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Athens, Tennessee

SMB Places Third in State Tournament



Following up on coverage of the Starr Mountain Baseball (SMB) team's Diamond Youth Baseball (DYB) state championship dreams found in yesterday's edition of the Morning Fax [HERE](#), SMB's 11/12 Ozone All-Star team placed third after a 2 - 8 loss to Greenbrier in the semi-final game Tuesday night. The boys won against Chester County, lost to Kingston and finally eliminated Decatur County to secure their position in the semi-finals. Reaching the state tournament for the third time since 2019, this was SMB's first time placing third in the tournament, a wonderful accomplishment for Starr Mountain Baseball.

Pictured left to right back row: Head Coach Josh Moore, Leelynd Garcia, Parker Zavarick, Marcus Bonnett, John Martin, Coach David Ward, Jayven Moore, Avett Solsbee, Jonathan Ward, Morgan Bartel, Coach Jeremi Martin. Front row: DA Davidson, Bentley Lentz, Walker Martin. *Photo Courtesy of Courtney Ward*

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Man Found After Silver Alert



A missing 87-year-old from McMinn County has been found after a Silver Alert was issued. Jack Ballard was found safe on July 8 after being last seen wearing blue plaid pajamas in the area of County Road 804 in Etowah according to the

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. He was described as being 5'9", weighing 175 lbs, bald, with brown eyes. He reportedly has a medical condition that may have impaired his ability to return home safely without assistance.

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

Knox County Teacher Charged with Assault in Cleveland



A Farragut High School teacher (former Cleveland teacher) was arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office after he assaulted a man who bumped into him at a gas station. According to an affidavit, Jonathan Dycus was at a Circle K when the incident occurred. The man who bumped into Dycus apologized, saying "excuse me," but the affidavit states that Dycus grabbed the man's face and pushed him down, causing him to sprain his ankle.

The man informed deputies that Dycus smelled of alcohol and provided a description of Dycus's vehicle. Surveillance footage reviewed by authorities showed Dycus shoving the victim into a large display inside the gas station convenience store. Dycus attempted to buy several beverages but was denied purchase, according to the affidavit. He has been charged with simple assault.

According to a spokesperson from Knox County Schools, Dycus "worked at Farragut High School during the 2023-24 school year, however, he will not be an employee of Knox County Schools in the 2024-25 school year." Dycus previously worked at Walker Valley High School. He resigned from that position in 2016 following allegations of sharing inappropriate texts with a student. *Photo Courtesy of the Bradley Co. Sheriff's Office*

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

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Arrest Reports

Johnny Conn, 45 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Felony Escape and Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$5,736.45

Trevor Coleman, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. No Bond Reported.

Steven Brownfield, 40 of Dayton, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of Methamphetamine for Resale. No bond Reported.

Carey West of Athens was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Lori Purdy, 50 of Cleveland, was arrested by the Athens PD for Driving Under the Influence and Violation of Implied Consent. Total Bond: \$3,000.

Brandon Mason, 29 of Athens, was arrested by the Englewood PD for Violation of an Order of Protection. No Bond Reported.

Amber Jensen, 24 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation.

Maryann Huston of Ten Mile was arrested by the THP for Possession of Methamphetamine for Resale, Possession of a Schedule II substance, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and for a warrant in Sevier County. No Bond Reported.



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

What Day is It?

Today in History - July 10

1890 - Wyoming was admitted into the Union as the 44th state.

1907 - The famous Grandview Hotel in Athens was struck by lightning and burned. The hotel was nicknamed the "Red Elephant." It was located near North Jackson Street and Woodward Avenue.

1925 - The John T. Scopes "Monkey Trial" opened in Dayton, TN. Scopes was a teacher who was charged with teaching evolution. He was defended by lawyer Clarence Darrow. Williams Jennings Bryan was a witness for the prosecution. Scopes was found guilty and fined \$100.

1930 - France beat Mexico 4-1 in the first match of soccer's inaugural World Cup tournament in Montevideo, Uruguay.

1960 - John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination at the party's convention in Los Angeles.

1991 - After 1,000 years, the Russian people were finally permitted to elect a president. Boris Yeltsin took the oath of office this day, after he had resoundingly defeated the Communist Party candidate.



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