

Tennessee's Backroads Heritage



FEBRUARY 2023

Cooper Steel Arena: Improvements ahead Local firm gives back to community

The Celebration made a big announcement Monday night, January 23rd: the well-known Calsonic Arena will soon be renamed the Cooper Steel Arena.



An architectural rendering of Cooper Steel Arena's façade after upgrades. Rendering provided by Mathias Collective

The arena was built in 1988 and has housed many equine and other community events since. In recent years, the venue has needed improvements that could help attract additional events to Shelbyville, impacting the Celebration as well as the local economy, according to Celebration CEO Warren Wells.

"Partnering with Cooper Steel is a dream come true for me," said Wells. "I can't think of a better company to have in our arena. They are a family business started right here in Shelbyville, and they are such amazing corporate citizens for Bedford County. They give so much to the community with great paying jobs and do so much in the school system. I am excited about the future of The Celebration and for what this will mean for Shelbyville."

Inside and out

With Cooper Steel's investment in the project, a team of decision-makers from the Celebration and Cooper Steel will work together to make much needed improvements to the interior and exterior of the facility, including to the arena's sound system and Celebration RV grounds.

Cooper Steel CEO Gary Cooper added, "Family is everything to us at Cooper Steel. When we were approached with the idea of improving this venue to attract more events for the families here, the answer was a resounding yes. We are incredibly proud to be part of this project and so excited to see what the future holds at Cooper Steel Arena."

Also new is the Celebration's investment of approximately \$350,000 - \$400,000 in new floor footing in the arenas that will be finished this week. The new footing will allow more equine events to be held at the Celebration.

With this new footing, several events will also be taking place in the upcoming months: The 33rd annual Lonestar Rodeo will be hosted on February 3 and 4; the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association will have two events this year; and the Racking Horse Celebration, which is moving from Alabama, will have spring and fall shows this year.

Increased activity

"Basically, from August through the end of October, we will have hundreds of people living on the property, hundreds of horses on the property non-stop. It's really exciting," said Wells.

The first Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association that took place last September was the Celebration's largest event outside of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.

According to Wells, they completed a study with South Central Tennessee Development District which showed that just under \$50 million in revenue is added to the local economy every year because of the Celebration's events. The Celebration alone brings in some \$36 million to local restaurants, hotels, and stores.

Lastly, Mikey's Motors, a golf cart supplier and repair business, will be setting up a permanent location on The Celebration grounds. Mikey's Motors is not new to the Celebration. With 105 acres to cover, many people staying on The Celebration grounds use Mikey's Motors golf carts to get around.

"Not only is he going to be there for my customers, but he is also going to be a five-day-a-week business. We like that because we feel like the Celebration has brought a business to Shelbyville," said Wells.

(Times-Gazette Staff Report, Tuesday, January, 24, 2023)

Arbor Day in Tennessee

In Tennessee, Arbor Day is officially celebrated on the first Friday in March. The state ceremony is hosted by the community whose Tree Board or advisory committee received the Tree Board of the Year recognition by the Tennessee Urban Forestry Council the previous year. In addition, numerous local communities and schools hold Arbor Day and Tree City USA recognition ceremonies throughout March and April.



J. Sterling Morton, a newspaper journalist, is honored as the father of Arbor Day. He and his wife Caroline were nature lovers, and shortly after they moved to the barren plains of Nebraska they began planting trees. Sterling wrote articles encouraging local organizations to help him.

Morton's vision grew with passing years. In 1872, he spoke at the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture meeting, proposing a statewide tree planting holiday for the month of April. The first Arbor Day in Nebraska was a huge success, with over a million trees planted. Three years later Sterling Morton was honored when his birthday, April 22, was selected as the official date for Arbor Day.

The Arbor Day idea spread to other states. In 1875, Tennessee became one of the first states to adopt this special day. In 1925, the Tennessee legislature set "Bird, Flower and Arbor Day" on the first Friday in April. In 1946 it was changed to the first Friday in March. This law calls for educators, civic societies and government officials to create "a better understanding of nature and the importance of protecting wildlife, planting and cultivating flowers, and setting and protecting trees."

MARCH 25: UNITED WAY FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE

March 25, 2023: 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
(Photos begin at 4:00 p.m.)

Monterey Station in Cowan
104 Monterey St. • Cowan, TN 37318
931-967-1560



Tickets - \$40 per person. Purchase at Citizens Bank in Winchester.

Tickets go on sale February 1st. A maximum of 400 tickets will be sold.

Proceeds benefit United Way of Franklin County.

For more information:
Cowan Commercial Club
931-308-8954

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10-6

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Auto Related – Tools – Literature – Toys
Service Station Memorabilia – Parts – Accessories

Sunday, February 5, 2023
6:30AM to 3:00PM

Vendor Setup on February 4, 2023 - 8AM to 3PM
NO SET UP ON SUNDAY

The Fairgrounds Nashville - Nashville, TN
Sponsored By: Stones River Region, AACA
Murfreesboro, Tennessee

\$10.00 ADMISSION
CHILDREN UNDER 12 FREE

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE

For Vendor Information:
Stones River Region, AACA
P.O. Box 330818
Murfreesboro, TN 37133-0818
Phone: 615-631-3004

Website: stonesriverclub.com Email: stonesriverswapmeet@gmail.com

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Coming to Tullahoma Fine Arts Center



Resident Artist
Stephanie Lamb
February 4-25, 2023
Exhibit Hall: A



Admission: \$5.00
Members: Free

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Members
Art Show

March 4-25, 2023
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Tullahoma Fine Arts Center
401 South Jackson St
Tullahoma, TN 37388
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South Jackson Civic Center
404 South Jackson St
Tullahoma, TN 37388
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Happening at the Clement Museum

Civil Rights and African-American History Panel

February 23, 2023

6 – 7 p.m.

The Clement Museum is proud to host a panel discussion regarding African-American History, the Civil Rights Movement, and the inclusivity of U.S. History.

This event is FREE and open to the public.
Refreshments will be served.

Clement Museum
100 Frank Clement Place
Dickson, TN 37055
615-446-0500

FEBRUARY

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February

Month of February

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

February 2-4

Seussical the Musical (Fayetteville-Lincoln County Museum) – Fayetteville

February 3

Mountain Bike Trail Workday (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill

February 3-4

Lone Star Rodeo (Calsonic Arena) – Shelbyville

February 4

“Evening with a Young Harpist” Harp Concert Featuring Aliyah Wenneker (Dixie Theatre) - Lewisburg



Beautiful Sounds

February 4-25

Art Exhibit – Stephanie Lamb (Tullahoma Fine Art Center) – Tullahoma

February 5

Savage Falls Waterfall Hike (South Cumberland State Park) - Monteagle
35th Annual Stones River Region Antique Automobile Car Club Swap Meet (Nashville Fairgrounds) – Nashville

February 7

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

February 8

Wee Naturalist Club - Storytime and Craft (10:30 AM at Tims Ford State Park) - Winchester
Homeschool Naturalist Club (12:30 PM at Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester

February 9

Chocolate Walk (Downtown) – Fayetteville



February 9-12

“I Love You, You’re Perfect – Now Change” (South Jackson Civic Center) – Tullahoma

February 10

Mountain Bike Trail Workday – (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill

February 11

Fire Starter Craft (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Valen-tinis with Prichard’s Distillery (Prichard’s Distillery) - Kelso
Wags & Whiskers Pop-Up Artisan Bazaar (Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders and Exhibitors Association Event Building) – Lewisburg

February 13

Annual Downtown Chocolate Walk – Winchester

February 17

Annual Membership Celebration Hosted by the Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce (Manchester/Coffee County Conference Center) – Manchester
Savage Gulf – Night Hiking at Stone Door (South Cumberland State Park) - Monteagle

February 17-18

TNS3DA – Archery State Championships (Calsonic Arena) – Shelbyville



Focusing!

February 18

Mountain Bike Trail Workday (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Ultimate Oldies Rock & Roll Show (South Jackson Civic Center) - Tullahoma

February 19

Savage Gulf – Night Hike to Three Forks (South Cumberland State Park) - Monteagle
Engineer’s Week – Kick Off Event (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma

February 19-25

Engineer’s Week (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma

February 20

Presidents Day – Nationwide

February 22

Wee Naturalist Club – Storytime and Craft (10:30 AM at Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester
Home Naturalist Club (12:30 PM at Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester

February 23

Civil Rights and African-American History Panel (Clement Railroad Hotel Museum) – Dickson



February 24

Engineer's Week – Build Day (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma

February 25

Savage Gulf: Greeter Falls Nature and Waterfall Hike (South Cumberland State Park) - Monteagle
Engineer's Week – Finale Event (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma

February 26

Mountain Bike Trail Workday (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Savage Gulf – Day Loop Hike (South Cumberland State Park) - Monteagle

MARCH

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March 2-5

Fabulous 50s Show (Lincoln County Academy) – Fayetteville

March 3

Tennessee Arbor Day – Statewide

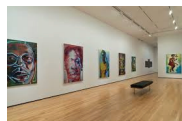


March 4

Spring Around the Corner Vendor and Craft Marketplace (Cornersville High School Old Gymnasium – 323 S Main St) – Cornersville
Demolition Derby (Calsonic Arena) – Shelbyville

March 4-25

Members Art Exhibit (Tullahoma Fine Art Center) – Tullahoma



Paintings in the Gallery

March 7

Chamber Membership Luncheon (Manchester/Coffee County Conference Center) – Manchester

March 9-11

Fabulous 50s Show (Lincoln County Academy) – Fayetteville



March 11

The Bellamy Brothers with Lauen Lucas (Franklin County High School) – Winchester

March 15-18

Walking Horse Trainer's Association National Horse Show (Calsonic Arena) – Shelbyville

March 18

Bell Buckle Daffodil Day and Best of the Butts BBQ Cook-Off – Bell Buckle
World Recycle Day (Hands-On Science Center) – Tullahoma

March 25

Shelbyville Monster Truck Wars (Calsonic Arena) – Shelbyville

March 31

Concert – Rhonda Vincent & Williamson Branch (Manchester/Coffee County Conference Center) - Manchester



Rhonda Vincent

Membership

Renewals

Bedford County Government - Shelbyville
Bell Buckle Banquet Hall – Bell Buckle
Bell Buckle Café – Bell Buckle
First Community Bank of Tennessee - Shelbyville
Gondola Pizza and Steak House – Tullahoma
Historic Preservation Society of Tullahoma - Tullahoma
Holiday Inn Express - Manchester
Madeline's Antiques & Uniques – Manchester
Stones River Region Antique Automobile Car Club - Murfreesboro
Tullahoma Area Chamber of Commerce - Tullahoma
Wartrace Chamber of Commerce

FROM TENNESSEE'S BACKROADS HERITAGE



Presidents Day

Monday, February 20th,
2023

TBH Board Members

Barbara Blanton, President – Shelbyville, Dianne Murray, Executive Director, Sharon Bateman – Lynchburg, Jason Boshers – Columbia, Walter Chism – Lewisburg, Debbie Christian – Lynchburg, Carolyn Denton - Fayetteville, Carolyn Duke – Manchester, Judy Gambill – Shelbyville, Kay Howard - Lewisburg, Angie Kimbrough – Fayetteville, Mark McGee – Shelbyville, Blossom Merryman – Wartrace



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