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**Athens Accepting Applications for Downtown Improvement Grants Through May 15**



The City of Athens is now accepting applications for its Downtown Improvement Grant (DIG) program, aimed at enhancing building exteriors and boosting economic activity in the Main Street District. Applications were opened April 24 and will be accepted through 4 p.m. on May 15.

The program offers reimbursement of up to 75% of eligible exterior renovation costs for qualifying commercial and mixed-use buildings at least 50 years old. Eligible projects include façade improvements such as masonry repair, painting, window and door upgrades, awnings, and preservation of historic architectural features.

City officials say the program is designed to improve the appearance and marketability of downtown properties while encouraging new business growth. Grant awards are expected to be announced by June 15, with all approved projects required to be completed by June 11, 2027.

Only one application per building will be accepted, and work must not begin until after grant approval in order to qualify for reimbursement. *Source: Main Street Athens*

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**Vehicle Overturns on Wet Curve  
in McMinn County**



A single-vehicle crash occurred Saturday afternoon around 4:30 p.m. on County Road 298 in McMinn County.

Authorities say a Kia Optima failed to negotiate a sharp curve on a wet roadway, left the road, struck a ditch, and overturned onto its top. The sole occupant was evaluated by AMR at the scene and reported no injuries.

Responding agencies included North McMinn and Niota fire departments and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office. The crash is under investigation by Trooper Jaylon Skipper.

*Source: David Prater, Niota Rural FD*

**Camper Overturns on I-75  
After Truck Runs Off Road**

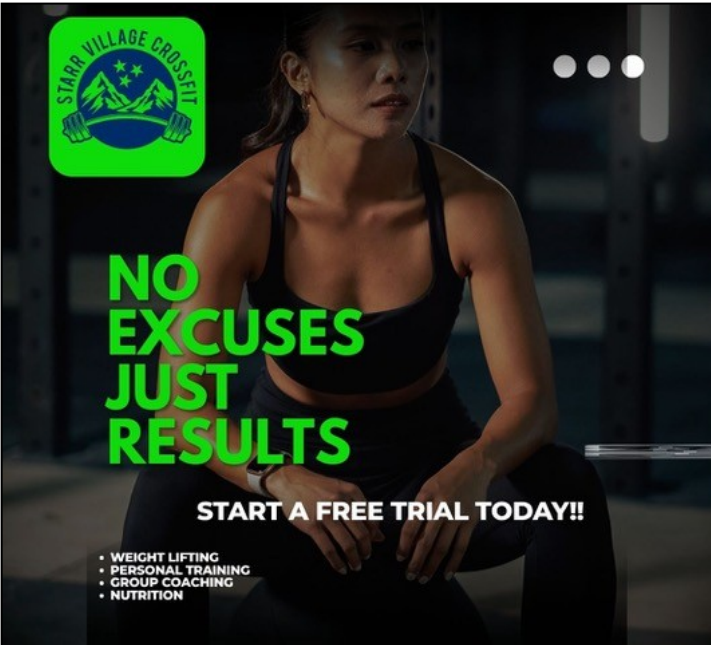



A crash involving a truck and camper caused traffic delays Sunday around noon on Interstate 75 southbound between Niota and Sweetwater. Authorities say a 2019 Ford F-350 pulling a 30-foot camper was reportedly run off the roadway by a tan Chevrolet Silverado, causing the camper to overturn on the right side of the interstate. No injuries were reported.

Traffic was backed up for several hours as crews worked to clear the scene. Responding agencies included Niota and North McMinn fire departments, along with Friendly City Towing Company.

The incident remains under investigation by Trooper Edwin Cundiff.

*Source: David Prater, Niota Rural FD*


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MAY 5, 2026**

You are notified that the McMinn County, Etowah City School Board Primary elections will be held in voting precincts according to their district in McMinn County, Tennessee.

**TUESDAY, May 5, 2026  
FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL 8:00 P.M.**

**THE POLLING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Athens City Intermediate School (Blue Side)	255 Keith Lane	Athens
2. Etowah Community Center	155 Robinson St	Etowah
4. Englewood School	108 College St	Englewood
5. Rogers Creek School	137 County Road 82	Athens
6. Riceville School	3592 Hwy 11 S	Riceville
7. Calhoun School	150 Sherwood Ave	Calhoun
8. Niota School	418 N Burn Rd	Niota
9. E.G. Fisher Library	1289 Ingleside Ave	Athens
10. McMinn Co High School	2215 Congress Pkwy S	Athens
11. McMinn County Courthouse	6 E Madison Ave (Blue Room)	Athens
13. Jones Chapel Family Life Center	590 County Road 778	Athens
14. E.K. Baker School	1044 County Road 172	Athens
15. Mt. View School	145 County Road 627	Etowah

**The Allen Memorial Precinct 12 is now Precinct 10 and Votes at McMinn County High School**

**ABSENTEE COUNTING BOARD-Will Meet at 4:00 PM**  
McMinn County Election Commission Office  
6 E. Madison Ave, Athens, TN

**AUDIT TO BE HELD: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026, 10:00 AM**  
**Provisional Ballots will be counted May 11, 2026, 12 noon**  
in the Election Commission Office 6 E Madison Ave Athens

The McMinn County Election Commissioners will also be at the Election Commission Office and Voting Precincts on Election Day. The Election Commission will meet at 7 PM in the Election Commission Office to draw precincts that will be audited.

If you have any questions about your voting location, please call the Election Commission Office at (423) 745-0843. You can also go to [GoVoteTN.gov](https://www.GoVoteTN.gov) and check your voter registration status and the location of your polling place.

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## Crash on County Road 480 Leaves Vehicle Abandoned



Authorities are investigating after a vehicle was found crashed into a tree Saturday morning in Englewood.

A passerby reported the incident around 8 a.m. on County Road 480, where a 2013 Ford F-150 had struck a tree. When emergency crews arrived, they found the vehicle unoccupied and no driver at the scene.

Responding agencies included Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, and AMR. The incident is under investigation by McMinn County Sheriff's Office Corporal Mack Stevison.

*Source: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD*

## Obituaries

**Grover "Cleve" Pilkey**, 66, of Ten Mile, passed away on Thursday, April 23. Cleve retired from Webb's Heating, Plumbing, and Electric in Athens. The family will hold a private memorial and graveside service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Pilkey family.

**Peggy Jean Cox Carver**, 87, of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, April 25. She was a member of Clearwater Baptist Church. Graveside services will be held at McMinn Memory Gardens on Wednesday, April 29 at 2:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Peggy Jean Cox Carver.

**Edith Cagle Jolley**, 92 of Spring City passed away on Sunday, April 26. She will be remembered for her kindness, strength, and the deep love she had for her family. A Graveside Service will be held on Wednesday, April 29, at 11:00am at Spring City Memorial Gardens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

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# McMinn County Arrest Reports

## April 26, 2026

**Robert Fritz**, 40 of Riceville, charged with driving on a revoked license, illegal use of plates or decal, Bond \$2,000.

**Scott Devine**, 28 of Athens, charged with violation of probation for driving on a suspended license second offense, manufacturing, sale, and delivery of a controlled substance, unlawful carry or possession of a weapon, simple possession casual exchange of schedule 6, Bond \$25,851.

**Alexis Coserick**, 31 of Etowah, charged with failure to appear, public intoxication, aggravated assault, and vandalism, Bond \$19,000.

**Jacob Flores**, 25 of Ooltewah, charged with being a fugitive from justice.

**Gabriel McCosh**, 20 of Sweetwater, charged with underage DUI and being a minor in possession of alcohol, Bond \$1,000

**Hope Russell**, 26, charged with theft of property under \$1,000.

**Rex Holland**, 54 of Decatur, charged with aggravated sexual battery, Bond \$100,000.

**Dennis Stamey**, 53 of Athens, charged with assault against a first responder, vandalism, and resisting stop, Bond \$2,500.

**Hector Vidal**, of Athens, charged with criminal trespassing, Bond \$1,500.

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