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# **Community News You Can Use**

✓ The Athens City Council will be conducting its Council Strategic Summit this Friday, February 25th, beginning at 5 p.m. and on Saturday, February 26th, beginning at 8 a.m. at the McMinn Higher Education Center.

✓ Tennessee Wesleyan University will be giving a community lecture about Russia and Ukraine on Thursday. See their ad at the top of page 2 for more information.

✓ The McMinn County Veterans Service Office is hosting two special events for local Veterans. A Women's Veterans Day will be held on Friday, March 4th, at the Niota Depot. Lunch will be served and a full program dedicated to women veterans will be held beginning at 11 a.m. A Vietnam Veterans Day Event will be held on Tuesday, March 29th, at the Niota Depot. It begins at 11 a.m. and lunch will be served with a full program dedicated to Vietnam Veterans will be held. Contact the local McMinn County Veteran service Office for more details. They're located at 5 East Madison Avenue, Athens or call 423-744-1605.

✓ The latest in the Lawrence Concert Series at Tennessee Wesleyan University will be this Friday at the Merner Pfeiffer Library. The Ben Dockery Trio will be featured at the performance. The free concert will begin at 6 p.m. with complimentary coffee and refreshments. The Ben Dockery Trio is a group of accomplished jazz musicians and instructors, playing primarily original works by the group's leader and TWU music professor, Dr. Ben Dockery. More info is available at:

https://www.tnwesleyan.edu/news/dockeryconcert.php

# **USTA Rally Cats Tennis to Start**

The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the United States Tennis Association (USTA) to again host its popular USTA Rally Cats Beginners Tennis Program for children ages 4 to 10 and USTA Rally Cats Plus for ages 11-14. The four-week program will be held each Thursday, March 24 to April 14, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each evening at the Ingleside Tennis Complex. Rally Cats was developed by USTA to provide a fun introduction of tennis for kids and keep them on the court for years to come. Rally Cats use smaller rackets, lower nets, and modified balls, which leads to less frustration and more fun. "Tennis is growing fast in Athens. Each season we offer tennis, more and more children are learning and enjoying this lifelong sport. We strive to be flexible and offer a wide range of opportunities for children to learn and grow in multiple sports," according to Brianna Baker, Program Coordinator. Registration is \$40 for the four-week program, and players must be pre-registered by Friday, March 18, at 5 p.m. To register, visit rallycatstennis.com For more information about this or other programs, contact Athens Parks and Recreation by phone at 744-2700 EXT 3, by email at: recreation@athenstn.gov, or in person at the Athens Parks and Recreation Office, located inside the Athens Municipal Building at 815 N. Jackson Street. Office hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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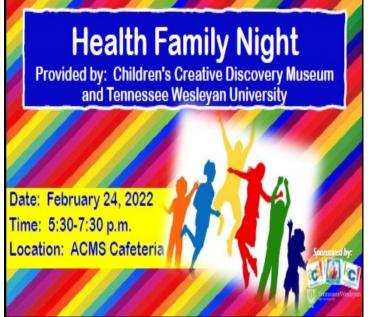
Wednesday - Mild. 60% t'storms High 61.

Wednesday night - Increasing clouds. 50% t'storms and rain. Low 47.

**Thursday -** 40% chance of rain. High 64.

Friday- 60% chance of rain. High

More Weather at: wyxi.com





# "THE CRISIS IN UKRAINE"

Community lecture on the history of Russian and Ukraine relations.

Feb. 24 | 6 p.m. | Johnson Event Center in Colloms Campus Center

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# **Obituaries**

# • Martha Rose Dodson McDowell, age 86, of Hermitage, died Sunday, February 20th at McKendree Village in Hermitage. She was a native of Riceville and a longtime resident of the Claxton Community near Riceville. She retired from Woods Memorial Hospital where she worked as a receptionist. A graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Double Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at Ziegler Funeral Home.

• Jo Ann Rudder, age 86, died Saturday, February 19th at Westminster Terrace in Louisville, Kentucky. She was born on April 8, 1935 in Etowah. She worked for many years in Jacksonville before returning to Etowah in 1988. A funeral service will be held at 3:00 p.m. Saturday in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will follow the service in Goodsprings Cemetery.

An earthquake measuring 2.4 in magnitude was reported at about 9:47 a.m. Monday. According to the National Geological Survey the quake was centered 5.0 miles ENE of Farragut. It was about a half-mile underground and about a mile long. No major damage was reported

# **TODAY IN HISTORY**

**1685** - German composer Georg Friedrich Handel was born. He's best known for the "Messiah," and, particularly, the rousing and inspiring "Hallelujah Chorus."

**1836 -** The siege of the Alamo began in San Antonio, Texas.

**1847 -** U.S. troops under Gen. Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican general Santa Anna at the Battle of Buena Vista in Mexico.

**1848 -** John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States, died at age 80 in Washington, D.C., two days after suffering a stroke on the floor of the House of Representatives.

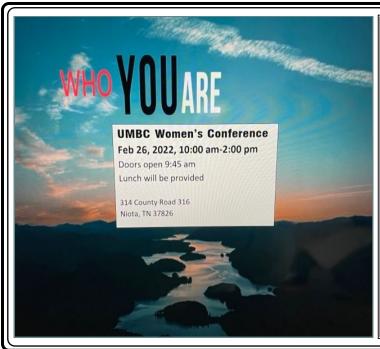
**1889 -** Movie director Victor Fleming was born. He directed both "Gone With the Wind" and "Wizard of Oz."

**1945 -** Six members of the Marines 5th Division planted an American flag atop Mount Suribachi on the Pacific Island of Iwo Jima. The island had been held by the Japanese.

**1991 -** The U.S. and its allies launched a large-scale ground assault against Iraqi troops in Kuwait and southern Iraq. Operation Desert Storm ended four days later with a cease-fire as Iraqi troops withdrew.

**1997** - Scientists in Scotland announced they had cloned an adult mammal, producing a lamb named Dolly.

**1999** - A jury in Jasper, Texas, convicted white supremacist John William King of murder in the dragging death of an African-American man, James Byrd Jr.



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