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Athens, Tennessee

Friends of the Library Book Sale Supports E.G. Fisher Public Library



The Friends of the Library of McMinn County continue to support E.G. Fisher Public Library through their ongoing in-library book sale, which has raised more than \$38,000 for library equipment and other capital improvement projects in recent years.

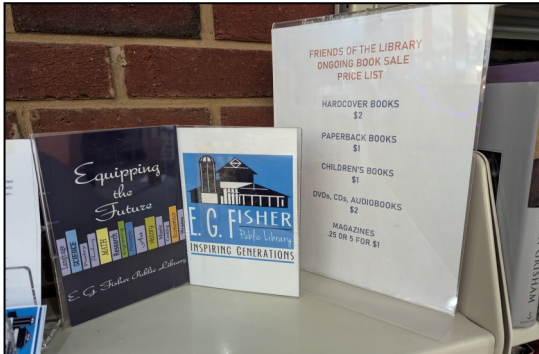
Located just inside the library's main entrance, the book sale offers a variety of hardback and paperback books, children's books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks. New items are added weekly, while special sections are refreshed each month. Purchases can be made with cash or card at the library's front desk.

The sale is open during regular library hours: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In addition to fundraising through book sales, memberships and donations, Friends of the Library members volunteer at community events, including the annual Trick or Treat in the Wetlands and the Summer Reading Kickoff Party.

Residents interested in supporting the organization can become members for \$15 annually for individuals or \$25 for families. Material and monetary donations are also accepted.

The group is already looking ahead to its annual Big Book Sale, scheduled for June 2027. *Source: Becky Coleman, E.G. Fisher Public Library*



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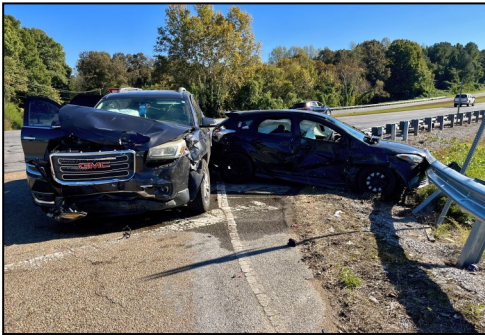
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Athens, Tennessee

Passenger Injured in Two-Vehicle Crash on Highway 411 Near Englewood



One person was injured in a two-vehicle crash on Highway 411 at County Road 516 in Englewood.

According to emergency responders, a pas-

senger in a 2014 GMC Acadia sustained injuries in the collision and was transported by AMR to Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah for treatment. No injuries were reported among the occupants of a 2013 Ford Focus involved in the crash.

Responding agencies included Englewood Rural Fire Department, Etowah Rural Fire Department, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Jaylon Skipper, who investigated the crash.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Utilities Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 27 at 5:00 p.m.
- Athens Parks and Recreation's annual Mother-Son Dance is less than a month away. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased [ONLINE](#), by phone at 423-744-2704, or in person at the Parks and Recreation office on Regional Park Drive.
- The City of Athens Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, October 28 has been CANCELLED due to a lack of applications.
- Athens Utilities Board crews will conduct annual water line and fire hydrant flushing Oct. 26-30 across the service area. Customers may experience temporary low water pressure and occasional cloudy or discolored water as crews work to maintain water quality and system reliability.

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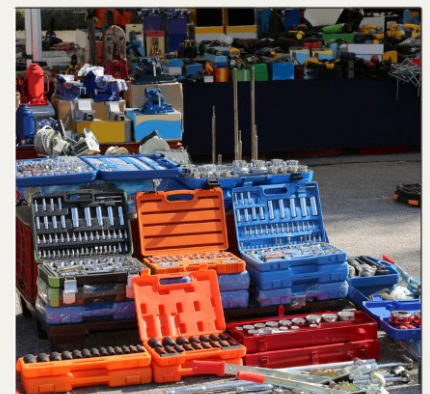
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Athens, Tennessee

Athens Chamber Celebrates Hairworks

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member Hairworks, located at 2308 Congress Parkway South, Athens. Shown here are chamber and business representatives, family members, staff and owner, Jaylan Ware, of Hair Works.



Pumpkintown 2026



A picture perfect day welcomed over 22,000 visitors to downtown Athens for the 24th annual Pumpkintown Festival On Saturday, October 24.

From live entertainment on three stages to the Scott Crisp Memorial PowWow, over 300 vendors, the unveiling of the Patriot Memorial Project's WWII Mural, there was lots to see, do and experience.

Sources: Meredith Willson, Josh Boggess, and Simon Rhodes

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

October 22, 2026

Courtney Kane, 31, of Athens, charged with shoplifting, theft of property, simple possession casual exchange of schedule 2 fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$26,000.

Billy Locke, 57, of Etowah, charged with state violation of probation for felony evading.

Jody Jackson, 27, of Madisonville, charged with state violation of probation for bringing contraband into a penal facility.

Savannah Patterson, 39, of Madisonville, charged with violation of probation for driving on a suspended license. Bond \$708.

Xavier Smith, 25, of Athens, charged with violating the Tennessee human trafficking act of 2007, and the money

laundering act of 1996. Bond \$250,000.

October 23, 2026

Maya Smith, 27, of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for possession of schedule two fentanyl for re-sale.

Michael Smith, 48, of Sweetwater, charged with aggravated domestic assault, evading arrest, casual exchange possession of meth, drug paraphernalia, and state violation of probation. Bond \$44,000.

Selene Keylawn, 65, charged with violation of sex offender registry.

Judy Starr, 50, of Athens, charged with driving on a revoked license.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Obituaries

John Elwood Barnes, 93, of Athens, passed away on Sunday, October 25. He was retired from Bowater Paper Corp. and was an avid Bowler. He was a member of Union Hill Baptist Church. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M. Friday in McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation. Arrangements by [Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home](#), Athens, Tenn.

Anna Ruth Miller, 94, of Athens, passed away on Friday, October 23. Anna was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens, she was retired as Ladies Department Manager of Proffitt's and Belk after 45 + years of employment. There will be a graveside service Friday, October, 30 at McMinn Memory Gardens. [Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home](#) will be in charge of the arrangements.