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The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will host its annual *Stamp Out Hunger* Food Drive on **Saturday, May 11**, marking more than 30 years of community support for fighting hunger across the country. The nation's largest one-day food drive is returning this May as letter carriers across the country prepare to "Stamp Out Hunger" in their communities.

Organizers are asking community members to place a bag of non-perishable food items by their mailbox before regular mail delivery. Letter carriers will handle the rest—ensuring the donations reach families facing food insecurity in the local area.

Hunger touches every corner of the country. According to Feeding America, food insecurity affects people in every county in the United States. Statistics show that:

- **1 in 8 Americans experience food insecurity.**
- **1 in 8 children face hunger.**
- **1 in 14 seniors (age 60+) and 1 in 11 adults (ages 50–59) rely on food assistance.**

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The "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign has already helped collect over **1.9 billion pounds of food** since its inception, thanks to the efforts of dedicated letter carriers and support from national partners. **All food collected stays within the local community, directly helping families and individuals in need.** Donations go to local food banks and are distributed free of charge—no part of the contribution goes to overhead or administrative costs.

Organizers encourage everyone to get involved—whether by donating, volunteering, or simply helping spread the word. Every can, box, and bag counts. Let's come together as neighbors and deliver hope to those who need it most.


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
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Athens, Tennessee

Tim Scotton named Vice President for Finance at Cleveland State



Cleveland State Community College has named Tim Scotton as its new Vice President for Finance.

Scotton, a Bradley County native, brings over 20 years of experience in finance and accounting. He most recently served as Comptroller at Lee University and has held roles in government, logistics, manufacturing, and higher education.

Returning to Cleveland State is a personal milestone for Scotton, who spent

much of his childhood on campus while his mother worked in the Business Office. "Cleveland State feels like a homecoming to me," he said.

President Dr. Andy White said Scotton's expertise will help strengthen the college's financial foundation. Scotton holds degrees from Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

He and his wife, Lakeisha, have two teenage sons.

Source: Andrea Byerly, Cleveland State

Community News You Can Use

- E.G. Fisher Public Library will be host to the ***Voices of Resilience***, a spoken word event held on Saturday, May 3 from 3:30–5:00 PM. The showcase will celebrating the resilience and creativity of African American artists.
- The City of Athens, Tennessee, will hold a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Athens City Hall, located at 815 North Jackson St. in Athens. The purpose of the work session is to discuss matters related to the City's Fiscal Year 2025–2026 Budget. No action will be taken at this work session. The session is open to the public. For more information, contact the City Manager's Office at (423) 744-2702.
- The Athens Regional Park Splash Pad opens TOMORROW, Thursday, May 1 at 10 AM.

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Athens, Tennessee

Baseball: McMinn County Varsity Cherokees Defeat East Hamilton (7-2)



The McMinn County Varsity Cherokees were triumphant over East Hamilton 7-2 on Monday.

A ground out by Jack Goodin put McMinn County Varsity Cherokees on the board in the bottom of the first. McMinn County Varsity Cherokees added to their early lead in the bottom of the third inning after Chase McDonald lined out, and Drake Frazier laid down a sacrifice bunt, each scoring one run.

Max Roderick began the game for McMinn County Varsity Cherokees. The righty gave up four hits and zero runs over four innings, striking out two and walking none. Griffin Phillips stepped on the mound first for East Hamilton. The pitcher allowed one hit and one run over one inning, striking out one and walking one. JP Brannen tossed two innings of no-run ball for McMinn County Varsity Cherokees in relief. The hurler surrendered one hit, striking out two and walking none.

Frazier drove the middle of the lineup, leading McMinn County Varsity Cherokees with two runs batted in. McDonald went 2-for-4 at the plate to lead McMinn County Varsity Cherokees in hits. McMinn County Varsity Cherokees had a strong eye at the plate, accumulating seven walks for the game. Goodin, Roderick, and Luke Lawson led the team with two free passes each.

Peyton Hunter and Miguel Fernandez were a force together in the lineup, as they each collected two hits for East Hamilton while hitting back-to-back. Terry Barnes and Kaden Mathis each drove in one run for East Hamilton.

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Athens, Tennessee

Vol Nation Sells Out Neyland Season Tickets for Third Straight Year



For the third consecutive year, Tennessee Athletics has sold out its football season ticket inventory at Neyland Stadium well ahead of summer, with all 70,500 season tickets claimed.

The Vols' 129th football season is already breaking records, boasting a 97.8% renewal rate — the highest in department history — and a waitlist of nearly 24,000 fans as of April 29.

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"Vol Nation continues to lead the way as the best fan base in all of sports," said Athletic Director Danny White. "The Neyland Effect will be in full force on Rocky Top this fall."

Tennessee's long-term strategic plan, *Rise Glorious*, had targeted 70,000 season ticket sales by 2026-27. That goal has now been surpassed three straight years, beginning with the 2023-24 season.

This marks the fourth time in 24 years that UT has sold out its season tickets, a streak that began in May 2023. Neyland Stadium has hosted 20 consecutive home sellouts, with the Vols averaging 101,915 fans per game last season — sixth-highest nationally.

Since 2022, Tennessee is 20-1 at home, the third-best home record in the FBS and tied for best in the SEC.

Neyland's ongoing renovations include a newly expanded south concourse, upgraded concessions and restrooms, and new Founders Suites, all set to open this fall.

The Vols will kick off their 2024 home schedule against ETSU on Sept. 6 following their Aug. 30 opener against Syracuse in Atlanta. Fans interested in future tickets can join the 2026 waitlist now. **Source:** [UTSports.com](https://www.utsports.com)

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Charles Lee “Chuck” Butler, 71 of Decatur, passed away on Monday, April 28. He was a member of Clear Springs Baptist Church. He enjoyed arrowhead hunting, four wheeling, and woodworking. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 1 in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Clear Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 noon – 2 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Butler Family.

Janice Morrow, 70, of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, April 29 at NHC of Athens. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens.

Sherry Harrison Baek, age 64 of Athens, passed away February 24, 2025 at University of Birmingham Hospital in the comfort care unit. She was a native and life-long resident of Athens and was a daughter of the late Otis Edward and Merlene Harrison, and was preceded in death by a brother Dr. William Edward "Bill" Harrison. She was a former employee of UT Medical Center having retired after 20 years of service. Survivors: Wayne and Fran Harrison of Helena, Alabama, Randy and Cheri Harrison of Niota and Jim and Lynn Harrison of Travelers Rest, South Carolina. A Sister-in-law, Carol Leisure of Brentwood, TN and several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life gathering will be held from 2 -4 PM Saturday, May 3, 2025 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. All friends and family are welcome to attend.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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