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Athens, Tennessee

Grocery Outlet (G.O.) Hosting Customer Appreciation Event



Grocery Outlet (G.O.) is CELEBRATING a Customer Appreciation event and sale through Sunday, September 27th. WYXI Radio will be broadcasting Live TODAY from 11am to 3 p.m. at Grocery Outlet. Broadcast team members "Brother" Barry Bman Sullivan and Stephanie Devine, will be set up right inside the entrance at the Grocery Outlet located at 1625 Decatur Pike in Athens.

G.O. will have big savings on lots of items throughout the store including a dozen of farm fresh large eggs TODAY ONLY for just **.88 cents each**, limit 2, while supplies last!

Be sure to bring your SMART PHONE to the store and you'll be able to scan their QR codes, which are located throughout the store. Grocery Outlet will be giving away several free prizes including 2 tickets to the Tennessee Vols vs. Auburn Tigers football game coming up on October 3rd, Lake Winnie tickets, two 50 inch TV's and much more! No Purchase Necessary to enter!

During the LIVE BROADCAST TODAY, from 11a.m. to 3 p.m. WYXI RADIO will have lots of great giveaways too! To name a few, there will be Gift cards from McAlisters Deli, Captain D's, Downtown Beauty Lounge and many more. No Purchase Necessary to enter.

There will be food trucks set up in the parking lot as well for your lunch cravings!

Don't miss the Grocery Outlet Customer Appreciation Celebration today. WYXI RADIO looks forward to meeting our many listeners at the G.O. today.

The Grocery Outlet Customer Appreciation Sale will continue through Sunday, September 27th.

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Cleveland State to Open Mobile Training Lab

Cleveland State COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cleveland State Community College Workforce Development will celebrate the grand opening of its new Mobile Training Lab on September 28th from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the D.F. Adkisson Administration Building on the Cleveland campus.

Funded through a Title III grant, the mobile lab will bring workforce training programs, including HVAC, plumbing, electrical wiring, construction and phlebotomy, to communities in Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe and Polk counties.

The public is invited to attend the opening, tour the lab and learn more about future training opportunities available throughout the region.

Source: Andrea Byerly, Cleveland State CC

Community News You Can Use

You're invited to McMinn County's first-ever Farm to Table Dinner, an event celebrating the county's rich agricultural heritage and the farmers and food producers who help sustain the local community.

Hosted by the McMinn County Economic Development Authority, the dinner will take place Thursday, Oct. 22, at The Courtyard on Jackson. The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a six-course dining experience highlighting locally sourced ingredients and the diversity of agriculture found throughout McMinn County.

The Farm to Table Dinner is designed to bring together local farmers, food producers and community members for an evening of food, fellowship and appreciation for the county's agricultural roots. Organizers say the event will showcase both the quality of local agricultural products and the talents of area culinary partners who will prepare the meal.

The inaugural gathering aims to connect residents with the people who grow and produce food in the region while emphasizing the important role agriculture plays in McMinn County's economy and way of life. For more information or tickets, call 423-745-1506 or go to: <https://tinyurl.com/44tnn86s>.

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Church News & Events

- [Celebrate Recovery](#) meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens. They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur and Thursdays at 6:30pm at [Spirit City Church North Etowah](#).
- [St. Mary's Legacy Clinic](#) offers free mobile medical care for the uninsured. Anyone who is medically uninsured is eligible to receive care. *St. Mary's Catholic Church (1291 E Madison Ave, Athens) is the McMinn County location and accepts patients every 3rd Thursday of the month.*
- Double Springs Baptist Church will host its Homecoming celebration on Sept. 27 beginning at 10:30 a.m. Randy Harmon will bring the message, and Travis Standridge will provide worship music. A fellowship meal will follow the service. Everyone is welcome.
- Cane Creek Baptist Church will host Homecoming on Sept. 27 at 10:30 a.m. at 136 County Road 498 in Etowah. The celebration will include worship, fellowship and a meal. Everyone is welcome.
- Keith Memorial UMC will host *Our Three Tenors*: An Unforgettable Concert of Favorites on Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The community is invited to enjoy an evening of favorite musical selections.
- New Hope Methodist Church invites the community to "The Next Step," a new Sunday School class led by Bill Tindell and Karen Tindell. The class focuses on following Jesus in everyday life and growing in faith with family. Families with children ages 15 and older, couples and individuals are welcome. Classes meet Sundays at 10 a.m. Bring your Bible, your questions and your story.
- Luminary Church in Ten Mile will host "Living in the Spirit Revival 2026" until Sept. 27 at 3401 River Road. The four-day revival will feature guest speakers and worship leaders each evening at 6 p.m., with a Sunday service at 10:30 a.m. Admission is free and the public is invited.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church will host its Thanksgiving Day "Come to the Table" gathering on Thursday, Nov. 26, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 316 County Road 316 in Niota. Guests are invited to enjoy a home-cooked meal, fellowship, worship and singing. The Leamon Family will provide special music. Everyone is welcome.
- The next Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by New Hope Methodist Church will occur on Thursday, October 1 at 8 a.m. at Maddi Mae's Cafe in downtown Athens. This ecumenical prayer breakfast is open to all men of Christian faith and those men who want to establish a relationship with Jesus. Please contact Marcus Guinn for more info at:
(marcusguinn@gmail.com or [423-507-7769](tel:423-507-7769))

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

September 23, 2026

Patrick Wiseman, 36, of Vonore, charged with violation of probation for theft, and theft from a building. Bond \$1,000.

Dominic Brown, 35, of Athens, charged with drug paraphernalia, casual exchange, possession of meth, and theft of property 1,000 to 2,500.

Caitlin Perdue, 35, of Knoxville, charged with failure to appear for theft of merchandise. Bond \$2,000.

Peyton Barrett, 28, of Athens, charged with drug paraphernalia, Bond \$14,000.

John Lankford, 53, of Athens, charged with public intoxication. Bond \$1,000.

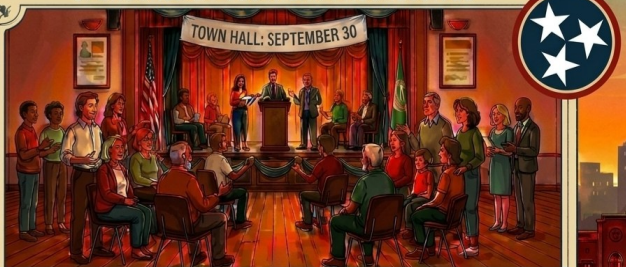
Sharon Lowe, 50, of Englewood, charged with DUI third offense, and driving on a revoked license. Bond \$5,000.

Matthew Huston, 38, of Etowah, charged with evading arrest, drug paraphernalia, shoplifting, failure to appear for drug paraphernalia, and failure to appear for driving on a revoked license second offense. Bond \$34,000.

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

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Balanced Beauty joins the Athens Chamber



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Chamber member Balanced Beauty Aesthetics & Wellness, located at 203 E Washington Ave., Athens. Shown here are chamber and business representatives, and the owner of Balanced Beauty Aesthetics & Wellness Tiffany Sliger, FNP BC.

Source: Julie Simbeck, Program Director, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

Obituaries

John Michael "Mike" Stokes, 58, of Jacksonville, FL, born in Decatur, TN, passed away on Sunday, September 13. He enlisted in the United States Navy and dedicated 20 years to military service before retiring. A Graveside Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 3, in the Decatur Cemetery with Military Honors. [Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services](#) is honored to serve the Stokes Family.

Harvey Allen "Flub The American Dream" White, 71, of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, September 22. He attended AOH Church of God. He proudly served his country with dedication and honor, eventually retiring from the United States Army. Funeral services will be held Saturday, September 26, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the chapel of M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home – Athens. The family will receive friends before the service at the funeral home from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow the service at Hammonds Cemetery in Athens, Tn with military honor guard. Services of loving memories entrusted to [M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home – Athens](#).

Marcus Scruggs, 70, passed away September 23, 2026. Survivors and arrangements to be announced. Services of loving memories entrusted to [M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home – Athens](#).

Robert D. Whitehead, 70, passed away on Wednesday, September 23. While his father served in the military, Robert was born in England in the Margate, Kent region. He has been a resident of the United States for 70 years, and for the last 12 of those years, he has lived in McMinn County. There will be no formal services at this time. [Ziegler Funeral Home](#) has been entrusted with serving the family of Robert D. Whitehead.

William "Bill" Dilbeck, age 87 of Athens, passed away Thursday, September 24, 2026 at Etowah Health and Rehabilitation. He was a native of McMinn County. Bill was an active member of East Niota Baptist Church, and loved golf, salt and fresh water fishing, as well as working at his various jobs. Bill worked as plant manager for Key Color Lab in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was very talented and earned many awards for photo finishing. The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm Sunday, September 27, 2026 with the funeral to follow in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral. The Rev. Nick Brown will be officiating. The graveside service will be 11 am Monday September 28, 2026 at McMinn Memory Gardens. [Laycock Hobbs Funeral Home](#) of Athens in charge of arrangements.

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