

TIMES-GAZETTE

A world of daffodils

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Bell Buckle will hold its annual celebration of the Daffodil on March 16, with seminars, book signings and a barbecue cookoff.

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The 42nd Annual Daffodil Day in Bell Buckle, March 16, will include activities ranging from a barbecue cookoff to book signings.

The event, sponsored by Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce and Bell Buckle Tree Board, will also include the traditional Daffodil Flower Show as well as seminars on beekeeping, gardening and native plants, and Bell Buckle's annual recognition as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation.

Long-term effect

The town's association with daffodils goes back many decades, with the story being that Webb School founder Sawney Webb had the school's students plant daffodils along the roads leading into town.

The "Battle of the Butts" barbecue cookoff will include both panel and "people's choice" judging, and the public will be able to buy tasting kits for \$5.

The book signing will include John T. Wayne, Cabot Barden and Lathan Hudson. Wayne was born Terry Wayne Hammock, but changed his name in 2012 after learning he was the grandson of legendary movie actor John Wayne. John T. Wayne writes the "Gaslight Boys" series of books, about Civil War orphans who become cowboys. Barden is a signer-songwriter who has nine novels to his credit, and Hudson is a Grammy-nominated songwriter who began writing books after retiring to Florida.

More details about the daffodil flower show, including categories and entry requirements, are available at the Bell Buckle Chamber of Commerce website, <http://bellbucklechamber.com>.

Free tree seeds

There will be a tree seedling giveaway, with Red Oak, Redbud, and Flowering Dogwood seedlings given out while supplies last. A free plant and seed exchange will be held, music will be performed by the Horse Mountain Strings, and a big-screen TV will be tuned to the SEC basketball tournament.

Bell Buckle has had Tree City USA status for a number of years, and takes pride in being the smallest town in Tennessee to hold that designation. In addition to the Tree City USA recertification, the town will also honor the most notable tree of the year, and present its Citizen of the Year award.

For more information about the event, go to <http://bellbucklechamber.com>.

SCHEDULE

Daffodil Show

At Bell Buckle Banquet Hall

10–11:30 a.m. Entries accepted

11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. show closed for judging

12:30 p.m. Daffodil Show winners announced

Book Signing

At Bell Buckle Coffee Shop & Book Swap

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Authors John T. Wayne, Cabot Barden, and Lathan Hudson

Best of the Butts Barbecue Cookoff

At the Captain Rodney Stage

11 a.m. Open to Public for Tasting and Voting

2 p.m. Winner announced after Arbor Day Ceremony

Seminars

At Bell Buckle Town Hall

11 a.m.-noon Honey and Beekeeping, Dr. Ed Perryman

12:15-1:15 p.m. Gardening, Lorraine Sutton

1:15-2 p.m. Native plants, Janie Becker

Arbor Day Ceremony

On the Quilt Square

2 p.m.

Tree City USA Recognition

2019 Notable Tree of Bell Buckle

Bell Buckle Citizen of the Year