



**Lebanon, KY Hosts Mayberry Pie Festival August 13-16, 2015**  
*'Otis,' 'Barney Fife' and Don Knotts' daughter stop by for a spell*



**LEBANON, KY –**  
**JUNE 2015** – A whole lotta Mayberry is coming to Lebanon, Ky., Aug. 13 through 16 for Lebanon's first-ever

Mayberry Pie Festival. Bringing their acts to town are comedians Michael J and Joey I.L.O., who portray Barney Fife and Otis in the traveling comedy show, "Barney Fife Fully Loaded," and Karen Knotts, the daughter of Don Knotts and originator of the tribute show, "Tied Up in Knotts." Other Mayberry fun includes a Pub Crawl With Otis, live music with the Honeysuckle String Band, a pie eating contest, fishing tournaments and a screening of a moving starring Don Knotts. Visit [www.VisitLebanonKy.com](http://www.VisitLebanonKy.com) for more details.

**Weekend highlights**



At 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Karen Knotts will perform her original show, "Tied Up in Knotts," a hilarious and moving one-woman production about life growing up with her famous father, Don Knotts, and one which shows off her own comedic genius. A VIP

Meet & Greet with Karen Knotts is scheduled for 9 p.m. that evening (An encore performance of "Tied Up in Knotts" will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday.)

Catch “Barney Fife Fully Loaded” at 7 p.m. on Saturday to see the antics of Barney Fife (Michael J) and the original stand-up routines of Joey I.L.O. who plays Otis in a laugh-out-loud show. The acting duo will arrive in Lebanon in a restored “Barney” police car and be forewarned: You just may get a ticket from a wandering Barney as he “patrols” the town. (“Barney Fife Fully Loaded” repeats at 2 p.m. on Sunday.)

At 9:30 p.m., join the Pub Crawl With Otis to visit four Main Street pubs and sample their Otis Special. Tickets for this event include VIP seating at “Barney Fife Fully Loaded” and four drink tickets. Watch out! Barney may show up to harass you and haul Otis off to jail.

Before Saturday evening’s fun begins, enjoy dinner at a downtown restaurant, each serving up hometown cooking and homemade pies and ice cream from an old-fashioned soda fountain.

Free concerts will take place on both Friday and Saturday. Friday will feature music performed by the Bourbon Barrel Boys, 4-7 p.m. in Court House Square. On Saturday, the Honeysuckle String Band takes to the stage at 5 p.m. in Farmers Square.

### **More Mayberry**

Fishing fans will have an early wake-up call on Saturday morning for Andy’s Fishing Tournament, open to ages 13 and up (6 a.m.-12 p.m.) and Opie’s Fishing Tournament, students ages 3 to 13 (12:30-2:30 p.m.), with prizes for each in several categories.

Join the crowd at Angelic Hall for Saturday’s 11:30 a.m. Mayberry Trivia Contest (spelling bee style), with first and second prizes of a blue ribbon and a Mayberry Plate Lunch Special for two at the winner’s choice of participating restaurants. At 2 p.m. the Pie Eating Contest will get underway on the lawn in front of Centre Square. On the line? A \$50 cash first prize.

Also on Saturday, Mayberry fans can visit the Marion County Heritage Center for “How To” fun: learn how to research your genealogy, take a great photo, make a craft with duct tape and more. Mayberry memorabilia, children’s games including Lego building, Andy Griffith trivia and other activities will also take place. Throughout the festival, enjoy al fresco dining, pop into locally-owned shops and play checkers at tables on the sidewalks and catch a barbershop quartet singing outside the soda fountain at Adam’s Pharmacy.

For tickets and additional information about Mayberry Pie Festival and to make reservations at a Lebanon hotel or bed and breakfast inn, visit [www.VisitLebanonKy.com](http://www.VisitLebanonKy.com). Individual tickets are available so you can choose the events you want to attend. Family tickets are also available and include parents and children in the same house.

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#### **PHOTOS**

Michael J and Joey I.L.O. bring their traveling show, “Barney Fife Fully Loaded,” to Lebanon, Ky., in August.

Don Knotts’ daughter, comedian Karen Knotts, gets all “Tied Up in Knotts” for Lebanon’s Mayberry Pie Festival.

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**ABOUT [LEBANON, KY](#)** | Geographically located in the center of the state, [Lebanon](#) is the “Heart of Bourbon Country,” the epicenter of Kentucky barrel and bourbon making. Attractions include Maker’s Mark Distillery, Limestone Branch Distillery, the Kentucky Cooperage and WhiteMoon Winery. For outdoor enthusiasts, Gorley Naturalist Trail presents challenging hiking and biking and the scenic splendor of 47 bridges. Fagan Branch Reservoir and Sportsman’s Lake beckon canoeists, kayakers and boaters (non-motorized boats) and fishers and anglers for waters stocked with rainbow trout, largemouth and smallmouth bass, catfish, crappie and hybrid bluegill. Incorporated as a city in 1815, Lebanon played a crucial role during the Civil War and is today on the Civil War Discovery Trail. It is also part of Kentucky’s historic Holy Land, with sites including the Sisters of Loretto Motherhouse. Visual and performing arts and pop culture and historic treasures are found at the Marion County Heritage Center, Stillhouse Art Museum and Angelic Hall at Centre Square. Shop for antiques, collectibles and handmade crafts downtown and dine at your choice of 40 eateries – everything from casual full-service restaurants

to home-style cafes to an old-fashioned soda fountain. Among accommodations options are the gracious circa 1833 Myrtledene Bed and Breakfast and Hampton Inn. [Facebook.com/VisitLebanon](https://www.facebook.com/VisitLebanon)