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Value of cultural heritage touted in UNESCO talk

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Ted Sykes, president of the American Queen Steamboat Company, said a remark by UNESCO delegate Dr. Maurizio Carta resonated for him Tuesday.

"We must protect and preserve our cultural heritage, because it is the fountainhead of creativity," Carta said.

The Italian urbanist visited Paducah this week from Palermo, Italy, for the meeting of UNESCO Creative Cities of Crafts & Folk Arts.

The richness of Palermitano culture is far from America's winding riverways, but to Skyes the words spoke to a priority of most steamboat guests — the intangible value of memories.

"Our guests are attracted by the history and culture we show them," Sykes said in a speech Wednesday at the Paducah Convention Center to UNESCO delegates, city business leaders, and members of the Paducah Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs.

"The best day for a new car is the first day, then it begins to depreciate," he said. "Memories are the opposite; they get better with age and each retell-



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Ted Sykes, president and chief operating officer of the American Queen Steamboat Company, speaks Wednesday at the Paducah Convention Center to UNESCO delegates, city business owners, and members of the Paducah Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs. In becoming a UNESCO city, Sykes said Paducah has preserved its culture and history through the arts and culture.

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Sykes referenced a recent article in the Chicago Tribune — "Paducah Runs On Creativity" — that mentioned the city's floodwalls turned "into a canvas."

"That's why we're so proud to engage with Paducah as a UNESCO city, because they've utilized creativity to turn our town from decline to a thriving artistic mecca," Sykes said. "They've become accessible and intriguing, a place people want to visit, and concepts like (Lower Town's) artist

relocation program have also breathed new life."

In repeating Carta's words, Sykes identified a mantra uniting all UNESCO Creative Cities.

"History and culture are the fountainhead of creativity, yes, so we must all preserve and protect our history and culture," he said.

"Local arts and culture makes lasting impressions on our guests. I applaud Paducah for being a splendid example of what can be done with a little creativity and a lot of heart."

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Murray police seek help in finding mis

The Murray Police Department is seeking the public's help in finding a teenager who was missing Friday at his Murray home.



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Henry headed to Smithland, where he has a family, police said.

Anyone with information on Henry's whereabouts is asked to contact Murray police at 1621, or their local police department.

Upcoming concert service dogs for vet

Missing Bella, an animal rescue group, is hosting the annual Rock the KasPaw fundraiser on Saturday.

The event is scheduled for 11 p.m. at The Riff, 205 Cobb Drive.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Proceeds will support the organization's mission to sponsor service dogs for a select group of veterans in western Kentucky. The two will graduate from Missing Bella's Service Dogs program in September 2018.

Two special guests, Rita and Lennie, will attend the program.

Live music will be provided by local band Mandy Vixen and Gas Station Church.