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### Morrow Honored for Service



Food City's Claude P. Varney Volunteer Recognition Program annually honors outstanding volunteerism among its associates, named after the company's former president known for his humanitarian services. The Friendly City's own Linda Morrow serves as the Produce Fresh Pak Coordinator at the Athens Food City and is a 20-year volunteer with various organizations. She was awarded the Claude P. Varney Humanitarian Award. Her extensive volunteer work includes assisting the United Way, Starr Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, Coordinated Charities, Athens City Schools, Terra Bella, and participating in community events like races and charity drives. Morrow expressed gratitude for the award and her commitment to continue making a difference. "I am honored to be an employee of the Athens Food City. Thank you so much for this award. I am humbled and although I do not feel worthy, I always want to make a difference if I can. I have been a resident of this area my entire life and I want to continue to give back," says Morrow. Food City will donate \$1,250 to a charity of her choice.

### Community News You Can Use

- ❖ Remote Area Medical will hold a two-day free healthcare clinic in Cleveland March 22-23. The clinic will be at the North Cleveland Church of God at 335 11th Street NE in Cleveland. Free dental, vision, and medical services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All services are free and open to the public. No ID is required. Due to time constraints, be prepared to choose between dental or vision services. Medical services are offered to every patient attending the clinic. Patients should be prepared with their own food, water, medicines, and clothing when arriving early. Bathrooms will be provided.
- ❖ There will be a called meeting for the McMinn County Election Commission on Thursday, March 21, 2024, to certify the results for the March 5, 2024 election, work / approve the 2024 -2025 budget, and any other election business to come before the board.
- ❖ The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint in McMinn County on US-11 at County Road 50 at 9:00 pm on May 3rd, 2024. The scheduled checkpoint is contingent upon manpower and weather conditions.

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**Registration Date**  
**April 5, 2024**  
 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
**Location: Athens City Primary School**  
 316 McMinn Avenue  
 Athens, TN 37303

**Enrolling Students for PreK & Kindergarten:**  
 PreK: Age 4 on or before 8/15/24  
 Kindergarten: Age 5 on or before 8/15/24

**All students are required to provide documentation of the following:**

**Proof of Age:** Such as a birth certificate, an adoption record; an affidavit from a parent; or previously verified school records.

**Proof of Residency:** Must provide 2 of the following: copies of phone and water bills, lease agreements, or affidavits.

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## Obituaries

**Charles Clifford Guinn Jr.**, 88, of Athens, passed away on March 17th at Dominion Senior Living. He was a long-time resident of McMinn County and worked as an attorney in Athens, serving as Athens City Judge and General Session Judge, and was Etowah City Attorney for 40 years. He was an active member of Mars Hill Presbyterian Church for 40 years and is survived by his wife, children, and extended family. A funeral service will be held Wednesday (3-20) at 1 pm at Smith Funeral Home with visitation at 11 am. Interment following at Lower Spring Creek Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of the arrangements.

**Johnny Cecil King**, 88, of Riceville, passed away on March 16. He was known for his love of music, puzzles, and singing, and served as a United States Army Veteran. He was of the Baptist faith. A Funeral Service will be held at 1 pm on Thursday, March 21st at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services, with Rev. Gary King and Rev. Gary Rolen officiating. Interment will follow at Meigs County Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 11 am to 1 pm before the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the King Family with arrangements.

**Tamara Joy Blevens Franklin**, 62, of Decatur, passed away peacefully at her home on March 16. She spent most of her life in Decatur. Tammy was known for her love of reading, crocheting, sewing, and music, as well as her remarkable ability in trivia. A Celebration of Life will be held at Walnut Grove Baptist Church at 6 pm Thursday (3-21) with visitation from 4 to 6 pm, prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the Franklin Family with arrangements.

**Dustin Matthew Thomas**, 42, of Athens, passed away on March 16, at Memorial Hospital in Chattanooga. He was a lifelong resident of Athens and was the Lead at the Tennessee Wesleyan Maintenance Department for the past 5 years. He was deeply devoted to taking care of his mother and to his job and colleagues. Memorial services will be held at 7 pm on Thursday March 21st at Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home with visitation from 5 to 7 pm, prior to the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is handling the arrangements.

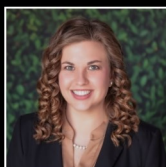
**George R. Rayburn**, 84, of Etowah, TN, passed away peacefully on March 19 surrounded by his wife and sons. George was a member of Calvary Baptist Church and served in the Tennessee National Guard. The family expresses gratitude to Amedisys Hospice for their care. A funeral service will be held on March 21 at 7 pm at Bordwine Funeral Home, with visitation from 5 to 7 pm. A committal service will follow at Green Hill Cemetery on March 22nd at 11 am.



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**WEATHER FORECAST**  
**Wednesday** - Sunny. High 67  
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**Thursday** - Mostly Sunny. High 65.  
**Thursday night** - Mostly cloudy. Low 46.  
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## Property Transfers Feb 1 - Mar 1

Close Price	Street Name	City
1,000,000	County Road 712	Athens
220000	Alabama	Etowah
258000	County Road 875	Etowah
195000	Tennessee	Etowah
375000	County Road 653	Athens
360500	State Highway 68	Niota
280000	County Road 276	Niota
269900	County Road 891	Etowah
475000	Athens Pike	Etowah
199900	Riggs St	Athens
145000	Virginia	Athens
270000	County Road 213	Athens
215000	County Road 492	Etowah
340000	County Road 22	Calhoun
120000	Manilla	Englewood
241500	County Road 110	Athens
209000	Raven Cove	Athens
184000	County Road 298	Sweetwater
134900	County Road 134	Athens
144200	Church Street	Calhoun
210400	Coosa Street	Athens
284750	County Road 62	Riceville
179000	Lockmiller	Athens
270000	Velma	Athens
264900	County Road 891	Etowah
200000	Old Federal	Etowah
239000	Morgan	Athens
384900	County Road 504	Englewood

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## Walker Steps Down



Dr. Mark Walker

Lee University has revealed that Dr. Mark Walker, its current president, will conclude his presidency on May 5 and will not pursue a second four-year term. Walker shared this news with the staff and faculty on Monday. Following his announcement, the Lee University board convened and unanimously decided

to reinstate Dr. Paul Conn, the former president who served for 34 years. Dr. Conn has agreed to assume the role of President and Chancellor for one year, during which he will oversee the institution and establish a search committee to find a new president. Dr. Walker's final official duty as president will be presiding over the spring commencement exercises.



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## Watts Bar Lake Cleanup

On Saturday, March 16th, the Watts Bar Lake Association hosted its Annual Spring Cleanup, which proved to be a productive day for the 77 participants who took part. Together, they gathered 86 tires and various trash items, amounting to over 13,500 pounds in total. If you're interested on joining their upcoming lake cleanup efforts, please reach out to Peter Giroux at [pgiroux@comcast.net](mailto:pgiroux@comcast.net). For further information about the Watts Bar Lake Association, go online to <https://wattsbarlakeassociation.org>.



The Mission of the Watts Bar Lake Association is to maintain, support, and protect the rights of lake property owners and lake users, provide educational services,

and encourage and promote good and practical stewardship of Watts Bar Lake, including its ecology, water quality and resource management. (Submitted Photo from WBLA)

## Arrest Reports (Continued on pg. 5)

03/15/24

- Lisa Renee Brucchi, age 49 of Philadelphia, TN was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for a Violation of Probation. Cash bond was set at \$3,279.90.
- Marshall A. Gentry, age 30 of Copper Hill, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for two counts of State Violation of Probation. No Bond was assigned.
- Darrel Dockery, age 53 of Madisonville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for State Violation of Probation. No Bond was assigned.
- Travis D. Garren, age 46 of Knoxville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for charges of Aggravated Assault, Theft over \$10,000, and Interference with 911 Calls. Bond assigned for \$52,500.
- Shon Eric Moses, age 47 of Athens, was arrested for Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Simple Possession of Methamphetamine. Bond was assigned at \$13,000.

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- James Hall, age 58 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on charges of Aggravated Assault and Violation of Probation from Monroe County. Bond was set at \$15,000.
- Benjamin Rogers, age 37 of Riceville, was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol for his second offense of Driving Under the Influence, Leaving the Scene of an Accident, and Reckless Endangerment. Bond was assigned at \$3,500.
- Hunter Gleaton, age 28 of Riceville, was arrested by the Athens PD for two counts of Simple Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine and Oxycodone, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was set at \$13,000.
- John Uhler, age 69 of Englewood, was arrested by the Englewood PD for Criminal Trespassing. Bond assigned for \$500.
- Danny Adams, age 51 of Madisonville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for two counts of Failure to Appear in Monroe County and was not assigned bond.

### 03/16/24

- Justin Martin, age 32 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for the charge of Vandalism. Bond was set at \$1,000.
- Michael Lowe, age 28 of Athens, by the Athens PD for charges of Evading Arrest, Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Bond was assigned for \$27,000.
- Johnathan Franzen, age 42 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for the charges of Simple Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, Theft of Property, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Violation of Probation. Bond was set at \$23,000 with an additional \$487.95 cash bond.
- Ralph Piper, age 61 of Ooltewah, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for charges of Evading Arrest, two Traffic Violations, Driving on a Restricted License, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Resisting Arrest, Possession of Schedule II Cocaine for Resale, Possession of Schedule VI Marijuana for Resale, and two counts of Possession of Schedule IV. Bond was set at \$84,000.
- Troy Hall, age 49 of Decatur, was arrested by the Niota PD for Violation of Probation. Cash bond set at \$602.95
- Brandon Reed, age 41 of Athens, was arrested by the Niota PD for State Violation of Probation. Bond was not assigned.
- Jacady Terry, age 42 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Parole Violations. Bond was not set.
- Christopher Kennedy, age 43 of Tellico, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Driving on a Restricted License. No bond was assigned.
- Timothy Bookout, age 63 of Etowah, was arrested by Etowah PD on the charge of Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale. Bond was set for \$15,000.
- Sean Crockenberg, age 41 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the Tennessee Highway Patrol on charges of Driving Under the Influence, Due Care, and a Traffic Violation. Bond was not reported.