

### WEATHER FORECAST

**Tues.** - Sunny. High 86.  
**Tues. night** - Mostly Clear.  
 Low 66.  
**Wed.** - Mostly Sunny. High 84.  
**Wed. Night** - Mostly Cloudy  
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## Today's News... This Morning

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## Athens, Tennessee

### Athens City Memorial Day Closures



The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following holiday closures: The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day. The Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and

the Animal Shelter will re-open Tuesday, May 28, 2024, during regular business hours. Residential garbage routes for Monday, May 27, 2024, will be picked up on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. All other residential garbage routes will be on regular schedule. Please place garbage totes curbside Monday night to ensure they are out for pickup. Commercial/Industrial garbage routes will be picked up on a limited basis. ALL EMERGENCY SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO OPERATE ON A 24-HOUR BASIS. CONTACT MCMINN 911 COMMUNICATIONS IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745. See their website at: [www.cityofathensstn.com/publicworks/](http://www.cityofathensstn.com/publicworks/)

### Community News You Can Use

- Per the McMinn County Highway Department, County Road 110, Spring Creek Road, will be closed at the intersection of County Road 114, Coile Road, TODAY Tuesday, May 21st beginning at 8:30 A.M. for road construction.
- The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 P.M. The meetings are held at the AgCentral Farmers Cooperative located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens. The public is welcome and you do not need to be a member to attend.
- The Bookmobile sponsored by the Meigs-Decatur Friends of the Library will be at the Eastview Community Center, 297 Blythe Ferry Lane, Georgetown, on Thursday, May 23 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon. The bookmobile will next be at the Decatur Wellness & Rehabilitation Center, 332 River Road, Decatur, from 12:30 to 1:30. The Bookmobile is an extension of the Meigs-Decatur Library.
- The McMinn County Election Commission will meet in Regular Session today, Tuesday, May 21 at 5 pm in the Conference Room of the McMinn County Courthouse and will conduct any election business to legally come before the board.

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Tuesday, May 21, 2024 Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 2 Athens, Tennessee

**\$20M Loan Approved for Oak Ridge Water Infrastructure**



Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Commissioner David Salyers announced a \$20 million loan for the City of Oak Ridge to enhance water infrastructure. This loan is part of four approved by the Tennessee Local Development Authority, totaling \$24.7

million, which also includes funds for the Tullahoma Utilities Authority, the City of Winchester, and the Town of Woodbury.

The Oak Ridge loan, provided by the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program, will finance the construction of a new membrane filtration water treatment plant. The loan carries a 30-year term with a 3.33 percent interest rate. The State Revolving Fund Loan Program offers communities, utility districts, and water and wastewater authorities lower interest rates compared to private financing, with rates ranging from zero percent to below market rate depending on the community's economic health.

**Obituaries**

**Deborah Loreen Crowder**, 66 of Madisonville, passed away on Sunday, May 19 at a local hospital. The family will receive friends on Saturday, May 25 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM in the chapel of Companion Funeral Home of Athens. A service celebrating her life will begin at 4:00 PM. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is honored to assist her family with these arrangements.

**Clinton Eugene Slack**, 72 of Englewood, passed away on May 20 at his home surrounded by his family. He was an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Army. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, May 22 from 5:00 PM until the 7:00 PM in the Athens chapel of Companion Funeral Home. A service celebrating his life will follow the visitation time at 7:00 PM. The interment and committal service will take place on Thursday, May 23 at 11:00 AM in the Slack Cemetery. The funeral procession will leave the funeral home at 10:45 AM on Thursday morning. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

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**Athens Lions - 15th Annual Moooooo Run!!!**

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Athens, Tennessee

## Southeast Tennessee News

◆ Two men drowned at the Tennessee Riverpark boat ramp in Chattanooga on Saturday evening. It happened when one man fell in and another man jumped in to try to rescue him according to the Chattanooga Fire Department. The two drowning victims were not wearing life vests. Investigators determined that the two men were standing on a floating dock and family members told first responders that one of the men fell into the river and the other victim jumped into the water in an effort to save him. Both victims drowned in 7-10 feet of water surrounding the boat ramp. The two men were identified as 25-year-old Bismar Osveli Castanon and 19-year-old Axel Adrian Velasquez.

◆ A criminal suspect with numerous charges was taken into custody on Monday. The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and the Bradley County Sheriff's office were able to locate the suspect at an address in Bradley County. The 35 year-old-suspect, Ayodeji Olamide Ajayi, refused to surrender to law enforcement. HCSO detectives made contact with the suspect via phone and advised him to surrender. The suspect made statements that he would not surrender, that he had a gun, and that he was going to act in a way that would force law enforcement to kill him. A tense and lengthy standoff ensued, however, HCSO detectives were able to maintain contact with Ajayi and persuaded him to peacefully surrender. Ajayi was found to be in possession of a toy BB pistol that closely resembled a real firearm. He had several active felony warrants and is being charged with: 4 Counts of Aggravated Rape, 1 Count of Rape, Aggravated Burglary, Sexual Battery, Aggravated Kidnapping and Domestic Assault. He was booked into the Hamilton County jail. No bond was listed. [Chattanooga.com](http://Chattanooga.com)

## Obituaries-continued

**Charles "Kenneth" Patterson**, 74 of Madisonville, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, May 19. Kenneth enjoyed the outdoors, riding the roads and hanging out with his friends, but most of all spending time with his children and grandchildren. He drove a truck for many years prior to retirement. The family will receive friends on Thursday, May 23 from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM in the Athens Chapel of Companion Funeral Home located at 400 S White Street in Athens, TN. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be **Meredith Willson**. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO : AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



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