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Friday, September 13, 2024 Page 1 Athens, Tennessee

### Yet Another Threat at Area School

The Athens City Middle School received a threat that was posted on social media sometime late Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. Law enforcement personnel were contacted immediately. Athens City Schools Director, Joe Barnett, issued the following statement: "Thank you for your patience and support as authorities have discovered the source and taken appropriate legal steps in regard to the specific threat at the middle school that caused today's (Thursday) disruption. As always, we will investigate every threat in collaboration with local law enforcement and homeland security. Be assured appropriate legal and school disciplinary action will be taken. We hope this current trend of threats being experienced in many districts and states will end and help us to refocus on educating our students in a safe and nurturing environment." Director Barnett told The Morning Fax that nobody was harmed or injured on Thursday.

### Community News You Can Use

- Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m. at AgCentral Co-op, the McMinn County 4-H Chicken Show and Sale will take place. Three breeds of laying hens are available for purchase: Rhode Island Red, Brown Star, and Barred Rock. Come experience some small town fun and bring laying chickens home for fresh eggs and support your McMinn County 4-H'ers. All Buyers Welcome. For more information call 423-745-2852.
- The VFW is having their Annual Turkey Shoot beginning on Saturday, September 14, from 8am-12 Noon and each Saturday through November 23 at VFW Post #5146 at 706 North Congress Parkway in Athens. They are raising funds for their Christmas baskets to be distributed to Veterans & spouses. For more information, call 423-745-8387.
- The monthly meeting for the Cherokee Beekeepers Association will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. The meetings take place at Ag-Central Farmers Cooperative located at [920 Congress Pkwy. N., Athens, Tn](https://www.google.com/maps/place/920+Congress+Pkwy,+Athens,+TN). The public is always welcome; you do not need to be a member to attend.

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Friday - 70% Storms. High 81.  
Fri. Night - Low 65. 70% Storms  
Sat. - 70% Storms. High 78. Low 64.  
Sun. - 50% Storms. High 81. Low 60.

More Weather at: [wxyi.com](http://wxyi.com)

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Athens, Tennessee

## Church News & Events

- Christ Community Church (14 S. Congress Pkwy., Athens) is holding an indoor yard sale on Saturday Sept. 14 from 8 am—2 pm. Bag-A-Bargain begins at noon. Proceeds benefit the Prom Ministry.
- Are you grieving the loss of someone close to you? Clearwater Baptist Church (964 County Road 180, Athens) is starting a new ministry helping those grieving find hope, comfort, and guidance. Beginning on Friday, September 13 from 6 pm - 7:30 pm there will be a 13-week grief support group that you can join at any time. For more info visit: [clearwaterbc.org/grief-share](http://clearwaterbc.org/grief-share)
- Old National Bank and the leadership of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church have met and have established an account for anyone that would like to make a monetary donation to assist the church going forward. Donations can be made at any Old National Bank office or mailed to Old National Bank, 106 West Washington Avenue, Athens, TN 37303. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.
- Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 6:00 P.M. at Watts Bar Community Church (1517 TN-68, Decatur)
- Sweetwater House of Prayer is hosting a Community Blessing Closet on the third Saturday of every month from 8 am -4 pm
- [McMahan Calvary Baptist Church](http://McMahanCalvaryBaptistChurch.com) (569 County Road 172, Athens) will be starting a Revival from Sunday, Sept. 29 until Wednesday, October 2. Sunday will be at 6 pm, Other Days will be at 7 pm. The Speakers will be Randy Elijah and Isaiah Pickle.
- Conasauga Baptist Church (649 County Road 475, Etowah) is having their revival beginning on Sunday, Sept. 22 and going through Sept. 27. Sunday will be at 6 pm and every other day is at 7 pm. There will be nightly special singing and the preachers will be Daniel and Mickey Stewart.
- Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church of Niota recently held a birthday celebration for their oldest deacon, Mr. Chester T. Smith, as he turned 99 years old on September 3, 2024.
- The Church of Jesus Christ (1403 Hammerhill Road, Athens) is hosting a BBQ fundraiser on Saturday, September 14 beginning at 11:30 a.m.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.



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Athens, Tennessee

## New Doors for Etowah Rural Fire Dept.

Recently Etowah Rural Fire Department was able to replace the garage doors that were installed several years ago. They were uninsulated and inefficient and were able to upgrade them with new, insulated, automatic controlled doors at the department located on Tennessee Avenue in Etowah through generous donations.

The department wishes to thank the following sponsors:

- Michael Tullock, Sevierville
- Etowah Rural Fire Dept
- Citizens National Bank, Athens  
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- King Builders, Englewood  
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(Matt Harper, Branch Manager)
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(Community Regional Executive, Shayne Whaley)
- Paul Willson, Niota
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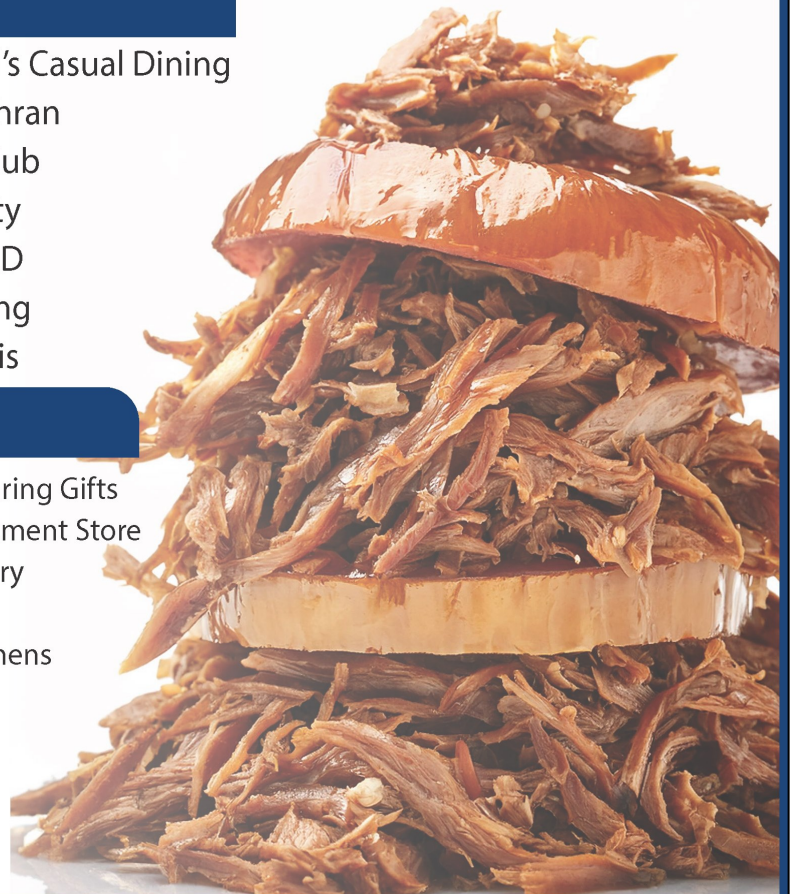
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Mon. - Wed.: 7 PM

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Athens, Tennessee

## Truck Overtakes on Hwy. 39E near Englewood



A 2022 Mack Granite truck loaded with rock overturned around 8 a.m. Wednesday on Highway 39E near County Road 461 in Englewood. The driver reported that he swerved to avoid hitting two mowing machines that had part of their equipment over the yellow lines, causing him to veer

off the shoulder and overturn. Fortunately, the driver was uninjured.

Responding to the scene were Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, AMR, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and THP Trooper Dean Conk, who conducted the investigation.

Source/Photo credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

## Football Round-up and Preview

### Thursday Night HS Football

McMinn Central @ Brainerd: 35-0  
Walker Valley @ Bradley Central: 28-7  
Sequoyah @ Soddy Daisy: 0-35

### Tonight's Football Match-Ups

East Hamilton (2-1) @ McMinn County (1-2) 7pm  
Meigs Co. (2-0) @ Sweetwater (1-2) 7:30 pm  
Tellico Plains (3-0) @ Polk Co. (1-2) 7:30 pm

### Weekend

#### Saturday

(7) UT (2-0) v. Kent State (0-2)  
7:45 pm Kickoff on SEC Network/ESPN

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

If you take a newsworthy photograph, e-mail it to: [wyxiradio@gmail.com](mailto:wyxiradio@gmail.com)

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4:00 PM 6:15 PM 8:45 PM

Sept. 17- 6:30 PM

Sept. 15- 2:30 PM 5:00 PM

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Athens, Tennessee

## MCHSA Open House



On Thursday, the McMinn County Historical Society and Archives (MCHSA) held an open house to show off their new location and ever-growing collection. The MCHSA is a 501c3 historical organization dedicated to the preservation of McMinn County Archives and History for future generations,

since 1959. WYXI Radio was on-location to document and broadcast the occasion. The new location is at 107 W. College Street in Athens. More information can be found at [mcminntnhistorical.org](http://mcminntnhistorical.org)

## Arrest Reports

**Victoria McLemore**, 31 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. No Bond Listed

**Eddie Smith**, 70 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Possession of a Handgun Under the Influence, Violation of Implied Consent, and DUI. No Bond Listed

**Dalton Madsen**, 23 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for DUI and Violation of Implied Consent. No Bond Listed.

**Danielle Swafford**, 23 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. Bond at \$4,000

**Austin Kennedy**, 23 of Decatur, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation State, Violation of Probation, and Failure to Appear. No Bond Given.

**Daniel Nunley**, 53 of Cleveland, was arrested by the MCSO for Reckless Driving, Driving w/o due care, and Failure to have insurance. Total Bond: \$1,000.

**Daver Lopez-Martinez**, 30 of Cleveland, was arrested by the Athens PD for Identity Theft, Forgery, Using a False Identification, and Criminal Impersonation. Total Bond: \$14,000.

**Annissa Brabson**, 48 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1572.40

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from Public Sources.



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