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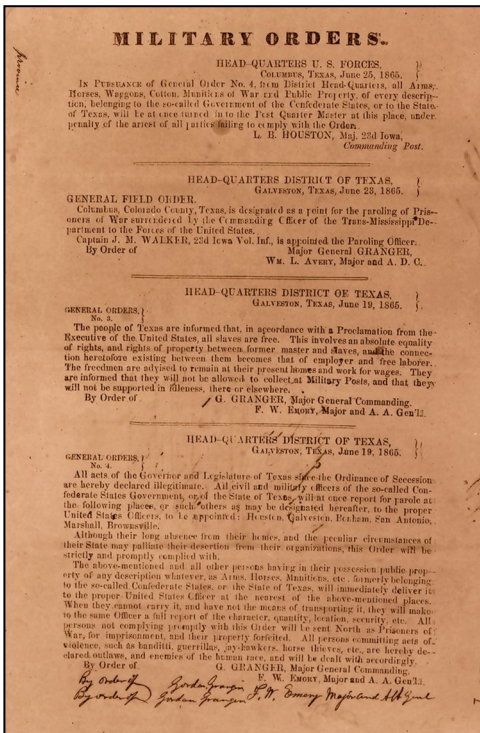
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Athens, Tennessee

Juneteenth Marks the Day Freedom Reached All Enslaved Americans



Juneteenth, celebrated each year on June 19, marks the moment in 1865 when the final group of enslaved people in the United States learned they were free. Although President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation more than two years earlier, enforcement was slow in parts of the South—especially Texas, where slavery continued largely unchanged until Union troops arrived after the Civil War.

On June 19, Union Major General Gordon Granger reached Galveston and issued General Order No. 3, announcing that all enslaved people were legally free. The news sparked immediate celebrations among newly freed African Americans, who began marking the anniversary with prayer services, music, food, and community gatherings. These early traditions formed the foundation of what became known as Juneteenth.

Over the next century, Juneteenth spread beyond Texas as Black families carried the tradition to new communities. The day grew into a broader celebration of freedom, resilience, and cultural heritage, even during eras when segregation and discrimination limited public recognition.

Momentum for national acknowledgment increased in recent decades, and in 2021, Juneteenth was designated a federal holiday, now officially known as *Juneteenth National Independence Day*. Today, communities across the country observe the holiday with festivals, educational programs, and reflections on the legacy of slavery.

Source: [FreedomCenter.org](https://www.freedomcenter.org), **Image:** General order No. 3 of June 19, 1865, issued by Major General Gordon Granger to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 in the Department of Texas. **Source:** blackpast.org

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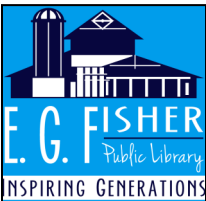
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Friends of the Library Book Sale Continues Today With Live WYXI Broadcast



The Friends of the E.G. Fisher Public Library's **2026 Annual Used Book Sale** is underway at the McMinn County High School cafeteria, and today — **Friday, June 19** — is shaping up to be one of the biggest days of the four-day event.

From **11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**, **Brother Barry, Cousin Mark and Sister Stephanie, the WYXI Radio team**, will broadcast live from the sale on **FM 94.5, AM 1390**, and streaming on the [Live365 app](#). The broadcast includes on-air interviews, and **giveaways** with no purchase required to register. Visitors will be treated to **free Mayfield ice cream** while at the event. Organizers say the live remote always brings extra energy and helps boost support for the library. The sale is **cash-only** and continues through the weekend with the following hours:

- **Friday Hours** — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Saturday Hours** — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Sunday Hours** — Noon to 3 p.m.

Thousands of books across every genre are available, with all proceeds benefiting the E.G. Fisher Public Library.

Remember: THIS IS A CASH ONLY SALE

“Fresh Food, Family and Finance” Touts Free Classes and Groceries to Families



A new community program aimed at strengthening both household budgets and kitchen tables

will take place Saturday, June 27, when Table Graces and the Chattanooga Area Food Bank partner to host “Fresh Food, Family and Finance.” The event runs from 10 a.m. to noon at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church’s Parish Hall.

Families will begin the morning together in a financial literacy class, focusing on money management and credit repair. Afterward, participants will move through an on-site farmer’s market-style distribution, where they can pick up fresh items including meat, vegetables, fruit, bread, eggs, and more. Organizers say each family can expect to leave with over 40 pounds of food at no cost.

The event is free, but **pre-registration is required**. A pre-screening form is available on both the Chattanooga Area Food Bank and Table Graces Facebook pages or at the link [HERE](#). Those needing assistance with registration may contact Heidi King through the St. Paul’s church office at 423-745-2224.

Source: Heidi King, Director, Table Graces Food Pantry

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- [Celebrate Recovery](#) meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur and Thursdays at **6:30pm** at [Spirit City Church North Etowah](#).
- [St. Mary's Legacy Clinic](#) offers free mobile medical care for the uninsured. Anyone who is medically uninsured is eligible to receive care. *St. Mary's Catholic Church (1291 E Madson Ave, Athens) is the McMinn County location and accepts patients every 3rd Thursday of the month.*
- A benefit fundraiser for **Cooke Ministries** will be held **June 20 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** at Woodward Avenue Church of God in Athens. The event features BBQ plates, live singing, and both live and silent auctions, with all proceeds supporting utilities, repairs, and upkeep of the ministry center. Featured performers include Clarke and Sandie Kesler, Meadowfork Quartet, Faith, Hope and Charity, and others. Donations of funds or auction items may be made by contacting Ed Clowers at 423-506-3563.
- The Good News Singers will lead a Southern gospel worship hour at **Athens Christian Church**, 802 South Matlock, on **Saturday, June 27 from 6–7 p.m.** A time of uplifting music and praise is planned. For questions, call 423-333-5085.
- East Niota Baptist Church will hold a **one-day Vacation Bible School on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** The theme is "Illumination Station." Everyone is welcome.
- East Athens Baptist Church will host **VBS 2026 on July 12–16, from 5–8 p.m.** at 301 Central Ave., Athens. The theme is *Emerald Crossing: An Irish Adventure Through Psalm 23*. Open to **Pre-K through 5th grade**, with **free supper** provided. Registration is now open.
- Athens Lutheran Church will hold **Vacation Bible School June 22–26 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** for ages **6–12**. **Lunch is included**, and all children are welcome.

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APD SEEKING ATTEMPTED MURDER SUSPECT



The [City of Athens TN Police Department](#) is seeking the public's assistance in locating 18-year-old Cornelius Raeshaun Hurst in connection with a shooting incident that occurred at McMinn Village Apartments on Westside Street. Officers responded to the scene after reports of gunfire and determined that a bystander was struck by a projectile and transported to a local hospital. The victim's identity is not being released at this time.

Hurst has been charged with:

- Attempted First-Degree Murder
- Multiple Counts of Reckless Endangerment

He is considered armed and extremely dangerous. Do not approach him if seen.

Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts is urged to contact the Athens Police Department at (423) 744-2730. Anonymous tips are welcome.

The investigation remains ongoing, and additional information will be released as it becomes available.

SOURCE: Athens Police Department



Starr Regional Medical Center to Host June 23 Career Fair

Starr Regional Medical Center will open its doors to job seekers on **Tuesday, June 23**, for a career fair offering on-site interviews and information about a wide range of healthcare positions. The event runs from **2–6 p.m.** on the hospital's Athens campus at **1114 West Madison Avenue**.

Organizers say the fair will highlight full-time and PRN opportunities not only at the medical center but also at affiliated locations, including **Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation, Athens Surgery Center**, and several associated physician practices. Attendees will be able to meet hiring leaders, learn about benefits, and explore the organization's facilities and work environment.

Applicants are encouraged to bring a **resumé** and **photo ID**. Starr Regional, which is part of Lifepoint Health, emphasizes a workplace culture that supports professional growth and community-focused service.

More information and online applications are available at StarrRegional.com/careers.

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Monday
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Tuesday
Substance and Evidence - Joe Guy - Patty

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I Died Last Night - Mike Williams - Liberty Hill

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- Athens Church of Christ, 1016 North Avenue (behind Dutch Bros), will host a **free Garage Giveaway** on **Friday, June 19**, from **8 a.m. to noon**. Held **rain or shine** in the covered garage at the end of the parking lot. **Everything is free; doors open at 8 a.m.**
- Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875 in Etowah, will hold **VBS June 22–25** with a **5:30 p.m. meal** followed by activities from **6–8 p.m.** for ages **2 through adult**. All are welcome.
- The next **Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast**, sponsored by New Hope Methodist Church, will be held **Thursday, July 2 at 8 a.m.** at **Maddi Mae's Café** in downtown Athens. The ecumenical gathering is open to **all men of Christian faith** and to those seeking a relationship with Jesus. For details, contact **Marcus Guinn** by phone at **423-507-7769** or via email at marcusguinn@gmail.com
- The **Etowah Second Area-Wide Gospel Meeting** will be held **June 22–23 and 25–27 at 7 p.m.** at the **Etowah Church of Christ**, 501 Athens Pike. Speakers include **David Henry, Joe Guy, Mike Williams, Mark Stephenson, and Stephen Null**. See their ad on page 4. Services will also stream on YouTube at youtube.com/@etowahchurchofchrist.
- **First United Presbyterian Church** is "A Place to Grow" - Join us every 1st and 3rd Sundays for Sunday School at 9:30 AM and Morning Worship at 10:00 AM. We are located at 321 N. Jackson Street, Athens. We are also on Facebook LIVE. Minister Juanita McClure Lewis, Pastor.

Obituaries

Margaret Logan Trent, 87, of Riceville, was born on June 15, 1939 and passed on her birthday Monday, June 15, 2026. She was a native of Lynch, Kentucky and longtime resident of McMinn County. She was preceded in death by her husband Ralph E. Trent and son Bradley Trent. There will be no formal services at this time. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Margaret Logan Trent.

Bonnie Lea Summitt Brannon, 87, longtime resident of Riceville, passed away on Wednesday, June 17, 2026. She loved kids and babysat for the neighborhood. Bonnie also enjoyed canning and cooking. She attended Hilltop Baptist Church. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 22, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM with Brother Fred Russell officiating. Interment will follow at Riceville Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Bonnie Lea Summitt Brannon.

Euna Faye Reid, 93, of Etowah, passed away at her residence on Sunday, June 14. There are no formal services planned currently. The family will have a service at a later date to inter Euna with her Husband at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL and will announce that once planned. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is honored to be entrusted with these arrangements.

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