# **Tennessee's Backroads Heritage**



# Demetria Kalodimos Set to Speak at Tennessee's Backroads Spring Dinner

The Backroads Spring Dinner is set for Thursday, April 24th at the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. Well-known journalist and reporter, Demetria Kalodimos will be the featured speaker.



Demetria Kalodimos

Demetria Kalodimos is a trusted voice in Middle Tennessee. She has anchored and reported news for nearly 40 years and has won some of the top awards in broadcast journalism including16 Emmys, 3 Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE) National awards, 3 Edward R. Murrow Awards for investigative reporting and the Gracie from American Women in Radio and Television. She has consistently been voted Best Local Anchor by readers of the *Tennessean* and the *Nashville Scene*. She was inducted into the Tennessee Journalism Hall of Fame and the NATAS Silver Circle.

After an extensive career for 40 years as a news anchor, her pivot to the Nashville Banner instantly brought a dedicated audience and a career's worth of credibility to the new online outlet (inspired by the longtime Nashville daily of the same name). She now balances the podcast interview series Banner & Company with investigative hits and occasional beat reporting. Her decision also reflects a trend of nimble news outlets regularly outmaneuvering TV stations and legacy titles across platforms. With Kalodimos still leading the way, it's great journalism that tends to rise to the top.

Demetria will be sharing information about "Banner & Company" with the group and how she and her team continue to bring credible reporting to the public.

Invitations to the event will be mailed during the first week of April. Please mark your calendar for this event – Demetria will be a speaker that you will not want to miss!

# **Dear Friends of Jack Daniel Distillery**



The Jack Daniel Distillery is one of the most com-

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Batch 2 of Jack Daniel's 12-Year-Old Tennessee

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plete whiskey distilleries in the world, and we're able to craft premium whiskeys in a way that honors our heritage while highlighting the modern-day world-class whiskey-making. Jack Daniel's 12-Year-Old Batch 2 is bottled at 107 proof with sweet and creamy notes of pipe tobacco, seasoned oak, and butterscotch liquid profile. Jack Daniel's 10-Year-Old Batch 3 is bottled at 97 proof which delivers an oak forward with layers of dark fruit and bittersweet cocoa characteristics. Both expressions are in 700mL bottles for a suggested retail price of \$84.99 for the 10-Year and \$94.99 for the 12-Year, respectively. These limited releases hit shelves in limited quantities in early February across the United States.

Let's raise a glass of Jack Daniel's 10 or 12-Years-Old Tennessee Whiskey to men & women at Jack Daniel Distillery who crafted these new expressions in the Jack Daniel's Age Series. We think you'll agree, it's well worth the wait.

# Motlow State Adds Hospitality Management Degree

Pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Motlow State will begin offering classes for the new Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Hospitality Management both online and on the Moore County campus. Students will have an opportunity to apply their



Dr. Jack Babb

unique interests, diverse skillsets, and creative abilities in their pursuit of a degree that prepares them for an extensive range of careers in Hospitality Management.

# Launching this August

Motlow State plans to begin offering Hospitality Management courses in August of 2025. Newly-hired Program Director Dr. Jack Babb will lead courses that explore the beautiful and bustling world of food service, the diverse ecosystem that is travel and tourism, the exceptional service standards that define the world's best hotels and resorts, and much more.

This program facilitates students' growth in service expertise and business acumen so that they may go on to have successful careers within country clubs, cruise ships, amusement parks, sports arenas, restaurants, resorts, or any sector that piques their interest.

According to Dr. Babb, "Motlow State's new Hospitality Management Program was built to help students discover the many diverse and exciting industries that fall under the umbrella of hospitality. The program incorporates experiential learning, relevant certifications, and insights from industry professionals in a way that prepares students for a variety of career paths."

# **Embedded Credentials**

The Hospitality Program includes two embedded certifications in the first semester that immediately make students more knowledgeable about the industry and thus more valuable to prospective employers. Sanitation and Food Safety is a two-credit-hour course that helps students obtain their ServSafe Food Handler certification from the National Restaurant Association. Fundamentals of Guest Services is a one-credit-hour course that prepares students for the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute's certification, which they will earn by the end of the class.

# **Next Steps**

Current Motlow students who are unsure of their major are encouraged to obtain these certifications as they can help them in their careers regardless of whether they decide to pursue Hospitality Management. Those who graduate from this program are eligible to go directly into the workforce and are not required to obtain a four-year degree, although many colleges offer relevant bachelor's degrees that can further qualify students for higher roles. High School students who are involved in their school's Career and Technical Program courses are also encouraged to take these introductory courses so that they can build on their skills and see how they can transfer to a high-paying job. To learn more about Hospitality Management and the program, email jbabb@mscc.edu or speak with a Student Success Advisor at advising@mscc.edu.

(Motlow State Community College, January 27, 2025)



# Beans Creek Winery in Manchester – March Happenings

Indulge in Our Cookies & Wine Tasting Event and Unwind with Winetails!

Spring is in the air, and at Beans Creek Winery, we're celebrating with not just one, but two spectacular events designed to delight and refresh your palate! Read on to discover how you can join in the fun and flavor.



The Big Debate: What Goes Better with G\_\_\_S\_\_\_ Cookies?

Join us at Beans Creek Winery for A Cookie and Wine Pairing Extravaganza! Forget milk—let's decide once and for all what truly enhances those

delicious, can't-say-the-name cookies. Is it the classic

glass of milk or a superb glass of our finest red wine?

Saturday, March 1st - Two Sessions: 1 PM & 3 PM \$25 for Wine Club Members | \$30 for Non-Members

Reserve your seats now! Limited spots are available to ensure an intimate and interactive experience.



Let's sip, savor, and settle this sweet debate!

Got plans for March 15th? Cancel them! We're having a "Winetail" party, and you're invited to Unwind with Winetails at Beans Creek Winery!

Join us at 6 PM for **"Unwind with Winetails,"** where the drinks are chilled and the tunes are hot! Sip on our sensational Creekside Winetails: Summer Fling Strawberry, Pucker Up Peach, and Sunburst Blackberry. Get ready to rock out with the legendary Uncle Tom's Band—back by popular demand and better than ever! Between sets, try your hand (or vocal cords) at karaoke, dive into delicious Winetails/food pairings, and possibly win big in one of our raffles. It's more than just a night out—it's a spectacle! Are you ready to unwind?

> Beans Creek Winery 426 Ragsdale Rd

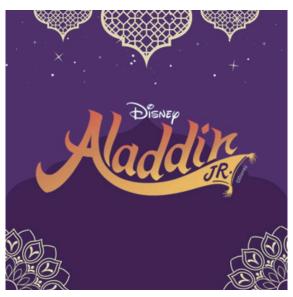
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# South Jackson Performing Arts Center Events



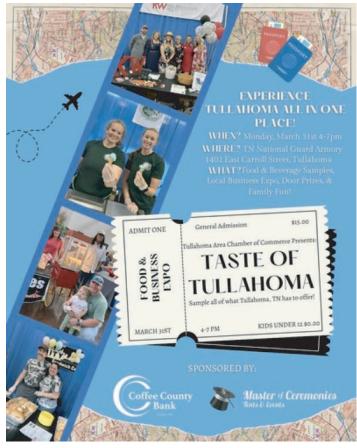
March 1-2, 2025



March 15, 2025

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

# **Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce Upcoming Events**



**Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce** 135 West Lincoln St Tullahoma, TN 37388 931-455-5497

# Happening in Cowan

# WE WANT YOUR ART & FINE CRAFTS!

Jurying takes place on the 3rd Wed of every month. Bring samples of work to be juried on the week before. BUSINESS HOURS: THURS-FRI-SAT-SUN, 12-5 PM ALL MEDIUMS WILL BE CONSIDERED.



# **The Artisan Depot Gallery**

204 E. Cumberland Street Cowan, TN HOURS: THURS-FRI-SAT-SUN 12-5 PM 931-313-5686

# **STARK REALITY** COMMUNITY SHOW

March 1 - 20, 2025



**PIPPA BROWNE** 





JIM FOWLER

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The Artisan Depot Gallery & Gift Shop 204 E. Cumberland Street, Cowan, TN 931-313-5686

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# 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

#### March 1

Weed Wrangle (Henry Horton State Park) - Chapel Hill

The Big Debate – What Goes Better with G\_\_\_\_S\_\_\_Cookies? (Beans Creek Winery – 2 sessions – 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.) – Manchester

2025 Lake Cleanup: - (Meet at Normandy Dam Boat Launch – Noon-3 p.m.) - Normandy

TNT Truck & Tractor Pull (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

Pontoon Tour (Tims Ford State Park – 2 p.m.) – Winchester

Weed Wrangle (Tims Ford State Park) - Winchester

#### March 1-20

Stark Reality Community Show (Presented by the Franklin County Arts Guild – The Artisan Depot Gallery & Gift Shop) – Cowan

#### March 4

Membership Luncheon (Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center) – Manchester

Mardi Gras – Business After Hours 5 – 7 p.m. (Cooper Steel Arena) - Shelbyville

# March 6

Portrait Unveiling – Esther Sledge Flemmings (Women of Lincoln County Event – Courthouse Bandstand) – Fayetteville

#### March 6-15

Fabulous 50's Show (Lincoln Central Academy – 900 Main Avenue South) - Fayetteville



Nashville Opera Presents: When Marian Sang: A Celebration of the Life of Marian Anderson (100 Frank Clement Place - 7 p.m. – Free Admission) – Dickson

# March 8

Stone Door Hike (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs Guided Tour of the Ancient Enclosure (Old Stone Fort State Park) -Manchester

Miss Tullahoma Pageant (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma

# March 9

Night Hiking at Stone Door (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs

# March 12

Shamrock or Clover (Tims Ford State Park - 3 p.m.) - Winchester

# March 13

St. Patrick's Day – Family Fun Night (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma

### March 13-15

FAST Spring Showcase (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville Mad Dog Demolition Derby (Cooper Steel Arena) - Shelbyville

# March 14

Native Trees (Tims Ford State Park - 10 a.m.) - Winchester Shamrock or Clover (Tims Ford State Park - 3 p.m.) – Winchester

# March 15

#### Daffodil Day - Bell Buckle

PWHAT Schooling Show (TN Livestock Center) - Murfreesboro "Generic Male" (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) - Tullahoma Falls Mill: A Legacy of Water Power & Industrial History – 1:30 p.m. (Tims Ford State Park) - Winchester

# March 15-16

Celebrating 15 Years at The Celtic Cup (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma

# March 16



Night Hiking at Stone Door (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs

# March 19

Unwind with Winetails (Beans Creek Winery - 6 p.m. - Event Featuring

Uncle Tom's Band) – Manchester Hamburger Day on the Hill (Sponsored by the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce – Downtown Nashville) - Nashville



Hike to Rattlesnake Point Overlook (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs

# March 22

March 20

Spring Hike Big Creek Rim Loop (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs

2025 Henry Horton Spring Trap League (Week 1) – Chapel Hill Spring Hike (Henry Horton State Park – 8:30 a.m.) – Chapel Hill Spring Hike Foster Falls 2025 (South Cumberland State Park) – Monteagle

Spring Hike (Tims Ford State Park - 10 a.m.) - Winchester

# March 27-29

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

# March 29

Cowan Southern Charm Market (Monterey Station 10 a.m.-3 p.m.) - Cowan



# March 31

2025 Taste of Tullahoma & Business Expo (TN National Guard – 1402 E Carroll St) - Tullahoma



#### April

# Month of April

Donut Saturdays – Every First and Third Saturday (Swiss Pantry) – Belvidere

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# April 4-15

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame" (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma

#### April 5

Oak Barrel Half Marathon (Sponsored by the Jack Daniel Distillery – Downtown) – Lynchburg



# April 11

2025 Spring Chamber Classic Golf Tournament (Lakewood Golf & Country Club) - Tullahoma

# April 12

Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

# April 13-17

State Mounted Patrol Training (Cooper Steel Arena) - Shelbyville

# April 23-26

April 24

Racking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Spring Show (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville



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#### **TBH Board Members**

Barbara Blanton, President – Shelbyville, Dianne Murray, Executive Director, Jason Boshers – Columbia, Walter Chism – Arrington, Debbie Christian – Lynchburg, Carolyn Denton -Fayetteville, Carolyn Duke – Manchester, Julie Habel – Bell Buckle, Kay Howard - Lewisburg, Angie Kimbrough – Fayetteville, Jody Marshall – Manchester, Mark McGee – Shelbyville, Blossom Merryman – Wartrace

# April 26

Spring in the Hollow (Downtown) - Lynchburg

# April 30

 $\label{eq:Music-Karla Harris (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) - Tullahoma$ 

# Membership

# **New Members**

Franklin County Arts Guild and Artisan Depot Gallery -Winchester Miller's Crossing - Christiana The Wartrace Emporium – Wartrace

# **Renewal Members**

Barbara Blanton – Shelbyville Confederate Memorial Park at Winstead Hill – Franklin Manchester Area Chamber of Commerce – Manchester Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration -Shelbyville



# LET'S CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY Monday, March 17, 2025



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