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Monday, June 24, 2024 **Page 1** **Athens, Tennessee**

Pelley Facing Possible Ouster



On Friday, June 21, it was formally announced to all persons interested that a called meeting of the Athens City Council will be held at the Athens Municipal Building in the Burkett Witt Council Chambers located at 815 N. Jackson St. in Athens beginning at 4 pm tomorrow, Tuesday, June 25. The purpose of this meeting is for reconsideration of a motion approved at the June 18, 2024 City Council meeting concerning a Public Hearing regarding Council Member Pelley including revisions to or rescinding of the motion. This meeting will also include consideration of a motion to authorize the City Attorney to bring a suit for ouster against Council Member Pelley under [T.C.A. 8-47-101](#).

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Utilities Board monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. The agenda includes renewal of Business Insurance Package, CSA Kiosk Equipment Quote and Approval of Automated Metering Infrastructure Vendor among many other points.
- The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on US Route 11 at County Road 50 in McMinn County on August 2nd at 7:00. The scheduled checkpoint is contingent upon manpower and weather conditions.
- The McMinn County Living Heritage Museum (522 W. Madison Ave, Athens) is hosting a Living Legacy Fall Trade fair on August 23-24 from 12 pm - 5 pm. This event will have free entry and feature woodcarving, soap making, Appalachian music, hand quilting, herbal tinctures, felting, bead making, pyrography and more. For more info: visit livingheritagemuseum.org.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week on Main Street Moments: Athens City Councilman and Vice-Mayor Larry Eaton will join host Sandra Kinney to talk about animal rescue and rehabilitation. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO : AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



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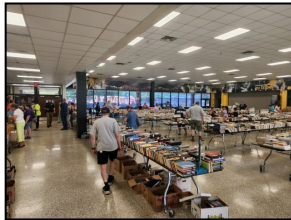
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Friends of the Library Book Sale Another Great Success



From Thursday to Sunday of this past week, McMinn County High School's cafeteria hosted the Friends of the Library Book Sale fundraiser for E.G. Fisher Public Library. Thursday became the most attended opening day in recent memory. Before doors opened, there were patrons lined up outside around the side of the building waiting to get in. Those interested in seeing pictures from opening day may visit our Friday coverage of the book sale [HERE](#). On Friday, WYXI Radio supported the Friends of the Library with a live broadcast from the book sale itself. Over the course of four hours, Cousin Mark and J.P. interviewed a multitude of people, from ordinary citizens and kids to current and former city officials to members of the Friends of the Library themselves. E.G. Fisher Director Becky Coleman addressed the audience and spoke about a partnership between the area libraries to come together in support of furthering their joint mission to promote reading and learning across all age groups with events in Etowah and Charleston happening soon. Over 25 individual winners were called for prizes worth a total of over \$1,000. The "Grand Prize" for Saturday's event was a 12-person paint class donated by [Studio 3:16 Community Art Space](#) which was won by Sarah Stansberry. *Photos courtesy of Stephanie Devine and The Friends of the Library - McMinn County.*



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Hooker Benefit Backdrop Being Auctioned This Week



A large audience came out to McMinn County High School this past Saturday to hear Former Vols quarterback Hendon Hooker share stories of his family, faith, and football as the speaker for the



Athens Area Chamber of Commerce's 17th Annual Benefit. The stage's backdrop, which was autographed by Hooker, will be auctioned this week by the chamber. For more information, visit the Chamber's [Facebook](#) page or call the chamber office at (423) 745-0334. *Photos by Chris & Bruce Hari.*

McMinn County Awarded Site Development Grant

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and Economic and Community Development Commissioner (TNECD) Stuart C. McWhorter announced 15 new Site Development Grant recipients, awarding over \$17 million to help communities improve infrastructure and land economic development projects. McMinn County, for example, will receive \$984,752 for an access road at Athens McMinn Innovation Park.

An advisory committee, including TNECD, Austin Consulting, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation, reviewed the applications. Each application also had support from local legislators.

The Site Development Grant program, part of the Rural Economic Opportunity Act, aims to enhance Tennessee's rural economies. Since 2016, it has awarded 180 grants totaling nearly \$100 million, creating 7,011 jobs. The Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce has secured nearly \$7 million in grants, used for industrial roads, studies, site expansion, and utility infrastructure.



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From the Desk of Meredith Willson



Friendly City Festivals announces the third concert in the 2024 Sounds of Summer concert series will feature local favorite September Song.

The concert will be held at Market Pavilion at 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 rocking night of entertainment. Food trucks for the evening will be Kona Ice, The Traveling Lunchbox and Magnolia Cookies.

September Song is described as a party band but could also be called a family band. Comprised of husband and wife Lindsey and Andrew Kimball, September Song is known for their singer-songwriter original music as well as covers of popular hits from the 60s to the present. The full band includes bassist Joe Littleton and his son Kyle on lead guitar, and Matt Flowers on drums. Audiences are sure to enjoy the on-stage chemistry and family banter.

September Song is also known as the house band for The Arts Center and has played many local festivals including Pumpkintown, Decatur's Downtown Summer Nights and the National Cornbread Festival in

addition to private events and other regional venues. The band's decade spanning set list covers country, rock, pop and more offering something for everyone!

The remaining line up for Sounds of Summer 2024 is:

- July 5th-Sweet Georgia Sound
- 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-Mendingwall
- 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 Farm, 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 CPAs, and Athens Kiwanis Club. Special thanks to The Morning Fax, Daily Post-Athenian, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, The Arts Center and Main Street Athens for social media and advertising support.

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2015 Chevy "Traverses" Wrong Terrain



On Friday, June 21, around 1 pm, at the intersection of County Roads 576 and 575 in Englewood, the driver of a 2015 Chevrolet Traverse lost control and hit a driveway culvert. The driver was removed out of the passenger side of the vehicle and sustained no injuries.

Responding to the scene was Englewood Rural Fire Department and McMinn County Sheriff's Sgt Jerry Wattenbarger who investigated the accident. *Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department*

What Day Is It?

Today In History - June 24

1541 - Spanish conquistador Francisco de Orellana, the first European to sail down Brazil's Amazon River, fought a famous battle with warrior women. The women were described as tall with long braided hair wound around their heads. They resembled the fighting women of ancient Greek legend, the Amazons, so much that the river where the battle took place has been called the Amazon ever since.

1895 - Heavyweight boxing champ Jack Demsey was born.

1947 - American businessman Kenneth Arnold saw a number of objects "flying like saucers" while piloting a small plane over Mount Rainier in Washington; it was considered the first modern sighting of UFOs and gave rise to the term flying saucer.

1948 - Russia blockaded the western zones of Berlin, obstructing all rail, water, and highway routes. This set the stage for the "Berlin Airlift," in which the Western allies flew in supplies to meet the needs of more than 2-million people in West Berlin.

1975 - An Eastern Airlines Boeing 727 crashed at New York's Kennedy International Airport, killing 114.



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