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Senior Center Summer Family Days



The McMinn Senior Activity Center invites the community to enjoy the Activity Center's summer Family Day programs this Friday, June 21 at 10am. Every Friday at 10 am the Center will

offer a new program that families can come and enjoy together during June and July. Other planned Family Day activities include:

- Friday, June 28 at 10 am Jewelry Making-Bracelets
- Friday, July 5 at 10 am Greeting Card Making Class
- Friday, July 12 at 10 am Shuffleboard
- Friday, July 19 at 10 am Checkers
- Friday, July 26 at 10 am Watercolor Pencil Painting

All activities are free, but the Center does ask that you sign up in advance to ensure a spot. The center is located at 205 McMinn Ave., in Athens. Call them at (423) 745-6830 or visit their website mcminnseniors.com

Community News You Can Use

- 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](#).
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following traffic notice: The new traffic signals located at the intersection of S. White Street/Highway 30 and Elizabeth Street will be placed in the yellow flash mode on Monday, June 17, 2024 at approximately 3:00 p.m. These traffic signals will remain on yellow flash until Wednesday, June 26, 2024 at approximately 10:00 a.m. At that time, they will be switched to operational mode and pedestrian crossing equipment will be activated. Motorists should be aware of these signals and be prepared to stop. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution and watch for traffic signage, workers, and pedestrians. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

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Obituaries

Bobby Cumbus, 85 of McMinn County, passed away on Sunday, June 16. Bobby retired from the United States Navy. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 19, at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens with full military honors. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Bobby Cumbus.

Joyce Ann Bynum Colburn, age 78, of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, June 15. She was a lifelong member of Knob Creek Church of Christ in Graves County, Kentucky. She retired from Walmart in Athens; she enjoyed making ceramics. A Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Decatur Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 noon – 2 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Colburn Family.

Reannon McKenzie Myrick, age 25, of Ten Mile, passed away on Thursday, June 13. She loved acting, music, and being a CNA. A Funeral Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m.– 2 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Myrick Family.

Raymond G. Franklin, age 69, of Athens, passed away on Monday, June 17. A masonic service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 20, in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services, with a funeral service to follow. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 21, in the Pisgah Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 – 7 p.m., prior to the service on Thursday. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Gov. Lee Requests Disaster Declaration from President Biden



Governor Bill Lee has requested a Major Disaster Declaration from President Joe Biden for counties affected by severe weather and tornadoes on May 8-9, 2024.

“Federal disaster assistance will bring much-needed economic relief and resources to help our communities and fellow Tennesseans recover from the devastation of these storms,” said Gov. Lee.

If granted, federal Individual Assistance would be available to multiple counties across Tennessee, including Hamilton and Polk counties. The Individual Assistance program offers aid for rental assistance, home repairs, and personal property replacement, up to \$42,500. The FEMA Public Assistance program reimburses jurisdictions and certain private, non-profit organizations for emergency work and uninsured infrastructure repairs as well as eligible costs of responding to the emergency.

Tennessee experienced several rounds of severe thunderstorms which resulted in ten confirmed tornadoes, large, damaging hail, widespread areas of damaging straight-line winds, and heavy rainfall of up to nine inches in a 24-hour period, which caused significant flash flooding and riverine flooding from May 8 to May 9, 2024. Agricultural and business losses are not covered by FEMA, and the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) is coordinating with federal agencies for additional aid.

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From the Desk of Meredith Willson



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 Friendly City Festivals

Friendly City Festivals announces the second concert in the 2024 Sounds of Summer series will feature local bluegrass favorite Just Us on Friday, June 21st.

The concert will be held at Market Pavilion at 106 South Jackson Street in downtown Athens, Tennessee starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are

encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends for a toe tapping night of entertainment. Food trucks for the evening will be Kona Ice, The Traveling Lunchbox and Chick-fil-A.

Just Us Bluegrass is based out of East Tennessee and started playing together in September of 2006. They have many years of on stage experience and have played many venues around Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky and Alabama. They perform many styles of music including contemporary, traditional and gospel with that added bluegrass flare. The band prides itself on giving concert goers strong vocals, tight harmonies and solid picking. Band members are Stacy Wilson on guitar, Blake Wilson playing banjo, Teresa Wilson on bass and Brent Womac on guitar.

Sounds of Summer opened this year's series with the Dirk Quinn Band out of Pittsburgh, PA and the remaining line up is:

- June 28th-September Song
- July 5th-Sweet Georgia Sound
- July 12th-Run Katie Run
- July 19th-Sugar Lime Blue
- July 26th-Second Wind Band
- August 2nd-Will Carter
- August 9th-Tim Hughes Quartet
- August 16th-Trailer Hippies
- August 23rd-Mending Wall
- August 30th-The Dexter Thomas Band

This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals, a 501(c)3 subsidiary of Willsonthropic, Inc. and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens, McMinn County Tourism Board, Wolfenden Family Pharmacies, Dynasty Spa and Pool, TVA, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Mayfield Dairy Farm, DENSO, Humana, VEC Customer Shares, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, Valley Oil, Starr Regional Medical Center, Kona Ice, Pendleton's Playground, Simmons Bank, Simmons Wealth Management Group, Warren-Jackson CPAs, and Athens Kiwanis Club. Special thanks to The Morning Fax, Daily Post-Athenian, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, The Arts Center and Main Street Athens for social media/advertising support.



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Arrest Reports

Ronald Hester, 57 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Schedule II substance, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$9,500.

Cody Hardee, 30 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. No Bond Reported.

Jerrey Demay, 67 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Aggravated Assault. Total Bond: \$45,000.

Shannon Huff, 53 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens Pd for Possession of Methamphetamine and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$7,000.

John Greer, 24 of Florida, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Driving Under the Influence and Violation of Implied Consent. Total Bond: \$4,000

Donald Wattenbarger, 52 of Niota was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of a Handgun by a Felon, Driving on a Restricted License. Total Bond: \$7,000.

Tyler Lynn, 25 of Sweetwater was arrested by the MCSO for Terroristic Threats. Total Bond: \$100,000.

Hector Lopez of North Carolina, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving without a License, Operating an Unregistered Vehicle, and Financial Responsibility. Total Bond: \$1,500.

Madison Robertson, 22 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of a Schedule II Substance and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond Reported.

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The preceding information was compiled from public sources.

Man Arrested After Monroe Co. Shooting



Monroe County Sheriff Tommy Jones reported on Facebook that on the afternoon of Saturday, June 15, Monroe County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a shooting in the 700 block of Seedtick Road in Philadelphia. Upon arrival, deputies discovered a female subject with a gun

shot wound. The female was transported to a hospital with serious injuries. A male subject was located nearby and taken into custody after deputies breached the residence. No names will be released at this time, as the investigation is ongoing. The agencies that assisted the Monroe County Sheriff's Office with the response and investigation of this incident included: Sweetwater and Madisonville Police Departments as well as the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency (TWRA). This is a developing story and as more information is released, it will continue to be reported.WATE.com



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