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**MARCH 16, 2024  
6:00 PM**



Monday, March 11, 2024

Athens, Tennessee

## Community News You Can Use

- ✓The McMinn County Election Commission will meet TODAY March 11, at 5:00 pm to count provisional ballots and certify the election payroll for the March 5, 2024 elections.
- ✓The Athens City Council is set to meet TODAY at 3:00 pm for their study session. Topics for discussion include improvements to Cook Park, Update on Body Cam policy, City of Athens budget amendment among other items to come before the council.
- ✓The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the closure of parking spaces 81 and 82, on E. Washington Ave. from Baxter Street to Long Street. This closure will be now until Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution, watch for detour and traffic control signage, pedestrians, and work crews. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. The purpose of this closure is for building remodeling.

## Community Events Tomorrow 3/12

- ✓Many events happening tomorrow at E.G. Fisher Public Library. Preschool Storytime at 10:30 am. This program engages children ages 3 to 5 in books, interactive stories, songs, and crafts each week. Rock Painting at 12:30 pm, where you can either bring your own rocks to paint or paint one of those supplied. At 5:00 pm, the Yarnaholics Crochet & Knitting Group will meet where both beginners and experts can spend time on their projects together. The library has beginner supplies available.
- ✓From 9 am - 3 pm, AACA instructor Tyler Peaden will lead students in musical theatre workshops as part of The Art Center's week of "Artsplorations" workshops which are educational arts opportunities offered when local schools are closed. Pay Registration Fees [HERE](#)
- ✓This week is MS Awareness Week and TOMORROW, March 12 is the meeting of the McMinn-Meigs-Monroe MS Support Group. They meet at Keith Memorial UMC in Athens at 1 pm.

**CLOSED MONDAY - WEDNESDAY**

**THURS. : ATHENS - THE SOCK SHOP, 10:30 - 1:30**

**FRI. : SWEETWATER - LITTLE DRUGS, 10:30 - 2:30**

**SAT. : SWEETWATER - CLAYTON HOMES, 11:00 - 3:00**

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**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Meleena Livesay, Program Coordinator at E.G. Fisher Public Library. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

## Gardening Tips for Families

**TUES, MARCH 12**  
**4:00-5:30PM**

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## Etowah Friendly Garden Club Meeting

The Etowah Friendly Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at the Etowah Community Center, 155 Robinson Street, beginning at 7 p.m. Club Members and those wishing to join are reminded that Annual Dues for 2024 should be paid at this meeting. The EFGC dues are \$20 per person, or \$30 for a couple.

## Proposed Tennessee Law Targets Pets

A proposed law in Tennessee, initiated by restaurant owners in Savannah, is nearing approval. The bill aims to prohibit non-service animals from entering indoor areas of restaurants due to issues caused by customers bringing in pets. If passed, the law would still allow animals in outdoor areas. Notably, certified service animals would be exempt, as per federal regulations, while optional support animals, lacking service animal certification, would be impacted. Some restaurant owners have reported threats from customers upset about not being allowed to bring their non-service pets into establishments.

## 7 Brew Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member 7 Brew Drive Thru Coffee, located at 1514 Decatur Pike, Athens. Shown here are Chamber and business representatives, County and city officials, and the staff of 7 Brew Coffee.



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## Obituaries

**Mary Ellen Thoni-Underdown**, age 63 of Athens, passed away Friday, March 8th at her residence. She was a native of Nashville and a resident of McMinn County since 1989. She was a graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine in 1985. In 1989 she opened Union Hill Veterinary Hospital where she practiced small and large animal medicine until 2022. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Funeral arrangements are by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home.

**Deborah Ann (Kovalenko) Darby**, 75, passed away on February 15th in Decatur. She was a native of Michigan. Debby had a career as a registered nurse and enjoyed countless worldwide adventures with her family. She and her husband, Doug, retired to the wonderful Caribbean island of Montserrat in 1995, before moving to Tennessee in 2007. A private celebration of life with family and friends was held at home on February 24th. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services was in charge of the arrangements.

**George Everett Sanford**, age 63, of Delano, passed away Friday, March 8th. He was born in Athens. George worked tirelessly in the Timber Industry throughout his life. A service to honor and celebrate George's life will be held on Tuesday, March 12th at 6pm at Community Fellowship, located at 260 Benton Station Road in Benton. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

**Jeanette Wampler Bishop**, 88, of Athens, passed away Saturday, March 9th. Jeanette was a member of Englewood First Church of God and retired from Proffitts Department Store after 14 years of service. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday, March 11th in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family and friends will assemble at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 12th at McMinn Memory Gardens for a graveside service.

## Arrest Reports

03/05/2024

- Joseph L. Moses, age 25 of Sweetwater was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for the charges of Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia and was assigned a \$14,000 bond.
- Michael E. Duff, age 56 of Englewood was arrested by the Etowah PD for Driving on a Revoked License and was assigned a \$3,000 bond.
- Nicholas D. Davis, age 35 of Etowah, was arrested by the Athens PD for two charges of Violation of Probation and one of Failure to Appear with a total bond set at \$15,000.
- Brandon Breedlove, age 24 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for a Bradley County Warrant in regards to Failure to Appear. He is being held without bond.
- Austin Creselious, age 27 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for a Warrant in Cumberland County in regards to a Violation of Probation. He is being held without bond.
- Amberlyn S. Blair, age 27 of Elizabethton, TN, was arrested by the Athens PD for the charges of Felony Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale, Simple Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, and Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony. She is being held without bond.
- David V. Neil, age 22 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for the charges of Driving on a Revoked License, Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, Possession of Schedule II for Resale, and Possession of a Weapon During the Commission of a Felony. He is being held without bond.