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Firefighters battled a blaze on **County Road 798** in Etowah late Monday morning after receiving reports around **11:30 a.m.** The structure was already heavily engulfed in flames when crews arrived and was declared a total loss.

Fire personnel remained on the scene for nearly four hours. Responding agencies included **Madisonville City Fire Dept., West Polk Fire, and Athens Rural Fire.** The **Etowah Utilities Board** also responded to cut off utility services.

Because the homeowner resides out of state, the **McMinn County Sheriff's Department** and the **TBI Arson and Bomb Unit** were contacted to investigate the cause of the fire.

Etowah Rural Fire Chief **Adam Hafley** was in command of the scene.

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Thursday, September 4th @ Noon - Free Admission

History of The Constitutional Convention with Brett King
Saturday, September 6th @ 11:00 AM - Free Admission

History of The Robert E. Lee Hotel with Tyler Boyd
Thursday, September 18th @ Noon - Free Admission

HERITAGE SCHOOL: Taiwan A to Z - 1, 2, 3 到臺灣
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH @ 11:00 AM
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 how to make dumplings among other fun activities. Please bring an apron or wear
 something you don't mind getting messy.
 This program is limited to 20 participants. **\$5 or free for members.**

Programs sponsored by C. Scott & Muriel S. Mayfield Family Foundation, Tennessee Arts Commission, Hugh M. Willson Family
 Foundation, and City of Athens

Hours:
 Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM
 Saturday: 10 AM - 1 PM
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Admission:
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Good Faith Clinic Open TODAY

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The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, August 28 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 open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, **Thursdays** of each month.*

Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic

- Athens Utilities Board offices will be **closed Monday, Sept. 1** for Labor Day and reopen Tuesday, Sept. 2, at **7:30 a.m.** Standby crews for gas, water, wastewater, and power will remain on call. To report outages, call **423-745-3131**.
- World-renowned violinist **Jamie Jorge** will perform a **free community concert** on **Friday, August 29, at 6:30 p.m.** at the **Gem Theater in Etowah**. Known for his expressive mastery of the violin, Jorge shares the love of God through sacred and classical music that has touched audiences worldwide.
- [The McMinn Senior Activity Center](#) is [accepting donations](#) of new or gently-used items for them to sell in their “gift shop” as part of their Annual Yard Sale. The Sale itself will be held on September 5 & 6. 100% of the proceeds from the sale goes to helping at-risk senior citizens in the area. They are accepting donations until Friday, August 29. They are unable to accept items that are not clean, safe and resellable. They cannot accept shoes, clothing, as well as broken or damaged items. Call (423) 745-6830 to find out how to donate today!



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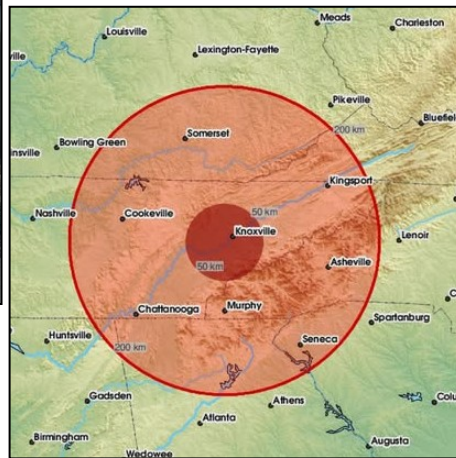
Hughes Retirement Group joins Athens Chamber of Commerce



The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for **Hughes Retirement Group**, located at **1035 Peerless Crossing NW in Cleveland**.

Owners **Rick and Wendy Hughes** welcomed Chamber members, business representatives, staff, family, friends, and customers to celebrate the occasion with an open house.

Earthquake Reported Between Athens and Sweetwater



The U.S. Geological Survey recorded a magnitude 1.9 earthquake late Wednesday morning between Athens and Sweetwater.

The quake struck at 10:09 a.m. local time on August 27, 2025, about 3.4 miles south-southwest of Sweetwater and 10 miles northeast of Athens, at a depth of roughly 5 miles. No damage or injuries were reported.

For updates and technical details, visit the USGS Earthquake Hazards Program.

RETIREMENT Reception

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

8-26-25

Adam Massengill, 37 of Englewood, charged with criminal trespassing and harassment. Bond \$2,000

Emma Martin, 57 of Riceville, charged with failure to appear on charges of two counts of theft up to \$1000

Brian Tetro, 40 of Litchfield, Connecticut, charged with driving on a suspended license and evading arrest. Bond \$9,000

Elijah Lowe, 25 of Athens, charged with casual exchange, possession of meth for resale, armed and dangerous felonies, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bond \$22,000

Crystal Hider, 45, of Crossville, charged with failure to appear for evading in Cumberland County.

8-27-25

John Hatley, 27 of Sweetwater, charged with domestic assault. Bond \$1,000

D'angelo Marquise Garza, 18 of Doraville, Georgia, charged with possession and or consumption of liquor, and alcohol offenses by a minor. Possession of handgun while under the influence. Bond \$9,000

Christopher Oden, 43 of Athens, charged with federal violation of probation and is being held without bond.

Kyle Ashley, 39, of Athens, charged with indecent exposure, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct. Bond \$6,000

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using Public Sources.

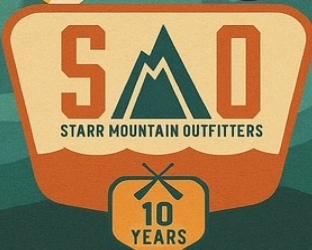
Obituaries

Margaret Blair Snyder, 61 of Maryville, passed away on Tuesday, August 26. A funeral service will be conducted 7:00 pm, Friday, August 29 in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home The committal service will be 11:00 am, Saturday, August 30 at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 pm Friday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to service the family of Margaret Blair Snyder.

Charles T. "Tommy" Underdown, 76 of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, August 26. He loved hunting and fishing. Tommy served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division during Vietnam. Visitation will be held from 12:00-2:00 PM on Friday, August 29 at Ziegler Funeral Home, and a funeral will follow at 2:00 PM. Interment will be afterwards at South Liberty Cemetery in Riceville. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Charles T. "Tommy" Underdown.

William "Bill" Millard, 83, passed away on Thursday, August 27. He was a proud veteran of the Armed Forces, having served his country with honor during the Vietnam War. Bill was a man of deep Christian faith and a dedicated member of Clearwater Baptist Church in Athens. The funeral service to honor and celebrate Bill's life will be held at 2:00 pm on Saturday, August 30, at Clearwater Baptist Church in Athens. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Family and friends are invited to pay their respects and share memories from 12:00 to 2:00 pm, prior to the service at the church. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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