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**Thursday** - Cooler with scattered showers in spots. High 52.  
**Thurs. Night** - Mostly cloudy and quite chilly. Low 35.  
**Friday** - Partly sunny and cool. High 53. Low overnight 34.  
**Saturday** - Mostly sunny and cool. High 59 with a low overnight of 34.  
 Weather at: [wyxi.com](http://wyxi.com)

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## Cassie Wright Act Passed into Law



Legislation sponsored by Assistant Majority Leader Mark Cochran, R-Englewood, has passed both chambers of the General Assembly, aiming to ensure parents can support their children dealing with mental health issues. Named The Cassie Wright Act after a local teen who tragically took her own life while seeking mental health care, the bill addresses gaps in current Tennessee law.

“No child should ever suffer alone,” Cochran emphasized. “Children need their parents' support, especially if they are dealing with a mental health crisis. I hope that by passing this legislation, parents are able to be involved in their children’s treatment when necessary and keep tragedies like this from ever happening again.”

The bill authorizes a child’s parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian to have access to the minor’s prescription records. It also requires any professional treating a child to report any suicidal ideations or thoughts of self-harm made by the child to the minor’s parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian.

“This legislation is crucial in ensuring that parents have the information and ability to support their children during difficult times,” Cochran further stated.

Additionally, the legislation protects children seeking treatment due to domestic abuse situations. If a professional has reported the abuse to the Tennessee Department of Children’s Services (DCS) and believes that access to the records could harm the child, those accused would not have access to those records under this legislation.

“By closing these gaps in the law, we can better protect our children and ensure they receive the support and care they need,” Cochran concluded.

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## Obituaries

**Clifford "Tippy Toe" Henry Bailey**, 68, passed away on March 31 at his home in McMinn County. He spent his life in McMinn County and was an active member of the Valor Guild. He was a lifelong trucker with the handle "TNT" at Iron Craft Trucking Company in Athens. Funeral services will be Sunday April 7th at 2 pm at M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home in Athens, with the family receiving friends for one hour before the funeral starting at 1 pm. Interment will follow at Hammonds Cemetery in Athens. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.

**David Baker "Pappy" McConkey**, 79 and a lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on April 2 surrounded by his family. He was known as a former baseball coach and a dedicated fan of the U.T. Vols. The family will receive friends from 10 am to 12 pm on Saturday, April 6 at Ziegler Funeral Home, with funeral services to follow at noon at the funeral home. Interment will take place at Green Hill Cemetery in Etowah. Ziegler Funeral Home is entrusted with the arrangements for David Baker "Pappy" McConkey.

**Myra Lee Housley Riley**, 83 of Riceville, passed away on April 2nd after a fulfilling life filled with love and warmth. Myra Lee had a gift for bringing people together, hosting gatherings with joy and warmth. Her kind spirit touched many lives, and she will be deeply missed. Her family will gather to celebrate her life in a worship service and will forego the receiving of friends on Saturday, April 6th at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Etowah. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

**David White Vaughn**, aged 63, from Sweetwater, Tennessee, passed away on March 29 at The University of Tennessee Hospital after battling a long illness. David retired from both the automotive industry and the Air Force and was a former attendee of Westmore Church of God in Cleveland, Tennessee. He had a passion for deer hunting and fishing and was known for his sense of humor, always being the life of the party. He will be deeply missed by his loving family and friends. Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.



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## Rhea County Woman Indicted in Drug-Related Death Investigation



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An inquiry led by special agents from the Drug Investigation Division of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, in collaboration with investigators from the Pikeville Police Department and the Office of the 12th Judicial District Attorney General, has culminated in the indictment of a woman from Rhea County. She stands accused in connection with the drug-related demise of another woman from Pikeville. In August 2022, Pikeville Police Department officers were summoned to a Pikeville hospital in response to an overdose fatality. 27-year-old, Hailey Green, was discovered deceased, evidently from an overdose. In response to requests from Pikeville Police and the Office of the 12th Judicial District Attorney General, TBI drug agents joined the inquiry. Throughout the investigation, agents and officers identified Kayla Tinsley as the individual implicated in the distribution of fentanyl directly contributing to the victim's death. On April 1st, the Rhea County Grand Jury returned indictments, charging Kayla P. Tinsley, 33, with one count of Second Degree Murder and three counts of Possession of Schedule II Controlled Substance for Resale. On Tuesday, Tinsley was apprehended and incarcerated in the Rhea County Jail under a \$450,000 bond.



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## Starr Regional Community Benefit Report



Starr Regional Medical Center has released its 2023 community benefit report, detailing its commitment to supporting local health and economic well-being. CEO John McLain emphasized the hospital's dedication to providing high-quality care and making a positive impact. Highlights include adding 75 new providers and investing \$5.9 million in facility upgrades. The hospital donated \$43.8 million in health services to those in need and invested in employee development, distributing \$43.6 million in wages and benefits. Additionally, Starr Regional contributed to local activities and organizations, showcasing its commitment to the community. McLain expressed gratitude for the community's support and outlined plans for continued improvement in serving neighbors and communities.

## Community News You Can Use

- The Hiwassee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution is organizing a Revolutionary Soldier Grave Marking and Ceremony for Maximillian Rector, an American Revolutionary Patriot. The event will include a wreath presentation, participation from SAR and DAR chapters, and the public is welcome to attend. It will take place on Saturday, April 6th, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the Matlock Family Cemetery near Niota, TN. Officials from various SAR and DAR organizations, along with the public, will be present to honor Patriot Rector, including a firearms volley by the SAR Color Guard.
- The inaugural CASA Corridor of East Tennessee's Spring Fling Fashion Show Luncheon is Saturday, April 13th at St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens. Tickets are \$40 each, with sponsorship tables available for \$320. Fashions will be showcased by The Lily Pad and Relaxed and Refined Menswear of Sweetwater, featuring models including TWU President Tyler Forrest, Athens City Manager Deb Wallace, Athens City Councilman Jordan Curtis, and others. Doors open at 11:00 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m. The fashion show begins at noon. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the CASA office, visiting their location, or through their website [HERE](#). CASA's mission is to advocate for abused and neglected children in juvenile courts, with over 5,000 children served and 1,500 advocates contributing over 156,617 hours of service in Tennessee.

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## 03/30/24

- Adarryl DaSante Arnwine, 28 of Athens, was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, for Driving Under the Influence, Due Care, and Possession of a Schedule I substance. Bond was assigned of \$7,500.
- Christopher Hester, 45 of Riceville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$6,000.
- April Howard, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Criminal Trespass, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned of \$24,000.
- Joshua Taylor, 36 of Athens was arrested by the Athens PD for Criminal Trespass, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Aggravated Assault. Bond was set at \$39,000.
- David Fairbanks, 30 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale, Possession of a Firearm in Commission of a Felony, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Criminal Trespass. Bond was set at \$114,000.
- William Monroe, 50 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of Heroin, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Unpaid Child Support, and Aggravated Criminal Trespass. Bond was set in total of \$29,913.
- Gregory Rymer, 42 of Kingston, was arrested by the Athens PD for 2 Traffic Violations, Possession of a Schedule II substance, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned for \$14,000.

## 03/31/24

- Jessi Womack, 25 of Athens was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine and Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl. Bond was assigned in the amount of \$12,000.
- Kayla Ashmore, 26 of Madisonville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl. Possession of Schedule VI Cannabis. Bond was assigned of \$28,000.
- John Grubb, 31 of Decatur, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Failure to Appear in Meigs County, and State Violation of Probation in Meigs County. Bond was set for \$26,000.
- Lewis Layman, 59 of Calhoun, was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for Driving Under the Influence, Due Care, and Failure to Maintain Lane. Bond was set at \$1,500.

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



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