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## Relay for Life Receives \$1,700 Donation



East Tennessee Properties recently held a rummage sale to raise money for Relay for Life. In total, \$1,700 was raised to benefit the organization. According to their website, the American Cancer Society Relay For Life brings together passionate supporters who embody the American Cancer Society vision to end cancer as we know it, for everyone. This volunteer-led experience unites communities

to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and raise funds to improve the lives of people with cancer and their families through advocacy, research, and patient support, to ensure everyone has an opportunity to prevent, detect, treat, and survive cancer.

Pictured left to right are: Barbara Ratledge (East TN Properties Office Manager), Casey Taylor (East TN Properties), Carlene Kuykendall (Relay for Life), Sharon Womac Smithey (East TN Properties), Priscilla Brannon (Relay for Life), Lori Bennett (East TN Properties), Heidi Wallace (East TN Properties) Oz-zie Webb (Owner/Broker of East TN Properties)

## Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Lions Club's 15th Annual Red, White, and Moo Run will occur on Saturday, June 1, 2024 with the race starting at 7:30 am. Moo Run 2024 is a 5K run/1 mile walk taking place at Eureka Trail in Athens. Best Red, White, & Blue/ Cow apparel wins a prize!. You must be a registered participant to win. For more info, visit [www.AthensTNLions.org](http://www.AthensTNLions.org)
- The Hiwassee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution will host a Veterans' Grave Marking and Ceremony for Memorial Day. The event will take place on Saturday, May 25th, 2024, starting at 10:00 AM. Participants will place American flags on graves at Riceville Community Cemetery (located on County Rd. 79 on hill above the Riceville, TN Post Office) and South Liberty Community Cemetery (located on County Rd. 679). Each marking will be preceded by a short patriotic ceremony. The community and public are invited to attend.
- The McMinn County Highway Department has again announced that McMinn County Road 110, Spring Creek Road, will be closed at the intersection of County Road 114, Coile Road, on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 8:30 A.M.** for road construction. This is the second day where this closure has occurred.

### WEATHER FORECAST

**Wednesday** - Mostly Sunny. High 85.  
**Wednesday night** - Mostly cloudy, Low 69.  
**Thursday** - 40% Chance of Storms. High 83.  
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## E.G. Fisher Public Library News

- The Friends of the Library Book Sale is set for Thursday, June 20 - Sunday, June 23. The book sale will once again occur at the McMinn County High School Cafeteria. This event is a yearly fundraiser with all proceeds benefitting the E.G. Fisher Public Library. All types of books from Fiction to Non-Fiction, in hardback and paperback will be for sale. This is a cash only event, so please come prepared! Their flyer with daily operating times can be seen on their Facebook page [HERE](#).
- E.G. Fisher Public Library's Summer Reading Program kicks off next Thursday May 30 with a kick-off party from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm. Their jam-packed calendars for June and July are here, filled with exciting events and activities for the whole family! From thrilling tales for children to captivating workshops for teens and adults. There's something for everyone! Swing by the library to pick up your FREE copy of their Summer Reading Program calendars. All Summer Reading Program events are FREE to attend, however, some events do require registration, so be sure to secure your spot early! See their calendar on Facebook [HERE](#)

## Elks Lodge Scholarship Recipients



The Athens Elks Lodge #1927 awarded scholarships to three students at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT). Recipients Nicholas Smith, Ty Riggins, and Ashley Westfield each received a \$500 scholarship to help with the expenses of starting or continuing education. Scholarships were awarded during a short ceremony at TCAT's Athens Campus. Scholarship recipients were chosen based on their personal essays and instructor recommendations. The Athens Elks Lodge #1927 supports education through annual scholarship awards, including awards to TCAT students. For more information about Athens Elks Lodge #1927, please contact the lodge at [bpoe1927@comcast.net](mailto:bpoe1927@comcast.net).

Pictured here are Athens Elks Lodge #1927 Exalted Ruler Sandy Ray, Athens Elks Lodge #1927 Scholarship Committee member Leslie Jacobs, scholarship recipients Nicholas Smith, Ty Riggins, and Ashley Westfield, along with faculty and staff of TCAT.



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## Obituaries

**Marie Browning Lambert**, 94, of Etowah, passed away Sunday, May 19, at Etowah Health Care Center. She was born in Rock, West Virginia on Browning Lambert Mountain. She was a longtime resident of Etowah. Her college years began at Concord University in Athens, West Virginia where she earned her teacher's certificate. When she and her husband moved to TN, she began classes at the University of TN in Knoxville and at Tennessee Wesleyan College. She received her Master's degree in Education and Administration from the University of TN at Chattanooga. She was an elementary school teacher and principal in West Virginia, Virginia and Tennessee. She retired from the Etowah City School System. She was a longtime member of the First Presbyterian Church where she served as Chairman of the Board of the Christian Children's Center. She was very active in the Presbyterian Women Bible Study group. She served on the Board of Directors of the Area-wide Cancer Support Group from its beginning in 2001 and as a Director on the Board of the Etowah Area Senior Citizens. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 23, 2024 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Thursday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery, Friday, May 24th for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

## TN Boy, 10, Dies After Severe Brain Injury After Near Drowning



10-year-old Asher Sullivan, who was swept into a storm drain by flood waters about a week and a half ago, has officially passed away. His father Dr. Jimmy Sullivan, head of Rutherford County schools, said he and his wife over the last couple of days have been talking to doctors about a decision no parent wants to make, after being told that their son's brain function would not recover. While they were away meeting with neurologists about the latest MRI, Asher's vitals crashed. After hours of testing, it was confirmed he had passed away. Asher remains on life support at Vanderbilt to be an organ donor. Dr. Sullivan said it is "100 percent an 'Asher' type of thing to do in continuing to be selfless." An honor walk is being planned at Vanderbilt so that Asher can be celebrated as a hero, saving others' lives as an organ donor.



### TODAY IN HISTORY - MAY 22

**1861** - In what is generally regarded as the first Union combat fatality of the Civil War, Pvt. Thornsby Bailey Brown was shot and killed by a Confederate soldier at Fetterman Bridge in present-day West Virginia.

**1960** - An earthquake of magnitude 9.5, the strongest ever measured, struck southern Chile, claiming some 1,655 lives.

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