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Make Music Day to Bring Citywide Celebration to Downtown Athens in 2026



Main Street Athens is gearing up to host Make Music Day on Sunday, June 21, from 1–5 p.m., joining a worldwide celebration held each year on the first day of summer. The event is part of the national Make Music Alliance initiative and will transform downtown into a lively, family-friendly arts and music festival.

Musicians will perform throughout the afternoon in storefronts, restaurants, sidewalks, patios, and outdoor spaces, while local artists create and showcase work across the district. Organizers say it's an ideal way for families to enjoy Father's Day together after church, with music and art filling the heart of Athens.

The festival is free and open to the community, and its success depends on local participation. Main Street Athens thanked the many residents and performers who have already stepped forward and says more are welcome as planning continues.

This year's event is supported by METTC, The Arts Center, the City of Athens, Denso, and Truist, with additional partners invited to join in bringing the celebration to life.

Source: [Main Street Athens](#)

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Athens, Tennessee

Driver Injured After Car Rolls on County Road 279



A 26-year-old man was checked by EMS after his Chrysler 200 crashed and rolled several times Monday afternoon around 2 p.m. on County Road 279 near the 600 block.

Witnesses told responders the southbound car lost control coming through a curve, struck a power pole, and landed in a field after overturning.

The driver was later transported to the McMinn County Justice Center by the Tennessee Highway Patrol. North McMinn Fire, Niota Fire, AMR, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. THP Trooper Scott Freeman is leading the investigation.

Photo by David Prater, Niota Rural FD

Community News You Can Use

- METHEA (Mid East TN Home Education Association) will host a Used Curriculum / Book Sale & Marketplace on **Saturday, June 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.** in the Community Room at **E.G. Fisher Public Library**. Browse used curriculum, books, crafts, kid entrepreneurs, baked goods, and more. Open to the public; **cash preferred**.
- McMinn / Meigs Soil & Water Conservation District will host a Conservation Programs Seminar on **Thursday, June 25, 6–9 p.m.** at the **McMinn County Higher Education Center**, 2345 Denso Drive. Agencies including USDA, NRCS, UT/TSU Extension, Quail Forever, and the TN Dept. of Agriculture will share funding opportunities and resources for sustainable agriculture. **RSVP by June 18** to Megan at **423-368-2173** or megan.harris@tn.nacdnet.net.
- Athens Community Theatre will hold auditions for *The Crucible* on **Sunday, July 26 at 2 p.m.** and **Monday, July 27 at 7 p.m.** at The Arts Center. Anyone interested in acting or helping with the production should attend and bring schedule availability for **July 28–Oct. 11**.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE THIS WEEK



JUNE 18 - 21

**THURS 5PM - 8PM
FRI 9AM - 6PM
SAT 9AM - 5PM
SUN 12PM - 3PM**



The Friends of the Library Annual Booksale provided many wonderful additions to the E.G. Fisher Public Library this year! The additions included a new microfilm reader, a new laminator, and new computers. Plus helping to fund a new security and fire suppression system. The book sale is a yearly hit and you can shop there daily and find wonderful gifts, cozy books, and movies to take home.

While you are in the library, sign up for their summer reading program "Unearth a Story". There are many ways to participate and fun and activities to be had by all.

Visit their website at fisherlibrary.org or their Facebook page. Download the Readsquared app or sign up in the library. While you are at the sale or the next time you are in the library, please consider joining the Friends of the Library (FOL).

Enjoy free ice cream courtesy of Mayfield Dairy Farms!
Make sure to bring your cash and don't forget to enjoy the sale!

Lots of giveaways to register for!

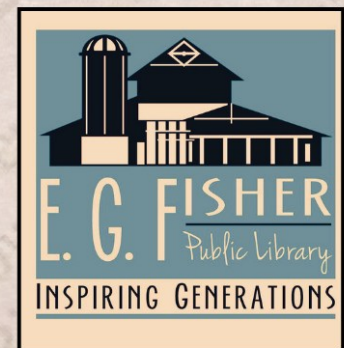
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Wednesday, June 17, 2026 Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 5 Athens, Tennessee

AACA Opens Registration for 2026 Summer Arts Camps



Athens Area Council for the Arts has opened registration for its 2026 Summer Arts Camps, offering theatre and visual arts programs for students of all ages at The Arts Center on North White Street.

The two-week **Youth Theatre Camp** for ages 11–17 runs **July 6–17**, featuring daily instruction in acting, movement, and music, and concludes with a performance of the original musical *Wonderful*. Tuition is **\$300**, with registration due **June 22** and scholarship applications due **June 15** through the Marian Biddle Trew Scholarship Fund.

The **Visual Arts Mini Camp** for grades K–5 meets **July 20–24** in two-hour sessions divided by age group. Tuition is **\$80**, and registration closes **July 6**.

A new **Make Your Mark Camp** for grades 6–12 will be held **July 27–31**, offering workshops inspired by master artists. Tuition is **\$75**, with registration due **July 13**.

All camps include materials, and exhibitions of student work will be held on each camp's final day. While scholarships are limited to the theatre camp, AACA encourages families to reach out about financial assistance or payment plans.

Registration is available online, by phone at **423-745-8781**, or in person at The Arts Center during office hours.

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Athens, Tennessee

Donate Life Plate Nears Deadline With Fewer Than 400 Pre-Orders Needed



Tennessee is closing in on the 1,000 pre-orders required to launch its first-ever **Donate Life specialty license plate**, with

fewer than 400 orders still needed before the **June 30** deadline. The plate would support statewide organ, eye, and tissue donation efforts and honor the more than **3,000 Tennesseans** waiting for a transplant.

Supporters say the plate helps spark conversations about donation and pays tribute to donor families and recipients. Donate Life Tennessee leaders are urging residents to help push the initiative across the finish line so the plate can move into production.

Tennesseans can reserve a plate at:

TennesseeDonor.org.

Cost is \$35 + county fees (+\$2 for online payments)

Obituaries

Hunter Quaylain Hutchins, 30, passed away on Thursday, June 11. He attended Northern Kentucky University, graduating in 2019 with a degree in Political Science. Hunter answered the call to serve his country and was commissioned as an officer in the Army National Guard. He served as a Platoon Leader with the 577th Sapper Company and the 201st Engineer Battalion Assistant S2. Funeral and memorial service arrangements will be announced by the family. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens in charge of arrangements.

Albert Dewayne Martin, 70 of Decatur, passed away at Starr Regional Medical Center on Sunday, June 14. He was a tub operator at Charleston Hosiery / Renfro for over 25 years. A memorial gathering will be held at the Chapel of Companion Funeral Home in Athens, Tennessee. The date and time will be announced once arrangements are finalized. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Etowah Second Annual Area Wide Gospel Meeting

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Monday

What's the Matter with the World? - David Henry Sweetwater

Tuesday

Substance and Evidence - Joe Guy - Patty

Thursday

I Died Last Night - Mike Williams - Liberty Hill

Friday

Blinded By Satan - Mark Stephenson - Etowah

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