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Athens, Tennessee

Starr Regional Honors Julie Teague With Second-Quarter DAISY Award



Julie Teague, BSN, RN, labor and delivery nurse in the Women's & Children's Services department at Starr Regional Medical Center.

Starr Regional Medical Center has named Julie Teague, BSN, RN, as its second-quarter 2026 DAISY Award recipient, recognizing her for exceptional compassion and clinical excellence in the Women's & Children's Services department.

Chief Nursing Officer Deborah Vaughn praised Teague's steady leadership and the care she provides to patients and families. The nomination highlighted Teague's decisive actions during a sudden, life-threatening obstetrical emergency, noting how she quickly assessed the situation, guided the patient through escalating complications, and helped ensure the safest possible outcome for both mother and baby. The patient credited Teague's professionalism and calm presence with helping save two lives.

DAISY Award honorees are selected by a committee of nurses and surprised with a presentation in front of colleagues and visitors. Recipients receive an "Extraordinary Nurse" certificate and the Shona Tribe's hand-carved "Healer's Touch" sculpture.

The DAISY Foundation was created in memory of J. Patrick Barnes to honor nurses who make a profound difference in patients' lives. Nomination forms are available at Starr Regional's Athens and Etowah campuses and online at: StarrRegional.com/daisy-award.

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Athens Utilities Board Sets July 28 Meeting Agenda

The Athens Utilities Board will meet today, Tuesday, July 28 at 5 p.m. with an agenda that includes officer elections, divisional updates, and several action items affecting utility operations. Board members will elect a chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary, Budget and Finance Committee chair, legal representative, and an AUB representative to the McMinn County Economic Development Authority.

The board will consider approval of minutes from its June 23 meeting before hearing the divisional report and reviewing the monthly financial statement. Two purchasing items are scheduled: bids to acquire a trencher for the gas division and bids for a leak survey within the water division.

A resolution to increase retail water rates will come before the board for a first reading. The meeting will conclude with the manager's report.

ROAD CLOSURE FOR CONSTRUCTION

McMinn County Road 223, Kyker Branch Road, will be closed **Tuesday, July 28th**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for road construction.

TN Unemployment Rises in June



Lowest County Unemployment Rates

Rank	County	June 2026
1	Cheatham	3.0%
2	Sevier	3.0%
3	Wilson	3.1%
4	Williamson	3.1%
5	Sumner	3.1%
6	Dickson	3.1%
7	Rutherford	3.1%
8	Davidson	3.2%
9	Robertson	3.2%
10	Macon	3.2%

Highest County Unemployment Rates

Rank	County	June 2026
95	Perry	6.0%
94	Hancock	5.7%
93	Pickett	5.6%
92	Lake	5.4%
91	Meigs	5.2%
90	Hardeman	5.2%
89	Shelby	5.1%
88	Decatur	5.1%
87	Greene	5.0%
86	Scott	5.0%

Tennessee's county unemployment rates climbed in June, a seasonal jump attributed to school employees being off for summer break. Rates increased in 94 of 95 counties, with most still below 5%. Cheatham and Sevier posted the lowest rates at 3%, while Perry County recorded the highest at 6%.

The Tennessee Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development has compiled an analysis of the June 2026 county unemployment data available [HERE](#).



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

July 26, 2026

Amanda Puente, 35 of Sweetwater, charged with violation of probation for possession of meth, Bond \$3,000.

Jesus Bedola, 33 of Niota, charged with domestic assault, vandalism, manufacturing, sale, delivery, possession of schedule 6 marijuana, Bond \$8,000.

Holly Martin, 41 of Riceville, charged with simple possession casual exchange of schedule 4 diazepam, simple possession casual exchange of schedule two hydrocodone, manufacture, resale, delivery, possession of schedule 2 oxycodone for resale, simple possession casual exchange of schedule 4 alprazolam, and driving on a suspended license, Bond \$35,000.

Vidollie Goodner, 32 of Cleveland, charged with simple possession casual exchange of schedule 2 cocaine.

Anthony King, 53 of Athens, charged with DUI, second offense.

Kevin McKnight, 42 of Athens, charged with domestic assault.

Kimberly Rockwell, 54 of Athens, charged with simple possession casual exchange of schedule 2 fentanyl, and simple possession casual exchange of schedule six marijuana.

Joseph Martin, 36 of Athens charged with driving on a suspended license, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Amanda Fry, 39 of Athens, charged with violation of probation for paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license, and burglary, Bond \$11,500.

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

Obituaries

Roy Davis Chism, 80, a native of Log Lick, KY and resident of McMinn County since 1981, passed away on Sunday, July 26. He was the administrator for Etowah Health Care Center and later moved into management with MK Management. Roy served in the pastorate for 58 years. Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 30 from 5:00-7:00 PM at [Ziegler Funeral Home](#). Funeral services will follow at 7:00 PM. The family will also receive friends from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM on Saturday, August 1 at Scobee Funeral Home in Winchester, KY. Graveside services will follow at the Chism Family Cemetery.

Betty Katherine (Miller) Blair, 91, of Etowah, passed away on Thursday, July 23. She was a graduate of McMinn County High School. Upon her marriage to Broughton Blair, they built a life and a family in Etowah where they founded Etowah Safety Center and Blair's Auto Parts. Betty was an active and energetic person whose love for children led her to serve as a teacher and later, Director of Etowah Head Start at Circle Drive and Etowah City School until her retirement. She would later sing in various gospel groups and served for decades as Church Treasurer at her home church, Cambria Baptist Church of Etowah. Family and friends will be assembled, Monday, July 27 at McMinn Memory Gardens for a graveside service. [Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah](#) was in charge of arrangements.

Novella Jean Harrill, 77 of Athens passed away Friday, July 24, 2026 at Legacy Park Health and Rehabilitation Center of Knoxville, TN. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 48 years, Don Harrill. She found joy in caring for others and was able to fulfill this through her job as an RN and volunteering at various clubs and organizations. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens and enjoyed serving in WMU. Funeral services will be 1:00 PM Wednesday, July 29, 2026 in the chapel of [Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home](#). Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM prior to the service at the funeral home.

Darrell David Daniels, age 80, of Ten Mile, passed away on Sunday, July 26, 2026. Darrell was a proud member of Pisgah Baptist Church and devoted 35 years of his life to the Y-12 National Security Complex. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m., on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, in the chapel of [Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services](#) with visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Interment will be held at 11 a.m., on Thursday, July 30th in the Pisgah Cemetery.