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Thursday marked the opening of the 2024 Friends of the Library Book Sale. Patrons from all over the area flocked to the McMinn County High School cafeteria to be among the first to enjoy access to the sale. While doors opened at 5 pm on Thursday, this picture was taken at approximately 5:30 pm with a long line of people waiting patiently to pay for their finds. While many bibliophiles came early to enjoy the event, there are still plenty of books to be purchased and new deals are listed every day. Today, the hours are from 9 am to 5 pm, tomorrow from 9 am to 3 pm, and Sunday from noon until 3 pm. Today, WYXI Radio will be broadcasting LIVE from the book sale beginning at 11 am until 3 pm. Cousin Mark and J.P. Vasquez will be speaking with both staff and patrons alike and will be

taking entries and drawing winners for a large variety of giveaways on-site. WYXI will be giving away vinyl stickers and drawing for t-shirts. Partnering organizations include White Street Market, Pizza Hut, Greeks Bearing Gifts, Starr Mountain Outfitters, Truist Bank, Capstar Bank, People's Bank of East Tennessee, Simmons Bank, Longhorn Steakhouse, Mayfield Dairy Farms, Midway Milkshakes, Domino's Pizza, Fuller's Frame Shop, and Studio 3:16 Community Art Space. The Midlife Frysia Food Truck will be outside during the live broadcast ready to serve and the Athens Fire Department will be stationed with a fire truck and Sparky the Fire Dog to take pictures! E.G. Fisher Public Library will also be giving out many different project giveaways. All proceeds from this sale will go to benefit the mission of E.G. Fisher Public Library. For more info, follow the WYXI Facebook page, and see their post about the broadcast [HERE](#).

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Athens, Tennessee

"Let's Read 20" Donations Requested



The Let's Read 20 bus has been busy during the month of June delivering wonderful books free of charge to children and families throughout our community. As their inventory dwindles, they need your help! Please donate those slightly used children's books that your child has outgrown and let another child enjoy them. There's no better way to recycle and to share a smile! Donation bins for Let's Read 20 are located at Food City in Athens and in front of their office at 202 Hicks Street in Athens. They are also always in need of volunteers to help process books. If you have a group that would like to volunteer, contact their director via email at letsread20colorfulbus@gmail.com. Enhancing literacy is something we can all be a part of and Let's Read 20 really appreciates their Board, Donors, and Volunteers! *Photos Provided by Julie Lofland, Family Engagement & Coordinated School Health Director, Athens City Schools*

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Obituaries

Eddie "Sleepy" D. Roderick, 66 of Meigs County, passed away on June 19, 2024, at his residence surrounded by his loving family. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and worked for many years as an upholsterer at Pioneer Furniture. He was a member of Faith Baptist Church. The family will receive friends Monday, June 24 from 5:00-7:00 PM with a funeral service to follow at 7:00 PM, in the chapel of Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 25 at Decatur Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Eddie "Sleepy" D. Roderick.

Ryder Ambrose-Bigelow, 17, of Ooltewah unexpectedly passed away on Monday June 17. A memorial service is being held to honor his memory at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 23 at 7450 Standifer Gap Rd, Chattanooga, TN 37421. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Ryder Ambrose-Bigelow.

Alonzo Tabors, 88, from Dunlap, but lived 40+ years in Reliance, TN passed away on Wednesday, June 19. Graveside service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 22 in Green Hill Cemetery. No formal visitation will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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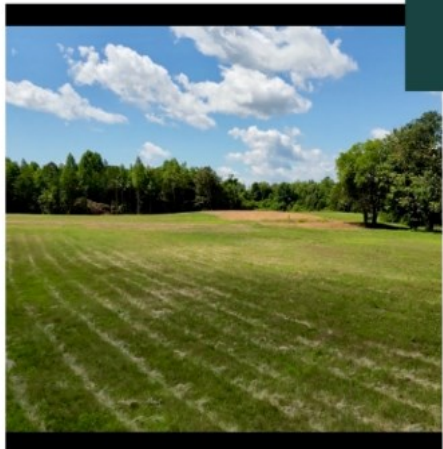
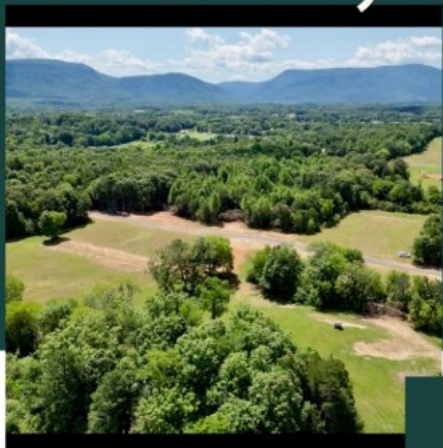
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Athens, Tennessee

Church News & Events

- 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>
- Cambria Baptist Church, located at 305 County Road 875 in Etowah, will be celebrating their homecoming on Sunday, June 23 beginning at the cemetery at 9:30 AM. There will be no Sunday School classes. Worship begins at 11 AM at the Church, featuring the 2X2 Quartet. Everyone is welcome.
- 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.

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Arrest Reports

Carl Whittington, 34 of Knoxville, was arrested by the MCSO for Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Cory Frye, 30 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,131.45

Karen Lowry, 43 of Niota, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of Prescription Drugs, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Harassment and Aggravated Assault. Total Bond: \$17,000.

Kimberly Lankford, 54 of Benton, was arrested by the MCSO for Theft between \$1,000-\$2,500 and Vandalism. Total Bond: \$6,000.

Stephanie Austin, 36 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Tampering with Evidence. No Bond Reported.

Jamison Carden, 50 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,041.45

Travis Lenz, 23 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Aggravated Child Abuse/ Neglect, Cruelty to Animals, Simple Possession/ Casual Exchange, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$22,500.

Caitlyn Willard, 22 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Aggravated Child Abuse/ Neglect, Cruelty to Animals, Simple Possession/ Casual Exchange, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$22,500.

Brandan Russell, 56 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Tampering with Evidence and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond Reported.

The accused remain innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. All information attained from public sources.



UT Men's Baseball Headed to World Series Finals

For the first time since 1951, Tennessee baseball is headed to the Men's College World Series (MCWS) championship series after defeating Florida State 7-2. This victory marks Tennessee's first 3-0 start in MCWS history and sets a new program record for wins in a season with 58. Pitcher Zander Sechrist delivered a strong performance, allowing only two runs on five hits over 6.1 innings. Blake Burke led the offense, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs and a home run, his 50th career homer and 20th of the season. This makes Tennessee the first NCAA Division I team with five players hitting 20 or more home runs in a season. Christian Moore and Billy Amick also had notable performances, each with two hits, two runs, and an RBI. Moore hit a key triple that extended Tennessee's lead. Relief pitchers Kirby Connell and Nate Snead contributed by allowing no runs and only one hit combined. Tennessee will face Texas A&M in the best-of-three MCWS Finals starting Saturday. Both teams went undefeated in the round-robin and both are coming off impressive wins with Texas A&M defeating Florida 6-0. Tennessee and Texas A&M did not meet during the regular season, but they did clash in the SEC tournament in late May, where Tennessee emerged victorious with a 7-4 win on their way to securing the tournament title. The best-of-three championship series kicks off Saturday. Here's the full schedule:

June 22: MCWS Final Game 1, 7:30 p.m. ET | ESPN

June 23: MCWS Final Game 2, 2 p.m. ET | ABC

June 24: MCWS Final Game 3 (if necessary), 7 p.m. ET | ESPN



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Today in History - June 21

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1893 - The first Ferris wheel (invented by George Washington Gale Ferris, Jr., a Pittsburgh-based engineer) made its debut, at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.

1945 - Japanese resistance on Okinawa was finally defeated less than three months after U.S. troops landed there as the last stepping-stone before the planned assault on Japan's main islands in World War II.

1965 - Gary Player, from South Africa, won the U.S. Open golf tournament to become only the fourth winner to earn all four top pro golf titles.

1982 - John Hinckley Jr. was found innocent by reason of insanity in the shootings of President Ronald Reagan and three others.

1997 - The Women's National Basketball Association made its debut with the New York Liberty defeating the Los Angeles Sparks in the league's first game.