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Athens, Tennessee

Sounds of Summer Presents The Dexter Thomas Band in Concert Saturday, July 18



Friendly City Festivals announces the fourth concert in the 15th annual Sounds of Summer concert series will feature local favorites The Dexter Thomas Band.

The concert will begin around 7:00 p.m. at the Market Pavilion Stage at 106 S. Jackson Street in Athens this Saturday. Concert goers are encouraged to bring chairs and blankets to enjoy this special evening. Featured food trucks will be Kona Ice, Straight to the Stomach and Backroads.

The Dexter Thomas Band is known for bringing the best of 60s and 70s rock, R&B and funk. Their high energy shows and crowd pleasing sound makes them one of the most popular acts around.

The remaining line up for Sounds of Summer is:

- 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 8 Scenic City Sound of Chattanooga at Market Pavilion Stage
- 7:00 p.m. Saturday, August 15th Confederate Railroad at Athens Regional Park-\$10/car admission fee

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This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals, a 501(c)3 subsidiary of Willsonthropic, Inc. and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens Tourism Fund, McMinn County Tourism Board, Madison Avenue Pharmacy, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, DENSO, VEC Customer Shares, Citizens National Bank, Simmons National Bank, Simmons Private Wealth, Mayfield Dairy Farm, Valley Oil, Starr Regional Medical Center, Kona Ice, WarrenJackson CPAs, Athens Kiwanis Club, Athens Insurance Pendleton's Playground, Let's Bounce Rentals, Smile More Orthodontics, The Financial Mart, REMAX Freedom Realty, KARM Stores and River Valley Health.



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

July 12, 2026

Brian Carter, 34 of Athens, charged with schedule 2 meth, schedule 6 marijuana, Bond \$16,000.

Huelic Bolick, 29 of Athens, charged with public intoxication, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$2,000.

Joshua Gregory, 37 of Cleveland, charged with violation of probation for possession of meth, Bond \$1,831.45.

Christian Stilson, 37, charged with DUI and implied consent. Bond \$3,000.

Shane Snyder, 42 of Sweetwater, charged with casual exchange possession of meth, Bond \$18,000.

Hunter Miller, 20 of Athens, charged with felony

evading arrest, reckless driving, reckless endangerment, and driving without a license, Bond \$5,000.

Harvey Lunsford, 78 of Athens, charged with aggravated domestic assault, unlawful carry or possession of a weapon, Bond \$80,000.

Jimmy Johnson, 30 of Sweetwater, charged with theft of property motor vehicle, drug paraphernalia, simple possession of schedule 6 marijuana, and schedule 2 meth for resale, Bond \$100,000.

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Driver Uninjured After Culvert Crash in Englewood Thursday Night



A single-vehicle crash in Englewood Thursday night resulted in no injuries after the driver of a 1992 Chevy GC1 lost control and struck a culvert at the intersection of Sunset Avenue and Ferguson Street. The incident occurred around 8 p.m., prompting a response from Englewood Rural Fire and AMR.

According to investigators, the vehicle left the roadway before hitting the culvert, but the driver declined medical treatment at the scene. Englewood Police Officer Shannon Liner handled the investigation.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD

Obituaries

Linda Lattimore Cheek, 82, of Etowah, passed away on Thursday, July 9. Linda was a 1961 graduate of Etowah High School. She attended Tennessee Wesleyan College in Athens, where she earned her bachelor's degree in education; the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, where she earned her master's degree; and Lincoln Memorial University, where she earned her Educational Specialist degree in Educational Administration and Supervision. After being a stay-at-home mother, Linda began her teaching career in 1972 at Etowah City School. She later taught at Ingleside Elementary School in Athens from 1985 to 2006 before returning to Etowah City School as principal, where she served from 2006 to 2015. She was among the first teachers in the State of Tennessee to earn National Board Certification and was named Tennessee State Teacher of the Year in 1997. Linda was a lifelong member of First Presbyterian Church in Etowah until the church dissolved. She and Don then became faithful members of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church in Athens. Family and friends will gather to celebrate Linda's life on Saturday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m. at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church in Athens. Fellowship with the family will follow. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Tony Ackaouy, age 64, passed away Sunday, July 12, 2026. Tony was an incredible artisan and craftsman who created beautiful pieces of work with wood, making intricate boxes and tables. Tony was preceded in death by his parents, George and Pearl Ackaouy, and sons, Preston and Andrew (Dru) Ackaouy. A celebration of life service will be held at 6:00 pm, Thursday, July 16, 2026 at Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens. The family will receive friends from 5:00-6:00 pm at the funeral home prior to the service.

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