

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Athens, Tennessee

Local and Area News

◆ Large quantities of smoke in the eastern part of McMinn County are due to a large control burn that can persist for several days. The forestry service says that the control burn is being conducted on the top of Starr Mountain. Residents in the areas around Englewood and Etowah were affected the most by the smoke.

◆ A two-day undercover operation by special agents with the TBI Human Trafficking Unit, the Sevierville, Pigeon Forge, and Gatlinburg Police Departments, the Sevier County Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Unit, and the office of the 4th Judicial District Attorney General James Dunn has resulted in the arrest of eight men accused of seeking illicit sex from minors. The men were booked into the Sevier County Jail. They were arrested on one count of solicitation of a minor: Carl Joseph Cantrell, Dandridge; Benjamin Jason Holt, Newport; Denis Tyulkin, Ravenna, OH; Tyler Ryan Arrington, Lebanon, VA; Raul Pedro, Knoxville; Kevin Leroy Baer, Westminster, MD; and Ivan Kale Freeman, Knoxville. Eric Burse Griffith of Robbins TN, was arrested on one count of solicitation of a minor and one count of soliciting sexual exploitation of a minor.

Community News You Can Use

✓ Bojangles in Athens will host a gospel singing at 6:30 p.m. today, April 26th. Doug and Lue will be performing.

✓ The McMinn County Clerk's Office will close at 12:00 today, April 26th for a staff meeting and training.

TODAY IN HISTORY - APR 26th

1607 - The first British colonists to establish a permanent settlement in America landed at Cape Henry, Virginia. **1865** - Federal troops shot and killed John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln. He was shot inside a burning barn near Port Royal, Virginia, despite orders to capture him alive.

1933 - Actress Carol Burnett was born.

1938 - Duane Eddy, famous for his "twangy guitar," was born. His biggest hit record was "Rebel Rouser."

1942 - Singer Bobby Rydell was born. Among his hit records- "Swingin' School" and "Volare."

1986 - History's worst-ever nuclear disaster occurred at the Chernobyl Nuclear Plant in the Soviet Ukraine. At least 31 people were killed. It sent a radioactive cloud into the atmosphere which increased radiation levels in several European countries.

1989 - Actress-comedian Lucille Ball of "I Love Lucy" fame died at age 77.





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Food City Hiring 1,500

◆ Food City will be hosting a company-wide hiring event this Thursday, April 28th to include both fulltime and part-time positions. Food City is planning to hire over 1,500 people to work at their Distribution Center and in key customer and food service positions at store locations throughout their operation area.

Interested candidates can apply online at <u>FoodCity.com</u> or visit the Food City store in Athens or Etowah to complete an application.

MONDAY'S MARKET REDORT U.S. equities finished higher. At the forefront are concerns over monetary policy and supply-chain issues. China remains steadfast to a 0-COVID-19 policy as it shuts down movement in major cities. Oil was down almost more than 2%. The U.S. 10-year Treasury was lower around 2.8%. The U.S. 10-year Treasury yield rose. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 238.06 to 34,049.46. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 24.34 to 4,296.12, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 165.56 to 13,004.85.

Leadership McMinn Visits WYXI Radio & Morning Fax HQ

The Athens Chamber of Commerce Leadership McMinn class recently took a tour of WYXI RADIO & The Morning Fax, during "Media Day". In the photo: Front (L-R) Kenneth Gibson, (Starr Regional Medical Center), Heidi Wallace (East Tennessee Properties), Hope Coe (Charles Cox M.D.), Elizabeth Merriman (Athens Utilities Board), Larae Graves (Chamber Diplomat), Taylor Barselou (Simmons Bank) Back Row Jeannie Anderson (City of Niota), Tyler Forrest (McMinn County Schools), Bonita Montgomery (DENSO), Mark Lefler (WYXI-Morning Fax), Treavor Crisp (Warren Jackson), Grant Kelly (McMinn E-911 Center), Eric Bunch (Bunch Distributors LLC), Chandler Rollo (The City of Athens Police Department). Not pictured are: Angela Pruitt (Starr Regional Medical Center), Paige Zabo (United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties), Taylor Hollingworth (Trinity Grace Church), Alisha Fox (Cleveland State Community College) Photo by Julie Simbeck





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