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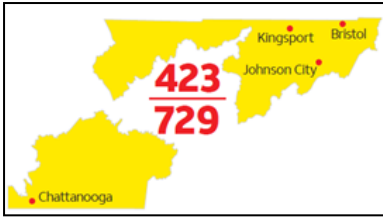
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Starting August 5, 2024, there will be a six-month permissive dialing period during which local calls can be made with either 7 or 10 digits.

Beginning February 5, 2025, all local calls within the 423 area code must be dialed using 10 digits. Calls using only 7 digits will not be completed.

From March 5, 2025, new phone lines may receive numbers from the new 729 area code, which will co-exist with the 423 area code, and 10-digit dialing will be required for both.

Current phone numbers and their current area code will not change. This only applies to new phone lines.

## Community News You Can Use

- The Athens City Council voted 4-1 Thursday in a special called meeting to hire former city manager Mitch Moore to be an interim city manager effective July 1st. He will take the place of Deb Wallace who resigned effective June 30th.
- The Athens City Schools Board of Education will be meeting on Monday, June 10. The draft agenda and packet for the board meeting can be viewed online on the Athens City Schools website [HERE](#). If an individual wishes to address the board on an item on the agenda, he/she may sign up on the form provided before the beginning of the board meeting to request time to speak. Delegations must select only one individual to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined by the board.
- The Athens branch of Citizens National Bank at 1305 Decatur Pike is collecting items for Full Circle Medical Center for Women throughout July. The items needed are diapers (sizes 3, 4, and 5), wipes, Similac or Enfamil formula, and \$20 gas cards.
- MEDIC Regional Blood Center has a critical need for O Negative and O Positive blood types. Please consider donating, if healthy and able. MEDIC Regional Blood Center is located at 927 Decatur Pike in Athens. Remember, when you give local, you save local. See MEDIC's ad on page 2.

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## Obituaries

**Jeanne Stephens David**, 97, long-time resident of Lakeland, TN, died peacefully, Monday, June 3. Jeanne loved Jesus and read the Bible all the way through many times. She was a member of Bellevue Baptist Church in Cordova, TN and enjoyed working in the nursery there for many years. A graveside service will be conducted 11:00 am, Monday, June 10 at McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal service or visitation. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Jeanne Stephens David.

**Carolyn J. Rucker**, age 79 of Athens, passed away Sunday, June 2 at her home peacefully surrounded by her family. She enjoyed shopping and gardening, but her true love was being at home and taking care of her family. There will be a private family service at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

**Sillus DaCosta Newman, III**, 87 of Calhoun, passed away at his home on Tuesday June 4. He was a member of the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 43, a 32nd Degree Mason and an Alhambra Shriner. In 1984, he and his wife Pam started Hiwassee Construction Company, where he worked until just a few years ago. In his retirement, he was able to pursue his favorite past time and became a true cattleman. The family will receive friends 5-8 P.M. Friday, June 7, 2024, at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held 11:00 A.M. Saturday June 8, 2024, at Jellico Cemetery in Jellico, Tennessee. Arrangements by Heritage Funeral Home, East Brainerd Chapel, Chattanooga.

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## Church News and Events

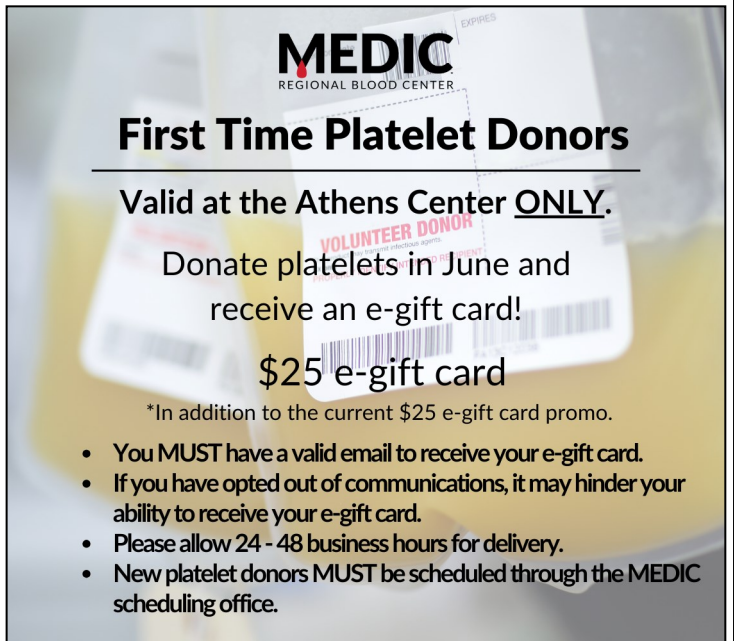
- North Etowah Baptist Church's Vacation Bible School takes place on June 17 - June 21 from 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Grades K - 6 (just completed) and Adults can participate. For more information and registration, visit [northetowah.org/vbs](http://northetowah.org/vbs)
- Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, will be hosting the gospel group **Journey Home** this Sunday, June 9th for the 6 pm service.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Athens Lutheran Church is hosting VBS with the theme: "Celebrate the Savior, Jesus Gives Us Joy!" for grades K - 6 on June 24 - 28 from 9 am to 12:30 pm. Free lunch is included and a pool party will end Friday evening. Register at [athenslutheran-church.org](http://athenslutheran-church.org) or <https://vbsmate.com/athenslutheranathenstn>
- Mt. Zion Methodist Church (1264 Upper Concord Rd, Ten Mile) is hosting their homecoming service on Sunday, June 9th beginning at 11 am. This is their only service of the year and donations are accepted to help maintain the church and adjoining cemetery. Contact Rick Crabtree for more info at (423)-920-3611
- Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun is having a one-day Vacation Bible School tomorrow, Saturday June 8th, from 8:45 am to 2 pm. See their ad on page 1 for more details.



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### WEATHER FORECAST

**Friday** - Mostly sunny, pleasant & less humid. High 83.

**Fri. night** - Mainly clear. Low 56.

**Saturday** - Mostly sunny. High 82.

**Sat. Night** - Cloudy. Low 62.

**Sunday** - Cloudy & humid. Possible rain & t'storms. High 78.

More Weather at: [wxyi.com](http://wxyi.com)

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## Free Fishing Day



The 2024 Bobby Wilson Free Fishing Day will be held this Saturday, June 8, in Tennessee. On this day, residents and visitors of any age can fish for free in the state's public waters without a license. Additionally, youths aged 15 and younger can fish for free for the entire week, from June 8 to June

14. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) has been organizing this annual event since 1991 to introduce children and families to fishing and outdoor activities. To enhance the experience, the agency stocks thousands of pounds of fish across the state. The event is named in honor of Bobby Wilson, who retired in 2022 after over 40 years with the TWRA. Free Fishing Day and Week are applicable in Tennessee's public waters, TWRA-owned lakes, and state park facilities, but some privately owned pay lakes may still charge fees.



## Obituaries

**Jerald Shelton**, 55 of Decatur, passed away Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> with his family by his side. Jerald was a collector of arrow heads, he loved spending time with his grandchildren, and enjoyed fishing and hot rods. Funeral service will be 2:00 pm, Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> at Good Samaritan Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 – 2:00 prior to the service. Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens in charge of arrangements.

**Linda Lucille Lloyd**, 77 of Athens, passed away on Wednesday, June 5 at Sweetwater Hospital in Sweetwater. She was a native of Rockwood, TN., and resident of McMinn County most of her life. Funeral services will be 4:00 P.M. Saturday, June 8, 2024, in the Chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with Pastor Manuel Brady officiating. Interment will follow in Hickory Grove Cemetery in Tellico Plains. The family will receive friends from 2 pm - 4 pm Saturday at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

### Today in History - June 7

- 1654** - Louis XIV was crowned king of France in Rheims.
- 1776** - Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution calling for a Declaration of Independence.
- 1848** - Postimpressionist painter Paul Gauguin was born in Paris.
- 1929** - Vatican City became a sovereign state as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.
- 1939** - King George VI arrived at Niagara Falls, N.Y., from Canada on the first visit to the U.S. by a reigning British monarch.
- 2009** - Roger Federer of Switzerland became the sixth man in tennis history to win a career Grand Slam and tied Pete Sampras' record of 14 major singles titles when he won the French Open.

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