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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn Co. Woman Charged after Stabbing Incident



A McMinn County woman, Laurel Williams, 49, faces charges of aggravated assault after allegedly forcing her way into a residence and stabbing three women on Thursday night.

According to Sheriff Joe Guy, deputies responded to a call on County Road 750 around 10 p.m., finding the victims—Amber Gerber, 40, Tosha Goodner, 49, and Amanda Goodner, 34—with serious injuries. Williams was detained on the scene by a male resident, Tyler Goodner.

Sheriff Guy reported that Williams, who had been asked to leave the residence due to drug use, became upset, retrieved a knife from a nearby barn, and returned to commit the stabbings. Several children were present during the incident. The victims were transported to local hospitals for treatment. Williams remains in the McMinn County Jail on three counts of aggravated assault with a \$45,000 bond.

Community News You Can Use

- **Let's Read 20** is running low on their book inventory. They ask that as you make room for new Christmas items, that you consider donating your gently loved children's books to them! Donation bins are located in front of their office at 202 Hicks St., in Athens and in front of the Athens Food City. Monetary donations are always welcome as well.
- AUB offices will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25. The offices will reopen on Thursday, Dec. 26 at 7:30 am. Offices will also close on Wednesday, Jan. 1. Customers should call 745-3131 to report power outages or trouble with other AUB-provided utility services. AUB will have personnel across the organization on call around the clock to respond to any customer or system trouble.

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Local Man Meets Paul Page at the Savoy Museum



Rick Lay of Athens, recently had the opportunity to meet and chat with Paul Page, the renowned "Voice of the Indy 500," during two appearances at the Savoy Automobile Museum in Cartersville, GA. Paul (on the right) spoke about his illustrious career in radio and shared his close connection with Johnny Rutherford, the three-time Indy 500 winner, with whom he speaks weekly.

Rick discovered a personal link between them: Johnny's sister, Beverly, was married to Rick's cousin, Benny Tugle. Tragically, Benny passed away earlier this year, followed by Beverly's passing recently. Paul, who knew Beverly well, shared his sentiments, highlighting how small the world can be.

A touching reminder of how connections and shared experiences bring people together.

150 Employees Affected from Athens UPS Facility Closure



The UPS facility located at 2205 Lawn Street in Athens, Tennessee, will temporarily close due to the recent fire, resulting in the separation of 150 employees effective January 10, 2025. This includes both union and non-union workers, according to a notice provided under the Federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification

(WARN) Act.

Union employees, represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, have bumping rights under the applicable collective bargaining agreement. Impacted union members may contact Wes Trotterchaud at **Teamsters Local No. 519**, located at 2306 Montclair Ave, Knoxville, Tennessee, 37917.

UPS stated that the closure is temporary, and all affected employees were notified of the reduction in force on December 20, 2024.

Source: Joshua Gomes, Human Resources Business Partner Director



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Fire Damages Etowah Residence; All Occupants Escape Safely



A fire on Washington Avenue in Etowah early Saturday morning caused significant damage to a residence. The living room was heavily damaged by flames, while the rest of the home sustained smoke and heat damage.

The fire reportedly began near the couch, but all occupants managed to escape safely. The homeowner's quick action in shutting the front door helped contain the fire, enabling faster extinguishment by emergency responders.

Etowah City Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah City Police Department, and EUB responded to the scene. Etowah City Firefighter Austin Hancock led the firefighting efforts.

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City of Athens Announces New Year's Holiday Hours

The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced holiday closures and adjusted schedules in observance of New Year's Day:

Closed on Wednesday, January 1, 2025:

- Athens Municipal Building
- Public Works
- Recycle Center
- Animal Shelter

All facilities will reopen on Thursday, January 2, during regular business hours.

Residential Garbage Pickup Schedule:

- **Monday, Dec. 30 & Tuesday Dec. 31:** Regular schedule
- **Wednesday, Jan. 1:** Picked up on Thursday, Jan. 2
- **Thursday, Jan. 2:** Picked up on Friday, Jan. 3
- **Friday, Jan. 3:** Regular schedule

Residents should place garbage totes by the road the night before their scheduled pickup.

Commercial/Industrial Garbage:

Regular schedule for all days except Wednesday, Jan. 1, which will have limited pickups.

Emergency Services:

Emergency services will continue operating 24/7. For emergencies, contact McMinn E-911 Communications.

For more details, call the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

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Volunteer Football National Champion Dreams Put to Bed



The seventh-ranked Tennessee Volunteers were defeated by No. 6 Ohio State, 42-17, Saturday night in the first round of the 2024 College Football Playoff at Ohio Stadium. Despite the loss, the Vols capped off another impressive season under head coach Josh Heupel, finishing 10-3. This marks Tennessee's second 10-win campaign in the last three seasons, with the program's 30 victories since 2022 being the most in a three-year span since 1998-2000.

Game Highlights:

- **Nico Iamaleava:** The redshirt freshman quarterback finished 14-for-31 with 104 passing yards, 47 rushing yards, and two rushing touchdowns. Iamaleava became the first freshman quarterback in Tennessee history to achieve a 10-win season.
- **Payton Lewis:** The freshman running back led the team with 77 rushing yards on 10 carries.
- **Bru McCoy:** The wide receiver led Tennessee's receiving corps with four catches for 40 yards.
- Tennessee's defense logged **seven tackles for loss**, closing the season with 100 TFLs, tied for the eighth-most in program history. **Jeremiah Telander** led the Vols with a career-high 10 tackles.

Ohio State (11-2) dominated early, building a 21-0 lead in the first quarter. Tennessee fought back in the second quarter, cutting the deficit to 21-10 at halftime, thanks to a field goal by Max Gilbert and a two-yard touchdown run by Iamaleava.

The Buckeyes pulled away in the second half, scoring touchdowns on their first three drives. Tennessee added a late touchdown with Iamaleava's second rushing score. While the Vols fell short of advancing, the team continues to build under Heupel, who has led Tennessee to remarkable consistency and success. *Source: UTSports.com*



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