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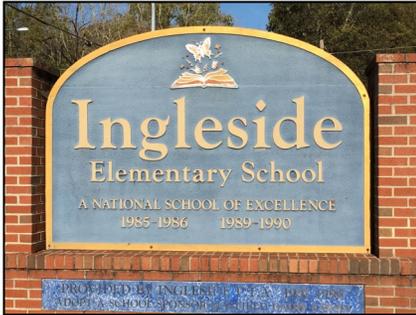
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**TWU Plans Demolition, Future Redevelopment of Ingleside School Site**



Tennessee Wesleyan University has announced plans to redevelop the former Ingleside School property in Athens, with demolition of the existing structure expected after officials determined the building is no longer structurally viable.

According to the university, extensive structural and maintenance issues make repair infeasible, mirroring the concerns that led the Athens City School System to vacate the facility. While acknowledging the site's deep personal and historical significance to generations of residents, TWU officials said the decision followed careful evaluation.

As part of efforts to honor the school's legacy, plans include reconstructing the recognizable archway entrance facing Guille Street within the future development. The university will also open the building to the public for a final tour on March 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., allowing former students and community members to revisit the space. A limited opportunity to obtain bricks from the original structure as keepsakes will be announced at a later date.

Looking ahead, TWU is exploring fundraising opportunities to support construction of a multi-sport facility on the site. If completed, the facility would serve both the university and the broader community, providing space for youth athletics and recreational programming while revitalizing a property that has remained unused for years.

University officials noted the project would complement ongoing improvements along Ingleside Avenue, including recently renovated tennis and pickleball courts and plans for a new park near the Mayfield Dairy Visitor Center.

TWU President Dr. Tyler Forrest said the project reflects a balance between preserving the past and planning for the future, adding that the university will continue to engage with the community and provide updates as the project progresses.

To learn more and read the full story, visit the Tennessee Wesleyan University website: <https://www.tnwesleyan.edu/twu-announces-plans-for-ingleside-school-site-honoring-legacy-creating-new-opportunities-for-community/>

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Athens, Tennessee

### Arts on the Side Heads "On Tour" with Special Performance at St. Paul's

The Athens Area Council for the Arts will take its monthly Arts on the Side program off campus on Tuesday, March 24, hosting a community meal and special performance at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Athens.

The evening will begin with a community meal catered by ARAMARK at 5:30 p.m. in the church's Parish Hall, followed by a 6:30 p.m. performance in the sanctuary featuring the premiere of "The Great Space," a new work for string quartet composed by Ben Jones with choreography by Becca Hoback.

The performance is part of a regional tour supported by the Tennessee Arts Commission, highlighting nontraditional venues in cities including Nashville and Knoxville. Organizers said the work blends music and movement to explore physical space and is designed specifically for unconventional settings. Despite the church location, officials emphasized the event is not religious in nature.

Arts leaders say the March program reflects an effort to bring new artistic experiences to the community while expanding beyond the traditional Arts Center setting.

### Church News & Events

- Englewood First Church of God will host a Red Back Hymnal Singing on March 25 at 6 p.m. at its location at 1340 Highway 39 East in Englewood. The event will feature special music by the Bellfounte Trio and will center on traditional hymn singing in a spirit of worship and community. Attendees are invited to stay following the service for light refreshments and fellowship. For more info, call Frances Powers 423-887-3631.
- Athens Lutheran Church, located at 710 Forrest Ave., invites the community to attend Lenten Worship services on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. through April 1. A potluck fellowship meal will be held each week at 6 p.m. prior to the service. The congregation welcomes all who wish to observe the Lenten season of repentance and reflection. More information is available at [athenslutheranchurch.org](http://athenslutheranchurch.org).

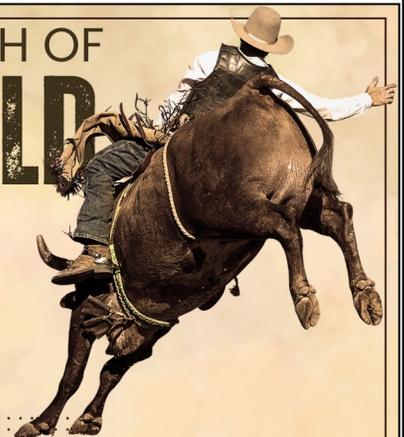
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Athens, Tennessee

## Church News & Events

- Trinity United Methodist Church will host its first annual "Carry the Cross" event on Good Friday, April 3. The 5K run begins at 8 a.m., followed by a ½K Cross Carry Walk at 9:30 a.m. Early 5K registration concluded on March 15 and be \$35 now or on race day. No registration is required for the ½K walk. Participants can register online at [trinityumcathens.com/goodfriday5k](http://trinityumcathens.com/goodfriday5k).
- [St. Mary's Legacy Clinic](#) offers free mobile medical care for the uninsured. Anyone who is medically uninsured is eligible to receive care. *St. Mary's Catholic Church (1291 E Madison Ave, Athens) is the McMinn County location and accepts patients every 3rd Thursday of the month.*
- [Celebrate Recovery](#) meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur and Thursdays at **6:30pm** at [Spirit City Church North Etowah](#).
- Englewood First Church of God presents their Easter drama, "Journey to the Cross" on Sunday, March 29 at 6pm. The church is located at 1340 Hwy 39 E in Englewood. Just look for the "Church on the Hill". Everyone is welcome. For more info, call 423-887-3631
- Athens Lutheran Church invites the community to join its Holy Week and Easter celebrations, beginning with Good Friday Worship on Friday, April 3 at 7:00 PM, a solemn service remembering the crucifixion of the Lord, followed by Easter Sunday Worship on Sunday, April 5 at 7:00 AM and 10:00 AM celebrating the resurrection, with an Easter breakfast and egg hunt for children taking place between services; more information is available at:  
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**Monroe County Woman Charged After Posting Unredacted Warrant on Social Media**



The Monroe County Sheriff's Office has charged a Monroe County woman with identity theft following an investigation into the posting of an arrest warrant containing sensitive personal information on social media.

According to officials, Emilee "Emma" Berger allegedly posted a warrant for Mitchell Cook on a Facebook page, which included unredacted personal details such as a Social Security number, date of birth, and driver's license number. Investigators said Cook did not give permission for his information to be shared publicly. Although Berger later removed the information and reposted the document, authorities determined the initial post constituted a criminal offense.

Detectives with the Criminal Investigation Division traced the document to the county's restricted court records system, which is only accessible to authorized users such as court staff, law enforcement, and attorneys. An audit requested by Dewayna Martin found that two user accounts accessed the file during the relevant time-frame, though no sheriff's office or clerk's office employees were involved. The findings have been forwarded to appropriate authorities for further investigation.

Berger was taken into custody and booked into the Monroe County Jail on a charge of identity theft (trafficking). Officials said the investigation into how the document was obtained and shared remains ongoing and urged the public to rely on verified information released by the sheriff's office.

Source: [Sheriff Tommy Jones - Facebook](#)

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Athens, Tennessee

# McMinn County Arrest Reports

March 18, 2026

**William Croft**, 54 of Athens, charged with leaving the scene of an accident, failure to have insurance, driving on a revoked license, driving on a roadway that's not laned for traffic, Bond \$2,000.

**Carlista Hattery**, 37 of Tellico Plains, charged with violation of probation for possession of paraphernalia, Bond \$1,571.45.

**Carl Queen**, 49 of Etowah, charged with misuse of a 911 call, Bond \$1,500.

**David Lane**, 37 of Sweetwater, charged with state violation of probation for child endangerment.

**Amanda Carter**, 38 of Athens, charged with false reporting, Bond \$2,000.

**Luke Williams**, 35 of Englewood, charged with resisting stop, Bond \$1,500.

**Keith Morgan**, 45 of Madisonville, charged with state violation of probation for possession of a weapon.

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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

**Frankie Tallent Jr.**, age 62, passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital. A proud graduate of Polk County High School in 1981, Frankie distinguished himself not only academically but also through his participation in the high school band, showcasing his early passion for the arts. Pursuing higher education with a keen interest in history, he earned a bachelor's degree in historic preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. His academic journey also extended abroad, where he completed studies in Germerheim, Germany, further enriching his understanding and appreciation of historic preservation on an international scale. In his free time, he enjoyed the sport of weight-lifting, often going to competitions all over the United States and bringing home several medals. Frankie's professional career reflected his dedication to preserving the nation's heritage. He was employed by notable historical sites such as the Chickamauga and Stones River battlefields, where his work contributed to the protection and interpretation of these significant landmarks. Additionally, he lent his expertise to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in Nashville, TN blending his passion for history with the rich cultural tapestry of country music. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21, 2026 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday

prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Friendship Baptist Church Cemetery.

**Nolan Gross**, age 67, passed away on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at Starr Regional Medical Center. A devoted family man and esteemed member of his community, Nolan's life was marked by service, dedication, and an enduring love for those closest to him. Nolan proudly served his country as a US Navy veteran. Beyond his professional career, he was deeply committed to his community as a volunteer firefighter with the Etowah Volunteer Rescue Squad. He was also a valued member of Carlock United Methodist Church, where his faith played a guiding role throughout his life. Nolan was a retired truck driver. Among Nolan's proudest accomplishments were his beloved grandchildren, who brought immeasurable joy and purpose to his life. He is remembered not only for his steadfast work ethic and military service but also for the warmth and generosity he showed to his family and friends.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 22 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home with Rev. Jason Humberd officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Sunday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Sunrise Cemetery.



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