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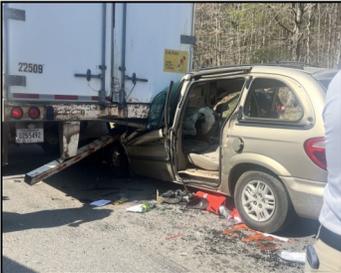


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Driver Injured in Crash on South Congress Parkway



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Emergency crews conducted an extensive extrication to remove the male driver from the vehicle. He was transported to a local hospital with what were reported as minor injuries.

South Congress Parkway was closed for approximately one hour as first responders worked to clear the scene and ensure the roadway was safe for travel.

[Source: City of Athens FD—Facebook](#)

PM Automotive joins the Athens Chamber

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, PM Automotive Auto Mechanic, located at 507 West Madison Ave., Athens. PM Automotive offers oil changes, DOT Inspections, Diagnostics, Brakes, Minor and major repairs, AC repair, Engine swaps, Transmission swaps, Shocks & Suspension. Call them at 423-405-8972.



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Multiple Street Closures Scheduled in Athens for Drainage Work

The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced upcoming street closures affecting multiple areas of the city as crews complete drainage tile replacement projects.

North Avenue, from Richardson Street to Rogers Street, will remain closed from Monday, March 30 at 7:00 a.m. through Wednesday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m., with the closure in effect continuously during that time. In addition, Fisher Street, from Clayton Street to its dead end, will be closed from Wednesday, April 1 at 7:00 a.m. through Thursday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m.

Officials advise motorists to use caution in affected areas, watch for detours, traffic control signage, flaggers, pedestrians, and work crews, and allow extra time for travel. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

Area Ministerial Association Announces Holy Week Noon Services

The Area Ministerial Association will host its annual series of Holy Week noon services March 30 through April 3, offering daily opportunities for worship and fellowship across Athens.

Services will be held each day at noon and will last approximately 30 minutes, followed by a light lunch at no cost. A freewill offering will be collected at each service to benefit a local charity.

The schedule includes: **Monday, March 30** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church with Rev. John Porter; **Tuesday, March 31** at Allen United Methodist Church with Rev. Scott Cardin; **Wednesday, April 1** at Trinity United Methodist Church with Rev. Tiki Dixon; **Thursday, April 2** at Athens Christian Church with Rev. David Spann; and **Friday, April 3** at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church with Rev. Claire Brown.

Organizers invite the community to attend any or all of the services during Holy Week.



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Friday, March 27, 2026

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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 is \$25 before March 15 (includes a T-shirt) and \$35 afterward or on race day. No registration is required for the ½K walk. Participants can register online at trinityumcathens.com/goodfriday5k.
- 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. The church also 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 athenslutheranchurch.org.
- **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.
- Solid Rock Baptist Church will have an Easter Drive-Thru on April 3rd and 4th from 6 to 8 pm each evening. The church is located at 4975 Highway 11 South in Calhoun. Pastor Scott Martin invites everyone to see this true story about Easter and what it means. Click or Tap the link in their ad on page 4 for more information.
- 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
- The next Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by New Hope Methodist Church will occur on Thursday, April 2 at 8 a.m. at Maddi Mae's Cafe in downtown Athens. This ecumenical prayer breakfast is open to all men of Christian faith (regardless of church affiliation) and those men who want to establish a relationship with Jesus. Please contact Marcus Guinn (marcusguinn@gmail.com or 423-507-7769) for more information.
- Faith, Hope & Charity will sing at Redemption Baptist Church on Sunday, March 29 at 10 am & 6 pm. Ivan Parker will be singing at the church on April 11 at 6pm. Redemption Baptist Church is located at 756 County Road 135 in Riceville.

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Friday, March 27, 2026 Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 4 Athens, Tennessee

Tennessee General Assembly Honors Life of Dr. Julie Goodin



The Tennessee General Assembly recently passed House Joint Resolution 963 honoring the life and legacy of Julie Aderhold Goodin, the late Director of McMinn County Schools.

The resolution recognizes Dr. Goodin's lifelong dedication to education and her community, highlighting her service in numerous roles within the school system, including teacher, coach, administrator, and ultimately Director of Schools. In 2025, she made history as the first female to hold the position in McMinn County.

A native of Etowah, Dr. Goodin was also celebrated for her achievements as a standout basketball player at McMinn Central High School and Clemson University, as well as her academic accomplishments, which included advanced degrees in educational leadership.

Lawmakers praised her leadership, integrity, and commitment to students and educators, noting her impact on the community and her legacy of service. The resolution also extends condolences to her family and honors her lasting contributions to public education in McMinn County.

Source: State Rep. Mark Cochran

Obituaries

Largent Sneed, 66 of Delano, passed away Wednesday, March 25. He was a member of the Delano Baptist Church. The funeral service will be held at 2:00 P.M., Monday, March 30 at Delano Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Monday, prior to the service at the church. Interment will follow the service at Delano Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Jesse Ray Norwood, 64 of McMinn County, passed away on Sunday, March 22. He retired from the United States Navy where he served as Senior Chief Petty Officer for 21 years and for the Department of Defense for 23 years. Services will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Jesse Ray Norwood.

Karen Hawkins Keller, 60, of Tellico Plains passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on Tuesday, March 24, 2026. She was a highly devoted wife, mother, mamaw, sister and friend. She enjoyed helping people in need and never expected anything in return. She loved to shop and loved a good bargain. She loved her family and friends dearly. Her grandchildren were the highlight of her life. There will be no formal services and the family will gather at a later date for a private graveside at Hopewell Springs Cemetery in Madisonville. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

More obituaries on page 5.

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

March 25, 2026

Crystal Brazell, 43 of Madisonville, charged with failure to appear for driving without license, Bond \$4,000.

John Walker, 36 of Athens, charged with theft of property.

Christopher Newman, 37 of McMinn County, charged with state violation of probation.

Megan Gregg, 38 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for attempted fentanyl for resale, schedule 2 fentanyl for resale over 28 grams, schedule 2 meth for resale, maintaining a dwelling for drug use, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$70,000.

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

Obituaries

Thomas Harold "T.J." Bryan, Jr, age 52, a native of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026. TJ was employed with White's Marble Works. There will be no formal services at this time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Thomas Harold "T.J." Bryan, Jr.

Helen Bernice Nipper Boyd, age 79, a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, surrounded by her family at her home. She served with McMinn County Board of Education as a bus driver for over 25 years. Helen loved spending time with her family. She was a faithful member of Hilltop Baptist Church. Visitation will be held at Hilltop Baptist Church on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 4:00-7:00 PM. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 PM. A graveside service will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 28, 2026, at McMinn Memory Gardens with Brother Fred Russell and Brother Adam Henry officiating. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Helen Bernice Nipper Boyd.

Charlie Harris, born on January 29, 1949, passed away on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, leaving behind a legacy of warmth, devotion, and a deep passion for family and cherished pursuits. Known for his unwavering love of NASCAR and a particular admiration for Dale Earnhardt, Charlie's enthusiasm for racing was matched only by the joy he found in spending his summers at Windrock, where he delighted in camping and riding the trails amidst the beauty of nature. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 28 at Bordwine Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 29 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home with Pastor Adam Jones officiating. The interment will follow in Eleazar Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Eugene "Tiny" B. Willis age 101 of Athens passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at Spring Arbor (formerly Dominion) Assisted Living. He was a native of Roane County and a resident of McMinn County most of his life. He was a longtime member of East Athens Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served during WWII. He served during the invasion of France at Omaha Beach, the Battle of the Bulge and three other major Battles. He received the ETO Ribbon with Five Bronze Stars. He was employed as a Dental Technician having retired after 39 years. Graveside services will be 11:00 AM Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at McMinn Memory Gardens with Rev. Mike Dannel officiating. Active pallbearers will be Corey Schiestel, Joe Knox, Donny Anderson, Steve Norwood, Jerry Harris and Lee Whitener. Honorary pallbearers will be Ray Harris and his East Athens Church Family. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

Douglas Arthur Sutton, age 60, of Athens TN., passed away Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at his residence. He was born in Chattanooga and was a current resident of McMinn County. Doug was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and friend to all. He loved spending time with his family. He loved his country and spent 8 years in the Navy. He also loved the 2nd Amendment and all his guns. He opened his own Dental business where he literally made people smile. Funeral services will be 7PM Monday, March 30, 2026 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The visitation will be 5-7PM prior to the funeral service. The graveside service will be 3PM Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at Mt. Pisgah Cemetery, Niota TN. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens, TN. is in charge of the arrangements.



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