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Athens, Tennessee

UT Extension to Host Free Tai Chi Celebration in Athens

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October 19 and 23, 2026
10-11am
First Baptist Church, Athens



Registration is FREE

Optional T-Shirt: \$11

Deadline to purchase t-shirt: September 30
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Residents are invited to take part in a free Tai Chi Celebration hosted by UT Extension McMinn on Oct. 19 and 23, 2026, at First Baptist Church of Athens.

The celebration will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. each day and is open to both longtime participants and newcomers interested in Tai Chi. Organizers say the event is part of "Tai Chi Time in Tennessee" and will offer an opportunity for practice, fellowship and refreshments in a welcoming environment.

Registration is free. Those interested can register online at mcminn.tennessee.edu.

In conjunction with the celebration, "Tai Chi Time in Tennessee" T-shirts are available for purchase for \$11. Orders must be placed by Sept. 30 through the McMinn County Extension website. Participants who attend the celebration will receive their shirts at the event, while those unable to attend may pick up orders at the UT Extension McMinn office on Oct. 19.

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Community News You Can Use

- The City of Athens Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, September 23, has been CANCELLED due to not receiving any applications.
- The 21st Annual Walk Across Tennessee - Move Around the Region — will be held Oct. 12 through Nov. 15. The free, five-week wellness program is open to ages 8 and older and allows participants to log miles from activities such as walking, biking, swimming, hiking, yardwork, sports and daily steps. Free pedometers are available at the McMinn County Extension Office. For more information or to register, visit mcminn.tennessee.edu and click the Walk Across TN button.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wyxiradio@gmail.com

McMinn County Arrest Reports

September 17, 2026

Roy O'Neill, 67, of Athens, charged with public intoxication. Bond \$1,000.

Larry Call, 39, of Athens, charged with failure to appear for driving on a suspended license, suspended license violations, and possession of schedule 2 meth.

Corey Wade, 31, of Athens, charged with public intoxication, drug paraphernalia, and simple possession casual exchange of xanax.

Dennis Bowling, 63, of Athens, charged with DUI, and driving on a revoked license.

Christopher Holloman, 27, of Athens, charged with violation of probation.

Anise Carter, 30, of Lakeland, Florida, charged with resisting stop, disorderly conduct, and assault against a first responder, Bond \$6,000

Joshua McMahon, 41, of Sweetwater, charged with domestic assault by intimidation. Bond \$8,000.

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September 18, 2026

Susan Miller, 50, of Athens, charged with child support, simple possession, Schedule II meth, and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$17,000.

Joshua King, 34, of Cleveland, charged with theft of property over \$2,500.

Robert Massey, 29, of Loudon, charged with schedule 2 for resale, 122 grams of mushrooms, and driving without due care. Bond \$32,000.

Daniel Friar, 20, of Knoxville, charged with evading arrest, aggravated assault against a first responder, and reckless endangerment. Bond \$44,000.

Dylan Burns, 28, of Etowah, charged with domestic assault by intimidation.

Justin Bivens, 32, of Athens, charged with theft of property over \$2,500.

Mandy McDonald, 51, of Niota, charged with violation of probation for possession of meth. Bond \$2,000.

Joshua Ward, 41, of Ten Mile, charged with motor vehicle theft of property, \$2,500 to \$10,000, theft of property \$1,000 to \$2,500, theft of property under \$1,000, and auto burglary. Bond \$32,000.

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High School Football Results

Bradley Central v. Red Bank
21-20

Cleveland v. Oak Ridge
35-14

McMinn Central v. Scott County
22-17

McMinn County v. Soddy Daisy
40-0

Meigs County v. Polk County
42-0

Sequoyah v. Signal Mountain
0-48

Sweetwater v. Roane County
23-20

Walker Valley v. Ooltewah
49-0

Obituaries

Brenda Sue Letner, 76, of Decatur, passed away on Friday, September 18. She was a cherished mother and a skilled seamstress, dedicating her career to the clothing manufacturing industry. She was also employed by Piggly Wiggly in Decatur for many years. There are no formal services scheduled at this time. [Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services](#) is honored to serve the Letner family.

John Vernon Womac, of Riceville, passed away Saturday, September 19. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by [Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens](#).

James Louie "Jim" Gilliam, 81, of Athens and Niota, passed away Friday, September 18. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced by [Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens](#).

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