

Tennessee's Backroads Heritage



MARCH 2021

Chapel Hill “Super Pull of the South” Long-Time Organizer Passes

Mr. Chris Gilbert, age 73, of Chapel Hill, Tennessee, died Tuesday, January 5, 2021 in Franklin, Tennessee due to COVID-19 according to a fellow Lions Head Club member. Chris was born in Marshall County and was a son of the late James Edward and Donna Marie Stoskopf Gilbert. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his brother, Carl Gilbert, who was killed in action during the Vietnam War.



Chris Gilbert

He was a pharmacist and owner of H & S Pharmacy in Chapel Hill. He was a member of Smyrna Baptist Church in Chapel Hill and very involved in civic activities in Chapel Hill and Marshall County, including serving as the chairman of the Marshall County 911 Board, a member of the Chapel Hill Industrial Board, chairman of the Board of Directors of Swanson Cemetery in Chapel Hill, and many other local organizations.

Chris was a member of the Chapel Hill Lions Club where he had 48 years of perfect attendance. He was also a Melvin Jones Fellow Award recipient, the highest honor that can be awarded to a Lions Club member. His true love was the “Superpull of the South Truck and Tractor Pull” sponsored by the Chapel Hill Lions Club. Chris was instrumental in the Lions Club starting this event and served as the chairman of the tractor pull committee and the event announcer for the 44 years of its existence.



He also was a major supporter of the schools in Chapel Hill and helped them in many ways. Chris was known as the “Voice of the Forrest Rockets” as he and his “Crew” traveled all over the state broadcasting football, basketball, baseball and women’s softball games for Forrest High School for many years.

Because of his love and dedication to the Chapel Hill Community and Marshall County, Chris was named as the Chapel Hill Citizen of the year and in 2020, named Marshall County Citizen of the year.

Chris had many achievements in his life but none were for the notoriety. They were done for the love of his community and his willingness to help his fellow man. He shared the same love and support for his family and friends. He had a heart of gold and a sense of humor to match. He loved to cut up and put a smile on everyone's face. To the many lives that he touched, just know that he loved each and every one of you the same. He was forever grateful for his customers whom he served for many years. There's nothing he wouldn't do to help his family, friends and community. He will be forever missed.

Chris was very supportive of Tennessee's Backroads Heritage making sure the “Super Pull of the South” event was always an active member. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead. A public Celebration of the life of Chris will be held at a later date with time and location to be announced.

Couch's Photography Featured on Recent “American Pickers” Episode

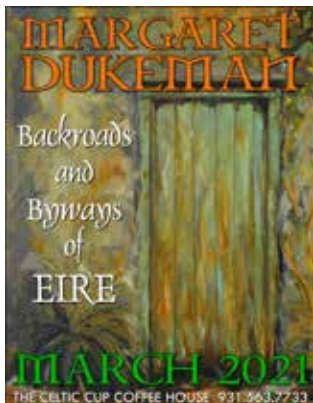
During the recent History Channel's “American Pickers” feature near the end of February, Tullahoma's long-time business, Couch's Photography was showcased. Fran Couch Gray and sister, Candy O (Couch) played host to Mike Wolfe and his brother in opening the store and allowing them to “pick” items they are selling due to the recent closure of the business. The building has been sold.



The length of filming at Couch's was long lasting – more than most “picks.” The show provided one last gander at seeing a long time business and reminiscing about its contribution to the Tullahoma community and the legacy that Couch's Photography has left. There are still a lot of treasures in the building which are for sale. For information about setting an appointment to view items call 931-455-5321.



The Celtic Cup Coffee House



106 North Anderson Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
931-563-7733

Happening at the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center....

Sign of the Times: The Great American Political Poster, 1844-2012

Reception: March 6, 2021

Exhibit: March 6- 27, 2021

Admission: \$10.00

Historically, the ephemeral hardworking American political poster has been hiding in plain sight, attempting to catch our eye and capture our vote through the use of visual language. In a survey that spans the life of these ubiquitous messengers, Sign of the Times: The Great American Political Poster 1844-2012 explores a variety of styles, design trends, and printing technology that will delight your eye, engage your imagination, and lead you to ruminate over past political commitments. Sign of the Times features the most exciting and rarely seen posters created in the last 170 years and opens March 6, 2021 at the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center.



401 South Jackson Street
Tullahoma TN 37388
931-455-1234

April 2021 April 3-24, 2021

Reception:
April 3, 2021 (Noon)

Admission: Free



Featuring the works of TFAC Members:
Wanda Gobbell
Jon Gray
Joanna Seiber
Jackie Smotherman Smith
Joy Snead
Avery Wert
TFAC Youth Council

Upcoming Events at Tullahoma's South Jackson Civic Center



South Jackson Civic Center
404 South Jackson St
Tullahoma, TN 37388
931-455-5321
Southjackson.org

(Due to COVID-19 you may want to verify the event has not been canceled. Please abide by CDC COVID-19 regulations.)

EVENTS

MARCH

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Month of March

All Month

Art Exhibit: "Backroads and Byways of Eire" by Margaret Dukeman (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma*

Tea Time: Irish Afternoon Tea (Monday-Saturday, 2-4 p.m – The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma

March 1

Work Day at Savage Gulf (South Cumberland State Park) – Monteagle
Bird of Prey Feeding (Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester

March 4

Arts & Crafts: Highland Rim Tatters (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma**

March 5-6

Spring Fling on the Square – Manchester
Disney's Moana Jr (South Jackson Civic Center) - Tullahoma

March 6

Weed Wrangle: Volunteer Day (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Flintknapping Demonstration (Old Stone Fort State Park) – Manchester
2021 Weed Wrangle (South Cumberland State Park) – Winchester
Evening Hike to Savage Falls and Rattlesnake Point (South Cumberland State Park) – Monteagle

March 6-27

Art Exhibit: Sign of the Times: The Great American Political Poster, 1844–2012 (Tullahoma Fine Arts Center – Reception: March 6) – Tullahoma

March 7

Collins West Waterfall Hike with Avenza Maps (South Cumberland State Park) – Monteagle
Mountain Meander Loop Hike (South Cumberland State Park) - Monteagle

March 10

Art in the Park – Textured Tree (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill

March 11

Arts & Crafts: Highland Rim Tatters (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma**



March 12

Concert - "Rubiks Groove" (Hi-way 50 Drive-in) – Lewisburg
Evening Hike to Rattlesnake Point (South Cumberland State Park) - Monteagle

March 13

Afternoon Tea: Irish Legends (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma

March 14

Collins River Hike (South Cumberland State Park) – Monteagle

March 16

Cultural: Highland Rim Scottish Society (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma

March 17-20

Celebration: Saint Patrick's Feast (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma

March 18

Arts & Crafts: Highland Rim Tatters (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma**

March 20

Daffodil Day – Bell Buckle**
March Overnight Backpacking Workshop (Henry Horton State Park) – Chapel Hill
Spring Hike at the Old Stone Fort (Old State Fort State Park) – Manchester
Day Loop Hike (South Cumberland State Park) – Monteagle
First Day of Spring Workshop (South Cumberland State Park) – Monteagle
Spring Hike and Storybook Trail Grand Opening (Tims Ford State Park) – Winchester



Such a Beauty!

March 24

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

March 25

Arts & Crafts: Highland Rim Tatters (The Celtic Cup Coffee House) – Tullahoma**

APRIL

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Month of April

April 2

Comedian Henry Cho (South Jackson Civic Center) – Tullahoma

April 3-24

Member's Show (Tullahoma Fine Arts Center – Reception at Noon) – Tullahoma

April 15-18

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (South Jackson Civic Center) – Tullahoma

April 21-24

Southern Saddlebred Spring Fling (Calsonic Arena – Celebration Grounds) - Shelbyville

April 30

Jazz on Jackson – Eric Mintel Quartet (South Jackson Civic Center) - Tullahoma



**Free Event

***Daffodil Day will be a scaled back event due to COVID. Call the Chamber office at 931-389-9663 for details.

Membership

Renewals

Ascend Federal Credit Union – Tullahoma
Bedford County Fair - Shelbyville
Bedford County Government - Shelbyville
Blossom Merryman – Wartrace
Historic Preservation Society of Tullahoma - Tullahoma
Holiday Inn Express - Manchester
Lions Club “Super Pull of the South” – Chapel Hill
Madeline’s Antiques & Uniques - Manchester
Manchester Chamber of Commerce – Manchester
Motlow State Community College - Lynchburg
Swiss Pantry – Belvidere
Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration - Shelbyville

Happy St. Patrick's Day March 17, 2021



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