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July ‘Storytellers’ features Cannonsburgh Village, ‘Uncle Dave Macon Days’

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Uncle Dave Macon Days, an Old-Time Music and Dance Festival, will once again turn back the pages of time with bluegrass and dance at Cannonsburgh Village in Murfreesboro, Friday, July 10 – Sunday, July 12. Learn more in this month’s “Storytellers” on CityTV.

The July episode of “Murfreesboro Storytellers” features Nate Williams, Superintendent, Murfreesboro Parks & Recreation Department, Kathy Owen Wallace, Tour Guide, Cannonsburgh Village, and Ben Wilson, director of Uncle Dave Macon Days.

Historic Cannonsburgh Village represents approximately 100 years of early Tennessee life from the 1830s to the 1930s. Within the village is a gristmill, school house, telephone operator’s house, the University House, the Leeman House, a museum, a caboose, the Wedding Chapel, a doctor’s office, a general store, a blacksmith’s shop, a well, and other points of pioneering interest.

The July 2015 episode can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/ACvuv4R4MS0> and on CityTV Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Monday, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

The interview with Williams, Wallace, and Wilson features the following topics:

- Cannonsburgh Village was built as part of a national Bicentennial project in the 1970s.
- Buildings at Cannonsburgh feature a working gristmill, a telephone operator’s building from the early 1900s and a blacksmith’s shop, still in operation.
- The Uncle Dave Macon Days event began in the late 1970s when Jesse Messick and David “Ramsey” Macon, a grandson of Uncle Dave, started a banjo-pickin’ contest on the Historic Murfreesboro Square. The festival has grown over the years to include clogging and buck dancing competitions. Originally held on the Square, Uncle Dave Macon Days moved to Cannonsburgh in 1989.

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This month's Storytellers, hosted by John Hood, was videotaped in the Leeman House on the grounds of Cannonsburgh Village. The full musical lineup for this year's festival can be found on the Uncle Dave Macon Days website at <http://uncledavemacondays.com/>. For more information on Cannonsburgh Village, visit <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/index.aspx?nid=164>

You can watch "Murfreesboro Storytellers" on CityTV (located on Comcast Xfinity Channel 3 and AT&T Uverse channel 99). You can view the program online by visiting or <https://youtu.be/ACvuv4R4MS0> or www.murfreesborotn.gov/storytellers.

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Photos attached:

1. *Uncle Dave Macon Days Fiddle Player.jpg.*
2. *Uncle Dave Macon Days Logo.jpg.*