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## Hit-and-Run on Hwy 411 North



A 2002 Honda Accord was struck by a hit-and-run driver on Highway 411 North near County Road 516 in Englewood around 7:30 p.m. Sunday. The driver and passenger escaped without injury. Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and AMR responded to the scene. The accident is under investigation by THP Trooper Rodney Best. *Source/Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.*

## Community News You Can Use



- The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) is having their Annual Turkey Shoot from 8am-12 Noon each Saturday through November 23rd 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 meeting of the Athens Utilities Board Budget and Finance Committee is scheduled for Thursday, September 19 at 11:30 AM.
- The McMinn County 4-H Chicken Show and Sale will take place on Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m. at AgCentral Co-op. Three breeds of laying hens will be available: Rhode Island Red, Brown Star, and Barred Rock. All buyers are welcome. For more information, call 423-745-2852.

◆ This week, *Hope From the Well* will feature **Robin Nation & Connie McIntosh**. *Hope From the Well* is heard every Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

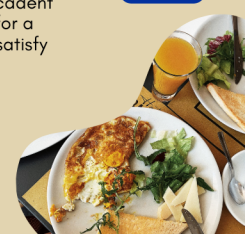
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## Obituaries

**Billie Rose Price Hammonds**, 81 of Athens, passed away Monday, September 16. Billie Rose was a member of New Zion Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday, prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at New Zion Baptist Church Cemetery on Sunday, September 22nd, for the 2:00 p.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

**John William McClain III Patrick**, 63 of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, September 17. For over 30 years, he worked as a CNA, with the majority of those years was spent working at Life Care Center of Athens. The family will receive friends on Friday, September 20 from 12:00-2:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM. Graveside services will follow the funeral at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of John William McClain III Patrick.

## McMinn Libraries Get TECH Grants

Tennessee Lawmakers recently announced Technology Grant funding totaling \$12,596 for public libraries in McMinn County. Specifically, the Calhoun Public Library will receive \$2,212 to help cover the cost of desktops, software, monitors, and a barcode scanner. The E.G. Fisher Public Library is set to receive \$9,362 for desktops, laptops, automation, a scanner, and a television. Etowah Carnegie Library will also receive \$1,022 for automation. Technology grants are administered by the Tennessee State Library & Archives, a division of the Secretary of State's Office. These grants are funded through the Library Services Act (LSTA), as administered through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Each grant is matched with local funds. This year \$373,869 in technology grants was awarded at 98 libraries across the state. These grants are used to purchase or replace computers, software, networking software, and other electronic equipment for library staff and patrons. To learn more about grants for public libraries administered by the Library & Archives, visit [sos.tn.gov/tsla](https://sos.tn.gov/tsla).



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## McMinn Senior Activity Center Expands Opportunities



As the older adult population changes, so too is the role of the McMinn Senior Activity Center. Today, the Center is expanding services to serve up to three generations and respond to a growing variety of needs for our older adults. To that end, after four years the Annual Active Aging Expo — the area's largest senior expo — is coming back to McMinn County with a new name-The Community Resource Fair. Also changing is the date. Instead of a Thursday morning, this annual event will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2024, from 11am-2pm so that this event can be more accessible to everyone to learn about services that will be of interest to older adults and their families and include not just housing options and caregiver services, but also recreational activities, volunteering opportunities, finances, health care, health and wellness, and other programs. Guests can also win door prizes and take advantage of free health screenings.

“We welcome everyone aged 50 and up to the Center. If you've never been to the McMinn Senior Activity Center, you might be surprised at what you find,” says Diane Hutsell, Executive Director of the McMinn Senior Activity Center. “Older adults are the fastest growing market in the nation. However, the transition into senior years and retirement life today is significantly different than it has been in the past with improved health care, wellness options, educational opportunities, travel and technology enhancements.”

The McMinn Senior Activity Center is looking for vendors for this annual event. Booths are \$50 or if you are interested in becoming a Title Sponsor for the Community Resource Fair, there are a limited number of spaces available as well. Those wishing to be vendors or sponsors can call 423-745-6830 for more information.

Source: McMinn County Senior Activity Center

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## SRMC Auxiliary Awards \$10,000 in Scholarships



Starr Regional Medical Center's Auxiliary has donated \$10,000 in scholarships to four students enrolled in the Practical Nursing Program at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) Athens. The recipients, Jada Brewster, Sadie Burke, Stephanie Givens, and Marina Santos, were selected based on financial need. They are pictured above with the SRMC Auxiliary. The funds cover tuition and books, supporting the students' journey to becoming Licensed Practical Nurses. Starr Regional's Auxiliary raised the money through gift shop sales and fundraising. TCAT's program includes nursing instruction and over 500 hours of clinical experience.

Source: Starr Regional Medical Center

## Arrest Reports

**Brendon Miller**, 29 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Criminal Trespassing. Total Bond: \$1,500.

**Daniel Sledge**, 39 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault and Resisting Arrest. Total Bond: \$1,500

**Joshua Burnette**, 40 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,794.00

**Zackary Clark**, 28 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Domestic Assault. No Bond Issued.

**Deande Swanigan**, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2070.85

**Chelsea York**, 30 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Criminal Trespassing. No Bond Issued.

**Justin Neaves**, 26 of Athens was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,807.45

**Joshua Webb**, 44 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for False Reports. Total Bond: \$100,000.

**Shiela Smith**, 55 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Theft of Property. Total Bond: \$1,000.

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**1709** - English writer Samuel Johnson was born. He compiled the first English dictionary.

**1789** - The first loan is made to pay the salaries of US Presidents and Congress.

**1793** - President George Washington laid the cornerstone of the U.S. Capitol.

**1819** - French scientist Jean Foucault was born. He invented the gyroscope, which is used to keep airplanes and ships level.

**1837** - Charles Lewis Tiffany and John B. Young co-founded a "stationery and fancy goods emporium" in New York City, later renamed in 1853 as "Tiffany & Co."

**1927** - The Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System (later CBS) debuted with a network of 16 radio stations.

**1928** - An estimated 4,000 people were killed by the Okeechobee hurricane a hurricane that lashed Florida and the West Indies for five days.

**2001** - Letters postmarked Trenton, N.J., that later tested positive for anthrax were sent to the New York Post and NBC anchorman Tom Brokaw.

**2014** - Scottish voters rejected a referendum that would have made Scotland an independent country.