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No Threat at McMinn Schools

Community News You Can Use

In the wake of a school shooting last week in Winder, Georgia, that claimed 4 lives and wounded several others, some social media posts are being shared of disturbing messages and photos about threats of school shootings. Sheriff Joe Guy and McMinn County Schools Director of Safety Justin Wallace issued the following statement: "These posts are in no way directed toward McMinn County. They are confirmed to have originated in other states, including Georgia and South Carolina. Furthermore, the posts include language and photos that have been used in fake posts in years past, with intent solely to cause fear and panic. The safety of McMinn County Schools is top priority for the McMinn County Sheriffs Office and our School Administrators. We stay in contact regularly, investigate, and prosecute any threats toward our schools and our students. We ask for the public's continued assistance in reporting a direct threat to law enforcement and school administrators. If such a post or threat is made to our schools, we will always aggressively respond in order to keep our schools safe."

- The McMinn County Historical Society and Archives (MCHSA) has announced an Open House will be held on Thursday September 12. The event will last from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM at their office, located at 107 W. College Street in Athens. See Their ad on Page 5.
- Join the Meigs Decatur Public Library in celebrating Constitution Day with members of the Sons of the American Revolution in full historical attire. Tuesday, September 17 at 4:00 pm. Children will receive a complimentary copy of the U.S. Constitution to take home. The Library is located at 120 E. Memorial Dr., Decatur, TN. Event is free and open to everyone.
- The McMinn County Election Commission will have a Called Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Courthouse to lock and seal Absentee Ballot Boxes. The Regular Election Commission Meeting will be held on September 17, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the Conference Room of the Courthouse to appoint November election officials and to conduct any election business to come before the board.



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- Thursday-Athens Across from Harbor Frt-10:30 -1:30
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30

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Athens, Tennessee

Press Release from Monroe County



Following up on a story reported in our Friday edition [HERE](#): On September 5, 2024, at approximately 5:00 am, Monroe County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to a residence on Ogle Road, Sweetwater in reference to a male subject having a mental status change. The male subject had recently been released from a mental health facility after suffering from a mental status change. During the interaction with the male's family, the family had expressed concerns due to the male subject previously entering random houses. The deputies that were dispatched to the area could not locate the male subject.

At approximately 6:38 am, on the same date, deputies were dispatched to a residence on Brunner Road, Sweetwater in reference to a home invasion. The homeowner had awakened to his dogs barking and the lights being on inside the residence. The homeowner, armed with a firearm, went to investigate the disturbance in his residence and discovered an unknown male subject inside. The homeowner escorted the male subject out of the residence at gun point while awaiting law enforcement arrival.

At that point, the male subject shoved the homeowner down and re-entered the residence, and locked the homeowner out. With other family members remaining inside the residence and being placed in danger, the homeowner discharged his firearm striking the male subject from an outside position. After sustaining a gun shot wound, the male subject advanced further into the residence before exiting the residence and collapsed in the lawn area. Medical aid was rendered by the homeowner and first responders. The male subject succumbed to his injuries after being transported to a local hospital. The incident was investigated by detectives with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division and the facts were forwarded to the Tenth Judicial District Attorney's Office, and after reviewing the facts no charges will be filed against the homeowner. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office will continue praying for everyone involved in this incident.

Source: [Sheriff Tommy J. Jones, II—Facebook](#)



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Athens, Tennessee

Tennessee wins Duke's Mayo Classic 51-10 over NC State



Tennessee made a statement with a 51-10 victory over No. 24 NC State in the Duke's Mayo Classic. Quarterback Nico Iamaleava amassed 276 total yards and three touchdowns, despite two interceptions. Running back Dylan

Sampson added 132 rushing yards and two scores. Former walk-on safety Will Brooks highlighted the defense with an 85-yard interception return, helping limit NC State to just 143 total yards.

The Vols' defense stifled NC State quarterback Grayson McCall, holding him to 104 passing yards, and forced three turnovers. Tennessee's offense dominated, scoring on eight of 11 possessions. With this win, Tennessee improves to 2-0 and is likely to move up in the rankings, while NC State will likely drop from the Top 25.

Head coach Josh Heupel praised both the offense and defense, signaling the team's potential to compete for a national championship. Tennessee faces Kent State next, while NC State will look to regroup.

Football Round-Up

Last Week's Scoreboard

Walker Valley @ Cleveland 23-51
 Polk Co. @ McMinn Central 16-35
 Kingston @ Meigs Co. 13-48
 Signal Mtn. @ Sequoyah 49-14
 Tellico Plains @ Sweetwater 29-0
 McMinn County v. Tyner Academy 20-22 (OT)

This Week's Match-Ups

Friday

Walker Valley (2-1) @ Bradley Central (1-2) 7 pm
 Sequoyah (0-3) @ Soddy Daisy (2-1) 7 pm
 East Hamilton (2-1) @ McMinn Co. (1-2) 7 pm
 Tellico Plains (3-0) @ Polk Co. (1-2) 7:30 pm
 Meigs Co. (2-0) @ Sweetwater (1-2) 7:30 pm
 McMinn Central (2-1) @ Brainerd (1-2) 7:30 pm

College Football

Saturday

Kent State @ (14) UT 7:45 PM on SEC Network

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 Time: 5:30-6:00 P.M.

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McMinn Senior Activity Center Turns 50



The McMinn Senior Activity Center (205 McMinn Ave, Athens) is celebrating 50 years in operation. To commemorate

the occasion, there will be an “Eggs & Issues” Breakfast Event TODAY starting at 9 am. WYXI radio will be broadcasting live from the Senior Center and covering the celebration which will be attended by Local elected officials, the McMinn County Sheriff, and the new District Attorney. Staff members from Senator Blackburn and Congressman Fleishmann’s offices will be present as well. This event is open to the public. For more information contact the center at 423-745-6830.

TWU Celebrates Record Enrollment



Tennessee Wesleyan University (TWU) celebrated record enrollment for the Fall 2024 semester, reaching 1,177 students, a significant 11.6% increase from Fall 2023. This growth was driven by increases in undergraduate and graduate programs, including record numbers in the Wilhelm Dental Hygiene Program, Dual Enrollment, and several Master’s programs.

President Dr. Tyler Forrest attributed the growth to a campus-wide focus on enrollment and retention, with the freshman retention rate rising by 8% and transfer retention reaching an all-time high of 92%. TWU’s diversification of academic programs has been a key strategy, with new Master’s programs and accelerated degrees introduced to meet evolving student needs and market demands.

TWU will host a Fall Open House on October 3 for prospective students.

Source: [Tennessee Wesleyan University](https://www.tennessee-wesleyan.edu)

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Athens, Tennessee

Starr Regional Welcomes Matthew Marstin, DO



Starr Regional Medical Center announces that Matthew Marstin, DO, has joined its staff and will provide obstetrics and gynecology services to patients in Athens and the surrounding communities.

“We are excited to have Dr. Marstin join our team of OB/GYN providers at Starr Regional Medical Center. His training and experience in women’s healthcare, as well as pregnancy care, makes him an excellent addition to our team,” said John McLain, chief executive officer of Starr Regional Medical Center. “There is a need for OB/GYN providers in our area and Dr. Marstin’s expertise is important as Starr Regional Medical Center strives to meet our area’s evolving healthcare needs and make our community healthier.”

Dr. Marstin graduated from Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Lynchburg, Va., in 2020. He completed an OB/GYN residency at McLaren Greater Lansing in Lansing, Mich., in June 2024. The program provided extensive experience in deliveries and surgeries, including spontaneous vaginal deliveries, operative deliveries, caesarean sections, hysteroscopy, laparoscopy, robotic surgery, vaginal surgery and open surgery. Dr. Marstin specializes in women’s preventive care, comprehensive pregnancy care, hysteroscopy, robotic and laparoscopic surgeries. He is a member of the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

In his free time, Dr. Marstin enjoys spending time with his family, as well as singing and playing a variety of instruments with family and friends. He also enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking, hunting and fishing, and participating in both backyard and organized sports. Dr. Marstin sees patients at LifeCircle Women’s Healthcare, located at 135 N. Meadows Drive, Athens. Appointments may be made by calling 423.507.8067. *Source: Starr Regional*

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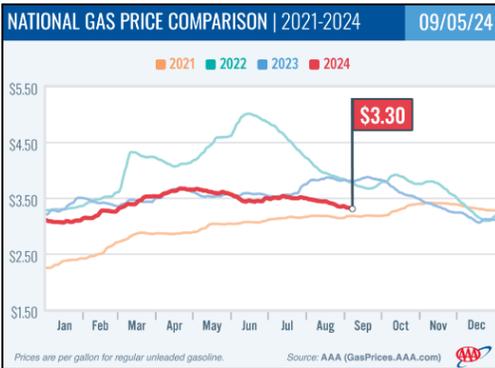



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Athens, Tennessee

National Gas Prices Continue to Fall



After idling over the Labor Day weekend, the national average for a gallon of gas resumed its pace of daily declines by falling six cents since last week to \$3.30. Key contributors are low gas demand and the plunging cost of oil, which is struggling to stay above \$70 a barrel. The national average cost for L2 commercial electricity remained the same for EV drivers.

“There are now ten states with gasoline averages below \$3 a gallon, which means thousands of retail outlets east of the Rockies are selling gas at similarly low prices,” said Andrew Gross, AAA spokesperson. “With hurricane season remaining weak and disorganized, this trend of falling pump prices will likely continue.”

With an estimated 1.2 million AAA members living in households with one or more electric vehicles, AAA tracks the kilowatt-per-hour cost for Level 2 (L2) commercial charging by state. Today’s national average for a kilowatt of electricity at an L2 commercial charging station is 34 cents. According to new data from the Energy Information Administration (EIA), gas demand fell last week from 9.30 million b/d to 8.93. Meanwhile, total domestic gasoline stocks rose slightly from 218.4 to 219.2 million barrels, and gasoline production increased last week, averaging 9.7 million daily. Falling gasoline demand and oil costs will likely keep pump prices sliding.

Today’s national average for a gallon of gas is \$3.30, 17 cents less than a month ago and 51 cents less than a year ago.

Source: AAA Gas Prices



WEATHER FORECAST

Monday - Sunny, High 82.
Monday night - Mostly Clear.
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Tuesday - Sunny. High 86.
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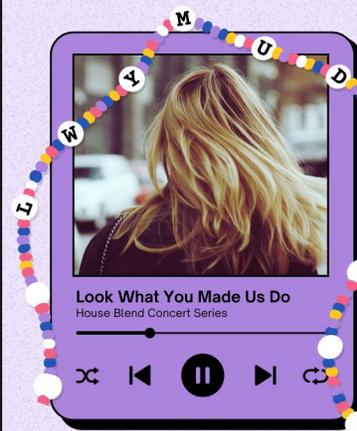



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