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Monday, December 2, 2024 **Page 1** **Athens, Tennessee**

Etowah Police and Fire Departments to Host Christmas for Kids Benefit Concert




The Etowah Police and Fire Departments invite the community to their annual Christmas for Kids Benefit Concert on Saturday, December 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Gem Theater. This year's event features two-time 2024 Entertainer and Male Vocalist of the Year, **Matt Cordell**, who will deliver his high-energy *Ultimate Variety Christmas Show* to support the nonprofit Christmas for Kids organization.

Tickets are available for \$25 (reserved seating) and \$20 (general admission) and can be purchased by calling 423-519-2141, visiting the Etowah Police Department or Community Center, or online at: EVENTBRITE.com

Founded in 2011 by Etowah's police, fire, and EMS workers, the Christmas for Kids program provides holiday gifts to children in the community that might not normally experience Christmas. Donations, whether new toys or monetary contributions, are used entirely to purchase presents, which Santa delivers to brighten the season for struggling families.

"This program is about giving kids hope and love during difficult times," organizers say. "We believe, as a community, we can make this season special for the children of Etowah."

Don't miss this heartwarming event to support a great cause while enjoying an award-winning holiday performance.



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- Wednesday-Etowah Across from Johnsons-10:30 - 2:00
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Obituaries

Lena "Ranee" Brammer Roush, 52, of Athens, TN passed away on Monday, November 25 in a car accident. The family had a memorial service on Sunday, December 1st at Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens, TN at 12:00pm. There was a visitation prior to the memorial service. Companion Funeral Home of Athens assisted the family with these arrangements.

Barbara Campbell, 74 of Sweetwater, passed away Thursday, November 28. Funeral services will be at 7:30 pm Monday, December 2 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. A graveside service will take place at 2 pm Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at the Mt. Tabor Cemetery in Niota. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Clyde E. Ingram, 84 of McMinn County, went on to his final resting place on Tuesday, November 26. He was a member of Valley Road Baptist Church. There are no services scheduled at this time. Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

Mayme Florene Plumley King Melton, 91 of Etowah, TN, passed away Friday, November 29 at Starr Regional Nursing Home. Funeral services will be held at 6:00p.m., Monday, December 2 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Bordwine Funeral Home on Tuesday, December 3rd at 10:00 a.m. and go in procession to Delano Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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Community News You Can Use

- The Kanusita Garden Club will host “Christmas Around the World”, a National Garden Club, Inc. standard flower show on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 2pm - 4pm at the McMinn Co. Living Heritage Museum. For more info, contact Meredith Willson at (423) 887-3544 or Martha Culvahouse (901) 484-9679.
- The American Legion Post 68 is hosting a Military ball for veterans at the Niota Train Depot on Friday, Dec. 6 at 6pm. Tickets are for sale at the veterans Service office. This is for veterans, active duty, reserve and their spouses. for more information, call the VSO office at (423) 744-1605.
- Etowah Senior Center has scheduled another day of Medicare Counseling with SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program) on Wednesday, Dec. 4th. Please call the senior center at 423-781-7632 to schedule an appointment.
- The Good Faith Clinic will be open Tuesday, December 3 at 3:30 p.m. for refills and at 4:00 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens. REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, Tuesday of each month.
- The Athens Municipal-Regional Planning Commission will be meeting at noon on Monday, Dec. 2 in the conference room of the Athens City Municipal Building.

LISTENING REMINDER: Be sure to join us this week on *Main Street Moments*. Sandra Kinney will have a guest on the broadcast that will give us updates on the local community. The broadcast is aired at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday's on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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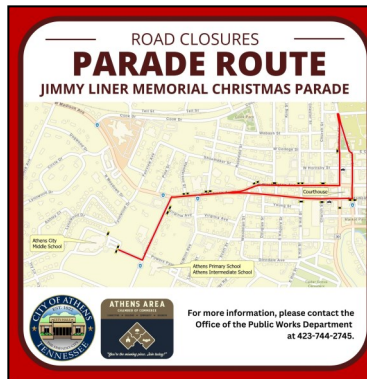
Cherokee Beekeepers Association Meeting



The Cherokee Beekeepers Association is hosting a free beekeeping short course on Saturday, December 7, 2024 from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Registration will take place the

first hour with the course starting at 9:00 A.M. The course will be held at the McMinn Senior Activity Center located at 205 McMinn Ave., Athens. The short course will cover topics such as: why become a beekeeper, parts of the hive and tools used, what to expect the first year of beekeeping and a question / answer period as well. Pre-registration is not required.

Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade TONIGHT



The annual Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade is scheduled to take place tonight, Monday, December 2 beginning at 6:30 pm and traveling around Downtown Athens. The theme of this year's parade is Christ-

mas Around the World. The parade will assemble at Athens City Middle School and travel down Keith Lane, Right onto W. Madison, left onto N. Jackson, down N. White St., Right onto Washington Ave. / W. Madison Ave. before ending down Keith Lane. Street Closures have been posted and you can see the parade route in the graphic attached with this story.

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Tennessee Bound for the College Football Playoffs, Heupel Makes History



With a 36-23 victory over Vanderbilt, the No. 8 Tennessee Volunteers (10-2, 6-2 SEC) have secured a spot in the newly expanded 12-team College Football Playoffs. While Selection Sunday on Dec. 8 will finalize matchups, Tennessee's position in the rankings confirms their postseason berth.

"Next step for us as a program," said head coach Josh Heupel. "It was a goal, but there was an expectation to be in this. Proud of these guys for executing and putting us in a position to be there. Now the next season starts, what are we gonna do with it?"

The Vols overcame a rocky start against Vanderbilt, falling behind 14-0 early, but rallied with determination to finish strong. Reflecting on the win, Heupel highlighted his team's resilience. "Best league in America," he said of the SEC. "This is a special group to handle the ups and downs, to keep competing to push forward."

The win marks the second 10-win season during Heupel's tenure, putting him alongside Tennessee legends Phillip Fulmer and Robert Neyland as the only coaches to achieve multiple double-digit regular seasons.

Players shared the excitement of reaching this milestone but emphasized their focus on what lies ahead. "Great feeling, man," said quarterback Nico Iamaleava. "Now the real work starts. It's go time for us."

Running back Jaylen Wright reflected on the significance of the accomplishment. "You don't really realize it until you stop and think about it. We've got something special ahead of us," he said.

Tennessee's next challenge will come in late December, as they prepare to face a yet-to-be-determined opponent. Linebacker Arion Carter summed up the team's mindset: "All we ever wanted really was a chance. And we were able to get that. We've got to seize the opportunity."

For Tennessee, the road to glory starts now.

SEC Football Weekend Scores

Friday

Mississippi State 14 @ (#14) **Ole Miss 26**
Georgia Tech 42 @ (#7) **Georgia 44 (8 OT)**

Saturday

Louisville 41 @ Kentucky 14
(#15) South Carolina 17 @ (#12) Clemson 14
(#8) Tennessee 36 @ Vanderbilt 23
Arkansas 21 @ **(#21) Missouri 28**
Auburn 14 @ **(#13) Alabama 28**
Oklahoma 17 @ **LSU 37**
Florida 31 @ Florida State 11
(#3) Texas 17 @ (#20) Texas A&M 7

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| 1 Oregon (12-0) | 8 SMU (11-1) |
| 2 Texas (11-1) | 9 Indiana (11-1) |
| 3 Penn State (11-1) | 10 Boise State (11-1) |
| 4 Notre Dame (11-1) | 11 South Carolina (9-3) |
| 5 Georgia (10-2) | 12 Alabama (9-3) |
| 6 Tennessee (10-2) | |
| 7 Ohio State (10-2) | |