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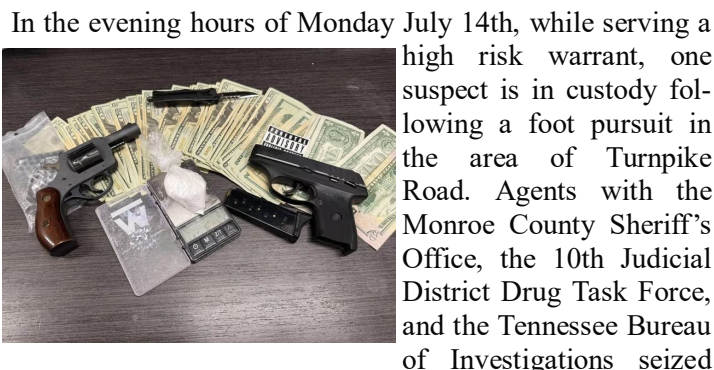
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Athens, Tennessee

Multi Agency Drug Bust



In the evening hours of Monday July 14th, while serving a high risk warrant, one suspect is in custody following a foot pursuit in the area of Turnpike Road. Agents with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, the 10th Judicial District Drug Task Force, and the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations seized

approximately 31 grams of Fentanyl poison, multiple handguns, a large quantity of cash currency and other items believed to have been aided in the resale of Fentanyl within the Monroe County community. Once again, a job well done by all!!

Source: Sheriff Tommy Jones Facebook Post

Community News You Can Use

◆ The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following traffic notice:

The areas affected are MADISON AVENUE, JACKSON STREET, WASHINGTON AVENUE, AND WHITE STREET around the courthouse square. Contactor crews will be applying pavement markings from Tuesday, July 15, 2025 until Friday, July 18, 2025 from 7:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. each night. Due to the pavement markings being applied from curb to curb, there will be NO PARKING allowed on Madison Avenue, Washington Avenue, White Street, and Jackson Street during the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Please be aware that vehicles parked in the path of the contractor may be towed. The purpose of this notice is for roadway improvements. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

◆ The County Commission meeting will be on Monday **July 21, 2025 at 6:00 pm.** and The McMinn County Commission's **Emergency Services Committee** will meet at 5:00 pm, in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to consider Emergency Services Communications upgrades.

◆ Athens Utilities Board Budget and Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 17 at 11:30 A.M.

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Athens, Tennessee

Criminal Justice Major Represents TWU at Statewide TBI Program

For the second time in its five-year history, a Tennessee Wesleyan University student has been selected to attend the prestigious Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) Forensic Academy.

Tressie Brown, a rising senior majoring in criminal justice at TWU, participated in the intensive five-day boot camp designed to give students firsthand experience in forensic science and criminal investigations. Held at the Tennessee Fire Services and Codes Enforcement Academy, the program exposes students to real-world techniques such as crime scene investigation, fingerprinting, DNA testing, and forensic pathology.

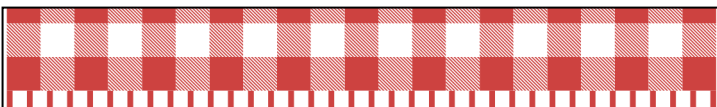
Brown was one of just 25 students selected from nearly 200 applicants statewide. The rigorous application process included personal statements, recommendation letters, and an interview with TBI agents. “It was really cool to see some of the skills I’ve learned in class actually applied by the TBI,” Brown said. “We practiced mass spectrometry, which I already

knew from my chemistry class at TWU.”

Brown credits criminal justice professor Cliff Couch for supporting her path to the academy. She encourages other TWU students to apply, calling it “a great, really fun experience” that strengthened her passion for forensics. Brown’s achievement reflects TWU’s commitment to real-world learning and excellence in criminal justice education.

Source: Chrisi Jackson, TWU College Editor





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Derby Week: Day 1 (Sunday)

Sunday at Derby Downs in Akron, Ohio was our first big day for our Athens champs as Silas Millsaps and Arliss Douglass each successfully completed their practice runs and made sure their cars were still running in top condition. Both local champs were awarded VIP status due to their hard work and diligence with their cars before the trip. The Athens racing team always works together like a family, and it was on full display as our winners' families were working together making last minute spindling adjustments. Our racers were also fortunate to get some personalized help and instruction from Region 12 (TN, VA, KY) Director, Tommy Waters, who attends the Athens local race each year. More photos from Akron will be featured in Thursday's Morning Fax.

Article and photos courtesy of Derek Phillips, Program Coordinator for the City of Athens.





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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Bobby Darrell Cooley, age 77, of Athens, Tennessee, passed away on Sunday, July 13, 2025. He served in the United States Navy and was a member of Conasauga Baptist Church in Etowah. A memorial service will be held at South Liberty Baptist Church on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 1:30 PM. A graveside service with military honors will be held on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Sweetwater Memorial Park. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Bobby Darrell Cooley.

Judith (Judy) Gose Fleming, passed away on Thursday, July 10 at Signature HealthCARE of Cleveland. She was a member of Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene. Family will receive friends Monday, July 21 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm at Beulah Chapel Church of the Nazarene. Funeral services immediately following. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens, TN, and the Cody family are honored to assist her family with these arrangements.

Greg Choat, 59, of Englewood, TN passed away Monday, July 14, 2025. He was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church. He obtained his master's degree of engineering from the University of Tennessee. Greg worked as an Engineer at the Dept of TN designing bridges until retirement. Upon retirement, he took special care of his mother. In his free time, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Family and friends will assemble at Bordwine Funeral Home on Sunday, July 20, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. and go in procession to Goodsprings Cemetery for the 3:00 p.m. graveside service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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