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Athens, Tennessee

AACA Launches Community "Piece" Project Art Installation

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The Athens Area Council for the Arts is inviting the public to take part in a hands-on community art installation, the Community "Piece" Project, running Aug. 14–Sept. 18, 2026 in the Willson Exhibit Room at The Arts Center.

Participants can select from curated designs and colors to trace and paint a quilt-style square, contributing to a collaborative display inspired by America 250 and Stephen Sondheim's reflection on creativity: "Bit by bit, putting it together... Piece by piece,

the only way to make a work of art."

AACA leaders say the project opens the new season by highlighting the role patrons play in supporting The Arts Center through engagement and volunteerism.

The installation is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and during special events. A public reception will be held Friday, Aug. 21 at 5 p.m. in the exhibit room.

Source: *The Arts Center, Athens*



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The Groves joins the Athens Area Chamber



A ribbon cutting was recently held for The Groves at Athens, formerly known as Terra Bella, located at 120 Keith Lane in Athens. The celebration included Chamber representatives, business leaders, and staff members from The Groves at Athens as the facility was welcomed as a member of the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce.

Source: Julie Simbeck, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

Niota Fire Dept. Hosts 16-Hour Intro Course for New Recruits



The Niota Fire Department held a 16-hour basic introductory training course over the weekend, a requirement under the Tennessee Fire-fighter Minimum

Training Law before new recruits can respond to emergency calls. The class was led by Travis Newberry and Chad Gates of NFD.

Fire officials noted that departments are actively seeking new recruits of all ages, emphasizing that there are many roles beyond firefighting and encouraging community members to get involved.

Source: David Prater, Niota Fire Department

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

August 30, 2026

Huey Green, 27, of Athens, charged with a state violation of probation for theft 1,000 to 10,000.

Roger Black, 38, of Knoxville, charged with state violation of probation for possession of fentanyl and meth for resale.

Roy Thompson, 68, of Athens, charged with aggravated domestic assault. Bond \$30,000.

Robert Ketchersid, 57, of Athens charged with maintaining a dwelling for drug use, drug paraphernalia, casual exchange possession of meth, simple possession casual exchange of schedule 6, and simple possession casual exchange of fentanyl.

Amanda Malini, 41, of Athens, charged with possession of schedule 2 meth, simple possession casual exchange of fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia.

Danny Lunsford, 40, of Philadelphia, charged with driving without license.

Ty Art, 53, of Cleveland, charged with DUI, and leaving the scene of an accident. Bond \$3,000.

Adam Hawthorn, 39, of Sweetwater, charged with drug paraphernalia. Bond \$4,000.

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

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