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Athens, Tennessee

Patriot Memorial Project Dedication this Saturday



The PUMPKINTOWN Festival this Saturday, October 10th, will feature the dedication of the new World War II Mural produced by The Patriot Memorial Project. The Patriot Memorial Project is a 501(c)(3) organization that exists to honor the service and sacrifice of America's veterans by restoring and building memorials that preserve their legacy, educate future generations, and strengthen community connection. Their first project was completed earlier this year in Englewood and now their second project will be finished and dedicated this Saturday. It's location is the corner of North Jackson Street and Washington Avenue. The mural in Englewood was dedicated to McMinn County Veterans that served in Vietnam. The new Athens mural is dedicated to those from McMinn County that served during World War II. The organization commissioned local artist Chris Ingram for the Athens mural.

The dedication ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. and the Keynote Speaker is Major General Tommy Baker, Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Veterans Services. For more information about The Patriot Memorial Project, visit their FACEBOOK page [HERE](#).

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Monroe Deputies Arrest Suspect on Warrants, Seize Fentanyl

Deputies with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office arrested a man on multiple felony warrants following a traffic stop near the county line on Oct. 5.

According to the sheriff's office, deputies had been investigating Corey Smith, who was wanted on felony warrants in both McMinn and Monroe counties. Authorities also received information alleging Smith had been trafficking fentanyl into Monroe County and had been evading law enforcement in recent weeks.

Deputies stopped a vehicle on Old Federal Road and identified Smith as the driver. He was taken into custody on the outstanding warrants. Authorities reported finding several doses of fentanyl along with other contraband in his possession.

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office said it remains committed to targeting fentanyl and methamphetamine trafficking within the county. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Good Faith Clinic Open TODAY



The Good Faith Clinic, a United Way agency, will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, October 08 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 18-64, 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.

Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic

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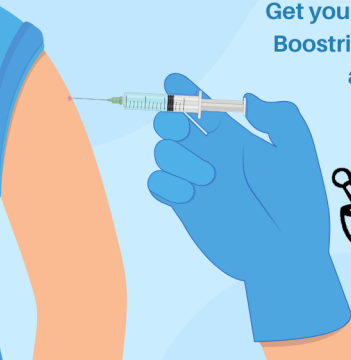







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Athens, Tennessee

Full Circle to Host Annual Life Auction Fundraiser



Full Circle Medical Center for Women will host its annual Life Auction fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 24, at 6 p.m. at New Beginnings at Sweet Southern Farm in Riceville.

The event will feature a catered dinner and live auction with a variety of donated items, including vacation getaways, entertainment packages, outdoor adventures, and more. Proceeds will support Full Circle's services for women and families throughout the area.

"The auction is always a lot of fun, but ultimately it's about the families we serve," said Stephanie Muñoz, executive director of Full Circle. "Every ticket purchased, every item donated, and every winning bid helps us continue offering compassionate care and practical support completely free of charge."

For 28 years, Full Circle Medical Center for Women has provided free services including pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, parenting education, mentoring, material assistance, and support for women and families facing unexpected pregnancies.

Tickets are \$25 per person, and advance registration is required. Seating is limited to approximately 100 guests.

The fundraiser will be held at 227 County Road 728 in Riceville. Tickets and additional information are available at: go.fullcircleforwomen.org/auction. More information about the organization can be found at friendsoffullcircle.org or on the Friends of Full Circle [Facebook](#) page.

Source: Stephanie Muñoz, Executive Director, Full Circle Medical Center for Women

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Friday, October 9, 2026
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Registration
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Athens, Tennessee

Sidewalk, Parking Closures Extended for Downtown Mural Project

The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced an extension of sidewalk and parking space closures on Jackson Street to accommodate the Patriot Memorial Project mural.

The sidewalk and parking spaces 16, 17, 18, 19, and 350 on Jackson Street between Washington Avenue and Hornsby Street will remain closed from 5 p.m. on Oct. 9 through 5 p.m. on Oct. 31.

Motorists are urged to use caution in the area and watch for flaggers, traffic control devices, pedestrians, and work crews. Drivers should also allow additional travel time due to possible delays.

The closure is necessary to allow work to continue on the Patriot Memorial Project mural. For more information, contact the Athens Public Works Department at 423-744-2745. *Source: City of Athens*

McMinn County Arrest Report

October 06, 2026

Cody Medellin, 35, of Chattanooga, charged with violation of probation. Bond \$2,300.

Penny Davis, 53, of Athens, charged with violation of probation.

Dakota Foy, 34, of Cleveland, charged with driving on a revoked license, and violation of registration laws. Bond \$2,000.

Noah Bickner, 34, of Chattanooga, charged with felony evading arrest, driving on a revoked license, reckless driving, reckless endangerment, DUI, violation of registration laws, simple possession, casual exchange of Schedule 6, open container, traffic violations including red light, no tail light, no headlight, failure to maintain lane, and failure to stop at a stop sign. Bond \$20,000.

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

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Obituaries

Douglas "Doug" Byrum, 67 of Athens, passed away Monday, October 5 at his home. He was a member of East Athens Baptist Church and was associated with Y-12 as a chemical operator at the Oak Ridge Nuclear Plant for 36 years until his retirement. A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted 5:00 pm, Friday, October 16 at East Athens Baptist Church. The family will receive friends from 3:00-5:00 pm, Friday, at East Athens Baptist Church prior to the service. [Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens](#) is honored to serve the family of Douglas "Doug" Byrum.

Debra Faye Cranfill King, 64, passed away on Sunday, October 4. She retired as a machine operator with Mills Products of Athens. She was of the Baptist faith and loved the Lord dearly. A visitation will be held at the Chapel of Companion Funeral and Cremation Service of Athens on Sunday, October 11 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. A graveside service will immediately follow at 2:30 PM at Meigs Memorial Garden [Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens](#) Staff and the Cody Family are honored to be entrusted with assisting the family during this difficult time.

John Culpepper, 35 of Athens, passed away on Monday, October 5. John had been employed at Dynasty Spas. He enjoyed building various things with his hands, working puzzles, playing video games, hunting and fishing. One of his favorite memories was a special hunting trip to Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his aunt, Carol Linley and friends; Hunter Sisson and Jordan Smith. [Good Samaritan Funeral Home](#) is in charge of arrangements.



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