




Finish What You Started
Complete Your Degree in Less Than Two Years
Business Administration
for as little as
\$13,440

Morning Fax[®]

Today's News...This Morning

(Okay to copy, post or distribute **with attribution**)
Phone: 423-745-1390 E-mail: vyxiradio@gmail.com



Help for Addiction to Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, Bondage, Anger Management and more Life Issues.

Free Outreach Deliverance Classes are held every Thursday 7:00 pm at Planted in Christ Outreach Fellowship Located at: 317 Maple Street in Athens. For more information: call 423-435-8986
HOPE to see you there!

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Page 1

Athens, Tennessee

Flag Replaced at I-75 Memorial



Volunteers gathered on Monday afternoon at the American Legion memorial off I-75 at exit 49 in Athens to raise a new American flag just in time for the Fourth of July. The memorial was originally built in 2006. The flag measures 30-feet-by-60-feet and waves about 150 feet off the ground. The memorial surrounding it also has smaller flags representing each branch of the military as well as the POW/MIA flag. The American Legion Post 68 raised \$160,000 to construct the memorial during its inception.
Photo courtesy of Larry Eaton.

Community News You Can Use

- The City of Etowah Independence Day Celebration will take place tomorrow throughout the day. Events will be taking place throughout the city beginning at 7 am with the Boy Scout Pancake breakfast and culminating in the big fireworks show at 10 pm. See their ad on page 3 for the full schedule.
- Due to the celebration of Independence Day on July 4th, The Morning Fax will not be published tomorrow. We will resume our normal daily schedule on Friday, July 5.
- The City of Athens 4th of July Fireworks will be held at Athens Regional Park tomorrow at 9:30 pm. The park will be open with the splash pad operational until 8:30 pm. The park gates will close at 9:15 pm for safety to ensure all persons and vehicles are out of drop zones.

READY TO BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME THIS SUMMER?

Just unloaded a semi truck full of gorgeous, simple to maintain styles & colors of high quality 100% waterproof, pet proof & kid proof plank flooring for unbeatable prices! We have a large assortment of budget friendly specials starting @ \$1.40 sq ft or buy it by the full pallet & get it for only \$1.30 sq ft. Also have a large selection of beautiful carpets, sheet vinyl & hardwoods. Ask about our match & best any price policy! You can't buy flooring for less, unless it's a lot less flooring!

Easy to find and worth the drive!
Across from McMinn County High School
We can't wait to see you!

OSMENT FLOORING
UNBEATABLE PRICES

2410 Congress Parkway
Athens, TN 37303
423.252.0316
www.osmentflooring.com



MCMINN TANK & PIPE

We offer same day & next day delivery!

- 1,000 gal Tank & Lowboys
- 1,000 & 1,500 gal Pump Tanks
- 2' & 3' Chamber Pipe
- 3" Schedule 40 Pipe
- Risers in Lids for Easy Pumping

Contact Us:
423-507-9487
423-744-0121

If it's not listed, call us!



Enjoy your golden years without wondering what comes next.

Ask us about Pre-Planning your funeral today.

DECATUR FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES

Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services
163 Arrants Avenue Decatur, TN 37322
(423) 334-3661

www.decaturfuneralsandcremations.com
James A. Staton, Owner



TVFCU Movie Night: Christmas in July

Monday, July 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
\$2 ticket includes popcorn
Showing: Elf (PG)

at Athens Movie Palace | 1436 Decatur Pike in Athens, TN.

Ticket Sales will benefit Junior Achievement of the Ocoee Region. Tickets will be sold until 4:30 p.m. on July 29 or until sold out. No refunds.

Stop by TVFCU's Athens or Etowah branches or Christmas on the Hill and get your tickets today!






CELEBRATE THE 4TH OF JULY

Independence Day

SINCERELY,
THE MORNING FAX
&
WYXI
STAFF

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 2

Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Glinda Faye Farmer Turner, 75 of Chattanooga, passed away on Monday, July 1. She was a lifelong cook. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

Kimberly "Kim" Louise Lunsford Swallows, 62 of Athens, transitioned into eternal peace at her sister's home on June 27. A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 6 at Sullins Cemetery on Rocky Mount Road, in Athens at 10:00 am on Saturday, July 6. Honoring Kim's love for the mountains, family and friends will gather after the memorial service for a Celebration of Life at the Hiwassee Outfitters picnic area, 155 Ellis Creek Road, Reliance, TN. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Angela Cook Greene, 59, of Etowah, TN, passed away Friday, June 28 after a brief illness. Angela loved the outdoors. She enjoyed reading in her spare time. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 5th in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. UPDATE: There will not be a burial. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Stella Phillips Wade, 98 of Etowah, passed away on Monday, July 1 in Cleveland, TN. She was a member of North Etowah Baptist Church. Funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, July 8 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Monday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Anita Fortsch, 87 of Athens TN, passed away Sunday, June 30, 2024, at Starr Regional Medical Center of Athens. She had served in the U. S. Navy. She was a substitute teacher in Athens City Schools and was very active volunteering in various organizations in the community. She was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Funeral Mass will be 1:00 P.M. Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father James Vick officiating. Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. The family received friends from 5-7 Tuesday at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

TN Gas Prices on the Rise

Tennessee gas prices rose by 10 cents last week, reaching an average of \$3.10 per gallon, the same as a month ago and slightly higher than a year ago. Nationally, the average gas price increased by five cents to \$3.49 due to oil prices exceeding \$80 per barrel. The Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported a decrease in gas demand and an increase in gasoline stocks, which may help mitigate further price hikes. Additionally, U.S. crude oil inventories rose by 3.6 million barrels, now just 2% below the five-year average. *Graphic Provided by AAA - The Auto Club Group*

	Monday	Sunday	Week Ago	Month Ago	One Year Ago
Tennessee	\$3.108	\$3.114	\$3.008	\$3.101	\$3.082
Chattanooga	\$3.104	\$3.122	\$2.904	\$2.926	\$3.037
Knoxville	\$3.019	\$3.018	\$2.997	\$3.115	\$3.067
Memphis	\$3.082	\$3.080	\$3.024	\$3.136	\$3.120
Nashville	\$3.194	\$3.204	\$3.041	\$3.118	\$3.134

SOUNDS OF SUMMER



JULY 5
SWEET GEORGIA SOUND
7PM | MARKET PARK PAVILION, ATHENS, TN



Premier
PROPERTIES
REALTY



Home Ownership Dreams? Need Real Estate Advice From the Pros?

Whether you're a first time home buyer, or are a seasoned Real Estate investor, having up-to-date advice and tips will help you be an informed consumer. Join our newsletter for tips, giveaways, and community fellowship.



WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday - Sunny. High 93.
Wed. night - Partly Cloudy.
 Low 75.
Thursday - 50% Chance of Storms. High 94.
Thurs. night - 30% Chance of Showers. Low 77.
 More Weather at: wyxi.com

Morning Fax[®]

Today's News...This Morning

(Okay to copy, post or distribute **with attribution**)
 Phone: 423-745-1390 E-mail: wyxiradio@gmail.com



Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Page 3

Athens, Tennessee

Arrest Reports

Zackary Hixon, 36 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Domestic Assault and Vandalism. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Robert Tice, 36 of Athens, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$7,000.

Johnathan Creek, 39 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$6,000.

Rodney Presley, 43 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Assault. Total Bond: \$30,000

Nyzaya Vincent, 23 of Riceville, was arrested by the THP for Violation of Probation and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$2,289

Michell Price, 48 of Athens was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation and Unpaid Child support. Total Bond: \$2,121.90

Jacob Hampton, 28 of Decatur, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,841.90.

Megan Francis, 36 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl. Total Bond: \$12,000

Teresa Neusel, of Decatur, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Leadership McMinn Group Project



The Leadership McMinn Class of 2023-2024 dedicated their class project to the restoration of the Shower Bus. In early March, The Shower Bus suffered a devastating fire that completely destroyed the structure. Through community action and generosity, Norm Beetler and his team were quickly able to secure a new bus and begin renovations to restore this much needed service to our community. Through various donations and setting up at Moo-Fest the class was able to present The Shower Bus with a check for \$3000. Pictured here from left to right:

Shayden Cook, Bowater Employee Credit Union; Mariah Patton, Jake Miller Excavation & Hauling; Kimberly Croft, Simmons Bank; Ersia Henry, Tennessee Wesleyan University; Mathew Siniard, City of Athens; Norm Beetler, The Shower Bus; Tiffany Perry, Realty Executives Associates Main Street; Autumn Rollo, Athens -McMinn Family YMCA; Sharon Davis, True Purpose Ministries; James Maple, CapStar Bank; Kelly Weber May, Childrens Advocacy Center/Hope Center; Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber. Back: Ashley Vital-Herme, Brian Amburgey, Starr Regional Medical Center; Adam Moses, McMinn County E-911; Nick Brakebill, ORNL Federal Credit Union; Kathi Jensen, Hiwassee Acres; Jordon Perleoni, Edward Jones; Axel Walker, Athens Utilities Board; Jody Harrison, NAPA Auto Parts; Luke Dalton, McCay Southern.

Photo Courtesy: Julie Simbeck



Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
 All information gathered from public sources.

Limited Edition
 MEDIC Baseball Hat!



July 1st - July 14th

Etowah's INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

THURSDAY, JULY 4TH

- 7:00 - 10:00 BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- 7:30 - 9:00 5K ROAD RACE - FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
- 8:45 - 9:15 FLAG CEREMONY - ALEXANDRA SHINE HIGHLANDER PIPES AND DRUMS
- 9:15 - 9:30 5K ROAD RACE AWARDS
- 10:30 - 12:00 BEAUTY PAGEANT
- 12:00 - 12:45 AMBER & PATRICK UNDERWOOD
- 11:00 - 7:00 KIDS ZONE
- 1:00 - 1:45 CENTRAL HARMONY
- 1:00 - 2:00 WATERMELON EATING CONTEST
- 2:00 - 10:30 WCPH RADIO 1220
- 2:00 - 2:30 DANCE PRODUCTIONS STUDIO
- 2:45 - 3:45 ETOWAH TOWN BAND
- 4:00 - 5:00 CONNECTION 27
- 5:15 - 5:45 PATRIOTIC PROGRAM
- 6:00 - 7:15 JOSH GILBERT BAND
- 7:45 - 10:00 THE TAMS FIREWORKS!

Bookout Tire and Lube, Admiral Motors, Athens-McMinn YMCA, Capstar Bank, Smith Management - McDonald's, Bordwine Funeral Home, First Baptist Church Etowah, Grove Breakers, Jason's HomeTown Hardware, G.I. Barber, Scott Regional Medical Center, Etowah Rotary, TN Valley Railroad Museum, Miller & McPhail, Simmons Bank, State Rep. Mark Cochran, Harold Masangil, Robin Marks, Russ & Savannah Blair, Drew Holbrook, Johnson's - Don Webb, Rutledge Bank, Sundry Store, Zeta Kappa

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wyradio@gmail.com

Morning Fax[®]

Today's News...This Morning

(Okay to copy, post or distribute **with attribution**)
 Phone: 423-745-1390 E-mail: wyradio@gmail.com

@THEMORNINGFAX ON X (TWITTER)
 Never Miss an Update!
 Don't forget to

SUBSCRIBE



Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Page 4

Athens, Tennessee

Sweet Georgia Sound for Sounds of Summer



Sounds of Summer presents Sweet Georgia Sound Friday, July 5th.

Friendly City Festivals announces the third concert in the 2024 Sounds of Summer series will be big band favorite from Chattanooga Sweet Georgia Sound on Friday, July 5th.

The concert will be held at Market Pavilion-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, hand clapping night of entertainment. Food trucks for the evening will be The Traveling Lunchbox, Chick-fil-A, Kona Ice and Magnolia Cookies.

Sweet Georgia Sound is an 18-member ensemble that brings the American standards to the Tennessee Valley. Playing the music that people know and

have danced to for generations is the hallmark of this beloved group. Sweet Georgia Sound specializes in showcasing familiar endearing tunes that have been the soundtrack to many of our lives and are pleased to return to Athens and Sounds of Summer.

The remaining Sounds of Summer line up is:

- 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 Farms, 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 CPA's, and Athens Kiwanis Club. Special thanks to The Morning Fax, The Daily Post-Athenian, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, The Arts Center and Main Street Athens for social media/advertising support. See ad on Page 2

◆ The guest this week on *Hope From the Well* will be **Connie McIntosh** discussing "Our Foundation". *Hope From the Well* is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

With an estimated 10,000+ Daily Audience,
 Advertise
 with the Morning Fax and
 We'll Show You to our Readers!



Contact: Stephanie Devine
 Account Sales Representative

Email: radiostephaniedevine@gmail.com Phone#: 423-462-5309

WATER DAMAGE?

SOUTHERN
 RESTORATION & RENTALS
 423-720-0023