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Friday, June 16, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

## Tenn State Veterans Home

The Tennessee State Veterans Home in Cleveland, a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to serving the veterans of Southeast Tennessee, is set to open its doors. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held to mark this significant milestone and honor the brave individuals who have selflessly served our country. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. (EDT) at the Tennessee State Veterans Home, located at 1940 Westland Dr. SW, Cleveland, TN, 37311. Tennessee Department of Veterans Services Commissioner Tommy Baker, Bradley County Mayor Gary Davis, Mayor Kevin Brooks of Cleveland, Tennessee State Veterans Homes Executive Director Ed Harries, and other distinguished guests will gather to celebrate the completion of this \$47.9 million, 108-bed facility. The Tennessee State Veterans Home in Cleveland features a modern-rustic design nestled on almost 28 acres of land, offering a serene and picturesque setting. With private rooms and shared common areas adorned with ceiling-high stone fireplaces and cozy dining spaces, the facility provides a warm and comfortable environment for its residents. Everyone is welcome to join them in celebrating the opening of the Tennessee State Veterans Home, a testament to our unwavering commitment to honoring and caring for our veterans.

## Community News You Can Use

✓ The second concert in the 2023 Sounds of Summer series presented by Friendly City Festivals will feature local bluegrass favorite "Just Us" and they will be performing tonight at Market Pavilion 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 toe tapping night of entertainment. *Just Us* Bluegrass Band is based out of East Tennessee and started playing together in September of 2006. They perform many styles of music including contemporary, traditional and gospel with that added bluegrass flare.



**REMINDER:** Sounds of Summer has moved to Friday nights.

✓ The McMinn County Board of Education facilities planning meeting with McMinn County Commission will be Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence (Board Room).

✓ A Cruise In will be at First Church of God, 1340 Hwy 39E in Englewood on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 to 11:30. Free Coffee and Doughnuts, Antique cars, Hot Rods, Motorcycles, Antique Tractors. All are welcome. Please call 423-333-3005, 423-887-3918, or 423-887-5297 for more information.

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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

♦ **Terry Lee Bowers**, age 65, of Athens, passed away Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. He was associated with Bowater Papermill for 27 years until his retirement. A funeral service will be at 11:00 am, Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at Smith Funeral Home. Interment will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be from 9:30-11:00 am, Sunday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

**THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:** Markets finished sharply higher. Global stocks traded largely to the upside. The U.S. dollar and oil prices were also higher. At the closing bell the Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 428.73 to 34,408.06. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 53.25 to 4,425.84, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 156.34 to 13,782.82.

### TODAY IS:

- **National Fudge Day**
- **Blooms Day:** Recognizes the life of the Irish writer James Joyce through the celebration of Bloomsday and readings, walks, and reenactments.
- **Wear Blue Day:** Friday before Father's Day
- **International Day Of The African Child**
- **World Sea Turtle Day**

## Church News and Events

- Vacation Bible School will be the week of June 18-13 at North Etowah Baptist Church from 6 pm to 8:30pm. Classes will be offered for Grades K-6 (just completed) and adults! Registration is available online at [northetowah.org/vbs](http://northetowah.org/vbs)
- Thomas Brown will be at Pope Avenue Baptist Church on **Sunday, June 25th** at 6 p.m. Everyone welcome.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- If you have suffered the loss of a loved one, Mars Hill Presbyterian Church of Athens now offers a GriefShare program each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. For more information call 423-829-5052.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- Thomas Brown will be singing at the McMahan Calvary Baptist Church at their morning service on **Sunday, July 2nd**. Come and be blessed by his singing ministry.

Happy **June 18, 2023**  
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\*Lunch and snacks are provided \*

# LET'S CELEBRATE HARVEY BLASSINGAME DAY!!! COME JOIN US THIS COMING SUNDAY, JUNE 18th AND RIDE THE TRAIN!!

## News from Hiwassee River Railroad:

This Sunday, June 18th, is officially Harvey Blassingame Day. Harvey is a retired L&N conductor and longtime TVRM volunteer on the Hiwassee River Scenic Railroad. If you've ever been on the train excursion, chances are Harvey has entertained you with his stories of working the Old Line. His family will be riding with us and will get to participate in the grand unveiling of the "Blassingame Sta." sign on the North ramp. The unveiling will happen at 1:00 pm Sunday 6/18/23.

Come join us and celebrate Harvey!

