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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn Warming Center Preparing for Winter; Volunteers and Donations Needed

The McMinn Warming Center is gearing up for the winter season and is asking community members to step forward and assist through various volunteer roles. The center operates inside the Cooke Ministry Building at 714 Walter St. in Athens.

A volunteer training session was held on Sunday, November 30, and the in-person session was recorded. Training videos are now available online at mcminnwarmingcenter.com for anyone unable to attend.

Volunteer opportunities are open to all who feel called to help—whether through direct service, support roles, or general assistance. Prospective volunteers can learn about the center's mission, meet coordinators, and explore ways to get involved as temperatures begin to drop.

The Warming Center is scheduled to open on **Tuesday**, **December 2**, operating on nights when the temperature is forecast to reach 32°F or below according to the Local 3 News weather team. Weather checks will take place each Sunday and Wednesday morning to determine operating days. Notices of openings will be posted on Facebook, but the center encourages volunteers to sign up in advance for days they are available. If the center closes due to warmer temperatures, volunteers will automatically receive an email or text update.

Community members can sign up to volunteer at mcminnwarmingcenter.com. Support is greatly needed and appreciated.

In addition to volunteer help, the Warming Center now has an Amazon wish list for those who prefer to donate items directly. Simply purchase the items directly through Amazon, and they will be delivered directly to the Warming Center. Many clothing items

may be gently used and do not need to match the brand examples listed. For anyone donating food locally, the center requests individual snack-sized portions rather than family-sized items.











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Athens, Tennessee

Driver Hospitalized After Thanksgiving Night Crash on County Road 439



A driver was injured on Thanksgiving night after losing consciousness behind the wheel of a 2022 Chevy Silverado on County Road 439 in Athens. The vehicle veered off the roadway around 6 p.m., striking a parked trailer and a fence before coming to a stop. The driver was treated at the scene and transported to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens by AMR. Englewood Rural Fire Department, Niota Rural Fire Department, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded to the incident. The crash is being investigated by THP Trooper Scott Freeman.

Community News You Can Use

- The Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas parade is tonight beginning at 6:30pm in Downtown Athens. There will be a special appearance by Santa Claus! In case of rain, the parade will be next Monday, December 8th.
- Take on the all-ages winter reading challenge at Etowah Carnegie Library! Read as much as you can in the month of December to win prizes. Log your reading at:

https://etowahcarnegie.readsquared.com/

Etowah Carnegie Library is offering kid's activities at 4 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to winter break. Join us for DIY ornament-making on December 2nd and a Santa mask craft on December 4th. Etowah Carnegie Library will be hosting local author Jason Fetzer for a book signing event featuring his new non-fiction book, The Carrot and Cattle Prod, on December 5th at 5 PM. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit www.etowahlibrary.com

- The McMinn County Historical Society and Archives will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, December 7 at 2:00pm in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- The Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced that youth basketball registration will close TO-DAY on December 1. There will be no late registration opportunity. For more information, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at (423) 744-2704.







DEC 2 5:30 PM TWU CAMPUS QUAD Join the Tennessee Wesleyan family as we kick off the Christmas season with our annual tree lighting. Enjoy letters to Santa, hot chocolate, s'mores, Christmas carols and scripture readings, all leading up to the magical moment when we light the tree. Children are welcome!

DEC 2
7:00 PM
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MEMORIAL UMC

Following the Christmas Tree Lighting on the TWU Campus, head to Allen Memorial UMC to join us for the 22nd annual Service of Lessons and Carols. Enjoy an evening of music and readings as the TWU Concert Choir and Chorale help us ring in the holiday season

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2025-2026 ACS Teacher of the Year Category Winners and Systemwide Winner

Congratulations to: Mrs. Mandy Million, Athens City Middle School Teacher, on being selected as the 2025-2026 Athens City Schools 5th-8th and ACS District-Level Teacher of the Year for 2025-2026!

Mrs. Leidy Newton, Athens City Intermediate School Counselor, for being selected as the 2025-2026 Athens City Schools PreK-4th Grade Teacher of the Year.

Athens City Schools wishes Mrs. Million and Mrs. Newton continued success as they represent Athens City





Schools in the Southeast CORE Region Teacher of the Year competition for the State of Tennessee.

Centered in Left image: Mandy Million

Centered in Right image: Leidy Newton

Source: Julie Lofland, Athens City

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

<u>11-26-25</u>

Amanda Daniels, 43 of Athens, charged with failure to appear for violation of probation, and failure to appear for disorderly conduct. Bond \$1,000.

Isaiah Wilkins, 24 of Athens, charged with aggravated domestic assault and evading arrest. Bond \$50,000.

Michael McClure, 49 of Athens, charged with failure to appear for assault with bodily injury. Bond \$2,000.

Clayton Rowland, 44 of Dayton, charged with state violation of probation for aggravated burglary.

Taylor Jefferson, 26 of Chattanooga, charged with Schedule II meth for resale, and Schedule II fentanyl for resale. Bond \$150,000.

William Russell, 32 of Chattanooga, charged with destruction of, and tampering with, government records.

11-27-25

Elizabeth Marsh, 48 of Athens, charged with simple possession, casual exchange of fentanyl, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Trey Ellis, 30 of Athens, charged with aggravated domestic assault criminal trespassing, and simple possession casual exchange of Schedule II.

Shirley South, 46 of Athens, charged with violation of probation for shoplifting, simple possession casual exchange of fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$728.45

<u>11-28-25</u>

Teresa Davis, 56 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for introduction of contraband into a penal facility, failure to appear for shoplifting, driving on a revoked license, simple possession casual exchange, and drug paraphernalia.

Brandon Garren, 37 of Madisonville, charged with DUI, open container, drug paraphernalia, implied consent law, and driving without due care.

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





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Athens, Tennessee

TDA Opens Fourth Round of FARM Cost-Share Funding

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture has announced a fourth round of funding for its Tennessee Forestry, Agriculture, and Rural Markets (FARM) cost-share program, which supports projects aimed at strengthening agricultural supply chains and boosting rural economies.

The application portal will open **Dec. 10–31, 2025**, with program details and resources available on the TDA FARM webpage. A free informational webinar will be held **Dec. 2** from 2–3 p.m. CST for those planning to apply.

This round will focus on **equipment purchases**, offering a 50% cost share with awards up to \$250,000. A total of \$3.3 million is available, and all funded projects must meet federal procurement standards and be completed by Aug. 31, 2026.

Applications will be reviewed based on economic impact, project readiness, supply-chain benefits, and the applicant's ability to complete the work. FARM funds are reimbursement-based and do not require repayment.

Obituaries

Anna Ruth Emerson Snider, 84 of Ten Mile, passed away on Tuesday, November 25. A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 4 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Snider Family.

Randy Bowman, 61 of Athens, passed away Friday, November 28. Randy loved his family. He was a hardworking and devoted father, grandfather, and friend. Randy never met a stranger and was willing to help anyone, never asking anything in return. A funeral service was held at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 30 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family and friends will assemble at New Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Monday, December 1st for the 11:00 a.m. committal service Bordwine Funeral Home is entrusted with funeral arrangements.



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