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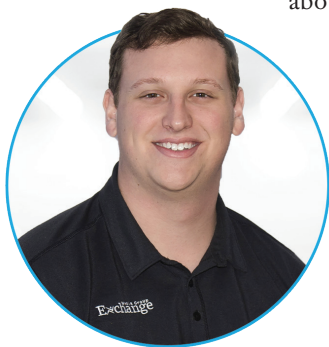
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Find joy in your backyard. And if you can't find it, make it. This issue of Good News is about shining a light on Tennessee and the things that make us great. **-GN**



*Wesley Bryant*  
**Wesley Bryant,**  
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CITY NEWS

# Manchester Arts Center

Local artists and actors share their talents with the community.

By Sara McClaran // Photos by Ashleigh Newnes

MANCHESTER IS full of wonderful businesses and wonderful opportunities. One such opportunity available for the community is the Manchester Arts Center, supported and run by the Manchester Municipal Arts Commission. In the past few years the center has increased what it offers the community, ranging from art classes, to featuring local artists, to theater productions and concerts, said managing director for Millennium Repertory Company (MRC) Joel Longstreth.

MRC is a nonprofit theatrical organization and uses the space to host youth theater programs for children ages 3 to 19 as well as a homeschool enrichment program, putting on multiple theatrical productions every year.

“It brings entertainment and art to people who might not be exposed to it locally,” Longstreth said. “Gives an outlet for creative people... especially, you know, kids and teens who don’t really have any place else to go.”

The Manchester Arts Center does far more than just theater productions: it displays art from local artists and from local schools, and gives summer art classes for elementary and middle school. The head of the visual arts program, Linda Gaines, said that the





Jason Griffey,  
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displayed art is locally sourced so that the community can see the kind of talent that is available for them. Much of the art is also available to be purchased.

“The main focus is on the local artist,” Gaines said. “People need to be appreciated for the talent that they have – some of them don’t really think they have any til they bring [their art] here.”

The art center also puts on a Black Box event every summer that features a solo artist, allowing the artist to display several pieces of art in a single area and allowing the community to meet the artist themselves. Gaines said that for the artist and for the kids in the school exhibition, having something they made displayed, is important.

“It does something to you when you have a piece of art hanging, you know, in a public building and people are coming to see it,” Gaines said.

“Not many people come to the center on their own because they don’t know what the art center is about,” Gaines said, “but the center is almost always open, and anyone is welcome to come and browse.” She said that there are plenty of places that celebrate old art, but the Manchester Arts Center celebrates what is going on now.

“This is a community center,” Gaines said. “It should be for the community.” -GN



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## Old Stone Fort Archaeological Park

History preserved in Coffee County's backyard

By Sara McClaran // Photographs by Ashleigh Newnes

WHILE THERE are beautiful historic sites all across Tennessee and the world, Coffee County boasts one special historical treasure in its own backyard. The Old Stone Fort State Archaeological Park has been a state park since 1966, focused on protecting one of the most complex prehistoric Native American hilltop enclosures in the South.

Park ranger Eric Collins said the fort was one of the most special sites in Tennessee, and even in the United States, and it is a close resource for the locals of Coffee County.

"It's a resource they can use to relax, or they can learn, teach their kids, and just have fun in," Collins said.

Collins has an archaeological degree and helps with the archeological interpretation of the park, as well as event planning.

Some of the events the park hosts include atlatl throwing contests, flint knapping, and a junior ranger camp, as well as every day activities like hiking, fishing, and birding. Despite the wealth of opportunity, Collins said most of their visitors are not local.

"I honestly think we get more people from outside of the county, than inside of the county, that participate. We do have a friends group, and they are all local, but they aren't numerous, and I would love to have more local engagement with our events," Collins said.

Collins is not the only ranger at the state park. Park ranger and manager Keith Wimberley has been working as a ranger at Old Stone Fort for 22 years, and a manager for the past 12. He said the fort has been recognized professionally as one of,



if not the most scenic sites preserved in North America.

“The Old Stone Fort is flanked by the Duck River and the Little Duck River,” Wimberley said. “It’s just a totally beautiful setting.”

Old Stone Fort is on a peninsula between the two scenic rivers and boasts a museum interpreting the theories on the fort’s builders along with archaeological findings and the historical culture and lineage of its builders.

The park has a rich history even beside the prehistoric structure. The banks of the Duck River were home to a rope factory, paper mills, and even a powder factory during the Civil War. The foundations of one of the paper mills can still be seen on the bluffs above Big Falls.

The fort is supported in part by a volunteer group called Friends of Old Stone Fort. Wimberley said that while the group is small and could use additional members, they’ve done a lot for the park.

“They support us through fundraising and volunteer support,” Wimberley said. “They’ve helped eradicate certain invasive species before, they’ve helped us purchase tree tags and install those tree tags for an arboretum we’re trying to establish... they’re supporting the park in whatever way we need.”

Despite this community support, Wimberley said that even now a lot of people that have lived in Coffee County for years will come for the first time and that many are wanting to do more active recreation, although that’s not the purpose of Old Stone Fort.

“The park is here to preserve the site, so [visitors] should always remember that when they come to visit,” Wimberley said. **-GN**



A couple enjoying the tranquility of Big Falls



Tracey Burks meditating at the falls

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SCHOOL NEWS

# The Champion Educator!

English teacher Bradley Jamison supports interim teachers.

By Sara McClaran // Photography by Megan Hardy

ONE OF the programs at Coffee County Central High School is focused not towards the students, but towards the teachers. Once a month at the faculty meeting a teacher is chosen to be the “Champion Educator,” and awarded a WWE-style wrestling belt. In April, the teacher chosen was English teacher Bradley Jamison. Jamison is in his ninth year as a high school English Language Arts teacher, having previously been involved in academic research.

“He was chosen because he is always willing to help a student or a teacher in need,” Assistant Principal Megan Hardy said. “This year, we have had two teachers on maternity leave and another out working with the National Guard. He stepped up and really supported our interim teachers.”

Jamison said he thinks the Champion Educator program is good because it helps the teachers feel recognized and appreciated.

“With so many people working hard and flying under the radar, so to speak, I’m afraid that many valuable contributors to our team often get left out,” Jamison said.



“Young people needed to be exposed to understanding and wisdom in order to live a successful and fulfilling life,” Jamison said, “and in order to navigate our society through the challenges that are sure to arise in future generations.”

“I teach because I enjoy learning about the subject material, discussing it with other people, and pushing the boundaries of knowledge forward,” Jamison said. “I am absolutely honored to be chosen for the program.” -GN





SCHOOL NEWS

## Promoting the art of music

Vocal and instrumental programs share with the community.

By Sara McClaran // Photography by Cole Brown

THE ARTS are an important part of any school program, and the fine arts department in the Coffee County School District has a wealth of opportunities for students to engage in. One of these opportunities is through music, whether that be in marching band, concert band, jazz band, or one of several choirs.

Fine arts department head and choir director Erica Petersen, said that some students get involved with music to fulfill a credit, and some follow their siblings into the program. She said the students that grow up in the arts are well rounded, and appreciate the culture around them more.

“People are surrounded by art whether they realize it or not,” Petersen said. “You can’t even walk into a painted room without an artist having, you know, designed that color – can’t walk into a room without an architect having designed that room.”

Petersen directs several choirs, including a concert choir, a women’s chorale, and a show choir, all of which perform at concerts during the school year. Some of the more advanced groups also occasionally perform in the community.

Music opportunities at Coffee County Central High School are performance centered, said band director Luke Simp-

son, and opportunities for instrumental music are year round. The Red Raider Band is heavily involved in community parades, and the concert band performs several times throughout the spring semester. Simpson has been director since 2018, and said he believes music has a profound impact on people.

“Music, like any art form, can move people emotionally in a unique way,” Simpson said. “We all can tie memories to specific songs, maybe unconsciously, and hearing the music can awaken those for us. While not every song can move every person, every person can be moved by at least one song.” -GN



INDUSTRY NEWS

# Food Distribution Center Comes to Manchester

Manchester Industrial Park welcomes Dot Foods, Inc.

By Sara McClaran

**I**NDUSTRY IN Coffee County is continually growing and improving. Most recently this growth has been shown in Manchester's own industrial park, by the plan to establish a new distribution center for the largest food industry redistributor in North America – Dot Foods, Inc. The site will include dry, refrigerated, and frozen warehouse space and is expected to create more than 170 jobs for the community, according to the press release distributed on April 5.

“Our community represents a great logistical advantage for a number of sectors, and this is one where logistics, quality of life, and quality of workforce were the key drivers for them to consider,” executive director of the Coffee County Industrial Board Stephen Crook said. “With that, we rose to the top.”

CEO of Dot Foods, Inc. Joe Tracy said in the press release that Dot Foods, Inc. first called Tennessee home

in the 1980s and early 1990s, and that the company has loved being back in the state since they opened their facility in Dyersburg in 2015. Tracy said they are excited to open the new Manchester location.

“The most critical factor in continuing our business’ history of growth is talent,” Tracy said. “We know Coffee County and the surrounding region have a lot of it to offer. We look forward to joining this community and growing our Dot Foods and Dot Transportation family.”

The company hopes to break ground on the new distribution center late this summer and begin operations in late 2023, investing 50.5 million dollars into the project. Crook said that Dot Foods, Inc. is going to be a natural fit in the community and fill a gap in the county's logistic employment sector as well as create jobs in other industries.





“This is a great company that’s still family owned,” Crook said. “You go back generation after generation – they stay very plugged in.”

The industrial board has been fielding calls from businesses hoping to work with Dot Foods, Inc., as well as people seeking employment opportunities. Crook said the industrial board will be working with the chamber of commerce to get anyone who can work with Dot Foods, Inc. on the company’s radar.

Crook said that Dot Foods, Inc. is very community-minded and wants to take an active role in workforce development and education, and that he is pleased to have the company consider the Manchester community. Mayor of Manchester Marilyn Howard said as much, in the April 5 press release.

“The vision Dot Foods shared for contributing to workforce development in our area, is a big part of what makes this announcement so special,” Howard said. “We thank Dot Foods and their entire leadership team for their investment in Manchester and wish them tremendous success.”

The Manchester Industrial Park, a Select Tennessee Certified Site, will be allocating 177,000 square feet to the plant, with the capacity to expand in order to meet Dot Foods, Inc.’s growing customer demand across the Southeast. Manchester is ready and able to welcome them.

“I think it’s a great indication of the strength of our economy, the strength of our community, and the quality of our assets,” Crook said. “I look forward to the impact that they’re going to have.” **-GN**





## SPORTS NEWS

## Red Raider wrestling team wins again.

First ever male state medalist places third in TSSAA high school championships

By Sara McClaran  
Photos contributed by Roger Barlow

THE COFFEE County Red Raider wrestling team had its first ever male state medalist at the Tennessee High School Wrestling Championship: sophomore Jacob Barlow. “Jacob has been wrestling since he was seven, with the Tullahoma youth program as well as the youth and high school programs in Manchester,” said his coach and father, Roger Barlow. “Including the state tournament, Jacob went 36 - 4 and was two points away from wrestling for a state championship,” coach Barlow said.

“He’s always kind of had big aspirations as far as continuing to wrestle after high school,” wrestling coach Randall Jennings said. “After placing in state we kind of



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stepped aside and talked about his path forward and the national tournaments we were going to compete in.”

Jacob has continued going to national tournaments, placing in many of them as well. One of those was in Independence Missouri, where he placed third in his 10th grade 163 pound division. He spends his off-season wrestling, making the sport a year-round practice. Because of this and his young introduction to wrestling, Jacob has accumulated a lot of experience.

“Even though he’s a sophomore by age, he’s probably one of our more senior members as far as experience,” Jennings said. “He not only is a leader of our high school program, but he stays after and works with our youth club program and spends a lot of time helping our younger kids out.”

“Jacob coaches with the youth program every night they have practice,” Barlow said.

“They respond really well to him. They see him as somewhere between a coach and a high

school wrestler, and a big brother,” Barlow said. “He is amazing with them – he’s a very, very good coach.”

“Wrestling is different from other team sports,” Jennings said, “because while you do have a team, the individual matches are solo events.” He said it teaches self perseverance and accountability.

“When you step out there on the mat, it’s really just you out there,” Jennings said. “You’re all by yourself. You don’t have anybody else to kind of blame or fall back on or anything like that, so you really have to be accountable for yourself.”

Wrestling isn’t just for guys in Coffee County. The wrestling team’s first state medalist was Alicean Stottlemeyer, who at the time was on a girls team by herself. Since then two other female wrestlers have placed at state: Maryanne Walker and Alana Coker. Stottlemeyer’s older sister, Tori Fuerbacher, wrestled at Middle Tennessee State University and placed second in the NCWA Women’s National Championship.

While Jacob has continued to have success, coach Barlow said it was certainly not on his own. One of the other wrestlers, Gavin Prater, had a record of 30 - 2 and would have been the team’s first ever 4-year state qualifier had he not gotten injured before the region tournament.

“He’s had really good partners all this time,” Barlow said. “All those guys put in the time and put in the effort during the season, you know, and they make each other better.” -GN



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# More Than **BEEER**

**Common John Brewing Co. invites family and fun.**

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes







**B**REWERY. TO a child of the '70s, Laverne & Shirley might come to mind. A conservative parent might picture a bar or honky tonk, long-neck bottles, and an underdressed waitress. A senior citizen might imagine leather-clad bikers bent over pool tables in smoke-filled rooms with the jukebox blaring Lynyrd Skynyrd.

Co-workers meet up on Friday night to unwind. On the outdoor stage, the talent rivals that of larger venues. A family of four is huddled over a hot pizza and a competitive board game on a picnic table nearby. The day's stresses are melting away at Common John Brewing Co. (CJ). The atmosphere defies beer's stereotypes and stigmas. And it's about much more than beer.

It's food, family, and fellowship set to music. And like a good beer, CJ didn't happen overnight.

LeBron Haggard's interest in craft beer brewing began almost 15 years ago with a home brewing kit. His spare time was filled with friends, family, good music, and new brews. Becoming more serious about his hobby, he began entering craft beer competitions. In 2016, a career change

vision came into focus: a change from a manufacturing engineer to engineering craft beers on a larger scale. With his wife, Angela, they took their time creating a business plan and as they did, gained a partner, LeBron's aunt, Renee Haggard.

After locating a building site, LeBron and his father, Ray Haggard, commenced construction. The opening was initially targeted for April 2020, but an overall delay in parking lot construction pushed it to October. It was a delay that, in hindsight, may have contributed to their success in COVID economics.

"In October 2020, COVID restrictions had started to lighten, and people were anxious to get out and get together again," LeBron said.

CJ really is a family affair. While LeBron is the hands-on operator, his daughter, Shelby Haggard, who has a master's degree in fermentation science from MTSU, handles the science behind their brews. She can be seen doing everything from brewing, serving, and slinging food, to distributing beer to restaurant and area bar accounts.





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On International Women's Day, CJ shouted out on its Facebook page, "Shelby is the definition of hard work and determination. She runs the taproom, brews beer, and is a master yeast wrangler."

With five or six CJ core beers on tap, their other varieties may not be repeated, so get 'em while you can. There are 20 beers on tap and nearly 70 in cans and bottles, both CJ's and from other brewers. Some are lighter, sweeter, or darker than others, but there's something for every taste. Since opening almost two years ago, they've produced over 40 different beers.

Although they don't serve wine or liquor, their draft selection includes ciders and seltzers. Non-alcoholic drinks, soda, tea, and lemonade are also available. Pair one with an appetizer of kettle chips, Bavarian soft pretzels, or cheesy bread while you watch a game on one of their seven

TVs or listen to live music, a regular weekend event. Try a specialty pizza, build your own, or try a hot dog or sandwich. Weather permitting, take the party outside to their patio and picnic tables.

"Our family built this place for your family. This has been a crazy dream for us. We wanted to bring music to this town so people can have a good place to come to and enjoy a good beer in a safe environment," LeBron said, at the CJ Family Reunion, which celebrated their one-year anniversary.

They're doing just that. Their investment in the community is at the heart of all they do.

When Bonnaroo was canceled in 2021 due to weather, CJ came to the rescue. CJ welcomed Bonnaroo food vendors and provided live music, easing the disappointment of those looking forward to the annual event.





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There's always something new brewing at Common John. Morning coffee, nibbles, and remote workspaces are being planned, offering more opportunities to hang out with friends and family and a change in scenery for work-from-home days.

From their die-hard fans and LeBron, "Cheers!" -GN

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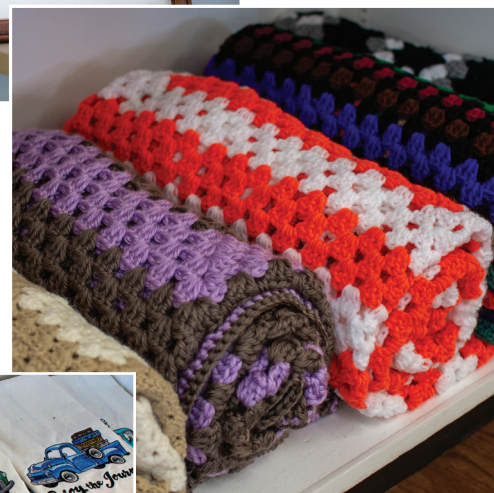
By Tina Neeley // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

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Founded in 1981, Foothills is a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public in fine arts. Skilled members accomplish their mission by exhibiting and selling their arts and crafts in the gift shop and through the classes and seminars they lead.







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An open house is held each November and provides an opportunity for the community to meet guild members and browse the shop. But don't wait for the open house.

The gift shop is open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday 1-5 p.m., and is staffed entirely by volunteer members. It's a regular stop for many travelers who drop in each time they come through, but it may be a resource often overlooked by area residents.

Antonia Williams, guild president, said, "We have a lot of turnaround with

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Whether you've never been or just haven't been in a while, plan to stop by the gift shop and look around. Your treasure is waiting! **-GN**



Follow Foothills Craft & Gift Shop on Facebook for updates on exhibits, classes, and handcrafted inventory. The gift shop is located at 418 Woodbury Hwy, Manchester, just off 1-24 at Exit 110.



# **“Picking oneself up by the bootstraps” isn’t the sole answer.**

South Central Human Resource Agency sheds light  
on the stereotypes surrounding people in need.

By Julia Eads // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

**T**HE LAST thing we want people to say is, “I didn’t know where to go for help.” Deputy Director Sara Brown has been working for South Central Human Resource Agency (SCHRA) for the past six years. The agency is a government-funded initiative serving low-income families throughout all of Southern Middle Tennessee. They cover primarily rural areas, spanning over 6,000 square miles. Thirteen counties fall within their service range, including Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry, and Wayne counties.

SCHRA has an extensive list of services offered to individuals and families in need. However, a common phrase that keeps being repeated at staff meetings by

Brown and her colleagues is, “We are the best-kept secret.” And, unfortunately, it’s not because they want it to remain that way! Brown says, “We want people to know about us. We want to help.”

Over the last several years, Brown has seen firsthand that not everyone has the same type of support system backing them. Some of us come from phenomenal families. Others at least have friends that function as a family should. However, there are still some who may not be as fortunate. Some have no one to lean on for support.

Brown shared a fictional example of a mom working for \$10 an hour at McDonald’s. The mom has two children at home and is considering taking the risk to go back to school. Brown said, “There is this concept for her to ‘pull herself up by the







# **“We aim to be that support system for people in our community.”**

bootstraps’ and do better for herself. Yet, she is on a cliff. If any one of the pieces she has planned ahead for, falls out of place, she doesn’t have the support system for someone to bail her out or help her recover.”

Similarly, a lot of local families do not have that support either. Brown went on, “So yes, ‘pull yourself up by the bootstraps’ is a great mentality, but it also is a falsehood in that, if I pull these bootstraps up and I fall down and fail, there are still two kids at home that need to be fed.” Regarding the realities many people are facing within our local community, Brown shared, “While it’s a great concept to think that everybody can make something of nothing, it’s also very difficult to take that leap without a support system. We aim to be that support system for people in our community.”

Each year, SCHRA touches over 100,000 families through various programs and services. Two of the more heavily utilized services are the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Head Start program.

LIHEAP is a program that assists low-income individuals or families in paying their utility bills. Unfortunately,

not everyone has energy-efficient homes, nor can everyone afford to have windows replaced and updated. Some of these factors can cause an electric or gas bill to skyrocket. Imagine how overwhelming it would be if your utility bill was more than half of your take-home pay. This program was created to assist in circumstances like these. LIHEAP is an allowance that is distributed yearly. About 8,000 families utilize this service of SCHRA.

Head Start is a preschool program that addresses the needs of the whole child. The preschool truly is a learning facility and not just a daycare. They have a set curriculum provided by the federal government. In addition to the curriculum, the children have regular health assessments covering behavior issues, mental and emotional health, medical needs, dental needs, and more. This comprehensive approach to caring for a child’s needs ensures they have a sort of readiness for kindergarten. Additionally, if any issues are found, the goal is to have those issues addressed by the time they enter the school system. This way, there will be less circumstances preventing them from becoming successful adults. -GN





## Find the help you need.

A full list of services, programs, and eligibility requirements can be found on the SCHRA website at [schra.us/services](https://schra.us/services). If you wish to meet with someone directly, feel free to visit Coffee County's neighborhood service center in Tullahoma. It is located at 103 SE Atlantic Street, next to Southern Electric.



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Foreign Wars:  
the fragrance  
of freedom



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VETERANS MEMORIAL • MANCHESTER



# WHAT MEMORIAL DAY MEANS TO A WAR VETERAN

Memorial Day is a reminder of all that has been lost and won by tears and blood.

By Julia Eads

**A**N OLDER gentleman living across the street shows himself peculiar in this world, addicted to speed and noise. Our world rushes and zips by, yet he stands unmoved and never in a hurry. The way he lives his life feels foreign as if he belongs to a different world than the rest of us. Behind the times, he is happily detached from modern conveniences. Instead of gazing at a screen, he spends each day soaking in his surroundings, moment by moment.

Each morning, with a coffee mug in hand, he strolls out on his covered front porch and sits down to read. Rocking slowly back and forth, he envelops himself in the daily newspaper. A torn and tattered ballcap rests proudly on his head. It reads “Vietnam Veteran” and is covered in ribbons, pins, and metals. After folding up the paper and placing it across his knee, he stops rocking. Closing his eyes, he listens to the songbirds sing their morning song. After what looks like reflecting, meditating, or praying, he gets up, goes inside, and dresses in work clothes. Then, like clockwork, he is out tending to the yard by 10 a.m. each day. Whether it’s pulling weeds, raking leaves, or mowing his tiny lawn with a push mower, he is painfully slow to complete each task. Still, he works steadily, taking pride in each step.

One particular day, the old man’s black pickup truck came flying down the street and abruptly stopped in his driveway. Outside, it had just started to storm. It seemed as if the man was concerned with safety and taking cover from the storm, yet he didn’t strike anyone as the fearful type. Something was wrong.

He hobbled out of the vehicle and raced up his porch steps, moving faster than his tired legs appeared they could handle. Pushing a step stool, he headed towards his American flag. Adamant about bringing it in as often as the rain came and lowering it to half staff when applicable, he struggled to get it

down. Just as he had the final ring unclipped, the wind picked up tremendously; he lost his balance and took a tumble. The flag went flying into the wind.

Panic set in on the older man’s face as he watched the flag tumbling down the street. This man, who is never in a hurry, began racing down the steps and after those stars and stripes. The wind and rain were unrelenting. Combined, they felt like pins and needles pricking the skin. The red, white, and blue flag turned a muddy brown as it blew across the neighborhood.

Finally, the man reached his flag. He and the flag were soaked, muddy, and on the ground. There, sitting in a puddle, he wept. Tear after tear streamed down his cheeks, giving a warm sensation as it mixed with the dampness of the cool rain. All he wanted to do was honor his fallen brothers and sisters he served with, but he felt he had failed. He felt that back then and now.

That veteran man did get himself back on his feet, get home, and get dry. Life for him went on per usual. However, life was different for the few neighbors and bystanders who witnessed the heart-wrenching episode. They carried a new perspective and respect for those who had served our country. By the end of the week word got out, and every house on the entire street had proudly hung American flags from railings, porches, and flagpoles alike.

As Memorial Day approaches this year, we hope you carry a reinstated sense of honor and pride for those who have fought, served, and lost their lives defending our freedoms. Since 1971, Memorial Day has been held on the last Monday in May. Initially, it was in honor of those who lost their lives fighting in the Civil War, but it has evolved to commemorate American military members who passed in all wars. Whether you decorate a gravesite or fly an American flag, we urge you to take the time to appreciate our fallen heroes. **-GN**



# Stayc

Our team at Good News has put together a list of things to do here in Middle Tennessee for you and your family. A full day of making memories is just a short drive away!

***Staycation: a vacation,  
without all the hassle.***

Photography by Ashleigh Newnes



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By Julia Eads

**B**EEP BEEP BEEP, beep beep beep was the noise that rallied her out of bed long before the sun peered over the horizon. With a quick press of a button, the coffee maker began to gurgle and drip. "I'm definitely going to need this," she sighed as she thought about that dreadfully long car ride ahead.

Pulling sheets out of the dryer and moving over the damp items from the washing machine, "shew wee," she said aloud to herself. "These smell like they have sat too long," she thought. She shrugged and tossed a few more dryer sheets in with the load. "Oh well, we have to have Jenny's favorite teddy bear or she won't sleep well this weekend."

Heading over to the kitchen, she gathered up some healthy snacks and drinks and filled the cooler. Next, she grabbed a pen and wrote "get ice" at the bottom of her "Things To Do Before We Leave" list. On another sheet of paper she began writing out detailed instructions for the dog sitter. "Hopefully, they will show up this time. That was a nightmare last vacation."

"So many things to do, so little time," she whispered, beginning to accumulate tension in her neck and shoulders. While traveling out of town is nice, it's also a lot of work. She still had to pack everyone's bags for the trip, empty the fridge, run by the pharmacy, and ask the neighbor to pull in the mail and packages. Just then, she began regretting that she had even made vacation plans in the first place. "Gee, I want to take time off and enjoy my family but not have to travel so far. Like being on vacation, but just staying home."

Just as she finished that thought, she pulled out Good News magazine from her mailbox. In bright and bold lettering, the first words read, "Staycation." She laughed to herself and chalked the whole situation up to fate.

Just then, she decided to cancel all the plans. She stopped packing bags, climbed back into bed, and reset her alarm for a few hours later. She realized she didn't have to go far away to have fun, experience new things, or have a vacation. She would have a staycation with her family right here, all while supporting the local community. Relief and peace washed over her as she realized adventure was waiting right in the backyard.

And she is right! Adventure is in our backyard. While traveling is a blast, it's not a prerequisite to having a good time.



# Floating Vacations

on local water

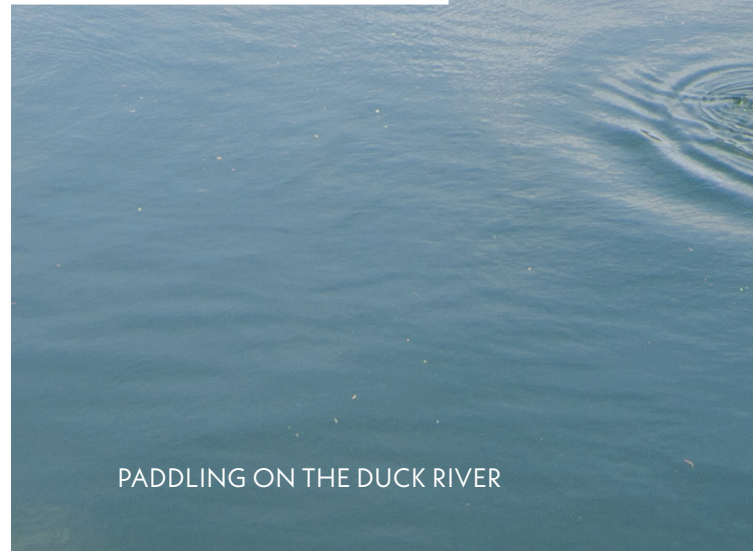
By Tina Neeley

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR  
TO FIND A GREAT ESCAPE.**

Whether it's relaxation or adventure you're seeking, you don't have to look far to find it. Middle Tennessee's waterways will refresh and restore you.

A lazy float with nature's soundtrack of birdsong and insect chatter will softly rock you. A bass or trout flopping at the end of your line will energize you in the morning and fill your stomach in the evening. A hike will inform you of archaeological landmarks and artifacts while amazing you with the vistas and viewpoints. The crackle and pop from the firepit will punctuate the laughter and conversation of friends and family. The options in our area are endless. You can plan for a weekend or a week and never run out of things to do and see.

Plan to explore our waters and their surrounding areas. Take advantage of the amenities offered by our state parks, including hiking trails, camping, fishing, floating, swimming, golfing, bird-watching, and a year-round schedule of activities and events. Make exploration of your home state a summer tradition.



PADDLING ON THE DUCK RIVER



A photograph of a person in a red kayak paddling down a calm river. The river is surrounded by lush green trees and foliage. In the background, a concrete bridge spans the river. The water is still, reflecting the surrounding greenery.

# <sup>A</sup>Duck River

*float will carry you away.*

According to nature.org, the Duck River is one of the state's most scenic waterways and North America's most biologically diverse freshwater river. It is located entirely within the state of Tennessee and originates in the Barrens on the Highland Rim, flowing through seven Middle Tennessee counties. Its long deep pools and shallow stretches of mini-rapids wind 269 miles through Middle Tennessee.

Rentals are available in many locations and offer drop-off and pick-up services. Fill a cooler with snacks and drinks and launch your kayak or canoe at one of the many access points along the Duck River. Wood ducks, mallards, kingfishers, and songbirds serenade you. Expect to see deer, mink, and the shells of the once-endangered mussels. Look overboard for bass, channel catfish, and darters. Watch out for logs, limbs, gravel bars, and tricky drops that sometimes appear out of nowhere.

End your float with dinner at a nearby restaurant or cook over a campfire near the river. An overnight stay under the canopy of starlight is just what you need.

**Remember to check the water current at [tva.gov/environment/lake-levels/normandy](https://tva.gov/environment/lake-levels/normandy) by calling (800) 238-2264, or using their app, TVA Lake Info.**





## The **Elk River** trout are calling.

Located below Tims Ford Dam, the Elk River is popular for panfish and trout fishing. The tailwaters below the dam are about 50 feet wide with gravel bars and intermittent deep pools. For approximately 15 miles, brook, brown, and rainbow trout await you whether you wade, fish from a boat, or fish from the bank.

Wade into the river's pools as the morning's mist still hangs sleepily over it. A turtle splashes as it jumps clumsily from the fallen log. Squirrels chatter among the branches. Cicadas are waking. The day is already heating up, but you're not worried about checking the time. You have all the time in the world.

Take your catch back to your cabin at Rivers Edge and prepare a dinner of fresh trout and grilled veggies. Top off the evening in an Adirondack chair by the fire pit. Life is good.



**DON'T  
FORGET  
TO WEAR A  
LIFEJACKET!**





AIRBNB CABIN IN KELSO, TN



AT RIVERS EDGE CABINS,  
WINCHESTER, TN

# Area Rentals

Need a place to stay while you explore the area?  
Want to rent a boat for a day on the water? Look no further:

***Tims Ford Jet Ski Rentals***  
(931) 800-9793

***Twin Creeks Marina***  
1260 Lynchburg Rd, Winchester  
(931) 229-4095

***Holiday Landing Marina***  
912 Old Awalt Rd., Tullahoma  
(931) 455-3151

***Tims Ford Marina***  
175 Marina Lane, Winchester  
(931) 967-4509

***Lucky Duck River Rentals  
at Halls Mill Market***  
871 Halls Mill Rd. Shelbyville  
(931) 294-3474

***Duck Canoe***  
1395 Highway 99, Lewisburg  
(931) 364-2969

***River Rat Canoe Rental***  
4361 Highway 431, Columbia,  
TN (931) 381-2278

***Elk River Canoe Rental***  
190 Smithland Rd., Kelso  
(931) 937-6886

***At Rivers Edge Cabin Rentals***  
148 Garner Ford Rd. Winchester  
(678) 491-8480

***Henry Horton State Park***  
Chapel Hill  
(888) TN-PARKS



# **Tims Ford Lake**

***inviting water recreation***

Tims Ford Reservoir is 10,600 acres in South Central Tennessee, a major portion of which is located in Franklin County. The lake is considered one of the most picturesque in Tennessee. It's regarded as one of the Southeast's top bass fishing and recreational lakes.

Play all day on the water. Kayaks, pontoons, paddleboards, jet skis, tubes – bring your own or rent from area marinas and shops. Crank up the music and work on your tan. Tighten up the kids' life jackets and holler with them as they swoosh down the pontoon slide, and pop up ready to go again.

Rather fish? Put your boat in and motor to your favorite spot. Pull into a shady cove and cast your line. Try a new lure or jig.

Consider overnight stays in the area campgrounds or cabins. You'll find RV hookups, showers, and laundry facilities. Evening activities and entertainment are often scheduled so look ahead and plan around your favorite ones.

There's something for everyone on Middle Tennessee's waters. Don't overlook your own backyard for this summer's vacation.



## **Where to Eat**

**Hard Dock Café at Tims Ford Marina** - 175 Marina Lane, Winchester (800) 722-1164

**Bluegill Grill at Holiday Landing Marina** - 912 Old Awalt Rd., Tullahoma (931) 455-3151

**Barrel House BBQ** – 105 S. Mechanic St., Lynchburg (931) 759-5760

**Walnut Hill Coffee Co.** - 100 1st Ave W, Winchester (931) 313-5472





CRUISING  
TIMS FORD LAKE



**Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House** - 295 Main St., Lynchburg (931) 759-7394

**Halls Mill Market** - 871 Halls Mill Rd., Shelbyville (931) 294-3474

**From the Heart Diner** - 4384 Nashville Hwy, Suite 200, Chapel Hill (931) 364-4711

**Nash Family Creamery** - 4019 Hwy 41-A N, Chapel Hill (931) 294-2999



# get familiar with our **Wild Neighbors**

Tims Ford Lake is a haven for wildlife. Whether on the water, in the sky or on land, there is always something to see.



*ON THIS PAGE: Northern Shoveler (top), White Tailed Deer, Canada Goose*



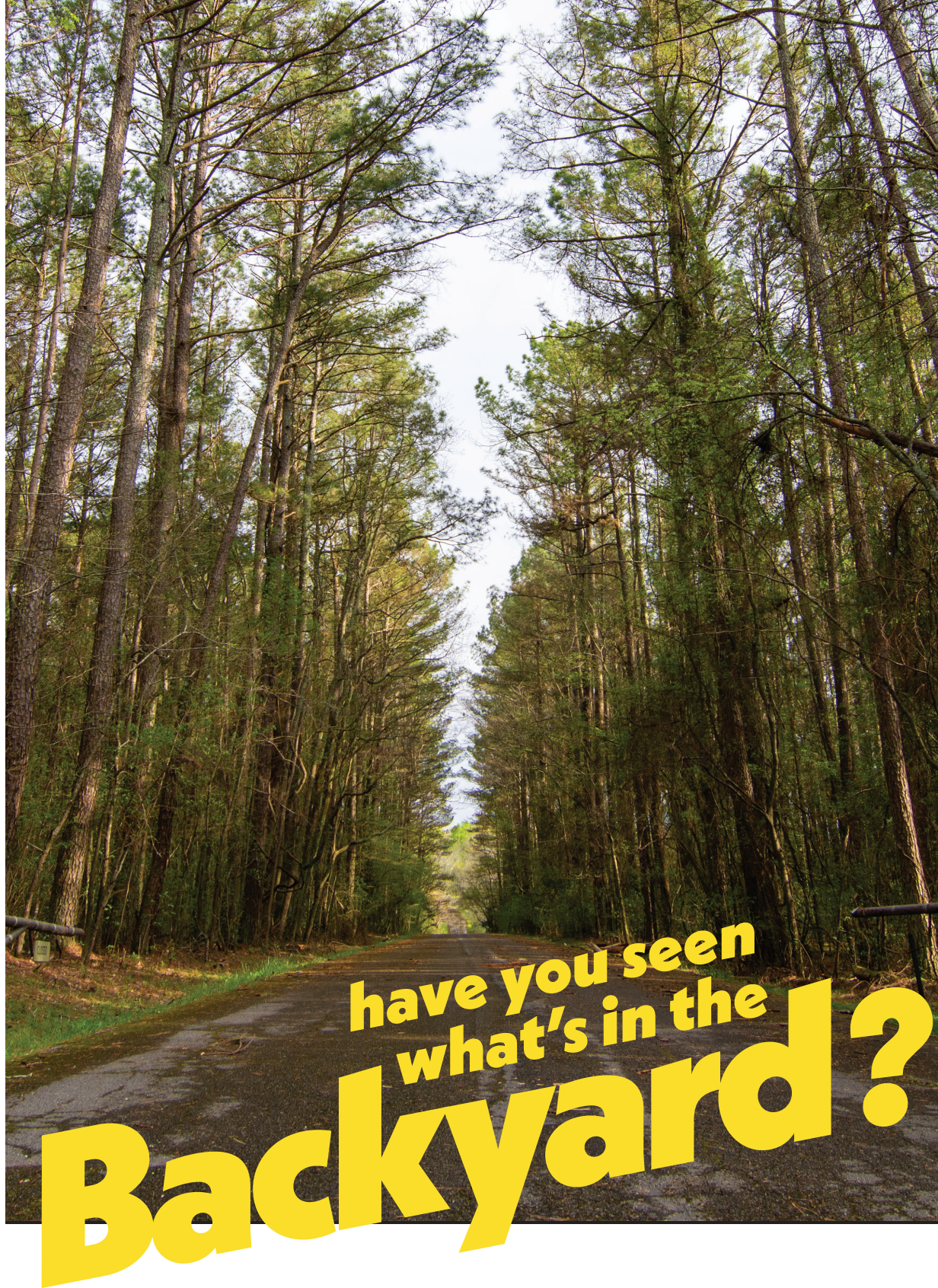




ON THIS PAGE: Common Loon (top left), Crayfish (top right), Red Eared Slider (middle), Double Crested Cormorant (bottom left), Canada Goose nest (bottom right).







Right in our own backyard, we have access to one of the most diverse ecosystems in the world. Henry Horton State Park (HHSP) neighbors the peaceful Duck River and is waiting to be explored. The park, built in the 1960s, has a variety of activities for visitors to enjoy. So pack your day bag and lace up your hiking boots; it's time to get outside!

By Julia Eads

**DISCOVER THE MANY  
THINGS TO DO AT  
HENRY HORTON  
STATE PARK.**





## Fishing

There is no thrill like the one you experience when a fish bites down and takes hold of your bait! Then begins the battle of reeling the fish in before it can maneuver itself free. Whether you are an angler who enjoys fishing from the shore, wading through the water, or sitting in a small boat, HHSP has plenty of access points for anglers of all styles. Visitors often brag about catching largemouth and smallmouth bass, red-eye bass, catfish, and many other fish species.



## Camping

Warmer weather is upon us, so we can finally pull out the camping gear. Spend these beautiful, sunny days exploring the outdoors. Then, as the day turns into a chilling night, cozy up by a crackling fire. Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast looking for the next challenge or simply wanting to take a family trip with your children to enjoy nature, HHSP has you covered. The park offers RV, tent, hammock, and backcountry campsites. Other than the backcountry campsites, every site is equipped with a grill, picnic table, and fire pit. Two bathhouses are available on location as well. Still too primitive for your taste? HHSP has cabins available for rent for those who want to enjoy the outdoors but have a bit more of the comforts of home. Book a campsite or cabin at HHSP today!



## Golfing

Whether you are an experienced golfer looking at expanding your skill set or an amateur needing some practice, the heavily treed course at HHSP is the perfect place to spend your Saturday afternoon. The Buford Ellington championship 18-hole golf course has 37 bunkers, making it a pretty difficult course to navigate. So ditch your regular tee time at the country club and take a swing through these luscious trees! The younger crowd might be more prone to visit the 18-hole disc golf course. The best part about it is that it is free to the public!





COTTON THE OWL &  
RANGER SHAUN RAINONE



### **Bird Watching**

Hey! Don't knock it until you try it. While wildlife observation might be a laughing matter to some, those who have tried it have found themselves in awe. With over 1,500 acres, HHSP offers various landscapes for bird species of many types to inhabit and make their home. Over 70 species have been spotted and identified on park property. Will you be a first-time bird watcher? Here's a tip: be as quiet as possible. Silence is crucial. Once you get settled and still enough, you'll be able to hear and see activity. If you have never watched a massive heron hunt for fish in shallow waters, seen a wild turkey, or listened to an owl hoot right overhead, you are in for a real treat!





## Hiking

The fun thing about taking off down a trail is the discovery. What is going to be around the next bend? What about over the next hill? With over 10 miles of hiking trails, HHSP is a perfect place to get outside, get some fresh air, exercise, and explore. There is always something unique, from deep sinkholes to desert-like cedar glades. As the Duck River neighbors the park, visitors can enjoy observing riverbank ecosystems or investigating remnants of an old mill and bridge. Just show up at HHSP, pick a trail, and follow the blaze!



## Trap and Skeet Shooting

If you hear, “PULL!” you might want to hit the ground and take cover. The Henry Horton Trap and Skeet Range is one of the finest in the state. The range offers five skeet fields, two trap fields, and a lodge-style building with concessions. While you must be 18 years of age or a youth sportsman to participate in this activity, the good news is that you do not have to be a gun owner! Gun and ammo rentals are available on-site at the park. A fun-filled and safety ensured afternoon of shooting is just a short drive away!





# Staycation at Manchester KOA Campground

By Julia Eads // Photos contributed by Koa.com

## WHERE FUN IS JUST A SHORT TRIP DOWN THE ROAD.

Chirp chirp chirp echoes the sound of nature's sweetest alarm clock. Groggily, you begin to stir from a deep sleep, almost forgetting where you are. Then, it dawns on you. Whooo hoo! Excitement acts as a spring, raising you up from your sleeping bag. You remember that you and your family are on a camping trip! Crawling over to the tent's opening, you fill with anticipation of what the day will bring. Ziiiipp zzzzziiip ziip.

A deep breath in, another one out. Mmmm aaah-hh. Waking up at a campground brings that same rousing feeling, present on Christmas mornings. Unzipping the tent can feel like unwrapping a gift that keeps giving. Will the sky be pink and purple? Or will it be dark and misty, filled with low-lying rain clouds? Will the sun already be up, bringing warmth all around? Whatever is on the other side of this tent will be a gift. Because out in nature, every second is a new moment for discovery.

Hardly a step outside of the tent, and already you're struck with a mouth-watering smell. Someone is cooking bacon over an open flame a few campsites up. After rounding up the kids and a few quick bites, it's officially go-time for an epic staycation at Manchester KOA Campground.

Nicknamed "The Secret Smokies," this campground provides many of the same opportunities that the Great Smoky Mountains National Park does







without all of the additional drive time. Locals are fortunate to experience the beauty of the Cumberland Plateau right here in Coffee County. There is truly something for everyone in the family, including access to caves, waterfalls, nature trails, a natural bridge arch, a fishing pond, and ample lawn games. More specific to children, the campground is equipped with a large playground, a pool with exhilarating waterslides, a splash pad, a sandpit, a jump pad, and many other fun outdoor activities

and games. Watch your children light up with joy as they catch their first fish out at the pond, or spend the morning on the nature trail having sweet conversation with your significant other. Whatever you decide to do, you are guaranteed to have a blast during a staycation at Manchester KOA, where fun is just a short trip down the road.

Lodging at the campground is just as pleasure-filled as the recreation. The more primitive campsites exist as a haven for those who want to connect with nature and



camp in tents. For those whose backs might not survive a night on the ground, there are various ways to lodge. Choose from cabins, teepees, safari tents, and even covered wagons. Or, if you like to sleep in your own bed, hookups are available for RVs, campers, and trailers. Of course, all guests have access to impeccably clean bathhouses and common areas. Whether you desire to relax with family and friends or simply enjoy the great outdoors, you won't be sorry if you let Manchester KOA be the next place you gather. Come create unforgettable memories. The possibilities are endless for an adventure-filled stay at Manchester KOA Campground. -GN







# Camp Reviews

Find out what some recent visitors said about our local KOA Campground:

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**April 02, 2022**

"Everything was great with the campground. Kids had a blast in the hot tub and at the playground area. Staff was very friendly and helpful with any questions or needs that we had."

- Amanda

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**April 05, 2022**

"We stayed two nights, and it was a very nice campground. Wifi worked well, and there were a lot of activities for kids. It seemed like someone was going around all the time, straightening things up, making sure doggie bags were stocked. We especially like the nature trail--it was nice to have somewhere pleasant to walk."

- Dawn

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**April 03, 2022**

"Very nice campground. Cabin was clean and cozy. We met up with family to celebrate spring break and birthdays. Playground was awesome. Grandsons enjoyed the sand. We enjoyed sitting and watching the deer in the field!"

- Laura





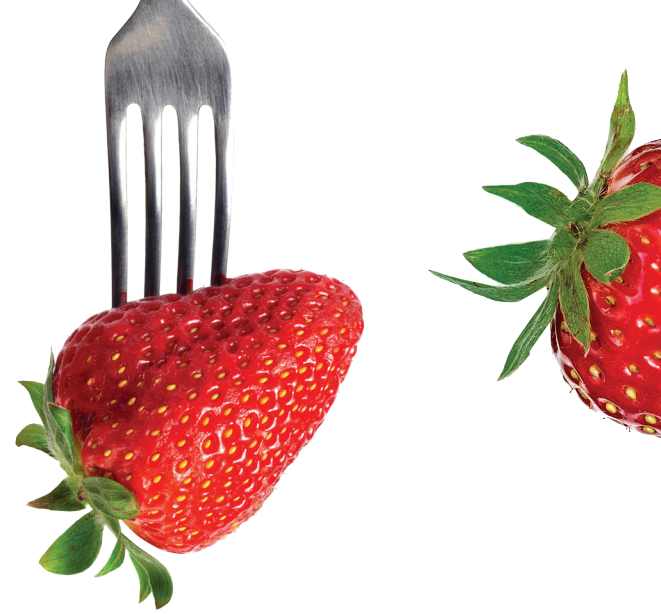
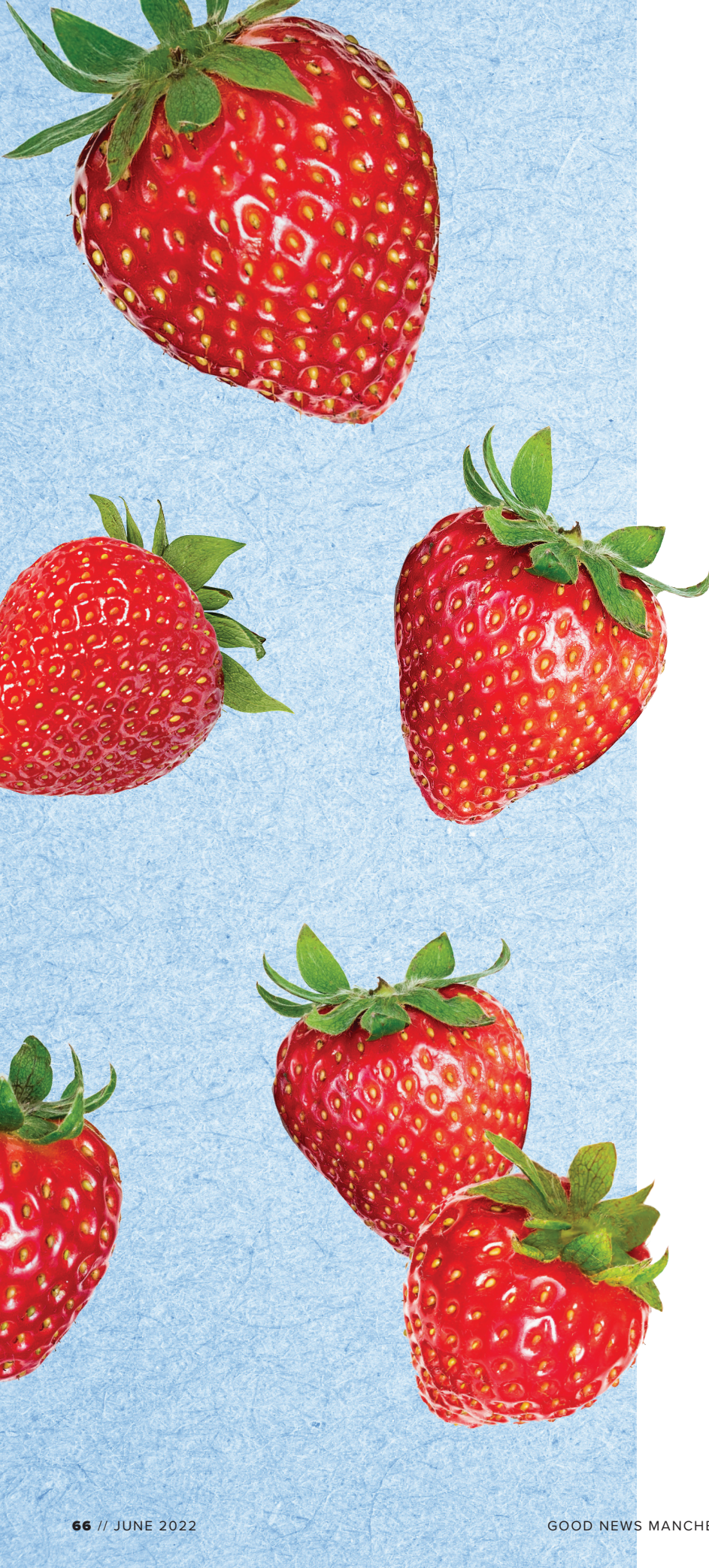
Enjoy Your  
**Staycation!**











# REFRESHING SUMMER TREATS

straight out of  
Mama's cookbook.

It's ready;  
come and get it!

By Julia Eads

It's hard to want to eat a large meal after a long day working or playing out in the blistering heat.

You know you need something substantial to sustain you, yet you're so worn out. Those hearty winter meals, while tasty, sit too heavy on your stomach. That's the last thing you want. It sounds

like you need something light, refreshing, yet still incredibly appetizing. Well, fret no more. We have just the right lighter fare recipes to fill you up and get you on your way! By utilizing summer's perfectly ripe harvest and local recipes, we'll have your taste buds satisfied in no time. Just head to the produce stand, pick up some strawberries, and leave the rest to Mama!







## Strawberry Lemonade

*Morgan Hargrove*

### Ingredients

1 c. strawberries, chopped  
1/4 c. lemon juice  
1/2 c. sugar  
1 can frozen lemonade concentrate  
1 can water  
1/2 c. powdered lemonade mix  
2 bottles strawberry sparkling water  
1/2 c. strawberry soda

### Directions

Place chopped strawberries in a medium bowl with lemonade juice and sugar. Let sugar dissolve to make a syrup. Add lemonade concentrate and water. Stir in lemonade mix. Pour into a large pitcher. Add 1 bottle of sparkling water. Mix well. Add remaining sparkling water. Stir in strawberry soda.

## Strawberry Trifle

*In memory of Patricia Hopper*

### Ingredients

1 round angel food cake, torn into pieces  
1 c. confectioner's sugar  
1 pkg. cream cheese, 8 oz., softened  
1 c. milk  
2 qts. strawberries, sliced  
2 bags strawberry glaze  
1 container whipped topping, 8 oz.

### Directions

Place the angel food cake pieces into a large bowl. Mix sugar, cream cheese, and milk together in a separate bowl, until smooth. Pour sugar mixture over the cake pieces. Layer sliced strawberries over cake mixture. Spread glaze evenly over strawberries; top with whipped topping. Refrigerate overnight.

## Strawberry Preserves

*Margie Drake*

### Ingredients

2 qts. strawberries  
6 c. sugar  
water, enough to boil berries

### Directions

Scald strawberries for 2 minutes; drain. Put in pan and add 4 cups sugar; bring to a boil. Cook for 3 minutes after boiling begins; cool. Let stand 5 minutes; add remaining sugar and return to heat. Bring to boil; cook for 10 minutes. Remove from heat. Cool for 24 hours before putting into jars stirring occasionally. Jars do not have to be hot.





FAITH

# Life Lessons on the Lawn

Learn what it takes to protect your spiritual house.

By Julia Eads

**H**AVE YOU ever given something away and later felt regret settle in? Last summer, I was push-mowing our grass. I thoroughly enjoy breaking a sweat and getting a little exercise while doing yard work. However, I have to admit our lawn was toeing the line of size appropriateness for push-mowing. It was a bit of a task. Plus, it was in the blistering heat of the summer, and I had a refreshing drink waiting by the poolside with my name on it.


I had already finished cutting our backyard and was working in the front yard, moving left to right. There is a

row of trees and an oddly placed bush between mine and my neighbor's lawn. When we purchased our home, the land survey showed these trees fell on our side of the property line. However, over the summer, any time I mowed the grass, I had slowly begun scooting our lines over and ending a few inches short. Besides, the neighbor was new to the subdivision and he had a riding lawn mower. Plus, it's not like he really knew the exact property lines either.

On this particular day, I was just about ready to release the blade control handle and call it a day. I was covered in sweat. My shoes were green and caked with clumps of grass, and mentally I was more than over it. However, the Holy Spirit spoke to me, "Is that all it takes for you to give up ground? Because you are tired? Because it is a little bit more work? Nobody even has to take it from you. You are just giving it away."







I was the owner of this land, and I was essentially willing to give it up because of my laziness. Inch by inch. And while that might seem insignificant to some, if you add an inch here or there over a trajectory of time, that is a lot of territory being forfeited! The Lord used a physical analogy to convey a message regarding my spiritual life.

The Bible says in John 10:10, “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy,” but I had become so passive and inattentive that the thief did not even have to come steal from me! I was freely giving up ground on my own! After wrestling in my head for a few moments, I leaned down, yanked at the lawnmower cord, and mowed my lawn to the fullest measure. This was not my neighbor’s grass to cut. It was mine, and I was no longer going to let laziness win. -GN

#### GOING DEEPER:

Where have you become lazy and forfeited ground? You’ve been given access, treasure, and territory. Don’t be so quick to let it go. Take ownership of it. Tend to it. Invest in it. It is time to hold tight.

*“Protect, through the Holy Spirit who dwells in us, the treasure which has been entrusted to you.”*

*2 Timothy 1:14, NASB*

*“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.”*

*2 Peter 1:3, NLT*





# GOOD TIMES

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“There’s nothing to do in a small town.” We hear it often, but is it true? There are Good Times every weekend in Manchester. It doesn’t matter if it’s a s’more at a bonfire, a lazy day with a book by the window, or exploring the town with the people you love most—there is something to do.

*ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS SAY YES.*

PHOTO BY BROOKE SNYDER







# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## April membership lunch

Photos by Manchester Chamber of Commerce.

Members of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce enjoyed the April luncheon held at the Manchester Coffee County Conference Center on April 5. The event was sponsored by Thunder Radio, and the guest speaker was the executive director of the industrial board of Coffee County, Stephen Crook.







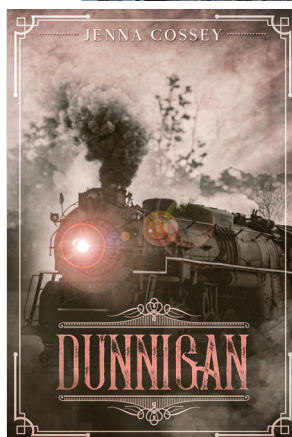




## Debut book signing

Photos by Ashleigh Newnes

Author Jenna Cossey signed copies of her debut book, “Dunnigan,” on April 5 at the Manchester Arts Center. You’ll find drama, romance, action, and organized crime, in the story set in the 1929 Alabama town of Dunnigan – a read that has been parent-tested and suitable for ages 12 - 112. For more information, see [jennacossey.com](http://jennacossey.com).





A close-up photograph of a chef's hands garnishing a dish. The chef is wearing a light-colored apron over a white shirt. The hands are carefully placing a small green herb leaf onto a plate. The plate contains a piece of seared meat, a whole roasted onion, and a boiled potato. In the foreground, there are fresh vegetables including red tomatoes and green bell peppers. The background is slightly blurred, showing a kitchen setting with a wooden table and a metal pitcher.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS

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## A reigning success

Photos by Rachael Cole &  
Elaine Oliver

The Heroes and Villains Craft Show was held on April 9 at the Coffee County Fairgrounds. The show was filled with craft vendors and also held a scavenger hunt, offered photo opportunities, and held a costume contest and lightsaber duels. The show was a force to be reckoned with. Follow Oliver's Wood & Fabric on Facebook for future events.







## Eggcellent hunt

Photos by: Claire Jolley, Athletic Director

Manchester Parks and Recreation filled thousands of eggs with candy for their annual egg hunt on April 16 at Fred Deadman Park. A few hundred children participated in the event, sponsored by Servpro. Grand prize winners won a stuffed Easter basket.









A group of people are sitting in folding chairs around a campfire at night. The fire is bright and glowing, illuminating the scene. The people are silhouetted against the light of the fire. In the background, there are trees with some leaves visible. The overall atmosphere is warm and cozy.

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

JUNE 2022

## *May 15*

### **10:00 am Dino Days**

May 15 - June 5  
Hands-on Science Center  
101 Mitchell Blvd.  
Tullahoma

Explore different types of dinosaur teeth and visit the new toddler area.  
[www.hosc.org](http://www.hosc.org)

## *May 16*

### **1:00 pm Tullahoma High School**

May 16-28  
Tullahoma Fine Arts Center

The Tullahoma Fine Arts Center will be showcasing the students of Tullahoma High School. The exhibition will showcase many of the up and coming student artists from right here at our local high school. Be sure to visit this exhibition and support our young artists.

## *May 17*

### **10:00 am Golden Hour**

Coffee County  
Manchester Library

Second and fourth Mondays of each month at 10 a.m. for crafts, games, and gab. Our mature visitors are invited to spend some time with us during "Golden Hour".

### **7:00 pm Al-Anon Family Group**

Faith Lutheran Church  
101 Braggs Circle  
Tullahoma

Meetings are held every Tuesday evening.

## *May 20*

### **12:00 pm Run for Life Manchester**

Long Life Chiropractic and Wellness  
302 South Woodland St.  
Manchester

### **5:00 pm Kicks for Cause**

May 20-22

Coffee County Soccer League  
Manchester  
A completely free-to-play recreational soccer tournament.

## *May 21*

### **6:00 am Coffee County Farmer's Market**

210 East Fort St.  
Manchester

Season: summer market hours are May 7 - October, 2022  
Saturdays, 6 a.m. to noon

### **7:00 am Cannon County Farmer's Market**

Arts Center of Cannon County  
1424 John Bragg Hwy.  
Woodbury

### **10:00 am Craft Festival**

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
30 Cat Creek Rd.  
Manchester

Vendor space info:  
10x10 space \$20 each

Contact Larry Floyd  
(931) 273-0407  
\$5 hamburger & hotdog plates include chips, drink and dessert.



### *May 24*

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**5:00 pm Come to the Table  
for a free hot dinner**  
Damron's Restaurant  
714 East Lincoln St.  
Tullahoma

Every Tuesday evening

### *June 4*

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**6:00 am Mach Tenn Triathlon**  
Arnold Air Force Base  
Wattendorf Memorial Hwy.  
Tullahoma

Woods Reservoir Recreation  
Area on Arnold Air Force Base  
provides a nearly perfect  
venue for this challenging and  
friendly event.  
[www.RaceThread.com](http://www.RaceThread.com)

**10:00 am Mystical Magical  
Mayhem Crafts Show**  
Fraternal Order  
of Police building  
5477 Old Manchester Hwy.  
Tullahoma

**6:30 pm 2022 Tunnel to Towers  
Middle TN 5K Run/Walk**  
Warren County High School  
199 Pioneer Dr.  
McMinnville

Hosted by  
LaurenAnn Barbarino  
[www.AllEvents.in](http://www.AllEvents.in)

### *June 11*

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**12:00 pm Viola Valley  
Sweetheart  
of Summer Pageant**  
Viola Community Center  
Morrison

Hosted by a mother/daughter  
duo who loves pageantry and  
the positive influences it has  
on young ladies of all ages.  
We are also passionate about  
serving in our community. We  
invite you to come join us for  
a fun day of pageantry. At our  
pageants no contestant  
leaves empty-handed!

### *June 14*

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**5:30 pm Free Meal**  
Fletcher outreach building  
Forrest Mill Church of Christ  
Highway 55  
Manchester

Meals are held the second  
Thursday of each month.

### *June 16*

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**6:00 pm Sexual Assault  
Support Group**  
Families in crisis  
101 W Main Street  
McMinnville

Come feel at home with other  
survivors. Receive support,  
take part in healing activities,  
increase self-esteem, and  
learn coping skills to empower  
you, for wherever you are in  
your journey.

For more information, contact:  
McMinnville-Warren County  
Chamber of Commerce.

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