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The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, June 11 at 3 p.m. for refills and doctor visits. Test Results will be provided beginning at 3:45 p.m.

The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.

REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, Thursdays of each month.

Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic

Athens Chamber Updates

- The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce has recently announced that applications are open for the **2026 Shark Chamber Small Business Pitch Contest**. \$20,000 worth of prize money is on the line for local entrepreneurs to get funding to take their business to the next level. Apply at the form provide at the link [HERE](#). Application deadline is Friday, July 10 at 5pm.
- Join the Athens Area Chamber as they host a ribbon cutting for Appalachian Tileworks at the Chamber Office at 13 N. Jackson St, downtown. It is scheduled for today, Thursday, June 11 at 1:30 pm.
- Heritage Park is celebrating their ribbon cutting at the park located at 1102 Old Englewood Road on Friday, June 12 at 10AM. Join Chamber Members as they celebrate the park's unveiled remodel.

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Mercy Award Honors Starr Regional's Nancy Crabtree for Exemplary Service



Starr Regional Medical Center has honored longtime team member Nancy Crabtree as its 2026 Mercy Award recipient, recognizing her as one of the hospital's most compassionate and influential employees.

The Mercy Award is the highest distinction given by Lifepoint Health, celebrating one employee from each facility who exemplifies the values of its late founder, Scott Mercy. Established in 2001, the award highlights individuals whose service profoundly impacts patients, coworkers, and their communities.

CEO John McLain praised Crabtree's daily commitment to kindness and service, calling her "a shining example" of the hospital's mission to make communities healthier. Crabtree serves as operator and receptionist at Starr Regional's Athens campus, where colleagues say she has shaped the culture through her warmth, hospitality, and ability to make every person feel valued.

Nominators described her as a steady source of encouragement and authenticity, someone who mentors and supports others with humility and joy. Her dedication extends beyond the hospital to her church and community, where her faith-driven service is well known.

Crabtree will now advance for consideration in Lifepoint's companywide 2026 Mercy Award, with the national winner to be announced this summer and honored at a September ceremony in Nashville. *Source: Brandi Armstrong*






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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

June 02, 2026

Aleyah West, 23 of Athens, charged with DUI, and a warrant out of Rhea County.

Nolan Caldell, 53 of Niota, charged with three counts of violation of the sex offender registry, Two counts of violation of conditions of community supervision, Bond \$50,000.

Amy Holcomb, 49 in Madisonville, charged with DUI, violation of implied consent, aggravated assault, violation of registration laws, failure to have insurance, and traffic violations, Bond \$25,000.

Tequila Porter, 37 of Athens, charged with custodial interference.

The accused remain innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Information gathered using Public Sources.

Obituaries

Mable "Estelle" Prince Powell, 82, of the Short Creek community, passed away on Sunday, June 7. She was a longtime member of Short Creek Baptist Church. Visitation will be held at **Short Creek Baptist Church** on Saturday, June 13 from 9:00 AM –11:00 AM. Funeral services will follow at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow funeral services at Short Creek Baptist Church Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Mable "Estelle" Prince Powell.

Betty Jane McElhaney West, 84, native and lifelong resident of Meigs County, passed away on Monday, June 8, 2026. She loved to watch her kids, grandkids, and great grandkids. Betty also loved to quilt and was a longtime member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Friday, June 12, 2026, at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with a funeral service at 3:00 PM. Reverend Elijah Pickle will be officiating. Interment will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Betty Jane McElhaney West.

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