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Living Heritage Museum Opens its Doors as Schools Close Theirs

ATHENS, Tenn. (May 24, 2010)—In honor of the first day of summer vacation, the Living

Heritage Museum will be open free of charge on Friday, May 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Children and parents alike will enjoy unrestricted access to thousands of fascinating artifacts,

including two newly opened exhibits: Patterns of Fashion-Vintage Hats, and A Glass Menagerie-

The Chastain Glassware Collection.

"Learning doesn't have to end just because school's out for the summer," said Diane

Hutsell, executive director. "Visiting the Museum is a great way to have fun and learn something

new at the same time. And it's a wonderful activity for families to share together."

Founded in 1982, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is a private, nonprofit

organization housing more than 7,000 artifacts in 30 permanent exhibits that represent the culture

and history of Southeast Tennessee from the 1700s to 1940s. The Museum also offers several

changing exhibits as well as numerous special events and programs throughout the year and is

open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information or to make a donation,

visit www.livingheritagemuseum.com.

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