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Author Marilyn Walls to Visit Meigs Decatur Public Library for Special Program



The Meigs Decatur Friends of the Library will host author **Marilyn Walls** for a *Meet the Author* event on **Monday, December 1, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.** at the Meigs Decatur Public Library, located at 120 E. Memorial Drive in Decatur.

Walls is the author of *Mother's Secret*, a memoir that blends personal storytelling with medical insight as it follows her mother's journey through Alzheimer's disease. The book traces the family's history from Depression-era Mississippi to modern caregiving challenges, highlighting both the emotional weight of memory loss and the unexpected moments of beauty found in the process. The work encourages readers to care for their own cognitive health and to prepare for aging with compassion for those who will one day support them.

Originally from Seattle, Walls holds a master's degree in nutrition from Bastyr University, where she also served as an adjunct professor. Her lifelong passion has centered on helping others make healthier lifestyle choices. She recently relocated to Durham, North Carolina, and is the sister of local resident Judy Luster.

The public is invited to attend the free event, hear directly from the author about the inspiration behind *Mother's Secret*, and learn more about the intersections of memoir, medicine, and caregiving.

Source: Mignonne Pendergrass, President, Meigs Decatur Friends of the Library

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Thursday, December 11th @ Noon

Free Admission

SEE WEBSITE FOR FULL PROGRAM INFORMATION

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Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM
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Ribbon Cutting for Mouse Creek Golf Course



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member Mouse Creek Golf Course. MCGC has a 18-hole, par 65 golf course, Zoysia Fairways and Bent Grass Greens nestled on Hwy 11 North in Athens. Contact them at 423.453-5455 or at their website: mousecreekgolfcourse.com.

Shown here are chamber and business representatives, county officials, staff, and the owners of Mouse Creek Golf Course, Shawn & Heather Lingerfelt.

Museum Celebrates Record-Breaking Fundraiser

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum proudly honors its remarkable Museum Guild for a spectacular 2025 Holiday House – an elegant evening of dinner, live and silent auction, and a bake sale that raised an extraordinary \$20,000, every dollar going directly to museum operations, exhibits, and preservation.

For over 20 years, the Guild's 70 dedicated volunteers have been the heartbeat of the museum. Through beloved events like Holiday House and the twice-yearly Trash & Treasure Sale, they raise an average of \$70,000 annually, ensuring McMinn County's 200-year story remains alive and accessible.

Guild President Terri Kratz led this year's triumph, with breathtaking décor once again created by master designer and longtime supporter Keith Bester.

The museum, located at 522 West Madison Avenue in Athens, is open Tuesday–Friday 10 a.m.–5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Admission is \$5, \$3 for seniors and students, and free for Museum members, thanks in large part to the Museum Guild.



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Nov 30: Closed

Dec 7: Last Sunday Lunch of 2025. Will resume on Jan 18, 2026!



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

11-24-25

Megan Myers, 38 of Athens, charged with aggravated domestic assault, false reporting, and misdemeanor violation of probation. Bond \$21,800.

Philip Duna, 37 of Decatur, charged with failure to appear for driving on a suspended license.

Alencio Lazimar, 21 of Athens, charged with false reporting, leaving the scene of an accident, and open container law. Bond \$8,000.

Borges Perez, 43 of Athens, charged with leaving the scene of an accident, and open container law. Bond \$2,000.

Rhonda Pilkey, 44 of Sweetwater, charged with state violation of probation for burglary.

Mitchell Massengill, 52 of Athens, charged with domestic assault.

Timothy Harris, 55 of Decatur, charged with assault against a first responder, resisting Stop-Halt-Frisk Law, and violation of an order of protection.

**Those accused are considered innocent until
proven guilty in a court of law.
Information gathered using Public Sources.**

“Mic Drop” Celebrates the Divas of Pop and Rock at The Arts Center

Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is pleased to present, Mic Drop: The Women Who Rule Music, Friday, January 9, 2026. Directed by Traci McKenzie, Mic Drop is the next installment of AACA's 2025-26 House Blend Concert Series.

Traci McKenzie is an Athens Community Theatre director (The Addams Family, School of Rock) and performer (9 to 5: The Musical), who also directed last season's smash hit Look What You Made Us Do.

Mic Drop is a diverse collection of songs that span genres and decades. And each one shares a defining trait: they were written or made popular by women.

Performers for this show will be announced in December, but tickets are on sale now for the show.

All House Blend Concert Series shows are in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center. Prices for House Blend tickets range from \$15 to \$40. Some events are catered and include light hors d'oeuvres or a full dinner; the higher ticket price for these events reflects the included meal.

Light up the Season

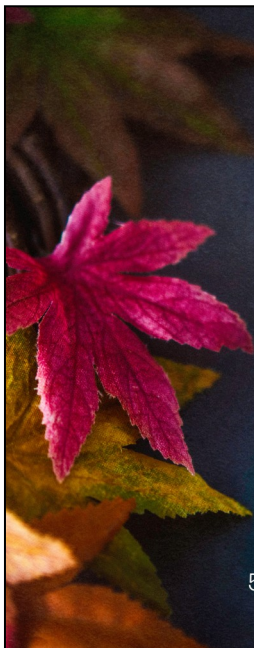
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Patsy "Pat" Louise Feezell, 78 of Englewood, passed away on Sunday, November 23. Pat was a longtime local business owner of The Apple Tree Country Store and was known for her warm spirit and hardworking nature. She found joy in gardening, planting flowers, and raising chickens, hobbies she shared with many friends. A faithful member of Everlasting Life Baptist Church in Englewood, Pat served wholeheartedly as choir director and as a devoted pastor's wife. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Dewey. A Graveside Service will be held on Monday, December 1st at 11 a.m. at McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the Feezell family with these arrangements.



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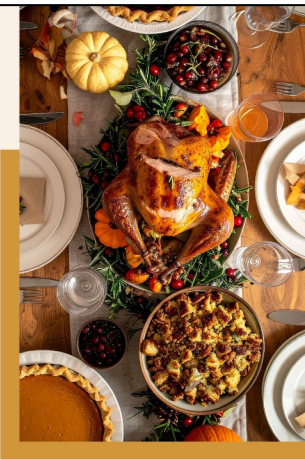


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