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**Driver Injured After Camaro Crashes Into Creek on I-75 Sunday Evening**



A 52-year-old man was seriously injured Sunday evening after his 2015 Chevrolet Camaro lost control on Interstate 75 in McMinn County. The crash occurred around 6:45 p.m. near the 56-mile marker, when the southbound vehicle veered into the median, struck two trees, and came to rest upside down in a creek.

Emergency crews from the Niota Rural Fire Department, Athens Rural Fire Department, North McMinn Fire Department, and AMR responded to the scene, along with deputies from the McMinn County Sheriff's Office. The driver, who was the only occupant of the vehicle, was freed from the wreckage and transported by AMR ambulance to the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville for treatment.

THP Trooper Chandler Lamar is leading the investigation into the crash. Chad Gates with Niota Fire Department was in charge of the scene.

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**Athens, Tennessee**

## Driver Unhurt After Early-Morning Deer Collision on Hwy 307



An early-morning collision with a deer left a 2023 Ford F-150 damaged but its driver unharmed Sunday around 1 a.m. on Highway 307 near Athens.

According to officials, the truck struck the deer as it crossed the roadway. Responding to the scene were Niota Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and Athens Rural Fire departments. McMinn County Sheriff's Deputy Darrell Wright investigated the accident, while Niota Rural Fire Training Officer Chad Gates was in command of the scene.

Authorities remind drivers that this time of year brings a spike in deer-related crashes. While many go unreported, Tennessee averages about 7,700 deer collisions annually, and most are unavoidable despite cautious driving.

*Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.*

## Community News You Can Use

- The American Legion Fish Fry that was originally scheduled for Friday, October 10, has been cancelled for this month.
- The E.G. Fisher Public Library's Noon Book Club will meet this Wednesday, October 8, to discuss "*Patriot Games*" by Tom Clancy, led by Bo Perkinson. The next meeting is set for November 12, featuring "*1776*" by David McCullough, led by Brett King. A light lunch will be provided by the Friends of the Library. All are welcome to attend.
- The 33rd Annual Mother-Son Dance will take place on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the McMinn County High School cafeteria. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for photos. Tickets are limited to 600 and must be purchased in advance—no sales at the door. All tickets are digital and can be printed or scanned from a mobile device at entry. Each ticket includes refreshments, door prizes, and a souvenir gift for each son. Photo vouchers (\$14) include two 5x7s and eight wallets and may be purchased with tickets or at the event. Tickets are available online, by phone at 423-744-2704, or in person at Athens City Hall, 815 N. Jackson St. Purchase tickets online at the following link:

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Athens, Tennessee

## **Starr Regional Medical Center and Athens-McMinn Family YMCA team up for Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month – Starr Regional Medical Center (SRMC) and the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA are teaming up this October to offer community activities to support of Breast Cancer awareness and provide resources for how we all can live our healthiest lives.

**Schedule your mammogram:** To schedule your mammogram, call 423.744.3372.

**Attend Breast Health Discussions:** Community members are invited to attend free, educational discussions three Wednesdays in October. The discussions will begin at 10 a.m. and take place at the Athens-McMinn Family YMCA.

October 15: Prevention & Mammograms presented by Tammie Lowry, RT, (R)(M)(BS), Starr Regional Breast Center Supervisor

October 22: Cancer Care in our Community presented by Kim Burnett, MSN, RN, OCN, MEDSURG-BC, Director of Oncology & Infusion Services at Starr Regional Medical Center

October 29: Importance of Nutrition presented by Jackie Berry, MS, RD, LDN, Director of Community Wellness at Starr Regional Medical Center

Bring a friend and participate in Pink Ribbon Walks at the Eureka Trail on Thursday, October 16 at 10 a.m. and/or at Athens Regional Park (large pavilion near the pond) on Monday, October 20 at 5:45 p.m. Bring a friend, wear pink, and walk in honor or memory of loved ones. Bibs will be available for participants to personalize with names.

Wear Pink on Friday, October 17 for National Mammography Day: Additionally, women who schedule their mammogram at the Starr Regional Breast Center on this day will enjoy refreshments and a small gift.

**Take part in the Pink Power Hour:** The Athens-McMinn Family YMCA is hosting an exercise group (two Thursdays and two Saturdays) for cancer survivors to come together for exercise, support and fellowship. To learn more and register for the classes, visit:

<https://www.athensmcminnymca.org/events/breast-cancer-awareness-events>. Class dates and times are Saturday, October 18 at 10 a.m.; Thursday, October 23 at 10:45 a.m.; and Saturday, October 25 at 10 a.m.

For a complete list of activities, visit [StarrRegional.com/events](http://StarrRegional.com/events) or [athensmcminnymca.org/events/breast-cancer-awareness-events](http://athensmcminnymca.org/events/breast-cancer-awareness-events). For more information about breast health services at Starr Regional Medical Center, visit [StarrRegional.com/mammo](http://StarrRegional.com/mammo).

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Athens, Tennessee

## "A Retrospective" at the Arts Center during October



Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is pleased to present **A Retrospective**, an exhibit of work by Chattanooga-based artist, Doug McCoy. The work is available for viewing **October 6 - November 7, 2025**. The exhibit will be on display on the Gallery Wall in the Peggy Dow Performance Center at The Arts Center. Viewing hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and during special events. Meet the artist at the opening reception on Friday October 24 at 5:00 PM in the same location.

"I could draw before I could speak," says artist Doug McCoy. "After decades of creating and exhibiting I have crafted many artist statements. I've written about my materials, my inspirations, and what I hope to convey through my art, but what it boils down to is four words. I create. You enjoy."

**A Retrospective** features a sampling of popular series that artist Doug McCoy created over the last two decades. These acrylic and ink paintings are sometimes whimsical, sometimes worrisome. While a few of the pieces are older, the majority were recently created specifically for this exhibit. Expect to see a mix of McCoy's rich imagination and unique perspective. From Doug's colorful pop referential figuring to his inextricable detail work with pen, watercolor and acrylic, A Retrospective walks you through the process of this evolving artist.

**Doug McCoy** is a native of Chattanooga, TN who has been involved in various fields of art, theater and music in his hometown for several decades. A long-time resident of nearby Ooltewah, TN, Doug now focuses exclusively on painting and drawing. He received his BA at UTC after studies in the areas of art, theater and literature. Doug brings his diverse knowledge of different arts to every painting; rhythm in line, harmony in color, and drama in shape and subject. Doug has regularly exhibited his works in numerous juried shows and exhibitions. Among his awards is a piece on permanent display in Chattanooga's sister city in Germany. All AACA programs are supported by the City of Athens and sponsors recognized on AACA's website.

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**Athens, Tennessee**

## McMinn County Arrest Reports

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**Charles Goode**, 55 of Athens, charged with aggravated criminal trespassing, and harassment, Bond \$3,000

**Xavier Jackson**, 34 of Athens charged with violation of probation for driving on a revoked license, second offense, and possession of marijuana, Bond \$1,659.40

**Michael La Villette**, 54 of Chattanooga charged with driving on suspended license, drug paraphernalia, and falsification of a drug test.

**William Bigelow**, 47 of Athens, charged with driving on a revoked license, Bond \$2,000

**Daniel Mack**, 59 of Athens, charged with failure to appear for drug paraphernalia and violation of probation.

**Debbie Lennox**, 54 of Athens, charged with aggravated assault.

**Charlie Monroe**, 36 of Athens, charged with public intoxication, Bond \$1000

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













## Obituaries

**Richard Howard Brown, III**, 93 of Englewood, passed away Friday, October 2, at his residence. Richard was a retired Master Sergeant with the U.S. Army/Air Force having served in the Vietnam and in the Korea War. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War, and an active member of the Living Heritage Museum. He was also a member of the Chilhowee Rod and Gun Club. Richard requested no local service in this area, however, there will be a private burial in New Jersey at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

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