 am shotgun start  
contact - Ray Fussell 931-289-5500



**Thursday March 15, 2007**  
**Irish Luncheon**

Erin City Hall 11:00-1:00 p.m.  
Sponsored by Houston County Area Chamber of Commerce tickets available @ Erin City Hall 931-289-4108 or Chamber Office 931-289-5100

**Friday March 16, 2007**  
**Irish Banquet and Auction**  
Houston County High School Forum 6:30p.m.  
Sponsored by Houston County Area Chamber of Commerce Tickets available @ Erin City Hall 931-289-4108 or Chamber Office 931-289-5100

Tennessee 50th Regiment encampment at the Erin Lime Kilns. (Civil War Re-enactors Living History Exhibit)

**Saturday March 17, 2007**  
**All You Can Eat Breakfast**  
Erin Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
4793 East Main Street  
7:30 am- 10:00 am \$6 adults and \$3 children 6-12 yrs old  
Menu: Fried Potatoes, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits, Sausage, Bacon, Gravy, OJ & Coffee

**Arts, Crafts, and Food Booths**  
Public Square, Downtown Erin, 8:30 a.m. - until ? . Arrive early for the parade and shop with vendors from all over the United States. You won't go home hungry with the huge variety of food vendors on hand this year!  
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**Leprechaun Parade (Kiddie Parade)**  
little ones decorate your wagon, bike, or just yourself and join in!  
Line up at Erin Church of the Nazarene, 10:30 a.m. Judging begins at 10:45. No registration needed, however late entries will not be eligible for prizes.  
Contact - Dana Alexander or Ray Fussell 931-289-5500

**Grand Parade Begins at 11:00 a.m.**  
Line up at the Houston County Middle School, 8:00 a.m. Judging will begin at 9:30 a.m. sharp!!  
Contact - Diane Lynch 931-721-3100.  
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**US Navy Band Concert**  
Following the Parade the Navy Band will be set up on the stage next to the Erin City Hall building.

**Antique** exhibits through out the Square

For Celebration updates, go to  
[www.houstoncochamber.com](http://www.houstoncochamber.com) or  
[www.erintennessee.com](http://www.erintennessee.com)

