

# McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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## Sponsors - We Couldn't Have Done It Without You

The Memorial Day picnic on May 27 was enjoyed by more than 1,500 people. The weather was wonderful; the food was delicious, and the entertainment was outstanding.

Not only did everyone have a good time, but also the picnic was a financial success for McCoy Farm & Gardens, thanks in large part to the generosity of our sponsors. Volunteers Linda Collins and Alison Hoffmann say their requests for patronage were greeted with enthusiasm as they visited many businesses.

The firm of Patten & Patten has been a consistent major sponsor of the Memorial Day picnic for five years, and we appreciate their outstanding and significant support. Sponsors at the "Master Gardener" level were Alexian Brothers, Allstate Insurance, Elder's Ace Hardware, Geoff Ramsey Realtor, Powell and Associates, Regions Bank, Southern Star, Todd Henon Properties, and Walden Self Storage.

Expressing their "Spirit of the Mountains" were Adams Automotive, Brody Jewelers, Chattanooga Jewelry Co., Hearth Hospice,



*Sponsors of the Memorial Day picnic were recognized on this red white and blue poster seen across the community. Please patronize each of them and thank them for their support.*

Mountain City Realtors, Drs. Greg and Hannah Nieckula, Signal Mt. Athletic Club, Signal Mt. Pediatrics, SunTrust Bank, The Point Church and Waldenhouse Publishers.

Thank you very much. We appreciate your community spirit and look forward to your continued interest in McCoy Farm & Gardens.

## Pierce Pettis Concert July 6

McCoy Farm & Gardens is excited to welcome back Pierce Pettis for a night of singer-songwriter music. For more info on Pierce, see <https://www.piercepettis.com/>

Enter from the 1604 Taft Highway entrance and park in the gravel lot beginning at 6 p.m. The concert starts at 7 p.m. Suggested contribution is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple/family. Bring a lawn chair, blanket and picnic dinner, including your beverage of choice, to enjoy on the front lawn. We hope to see you here, Saturday evening, July 6.

**The Mission** of McCoy Farm & Gardens is to restore, enhance and preserve the historic McCoy homeplace so that it may serve the community as an arboretum, natural area, and venue for public and private events.

## Latest Bird Walk Report

Kevin Calhoon led another successful bird walk on April 27 at McCoy Farm & Gardens.



Scarlet Tanager. Photo © Mark Minner-Lee

The number of people attending was almost equal to the 33 identified species. Of particular interest was a scarlet tanager in full view at the top of a tree, a large flock of cedar waxwings, and a red-breasted nuthatch. Kevin will come back to lead another walk in late September. The exact date is to be determined.

## Signal Mountain Centennial and the Bachman Family

Signal Mountain continues to celebrate its Centennial year with gusto. The "Firecracker Mile" foot race in Old Town starts at 10 a.m. and leads the 4th of July Parade.

The parade promises to be the biggest and best ever. Everyone is welcome to participate, with a decorated bike, truck, float, antique car, scooter, little red wagon, or your walking shoes. The lineup begins at 9:00 a.m. on Ohio Avenue near the historic Alexian Inn and winds its way along James Boulevard to the picnic pavilion behind the country club.

To watch the parade, find a spot along the route by 10:00 a.m. "BBQ and Bands" follows at the pavilion beginning about 11:00 a.m. Plan to stay for a program and to purchase Centennial memorabilia. Fantastic FIREWORKS will explode over the Shackelford soccer field at dark.

In all the excitement, it is fun to remember that the communities of Fairmount, Sawyer

and Summertown were well established by 1919. The Bachman family traveled up the W Road to settle on the mountain about 1912.

Here is what Martha Bachman McCoy had to say in an interview in 1982 "... just as I was growing up, they began to build Signal Mountain....I remember when they blew the bluff off to make the roads going up there. We started over there in the wagon on an old lumber trail and we got lost. We were floundering around in the woods, and we heard this loud blast. Dad said, 'Well, it's all over with; we might as well go home.' So we all turned around and went back." (from *Walden's Ridge: the early years* - Stone)

The Bachmans were among the "summer" families who came to the mountain in 1875-1878 to escape cholera and yellow fever outbreaks in Chattanooga. They were preceded by folks from Sequatchie who settled the mountain after the Cherokee treaty of 1817. That was more than two centennials ago!

## BOOgie and Brews Planned for October 27th

Save the date and watch for details of an exciting fall family event with fortune tellers, doggie costume pageant, house of horrors, petting zoo, food – and brews (for parents).

### Upcoming Events

- Farmers' Market Thursdays 3:30-6:30 pm
- Little Brown Church picnic July 21, 12:00
- BOOgie & Brews October 27, 1:30-6:00 pm
- Many private events; check web calendar

To schedule your own special event go to [www.mccoypwalden.org](http://www.mccoypwalden.org)

## Hours, Access & Information

The 1.1 mile long walking and running trail is open during daylight hours, seven days per week. Access the trail at the 1604 Taft Highway entrance and park in the first gravel lot located outside the gate.

The McCoy grounds are open to the public Saturdays and Sundays, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Please enter through the Taft Highway entrance and park in the main gravel lot. A handicapped accessible portable toilet is located in the gravel lot. Dog waste pickup bags are at trailhead.

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McCoy Farm & Gardens is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. All contributions are charitable and tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

The 38 acre parcel contains the Bachman-McCoy home, pavilion, carriage house, barn, blacksmith workshop, apple house, various other structures, and gardens. Volunteers are very important to the organization in all areas. Your donations are welcome and will be used to improve the structures and gardens.

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