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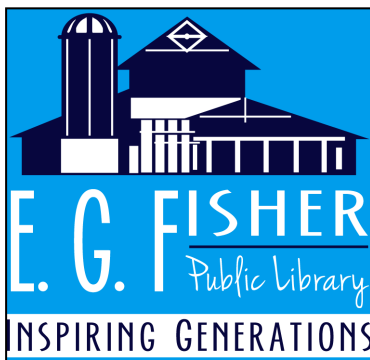
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Still Time to Join E.G. Fisher Library's Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge at E.G. Fisher Public Library is in full swing, and there's still time to join the fun! Now through **Friday, July 18**, readers of all ages—children, teens, and adults—can log their reading to earn prizes and celebrate literacy.

Children ages 0–12 can participate in the new **Time Trackers** program by logging 30 minutes of reading per day. For every five days of reading, they earn a spin on the prize wheel, with up to 10 spins available. Bonus prizes and a goodie bag await those who complete the challenge. Teens in grades 6–12 earn a prize drawing entry for every 100 pages read. Participants also unlock mini-games and other opportunities, with winners notified weekly.

Adults (18+) can log books to gain entries into weekly prize drawings. Audiobooks and individual books of the Bible count, though picture books do not.

The program wraps up with a **Finale Party on Tuesday, July 22 at 4:30 PM**. Participation is free, and the program is made possible by generous donors and volunteers.

To sign up or log your reading, visit fisherlibrary.org or stop by the library at **1289 Ingleside Ave., Athens**. For questions, contact Program Director **Meleena Livesay** at programming@fisherlibrary.org or call **423-745-7782**.

LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on *Main Street Moments*: Host Maggie Blaine invites **Erica Peden** to discuss **All Things Kiwanis Club!** The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5. *See ad on Page 4*

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Controlled Burn Spreads, Damages Garage in Etowah



A controlled burn of an old outbuilding quickly got out of hand Sunday morning on County Road 511, leading to a fire that damaged a nearby two-story garage.

According to emergency personnel, the property owner believed the structure would burn slowly.

However, the flames spread rapidly, igniting the adjacent garage. The fire caused significant roof and exterior damage, along with some interior water damage during firefighting efforts.

Fire crews from Etowah City, Etowah Rural, and Englewood Rural Fire Departments responded to the scene. Englewood Rural Fire Lt. Caleb Martin led incident command. The McMinn County Sheriff's Department and Etowah Utilities Board also assisted. No injuries were reported.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

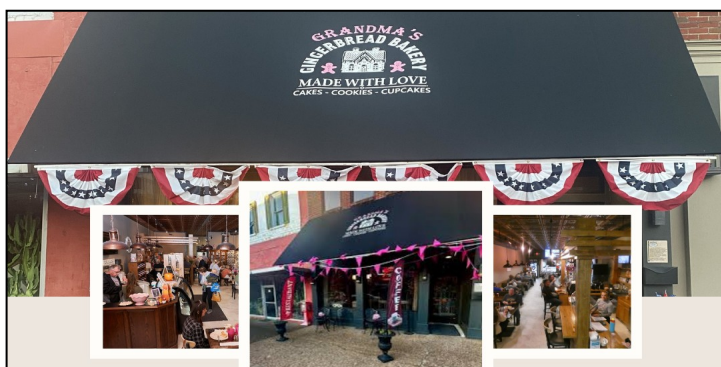
Community News You Can Use

- The Alexander Keith Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will host a special **Veterans Recognition Ceremony** on **Saturday, June 14 at 12:00 noon** at the **Meigs County Historical Society, 200 Smith Ave, Decatur, TN**. The public is invited to attend and should bring lawn chairs. The program will feature Star Mountain Quilts of Valor and Mountain Valley Blue Star Mothers, honoring service members from all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following lane closure:

The area to be affected is **E. Washington Ave.**
from Long Street to S. Jackson Street.

This closure will be from Tuesday, June 10 at 7:30 a.m. until Wednesday, June 11 at 4:00 p.m. Motorists should use caution driving in the area and allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. The closure is for utility line repairs. For more info, contact the Athens Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

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WYXI Radio broadcasts MooFest 2025!



This past Saturday, [WYXI Radio](#) went out on the town to broadcast live coverage of MooFest 2025. Cousin Mark and J.P. interviewed MooFest organizers, vendors, and local officials. Moofest festival-goers signed up for many different giveaways and some walked away as winners. Pictured above from left to right, top to bottom were interviewees: Scotty Mayfield, Maggie Blaine, Blake McCaslin, Brianna Baker, McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Athens City Mayor Larry Eaton, Lindsay Ferguson, and Jim Brooks. WYXI Radio will next be broadcasting live from the [McMinn County Friends of the Library Book Sale](#)'s second day on Friday, June 20. More info will be forthcoming in the following weeks. If you and your business/organization are interested in live radio promotions with WYXI Radio, contact Stephanie Devine at (423) 462-5309 or radiostephaniedevine@gmail.com



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Athens, Tennessee

Community News You Can Use

- TVFCU will host a job fair on Tuesday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Southside Branch, (125 W 20th St, Chattanooga). Job seekers can participate in on-the-spot interviews for entry-level and experienced positions. No resumé or appointment required. For details, visit tvfcu.com.
- The Safe Haven Baby Box Blessing Ceremony will take place at Athens City Hall (Fire Hall) on Friday, June 27, at 12:00 PM. Representatives from Indiana will be joining the city for this special event.
- Join the **Tai Chi for Diabetes** program using Sun and Yang styles—great for all abilities and experience levels. Benefits may include reduced pain, improved balance, lower blood pressure, and reduced stress. Cost: \$48 (lifetime membership) Open to all—no diabetes diagnosis or center membership required. Register: mcminn.tennessee.edu

Starr Regional Launches 'Special Delivery' Program to Improve Postpartum Care

Starr Regional Medical Center has launched the Special Delivery Program, a new initiative aimed at improving postpartum care and reducing maternal mortality. As part of the program, postpartum patients receive wristbands to wear for six weeks after giving birth. The wristbands serve as a reminder for patients, families, and healthcare providers to monitor for complications that can arise in the weeks following delivery.

The program underscores the hospital's commitment to early intervention and postpartum health awareness. According to the CDC, 53% of pregnancy-related deaths occur between 7 and 365 days postpartum, with the U.S. maternal mortality rate significantly higher than in other high-income countries.

The Special Delivery wristbands help identify postpartum patients during medical visits, reducing the risk of misdiagnosis and ensuring timely care. The initiative also encourages families and community members to regularly check in with new mothers and support their recovery.

The wristbands do not replace scheduled postpartum visits but serve as an added layer of support during recovery. For more information, visit StarrRegional.com/special-delivery.

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Jon Nell Wilkins, 49 of McMinn County, passed away on Sunday, June 8. He was the former quarterback for McMinn County High School, class of 1994. Jon was employed with Dynasty Spas in Athens and Bryant Boats in Vonore. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 10 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Jon Nell Wilkins.

Kenneth "Wayne" Wilson, 74 of Meigs County, passed away on Saturday, June 7. He enjoyed spending time with his family on the farm raising chickens with his grandson, checking his cows, and running his beagles. The family will receive friends from 4 – 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. A Graveside Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 12 at the Wilson-Vaughn Cemetery (890 Lower Concord Rd, Decatur, TN 37322). Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Wilson Family.

George Duncan, 65 of Etowah, passed away on Sunday, June 8. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, June 12 at Bordwine Funeral Home and go in procession to Eleazar Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Jeannie Rana Hicks Blair, 53 of Riceville, passed away on Sunday, June 8. She was a member of Athens Free Saints True Holiness Church of Athens. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 11 from 5:00-7:00 PM at Athens Free Saints True Holiness Church. A Celebration of Life will follow at 7:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Jeannie Rana Hicks Blair.

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