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Athens, Tennessee

Coffman Honored by Athens City Council



Coffman (at podium) addresses the crowd in attendance while Athens City Vice Mayor, Jordan Curtis watches from behind.

Athens City Schools Board Vice Chairman Johnny Coffman was recently recognized by the Athens City Council with a VIVID (Very Important Volunteer Individual) Award in honor of his

dedication and service to Athens City Schools and the community.

New Location of Simmons Bank joins the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Simmons Bank, located at 204 W Washington Ave., Athens. Shown here are chamber and business representatives, and the staff of Simmons Bank.

Source: Athens Area Chamber of Commerce



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Athens, Tennessee

Madisonville Man Charged after Drug Investigation



A Madisonville man was arrested after law enforcement officers executed a narcotics search warrant at a mobile home in the 400 block of Greenwood Circle.

According to authorities, officers conducting the search found items indicating the residence was being used in connection

with illegal drug activity. The tenant, Brently Harrill, reportedly admitted that people had been using illegal drugs at the residence.

Harrill was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and maintaining a drug dwelling.

The investigation was conducted jointly by the Madisonville Police Department Narcotics Unit and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit.

Source: [Madisonville PD](#)

Community News You Can Use

- Families are invited to explore fire trucks, police vehicles, construction equipment, garbage trucks and more during Touch-a-Truck on Oct. 3 at the Hillcrest Church parking lot. A sensory-friendly hour will be held from 9 to 10 a.m., followed by general admission from 10 a.m. until noon. Children will have the opportunity to climb inside vehicles, honk horns and meet local first responders and community workers.
- Athens Community Theatre will hold auditions for the Tony Award-winning musical Ragtime at 6 p.m. Oct. 26-27 at The Arts Center. The production is seeking performers ages 16 and older, with show dates scheduled for Feb. 19-28, 2027. Interested participants should prepare a short song and bring scheduling information for the rehearsal period.
- Cleveland State Community College is accepting nominations through Oct. 30 for its 11th Annual Community First Awards. Categories include Alumni of the Year, Don M. Lorton Community Servant of the Year and Educator of the Year, honoring individuals who make a positive impact across the college's five-county service area. The nomination form is available online at mycs.cc/cfanominations until Oct. 30.

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Athens Housing Authority Names Administration Building for Longtime Leader



The Athens Housing Authority has named its central office on Clark Street the J. Ross Dodson, Jr. Administration Building in honor of longtime executive director J. Ross Dodson Jr. during a dedication ceremony held Sept. 22.

Dodson devoted more than five decades to the housing authority, beginning his career in 1974 as an administrative aide and advancing through several leadership roles before being appointed executive director in 1987. He served in that position until his retirement in 2024 and continued working part-time in finance and administration until retiring fully in May 2026.

Board members, employees, family and friends gathered for the ceremony to recognize Dodson's leadership and community service. Following a fire that destroyed the authority's original Clark Street office in 2021, Dodson led efforts to rebuild the facility that now bears his name.

In addition to his work with the housing authority, Dodson has been active in numerous civic organizations, including the Athens Kiwanis Club, United Way of McMinn and Meigs Counties, the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce and the McMinn County Economic Development Authority. He has received several community service honors, including Young Man of the Year, the J. Neal Ensminger Man of the Year Award and the Sullivan Award from Tennessee Wesleyan University.

Photo: Athens Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Chairman Joe Allen (left) presents Ross Dodson (right) with a copy of a resolution naming the Authority's offices on Clark Street the J. Ross Dodson, Jr., Administration Building during a commemoration ceremony on Tuesday, September 22.

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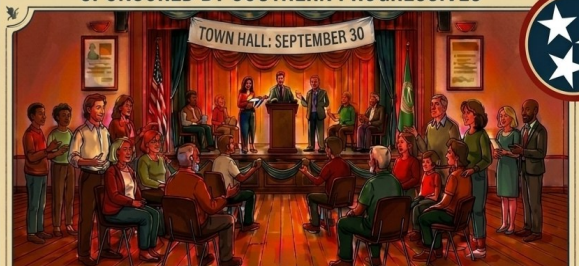
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McMinn County Arrest Reports

September 22, 2026

Ronnie Bohannon, 34, of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for DUI fourth offense.

Brandon Rakim, 30, of Athens, charged with disorderly conduct. Bond \$3000.

Kimberly Williams, 61, of Athens, charged with resisting stop, and disorderly conduct. Bond \$6,000.

Shannon Lowe, 50, of Englewood, charged with DUI third offense, and driving on a revoked license. Bond \$5,000.

LaJoanne Lowry, 43, of Etowah, charged with Child Support. Bond \$3,000.

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

Obituaries

Gary Reed Frazier, 76, of Etowah, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 11. Gary worked in many different fields, always demonstrating an impeccable work ethic and dedication to whatever task was before him. His primary career was as a Maintenance Supervisor at Johns Manville, where he took great pride in his work. At this time, there are no formal services planned. The family will announce any future services should plans be made at a later date. [Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens](#), is honored to be entrusted with these arrangements.

Jeffrey Lynn "Jeff" Morrow, 68, passed away on Monday, September 21. He was employed with Heil International for 41 years. Graveside service & Interment will take place at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 26 in Hopewell Springs Cemetery. Arrangements by [Biereley-Hale Funeral Home, Madisonville.](#)

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