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Athens, Tennessee

Hospitality Training Held at Niota Depot



The Sweetwater Merchants and Property Owners Association recently hosted a hospitality training session at the Niota Depot, bringing together community members and tourism partners from Monroe County, Tennessee and McMinn County, Tennessee.

The training, organized in partnership with the City of Sweetwater, Visit Monroe TN and Discover McMinn County, focused on helping local businesses and community representatives better assist visitors by sharing information about local attractions, dining and shopping options.

Organizers said the effort aims to strengthen regional tourism and ensure visitors have a welcoming and informative experience when traveling through the area.



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Starr Regional to host Clinical Career Fair

Starr Regional Medical Center will host a clinical career fair on Thursday, March 26, 2026. The event will take place on the Athens campus, located at 1114 West Madison Ave., Athens, TN, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Individuals who are interested in learning more about exciting full-time and PRN opportunities available at the hospital and its affiliated locations, including Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation, Athens Surgery Center and its physician practices, are encouraged to attend. Interviews will be conducted onsite and hospital tours will be offered as time and staffing allow. For more information about job opportunities at Starr Regional Medical Center and to apply anytime, visit StarrRegional.com/careers.

Community News You Can Use

- Are you interested in being an Umpire for McMinn County Little League baseball? There will be an umpire interest meeting Monday, March 16th (this evening) at 5:30pm at Athens City Hall located at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens Tennessee 37303. Text Danny Wilson at 423-381-5470 for more information.
- The City of Athens will begin a multi-road resurfacing project on March 23, improving several roadways across the city. The project will resurface nine roadways totaling approximately 3.94 miles as part of The Friendly City's ongoing infrastructure improvement efforts. Work will be performed during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily. Due to the road surface being paved from curb to curb, there will be **NO PARKING** allowed on these streets during the paving. Vehicles parked in the path of paving may be towed. Paving will last approximately three weeks, weather permitting. The roads are: Sharp Road – from Velma Road to Railroad Avenue; Tellico Avenue –from Congress Parkway to Astrid Street; Dennis Street – from Congress Parkway to Decatur Pike; Woodward Avenue – from North Jackson Street to Ingleside Avenue; Forrest Avenue – from Ingleside Avenue to Madison Avenue; Guille Street – from Ingleside Avenue to Eastanallee Avenue; Glendale Avenue – from Park Street to Cedar Springs Road; Cedar Springs Road – from Glendale Avenue to Elizabeth Street. One section of the resurfacing project has already been completed – Mt. Verd Rd., from Clearwater Rd. to the city limits. For more info call: 423-744-2745.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

March 12, 2026

Christopher Dawson, 35 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for aggravated burglary, failure to appear for domestic assault, aggravated burglary, and theft of property over \$2,500, Bond \$19,000.

Joe Christman, 59 of Athens, charged with parole violations.

Derek Morrow, 46 of Athens, charged with disorderly conduct, Bond \$1,000.

Angela Hamby, 35 of Philadelphia, charged with state violation of probation for five counts of forgery.

Mary Warner, 71, charged with DUI, and simple possession casual exchange of Schedule II.

Megan Gregg, 38 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for attempted fentanyl for resale.

Dominic Comer, 25 of Lenoir City, charged with aggravated assault and attempted first-degree murder, both charges out of Loudon County, and is being held without bond.

Jenea Davis, 48 of Ooltewah, charged with driving on a revoked license, Bond \$4,000.

Reginald Smith, 49 of Sweetwater, charged with child support, Bond \$2,500.

Chastity Beasley, 39 of Athens, charged with armed and dangerous felonies, Bond \$15,000.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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March 13, 2026

Ricky Thompson, 61 of Athens, charged with identity theft, and use of another's information, Bond \$4,000.

Caleb Barker, 37 of Riceville, charged with disorderly conduct, Bond \$1,500.

Bobby Bailey, 42 of Niota, charged with state violation of probation for introduction of contraband into a penal facility.

Angela Bolton, 49 of Reliance, charged with schedule II fentanyl for resale, simple possession of schedule 4 Xanax, simple possession of schedule 6 marijuana, possession of a firearm during commission of a felony, and driving on a revoked license, Bond \$72,000.

John Payne, 29 of Lenoir City, charged with failure to appear.

James Haney, 65 of Athens, charged with implied consent, DUI, possession of a handgun while under the influence, Bond \$2,000.

Brian Hockman, 60 of Athens, charged with DUI, implied consent, and possession of a handgun while under the influence, Bond \$2,000.

Brandon Chilean, 40 of Athens, charged with public indecency, Bond \$1,500.

Doris Handy, 62 of Sweetwater, charged with simple possession casual exchange of meth, simple possession casual exchange of oxycodone, drug paraphernalia, and resisting stop, Bond \$13,500.

Tiffany Thomas, 42 of Athens, charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, simple possession casual exchange of schedule 6, and resisting stop, Bond \$22,000.

Brittany Markwell, 36 of Athens, charged with burglary, simple possession of schedule 6, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$20,000.

Lacey Lucas, 38 of Athens, charged with violation of probation for theft, schedule II fentanyl for resale resulting in a death, schedule II meth for resale, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$252,998.54.

St. Laura Ford, 30 of Athens, charged with assault.

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Athens, Tennessee

ACS Announces RISE Awards

The Athens City Schools presented certificates recently to their RISE Award winners for the months of February and March. RISE stands for "Recognizing Inspiring School Employees". Congratulations to (Left to Right) Central Office Systemwide: John Dyer; Athens City Intermediate: Brandy Peake; Athens City Primary School: Rebekah Baker; Athens City Middle School: Sgt. Tony Byers.



Obituaries

Ronald "Ronnie" Lee Bain, 74 of Athens, passed away on Thursday, March 12. He was an employee of Bowater Paper Company for 41 years where he worked in the mechanical department. He was a long-time member of North Englewood Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon. The family received friends and had the funeral over the weekend. He was laid to rest at Sunrise Cemetery in Englewood. Smith Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens is honored to serve the family of Ronald "Ronnie" Lee Bain.

Joyce Nancy Everly Stillings, 89, of Athens, passed away on Friday, March 13. She served in insurance sales for many years and was of the Catholic faith. The family will receive friends Monday, March 16 at Ziegler Funeral Home from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. Burial will be held in Desert Lawn Memorial Park in Calimesa, CA. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Joyce Nancy Stillings.

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