

WEATHER FORECAST

Monday, M.L. King Day -
Sunny, high of 35
Mon. night - Clear, low of 20
Tuesday - Sunny, with a high of 48
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Monday, January 21, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Crimes Drop in Athens in 2018

The 2018 crime statistics show crimes in virtually all categories dropped in the City of Athens in 2018 compared to 2017.

CRIME	2017	2018
Homicides	3	0
Sex Offenses	24	10
Robberies	25	12
Assaults	252	185
Burglaries	202	169
Thefts	728	732
Motor Vehicle Thefts	70	64

Citations for Moving Violations: 4639 in 2017
2361 in 2018

Traffic Accidents: 901 in 2017
1021 in 2018

Traffic Injuries: 207 in 2017
201 in 2018

Traffic Fatalities: 1 in 2017
2 in 2018

In addition, arrests for drug crimes were up significantly in 2018.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The McMinn County Clerk's office is closed today, Monday, for the Martin Luther King, Jr., observance.
- ✓ Public schools and most private schools are closed today.
- ✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be held tomorrow, Jan. 22nd, at Christ Community Church at 14 South Congress Parkway. The doors open at 2:30 p.m. The Good Faith Clinic is open to all McMinn and Meigs County residents who are uninsured. Proof of residency is required.
- ✓ The Distinguished Young Women's Program has been moved to February 2nd due to new state level program mandates. This is a change from the previously scheduled annual May event. The program is presented annually by the Optimist Club of Athens. It will be held at the Athens City Middle School at 6 p.m. on February 2nd. Sixteen juniors from the local high schools will be participating. The Optimist Club is seeking business and individual sponsors. Donations can be made to: The Optimist Club of Athens; P.O. Box 632; Athens, TN 37371-0632. Tickets are \$10. If you have questions, call Jackie Newman at 423-595-5619.
- ✓ The guest on the next Athens Area Chamber of Commerce radio show, "Chamber Chat," (which will be on Tuesday, January 22nd) will be Anne Montgomery, Assistant Professor and Director of Entrepreneurial Development, at TWU's Goodfriend School of Business. You can hear Chamber Chat each Tuesday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI Radio AM-1390 or FM-94.5 and [ONLINE](#)

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We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to:
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Senior Buffet: (Ages 55+) Monday-Friday from 2-4 p.m. ~ \$6.79.



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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

♦ **James R. "Jim" Dodson**, age 85, of Athens died last Friday. He was a teacher and supervisor for 33 years with the Athens City School System. He was a member of the Tennessee Wesleyan Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also a high school and college sports referee. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Smith Funeral Home, with visitation from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

♦ **Perry Nesemeier**, age 62, of Decatur, died last Thursday. No services are planned. Inurnment will take place at Mountain View Cemetery at a later date. Bowers Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Rufus J. Smith**, age 92, of the Lanetown community in Niota, died last Wednesday. Arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

♦ **Josephine "Jayne" Miller**, age 90, of St. Petersburg, Florida (and formerly of the Athens area), died last Tuesday. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Athens Chapel of Companion Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Marie Onith Derrick Jones**, age 88, of Etowah, died Friday. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m.

♦ **Nellie Fern Howell**, age 96, died Thursday at Madisonville Health and Rehab. She was born in Cookeville and had lived in Chicago. Graveside services were held Saturday in White County. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home was in charge.

January Beautification Winner

Congratulations to Renee Fisher and Liza Gonzales Mayfield of White Street Market for being the recipients of the January Beautification Award from Main Street Athens and Keep McMinn Beautiful. The White Street Market was completely renovated and opened for business this past November. The shop is located at 216 North White Street. The photo shows, left to right: Sandy Moore (Keep McMinn Beautiful director), Lisa Arnwine Dotson (Main Street director), Lisa Mayfield and Renee Fisher (White Street Market), Missy Ford (Design Committee Chair), and Jona McKeenan Garrett (Design Committee representative).



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