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Thursday, April 13, 2023

Athens, Tennessee

## TDS Telecom Ribbon Cutting

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Chamber member TDS Telecom, located in Englewood. TDS is a growing force in the telecommunications industry and provides over 1.2 million connections to high-speed internet, phone, and TV across the US. TDS announced they will soon expand high-speed internet for the Town of Englewood. Shown here are representatives of TDS Telecom Bruce Mottern, Tyler Hunsaker, Miles Gardner, and Ryan Grantham, along with Athens Chamber business representatives and city and county officials. [www.tds.com](http://www.tds.com)  
Photo submitted by Julie Simbeck, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.



## Community News You Can Use

✓ Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is proud to host *Color Is My Middle Name*, an exhibit by Paul Fontana. The exhibit is open to the public March 22 through May 1, 2023, with an Opening Reception on Friday, April 21, from 5:30 – 7:00 pm in the Willson Exhibit Room and Hall Gallery at The Arts Center.

### WEATHER FORECAST

**Thursday** - Partly sunny. Possible rain late. High Mid 70's.

**Thurs. Night** - Possible storms. Low 52.

**Friday** - 60% chance of storms. High 69.

**Saturday** - Mostly sunny. High 76.

**Saturday Night** - 30% chance of storms. Low 58.

**Sunday** - 60% chance of rain. High 42. Sunday night will be mostly clear with a low of 42.

Weather at: [wxi.com](http://wxi.com)



### Kindergarten Registration

April 27th 8:30-11:00 am

[www.christslegacyacademy.org/apply-now](http://www.christslegacyacademy.org/apply-now)

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Habitat of McMinn County is accepting applications for a new build in Etowah, Tennessee, at E.G. Fisher Library. **Deadline for applications is April 22, 2023, between 11am to 1 pm in the conference room. Please contact Ingrid Prather at 423-381-9087 for any questions.**



## McMinn County Living Heritage Museum

### Upcoming Events

**HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL WITH JIM BROOKS**  
IF YOU ARE THINKING ABOUT ATTEMPTING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL OR YOU JUST WANT TO HEAR ABOUT SOMEONE ELSE'S ADVENTURE, COME LISTEN TO JIM'S EXPERIENCE.  
**SATURDAY APRIL 15, 11:00 AM - 12:30PM**

### TRASH & TREASURE SALE

PREMIER NIGHT: APRIL 25 (TUES): 5-8 \$10  
APRIL 26 (WED): 10 AM-5 PM  
APRIL 27 (THURS): 10 AM-5 PM  
APRIL 28 (FRI): 10 AM-5 PM  
APRIL 29 (SAT): 10 AM-1 PM

TWO LOCATIONS:  
MUSEUM LOWER LEVEL  
MUSEUM ANNEX

Programs sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation, Tennessee Arts Commission, Hugh M. Willson Family Foundation, and City of Athens.

**Hours:**  
Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM  
Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM  
Sunday - Monday: Closed

**Admission:**  
Adults: \$5.00  
Senior 60+: \$3.00  
Students: \$3.00

### More Information

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## Obituaries

◆ **Stella Opal Smith**, age 90, of Kingston, passed away Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Mars Hill Baptist Church Cemetery in Kingston, TN. Visitation will be from 12 -2 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

**TODAY IS:** National Peach Cobbler Day, National Make Lunch Count Day, National Borinqueneers Day, National Thomas Jefferson Day, and National Scrabble Day.

### WEDNESDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

Stocks opened higher on Wednesday, after the latest read on inflation failed to produce any worrisome surprises, but the S&P 500 closed 0.4% lower while the Dow shed 38 points. Interest rates moved lower, with the 10-year Treasury yield falling back near 3.4%. Global equities finished higher as did oil and gold prices. The U.S. dollar was slightly weaker.

At the closing bell, The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 38.29 to 33,646.50. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 16.99 to 4,091.95 and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 102.54 to 11,929.37.

## Representative Fleischmann Introduces Bill

◆ U.S. Representative Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03) introduced H.R. 2491, the [Securing Aid for Every \(SAFE\) School Act](#). The *SAFE School Act* establishes a \$900 million grant program that will allow public and private schools to train and hire veterans and former law enforcement officers to serve as school safety officers, hire off-duty law enforcement officers, and provide funding to harden schools and increase physical security. Congressman Fleischmann introduced [H.R. 2491](#) as the companion bill in the House of Representatives to U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn's [S. 1107](#) in the Senate. "The shooting at the Covenant School in Nashville broke my heart and the hearts of every Tennessean and American. No child should ever be lost to gun violence, and no parent should ever lose a child to gun violence. We must protect our nation's schools and children from evil individuals who seek to cause senseless harm to others," said Rep. Fleischmann. My bill, which is the companion to Senator Blackburn's legislation, is commonsense and will provide funds for both public and private schools to hire and train former law enforcement professionals and veterans to be SROs and allow schools funds and the flexibility to increase security as they see fit. I sincerely hope that my colleagues in Congress and President Biden see the importance of this commonsense bill and quickly pass it into law, so we can keep our children safe."

◆ **FOOD CITY RENEWS PARTNERSHIP:** Food City has renewed their annual partnership with the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) from now through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. JDRF is the world's leading foundation for type 1 diabetes research. Last year Food City and their customers raised over \$600,000. If you donate a dollar at the register or round up, It will help fund life-changing research. For more than a decade Food City and their customers have raised more than \$4 million dollars to fund research committed to ending type 1 diabetes.

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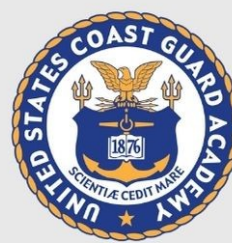
# TN-03 Military Service Academy Day

Saturday, April 22  
10:00-11:30 am

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga  
University Center - Chattanooga Room

Students, Parents, Teachers, Principals, and Guidance Counselors are all welcome!

## Meet Representatives From:



Visit [fleischmann.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations](https://fleischmann.house.gov/services/military-academy-nominations)  
for more information!