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Friends of the Library Book Sale Draws Big Crowds, Live Broadcast Highlights Community Support



The Friends of the E.G. Fisher Public Library wrapped up another successful **Annual Book Sale** last week, drawing steady crowds to the McMinn County High School cafeteria and featuring a live remote broadcast from WYXI Radio.

Throughout Friday's broadcast, **Brother Barry Sullivan** and **Mark Lefler** interviewed volunteers, supporters, and Friends of the Library board members, spotlighting the community effort behind the fundraiser.

One highlight of the day included **Mark Lefler** presenting **Billy Burton** with a **\$27 Tidal Wave Auto Spa Car Wash** gift card, one of several giveaways offered during the event.

Sullivan also interviewed **Joe and Cindy Mishstal**, both members of the Friends of the Library Board of Directors, about the organization's mission and the importance of the annual sale. Lefler spoke with **Bo Perkinson**, former Athens City Mayor and

a current board member, about the growth of the event and the continued need for library support. Sullivan also interviewed **Becky Coleman**, Executive Director of the E.G. Fisher Public Library, who discussed how proceeds from the sale help fund equipment, technology, and programs for patrons of all ages.

The multi-day sale featured thousands of gently used books and puzzles, with all proceeds benefiting the library's services and ongoing improvements.

Pictured Above (L-R): Mark Lefler, Becky Coleman and "Brother" Barry 'Bman' Sullivan. More Event Photos on Page 3

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The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TOMORROW**, Thursday, June 25 at 3 p.m. for refills and doctor visits. Test Results will be provided beginning at 3:45 p.m.

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, Thursdays of each month.

Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic

Community News You Can Use

- Athens Parks & Recreation Department has officially relocated to the **Southeast Tennessee Trade and Conference Center** at **Athens Regional Park**, now operating at **122 Regional Park Drive, Athens, TN 37303**. Staff report a smooth transition and welcome the public to the new office. For information, call **423-744-2704**.
- McMinn/Meigs SWCD will host a Conservation Programs Seminar on **Thursday, June 25, 6-9 p.m.** at the **McMinn County Higher Education Center**, 2345 Denso Drive. Agencies including USDA, NRCS, UT/TSU Extension, Quail Forever, and the TN Dept. of Agriculture will share funding opportunities and resources for sustainable agriculture. **RSVP** to Megan at **423-368-2173** or megan.harris@tn.nacdnet.net.

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E.G. Fisher Friends of the Library Book Sale Photos



Pictured (far left) - Cousin Mark presents Billy Burton with his giveaway gift card to Tidal Wave Auto Spa Car Wash

(top center) Brother Barry interviews Joe & Cindy Mishtal

(Top Right) Cousin Mark Interviews Bo Perkinson

(Bottom Center) Bo Perkinson with the WYXI Broadcast Team

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

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Alan Poob Coke, 20 of Lenoir City, charged with DUI, underage consumption, driving without a license, Bond \$4,000.

Charles Chalk, 69 of Athens, charged with disorderly conduct, Bond \$25,000.

Brian Harris, 43 of Cretenden, Arizona, charged with shoplifting, theft of property, and retaliation for past action, Bond \$15,000.

Jeremy Norton, 46 of Calhoun, charged with public intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting stop, unlawful acts in the sale or handling of fireworks, Bond \$4,000.

Brian Yantis, 53 of Athens, charged with failure to appear in Sevier County, shoplifting, and theft of property, Bond \$1,500.

**Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
Information gathered using Public Sources.**

Riceville 5th Grader Wins National Beta Club Science Championship



Riceville Elementary School is celebrating a major academic achievement after 5th-grade student Collin Swafford earned first place in the nation in the National Beta Club Fifth Grade Science competition.

Collin's journey began in May, when his score on the 5th Grade Science Academic Test—administered at Riceville Elementary—placed him among the top 20 students in the United States, qualifying him to compete at the National Beta Convention.

The national competition was held this week in Nashville, where the top science students from across the country faced off for the championship title. Collin emerged as the National Beta Club 5th Grade Science Champion, earning first place overall.

Riceville Elementary and McMinn County Schools say they are extremely proud of Collin's accomplishment and the way he has represented the community on a national stage.

Source: Kylie Gentry, McMinn County Schools



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