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## Food City to Host United Way Celebrity Bagging Event

The United Way of McMinn and Meigs County is proud to once again team up with the Athens Food City to host the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrity Bagging event in support of their annual fundraising campaign. The event will take place on **Tuesday, November 25, 2025 - from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at the Athens Food City.** Local "celebrities" from the Athens area have volunteered their time and talents to bag groceries at the Athens Food City. Shoppers who wish to do so can contribute to the United Way at the checkout, via collection containers; or they can elect to have their contribution conveniently added to their grocery total. All donations will benefit the McMinn-Meigs United Way campaign. The United Way allocates resources to member agencies that address the most pressing human service needs.

*The following table lists all the teams participating along with their time. There is a friendly competition between each group, and then the competition between each store participating. As a reminder, all donations to the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties stays local.*

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM | Athens City Schools         |
| 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Athens Utility Board        |
| 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM  | Athens Kiwanis Club         |
| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM   | United Way Partner Agencies |
| 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM   | Simmons Bank                |
| 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM   | Bowater Credit Union        |
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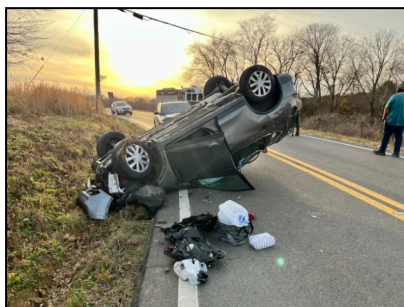


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## Driver Escapes Injury in Rollover Crash on Highway 307



A 2016 Nissan Rogue overturned Wednesday around 4 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 307 and County Road 364 in Niota after the driver overcorrected when the vehicle dropped off the edge of the roadway. The

driver sustained minor injuries, was evaluated by AMR personnel, and declined transport to the hospital.

Niota Rural Fire and Englewood Rural Fire responded to the scene, and the crash was investigated by THP Trooper Preston Meadows.

*Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD*

## Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Utilities Board will meet on Tuesday, November 25 at 5:00 pm.
- The meeting of the Board of Zoning Appeals for Wednesday, November 26 has been cancelled.
- The Cherokee Beekeepers Association will be sponsoring a FREE short course in Beekeeping on December 6, 2025. Topics being presented for the beginner beekeeper will include subjects such as needed equipment, what to expect your first year of beekeeping and where to obtain bees. The short course will be held at the McMinn Senior Activity Center located at 205 McMinn Avenue in Athens. Registration will take place from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. and the course will be from 9:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. There will also be a mobile beekeeping equipment supplier on site for your beekeeping essentials



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## Madisonville Man Killed After Confrontation Over Dog Shooting; Neighbor Charged With Murder



A Madisonville man was shot and killed early Friday morning following a confrontation with a neighbor who had allegedly entered his home and killed his dog, according to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies were dispatched around 12:30 a.m. to the 800 block of Big Creek Road, where they found Adam Ray McGill deceased on the side of the roadway. Investigators say McGill had collapsed while attempting to return home after confronting his neighbor, Gregory Scott Williams, about the earlier incident.

A female witness reported that Williams had gone into the McGill residence while no one was home and shot her dog as it lay in its bed. Detectives say McGill then went to Williams' home, where the fatal encounter occurred. Williams later admitted to firing a .22-caliber rifle, and deputies recovered the weapon during a search of his residence.

Authorities allege Williams shot the dog because it had acted aggressively toward his wife earlier in the day.

Williams has been charged with first-degree murder, aggravated burglary and aggravated animal cruelty. He is being held in the Monroe County Jail without bond.

The sheriff's office extended condolences to McGill's family and said the investigation remains active. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

### 11-20-25

**Steven Lawson**, 34 of Decatur, charged with leaving the scene of an accident with an injury, and driving on a revoked license. Bond \$10,000.

**Tara Shelton**, 37 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for theft of property. Bond \$500.

**Tyler Knox**, 31 of Sweetwater, charged with violation of probation for evading arrest. Bond \$800.

**Keith Morgan**, 45 of Sweetwater, charged with state violation of probation for possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

**Likari McDermott**, 23 of Athens, charged with criminal trespassing. Bond \$500.

**John Green**, 37 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for evading arrest, and Simple possession of Schedule VI.

**Philip Richardson**, 34 of Philadelphia, charged with child abuse and neglect - nonviolent. Bond \$5,000.

**Miguel Gonzalez**, 29 of Madisonville, charged with violation of probation for vandalism.

### 11-21-25

**Brandon Jarvis**, 45 of Charleston, charged with casual exchange and possession of meth, simple possession - casual exchange of Suboxone, and possession of legend drugs. Bond \$10,500.

**Charity Lance**, 42 of Tellico Plains, charged with failure to appear for casual exchange. Bond \$8,000.

**Frank Bolden**, 44 of Denham Springs, LA charged with public intoxication and resisting arrest. Bond \$5,000.

**Matthew Wilson**, 23 of Athens, charged with aggravated domestic assault. Bond \$15,000.

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## Obituaries

**Betty Jo Cardin**, 85 of Englewood, passed away Thursday, November 20. She was a lifelong member of Englewood Church of God. She enjoyed singing with her siblings. She was full of life, had a big sense of humor, and loved to laugh. Funeral services were held at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, November 23 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family received friends from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment followed the service in Mars Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah was in charge of arrangements.

**James Cherry**, 54 of Etowah, passed away Thursday, November 20. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 24, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 25 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Interment will follow the service in McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

**Ricky Ray Holden**, 73 of Englewood, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 21, surrounded by his loving family. He owned and operated Bain & Holden Tire Company for over 40 years until his retirement. Ricky was an active member of Englewood First Baptist Church. Funeral services were held at 7:00 PM Sunday, November 23rd, at First Baptist Church of Englewood. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM Monday, November 24 at Cochran Cemetery. The family received friends from 4-7 PM Sunday at the Church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home of Athens was in charge of the arrangements.

**Gene Gouge**, 80 of Cleveland, passed away on Saturday, November 22. Gene was the owner of Gene's TV and appliance repair for 60 years. Gene was a conductor for the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum for 15 years. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 25 in the Chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. A funeral service will be 11:00 am Wednesday, November 26 at Church of God of Prophecy in Madisonville. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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