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## AUB Linemen Assist with Hurricane Helene Recovery

Recently, a dedicated team of linemen from the Athens Utilities Board (AUB) traveled to Greeneville, TN, to assist with power reconstruction following the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene. In the wake of the storm, many residents in Greene County were left without electricity, and AUB's skilled linemen stepped up to help restore power to the community. During their time in Greeneville, AUB linemen worked alongside local utility crews, showcasing their expertise and commitment to service. They faced challenging conditions but remained focused on ensuring that families could return to normalcy as quickly as possible. Kevin Goins, Power Superintendent, remarked, "We received an outpouring of calls from Greeneville praising their dedication. Elgin Gentry, Jr., lead lineman for Greeneville Energy Authority, even noted that they are the hardest working team he has ever collaborated with." This initiative reflects AUB's commitment to community support and solidarity, exemplifying the spirit of cooperation and readiness to lend a helping hand during times of need.

AUB is proud to contribute to recovery efforts and stand by fellow utilities in the face of adversity. Pictured from left to right: Luke Marshall, Stan Roderick, Dylan Russell, Elgin Gentry, Jr, Dylan Coleman, Tanner Cook, Garrett Plemons, Ben Stiles, Matt Price.



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Athens, Tennessee

## Obituaries

**Gerra Walker Garren**, age 77, longtime resident of McMinn County, passed away on Thursday, October 3. She was a long-time donor to the Miracle Lake Christian Training Center. The family will receive friends on Monday, October 7 from 10:00-11:30 AM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM. Interment will follow the funeral services at Malone Cemetery in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Gerra Walker Garren.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week on *Main Street Moments*: Sandra Kinney invites Meredith Willson to discuss the Pumpkintown event this weekend. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM -1390 and FM-94.5. *See more info on Page 5*

## Community News You Can Use

- The Good Faith Clinic will be open on Tuesday, October 8 at 3:00pm for refills and 3:30pm for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, of 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.
- The McMinn County Planning Commission will be meeting today, Monday Oct., 7 at 12 noon.
- The Athens City Council will have a work session today, Monday, Oct. 7 at 3:00pm. They will be discussing Tourism Funds Request Applications, Requests for Annexation, the Ingleside School property lease agreement with TWU, a speed limit change on Ingleside Ave., Christmas lights at Athens Regional Park, and other business items.
- McMinn County Road 635, the Hooper Riden Road will be closed Tuesday, October 8, 2024, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM for road construction.
- WYXI RADIO broadcasts Weather Alerts immediately upon receipt from the National Weather Service. During periods of stormy weather be sure to listen to FM 94.5 or AM 1390. Weather Alerts can also be sent directly to your phone. Text "JOIN MCMINN" to 66893 to sign up for the emergency notifications.

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Athens, Tennessee

## Full Circle Medical Center Receives TN Strong Families Grant

Full Circle Medical Center for Women, a pregnancy resource center serving East Tennessee, has been selected as a recipient of the Tennessee Strong Families Grant. This three-year grant, established by Governor Bill Lee, aims to boost critical resources for expectant mothers by supporting local nonprofits across the state. Full Circle offers a range of free and confidential life-affirming services for pregnant and parenting women and their families throughout East Tennessee. As one of several organizations chosen from across the state to receive a portion of the \$20 million grant, Full Circle will significantly enhance its ability to provide comprehensive support to women and families facing unplanned or challenging pregnancies.

“We are deeply honored to have been selected as a recipient of the Tennessee Strong Families Grant,” said Stephanie Muñoz, Executive Director. “This funding will allow us to expand our services and provide critically needed support to the women and families of East Tennessee over the next three years. We’re grateful for the opportunity to foster a culture of abundant life in our community.”

The grant funds will enable Full Circle to offer:

- Larger baby care items such as nursery furniture, car seats, and strollers, in addition to the diapers, wipes, and formula already provided through donor support
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- Clothing for both children and adults
- Hygiene items and other daily necessities
- Rental assistance and rapid relocation for families facing housing insecurity
- Emergency bill pay services to help families maintain financial stability
- Car repair assistance to ensure reliable transportation for work and medical appointments

These expanded services will complement Full Circle’s existing programs, creating a more robust support system for women and families throughout their pregnancy journey and beyond. For more information about Full Circle Medical Center for Women and its services, please contact: [info@fullcircleforwomen.org](mailto:info@fullcircleforwomen.org)

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Athens, Tennessee

## Razorbacks Upset Vols in Arkansas Win



The Arkansas Razorbacks (4-2, 2-1 SEC) rallied from a 14-3 third-quarter deficit to secure a 19-14 victory over top-ranked Tennessee, marking their first win against an AP top-5 team since 2007 when defeating No. 1 LSU. The victory also ended an 18-game losing streak against such

teams. Backup quarterback Singleton stepped up after starter Taylen Green left with an injury, leading the game-winning drive with a touch-down and key runs.

Arkansas fans stormed the field after the thrilling finish, but the celebration cost the school a \$250,000 SEC fine. This marks the first home win over a top-5 opponent since 1999.

Tennessee's Dylan Sampson rushed for two third-quarter touchdowns, but Arkansas responded with 16 unanswered points to seal the game. The Razorbacks' defense stopped Tennessee's final drive as time expired. Quarterback Green threw for 266 yards before his injury, while Singleton completed 2 of 3 passes for 31 yards and the go-ahead touch-down.

Tennessee, now 4-1, is expected to drop in the upcoming AP poll, before coming home to Neyland Stadium for their next game against Florida while Arkansas heads into a bye week with momentum ahead of their matchup with No. 13 LSU. *Photo Credit: Vols Wire*

## Football Round-Up

### Last Week's Scoreboard

Hixson @ Sequoyah 61 - 7  
 Walker Valley @ Howard 44 - 6  
 Rhea Co. @ McMinn Co. 22 - 35  
 McMinn Central @ Meigs Co. 28 - 46  
 Chattanooga Central @ Sweetwater 62 - 34  
 Polk Co. @ Wartburg 38 - 8

### This Week's Match-Ups

East Hamilton (6-1) @ Walker Valley (5-2) 7pm  
 Bledsoe Co (6-1) @ Polk Co (4-2) 7pm  
 Red Bank (3-2) @ Sequoyah (0-7) 7pm  
 Howard (2-4) @ McMinn Co. (3-4) 7pm  
 Ooltewah (0-7) @ Rhea Co. (3-3) 7pm  
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## Pumpkintown Offers Great Family Fun This Saturday

If you're looking for something to do on Saturday, October 12th, look no further than Pumpkintown in beautiful historic downtown Athens, Tennessee. Pumpkintown has become one of the region's favorite fall festivals in the last 21 years and this year is no different. Live entertainment will be presented on three stages with a variety of performers to please all ages starting at 10:00 am and lasting until 5:00 pm. Carter Insurance Stage on North White Street will host The Lathams' Dazzling Magic Show with four magic shows and aerial performances along with face painting sure to wow you. Downtown Beauty Lounge, Taylor's Music, Grandma's Bakery and Shade Tree Mechanics will present live music, a corn hole tournament and tailgate party along with a live WYXI remote and plenty of giveaways. Kicking off the day at 10:00 at the Market Pavilion Stage will be Further Up The Road and registration for the McMinn Regional Humane Society's Doggie Costume Contest. The famous Mutt Strutt will begin at 10:45 followed by The Warman Trio at 11:00. Doggie Costume Contest winners will be announced at 11:45 followed by another set from The Warman Trio. Early Morning String Dusters will take the stage at 1:15 followed by The Bluebird Dancers led by Leo Collins and backed by Appalachian String Band from 2:00 until 3:00. Local favorites Skelton Key will close out the stage from 3:00 until 4:30. The Courthouse Steps Stage on Madison Avenue will feature Jim Brooks, Inspirations Dance Studio at 11:00 and 2:00 performances of "Beetlejuice", Christian rapper Nate Viele at 1:00 and Further Up The Road at 3:00 p.m. In addition to all of the above, Pumpkintown will feature shopping at local merchants, the Scott Crisp Memorial PowWow, CASA Corridor 5K run at Eureka Trail, Pumpkin Plinko, historical walking tour and 300 craft, info and food booths.

Additionally, WYXI Radio will be broadcasting live outside Downtown Beauty Lounge, 201 North White Street, from 11am - 3pm with \$2,000+ worth of giveaways. No purchase necessary to register.

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