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Athens, Tennessee

House Approves Social Media Age Verification Bil

Tennessee House Bill 1891 has been approved with a significant majority of 88 votes in favor and only 2 opposed. The bill is now slated for consideration in the state senate. If it successfully passes through the legislative process and is signed into law by the Governor, it will mandate social media companies to authenticate the ages of users under 18 to ensure parental consent for their presence on these platforms. The proposed legislation, dubbed the "Protecting Children from Social Media Act," has garnered support from some legislators who argue that it should have been enacted much earlier. Advocates of age verification contend that it would mitigate children's potential exposure to inappropriate content and empower parents to manage their children's online accounts more effectively.

Church News and Events

- Today's Holy Week service is being observed at Woodward Church of God which will be hosting Rev. David Spann. Service starts at noon, with a light lunch and fellowship to follow. Services hosted by the Athens/McMinn Ministerial Fellowship. Offerings from this week's services go toward replacing the shower bus.
- Hillcrest Church (581 Hillcrest Cir., Etowah) is having a Glow in the Dark Egg Hunt TONIGHT at 7 pm.
- North Etowah Baptist Church will celebrate Easter on Sunday, March 31 at 10:30 am. Following the service, they will have a helicopter Easter Egg Drop for the kids.
- Pastor Curt Stapleton would like to inform you that Redeemer Presbyterian Church, PCA has relocated to Cleveland State at the McMinn Higher Education Center (2345 Denso Dr, Athens). Worship Service begins at 10:30 am.
- The McMahan Calvary Baptist Church is having a sunrise Easter service at 7:30 am with Sunday School at 10 am and regular worship time at 11 am. The church is located behind Wendy's on County Road 172. Ricky Vaughn is the pastor.

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Athens, Tennessee

Lawson Recovering at Home

Bradley County Sheriff Steve Lawson, who was in a car accident in Chattanooga last Sunday along with his wife, has been released from the hospital and is now recuperating at home. On his way home, the Sheriff made a brief stop at the sheriff's office. During the visit, he provided reassurance to employees and the citizens of Bradley County, expressing his ability to fulfill his duties. Sheriff Lawson mentioned that he will be working remotely from the office between doctor appointments as he continues his recovery from injuries. See our prior coverage of Sheriff Lawson's accident on Page 4 of yesterday's fax [HERE](#)

Church News and Events

- Lakeview Baptist Church (183 County Road 126, Athens) will have an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30 at 2 pm. Food will be served. They will also have a SUNRISE SERVICE 7 am on Easter Sunday. Travis Debety will be preaching. Breakfast to follow service.
- There will be an Easter Sunrise Service at Conasauga Baptist Church (649 County Road 475, Etowah) on March 31st at 7 am. Breakfast will be served afterwards. Regular service begin at 10 am.
- "If It Had Not Been" is an Easter drama reenactment of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection and is taking place at Mt. Verd Baptist Church (252 County Road 249, Athens) on Easter Sunday at 6 pm.
- "HE IS ALIVE!!!", Easter play presented by Cambria Baptist Church (305 County Road 875, Etowah) tonight at 7 pm.

Good Friday

On this Good Friday, we take a moment to pause and reflect on a day full of gratitude, hope, and unity. Wishing our community a peaceful and blessed Easter season.

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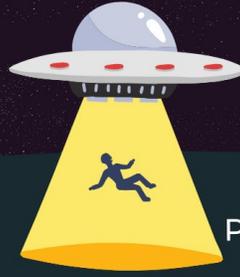
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Obituaries

Lemuel Robert Beene, 83, passed away on March 23. He was a professional civil engineer and licensed surveyor active in various organizations. He served 10 years as the McMinn County engineer. Robert's work included designing interstates and managing construction projects for TVA. He was a member of First Baptist Church in Athens. Visitation will take place at the Valley View Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home from 2 - 4 pm and 5 - 8 pm on Friday April 5th. A graveside service will be held at 2 pm (1 pm CST) in South Pittsburg, TN at the Bean Roulston Cemetery on Saturday, April 6. Arrangements are by the Valley View Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist.

Church News and Events

- Zion Hill Baptist Church will be hosting a free Men's Prayer breakfast on April 20 at the TWU cafeteria. Breakfast will be served beginning at 8:00 am. The Speaker will be Steve Morgan of Cleveland's First Baptist Church. An offering will be taken to benefit Miracle Lake Ministries. Please register at zhbc.com/breakfast by April 1.
- Walnut Grove Baptist Church (141 W. Park Cir., Decatur) presents Easter in the Park on Easter Morning at 11 am. There will be an egg hunt following the service.
- Oak Grove Baptist Church of Niota invites you to their church on Saturday, April 6 at 3 pm for the Ordaining of Evangelist Phyliss Prigmore. On Sunday, April 7 at 11 am, Rev. William H. Ryan, III will celebrate his 1st Pastoral Anniversary. That day's guest speaker will be Rev. Ronald Harris from Chattanooga.
- Ironmen Productions will present a Good Friday observance today at 12 noon. Presenters include: Charles Davis, Hugh Dixson, Garry King, Jimmy Lewis, C.C. Monroe, and Phyliss Prigmore. "Seven Last Words" is the program to be held at Everlasting Life Christian Center at 1710 Highway 411 South, Etowah, Kevin Harris is the host pastor. More information is available at 423-745-9556.



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Arrest Reports

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- Angela Jorgensen, 60 of Athens was arrested by the Athens PD for Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Arrest. Bond was assigned of \$3,000.
- Christopher Freeman, 37 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Simple Possession of Schedule VI. Bond was denied and he was sentenced to serve 60 days.
- Brandon Dabbs, 32 of Reliance, TN, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Simple Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$14,000.
- Donald Rowland, 46 of Etowah, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for charges of Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale, and a warrant in Polk County. He was held without bond awaiting transfer to Polk County.
- Preston Mooney, 30 from Etowah was arrested by the Etowah PD for Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$1,000.

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- Charles Baker, 60 of Englewood, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry. Bond was assigned of \$20,000.
- Richard White, 46 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation. Cash Bond was assigned of \$647.95.
- Jeramy Lipps, 32 of Etowah was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia and was assigned a bond of \$1,000.
- Colbin Hancock, 28 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$7,000.
- Nicholas Arnwine, 35 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale, Possession of Schedule IV Xanax for Resale, Simple Possession of a Schedule VI substance, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$23,000.
- Brian Hanley, 40 of Niota, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation and Violation of Probation in Meigs County. Bond was Denied.
- Luke Rohr, 42 of Athens, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Violation of Probation with no bond assigned.
- Austin Silvers, 23 of Decatur, was arrested by Etowah PD for Possession of a Schedule VI substance with no bond reported.
- Elijah Ferguson, 22, was arrested by Englewood PD for Violation of Probation from Bradley County. He was held without bond awaiting transfer to Bradley County.

The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources.