

Tennessee's Backroads Heritage



Host of Christmas Past



November 14-15, 2025

The community holiday tradition — which began nearly 50 years ago when The Flower House hosted a Christmas Open House in Fayetteville — involves several numbers of local businesses, organizations, and individuals each year on the second weekend in November.

Host of Christmas Past is meant to set a magical holiday experience in the heart of Lincoln County which includes music, food, exhibits, shops and more. It's a time for the community to join together to promote the qualities of Lincoln County.

“What sets Host of Christmas Past is the benefit it provides to several local nonprofits,” said Carolyn Denton, Chamber Director. “Everything about this event benefits a local nonprofit whether it's selling tickets for an event or a vendor selling items. For profit vendors choose a local nonprofit and donate back a portion of their proceeds.” Vendors interested in being a part of the event should contact Vendor Chair Trish Bouldin at vendorhcp@gmail.com.

Host of Christmas Past also kicks off the holiday season for local merchants, Denton said. Those traveling to Fayetteville for the two-day event shop in local stores and eat in local restaurants.

The 33rd Annual Host of Christmas Past is only possible through the generous contributions of businesses, industries, and community-minded individuals. There are different levels of support ranging from the top level of \$5,000 down to \$150.

And don't forget, volunteers and ideas are always welcome, according to Denton. “It takes everyone working together to make this happen,” said Denton.

Those interested in sponsoring events or helping with Host of Christmas Past should contact the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau at 931-433-1234 or visit HostofChristmasPast.com.

“Stay tuned for some exciting additions to this year's festival that will be rolled out soon,” Denton said.

Tennessee State Parks Celebrates Dedication of Fiery Gizzard State Park

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Tennessee State Parks recently celebrated the dedication of Fiery Gizzard State Park at a ceremony in the park's pavilion with local leaders from Marion and Grundy counties.

Fiery Gizzard State Park, once part of South Cumberland State Park, is now a standalone state park. With the significant expansion of South Cumberland over the past decade through assuming operations of



Fiery Gizzard State Park

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) property and adding additional new land, it had nearly doubled in size. By separating this large and complex park into distinct units, Tennessee State Parks continues its mission to preserve, protect, and share Tennessee's natural and cultural resources while providing safe and quality outdoor experiences.

“We live in one of the most beautiful places in America, and in order for the next generation of Tennesseans to inherit the same remarkable environment, it's important that we make investments today,” said Gov. Bill Lee. “The Fiery Gizzard Trail has long been recognized as one of the top hiking destinations in the Southeast, and I'm grateful we have dedicated resources to make this a standalone park and preserve its unique and natural beauty.”

Fiery Gizzard State Park will be better positioned to focus on protecting natural resources, expanding services, and serving the community and park visitors.

The Lee administration is establishing 14 new Tennessee State Parks, setting the Tennessee record for the most state parks created by one administration. The new parks are part of the governor's conservation strategy, which combines protection of the state's natural resources with robust economic growth.

Fiery Gizzard State Park reflects a collaboration between Tennessee State Parks, the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the U.S. Forest Service. The park's core destinations include Grundy Lakes, Grundy Forest, Foster Falls, Denny Cove, and the renowned Fiery Gizzard Trail.

(Press Release 10/20/2025 by the TN Department of Environment and Conservation)

Head of the Crow State Park

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation and Tennessee State Parks celebrated the dedication of Head of the Crow State Park on October 21, 2025 at a ceremony with local leaders from Franklin County and nearby University of the South.

Once part of South Cumberland State Park, Head of the Crow is now a standalone state park, named after the area of Franklin County containing the headwaters of Crow Creek. The park joins together four state natural areas to provide better and more outdoor recreation opportunities. Separating Head of the Crow into its own dedicated park will help preserve, protect, and share Tennessee's natural and cultural resources while providing safe and quality outdoor experiences.



Head of the Crow State Park

"From Memphis to Mountain City, Tennessee is blessed with unparalleled natural resources and beauty, and by making strategic investments in conservation, we can preserve those resources for generations to come," said Gov. Bill Lee. "This park will help drive tourism and the economy in a rural area of our state, and we welcome Tennesseans and visitors alike to enjoy all that Head of the Crow State Park has to offer."

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Head of the Crow State Park encompasses the Sherwood Forest State Natural Area, the Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lee

Carter State Natural Area, the Natural Bridge State Natural Area, and the Hawkins Cove State Natural Area. It provides unique hiking opportunities and cave tours.

The park reflects a collaboration between Tennessee State Parks, The Conservation Fund, The Land Trust for Tennessee, Forest Legacy Grant, TennGreen Land Conservancy, The Nature Conservancy, Tennessee Chapter, The Open Space Institute, The Heritage Conservation Trust Fund, The Franklin State Forest and the Tennessee Division of Forestry, and the University of the South.

View <https://tnstateparks.com/parks/head-of-the-crow> for more information.

(Press Release 10/21/2025 by the TN Department of Environment and Conservation)



Saturday, November 29, 2025

Small Business Saturday is a marketing initiative created and promoted by American Express to encourage holiday shopping on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in the United States, during one of the busiest shopping periods of the year.

Many businesses in the communities of Tennessee's Backroads will be participating in Small Business Saturday. For more information on this marketing/business event please visit <https://www.americanexpress.com/en-us/benefits/shop-small/>





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November at Beans Creek – Wine, Chili & Something Unstoppable

Hello from Beans Creek Winery!

November has arrived, and we're ready to fill your calendar with flavor, community, and unforgettable events. Whether you're here for the wine, the music, or the mission, there's something at BCW for everyone this month, and yes, that includes chili, live music, and one truly Unstoppable night.

Here's what's uncorking this November 🍷



November Events Calendar

From live music every Saturday to signature fall events, we're giving you plenty of reasons to raise a glass this month.

📍 Visit our website for the full event list and details.

November 15 - Thanksgiving Luncheon

Join us for a heartfelt holiday meal prepared by the amazing Kailee. This lunch is all about community, gratitude, and (of course) wine.

📍 \$40 per guest
\$35 for Wine Club Members
Limited seating – reservations strongly encouraged

November 21 - Unstoppable Night of Hope (6-9:30 PM)

A powerful night hosted by Unstoppable Women, this event raises support for hardworking single moms and helps make Christmas dreams come true.

- Live performances from Bigg Vinny, Michael Childress, and August Lows
- Donation entry • 100% of proceeds go directly to families in need
- Featuring a live auction, wine, food, and a community that shows up big when it matters most.

Plan Your Month with Us

Visit beanscreekwinery.com or follow on social media for the full schedule.

Beans Creek Winery
426 Ragsdale Rd
Manchester, TN 37355
931-723-2294

Tullahoma Chamber's 6th Wobble Gobble 5K Coming Up

November 22, 2025

IT'S TIME FOR THE 6TH ANNUAL WOBBLE GOBBLE 5K! This event will start at 135 W Lincoln Street – Tullahoma.



This event is a Run/Walk 5K that will run down Tullahoma's well-known Jackson and Atlantic Streets. That's right! We are closing part of the roads and rolling out the red carpet for you to run with your friends on the streets of Tullahoma. You will be able to catch a glance at many historic sites and sounds in a new and unique way.

Late Registration (Now until Race Day on 11/22/2025) - \$40.00

NEW THIS YEAR!!!

Kids Registration (Ages 6-17) - \$20.00

Lil' Turkeys (Ages 5 and under) - FREE (still need to register)

For more information contact the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce at 931-455-5497.



Saturday, November 22, 2025 • 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: Marshall County High School
661 W. Ellington Pkwy, Lewisburg, Tennessee

This event is annually held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Contact Anna at (931) 359-3918 for more details.

Check out Facebook @ChristmasBazaarLewisburgTN for event updates.

Happening at South Jackson Performing Arts Center

101 Dalmations

November 7-9, 2025

Friday & Saturday at 7pm

Sunday at 2:30pm

Pet owners, Roger and Anita, live happily in London with their Dalmatians, Pongo and Perdita, stalwart

dogs devoted to raising their puppies. Everything is quiet until Anita's former classmate, the monstrous Cruella De Vil, plots to steal the puppies for her new fur coat. The Dalmatians rally all the dogs of London for a daring rescue of the puppies from Cruella and her bumbling henchmen.

Admission: \$12 - \$15



Young Musician Showcase

Sunday, November 16th
2:30 PM

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

Admission \$10 advance
\$12 at the door

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

Foothills Crafts & Gift Shop

Recent Creations

Local artisans are always creating new and exciting things! Below is a small sampling for some items that Foothills Crafts has to offer!



Foothills Crafts and Gift Shop

418 Woodbury Hwy
Manchester, TN 37355
931-728-9236



Friday, December 5, 2025

7-8 p.m.

Route: Begins at the Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce
(135 W. Lincoln St.)

Ends at Tullahoma High School (927 N. Jackson St.)

Tullahoma Chamber of Commerce
931-455-5497

Happening in Cowan

November 1: Town-Wide Chili Cook-Off and Family Event, 5 p.m. at 1st Baptist

Bring your best recipe and wake up your taste buds! Cowan First Baptist Church will host an evening of family recreation on the front lawn of the church with a chili supper and cook-off contest.



Join us on Saturday, November 1st, between 5 and 7 p.m. Registration forms to enter the contest will be posted closer to the date of the event. Cowan First Baptist is located at 316 W. Cumberland St.

November 7 & 8: All Seasons Craft Show & More



13th Annual
**All Seasons Fall
Craft Show & More**
Friday November 7, 2025 10am - 6pm &
Saturday November 8, 2025 9am - 5pm
Monterey Station
104 Monterey St, Cowan, TN
Sherrie Sons 931-308-3802

November 23: Community Thanksgiving Service, 5:30 p.m. at Cowan Nazarene


"Come Ye Thankful People Come" to the Cowan Community Thanksgiving Service!



The service is planned for Sunday evening, November 23rd, 5:30 p.m. at Cowan First Church of the Nazarene. The speaker for the service will be Rev. L.Z. Johnson, and the host church will lead in music and song.

Cowan Nazarene is located at 221 West Cumberland St.

The Community Thanksgiving Service is provided by the various churches of the Cowan Ministerial Association.



The Kirby-Smith Chapter 327 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, November 15, 2025 in Manchester.

For location and time, contact standt@charter.net.

Rock House Deli Depot in Wartrace Moves

They have moved! They outgrew their space!

The Rock House Deli Depot is now located in downtown Wartrace. New address is 98 Main Street East, Wartrace, TN 37183. Check out the new space – the food is as good as ever!



Kerriane Brewer, Owner



Grab your tickets now for Live At The Old School House: Christmas With The Becky Buller Band (visit www.eventbrite.com to purchase tickets) featuring special guests The Mountain Ridge 5 on Sunday, December 14th at the Noah Community Center on Noah Road just outside Becky's adopted hometown, Manchester, TN.

We've just added a pre-show meal, the proceeds from which will benefit the Noah Community Center building fund. (Help them finish paying off that lovely new floor, y'all.)

But wait! There's more!! Banjo Santa is going to make himself available for free photos! There might even be a few more icons of Christmas; we're negotiating with their people... Stay tuned for further developments.

The Celtic Cup Coffee House Specials

FREE COFFEE SATURDAY

- 29 Nov Tennessee Harvest**
caramel, vanilla & a "wee dram" of rum
- 06 Dec Jingle Bell Java**
caramel, rum, pecan, cinnamon & vanilla
- 13 Dec Frosty's Favourite**
cinnamon, graham cracker & creamy nut
- 20 Dec Christmas Traditions**
cinnamon, spices & a "wee dram" of eggnog

Raphael's

106 N. Anderson St.
Tullahoma, TN 37388

Honoring the Memory of Sam Davis

November 22, 2025

Sam Davis Memorial Day
1:00 p.m.

This is a day that we honor the memory of Sam Davis. A graveside service and a wreath laying ceremony will follow a guest speaker.



Historic Sam Davis Home and Museum

1399 Sam Davis Road
Smyrna, TN 37167
615-459-2341

NOVEMBER

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November

Month of November

Donut Saturdays – Every First and Third Saturday (Swiss Pantry) – Belvidere
 Live Music – Every Friday & Saturday Nights (Miller's Café) – Christiana
 Art Wednesday, Every Wednesday (Artisan Depot Gallery – 10 a.m.-Noon) – Cowan
 Live Music – Every Friday Night (BBQ Caboose – On the Square) – Lynchburg
 Native American Heritage Month (Giles County Trail of Tears Memorial) - Pulaski

November 1

Town-Wide Chili Cook-Off and Family Event (Cowan First Baptist Church) – 316 W. Cumberland Street) – Cowan
 Backpacking for Beginners (Old Stone Fort State Park) – Manchester
 Pine Cone Birdfeeders (Tims Ford State Park) - Winchester



November 4

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

November 6

Fireside Thursdays: Dutch Oven Peanut Butter Brownies (Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester

November 7-8

All Seasons Fall Craft Show and More (Monterey Station – 104 Monterey St) – Cowan

November 7-9

101 Dalmatians Kids (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma

November 8

Fall Foliage Hikes to Three Forks Lakes (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs
Wetland Night Hike (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill



It's Fall!

2nd Annual Chili Cookoff (Beans Creek Winery) – Manchester
7th Annual Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony (Manchester Downtown Square) – Manchester
Fall-tastic Foliage (Fiery Gizzard State Park – Monteagle)

November 11

Shop Small Business Saturday

November 13

Fireside Thursdays: Campfire Stew (Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester

November 14-15

Host of Christmas Past – Fayetteville



November 15

Astronomy Night Under the Stars (Henry Horton State Park – 5 p.m.) – Chapel Hill

November 16

Young Musician Showcase 2025 (South Jackson Performing Arts Center)

November 19

Hike to Savage Falls (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs

November 20

Fireside Thursdays: Stir Fry (Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester

November 21

Astronomy Night Under the Stars (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill

November 22

November Volunteer Day (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Sam Davis Memorial Day (Historic Sam Davis Home and Museum) - Smyrna
Wobble Gobble 2025 5K (Sponsored by the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce – 135 W Lincoln Street) – Tullahoma

November 23

New Moon Night Hiking at Stone Door (Savage Gulf State Park) – Beersheba Springs
Community Thanksgiving Service (Cowan Nazarene Church – 221 West Cumberland) - Cowan

November 27

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



November 28

After Thanksgiving Day Hike (Old Stone Fort State Park) – Manchester

November 29

Small Business Saturday - Nationwide
Holiday Open House (The Shops at Main & McGrew – 100 South Main Street) - Shelbyville



DECEMBER

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December 2

Manchester Chamber Luncheon (Manchester-Coffee County Conference Center) – Manchester
Bedford County Christmas Tree and Courthouse Lighting (Around the Courthouse Square) - Shelbyville

December 3-7

Trees of Christmas 2025 (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) - Tullahoma

December 5-6

A Quilted Christmas – Bell Buckle

December 6

Old Fashioned Christmas (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) – Bell Buckle
Christmas in the Hollow - Lynchburg
Christkindlmarkt 2025 (South Jackson Performing Arts Center) – Tullahoma

December 6-7

USFA Fast Pitch Softball (Cooper Steel Arena) - Shelbyville



December 7

Christmas in Lynchburg – Lynchburg
Jack Daniel's Christmas Tree Lighting (Following the Parade) - Lynchburg



December 12

Family Science Night – Holiday Experiments (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma

December 13

Old Fashioned Christmas (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) – Bell Buckle

December 14

Christmas with the Becky Buller Band and Special Guests – The Mountain Ridge 5 (Live at the Old Schoolhouse at the Noah Community Center) - Manchester

December 18

Concert – Christmas with the Isaacs (An On-Fire Concert Production – Sewanee Inn) – Sewanee

December 20

Old Fashioned Christmas (11 a.m. – 4 p.m.) – Bell Buckle

December 20-21

USFA Fast Pitch Softball (Cooper Steel Arena) – Shelbyville

December 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Membership

New Members

Marshall County Chamber of Commerce - Lewisburg
Tom and Becky Barry - Nashville

Renewal Members

Hands-On Science Center - Tullahoma
Les Kerr - Nashville
Motlow State Community College - Lynchburg
Spotted Saddle Horse Breeders' and Exhibitors' Association – Shelbyville

*Tennessee's Backroads Heritage Wishes You
and Your Family a Happy Thanksgiving*



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