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In addition to the American and Tennessee state flags, a POW/MIA flag was raised. This black and white flag, featuring the words "You Are Not Forgotten," is typically flown on POW/MIA Recognition Day in September but is displayed year-round at the Center. Originally honoring Vietnam troops who are missing or unaccounted for, it now symbolizes all service members who have not returned from conflicts. It is the only symbol, aside from the national flag, permitted to fly at the White House.

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Board of Commissioners will meet in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse in Athens for their regular session on Friday, June 28th at 12:00 pm.
- The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will be giving away up to \$15,000 to one small business in the Athens Shark Chamber Pitch Competition. The pitch contest is open to businesses in and around McMinn County as well as those who have an idea for a business. Last year's finalists are not eligible to apply. The deadline for application is August 1 with the pitch itself taking place on September 12th from 5 pm - 8pm at the Colloms Center on the campus of Tennessee Wesleyan University. You can apply by clicking the link [HERE](#) or calling the Athens Chamber at (423) 745-0334 or email rob@athenschamber.org.
- The Mid-East THEA Homeschool Marketplace is this Saturday, June 29th from 11 am - 1:30 pm at E.G. Fisher Public Library (1289 Ingleside Ave., Athens) in the Community Room. This event is free to attend.

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Obituaries

Joseph "Hunter" Watson, 19, passed away on Monday, June 24. Originally from Polk County, Hunter recently moved to Cleveland and was a member of Wings of Love House of Prayer. The family will receive friends beginning at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 27 at Madisonville Church of God of Prophecy. A funeral will be held at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 28 at the Madisonville Church of God of Prophecy, with a burial to follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the funeral home to help with Hunter's final expenses. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Joseph "Hunter" Watson.

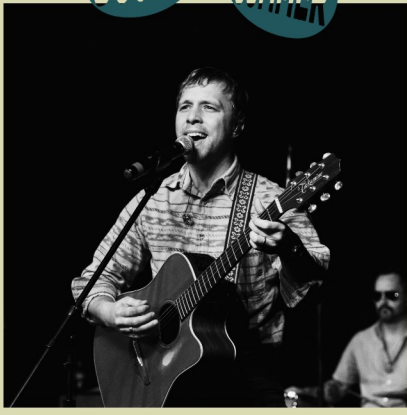
Harold Ray Hunter, 80 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, June 25. Harold dedicated six years of service to the U.S. Army and the Tennessee National Guard, after which he spent 43 years serving his community through various roles with the City of Athens, including positions as a Fire-fighter, Police Officer, Codes Enforcement Officer, and Community Development Director. A celebration of life will be held on Monday, July 1 from 4 pm - 6 p.m. at Smith Funeral Home in Athens. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Harold Ray Hunter.

Christine Burns Bucy passed away peacefully on June 25 in Athens. She, along with her husband, owned and operated Southern Badger Sales for over 50 years, serving farmers across the southeast. A funeral service will be conducted, 2:00 pm, Saturday, June 29th at Smith Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from noon - 2:00 pm at funeral home in Athens TN prior to the service. Burial will follow on Sunday, June 30 at 1:00 pm CST, in the Burns Cemetery in Rockvale TN. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Christine Burns Bucy.

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:

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Thurs. Night - Mostly Clear. Low 70.

Friday - 40% Chance of Storms. High 90.

Friday Night - Mostly Cloudy. Low 73.

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State Parks Provide New All-Terrain Wheelchairs at 10 Locations



This week, Tennessee State Parks announced the addition of all-terrain wheelchairs at 10 state parks, increasing the total to 22 parks with these wheelchairs. This initiative, in collaboration with Sunrise

Medical and the Tennessee Department of Disability and Aging, aims to enhance accessibility for visitors. The new all-terrain wheelchairs are available at Cedars of Lebanon, Cordell Hull Birthplace, David Crockett, Fall Creek Falls, Fort Pillow, Harrison Bay, Indian Mountain, Meeman-Shelby Forest, Nathan Bedford Forrest, and Sgt. Alvin C. York State Parks. These wheelchairs, designed to navigate various terrains, allow visitors with limited mobility to enjoy outdoor recreation. They are free for use, available for both children and adults, and can be operated independently or with caretaker assistance. Visitors are encouraged to request a wheelchair in advance to ensure availability. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is working to expand access to all-terrain wheelchairs across state parks. More info about accessibility at TN state parks can be found [HERE](#).

Chattanooga Police Chief Resigns



Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly on Wednesday accepted the resignation of Chattanooga Police Chief Celeste Murphy in the wake of an official misconduct investigation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Murphy, who was hired last year, still claimed a homesteader exemption

in Georgia. The terms of her contract was that she was supposed to be a resident of Chattanooga. Mayor Kelly said he will convene a community advisory committee for the search, which will be chaired by City Councilmember Raquetta Dotley and will include community and faith leaders as well as CPD officers. Former Chattanooga Police Chief Fred Fletcher will assist the search committee in an advisory capacity. Harry Sommers, CPD's current Executive Chief of Police and a 40-year law enforcement veteran, will serve as Interim Chief of Police. City of Chattanooga Photo

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What Day Is It?

Today In History - June 27

1844 - Mormon leader Joseph Smith & his brother were killed by a mob in Carthage, Illinois.
1847 - New York & Boston were linked by telegraph.
1880 - Helen Keller was born in Tuscumbia, Alabama. When she was 19 months old, she suffered an illness that left her blind, deaf, & mute. Anne Sullivan taught her to speak, read braille, and lip-read by placing her fingers on the lips and throat of the speaker. Keller later wrote several books and gave lectures around the world.
1927 - TV icon Bob Keeshan was born. He was known as Captain Kangaroo. He died in 2004.
1950- The U.N. Security Council passed a resolution calling on member nations to help South Korea repel an invasion from the North.
1985 - Route 66, which originally stretched from Chicago to Santa Monica, California, passed into history as officials decertified the road.

Leadership McMinn '24 Graduates




The Leadership McMinn Class of 2024 recently celebrated its graduation with a trip to the Swift Museum Foundation, Inc. located at the McMinn County Airport. The graduates are (from left):

Guest speaker Jack Allen, Sharon Davis, True Purpose Ministries; Kelly Weber May, Children's Advocacy Center/Hope Center; Ersu Henry, Tennessee Wesleyan University; Moriah Patton, Jale Mille Excavating & Hauling; Shayden Cook, Bowater Credit Union; Axel Walker, Athens Utilities Board; Luke Dalton, McCay Southern; Julie Simbeck, Athens Chamber; James, Maple, CapStar Bank; Tiffany Perry, Realty Executives Associates Main Street; Kimberly Croft, Simmons Bank; Autum Rollo, Athens-McMinn Family YMCA, Becky Wattenbarger, Crye-Leike Leadership McMinn Alumni/Board; Randy Queen, Athens City Police Department. (Back:) Erica Kemp, Johns Manville; Jordan Perleoni, Edward Jones Investments; Kathi Jensen, Hiwassee Acres; Nick Brakebill, ORNL Federal Credit Union; Paul Willson, Retired Leadership McMinn Alumni/Board; Ashley Beth Vital-Herne, Adam Moses, McMinn County E-911, Jody Harrison, NAPA Auto Parts; Matthew Siniard, City of Athens Parks & Recreation; Brian Amburgey, Starr Regional Medical Center; Rob Preston, Athens Chamber. Not pictured are Danielle Valez, Hutspeniller Insurance; Joshua Antone, City of Athens; Deborah Osborn, CASA Corridor of East Tennessee; Crystal Sutton, Morning Pointe of Athens; Tyler Nash, ABB; Aleah Croft, Miller & McPhail CPAs; Michael Ryan, E & E Manufacturing.

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