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Athens, Tennessee

TVEC Students Lead Cleveland State Student Senate While Pursuing Big Goals



Student Senate President, Miles Gilliam
(left) and *Student Senate Vice President,*
Trevor Freitas (right)

Two Tennessee Valley Early College students are taking on leadership roles at Cleveland State Community College while working toward ambitious career goals.

Miles Gilliam of Polk County and Trevor Freitas of Bradley County are serving as president and vice president of the college's Student Senate during the 2026-27 academic year. Both are enrolled in the Tennessee Valley Early College (TVEC) program and are on track to earn associate degrees from Cleveland State in May before graduating from high school. Gilliam, a biology major, plans to continue his education and pursue a medical degree with the goal of becoming a surgeon. Freitas, a university parallel major, hopes to transfer to a four-year institution to study aerospace engineering and eventually work in the space industry.

The TVEC program allows high school students to earn college credits while completing their high school diplomas. Students begin taking college courses early in high school and transition to coursework on Cleveland State's campus during their junior and senior years.

In addition to their studies, both students are active in campus organizations and have been involved with Student Senate since last year. The group helps organize student events, encourages campus involvement and provides leadership opportunities for students.

Both students say Student Senate has helped them become more involved on campus, build relationships and make a positive impact on the college community while getting an early start on their higher education goals.

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Athens, Tennessee

Grocery Outlet - Customer Appreciation Day



WYXI Radio recently partnered with Grocery Outlet, in Athens for a Customer Appreciation event that drew a large crowd of shoppers and listeners.

During the live remote broadcast, WYXI's "Brother" Barry Sullivan interviewed store manager Marsha Black, district manager Bryan Rigbey and Marketing and Events Director Hendrix Nowells.

Customers visited the store throughout the day, taking advantage of special promotions and registering for prize giveaways.

The event was part of Grocery Outlet's Customer Appreciation Week and provided an opportunity for community members to meet the WYXI broadcasting team while enjoying a day of shopping, prizes and community fellowship.

Pictured: "Brother Barry" interviews Marsha Black, Store Manager

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Historical Society monthly meeting is this Sunday, October 4 at 2:00 pm in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.
- Athens Parks & Recreation will host a free, rain-or-shine Halloween Movie Night at Athens Regional Park on Friday, Oct. 2 at 6 p.m. The event will take place under the Lake Pavilion and feature *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* and *Hocus Pocus* on a 21-foot screen. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets, and concessions will be available for purchase. Guests may also bring their own food and drinks.
- The Athens City Schools Board of Education will meet Thursday, Oct. 8, 2026, and the draft agenda and meeting packet are available on the [Athens City Schools website](#). Citizens wishing to address the board on an agenda item may sign up before the meeting begins. Groups or delegations are asked to designate one spokesperson unless otherwise directed by the board. Please note the meeting date.

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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**.
- 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.
- **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.*
- Solid Rock Baptist Church in Calhoun will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10:30 a.m. Special music will be provided by The Lawsons, with Pastor Scott Martin hosting the service. A dinner will follow. The church is located at 4975 Hwy. 11, Calhoun.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church will host a night of worship featuring Jeff Tolbert and Primitive Road on Thursday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 314 County Road 316, Niota, at the I-75 Niota exit. For more information, contact Jack Ingram at 423-404-3390.
- **October is Pastor Appreciation Month**, a time set aside to recognize and honor the pastors, ministers, and church staff who serve their congregations throughout the year. **Those wishing to share their appreciation publicly may contact Stephanie Devine at 423-462-5309 or radiostephaniedevine@gmail.com** for information about recognition opportunities in The Morning Fax.

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Athens, Tennessee

AACA Showcases Three Exhibits Celebrating Art, History and Community



The Athens Area Council for the Arts is presenting three featured exhibits at The Arts Center through Oct. 30, including its annual Open Exhibit and Art Show, American Witches by Chattanooga artist Adam Romano, and Threads of Resistance, Stitches of Hope by the textile art collective Resist-Stitch.

The annual Open Exhibit features a judged collection of artwork by artists from McMinn and surrounding counties. This year's theme recognizes America's 250th anniversary and highlights artists' interpretations of the historic milestone. Romano also serves as judge for the competition.

Romano's American Witches explores the legacy of the Salem Witch Trials through portraiture and historical interpretation, while Threads of Resistance, Stitches of Hope features textile works celebrating democracy, community and shared American values through the art of quilting and needlework.

A reception and awards ceremony for the exhibits will be held Friday, Oct. 2, at 5 p.m. The exhibits are on display at The Arts Center and are open for viewing during regular gallery hours and special events through Oct. 30.

Area High School Football Matchups

From region rivalries to key district contests, area high school football teams are back in action Friday night. See this week's games below.

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McMinn County Arrest Report

September 30, 2026

John Ross, 54, of Niota, charged with DUI, violation of implied consent, driving on a revoked license, evading arrest, and reckless driving. Bond \$7,000.

Holly Bryan, 46, of Etowah, charged with state violation of probation for false response to legitimate officer inquiry.

E.M. Walker, 23, of Athens, charged with DUI, Bond \$2,000.

Kimberly Austin, 49, of Chattanooga, charged with drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license, open container law, and possession of Schedule 6. Bond \$13,000.

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

Obituaries

James Edward Conner, 90, of Etowah, passed away on Saturday, September 26. He served in the United States Army and was a successful electrician. There will be a private graveside service held for James at McMinn Memory Gardens at a later date. [Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens](#) is honored to be entrusted with these arrangements.

We encourage you to e-mail us community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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