

McCoy Farm & Gardens NEWSLETTER

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Photo by Mickey Robbins.

New Sign Installed on Taft

Thanks to a generous donation from an anonymous donor, a new sign for McCoy Farm & Gardens was designed, crafted and installed at 1604 Taft Highway. Now everyone can more easily identify the entrance to the walking trail and the interior gravel parking area. Thankyou to all who make such kind contributions!

Celebration for Mountain Education Foundation

On Saturday, September 23, the Mountain Education Foundation held the fall fund-raiser at McCoy Farm & Gardens with former Uni-

versity of TN football coach, **Philip Fulmer**, as the featured guest. A tremendous crowd of 650 filled the house and grounds as they enjoyed tasty hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Mr. Fulmer delivered an inspirational talk sheltered under a magnificent tent that filled the apple orchard area. The front porch of the McCoy house was beautifully decorated and lighted, and the celebration was a big success.



Photos of the Celebration for Education by Tom Snow.

Upcoming Events

- **October 6:** Wine and Cheese benefit featuring Jim Ogden, Historian at Chattanooga Chickamauga National Military Park, speaking on "The Civil War on Walden's Ridge" 5:30 P.M. Send your reservations to Genie Robbins browbeanie@comcast.net
- **October 27-28:** Halloween Festival, Haunted Barn and Zombie Run. See story on page 2 for contact information.
- **November 3rd:** Thrasher Elementary School 5th grade presents a Living History Museum. Story on page 2 and contact Thrasher School for details.
- Various private and corporate events

To schedule your own event
at McCoy Farm & Gardens, visit

www.mccoywalden.org

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.

Concert on the Lawn

Friends enjoyed listening to the music of **Pierce Pettis** at a picnic supper on Friday evening, September 22nd. He played from a new ingenious stage built by Andy Jones near the cutting/healing garden. The supper concert was a refreshing experience that hopefully will be repeated with other artists.



Pierce Pettis entertaining. Photo by Mickey Robbins.

Thrasher Field Trip

Thrasher 5th graders had a great educational and fun field trip at McCoy Farm & Gardens on Friday, September 29th. They will return on November 3rd to present a **Living History Museum** open to the community. We hope you will attend. This fine presentation was a very popular event last year for both the students and their audiences. Contact Thrasher Elementary for exact program details.



Photo of Thrasher 5th Grade Field Trip by Kim Fookes.



Ever faithful volunteer Susan Snow helps with clearing brush from the area between the barn and the cutting/healing gardens. The Concert on the Lawn was near this site, which may soon be available to provide open space for more activities.

SM Middle/High Boosters

ZOMBIE 5K/1 MILE FUN RUN & HALLOWEEN FEST

Fun for the entire family will take place at McCoy Farm & Gardens this month. Enjoy the Haunted Barn, smashing pumpkin baseball, human foosball, human crane, huge 40'x40' inflatable maze, bounce house, DJ music, free *Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown* outdoor movie, games, food trucks/concessions and much more. Adults, make plans to visit The Beer Garden and Wine Vineyard to enjoy adult beverages, friends and college football.

The Haunted Barn: Friday, October 27, 7:00-11:00 pm & Saturday, October 28, 7:00-10:30 pm.

Halloween Festival: Saturday, October 28, 5:00-10:30 pm

Zombie 5K Trail/1 mile "Not So Scary" Fun Run October 28th. 1 mile starts at 5:00 and the 5K at 5:30. Race day registration opens 4:00. Festival open 5:30-10:30. To learn more and register go to: www.signalzombierun.com

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 inner 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 at the orchard end of the gravel lot.

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McCoy Farm & Gardens is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. All contributions are charitable and tax deductible to the maximum extent allowed by law.

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

Please send your check to:

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