

# Tennessee's Backroads Heritage



## Demetria Kalodimos Speaks at the Tennessee's Backroads Heritage Spring Dinner

Energy was high in Bell Buckle on Thursday evening, April 24th when Demetria Kalodimos took the spotlight to show that she is still the journalist she has always been. After being a news anchor and reporting the news for nearly 40 years, she decided to resurrect the Nashville Banner- a daily run afternoon newspaper in Nashville, TN that reported local and global news. The publication started on April 10, 1876 and ended on February 20, 1998. Demetria has restarted the publication in a digital format which is available daily. Not only does she report news in a credible format but she always has a daily podcast on various subjects with an interview; this is called Banner & Company.



Demetria Kalodimos

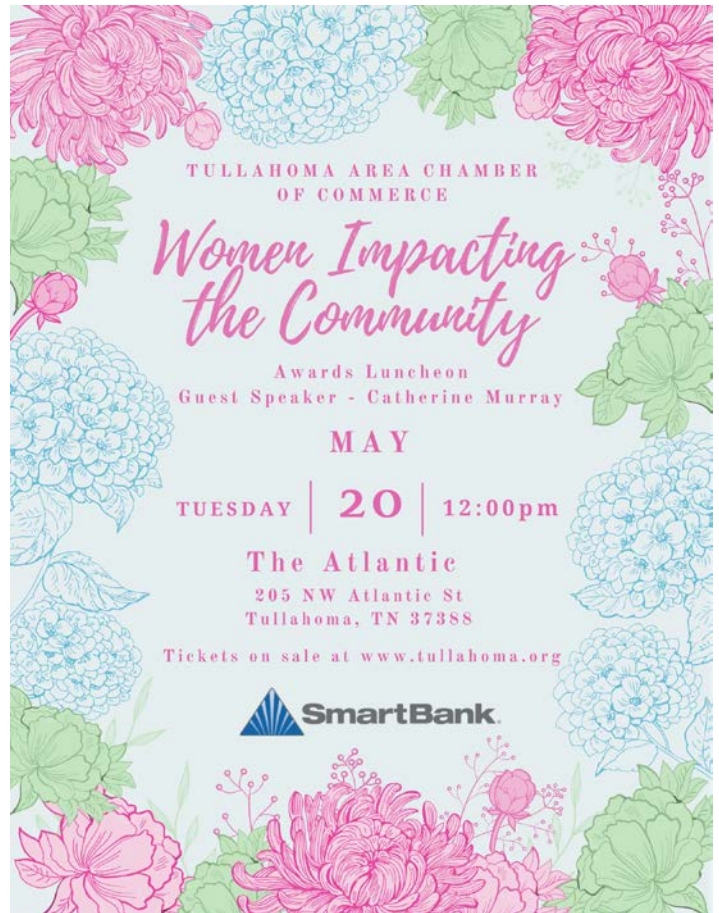


Barbara Blanton, Board President and Demetria Kalodimos

It was an incredible evening having a high profile journalist to come and speak to the Backroads attendees. She showed two videos – 1) the glassification of downtown Nashville and 2) a nature video about a pair of bald eagles nested for the first time at Radnor Lake and hatched two baby eagles. But a set of straight-line winds knocked the nest and the young eagles to the ground before they learned to fly. Was the team of volunteers and rangers able to save them? Go to <https://nashvillebanner.com/tag/eagles/> to see the entire video and learn the outcome of the story.

Visit [nashvillebanner.com](https://nashvillebanner.com) to sign up for The Flyer which is emailed daily – it is free.

Thanks to the team at the Bell Buckle Banquet Hall for a fantastic dinner, all the folks in attendance and donors for the silent auction. Kudos to the Backroads board for helping to make this event one of the most memorable ever.



## Upcoming Events at the Franklin County Arts Guild and Artisan Depot in Cowan

Emergence: May 1-June 1



# ART WEDNESDAY EVERY WEDNESDAY

## AT THE ARTISAN DEPOT GALLERY

204 E. Cumberland Street, Cowan, TN

10-12 Noon

**FREE!**

Just bring a project to work on and  
make some new artsy friends!



## Wartrace Strawberry Festival



The Wartrace Strawberry Festival in 2025 will feature a variety of entertainment, including live music from JJ Smoth

Entertainment, performances by the Mid-State Cloggers, a strawberry bake-off, a parade, and a kid's zone. There will also be vendors and food trucks. The festival is hosted by the Wartrace Chamber of Commerce and will be held on Saturday, May 10th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Specific Entertainment and Activities:

Live Music: JJ Smoth Entertainment

Mid-State Cloggers: Traditional dancing

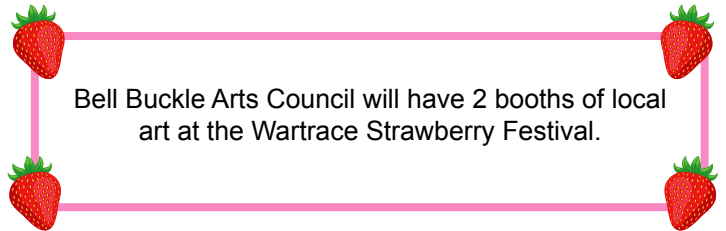
Strawberry Bake-off Contest: Judges will taste and award prizes, with public tasting following

Parade: Featuring best costume winners

Kid's Zone: A family-friendly area on the Courthouse Lawn

Vendors and Food Trucks: A wide variety of offerings

Local Shopping: Opportunities to find unique items

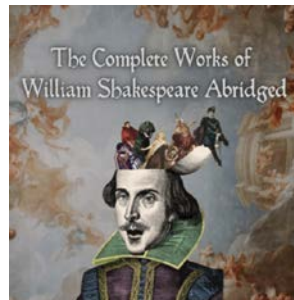


## South Jackson Performing Arts Center Presents

### The Complete Works of William Shakespeare Abridged

Thursday, June 26, 2025 -  
Sunday, June 29, 2025

Enjoy a delicious comedy of  
chaos during The Complete  
Works of William Shakespeare Abridged!



### South Jackson Performing Arts Center

404 South Jackson  
Tullahoma, TN 37388  
931-455-5321



**WARTRACE**  
**STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL**  
 EVERYTHING STRAWBERRY  
 BAKING CONTEST

*Entry Fee \$ 5*

10 to 11:30am Entries Turned in at the Well House.  
 A Refrigerator & Freezer Will Be Available.  
 12PM JUDGING BY WARTRACE TOWN OFFICIALS.  
**PRIZES AWARDED FOR 1ST,  
 2ND & 3RD PLACES.**

**"View of Vietnam" Program**

Franklin County Library

May 18, 2025  
 2 p.m.



The "View of Vietnam Program is being presented by the Franklin County Historical Society at 2 p.m. at the Franklin County Library (downstairs).

Fifty years ago, the costly and devastating Vietnam War came to an end. Thousands of American troops were deployed, six of whom were Franklin Countians who lost their lives.

War correspondents and historians have provided countless overviews of the war itself and the related politics; however, the purpose of this presentation on May 18th is to see the war through the eyes of local residents. You are invited to attend this event for a fascinating look at a complicated subject.

Franklin County Library is located at 105 S. Porter St. in Winchester, TN.

**TWHBEA to Celebrate 90th Anniversary**

**May 11-17, 2025**



What started as street corner conversation in Lewisburg, Tennessee between former Tennessee Governor Jim Nance McCord and Burt Hunter, led to the initial public meeting on May 11, 1935 and the formation of the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' Association of America. Ninety (90) years later, now called the Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Association, over half a million horses have been registered around the globe. TWHBEA will be celebrating their 90th anniversary with a week of festivities from May 11-17, 2025. If anyone has memorabilia from the past 90 years that you are willing to share, please contact Paige Liggett at 931-359-0592 or pliggett@twhbea.com.

**May 2: "The Yellow Dandies", 7 p.m. at The Cowan Center for the Arts**

The Yellow Dandies string band combines ace musicianship, distinctive humor, authentic old-time and bluegrass stylings, newfangled experimentation, and a manic energy.

You'll be hooked, hooting, and hollering for more!

**The Yellow Dandies**  
**Friday, May 2nd 7:00 p.m.**  
**Cowan Center for the Arts**

301 Montgomery St, Cowan, TN  
[www.cowancenterforthearts.org](http://www.cowancenterforthearts.org)

Whether they're dazzling crowds with tongue-, finger-, and mind-twisting original compositions or rejuvenating Bluegrass standards and old-time dance tunes, this Birmingham-based band has been taking listeners on eclectic romps since 2016.

**TWHBEA 90th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting & Champagne Toast Celebration**

Monday, May 12th - 4:00 pm

**TWHBEA 90th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon**

Friday, May 16th - 11:00 am

## Echoes of Conflict: The Vietnam War - Temporary Exhibit

05/01/2025 - 05/31/2025

In honor of the 50th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum presents Echoes of Conflict: The Vietnam War, a special exhibit exploring the war's history and legacy from the 1950s through today. Featuring artifacts on loan from local veterans and in partnership with Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 950, the exhibit offers a powerful look at the personal and national impact of the conflict. Veterans receive free admission throughout the exhibit's run. Join us on Old Timer's Day, May 3, for Free Admission Day and a special veterans discussion panel from 2-3 PM.

**Old Timer's Day!**  
**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

Celebrate tradition and community at Old Timer's Day in downtown Dickson—a beloved annual event filled with music, food, parades, and local heritage. As part of the festivities, the Clement Railroad Hotel Museum will be free and open to the public all day, inviting visitors of all ages to explore the rich history of our region.

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Join us from 2-3 p.m. for a special veterans discussion panel, where local Vietnam veterans will share their stories and reflections. Whether you're visiting for the parade or just strolling through downtown, make time to experience this moving tribute to service, sacrifice, and community.

## Happening in Winchester



**Community Day**  
**CRAFT FAIR**  
 &  
**FOOD VENDORS**

Saturday, May 10, 2025  
 10:00 until ???  
 WINCHESTER CITY PARK  
 1561 PHILLIP FULMER PARKWAY

**\$50 SET UP FEE**

For information go to [highonthehogfestival.com](http://highonthehogfestival.com) click on 3 lines in top right corner, go to events and click on craft vendors for application.

## High on the Hog BBQ Festival




**Disc Golf Tournament**  
 Winchester City Park

Benefits FC Animal Harbor

**Dirty SOUTH BBQ**

**HIGH ON THE HOG**

May 10

Registration 7:45-8:45  
 Tournament begins at 9:00

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL, DYEDUDE, Busy Bee, Graphix



**Mixology Class**  
**Summer Sips**

PRICHARD'S DISTILLERY  
 11 Ketso Smithland Road  
 Kelso, TN 37348

May 16, 2025  
 6 PM

**\$30/ person**  
 Must Prepay to Reserve  
 To Reserve Call 931-433-5454

A Fun Night of Socializing and learn how to mix 4 Summer Cocktails to serve at your gatherings.

Food will be served.

Must be 21+ to Attend

**Tickets \$30.00 per person**  
 Must Reserve your spot by calling  
 Prichard's Distillery @ 931-433-5454.

BROTHERS OF THE WHEEL MC  
FRANKLIN CO. TN

# HIGH ON THE HOG POKER RUN

Sat. May 10th

REGISTRATION @ 10  
KSU @ 11

STARTS AT PAVILION #3  
WINCHESTER CITY PARK

\$20 PER BIKE

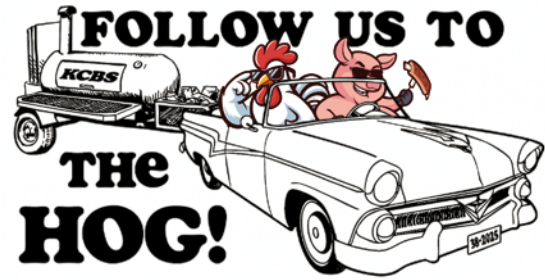


FOOD/DRINKS/50-50/PRIZES

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS  
OUR SCHOLARSHIP & BICYCLE  
FUND FOR KIDS

Info:  
Bones (931) 273-7797  
Ruckus (931) 800-9388

piZap.com



# FOLLOW US TO THE HOG!

**FRANKLIN COUNTY KIWANIS**  
**HIGH ON THE HOG CRUISE IN**  
**MAY 10, 2025**

**WINCHESTER CITY PARK 10-2**  
**DASH PLATE 1ST 50 CARS**  
**50/50 DRAWING @ 1:00**  
**WINNER MUST BE PRESENT**

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
**JEANNIE BATES 308-8010**  
**CHRIS WISEMAN 808-7494**

[WWW.HIGHONTHEHOGFESTIVAL.COM](http://WWW.HIGHONTHEHOGFESTIVAL.COM)  
**SPONSORED BY EVANS LUMBER COMPANY**  
**MANCHESTER, TN**  
**WZYX RADIO COWAN**



## BEANS & GREENS WITH CORNBREAD

# COOK OFF

Sign Up/Turn In - 11:45 am at Red Roof  
Judging at 12pm

1st place - \$100  
2nd place - \$50  
3rd place - \$25

\$10 ENTRY FEE\*  
\*PER CATEGORY



**Saturday, May 10th**  
Winchester City Park - 1561 Phillip Fulmer

# BINGO

Chattanooga Zoo Passes  
Carnival Passes  
Swim Pack  
Legos  
Fishing Pole

\$\$\$ CASH \$\$\$  
Air Fryer  
Tools

Begins at 1pm after cook off  
25 Games | Prizes  
Each 5th game wins a special prize  
25th game wins - Coverall - 55" TV

**3 CARDS FOR \$5**

# CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

WINCHESTER CITY PARK  
1561 Phillip Fulmer Parkway

Singles  
1st place-\$800  
2nd place-\$500  
3rd place-\$200

Doubles  
1st place-\$1200  
2nd place-\$800  
3rd place-\$500

May 10, 2025

**SIGN UPS BEGIN AT 10:00AM**  
**BAGS FLY AT 11:00AM**

CONTACT TESSA HILL-CARTER AT 1-615-821-3375 FOR ANY QUESTIONS



MAY

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**May**

**Month of May**

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

**May 1**

DIY Birdfeeders (Tims Ford State Park – Nature Center 3 p.m.) – Winchester

**May 1-31**

Exhibit: "Echoes of Conflict: The Vietnam War – Temporary Exhibit" (Clement Railroad Hotel Museum – 100 Frank Clement Place) - Dickson

**May 2**

"The Yellow Dandies" (Cowan Center for the Arts – 301 Montgomery Street – 7 p.m.) – Cowan  
Take a Step Back (Tims Ford State Park - Nature Center – 3 p.m.) – Winchester



### May 3

Old Timer's Day (Downtown) - Dickson  
First Saturday (Downtown) – Fayetteville  
Kiwaniis Pancake Market (Farmers Market) – Fayetteville  
Hands On STEM edcamp (Hands-On Science Center – 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.) - Tullahoma  
Soap Box Derby (West Lincoln Street) – Tullahoma



A Big Stack

### May 6

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

### May 7

Blue Ribbon Walk (Lincoln County Fairgrounds) – Fayetteville

### May 8

Music in the Park (Stone Bridge Park) – Fayetteville  
Birding Hike to Savage Falls (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs

### May 8-10

WHOA Spring Extravaganza Triple Crown (TN Miller Coliseum) - Murfreesboro

### May 9

Ruby-Throated Hummingbirds – Our Tiny Migratory Wonder (Tims Ford State Park – Nature Center – 10 a.m.) – Winchester



### May 9-10

Gypsy Vanner Celebration (Celebration Grounds) - Shelbyville

### May 10

Strawberry Festival (Downtown) – Wartrace  
Community Day Craft Fair (Winchester City Park) – Winchester  
Morning Pontoon Tour (Tims Ford State Park – 10 a.m.) – Winchester  
Pontoon Tour (Tims Ford State Park – 2 p.m.) – Winchester

### May 10-19

High on the Hog Festival (Winchester City Park) – Winchester



### May 11

Mother's Day Buffet (Bell Buckle Banquet Hall – Reservations Required – 931-389-0223) - Bell Buckle  
Mother's Day Buffet (Henry Horton State Park – Reservations Required – 931-364-2222, option 3) – Chapel Hill

### May 11-17

Celebration 90 Years (Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association – TWHBEA Headquarters – 250 N. Ellington Pkwy) - Lewisburg



### May 14

Art in the Park - Terra Cotta Wall Planters (Henry Horton State Park – 6 p.m.) – Chapel Hill

### May 15

Lemonade Day – Manchester  
Mother's Day Pontoon Tour (Tims Ford State Park – 2 p.m.) – Winchester  
Mother's Day Themed Scavenger Hunt and Hike (Tims Ford State Park – 10 a.m.) - Winchester

### May 16

Mixology Class: SUMMER SIPS (Prichard's Distillery) - Kelso  
Concert: Deana Carter with Guest, Kari & James (An On-Fire Concerts Production – Manchester/Coffee County Conference Center) – Manchester  
Endangered Species of Tennessee (Tims Ford State Park – 2 p.m.) - Winchester

### May 16-17

IBRA Barrel Racing (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

### May 20

Women Impacting the Community – Awards & Luncheon (The Atlantic – 205 NW Atlantic Street) – Tullahoma

### May 21

Palette Knife Painted Sunflower - Art in the Park (Henry Horton State Park – 6 p.m.) – Chapel Hill



### May 22-24

Tennessee Walking Horse Spring Fun Show (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

### May 24

Concert: Gene Watson with Sara Simmons (an On-Fire Concerts Production – Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center) – Manchester  
Behind the Ropes Tour (Historic Sam Davis Home – 7 p.m.) - Smyrna



Historic Sam Davis Home

### May 26

Memorial Day  
Murph Workout (Henry Horton State Park – 10 a.m.) – Chapel Hill  
New Moon Kayak Float (Old Stone Fort State Park) – Manchester

### May 27

DAR Exhibit (Fayetteville-Lincoln County Museum and Civic Center) – Fayetteville

### May 30

Central Region 4-H Horse Show (TN Miller Coliseum) – Murfreesboro

### May 31

Mystical Magical Mayhem Crafts Show (Rotary Park Greenway) - Manchester  
Black Rodeo USA (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

### May 31 – June 1

Southern Obstacle Challenge Association (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

## JUNE

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### June

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#### June 3

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

#### June 7

First Saturday (Downtown) – Fayetteville  
Kids Fishing Rodeo (Stone Bridge Park) - Fayetteville  
Banana Split Festival – Petersburg



A Big One!

#### June 12

Music in the Park (Featuring: Midnight Jane - Stone Bridge Park) – Fayetteville

#### June 13

Tee Off for Progress (Pebble Creek Golf Club) – Fayetteville  
TWHBEA Jamboree (Champion's Arena – Celebration Grounds) – Shelbyville  
Tennessee Walking Horse Youth Association Summer Splash (Cooper Steel Arena – 5-10 p.m.) – Shelbyville



#### June 13-14

Lincoln County Fair Spring Event (Pebble Creek Golf Club) – Fayetteville

#### June 14

Cancer Benefit Horse Show (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville  
PWHAT Fun Show-June (Tory Creek) – Lewisburg

#### June 15-22

All American Youth Barrel Race (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

#### June 21

Bell Buckle RC Cola-MoonPie 10 Mile and 5K Run – Bell Buckle  
Forrest Boyhood Southern Homecoming Celebration – Chapel Hill  
RC Cola-MoonPie Festival – Bell Buckle



#### June 24-28

All American Youth Barrel Race (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

#### June 26-27

Frontier Days & Steak Cookoff - Lynchburg

#### June 26-29

“William Shakespeare Unabridged” (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma



Deep in Thought

#### June 28

Fireworks Celebration (Pebble Creek Golf Club) - Fayetteville  
Riverbend Ranch Independence Day Firework Celebration (Riverbend Ranch and Retreat Center– 239 Cortner's Mill Road) – Normandy

## Membership

### New Members

Elk Taproom - Fayetteville  
Fayetteville-Lincoln County Museum - Fayetteville  
Gabrielle Cataldo - Wartrace  
Rock House Deli - Wartrace

### Renewal Members

Bar B Que Caboose - Lynchburg  
Blossom Merryman – Wartrace  
Cowan Railroad Museum - Cowan  
Franklin House - Cowan  
Tennessee River Pearl Farm and Museum – Camden  
Madeline's Antiques & Uniques – Manchester  
Old Stone Fort Golf Course - Manchester  
Piggy's Place BBQ – Tullahoma  
Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association - Lewisburg



## MEMORIAL DAY

### REMEMBER AND HONOR

## MAY 26, 2025

#### 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



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