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**Athens, Tennessee**

## AMR McMinn County Operations Manager Resigns

Effective Monday, January 27, The McMinn County EMS division of American Medical Response (AMR) announced a change in leadership via the following statement from Operations Manager, Tony Richardson.

“Over the past 6 years it has been a great honor to serve with AMR in McMinn County. One of the greatest honors I have had is leading this awesome team for the past 15 months. During that time, we established new protocols, acquired the latest in equipment, and had great training. We were only the third service in the State of Tennessee to acquire blood products for a ground operation. The services we provide for McMinn County far exceeds any service in surrounding counties. Our clinicians are the best and they serve with great compassion and professionalism. Like those with whom I serve, I have a deep appreciation for McMinn County and wish to see AMR succeed in the county as I know this is the company that will best serve all its residents and visitors. While many things have gone very well and we have enjoyed a great deal of success, there have been setbacks to the operation. It is because of my passion for seeing McMinn County well served, and my appreciation for AMR, I feel a leadership change would benefit both at this point. Therefore, effective immediately, I am resigning as Operations Manager. I remain committed to ensuring a seamless transition to new leadership and stand ready to assist in that process as needed. Thank you for this opportunity to serve, and I wish nothing but the best for AMR McMinn.”

All other operations leadership will remain in their current roles as we seek to fill the Operations Manager position in AMR McMinn County. *Source: Joshua Spencer, AMR Regional Director*

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## Obituaries

**Bobbie Jean Swafford**, 87 of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, January 27. She was a member of Meadowfork Baptist Church. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 29 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM with a funeral service at 1:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Bobbie Jean Swafford.

**Ronnie Earl Roden**, 66 of McMinn County, passed away on Sunday, January 26. Visitation will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM with a funeral service at 7:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Friday, January 31 at 11:00 AM at Hammonds Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Ronnie Earl Roden.

**Johnny Micheal Lindner**, 64, passed away on Monday, January 20. He was a member of Maple Springs Baptist Church in Reliance. There will be no service at this time, the family will have a private graveside service at a later date. Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

**Edward Eugene Teague**, 95 of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, January 25. He served in the United States Army. Funeral services will be 1:00 pm Wednesday, January 29 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. A graveside service will be at Conasauga Cemetery immediately following. The family will receive friends from 12-1pm Wednesday, January 29 at the funeral home before the service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Homes will be in charge of the arrangements.

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### Final Round of Leaf Vacuum Season Announced

The City of Athens Public Works Department announces that **the second and final round of Leaf Vacuum Season began on Monday, January 27.** Leaf crews will vacuum leaves placed curbside for pick up until Friday, February 28. **After Friday, February 28, leaves must be bagged for pick up.** Bagged leaves are picked up throughout the year during junk routes. If you would like your leaves collected during this final round, please rake them three to five feet from the edge of the road. **DO NOT PLACE LEAVES IN THE ROAD, IN DRAINAGE DITCHES, OR ON SIDEWALK.** Doing so creates hazards for motorists and pedestrians, and risks clogging up storm drains that could result in flooding. In areas where there are sidewalks, leaves should be placed behind the sidewalk and leaf crews will pick them up. Also, **DO NOT PLACE LEAVES ON OR AROUND OBSTACLES** such as mailboxes, trees, fences, poles, yard decorations, water meter lids, and vehicles. Leaf piles around or behind obstacles will not be picked up by the leaf crews, as the leaf vacuum may potentially damage the obstruction or the equipment. For information on which zone the leaf crews are currently working, or to find out your zone, please call 423- 744-2745 or visit [www.cityofathensstn.com/publicworks](http://www.cityofathensstn.com/publicworks) for more information.

### Three Injured in Collision on Hwy 163 in Delano



A collision occurred Saturday at 5 p.m. on Hwy 163 at Co Rd 968 in Delano, involving a 1999 Dodge 1500 truck and a 2022 Toyota Camry. The driver of the truck was uninjured, but three individuals in the Toyota required medical attention. Emergency responders from AMR and Monroe County EMS treated the patients at the scene before transporting them to Starr Regional Etowah. Claxton Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department also responded to the incident.

The accident is under investigation by Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Tyra Johnson.

*Photo provided by: Etowah Rural Fire Department.*

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## December Home Sales

## Cleveland State to Host Nursing Information Session

This is a list of verifiable sales of homes between December 1st and January 1st. This information comes directly from [Tennessee Valley Appraisal Services, Inc.](#)

# Cleveland State COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Cleveland State Community College will host a Nursing Information Session TODAY, Tuesday, Jan. 28, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Health and Science Center on the Cleveland campus.

Representatives from the Nursing Department will be available during the session to answer questions about the nursing program. Current and prospective students will learn about admission testing, the requirements to enter the nursing program and how to apply to the CSCC nursing program. The Associate of Applied Science Nursing degree sequence and courses will be highlighted.

“We are excited to host this Nursing Information session,” said Sandra Godsey, Dean of Business and Healthcare. “Attendees will gain valuable information and insight about our nursing program.”

Click [HERE](#) to register for the information session or contact Richard Gamble, Business and Healthcare Department Assistant, [rgamble1@clevelandstatecc.edu](mailto:rgamble1@clevelandstatecc.edu) or (423) 478-6228.

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12/2/2024	60,000 Moss Road	Philadelphia
12/3/2024	50,000 Dodson St	Englewood
12/4/2024	367,500 County Road 709	Riceville
12/5/2024	535,000 County Rd. 623	Etowah
12/4/2024	219,900 County Road 72	Riceville
12/6/2024	445,000 Woodward Ave	Athens
12/6/2024	220,000 Coosa St	Athens
12/6/2024	68,000 Betts St	Athens
12/11/2024	255,000 Shawnee Tr	Athens
12/11/2024	265,000 Long Mill Rd	Athens
12/16/2024	85,000 County Road 42	Athens
12/16/2024	240,000 Lawrence St	Etowah
12/17/2024	187,000 County Road 804	Etowah
12/2/2024	294,400 County Rd. 469	Englewood
12/17/2024	160,000 Coosa	Athens
12/20/2024	270,000 County Road 384	Niota
12/23/2024	210,000 County Road 662	Athens
12/23/2024	177,400 Central	Athens
12/20/2024	205,000 Anton St	Athens
12/27/2024	284,000 Morning Pointe Lane	Athens
12/30/2024	155,000 Niota Rd	Englewood
12/30/2024	301,500 Forrest Avenue	Athens
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12/30/2024	400,000 County Road 327	Niota
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