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Athens, Tennessee

Former Athens City Attorney Pleads Guilty to Forgery Charge



A former Athens city attorney has pleaded guilty to a felony forgery charge stemming from a 2023 incident involving a legal document.

According to court records filed in September 2026, Christopher M. Caldwell pleaded guilty to forgery involving more than \$1,000 and waived his right to a trial.

The indictment alleged that Caldwell forged the signature of Judith S. Caldwell on a quitclaim deed, terminating her life estate interest. Court documents further state that the forged document was concealed and passed along with the falsified signature until the forgery was discovered.

Under the plea agreement, Caldwell received a one-year suspended sentence and faces a fine of \$3,000. The charge carries a potential prison sentence of up to two years, with eligibility for release after serving 30 percent of the sentence. Caldwell resigned from his position with the City of Athens last month.

Source: [WRCB-TV Local 3 News](#)

Community News You Can Use

- **Jackson Street** (Green Street to Washington Avenue) and **Madison Avenue** (White Street to Green Street) in downtown Athens will be closed Saturday, Oct. 17, from 2 to 7 p.m. for the Athens Travelers Car Club Cruise-In. Motorists should expect delays and use caution in the area.
- The Athens Parks and Recreation Department will host a Teen & Adult Halloween Movie in the Park on Friday, Oct. 30, at Athens Regional Park's Lake Pavilion. Featured movies are *Dracula* at 7 p.m. and *Poltergeist* at 8:30 p.m. Concessions will be available, and attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Both films are rated **PG-13**, with parental guides available on IMDB.
- The Athens Area Council for the Arts will present "Gone 90s Country" as part of its 2026-27 House Blend Concert Series on Friday, Oct. 23, at 7 p.m. in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater. Directed by Traci McKenzie, the show will feature favorite country hits from the 1990s performed by local vocalists and backed by AACAA's house band, September Song, led by Andrew Kimball.

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The Good Faith Clinic, a United Way agency, will be open **TOMORROW**, Thursday, October 8 at 3 p.m. for refills and doctor visits. Test Results will be provided beginning at 3:45 p.m.

The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18 to 64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.

REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, Thursdays of each month.

Motorcyclist Injured After Deer Collision in Englewood



A motorcyclist was injured Friday afternoon after colliding with a deer on Highway 310 in Englewood.

According to reports, the driver of a 2004 Kawasaki Ninja was traveling on Highway 310 around 1 p.m. when the crash occurred. A passing motorist found the rider lying in

the roadway following the collision.

AMR personnel treated the injured driver at the scene before transporting them to Sweetwater Hospital for further medical care. Responding agencies included Englewood Rural Fire Department, Etowah Rural Fire Department, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Dean Conk, who is investigating the incident.

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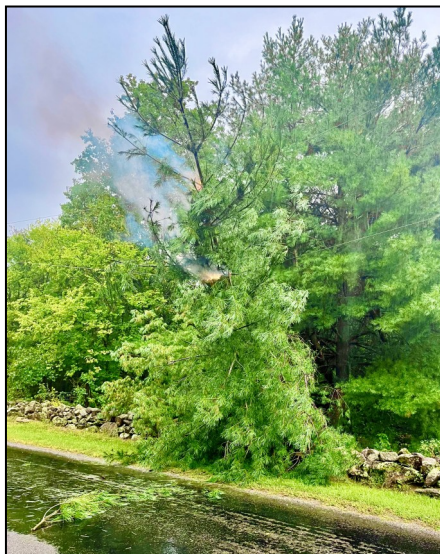
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Tree Fire Causes Roadway Hazard in Englewood



Emergency crews responded to County Road 876 in Englewood over the weekend after a tree fell onto a power line and caught fire.

Etowah Rural Fire Department and Englewood Rural Fire Department responded to the scene and assisted with traffic control while awaiting the arrival of Etowah Utilities

Board crews. The incident created a roadway hazard until utility workers could address the downed power line.

No injuries were reported.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural FD

Lightning Strike Leads to Small Fire on County Road 442



A lightning strike is believed to have caused a small fire Saturday morning on County Road 442 in Athens.

According to reports, a tree was struck by lightning overnight. When the property owner went outside the following morning, the damaged tree fell into power lines, igniting a nearby wood pile.

Englewood Rural Fire Department responded to the scene and extinguished the fire. The McMinn County Sheriff's Department and Athens Utilities Board also assisted with the incident. No injuries were reported.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

October 05, 2026

Dana Teasley, 60, of Athens, charged with domestic assault. Bond \$2,000.

Calvin Schaefer, 49, of Sweetwater, charged with failure to appear for domestic assault, and violation of an order of protection. Bond \$4,000.

Caleb Carter, 30, of Athens, charged with driving on a suspended license, drug paraphernalia, manufacture, sell, delivery, possession of Schedule 6, Unlawful carry or possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, and unlawful carry or possession of ammunition by a felon in violation of registration laws.

Robert Cameron, 43, of Tellico Plains, charged with drug paraphernalia, and Schedule 2. Bond \$12,000.

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

Greeks Bearing Gifts Honored After 30 Years in Downtown Athens



Greeks Bearing Gifts, a longtime fixture in downtown Athens, is celebrating 30 years of serving the community and has been recognized by Main Street Athens with its Beautification Award.

Owned by Patti and Jim Greek, the gift shop marked its 30th anniversary on Sept. 3. Known for its personalized customer service, complimentary gift wrapping and wide selection of gifts, the business has built a loyal custom-

er base both locally and beyond.

In addition to operating a successful downtown business, the Greeks have been active supporters of community and downtown revitalization efforts. They were honored by the McMinn County Education Foundation with its Ignite Award in 2024 for their philanthropy and community involvement.

Main Street Athens said the Beautification Award recognizes the Greeks' long-term investment in their business, property and the continued success of downtown Athens.

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Obituaries

Hazel Louise Collins, 76, of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, October 3. Hazel enjoyed sewing, reading, and cooking for her family. Above all, she loved spending time with the people she loved most, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The memories she made with her family will be treasured for generations to come. A celebration of life memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 10 at Lakeside Baptist Church in Ten Mile. [Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens](#) is honored to be entrusted with assisting the Collins family during this time.

Ronnie Burris, 80, of Chattanooga, passed away on Friday, October 2. A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, October 7 at 2:00 p.m. at Chattanooga National Cemetery. [Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah](#) is in charge of arrangements.

Edna Mae Ammons, 97, of Englewood, passed away on Monday, October 5. She was a lifetime member of Liberty Hill Church of Christ. A graveside service will be held on Friday, October 9 at 3:00 p.m. at Liberty Hill Cemetery. [Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah](#) is in charge of arrangements.

Winford Donaldson, 94, of Decatur, passed away on Friday, September 18. He grew up in Red Bank where he attended church and schools. At the age of 17, with his father's permission, he joined the United States Marines, where he fought in the Korean War, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. A private graveside service will be held at a later date. [Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services](#) is honored to serve the Donaldson family.

Katonya "Tonya" Lyn Farris, 49, of Riceville, passed away on Thursday, October 1. She was the kind of person who was always willing to be there for someone in need. In keeping with her generous and giving spirit, Tonya's final gift was the gift of life through organ donation. Her heart was given to someone in need in Ohio. Ohio was a place Tonya had always hoped to call home because that was where her heart truly was, near the family she loved so dearly. In a way, her heart is now there, too. A funeral service will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10 at Companion Funeral Home of Athens. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. [Companion Funeral Home of Athens](#) and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

Deborah "Debbie" Dianne Torbett Brown, age 73, of Athens, TN, passed away unexpectedly on October 5, 2026. She was born on January 2, 1953, to the late Ross K. Torbett and Katherine Marie Coleman Torbett. Debbie was a kind-hearted and generous woman who never hesitated to help anyone in need. She had a heart for giving and would do anything for others without ever expecting anything in return. Debbie was a long-time bus driver for the City of Athens School System, a job she truly enjoyed and one that allowed her to touch the lives of many children throughout the years. The family will receive friends from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at the Chapel of Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Pastor Donnie Dalton. Burial will immediately follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens. [Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens](#) is honored to assist the Brown family during this difficult time.



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