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Tennessee to Provide Free Diapers for Families



Tennessee will become the first U.S. state to provide free diapers to families enrolled in its Medicaid program, starting in August. The program will offer up to 100 diapers per month for children under 2. Delaware is extending a


similar pilot program that provides free diapers and wipes to postpartum parents for the first three months after birth, allowing up to 80 diapers and one pack of wipes per week.

This initiative addresses a critical need, as 92% of families using diapers in Tennessee are working but still cannot afford them. The National Diaper Bank Network highlights the growing demand for diapers amid rising living costs. The programs in both states aim to support families, reduce health risks like diaper rash, and alleviate the stress associated with diaper need, which is linked to maternal depression and stress.

Parents in Tennessee will be able to collect diapers through pharmacies in the network, and further details will be provided by TennCare. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approved Delaware's program extension for another five years, emphasizing the health benefits for both babies and parents.

Community News You Can Use

- The City of Etowah has announced the Frank & Maggie Choate Family Community Swimming Facility pool opening date is tomorrow, Saturday, May 25 with doors opening at noon and staying open until 6 pm. Concessions will be available and the splash pad is open as well. The splash pad is open daily from 10:00 am - 9:00 pm.
- Athens City Schools' Summer Feeding Program will once again be taking place this summer beginning June 3 and ending on July 19. There are multiple locations across Athens that will be open for any person aged 18 and younger to get a free meal Provided by the USDA and Athens City Schools. See their Facebook Post [HERE](#) for more info on locations and times. For information on providing free meals for Vacation Bible Schools or Summer Camp Programs, please contact (423) 333-3347.
- Today is the last day of school at all ACS schools with an early dismissal day scheduled. Pre-K will let out at 11:45 am. Athens City Middle School dismisses at 11:30 am. K - 2nd dismisses at 12:25 pm. Athens City Intermediate releases at 12:10 pm. **More Community News on Page 4**



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Athens, Tennessee

Be On The Lookout



Jim Chambers is wanted by the Carter County Sheriff's Office and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation for First Degree Murder, Abuse of a Corpse, and Tampering with Evidence. Jim Chambers should be considered armed and dangerous. Chambers has been added to the TBI's Most Wanted List. A reward

of up to \$2,500 is being offered for information leading to his arrest. Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is asked to call the Carter County Sheriff's Office at 423-213-0234 or the TBI at 1-800-TBI-FIND.

Today in History - May 24

1607 - English colonists landed near the James River in Virginia and established Jamestown, the first colony in the New World.

1962 - Astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora 7.

2000 - Israel ended its 18-year occupation of southern Lebanon, withdrawing the last of its troops from its self-declared security zone.

Church News and Events

- There is a Gospel Benefit Show happening at Boyd Memorial First Church of God at 1130 N. Congress Pkwy in Athens TODAY, Friday, May 24. There will be food for sale and an auction from 4 pm - 6 pm with the singing starting at 6 pm. This is a benefit in support of Cheryl Croft who has been out of work for almost a year due to lung problems. The group *Journey Home* will be the special guest singers. Donations are greatly appreciated. All are welcome. For more information contact Kathie Givens at (423) 920-1022
- 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
- The *Trinity Trio* is coming to Clay Hill Baptist Church this coming Sunday, May 26. Sunday School begins at 10:00 am and Worship service begins at 11:00 am. Clay Hill Baptist Church is located at 594 County Road 675 in Riceville. See their event page [HERE](#) on Facebook for more info.
- Union Chapel Methodist Church is having their Homecoming Service this Sunday, May 26 at Noon. The church is located at 841 County Road 130 in Athens.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Gloria Joines Casteel, age 64, of Decatur, TN, formerly of Englewood, TN, passed away on Monday, May 20. She was born on November 23, 1959 to the late Richard "Curt" and Rachel Moses and Jim Joines of Englewood, TN. She is preceded in death by her husband and lifelong friend: Harold C. Casteel. Per Gloria's wishes there will be no formal services. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Casteel Family.

James Franklin Beebe, age 72, of Etowah, died Wednesday, May 22 at home surrounded by his family. A lifelong resident of McMinn County, he was a son of the late Franklin Beebe and Lucy Irene Sliger Buckner. Graveside services will be 11:30 am today, Friday, May 24 at Hammonds Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of James Franklin Beebe.

Church News and Events

- Truth Tabernacle Church (703 S. Jackson St., Athens) is hosting a Revival nightly until May 25 with services starting at 7 pm. The Athens Church of God Sanctified Choir will be singing TONIGHT. For any more info, please contact Renetta Shelton at (423) 961-4219
- Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (1923 Pleasant Hill Rd., Ten Mile) is hosting a Community Dinner TOMORROW, May 25 from Noon - 2:00 pm. Every one is welcome. The menu will feature Pinto Beans, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, Fried Potatoes, Spaghetti, & Garlic Bread.
- Tonight is the final night of the Mt. Verd Baptist Church Community Revival. Service starts at 7:00 pm and the church is located at 252 County Road 249, Athens.
- The Niota Methodist Church will host a free all-day summer camp from July 22 - 26 for kids ages 5 - 14. Camp includes breakfast and lunch! Camp is free but space is limited. For more information or to sign up, visit www.campinthecommunity.org/host/niota
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Memorial Day is Monday, May 30th.
The Morning Fax will not be published that day.
Have a great and safe weekend.

Sincerely, The Staff of The Morning Fax



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11:45AM MAYFIELD CONTEST
12:00PM BLUE RIDGE GRASS
12:45PM MAYFIELD CONTEST
1:00PM NICHOLAS WILLIAMS
1:45PM MAYFIELD CONTEST
2:00PM WILD BLUE YONDER
3:15PM GENIE FRIERSON & PAPA SWAY

COURTHOUSE ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

10:00AM MAGGIE STRUT & JIM BROOKS / INSPIRATION DANCE
11:00AM INSPIRATION DANCE
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Athens, Tennessee

Arrest Reports

Jakeb Collins, 20 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Aggravated Assault. Total Bond: \$15,000.

Randall Lebouef, 47 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,132.45

Jamie Lebouef, 39 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,619.90

Tamara Rhems, 33 of Hammond, CA, was arrested by the THP for Theft over \$1000. Total Bond: \$45,000

John Anderson, 35 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$11,000.

Katlyn Perdue, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation and Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$2,832.90

Billy Williams, 43 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$11,000.

The accused remain innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources



Community News You Can Use

- Attention recent MCHS graduates: Diplomas will be available for pick-up next Tuesday, May 28th. They may be picked up in the front office between 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. Students over the age of 18 must pick up their own diploma.
- McMinn County School's final day of school is today as well with early dismissal at 10:30 am.
- If you'd like to volunteer at E.G. Fisher Public Library over the summer, you must attend a Volunteer Training session. Drop in any time today, May 24 between noon - 1:30 pm at the library (1289 Ingleside Ave, Athens) to receive training.
- Tomorrow, Saturday, May 24th, from Noon - 4:00 pm, Main Street Cruisers is holding a Cruise-In event at the Cleveland Courthouse Square with no registration required. More info can be found [HERE](#)
- The 2024 Athens-McMinn Family YMCA Summer Meal Sites list is now available for viewing [HERE](#). Meals will be provided to all children without charge and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, on a first come, first serve basis, at the sites and times listed [HERE](#)

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