

Thursday, February 22, 2024

"Blizzard" Tourism Conference

The Tennessee Overhill and 150 tourism/destination marketing organization members met, last week, at the Montgomery Bell State Resort Park in

Burns, TN near the Kentucky/ Tennessee border for meetings and classes on Tourism in Tennessee. confer-This ence is held every year to gather data and to make network marketing connections. Tennessee 11^{th} ranks among the 50



states in number of tourist visitors. This is awesome for a noncoastal state. But no surprise because Tennessee is one of the most beautiful places on the planet. The new 2024 Tennessee Tourism logo statement is "Tennessee Sounds Perfect". Pictured in the photo left to right – Paige Finnell, Tourism Coordinator for Meigs County, Adrian Lambert,-Executive Director of Tennessee Overhill, Blaina Best, Executive Director of Monroe County Tourism, Amy Anderson, Tourism Coordinator for Southeast Tennessee Association, Melanie Beauchamp, Assistance Commissioner of Tourism for Tennessee, Nancy A. Dalton, Tourism & Marketing Coordinator for Tennessee Overhill & Mark Ezell, Commissioner of Tourism for the great state of Tennessee.

Photo submitted by Nancy Dalton

Community News You Can Use

✓ MEDIC is encouraging our community to use their extra day of the year to save lives! MEDIC donors will receive a one-time special edition tumbler for their donation on Thursday, February 29. Tumblers are first-come, first-served and while supplies last. Appointments can be made online at www.medicblood.org, via the MEDIC app, or by calling 865-524-3074. As a reminder, MEDIC follows FDA guidelines and there have been no changes to those related to the COVID -19 vaccine. Therefore, MEDIC will not ask vaccination status. MEDIC is located at 927 Decatur Pike in Athens.

✓ Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is thrilled to announce its Annual Arts Gala on Saturday March 2, 2024, from 6:30 pm to 11:00 pm at The Arts Center. In keeping with the event theme of "Peace, Love, and Art," dressing in your finest attire inspired by the peace, love, and art of 1960s-70s Rock and Roll is welcome and encourage, but certainly not required. Otherwise the dress code is formal. Tickets are \$100 per person. Advanced reservations are required. All proceeds support the arts in the Athens area. Reservations are available at The Arts Center, 320 North White Street in Athens, online at athensartscouncil.org, or by phone at (423) 745-8781. The event organizers kindly request that attendees purchase seats by February 23, 2024. Seating is limited; patrons are encouraged to reserve seats early before this special event sells out. The Arts Gala is for attendees twenty-one and older.



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Property Transfers McMinn Co

Listed below is a sampling of verifiable property sales from January 1 to February 1 in McMinn County

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Close Price	Street Name	City
\$50,000	County Road 80	Riceville
\$95,000	Jones St.	Athens
\$98,000	Central Ave	Athens
\$130,000	County Road 906	Etowah
\$130,000	Millard Street	Athens
\$154,000	County Road 459	Englewood
\$165,000	Sunset Dr	Athens
\$169,900	Jackson St	Athens
\$170,000	County Road 62	Riceville
\$179,900	Bryant Street	Etowah
\$184,900	County Road 461	Englewood
\$196,000	Melrose Ave	Englewood
\$200,000	County Road 384	Niota
\$210,000	County Road 226	Niota
\$220,000	Rock St	Athens
Data provided by Tennessee Valley Appraisal Ser-		

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Operation Christmas Child

The numbers are in for Operation Christmas Child! Over 11.3 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide in 2023. The Tennessee Valley Area (Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, and Polk) contributed a total of 28,635 shoebox gifts. We thank our area churches, groups, and individuals who packed these Gospel Opportunities. Because of your diligence 28,635 children will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you would like to learn more about this exciting ministry, please contact Melanie LaMunyan, Area Coordinator - TN Valley Area Team/Operation Christmas Child at melbisly1@rocketmail.com or 843-437-9143.

ON THIS DAY IN HISTORY

- 1978: The U.S. Air Force launches Navstar 1, the world's first operational GPS satellite, from Vandenberg Air Force Base in California.
- 1980: The U.S. Hockey team beats the Soviets in the "Miracle On Ice"

