

# Moon River Festival scheduled for Sept. 8-9



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**MOON RIVER**  
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SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2018  
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The Moon River Music Festival is moving to Chattanooga and it's being headlined by The Avett Brothers and The Head and the Heart.

AC Entertainment and Drew Holcomb are excited to unveil the initial artist lineup for the two-day event that will feature 22 acts across two stages, taking place on the banks of the Tennessee River at Coolidge Park in Chattanooga.

The Moon River Music Festival is set for Sept. 8-9. Tickets go on sale this Thursday at 10 a.m., Eastern, exclusively at [www.MoonRiverFestival.com](http://www.MoonRiverFestival.com).

The 2018 lineup features a specially curated group of artists including: The Avett Brothers, The Head and the Heart, Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors, Judah & The Lion, Trampled By Turtles, Margo Price, Mavis Staples, I'm With Her, The Dirty Guv'nahs, Joseph, The Secret Sisters and many more.

Tickets for Moon River go on sale this Thursday with a limited allotment of general admission weekend passes starting at \$99.50 plus fees. VIP weekend passes are available for \$374.50 plus fees and

- include:
- Priority entrance lane into festival grounds
  - Premium main stage viewing area
  - Exclusive VIP lounge and hang area
  - Exclusive restroom and bar
  - Commemorative gift package
  - Exclusive VIP event Friday evening
- Last week, festival founder Drew Holcomb released a statement about the festival's move from Memphis to Chattanooga and the exciting future of Moon River.
- Holcomb said, "In 2014, we started Moon River Music Festival to showcase my hometown, Memphis,

Tennessee, in all of its under-rated glory. For the last few years we have done exactly that, and brought people from all over the country to see Memphis and experience our incredible festival. We are very proud of what we have accomplished.

"As we outgrew the stunning and historic Levitt Shell, we realized we had an opportunity to dream, and we have set our sights on expanding the original vision of Moon River.

"I have lived in various parts of Tennessee my whole life. I'm biased, but I think its one of the greatest places in the world. In our dreaming and searching

for a new home, we realized we could showcase other parts of my home state, Tennessee, and we have found the perfect place, Coolidge Park, in downtown Chattanooga.

"Chattanooga is primed for a music festival like Moon River, and the city has opened its arms to us. It is the gateway to the Appalachian Mountains and one of the most beautiful cities in the region. Coolidge Park is right in the center of town, connected to one the world's largest pedestrian bridges, Walnut Street Bridge, overlooking the Tennessee River."

## WCHS top students

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It's become popular in recent years for high-achieving students to take dual enrollment classes at Motlow College. Curtis not only followed this route, she completed an overload form that allowed her to take 21 credit hours at Motlow. The move will allow her to graduate with an associate's degree from Motlow at the same time she receives her high school diploma.

"I've enjoyed it, but at the same time I feel like I've been out of the loop because I've been at Motlow and not here at the high school," said Curtis, who has her college choices narrowed to Belmont and UT-Knoxville.

Curtis says she'd like to be an anesthesiologist.

"I don't want to be a surgeon because I don't want that much responsibility," said Curtis. "But I still want to be in on the surgery."

Mathis didn't go the Motlow route. Instead, she stayed on the high school campus and took more academically rigorous AP classes. She said chemistry was her hardest subject and she's leaning toward UT-Knoxville as her col-

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## TOP 10 PERCENT

### Valedictorian Salutatorian

Courtney Curtis  
Abigail Mathis

Kasey Ballard  
Emile Blankenship  
Megan Bodnar  
Harley Boyd  
Bunker Brock  
Emma Cantrell  
Kaylee Chisam  
Allison Cripps  
Samantha Davis  
Jalynn Davis  
Ivy Eidson  
Lucas Evans  
Logan Fincher  
Danielle Foster  
Bethany Fye  
Isaiah Grayson  
Haven Griffith  
Kelsey Gross  
Molly Hale  
Grant Hitchcock  
Robert Humphrey

James Jackson  
Misa Jefferson  
Rachel Johnson  
Alex Jones  
Thomas Judkins  
Lila Loftis  
Rebecca Loftis  
Gabriella Magness  
Joselyn Marroquin  
Lucy McGee  
Kaniz-Zahera Momin  
Hope Mullican  
Rachel Myers  
Jackson Noblin  
Jaeden Pyburn  
Katelyn Smith  
Haven Trapp  
Sally Willmore  
Crystal Wood  
Ali Wrisner

# Consumers optimistic about state's economy

The most recent statewide survey by MTSU's Office of Consumer Research shows Tennessee consumers are even more optimistic about the direction of the economy.

The Tennessee Consumer Outlook Index rose to 240 for March, up from 185 in December and 157 in September 2017.

"Tennessee consumers increasingly believe the economy has turned in a positive direction and expect the economy to continue to improve," said Tim Graeff, director of the Office of Consumer Research in MTSU's Jones College of Business. "Such optimism stems from a more favorable outlook on the job market, personal finances, investments, and savings."

The current online survey of 630 Tennessee consumers was conducted March 1-3 with a margin of error of 4 percentage points.

The quarterly survey consists of a series of questions that measure areas such as how consumers feel about the local, state and national economies, as well as their personal financial situations and the job market.

Graeff noted the growing optimism "can set the stage for future economic growth, given that two-thirds of the U.S. economy is due to consumer spending."

But he cautioned such increased optimism might not necessarily lead to significant increases in spending since some consumers



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RESEARCH, MTSU**

may choose to reduce credit card debt and increase savings. Yet increased saving can lay the groundwork for future consumer spending, he said.

Other March report highlights noted by Graeff:

- Job market: Perceptions of the job market also saw slight improvements. The percent who said jobs in their area are "easy to find" gained to 23 percent from

- 19.
- U.S. economy: The percent of consumers who said business conditions in the country as a whole are "good" rose to 38 percent from 29 in December.
  - Savings and credit card debt: The percent of consumers who said compared to last year they are saving "more" rose to 30 percent from 24 in December. Additionally, the percent who expect in 12 months the total amount of their credit card debt to be "lower" increased to 42 percent from 37.

# Window tint leads to 210 days

By **JAMES CLARK**  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)*

Dark window tint has resulted in an eight-year sentence for a woman with a long criminal history, but she will only have to serve 210 of those days behind bars.

Deanna Sue Baker was ordered to serve 210 days by Circuit Court Judge Bart Stanley for possession of meth with intent to deliver and violation of the habitual traffic offender status.

Charges dismissed due to her plea deal include driving on a suspended license second offense, possession of drug para-

phernalia, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of a firearm during the commission of a felony, and violation of the window tint law.

Baker was with two other people, Joseph N. Jackson and Vanessa Lute, during her arrest. They were busted after McMinnville police officer Justin Colwell noticed a 2008 Lincoln Navigator traveling east on the bypass with what appeared to be illegally dark window tint.

Colwell pulled them over and immediately discovered the driver, Baker, was driving on a revoked license and she

is a habitual traffic offender. She has four past convictions for driving on a revoked license after her license was pulled for a drunk driving conviction in 2009.

Baker was taken into custody and admitted to police she had a small amount of marijuana in her purse. Her admission prompted an all-out search of the vehicle.

"During a search of the vehicle, a plastic baggie containing a substantial amount of methamphet-

amine was located in a purse belonging to Ms. Baker," said Colwell, noting the amount weighed 27 grams. There was also marijuana and a digital scale found in a backpack inside the car.

The search continued and netted a portable safe that was on the floor board of the third row of seats in the SUV. Inside the safe was a Smith & Wesson 40-caliber pistol. All three suspects are convicted felons. The cases are being tried separately.



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