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Athens, Tennessee

Tennis/Pickleball Court Update



The City of Athens says it is pleased there is so much interest in the Tennis and Pickleball facility at the Ingleside Recreation Complex and would like to provide an update. The courts are nearing completion and per the construction contract with the contractor they have until September 18th to complete the project. If the work is

completed prior to the 18th, the city will open the courts earlier than planned. While the courts appear to be complete, they are still under construction and there are items which the contractor must address. Use of the courts prior to this work being completed could damage the courts so the city will continue to have the gates locked and the courts closed to the public. Signage has also been added to inform the public of its closure. There should be approximately two more weeks until the opening the new tennis and pickleball courts to the community. For more information, please contact the Office of Parks & Recreation at (423) 744-2704.

Source: City of Athens Parks and Recreation Dept.

Community News You Can Use

- **CORRECTION:** The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly book sale on Saturday, **September 14.** The book sale is on the first floor of the library and will be open 10am-2pm. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit them online at www.etowahlibrary.com.
- The Athens City Schools Board of Education draft agenda and packet for the Monday, September 9, 2024, board meeting can be viewed online on the Athens City Schools website. If an individual wishes to address the board on an item on the agenda, he/she may sign up on the form provided before the beginning of the board meeting to request time to speak. Delegations must select only one individual to speak on their behalf unless otherwise determined by the board.
- "Wings on Display" Airport Day is taking place on Saturday, September 7 from 11 am 6 pm at the Mark Anton Municipal Airport in Dayton. There will be live music, food trucks, vendors and a Kids Zone. There will be Warbirds as well as Vintage and Modern Aircraft. Admission to the event is free. RV & Primitive Tent Camping is available from Sept. 6 Sept. 8.



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Obituaries

Linda Gail Buchanan, 69, went to be with the Lord on August 15. Linda retired in 2016 from McMinn County High School. She was a long-time member of St. Mark AME Zion Church in Athens. Linda served as the Church Clerk and as a Trustee. Memorial services will be held Thursday, September 5 at 2:00 p.m. at the Light of Life Faith Ministries International 1112 Congress Parkway, Athens, TN. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the church. Interment at Hammonds cemetery will follow the service. Services of loving memory entrusted to M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home – Athens, TN.

Charles Edward "Eddie" Baxter, age 80, passed away on Wednesday, September 4. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Charles Edward "Eddie" Baxter.

Amber M. Green, 30, unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, August 31. A Celebration of Life will be Friday, September 6th, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at Mt Cumberland Presbyterian Church (111 County Road 299, Sweetwater, TN, 37874). Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Green Family.

Carolyn Lennis Roberts Strickland, 73 of Ten Mile, passed away on Saturday, August 31. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m., on Thursday, September 5 at Roberts Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Strickland Family.

Amos Ray Eaton, 89, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at his home. He was a member of Wildwood Baptist Church. He was associated with Athens Products and Athens Stove Works for a total of 44 years, and was a professional photographer for over 50 years. A funeral service will be conducted at 7:00 pm, Thursday, September 5 in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home. The committal service will be 11:00 am on Friday, September 6 in Slack's Chapel Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 pm, Thursday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Amos Ray Eaton.

Judy Kay Burgett, age 77, passed away on Sunday, September 1, 2024. There will be no formal services at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Judy Kay Burgett.

Michael Layne McNabb, 68 of Decatur, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Friday, August 30. A graveside service will be held 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 7 in the Beta Cemetery. A completed obituary will be posted soon. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the McNabb Family.









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Athens, Tennessee

Madisonville Fire Claims Lives

A devastating house fire in Madisonville early Tuesday morning resulted in the deaths of two adults and a child, according to the Madisonville Police Department (MPD). The fire broke out around 5 a.m. in the 500 block of Old Cemetery Road. While two adults and a child were able to escape the home, it was soon discovered that two other adults and a child were still trapped inside.

Despite valiant efforts from MPD officers and Madisonville Fire Department firefighters, the intensity of the flames blocked all attempts to rescue the individuals inside. MPD expressed gratitude to multiple assisting agencies, including Monroe County EMS, Monroe County E-911, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI), the 10th District Attorney General's Office, the Sweetwater Police Department, and the Monroe County Rescue Squad.

The TBI is leading the investigation, with further information to be provided through its Public Information Office.

Source: WBIR Channel 10

TN Secretary of State Encourages Voter Registration

To commemorate National Voter Registration Month, Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett is encouraging all eligible Tennessee residents to register to vote.

"More Tennesseans than ever are registered to vote, but we want all eligible citizens to register and participate in the Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election," said Secretary Hargett.

National Voter Registration Day is September 17, and the deadline to register and be eligible to cast a ballot in the Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election is 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 7. The fastest way to register, update, or check your registration status is through the free GoVoteTN App or online at GoVoteTN.gov. Voters can also download a paper voter registration application at GoVoteTN.gov.

"We anticipate a robust voter turnout for the presidential election," said Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins. "If you have not registered or need to change your address, don't wait. This will ensure your voice is heard during early voting or on Election Day later this fall."

Early voting for the Nov. 5 State and Federal General Election begins Oct. 16 and runs through Oct. 31. For more information, visit your trusted source for election information, GoVoteTN.gov, or download the free GoVoteTNApp.

Source: Office of the TN Secretary of State







Never Miss an Update!



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What Day is It?

Today In History - September 5

1774 - The First Continental Congress convened in secret at Carpenters' Hall in Philadelphia. 13 of the 13 colonies adopt a trade embargo against Great Britain. At the conclusion of the Continental Congress, Philadelphia becomes the 1st capital of the U.S.

1882 - 10,000 workers march in 1st Labor Day parade in

1885 - 1st gasoline pump is delivered to a gasoline dealer in Fort Wayne, Indiana

1934 - American pilot Wiley Post discovers the jet stream

while flying at high altitude near Chicago **1958 -** "The Huckleberry Hound Show" by Hanna-Barbera featuring Yogi Bear premieres on US TV.

1958 - First color video recording on magnetic tape, is presented in Charlotte, North Carolina

1961 - America begins underground nuclear testing.

1976 - The first episode of The Muppet Show, which was cocreated by Jim Henson, aired, and the TV series became hugely popular, known for a cast of puppet characters that included Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy.

1977 NASA launches Voyager 1 on a mission to initially just fly-by Jupiter and Saturn, later Uranus and Neptune also (In 2012 becomes the first human-made object to leave the |solar system)

Arrest Reports

Mickey Lankford, 34 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for the Manufacturing, Sale, Delivery, and Possession of Xylazine. He was also arrested with the charge of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$18,000.

Adam Bayes, 31 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of a Schedule II substance, Shoplifting, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond.

Dustin Dake, 30 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, the Manufacturing, Sale, Delivery, and Possession of a controlled substance, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$62,000.

Austin Burke, 25 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Aggravated Assault. Total Bond: \$15,000.

Ronald Hearron, 38 of Niota, was arrested by the MCSO for Criminal Trespassing and Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$4,766.85

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from Public Sources.





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