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Fire at McMinn Jail Quickly Contained, No Injuries Reported



A fire broke out in the laundry area of the McMinn County Jail on the evening of May 19 but was quickly brought under control by jail staff and the Athens City Fire Department.

The fire began around 8:30 p.m. when an inmate doing laundry noticed a flash in one of the dryers. Flames spread beneath the unit, prompting a rapid response from staff, inmate trustees, and patrol deputies.

"Fire extinguishers were deployed and inmates in nearby housing units were evacuated to safe areas due to smoke," said Sheriff Joe Guy. "Athens City Fire Department responded within minutes and attacked the fire from the dryer as well as the roof vent and had it contained with minimal damage."

No injuries were reported, and all inmates were safely returned to their housing units by 9:30 p.m.

"We will patch the roof and the laundry will be down for a day or so, but we are still operational," added Sheriff Guy.

Source: [Sheriff Joe Guy - Facebook](#)

Community News You Can Use

- SETHRA will be distributing USDA commodities to eligible Meigs Co. residents on **Wednesday, June 4 beginning at 8 am at the City & County Building (351 River Rd., Decatur)**. If you have not signed up, you will need to visit your local SETHRA office before distribution. There will not be the option to sign up on distribution day. If you have already signed up and were issued a card since Oct. 01, 2024, you do not need to bring anything to participate.
- The McMinn County Highway Dept. Has recently announced that **McMinn County Road 118, Densmore Rd.,** will be closed on **Wednesday May 21 from 9am - 3pm** for road construction.

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Three Cleveland High Students Complete Welding Bootcamp, Two Earn AWS Certification



Cleveland State Community College Workforce Development, in partnership with City Fields, recently hosted a MIG Welding Bootcamp for students at Cleveland High School's Raider Blue Academy (RBA). Three students completed the program, with two earning American Welding Society (AWS) certifications.

The course, funded by City Fields and held at Cleveland High, gave students hands-on training and a chance to gain industry-recognized credentials.

"The partnership between Cleveland High School, City Fields and Cleveland State Community College gave Raider Blue Academy students access to a welding certification program that not only provided valuable technical skills but also increased their confidence and future career opportunities," said Dr. Eric

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Garner, CHS Assistant Principal – RBA. "Thanks to City Fields' and Cleveland State's support, students who might not otherwise have had this chance were able to earn industry-recognized credentials, empowering them to envision a more stable and fulfilling path after graduation."

Bre LaMountain, CSCC's Organizational and Workforce Development Manager, added, "I am thrilled to see the positive impact this partnership has had on Cleveland High School students. Our goal is to provide accessible, high-quality training that equips students with practical skills and industry-recognized credentials. Watching these students gain confidence and achieve AWS certification has been incredibly rewarding." Organizers hope to expand the program to include more students in the future. *Source: Andrea Byerly, CSCC*

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Registration open for 2025 Adult Co-Ed Softball League



The City of Athens Parks & Recreation Department is getting ready to play ball as registration for the 2025 Co-Ed Adult Softball League officially opens **this Friday, May 23.**

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Open to teams and individuals ages 16 and up, the league welcomes players of all skill levels. The cost is \$400 per team or \$30 for those wishing to register as a free agent. Free agents will be placed on teams after registration closes.

Games will take place every Tuesday night from June 24 through August 19 at Athens Regional Park, located at 2405 Decatur Pike. A mandatory team meeting will be scheduled the week before the season begins. Players who miss this meeting will be placed in the upper league.

Participants can register online [HERE](#), by phone at 423-744-2704, or in person at Athens City Hall, 815 North Jackson Street.

Athens Parks & Recreation encourages early sign-ups, as space is limited and competition is expected to be lively.

Tennessee's New NIL Law Sparks Controversy Across College Sports

TENNESSEE ATHLETICS

Tennessee recently passed [Senate Bill 536](#), a new law allowing student-athletes to receive payments from NIL collectives—even amid uncertainty surrounding the NCAA House Settlement. The law is seen as a way to shield universities like Tennessee and Vanderbilt from potential lawsuits, stating athletes can earn NIL money unless prohibited by "federal law, anti-trust law, or a valid court order."

Critics argue the law gives schools like Tennessee too much power to pay athletes on their own terms. Some have even called for the NCAA or SEC Commissioner Greg Sankey to take action, with extreme suggestions like removing Tennessee and Vanderbilt from the SEC.

Tennessee AD Danny White defended the move, saying, *"It gives us (Tennessee) protection from the legal and structural uncertainties of college sports."*

Meanwhile, power conferences are reportedly drafting a new contract that would require schools to follow future enforcement rules. Schools that refuse to sign could face removal from their conference—putting Tennessee and Vanderbilt in a tough spot if the law clashes with conference guidelines.

As the situation evolves, Tennessee's aggressive stance has clearly made waves in the college athletics world—and it's far from over.

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Obituaries

Robert J. Ludwig, 78 of Vonore, passed away Saturday, May 17. After high school Bob joined the Navy and was with the Construction Battalion. Upon returning from the Navy, Bob farmed in the Waterloo area and had a long career working for John Deere. No formal services will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Arlen "Chuk" Charles Bumbalough, 56, passed away on Tuesday, May 13. A gifted musician, he found joy in playing both the guitar and bass. Chuk had a deep love for the open road, often riding his motorcycle with a sense of freedom that defined his spirit. A Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 24th from 2:00-4:00pm at Companion Funeral Home of Athens. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens, TN, and the Cody family are honored to assist the Bumbalough family with these arrangements.

Charles E. Wilson, 82 of Decatur, passed away on Tuesday, May 20. He was of the Baptist faith and a United States Army Veteran. After retiring from Chattanooga Boiler & Tank with over 33 years of service, he spent most of his time on the farm with his cows. The family will receive friends from 12 – 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025, in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. A Graveside Service will follow in the Cottonport Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Wilcox Family.

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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