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Soap Box Derby & MooFest



Tomorrow is when the official Soap Box Derby local preliminary races will take place here in Athens. This will determine who will represent the City of Athens in the World Championship races in Akron, Ohio in July. The local Stock and Super Stock winners will receive accommodations in the Akron area during race week. The local racing will be held at 200 Keith Lane in Athens. This is the first time the local derby will be held at

that location since the start of the construction project for the new Athens City Primary and Intermediate Schools. The first heat will begin at 8:15 a.m. The winners will be declared after two times down the hill facing a common opponent. The lowest accumulated time crossing the finish line will be the winner of that heat. The Awards Ceremony begins at 3 p.m. There is no admission charge to view the races. Limited seating is available, however you might want to bring your own lawn chair. Radio coverage will be presented on WYXI RADIO AM-1390 and FM-94.5. The radio coverage is being sponsored by A and J Body Shop, Athens Utilities Board, Athens Barn Center, Dooley Tractor Company, Domino's Pizza and Starr Convenient Care of Charleston. National MOOFEST will be in historic downtown Athens with over 180 Food, Craft & Info Vendors and the Athens Lions Club [MooRun](#). There will be live entertainment on three stages, Mayfield Dairy contests, AgAvenue agriculture exhibits. Also inflatables, petting zoo, pony rides, and CASA dunking booths. Admission is free. For more information on MOOFEST visit [HERE](#)

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](#).
- Tomorrow, June 1, the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum is hosting Heritage School: The History of Black businesses with Precious Brown and William Isom II. This program is dedicated to the Black-owned businesses of McMinn County. The two presenters will share information on different businesses such as Mutts in Etowah and Jean's Beauty Shop in Athens. The price of admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Dannie Earl Rogers, age 70, of Decatur, passed away on Wednesday, May 29. He was a son of the late Alton and Edith Farrell Rogers. He was a member of Decatur First Baptist Church, where he loved his Sunday School class. He enjoyed working on and being on his farm, mowing, and tending to his cows. Dannie was a devoted Christian and when his physical health was failing, his spiritual strength became stronger. A masonic service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 1, at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services with a memorial service to follow. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

Ethane Stormblade Craft, known by his loved ones as Storm, passed away on the evening of May 26, in Chattanooga, TN, surrounded by his family. Storm grew up in Fayetteville, GA, graduated from Whitewater High School in 2017, and proceeded to live in both Vancouver, WA, and Decatur, TN, in the years following. He loved his family deeply and he will be painfully missed by all that loved him most in his life. No formal services will be held. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Craft Family.

Alice "Carol" Reynolds, 80, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on May 27. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31 at Mt. Harmony Baptist Church, 130 County Road 362 in Niota, with a funeral service following. Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, June 1 at the Mt. Harmony Baptist Church Cemetery. Fraker Funeral Home of Kingston is in charge of these arrangements.

Church News and Events

- 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
- Parkway Baptist Church will have Vacation Bible School next week, June 3-7 from 6 to 8 p.m., ages 2-12. Parkway Baptist Church is located at 1209 Velma Road in Athens. For more information call 423-829-6919.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- 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>
- First Baptist Church celebrates the retirement of Senior Pastor, Dr. Bill Henard on June 2 at 9:30 a.m.



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Free Fishing Days



Tennessee's annual Free Fishing Days are approaching in early June. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency hopes that access to free fishing will help get more people and their children into the activity. The Volunteer State always allows free fishing on the

first Saturday after the first Monday in June, which falls on June 8, 2024. On Free Fishing Day, anyone can fish in Tennessee's public waters and state parks without a license, even non-Tennessee residents. Private bodies of water may still charge for access. After Free Fishing Day, anglers under the age of 15 can fish for free for Free Fishing Week. Free Fishing Week for children runs from June 8 through June 14. A fishing license is required by the TWRA on any other date to fish. Fishing licenses can be purchased through the TWRA online starting at \$33 or at some outdoor sporting stores.

Large Naturalization Class in Chattanooga

More than 400 people became American citizens Wednesday morning at Memorial Auditorium in Chattanooga. There are 10 steps in the process of becoming a U.S. citizen. Those involve getting fingerprinted, interviewing with an immigration officer and taking English and civic tests plus several other requirements. Not everyone gets approved for citizenship the first time they apply. Study programs are available and the most popular use English as a second language (ESL) classes and adult education at TCAT schools across Tennessee, including the Tennessee College of Applied Technology here in Athens. While not very common, there are entire families that all become US citizens on the same day, which is quite a feat and usually comes with a large celebration afterwards. For more information about the Naturalization process go online to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services website: uscis.gov.



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Quilt Trail in Downtown Athens

Stormdrain Art Contest Winners



The City of Athens proudly announces the unveiling of the "Patterns of the Past Quilt Trail," an enchanting new attraction in the heart of Historic Downtown Athens.



The City of Athens has announced the winners of its inaugural Stormwater Drain Art Contest, which aims to transform stormwater drains into vibrant artworks that promote waterway protection.

The Patterns of the Past Quilt Trail features a series of beautifully created quilt squares displayed on historic buildings, landmarks, and local businesses throughout Historic Downtown Athens. Each quilt square is a testament to the region's cultural history, showcasing traditional designs that have been lovingly recreated by local artists.

Three students from Athens City Middle School were chosen to feature their designs on selected stormwater drains in Historic Downtown Athens. These artworks enhance the streets' aesthetic appeal and serve as educational tools, highlighting the importance of stormwater management for ecosystem health. The students submitted design proposals, and upon selection, painted their winning designs on the drains downtown. For more information, visit athenstn.gov or call the Public Relations Office at 423-744-2798, or email public_relations@athenstn.gov. Photo L to R- Becky Bryant, Adrianna Gardner, Kovi Cardin, Ashlyn Thomas, and Jazmine Pettit.

The trail offers a unique and interactive experience. The walking trail has a self-guided map with locations, photos, and audio available on the Distrx app. Visitors can enjoy a leisurely walk through Historic Downtown Athens, taking in the beauty of the quilts while learning about the cultural significance of each pattern.

For more information, visit www.visitathenstn.com, or call the Tourism Office at 423-744-2798, or email hello@visitathenstn.com.

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Lee Signs Two New Bills into Law



Governor Bill Lee has signed legislation preventing adults from assisting minors in obtaining abortions or receiving gender-affirming care without parental consent. These

laws, effective July 1, are expected to face legal challenges. Lee, known for restricting gender-affirming care and supporting Tennessee's near-total abortion ban, signed the bills without comment.

The new law makes Tennessee the second state to criminalize adults who "intentionally recruit, harbor, or transport" a pregnant minor for an abortion without parental consent. Exemptions include ambulance drivers and emergency medical services. Violations are classified as a Class A misdemeanor, punishable by nearly one year in prison.

What Day is It?

Today in History - May 31

- 1819** - American poet Walt Whitman was born.
- 1913** - The 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution went into effect, providing for the popular election of Senators.
- 1962** - Adolf Eichman was hanged by Israel for his part in the killing of six-million Jews by Nazi Germany during World War II.
- 1977** - The Trans-Alaska Pipeline - which connected the oil fields in northern Alaska with the harbour at Valdez, 800 miles to the south - was completed.
- 2009** - Millvina Dean, the last known person to have survived the sinking of the *Titanic* in 1912, died in Southampton, England; she was nine weeks old at the time of the disaster.

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