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Crowds Fill Heritage Museum for 2026 Living Legacy Fall Trade Fair



*"Cousin" Mark Lefler with WYXI Radio
interviews Brett King, Executive Director,
McMinn County Living Heritage Museum*

The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum drew more than 500 visitors last Friday and Saturday for its annual Living Legacy Fall Trade Fair, a two-day celebration of traditional craftsmanship, folk arts, and regional heritage.

WYXI Radio broadcast live from the museum on Friday, with Cousin Mark Lefler interviewing vendors, artisans, and museum staff throughout the day. Attendees traveled from Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and even from Ohio, North Carolina, and Florida, making this year's fair one of the busiest yet.

More than 40 artisans demonstrated skills including spinning, basketry, wood carving, blacksmithing, soap making, wood turning, quilting, and other traditional trades. Many sold handmade items tied directly to the crafts they showcased. The event remained free to the public.

Program Coordinator Charlene Such led planning and operations across all three floors of the museum. "This fair is intended to teach the public skills we don't want to lose to time," Such said. "It is a learning experience for families and for anyone looking to see a traditional trade up close."

The Living Legacy Fall Trade Fair has been held each August since 2022 and is supported by the C. Scott and Muriel Mayfield Family, the Hugh M. Willson Family Foundation, and the Tennessee Arts Commission.

The museum, located at 522 West Madison Avenue, continues its programming with History for Lunch and Heritage School workshops. Details are available at livingheritagemuseum.org or 423-745-0329.

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Music History Program Draws Full Crowd at Townsend Auditorium

Townsend Auditorium at Tennessee Wesleyan University was filled on Aug. 22 for *The History of Tennessee Music: From Bristol to Beale Street*, a benefit performance hosted by the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum and presented by Brahms, Beethoven, and Bachabilly.

Led by Dr. Keith Mills, the program traced Tennessee's musical legacy from the 1927 Bristol Sessions through Nashville's Music City era and into the blues and soul of Beale Street. Performers donated their time, and TWU provided the venue at no cost, allowing all proceeds to support the museum.

Museum Director Brett King said,

"We are deeply grateful to Dr. Keith Mills, Brahms, Beethoven, and Bachabilly, and Tennessee Wesleyan University for opening Townsend Auditorium to the community. Their partnership allowed us to share Tennessee's musical heritage while strengthening the Museum that tells McMinn County's story."

The Living Heritage Museum continues to offer year-round exhibits and programs at its location at 522 West Madison Avenue in Athens.

Cleveland Recycling Roundup Set for Sept. 12



The Tennessee Environmental Council (TEC) will host the Cleveland Recycling Roundup on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at **Walker Valley High School, 750 Lauderdale Memorial Hwy NW.**

The free event offers residents a chance to recycle or donate hard-to-recycle items such as mattresses, tires, electronics,

Styrofoam, scrap metal, clothing, shoes, glass bottles, batteries, ink cartridges, pet supplies, and medical supplies. A new collection this year includes plastic bottle caps and tops.

Organizers suggest a \$10-\$20 donation to support TEC's sustainability programs. Volunteer opportunities are available, with shifts ranging from 3.5 to 6.5 hours.

For full details, accepted items, or to register as a volunteer, visit Cleveland Recycling Roundup at the link [HERE](#).

Source: Tiffany Baker, Tennessee Environmental Council

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Church News & Events

- [Celebrate Recovery](#) meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens. They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur and Thursdays at 6:30pm at [Spirit City Church North Etowah](#).
- Everyone is invited to a Community Fish Fry on Saturday, August 29 at 12 Noon at the McMinn Senior Activity Center, to kick off the Rebuilding Campaign for St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.
- [St. Mary's Legacy Clinic](#) offers free mobile medical care for the uninsured. Anyone who is medically uninsured is eligible to receive care. *St. Mary's Catholic Church (1291 E Madison Ave, Athens) is the McMinn County location and accepts patients every 3rd Thursday of the month.*
- The Tennessee Valley Area Operation Christmas Child team invites you to join them for Celebration 2026 on August 29th at 10:00 a.m. (check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.) at Union McMinn Baptist Church located at 314 County Road 316, Niota. Their Special Guest will be Kristiana, a shoebox recipient. Please pre-register at <https://hovqr.me/92feb1cc>.
- The next Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by New Hope Methodist Church will occur on Thursday, September 3 at 8 a.m. at Maddi Mae's Cafe in downtown Athens. This ecumenical prayer breakfast is open to all men of Christian faith and those men who want to establish a relationship with Jesus. Please contact Marcus Guinn via email at (marcusguinn@gmail.com or 423-507-7769) for more information.



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

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Aliston Oldham, 56, of Athens, charged with DUI, open container, and driving on a revoked license. Bond \$5,000.

Cornelius James, 46, of Gadsden, Alabama, charged with shoplifting theft of property.

Jonathan Eckert, 37, of Etowah, charged with domestic assault. Bond \$1,000.

Nicholas Rose, 27, of Delano, charged with being a fugitive from justice.

Gregory Rymer, 45, of Sweetwater, charged with violation of probation for possession of meth. Bond \$2,000.

Adam Bays, 33, of Athens, charged with drug paraphernalia.

Virginia Goins, 55, of Loudon, charged with DUI, failure to obey traffic control devices, and failure to drive on the right side of the road. Bond \$1,000.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources.

Obituaries

Raymond Moon, 83, of Decatur, passed away on Tuesday, August 25. A devoted member of First Baptist Church in Decatur, Raymond embraced his faith and actively served his church community. He was also a proud 58-year member of Meigs Lodge #213 F.&A.M., where he fostered bonds of brotherhood and service. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m., on Friday, August 28 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., prior to the service. Interment will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, August 29 in the Bethsadia Cemetery. [Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services](#) is honored to serve the Moon family.

Nina Amelia Martin, 60, of Etowah, passed away peacefully at her home on Wednesday, August 26, holding the hand of her beloved daughter. Nina had a true green thumb and could grow just about anything. She especially loved yellow roses. Above all else, Nina cherished her daughter and grandchildren, who were the greatest joys of her life. In accordance with Nina's wishes, there will be no formal services. [Companion Funeral Home of Athens](#) and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

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