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Athens, Tennessee

## Newest Chamber Member Celebrates Ribbon Cutting



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Chamber member Bright Beginnings Child Care Center, located at 616 N. Congress Parkway, Athens. BBCCC provide childcare services that nurture curiosity, creativity, and growth through fun, hands-on experiences. Their phone number is (423)740-0327. Shown here are Chamber and business representatives, State Representative Mark Cochran, staff and co-owners, Jennifer Lakes & Caroline Toomey, of Bright Beginnings Child Care Center.

Source: Julie Simbeck, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Community News You Can Use

- The annual "Jimmy Liner Memorial Christmas Parade" is scheduled for Monday, December 1st, 6:30 p.m. in Downtown Athens. Application forms and guidelines are available at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, 13 N. Jackson St., or by calling 745-0334 or by emailing [julie@athenschamber.org](mailto:julie@athenschamber.org). The parade theme this year will be, "Light Up The Season" All organizations, churches, businesses and industries are urged to begin building floats now and making plans to participate.
- The McMinn County Historical Society and Archives will be receiving a grant check from Secretary of State Tre Hargett. They were recently awarded \$7,720 as part of TSLA's Archives Development Grant. They will be taking a photo with Secretary Hargett in the front yard of the MCHSA Office located at [107 W. College Street](#) in Athens at 12:10 PM on Wednesday October 8.

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## Athens Community Theater presents: "The Mousetrap" at The Arts Center

Athens Community Theatre (ACT) is pleased to present, Agatha Christie's, *The Mousetrap*, directed by Bob Borwick, **October 24 - November 2, 2025. Friday October 31 is a catered event where ticket holders** are invited to join us at 6:00 PM for **Mystery Maven Costume Contest**. The cast includes ACT alums Michael Webb as Christopher, Jimmy Jacobs as Major Metcalf, and Emerson McKenzie as Mollie. They are joined by returning ACT performers Jamie Hays as Miss Casewell, Trevis Orr as Mr. Paravicini, and Erica Watson as Mrs. Boyle. ACT is proud to welcome Ben Patterson, who makes his ACT debut as Giles.

The production is supported by stage manager, Emily Offutt; assistant stage managers Holland Borwick and Alex Lauterbach; and dialect coach, Madison Watts. *The Mousetrap* is produced by Melonie Carideo.

Agatha Christie's whodunit *The Mousetrap* set in a snow-bound guest house is the longest-running play of all time and is riddled with mystery.

*The Mousetrap* is the next installment of the **Athens Community Theatre Mainstage 2025 - 26 season**. Show dates and times are Fridays and Saturdays, October 24, 25, 31, and November 1 at 7:00 PM, and Sundays October 26 and November 2 at 2:00 PM.

Ticket holders for the catered **October 31** show are invited to the **Mystery Maven Costume Contest starting at 6:30 PM**. To enter, simply show up dressed as any mystery character or author, AKA "mystery maven." Prizes will be awarded for best costume, best pair or group costume, and most unique interpretation of the theme. Tickets for this performance included catered hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Tickets will be available starting September 12 and are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. All tickets for October 31 are \$25. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets early, as ACT events tend to sell out on, or before, the performance date.

**Athens Community Theatre Mainstage Series** includes multigenerational productions, dramatic classics, and celebrated musicals in our Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater. Prices for ACT tickets range from \$15 to \$25. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets early, as ACT shows tend to sell out on, or before, show dates.

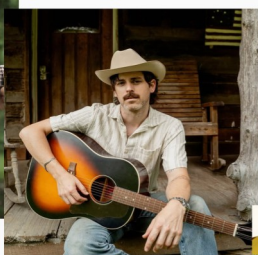
All AACA programs are supported by the City of Athens and premiere sponsors recognized on AACA's website.

Source: Lauren Brown, AACA

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Athens, Tennessee

## Cochran announces \$150K for McMinn Expo and Show Barn Upgrades

Assistant House Majority Leader Mark Cochran has announced that the Tennessee Department of Agriculture has awarded \$150,000 to improve the McMinn County Layman Agricultural Exposition Center and Show Barn.

McMinn County will provide matching funds, bringing the total project cost to about \$300,000.

Planned improvements at the Expo Center include new portable bleachers, upgraded water and arena surfaces, a wash rack structure, a public announcement system, and an interior sprinkler system.

The Show Barn renovations will add guttering, fascia boards, LED lighting, electrical and plumbing upgrades, new pens, storage, fencing, steel bathroom doors, additional parking, and a concession stand converted from former showers.

The funding is part of the Department of Agriculture's ongoing efforts to support Tennessee's agriculture and forestry industry.

## McMinn County Arrest Reports

9-29-25

**Cheyenne Toole**, 31 of Athens charged with failure to appear from Eastridge

**Brandon Cook**, 28 of Athens, charged with domestic aggravated assault, Bond \$15,000

**Bradley Bessey**, 41 of Etowah charged with driving on a revoked license, DUI third offense, possession of a handgun while under the influence, and possession of schedule three drugs, Bond \$10,000

**Linden Massengill**, 38 of Athens, charged with possession of schedule II cocaine in a drug-free zone, Bond \$200,000

**Cameron Neal**, 37 of Athens, charged with possession of schedule II cocaine more than 300 grams. Bond \$200,000

**Terry Jenkins**, 35, of Sweetwater charged with evading arrest, reckless driving, simple possession casual exchange of schedule II fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia.

**Avery Bruebach**, 29 of Athens charged with child support and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$5,000

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



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Neighbor Donna Henderson said, *“I have lost several family members in the military, several friends to suicide after the military, and it just touches my heart that she would take her time and effort to do something like this.”*

Ratliff, who served in Operation Desert Storm and retired in 1999, said the fence also provides comfort. *“On really tough nights, I can come out and walk my fence, and it helps,”* she said.

Visitors often stop to walk the fence and take photos, including Sgt. Jerry Wattenbarger, a first responder who once helped Ratliff during a crisis. Battling PTSD and depression, Ratliff shares this advice for others: *“You just wait five minutes, if you can wait five minutes, and if you still feel it, wait five more minutes.”*

Her dedication was recognized with a \$500 award from NewsChannel 9 and the McMahan Law Firm.

When thanked for her service, Ratliff simply replied, *“It was my honor.”* **Source:** [NewsChannel9](#)

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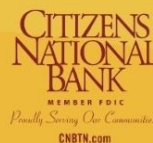
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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

**Linda Mae Blair**, 79 of Etowah, passed away on Thursday, September 25. Linda was an English teacher and later librarian at McMinn Central High School. She received her bachelor's degree from Carson-Newman College and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Linda was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens. A receiving of friends is scheduled for Sunday, October 5, from 5-7 PM at First Baptist Church of Athens, to be followed by a funeral service at 7 PM. A graveside service will be held on Monday, October 6, at 11 AM at Green Hill Cemetery in Etowah. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Elbert Edward "Ed" Weeks**, 78, passed away on Sunday, September 28. His greatest source of happiness was always his family. A celebration of Ed's life will be held on Sunday, October 5, at 3pm at the Chapel of Companion Funeral Home of Athens. The family will receive guests on Sunday from 1- 3 pm. Burial will follow the service at Conasauga Cemetery in Englewood. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

**Richard Gray**, 77, passed away on Thursday, September 25 in Athens. Richard dedicated his life to his passion for art. In addition to his artistic endeavors, Richard proudly served as a Vietnam Veteran. A memorial service to honor Richard's extraordinary life will be held at the family home in Florida, where his memory will be celebrated among those who loved him dearly. Good Samaritan Funeral Home in charge of local arrangements.

**Sherry Inell Bryan**, 62 of Athens, passed away peacefully at her home, Saturday, September 27. Sherry had a heart woven in love and a soul full of light. She adored her grandchildren above all else and treasured every moment spent with them. No formal services will be held at this time. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

**Charles Wilson**, 86 of Etowah passed away on Friday, September 26. He was a member of the First Church of God in Englewood. He graduated from Samford University Pharmacy School and established Wilson Drugs in Englewood, where he proudly served the surrounding communities for 60 years. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 2, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Bordwine Funeral Home Friday, October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. and go in procession for the 11:00 a.m. committal service at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

**Martha Jane Hester**, 69, passed away on Sunday, September 28 at home surrounded by family. Martha's wishes were to be cremated and at this time there are no services planned. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

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