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Made Well Retreat Center Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for the new Made Well Retreat Center at Women at the Well ministries, located at 875 County Road 655, Athens. This is a wonderful place to host a bible study, women's small group, or sewing group. Shown here are Chamber and business representatives, Robin Nation (Founder of Women at the Well), along with staff members and students of Women at the Well.



Community News You Can Use

- 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.
- [Studio 3:16 Community Art Space](#) (316 N. White St, Athens) is hosting Fun Art Fridays. This week, the featured painting is "[Camp Under the Stars](#)" TODAY Friday, June, 14 at 5:30 pm. All Supplies are included and seats are \$25. Create a beautiful work of art! Enjoy the complementary coffee and tea bar, or bring your own snacks and non-alcoholic beverages! There will be a door prize entry for every attendee. Click [HERE](#) to reserve your seat and visit the first Community Art Space in Athens!
- Today is Flag Day. It commemorates the adoption of the U.S. flag on June 14, 1777, by the Second Continental Congress. June 14 is also the birthday of the U.S. Army which was founded on this day in 1775.

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A 2-year-old girl is dead after being found in a pool at a home in the Tellico Plains area. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office reported that deputies responded to a report of a drowning in the Tellico area at around 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12. According to MCSO, some children were outside playing when their mother stepped away for a "quick minute." When she returned, the sheriff's office said her 2-year-old daughter was found in a pool at the home. Responders performed CPR on the girl until they arrived at Sweetwater Hospital. At the hospital, medical personnel determined the girl had died. According to the State of Tennessee's 2023 Child Fatality Annual Report, drowning is the leading cause of death in children ages one through four.

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TN Dept of Safety & Homeland Security Offers Free Cable Gun Locks

The TN Department of Safety and Homeland Security (TDOS) is providing **FREE** 15-inch cable locks for securing shotguns, rifles, pistols, and revolvers. These locks prevent firearms from being fired by running through the barrel or action and feature a rubber coating to protect the firearm. They have a secure keyed deadbolt locking mechanism with a 4-pin cylinder. So far, 69,500 gunlocks have been distributed. For enhanced security, it is advised to use these cable locks in conjunction with other safe storage measures, such as locked gun cases, firearm safes, or lock boxes, and to store ammunition in a separate locked container. Keys to the cable lock should be kept in a secure, hard-to-access location. *Story Continued on Page 5*

Church News & 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
- 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 athenslutheranchurch.org or <https://vbsmate.com/athenslutheranathenstn>
- [Solid Rock Baptist Church](#) presents [Kevin Spencer](#) LIVE in Concert on Sunday, June 30 for their 6:00 pm service. Solid Rock Baptist Church is located at 4975 Highway 11 S in Calhoun. There will be a love offering during the service and everyone is encouraged to attend. For more info, contact Pastor Scott Martin at (423) 716-0271.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



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- Union Hill Baptist Church (258 County Road 659, Athens) is having a revival June 23rd through June 28th. Service begins at 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 23rd. Service begins at 7 pm on Monday - Friday. Everyone is welcome.
- East Athens Baptist Church (301 Central Ave., Athens) presents their Vacation Bible School on July 8 - 12 from 5:45 pm - 8:15 pm. The theme is Breaker Rock Beach: God's Rock-Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sands. Free Supper will be provided and children up through 5th grade are encouraged to attend.
- Oak Grove Baptist Church (711 County Road 275, Niota) is hosting the Sundresses & Sandals Luncheon with guest speaker Minister Yaquia Walker on Saturday, June 29th from 11 am - 1 pm. The cost, including lunch, is \$20.
- [West End Baptist Church](#) is hosting their vacation bible school on June 17 - 20 from 7 pm - 8:30 pm.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.
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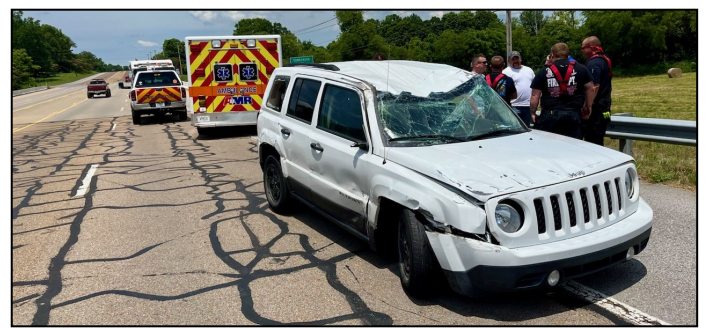
TN Dept of Safety & Homeland Security Offers Free Cable Gun Locks



From page 2: "Safe firearm storage saves lives, and as a gun owner, the safe storage of your firearm is your responsibility," said Department of Safety and Homeland Security Commissioner Jeff Long. "Safe storage can prevent accidental shootings, suicide, and theft. I encourage Tennessee gun owners to use our free gun lock to store their firearm safely."

A new [video](#) released by the TDOS shows a father teaching his son to safely shoot a gun while a curious younger daughter watches. Wanting to join them, the daughter searches her parents' room and finds a gun they thought was well-hidden. When her father enters and catches her off-guard, she turns and points the gun at him. Shocked but relieved, the father takes the gun away and hugs her. The viewer then sees that the gun had a Safe Store Tennessee cable lock. The father says, "This is why Daddy locks his gun." The video ends with a black screen promoting SafeStoreTN.com, which lists locations in all 95 counties where Tennesseans can obtain a free cable lock. *Photo from TN.gov*

Vehicle Loses Control on Highway 411 South in Etowah



At approximately 2:00 on Wednesday afternoon on Highway 411 South at County Road 885, the tire blew out on this 2015 Jeep Sport. This incident caused the vehicle to flip with the driver and passenger receiving minor scratches that required no medical transport. Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire Departments, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office and American Medical Response (AMR) all responded. Tennessee Highway Patrol Officer Ethan Jones investigated the incident. *Photo by Lynn Ingram with Englewood Rural Fire Department.*



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