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Athens, Tennessee

Overnight Lane Closures Underway for I-75 Resurfacing Project



Drivers on I-75 in Bradley and McMinn Counties should prepare for nightly lane closures due to a resurfacing project by the Tennessee Department of Transportation.

(with attribution)

Beginning Tuesday night and continuing Sunday through Friday from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., crews will close one lane in each direction between mile markers 31 and 39. Exit 36 ramps will also be temporarily closed overnight as work progresses.

At least one lane will remain open in both directions throughout the project, which is scheduled for completion by October 31, 2025. Drivers are urged to use caution, plan for delays, and monitor TDOT's Smart-Way map or call 511 for real-time traffic updates. Work is weather-dependent and may be rescheduled if necessary.

Good Faith Clinic Open TODAY

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The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, July 24 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits.

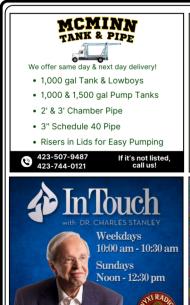
The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical

insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.

REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is now open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, **Thursdays** of each month.

Source: Norma Barham

◆ TODAY on *Hope From the Well*, host **Julie Tillis** invites Robin Nation to the program to discuss "the Armor of God." *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.









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Cleveland State, BCSO Partner to Offer Plumbing Training for Inmates



Front row left to right: Jason Taylor, instructor; students: James Chambers, Dwayne Crumbley, Bobby Cross and Austin May; Chelsea Falana, CSCC Workforce Development Specialist; and Jeff Rogers, Wholesale Supply Group owner. Back row left to right: Dr. John Squires, CSCC Vice President of Economic and Institutional Development; Nathan Ledford, BCSO; Steve Lawson, Bradley County Sheriff; Deputy Jean Casseus, BCSO Adult Education Coordinator; Brandon Gaines, City Fields Workforce Development Coordinator.

The Cleveland State Community College Workforce Development team has partnered with the Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) to provide job training for inmates, recently completing their first Plumbing Bootcamp at the PIE Center in Cleveland.

The 40-hour training program was funded by City Fields and took place in Cleveland State's lab space. Four inmates completed the course and earned two industry-recognized certifications from the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) in Manual and Handheld Threading and Pressing for HVAC and Plumbing.

Inmates must meet specific eligibility criteria to participate, including having no recent disciplinary issues, a release date at least 60 days away, and a willingness to complete the program.

nator; Brandon Gaines, City Fields Workforce Development Coordinator. This marks the first plumbing course offered by Cleveland State through the program. Previous training included culinary, HVAC, and welding. In addition to skills training, Cleveland State also provides high school equivalency classes for the BCSO inmate population.

The program aims to equip inmates with marketable job skills, reduce recidivism, and offer a second chance through education and certification. For more information on Cleveland State's Workforce Development programs, contact Chelsea Falana at (423) 614-8742. *Source: Andrea Byerly, CSCC*











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Ribbon Cutting Held for Hold Fast Barber Shop in Downtown Athens



The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed **Hold Fast Barber Shop** as a new member with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Located at **110 East Washington Avenue**, the shop is situated upstairs above Carriage Hills Insurance and directly across from Johnson's Home Furnishings in downtown Athens. Co-owned by **Nathan Tullock and Mike Cardoso**, Hold Fast Barber Shop offers traditional barber services with both **walk-ins and appointments welcome**.

In addition to men's grooming, Nathan Tullock also provides women's services, including dry cuts for \$25, shampoo with cut and blowout for \$40, and feather extensions at \$10 each. Select color services are also available by appointment only. Family, staff, and Chamber representatives gathered to celebrate the opening and welcome the business to the local community.

Schools Re-Opening for the Fall Semester



The 2025–2026 school year is set to begin soon for local students.

Athens City Schools will hold their first day of classes on Monday, August 4, with an abbreviated schedule.

Dismissal times are as follows:

Athens City Primary School: 12:25 p.m.

Athens City Intermediate School: 12:10 p.m.

Athens City Middle School: 11:30 a.m.

McMinn County Schools will return earlier, starting on Friday, August 1, with early dismissal at 10:30 a.m.

District officials say they're excited to welcome students back and look forward to a successful school year.







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Methodist Church
There is New Hope for You!

Celebrating Our One Year Anniversary

Saturday July 26th at Prof Powers Park 10 am to 3 pm

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Athens Regional Park Adds Fishing Line Recycling Stations to Protect Wildlife



The City of Athens has installed new monofilament fishing line recycling containers at popular fishing spots in Athens Regional Park. These dedicated stations aim to reduce harm to local wildlife such as turtles, waterfowl, and other aquatic animals that can be injured or killed by improperly discarded fishing line.

Fishing line left behind can easily entangle animals, leading to serious injury or even death. The new containers offer anglers and park visitors a safe and responsible way to dispose of used line, helping to keep both the park clean and its ecosystem safe.

This environmental effort is supported by Athens Lowe's, which donated the materials used to construct the recycling bins. Their contribution highlights the importance of community partnerships in preserving shared natural spaces.

The initiative reflects the City's broader commitment to conservation, as a designated Tree City USA community, and is part of ongoing efforts by the Athens Parks and Recreation Department to promote stewardship of public lands. For more information about the recycling program or other park initiatives, contact the Athens Parks and Recreation Department at 423-744-2704. *Source:* <u>City of Athens - Facebook</u>

