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Athens, Tennessee

Former Corrections Officer Indicted, Charged with Official Misconduct



An investigation by special agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has resulted in the indictment of a now former corrections officer.

On December 20, 2022, at the request of then 10th Judicial District Attorney General Stephen Crump, TBI agents began investigating numerous allegations of official misconduct involving Monroe County jail employees and the introduction of contraband into the Monroe County Jail. After taking office, 10th Judicial District Attorney General Stephen Hatchett requested the TBI continue investigating.

During the course of the investigation, agents determined that Cody Harrill (DOB 12/10/1990), who at the time was a corrections officer, brought contraband into the Monroe County Jail and allowed others to do the same.

On Wednesday, the Monroe County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Harrill with one count of Official Misconduct and one count of Introduction of Contraband. She turned herself in and was booked into the Monroe County Jail. She was released on her own recognizance.

The charges and allegations referenced in this release are merely accusations of criminal conduct and not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

Source: TBINewsroom.com, Written by: Carley Gordon

◆ This week on *Hope From the Well*, Julie Tillis invites Gail Moser and Dawn Martin back to the program to discuss **Kairos Outside of East TN**. *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

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HERITAGE SCHOOL: Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency

Mime Barnes will discuss the purpose of the TWRA: to preserve, conserve, manage, protect, and enhance the fish & wildlife of TN & their habitats for the use, benefit, and enjoyment of citizens and visitors.

Saturday, May 24th @ 11:00 am \$5 or free with membership

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Wednesday, May 14th @ Noon *Free Admission*

Bring your lunch and learn about Old Federal Road, which first started as a mail route in the early administration of President Thomas Jefferson.

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Grace and Mercy Ministries to host "Hand Up" community assistance event

[Grace and Mercy Ministries, Inc.](#) is hosting a two-day "[Hand Up Event](#)" on **May 9 and 12 at 714 Walter Street in Athens**, offering vital assistance and resources for local residents in need.

The event will bring together numerous organizations and agencies to provide support with SNAP benefits, veteran services, affordable housing, mental health resources, healthcare, and access to the state's TennCare program. Representatives will also be on-site to assist with REAL ID applications, and the well-known "Free Phone Lady" will help qualifying individuals receive mobile phones.

Among the community partners participating are [Coordinated Charities](#), [the Good Faith Clinic](#), and other local groups dedicated to helping people get back on their feet. Attendees are encouraged to bring identification, a Social Security card, birth certificate, and at least two recent utility bills, along with any other relevant documents to speed up the application processes. In addition to receiving support services, guests can enjoy a free hot meal, fellowship with others, and hear an encouraging devotion.

For more information, or to get help with application forms ahead of time, contact Erika at 423-920-1367.

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Community News You Can Use

- Tryouts for the 2025-2026 ACMS Cheerleading team will take place TODAY from 4pm - 6pm at the ACMS gym. Students from Athens City Intermediate School (ACIS) are asked to arrive by 4 p.m. and enter through the back gym door near the STEM building.
- The UT Extension-McMinn has recently announced that it still has a few spots remaining for both of their summer camps. Jr. Camp accepts 4th - 6th graders for a camp that lasts from May 26 - 30. Jr. High Camp accepts 6th - 8th graders from July 7 - 11. Parents can register for either camp by visiting mcminn.tennessee.edu
- The McMinn Senior Activity Center is having a Spring Fling Dance on Friday, May 9, from 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. \$5 per person, \$8 per couple.
- McMinn Saddle Club is having a Tack Sale and Swap at Regional Park on Saturday, May 10th at the shed. Hours are 9:00am - 1:00pm.
- The ACS BoE will meet at 5:30 pm on Monday, May 12 at the ACS Administration Building. If an individual wishes to address the board on an item on the agenda, he/she may sign up on the form provided before the beginning of the board meeting to request time to speak.

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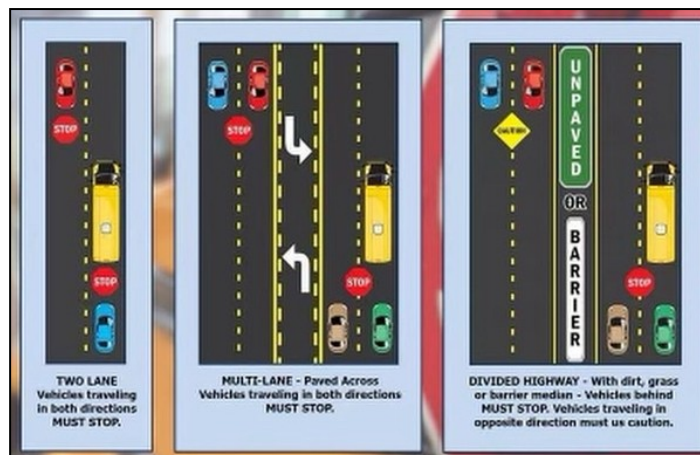
Athens City Schools Urge Drivers to Follow School Bus Safety Laws

As part of an ongoing effort to ensure student safety, Athens City Schools is reminding motorists to observe state laws when approaching school buses on the road.

"With buses transporting students daily, it is vital that drivers understand and follow the rules for stopping around school buses," said Missy Boyd. "A moment of caution can prevent a lifetime of regret."

Here's a breakdown of when drivers must stop:

- **Two-Lane Roads:** Vehicles traveling in both directions are required to **stop** when a school bus displays its stop sign and flashing lights.
- **Multi-Lane Roads (with a center turn lane):** All vehicles, regardless of direction, **must stop** when a school bus stops to pick up or drop off children.
- **Divided Highways (with a grass, dirt, or barrier median):** Only vehicles **behind the bus must stop**. Vehicles traveling in the opposite direction are not required to stop but should proceed with caution.



Failure to comply with these laws is not only dangerous—it's illegal. Athens City Schools encourages all drivers to stay vigilant, slow down, and stop when required to protect students boarding or exiting a school bus.

For more information on bus safety policies, contact Athens City Schools at (423) 745-2863.



Source: Missy Boyd, ACS Administrative Assistant to the Director of Schools, Maintenance, Transportation, and the School Board

HOPE FROM THE WELL

HOSTED BY: JULIE TILLIS

THURSDAYS AT 8:15 AM

"If you have Jesus in your life, you will always have hope."

WOMEN AT THE WELL MINISTRIES

Blackout Poetry Class

Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ 10 AM

at the Etowah Art Gallery, 700 Tennessee Avenue,
Etowah next to the Historic Gem Theater

FREE EVENT: Drop by the Gallery and try out a new and fun form of Art. Blackout poems utilize a text written by another author. The new writer or poet takes a writing implement, commonly a black marker, and blacks out sections of the text, leaving only a few remaining words. Most poets want to make a cohesive and logical poem with the words they find. But, other writers utilize a more random and instinctual approach to blackout poetry.



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ACMS steamrolls over South Pitt 11-1



The ACMS Baseball Team was victorious over South Pittsburg yesterday by a score of 11 to 1, advancing to Semi-Finals / Finals Day on Saturday May 10th. The ACMS baseball team will play at 1 PM, however their complex will be the host site for the semi-finals and finals of the 2A baseball sectionals. They will have games played at 10:30, 1:00, and 3:30. The winner of the finals will advance to the baseball state tournament on May 15th and 16th, at Kirkwood HS, located in Clarksville, TN.

Source: Raymond Simpson, ACMS Athletic Director

MCHS Athletic tryout dates set

The following McMinn County High sports have announced their tryouts. Information posted is information available currently. Some locations have not been clarified. Please contact MCHS directly with any questions.

Softball: Friday, May 23 from 5pm - 7pm

Golf: Monday, May 19 at 4:30 pm at Springbrook Country Club

Girls Basketball: Friday, May 23 from 12pm - 2pm

Boys Basketball: Friday, May 23 from 5pm - 7:30pm

Lady Cherokees Soccer: Monday, June 2 from 4:30 pm - 6pm at ACMS Turf Field

Volleyball: Friday, May 23 from 2pm - 4pm

Baseball: Tuesday, May 27 from 4pm - 6pm at Cherokee Stadium

Source: [MCHS Athletics - Facebook](#)





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Athens Chamber welcomes new member!



A ribbon cutting was recently celebrated for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member Shannon Lingerfelt of LPT Realty and Rocky Top Insurance Agency. The business is located at 805 W. Willson St., Niotra. Contact LPT Realty at (423)599-5469. Contact Rocky Top Insurance at (423) 933 - 1276 or at [rockytopagency.com](https://www.rockytopagency.com) Source: [Athens Area Chamber of Commerce](#)

Obituaries

Arlene Jones, 81 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, May 6. She was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Friday, May 9, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 10 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Athens. Family and friends will assemble at Chattanooga National Cemetery, Monday, May 12th for the 1:30 p.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Ann "Milli" Richter, 79 of Overland Park, KS passed away on Thursday, May 1. She is survived by her husband, David Richter, a native of Athens. She completed her Bachelor's degree at Park University. Her 42-year career with Hallmark Cards lasted from 1967 to 2009. A small graveside service will be held at Vincent Cemetery in Luray, Kansas on Saturday, May 10th at 2pm. A Celebration of Life ceremony will be held at a future date in the Kansas City area.

Marco Tulio Vasquez, 75 of Colombia, a long-time resident of Athens, passed away on Monday, April 28. One of Marco's proudest accomplishments was emigrating to America, where he worked tirelessly to achieve the American dream. A Funeral mass will be held on Thursday May 8, at St. Mary Catholic Church at 1:00 PM, with burial to follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Following the graveside service, the Vasquez family will host a reception at Southern Events, located at 298 West Madison Avenue in Athens. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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