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Athens, Tennessee

Protecting Children From Social Media Act

Governor Bill Lee has signed a bill into law, also known as the Protecting Children from Social Media Act, which mandates social media companies to authenticate the age of their users and require minors to obtain parental approval. According to the law, individuals under 18 must have parental or guardian consent to register for a social media profile. For existing accounts held by minors, companies must verify parental consent, failing which access will be denied. Furthermore, platforms must offer parents means to monitor these accounts. Non-compliance exposes companies to potential lawsuits by the Tennessee attorney general.

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn Senior Activity Center (205 McMinn Ave., Athens) will be hosting Dancing and Live Music featuring "Marshal Law" on Friday, May 10 from 7 pm to 9 pm with doors opening at 6:45 pm. Cost of Admission is \$5 and everyone is welcome. For more information contact the McMinn Senior Activity Center at (423) 745-6830.
- Bohannon Farms' 2nd Annual Open House is Saturday, May 18th at 144 County Road 219 in Niota. The store opens at 10 am with 10% off everything in-stock. Free lunch beginning at 11 am. Live Music from Saved By Grace from 12 pm to 2 pm. Kids can enjoy the bounce house too, so bring your chairs and celebrate!
- The Etowah Library Board will meet at 5pm on Monday, May 13 at the library. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit them online at www.etowahlibrary.com.



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Real ID Deadline Approaching

The Real ID Act was passed by Congress in 2005 with the primary objective, as highlighted by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, being the prevention of identity theft. This legislation adds an additional layer of security to ensure uniformity in ID issuance procedures across all states. As the deadline approaches, Tennessee residents must obtain a Real ID, which necessitates presenting proof of citizenship (such as an unexpired passport or birth certificate), along with their social security number and two forms of Tennessee residency proof. The Real ID is mandatory for passing TSA security, accessing federal buildings, and other identification purposes. However, alternative documents like a valid passport are still acceptable for travel and federal building entry. The deadline for obtaining a Real ID is May 7th, 2025.

Obituaries

Please note time changes for Visitation and Celebration of Life Service.

♦ **Shytez Daran Jackson**, age 16 of Athens passed away on April 26 with his loving girlfriend Air'ra Wilson. A celebration of Life Service will be at 11:30 AM Saturday, May 11, at First Baptist Church of Cleveland. Interment will follow at Fort Hill Cemetery South. The family will receive friends from 10:30 AM-11:30 PM prior to the service at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 7

- 1812** - English poet Robert Browning was born in London.
- 1833** - German composer Johannes Brahms was born. He composed Brahms' Lullaby, which has been sung or hummed to rock countless millions of babies to sleep over the years.
- 1945** - Nazi Germany officially surrendered to the Allied Powers. Japan surrendered a few months later.
- 1977** - Seattle Slew won the Kentucky Derby on his way to horse racing's Triple Crown.
- 1984** - A \$180 million out-of-court settlement was announced in the Agent Orange class-action lawsuit

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Junior Achievement Volunteers Needed



Junior Achievement is a non-profit organization that partners with volunteers from the community to teach elementary school students about their roles as individuals. Junior Achievement's mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. For a time investment of only 3 to 4 1/2 hours, you may be the difference between a young person in your community just making ends meet or having a more fulfilling career and life.

As a Junior Achievement volunteer, you will share your personal and professional experiences with students from your community, helping them make the connection between what they are learning in school and what they will need to succeed in the future. There are various programs that Junior Achievement has for Elementary students. In third grade, there is JA Our City; in fourth grade, JA Our Region, and in fifth grade, JA Our Nation. Junior Achievement gives you an opportunity to impact young people in your community in a positive way with simple to implement programs on financial literacy, work readiness, and entrepreneurship. Empower young people to own their economic success. Junior Achievement of the Ocoee Region serves five counties - Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe and Polk. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information please contact their office today and make a difference in a young person's life. Monty Montgomery is the Program Manager and the number to contact him to volunteer is (423) 614-8776. His email is monty.montgomery@ja.org



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