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**Tuesday, May 26, 2026** Morning Fax®...Today's News This Morning Page 2 **Athens, Tennessee**

## Co-Ed Adult Softball League Registration Opens

The City of Athens Parks & Recreation Department is gearing up for another season of Co-Ed Adult Softball, with registration now open for teams and individual players ages 16 and older. The league will play every Tuesday night from June 30 through August 18 at Athens Regional Park, 2405 Decatur Pike.

Teams may register for \$400, while free agents can join for \$30 and will be placed on teams once registration closes. Officials note that anyone missing the team meeting will be assigned to the upper league.

Registration runs May 1 through June 22, and all games are open to spectators. For more information, visit [athenstn.gov/parks](http://athenstn.gov/parks) or call 423-744-2704.

*Source: City of Athens Parks & Recreation*

## Tennessee Unemployment Holds at 3.6% for Third Straight Month

Tennessee's unemployment rate remained steady at 3.6% in April, marking the third consecutive month at that level, according to new data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development. The rate is slightly higher than the 3.5% recorded in April 2025 but continues to sit well below the national unemployment rate, which was 4.3% in April.

Between March and April, employers across the state added 1,200 nonfarm jobs, with the strongest gains in construction, followed by durable goods manufacturing and accommodation and food services. Over the past year, Tennessee has seen a net increase of 900 nonfarm jobs, led by growth in health care and social assistance, state government, and administrative and support services.

*Source: TN Dept of Labor & Workforce Development*

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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

### May 21, 2026

**Jamie Lemons**, 37 of Cleveland, charged with DUI,

**Kimberly Gobble**, 56 of Cleveland, charged with domestic assault, attempted kidnapping, and DUI, Bond \$20,000.

**Nicholas Richards**, 41 of Athens, charged with violation of the sex offender registry, Bond \$10,000.

**Brentley Brabson**, 41 of Athens, charged with simple possession casual exchange of schedule 1, drug paraphernalia, driving on a revoked license, reckless endangerment, and evading arrest.

**Nicholas Smith**, 38 of Englewood, charged with state violation of probation for theft of property, \$1,000 to \$2,000, theft of property motor vehicles over \$1,000, and resisting stop.

### May 22, 2026

**Michael Massingill**, 34 of Englewood, charged with vandalism, domestic assault, and attempted aggravated burglary.

**Cesar Gonzalez**, 25 of Loudoun, charged with felony vandalism, Bond \$4,000.

**Elizabeth Knox**, 34 of Athens, charged with violation of probation for shoplifting, failure to appear for paraphernalia, drug paraphernalia, and evading arrest, Bond \$13,783.

### May 24, 2026

**Jamie Martin**, 46 of Tellico Plains, charged with state violation of probation for introduction of contraband into a penal facility.

**Margaret Helms**, 37 of Loudon, charged with violation of probation for possession of meth, Bond \$3,632.85.

**Stacey Johnson**, 43 of Athens, charged with leaving the scene of an accident, Bond \$1,500.

**Stephanie Woodcock**, 33 of Lenoir City, charged with forgery, and criminal impersonation, Bond \$7,500.

**Dale Kryzak**, 29 of Athens, charged with failure to appear for driving without a license, Bond \$12,000.

**Anton Sassenberg**, 52 of Niota, charged with DUI, Bond \$1,000.

**Wendy Haden**, 42 of Athens, charged with schedule 2 meth, and false reports.

**Mason Gunderson**, 25 of Madisonville, charged with aggravated domestic assault, Bond \$15,000.

**Amber Wade**, 44 of Sweetwater, charged with DUI, Bond \$1,000.

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

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## Obituaries

**Patsy Davis**, 73, of Etowah, passed away Friday, May 22. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at Delano Baptist Church. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service at the church. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery on Wednesday, May 27 for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Louise Farmer Williams**, 85, of Athens, passed away on Friday, May 22. Louise was a longtime member of South Liberty Church of Christ and played piano for Woodward Avenue Church of God in her early years. Visitation will be held at Ziegler Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 27 from 12:00-2:00 PM with a funeral service at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at South Liberty Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Louise Farmer Williams.

**Benetta Ramsey**, 80, passed away on Saturday May 23 at Life Care Center of Cleveland. Survivors and funeral arrangements to be announced by M D Dotson and Sons Funeral Home.

**DeyShawndee Townes**, 45 passed away on Thursday May 22. Survivors and arrangements to be announced by M D Dotson and Sons Funeral Home.

**Lillian May Danser Rucker**, 83, passed away on Saturday, May 23. She loved the people in her church, Fairview Baptist, Athens. Visitation will be held at Fairview Baptist Church in Athens, TN, on Thursday, May 28 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM with a funeral service to follow at 6:00 PM. Graveside services will be held at Sweetwater Valley Memorial Park on Friday, May 29 at 2:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Lillian May Danser Rucker.



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