

Tennessee's Backroads Heritage



MARCH 2024

Second Backroads Heritage Director Passes

Cherry Lynn Condra Ralston

Cherry Lynn Condra Ralston, age 57, of Chapel Hill, TN, died Sunday, February 18, 2024. Born in Manchester, TN, Mrs. Ralston was a daughter of James Arthur Condra and the late Sidney Arthur Lewis. Cherry earned her Bachelor's Degree from Tennessee Tech University and her Master's Degree in History from Middle Tennessee State University. She was a true Renaissance woman with many interests. She thoroughly enjoyed photography, geology, karate, music, the guitar, writing and was a genuine history buff. She was a former director of the Tennessee's Backroads Heritage.



Cherry Lynn Condra Ralston

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, James Ralston of Chapel Hill, TN; a son, Levi James Ralston of Chapel Hill, TN; her father, James Arthur Condra; a sister, Cindy (David) Cox of Tullahoma, TN; a niece, Christen Clark and a nephew, Matthew Cox.

The funeral service was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 from the Chapel of Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill, TN. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Joyce-Epperson Cemetery Fund, P.O. Box 1628, Shelbyville, TN 37162.

Let's all keep Cherry's family in our prayers as they go forward and deal with this tragic loss.

THE TULLAHOMA CHAMBER PRESENTS

TASTE OF TULLAHOMA

FOOD & BUSINESS EXPO

TICKETS \$15 & FREE FOR KIDS UNDER 12

MONDAY, MARCH 25TH 4-7PM
TN NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY
1402 E. CARROLL STREET TULLAHOMA

PRIZE DRAWING
KEEP THIS COUPON

SPONSORED BY COFFEE COUNTY BANK EVENT SET UP SPONSOR

Upcoming Events at the Hands-On Science Center

Hands-On Science Center
101 Mitchell Blvd. Tullahoma, TN

TRIVIA NIGHT

ALL YOU CAN EAT CHILI!
Free Childcare Provided onsite by our Staff!
Grand Prize Valued at over \$350!

Qualifier for:
Are You Smarter Than A Science Camper Team Trivia Invitational
Additional Prizes Valued at over \$1,000!
Teams (6-8) and Individuals Welcome!

Adult (21+) Event

Sponsored By:
 Master of Ceremonies
Tania & Candice

To Sign Up
Scan QR code or
visit: www.tinyurl.com/hosctrivia

Admission \$15 in advance \$20.00 at the door

March 2nd 6:00-9:00pm



Hands-On Science Center

Spring Break Advanced STEM Camp

March 18 - 22
9am - 12pm (ages 8-11)
1pm - 4pm (ages 12-16)

Special Optional Robot Competition Day Saturday the 23rd for 12-2!!

Rampaging Robots!

101 Mitchell Blvd.
 Tullahoma, TN
 931-455-8387
 info@hosctn.org

Where Learning is Fun!

HOSC Easter Celebration!

Saturday March 30th
10a-5p

FREE Admission & FREE Science Shows!
Tons of FREE and PAID Egg & Science Fun!

Free Egg Toss Competitions & more!

See Back For Schedule of Activities

Ribbon Cutting of our newly renovated Sound Garden @ 10:15

Supported by:

TENNESSEEARTS COMMISSION
 Cultivate. Create. Participate.

21+ Adult Easter Egg Hunt

March 30th
6:30 - 9:00

\$9 in advance
\$15 at the door

Hundreds of dollars in prizes!!!

FREE Childcare!!!

FREE hor d'ourves!!!

Adult Easter Fun!!!

Hands-On Science Center 101 Mitchell Blvd., Tullahoma

FREE for HOSC STEM Soiree: Where Adults Play! annual pass holders!

Hands-On Science Center
 101 Mitchell Blvd,
 Tullahoma, TN 37388
 (931) 455-8387

South Jackson Performing Arts Center – Upcoming Event

IRISH FOOD LIVE ENTERTAINMENT KIDS TREASURE HUNT

ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENT

17 MARCH, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 3PM WITH LIVE CELTIC MUSIC AND FOOD. MAINSTAGE ENTERTAINMENT STARTS AT 4PM.

Fun for the whole family
 GREEN BEER & FULL BAR
 CELTIC MUSIC

SOUTH JACKSON
 Performing Arts Center

South Jackson Performing Arts Center
 404 South Jackson St
 Tullahoma, TN 37388
 931-455-5321

Bell Buckle Arts Council

FLORAL PAINTING WORKSHOP

With Crystal O'Neal
9am-3pm
Sat. March 9th

At Bell Buckle Mosaic House
 181 Bynum Rd.
 Bell Buckle, TN



Join us for a detailed step by step workshop to paint this beautiful vase of flowers. You may choose colors to match your décor. We will be using Heavy Body Acrylic Paint on a 20" x 16" Gallery Wrapped Canvas.

Class is from 9am-3pm with a one hour break for lunch. The Bell Buckle Cafe is just a very short drive and it would be fun to go as a group but you are welcome to venture out on your own.

Reserve your seat using the ticket link below.
https://www.crystalonealart.com/store/p48/Sat._March_9th_Floral_in_a_Vase_Workshop.html

Reservation Deadline is Saturday, March 1st.

Happening at the Fly Arts Center in Shelbyville



20th Shelbyville Regional Postcard & Paper Memorabilia Show

It's time for the Postcard & Paper Memorabilia Show set for Saturday, April 13, 2024 at The Fly Arts Center to checkout a range of items. Not only will you find vintage postcards, but also old cancelled checks, old currency, coins, historic photos, stamps, books, maps and more.



Scholarship Opportunity

Carol and Jonathan Price Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship

The Bedford County Arts Council is dedicated to supporting all areas of the arts. The Arts Council will award a scholarship to a deserving high school senior each year in the amount of \$1,000, in the areas of Visual Arts, Creative Writing, Music, Theatrical Arts, or Dance. Seniors from any high school in Bedford County may apply.



Application Deadline: March 15th of each year. Visit

www.flyartscenter.com/scholarship to access the application and apply online.

Awarded: Individual high school Awards Night. (Proof of enrollment in post-secondary education is required before funds are paid out).

Bedford County Arts Council
Fly Arts Center
204 S Main St
Shelbyville, TN 37160
931-684-8359

Happening in Cowan



MARCH 16: "LIVING IN THE MOMENT" ARTIST RECEPTION

Franklin County Arts Guild encourages you to support local artists in 2024!

This season we welcome Musa



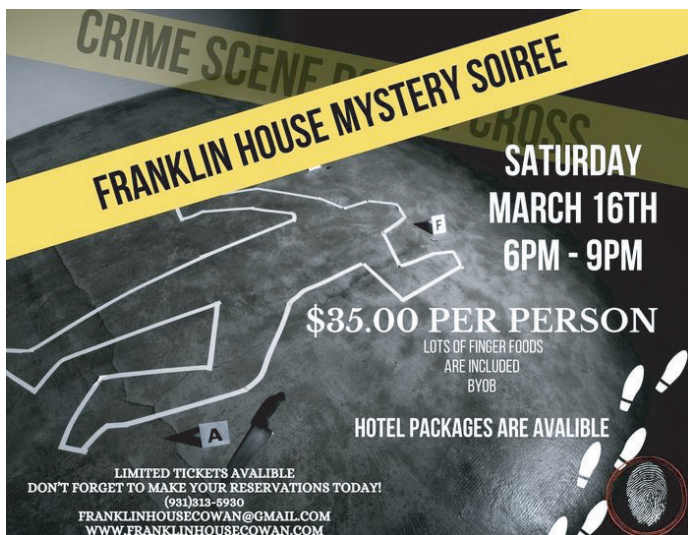
Suber and his "Living in the Moment" exhibit. The various works will be on display until April 28th.

Come and meet the artist and see other collections at our monthly Artist Reception on March 16, 4 to 7 p.m. at the Artisan Depot Gallery and Gifts.

The Artisan Depot is located at 204 E. Cumberland St. across from Cowan Post Office.

For more information dial (931) 313-5686 or log on to www.franklincoarts.org.

MARCH 16: MYSTERY SOIREE AT THE FRANKLIN HOUSE IN COWAN



MARCH 23: PARADE TO HONOR JAUAN JENNINGS, 1 P.M.

Cowan residents are eager to welcome home a local celebrity! Jauan Jennings, Wide Receiver for the San Francisco 49ers, will join us in a parade along Cumberland Street in Cowan. The parade begins at 1 p.m. beginning at South Middle School and ending at Cowan Elementary School. Other activities will be announced as details are available.



MARCH 28-31: HOLY WEEK AND EASTERTIDE SERVICES

The various Cowan Churches will gather together for special services during Holy Week and Easter Sunday.



Log on to www.cowanchurches.org for complete information.

MARCH 30: 10TH ANNUAL MOUNTAIN GOAT TRAIL RACE

The traditional distances have returned for the Mountain Goat Trail Race, sponsored by Mountain Outfitters!



The half-marathon begins in Mountain Outfitters in Monteagle at 8 am Central, and will run on the Mountain Goat Trail to Sewanee, looping on side roads before returning to the finish at Mountain Outfitters. Half-marathon route coming soon!

The two-mile walk begins at 10:15 am Central at Bella Pearl's Restaurant in Sewanee, and the five-mile run begins at 9:30 am Central in downtown Sewanee, both finishing at Mountain Outfitters.

All entrants will receive a race T and some other goodies as well. Packet pickup on Friday, March 29 at Tower Community Bank in Monteagle.

www.mountaingoattrail.org



Prichard's Distillery

11 Kelso Smithland Road, Kelso, TN
931-433-5454

Upcoming Events at the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum in Dickson

"KING IRON" Exhibit Opening/Historian Discussion

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Join us March 12 as we gather to celebrate the opening of our newest temporary exhibition, "KING IRON: THE UNTOLD STORY OF ENSLAVED FURNACE WORKERS IN TENNESSEE."

Funded by Tennessee Humanities and created by the Tennessee African-American Historical Group, this new traveling exhibit examines the little-known story of enslaved iron workers in the Volunteer State. Well researched and curated, "King Iron" seeks to further our understanding of pre-Civil War Tennessee through the lens of industrial slavery and its regional impact.

The exhibition opening will be accompanied by a panel discussion with the Tennessee African-American Historical Group and descendants of enslaved iron workers from within Middle Tennessee.

This event is FREE and open to the public. Refreshments will be served at 6 p.m.

Tennessee Women, Tennessee Songs

Thursday, March 14, 2024

Songwriter, playwright, entertainer, and CEO of Tennessee Stage and Film Company, Debbie Watts, will present dual programs at the Clement Railroad Hotel and Museum on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

The first of two events will be a "Meet the Author" presentation, featuring Watts reading from her book, "The Tennessee in You and Me," an inspired collection of student-friendly rhyming quatrains, extolling the sights, sounds, and spirit of living in Tennessee. The book was inspired by her musical composition, "The Tennessee in You and Me," which the Tennessee General Assembly has honored as an official state song! The author event will get underway at 4:00 p.m.

The "Meet the Author" presentation is FREE

Then at 6:00 p.m., the author will change hats and take her place at the piano to perform a women's history month tribute to many ladies whose songs and music have shaped our lives. The songs of Brenda Lee, Dolly Parton, and many others will be performed, as well as her own original song, "The Tennessee in Me," which has been certified as an official song of the state of Tennessee!

Clement Railroad Hotel and Museum
100 Frank Clement Pl
Dickson, TN 37055
615-446-0500

Now – April 1, 2024

Exhibit – "All About Lucille" (The Clement Railroad Hotel Museum) - Dickson
(This exhibit explores the life of the "First Lady of Fashion." Lucille Clement was the Wife of Governor Frank G. Clement)

MARCH

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March

Month of March

Donut Saturdays – Every First and Third Saturday (Swiss Pantry) – Belvidere
Rumba Dance Instruction – Every Thursday Evening (Firefly Ballroom at The Franklin House) - Cowan
Live Music – Every Friday Night (BBQ Caboose – On the Square) – Lynchburg
Tea Time (Monday – Saturday Between the Tea Hours of 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. – Closed on Sunday – The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma

March 1-3

"Winnie the Pooh" (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma

March 2

Weed Wrangle Event (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Wander Brew Grand Opening – Cowan
Volunteer Day – Weed Wrangle Event (Old Stone Fort State Park) - Manchester
Demo Derby & Jump & Run Races (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville
Trivia Night (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma
Rappelling (Tims Ford State Park – 2 pm) - Winchester

March 3

Tennessee Arbor Day – Statewide



March 5

Membership Luncheon (Hosted by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce – Manchester/Coffee County Conference Center) – Manchester

March 7

Day Loop Hike (Savage Gulf State Park) - Altamont

March 7-10

Fabulous Fifties Show (Lincoln Central Academy) – Fayetteville



March 8-9

Arenacross Championship (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

March 9

Floral Painting Workshop (Instructor: Crystal O'Neal – Bell Buckle Mosaic House – 181 Bynum Rd – 9 a.m.-3 p.m. - \$65) – Bell Buckle
North ADA Trail Day (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Miss Tullahoma Pageant – Junior Miss Tullahoma (South Jackson Performing Arts Center – 2:30 p.m.) – Tullahoma
Miss Tullahoma Pageant – Little Miss Tullahoma (South Jackson Performing Arts Center – 4:30 p.m.) - Tullahoma
Miss Tullahoma Pageant – Miss Tullahoma (South Jackson Performing Arts Center – 6:30 p.m.) - Tullahoma

March 10

New Moon Night Hiking at Stone Door (Savage Gulf State Park) – Altamont
Ranger Falls Loop Hike (Savage Gulf State Park) - Altamont

March 11

Day Loop Hike (Savage Gulf State Park) – Altamont
St. Patrick's Day Mixer (Greeter Falls Lodge-45 Sandy Ridge Drive – 4-6 p.m.) – Altamont



March 12

"KING IRON" Exhibit Opening/Historian Discussion (Clement Railroad Hotel Museum)
Overnight Canoe Float (Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester

March 13-16

Walking Horse Trainers' Association National Show (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

March 14

"Tennessee Women, Tennessee Songs" (Clement Railroad Hotel Museum) - Dickson

March 14-16

Fabulous Fifties Show (Lincoln Central Academy) – Fayetteville

March 16

Daffodil Day – Bell Buckle
"Living in the Moment" Opening Artist Reception (Artisan Depot Gallery – 204 E Cumberland St) – Cowan
Franklin House Mystery Soiree (Franklin House Boutique Hotel – 6-9 p.m. - \$35 per person) – Cowan
Reidel Wine Glass Wine Tasting (Beans Creek Winery – 5-6 p.m.) - Manchester



March 17

St. Patrick's Day (South Jackson Performing Arts Center – 3 p.m.) – Tullahoma

March 18-22

Henry Horton Mounted Park Rangers Training (Celebration Grounds) – Shelbyville
Spring Break Advanced STEM Camp (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma

March 22-23

Arenacross Championship (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

March 23

Spring Hike 2024 (Savage Gulf State Park) - Altamont
Wetland Spring Hike (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Parade to Honor Jauan Jennings (Wide Receiver for the San Francisco 49ers – 1 p.m.) - Cowan
Eggstravaganza (Stone Bridge Park) – Fayetteville
Spring Hike 2024 (Old Stone Fort State Park) – Manchester
Spring Hike on the Fiery Gizzard (South Cumberland State Park) – Monteagle
World Meteorological Day (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma



March 24

Explore the Door (Savage Gulf State Park) – Altamont

March 25

Taste of Tullahoma Food & Business Expo (Presented by the Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce – The National Guard Amory 1402 East Carroll St) – Tullahoma

March 27

Hamburger Day on the Hill (Hosted by the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce - Cordell Hull Building) – Nashville

March 28-30

FAST Spring Showcase (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

March 28-31

Holy Week and Eastertide Services (Various Churches) – Cowan

March 30

10th Annual Mountain Goat Trail Race (Begins and Ends at Mountain Outfitters) - Monteagle
HOSC Easter Celebration (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma

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April 1

"Don't Be Fooled" (A Drive-Thru Event for Senior Citizens – Lincoln County Fairgrounds) – Fayetteville

April 2

Membership Luncheon (Hosted by the Manchester Chamber of Commerce – Manchester/Coffee County Conference Center) – Manchester

April 4

Gus Radford Presents Mark Twain (Clement Railroad Hotel Museum) – Dickson

April 4-13

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

April 5-14

Rock of Ages – The Musical (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma

April 6

Fayetteville First Saturday (Downtown Square) – Fayetteville
Night of Hope Ball (Sacred Stone Event Center) – Fayetteville
Oak Barrel Half Marathon - Lynchburg

April 8

Dr. Mark Cheatham Presents President Martin Van Buren (Clement Railroad Hotel Museum) - Dickson



April 13

20th Shelbyville Regional Postcard & Paper Memorabilia Show (Fly Arts Center) – Shelbyville

April 17-20

Southern Saddlebred Spring Fling (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

April 20

Slawburger Festival (Downtown) – Fayetteville



April 24-27

Racking Horse Breeders Association of America Spring Celebration (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

April 27

Spring in the Hollow (Downtown) – Lynchburg
Spring in the Holler – 5K Color Run – Lynchburg
PWHAT Fun Show (MTSU Livestock Center – 1720 Greenland Dr) – Murfreesboro
Travis Ledoyt – Tribute to the King (South Jackson Performing Arts Center – 7 p.m.) – Tullahoma

April 27-28

Annual Vickie Garland Memorial Pow Wow (Hosted by the Giles County Trail of Tears Interpretive Center – Held at Giles County Ag Park - 2014 Elkton Pike – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.) - Pulaski

April 30

Jazz on Jackson 2024 (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma

Membership

New Members

Cowan Texaco - Cowan
Giles County Trail of Tears Memorial Interpretive Center – Pulaski

Renewals

Beechcraft Heritage Museum – Tullahoma
Big Creek Winery Tasting Room - Wartrace
Camp Forrest WWII Museum – Tullahoma
Gondola House Restaurant - Tullahoma
John Jarratt – Goodlettsville

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Sunday, March 17, 2024



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& the Monteagle Mountain Area & Businesses of Our Neighbor Members