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## Athens Arts Center to Host Exhibits by Regional Black Artists

The Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is proud to showcase two exhibitions celebrating regional Black artists: "I Am Her and She Is Me" by Dominique Pruitt and "No Boundaries" by Calvin Walton. The exhibits will be open to the public from **February 10 to March 14, 2025**, at The Arts Center, with an Artist Reception on **Thursday, February 13, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM**, featuring a poetry reading by Dominique Pruitt.

"I Am Her and She Is Me" by Chattanooga artist Dominique Pruitt is an exploration of femininity and self-acceptance. Pruitt, a mixed-media artist and mental health advocate, captures the strength, beauty, and diversity of women through her abstract works. Her paintings, featuring universal skin tones, encourage viewers to see themselves in the art.

"No Boundaries" by Athens-born artist Calvin Walton showcases a diverse range of subjects, from nature and music to the human experience. Using acrylic on wood, mixed media, and resin finishes, Walton creates vivid, expressive pieces that highlight the interplay of color and texture. Now based in Stone Mountain, Georgia, Walton continues to develop his unique artistic voice.

Both exhibits are free and open to the public during regular business hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Pruitt's work will be displayed in the Willson Exhibit Room and Hallway Gallery, while Walton's will be on the Gallery Wall in the Peggy Dow Performance Center. For more information, visit [athensartscouncil.org/exhibitions](http://athensartscouncil.org/exhibitions).

### Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Isahaya Sister City Committee will be hosting another **FREE** class at Athens City Primary School tonight (February 4<sup>th</sup>) at 6pm. They will be making Valentine's Origami cards. This is a free community event.

#### WEATHER FORECAST

**Tuesday:** Sunny. High 68.  
**Tue Night:** Mostly Cloudy.  
Low 46.  
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## Online Auction Benefits Cleveland State Foundation

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Cleveland State Community College invites the community to participate in an online auction to benefit the Cleveland State Foundation which provides support for the college and hundreds of scholarships to students each year.

Similar to a silent auction, the online auction allows participants to see the auction items and the current or highest bid. Anyone can submit a bid online until Thursday, Feb. 20, 9 p.m. Visit <https://cscce.winningbidder.com/event/3576> to view and bid on items.

Auction items feature travel and experience packages. Eight packages range in value from a \$50 Golf Swing Evaluation to a \$5,500 vacation in Tuscany. Travel choices include Orlando, Las Vegas, Nashville and more. One package provides green fees and carts for four golfers at the Ooltewah Club. Six friends can share a virtual cooking class with a French Chef in another package.

The auction is offered in conjunction with An Evening with Scott Hamilton on Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Partners in Industry and Education (PIE) Center in Cleveland. Olympic Gold Medalist, Scott Hamilton, will speak about his career and life experiences as a figure skater, broadcaster and cancer survivor. The 2025 Community First Award winners will be honored during the event which includes a reception and dinner. Tickets are \$100 per person and are available through the website: [mycs.cc/eveningwith](http://mycs.cc/eveningwith). Attendance is not required to win any of the auction items.

For more information about the online auction or An Evening with Scott Hamilton, contact the Cleveland State Foundation office at (423) 614-8700 or visit [mycs.cc/eveningwith](http://mycs.cc/eveningwith).

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### Cherokees battle Golden Eagles with mixed results



The Cherokees and Lady Cherokees split their district games against Rhea County this past Friday night. The Lady Cherokees battled hard but eventually fell to the host, Lady Golden Eagles, 62-50. Molly Trentham led McMinn with 20 points followed by Mia Sewell with 15 points.

The boys game saw the Cherokees pull away for a 65-46 victory. McMinn was led by Reece Frazier with 23 points followed by Jaxson Gonzalez with 14 points and Brady Mullins with 12 points.

The Cherokees and Lady Cherokees traveled to Ooltewah Monday night and are back at home Friday evening hosting Cleveland with the girls game at 6:00 PM and boys game at 7:30 PM.

*McMinn Cherokees coverage provided by: Shane Sewell*

### Vols Ascend to Fourth in National Rankings



Tennessee men's basketball climbed four spots in both the AP Top 25 Poll and the USA TODAY Coaches Poll, landing at No. 4 in both rankings released Monday. The Volunteers have now spent 11 consecutive weeks in the AP Top 10, tying the fifth-longest streak in program history. Under head coach Rick Barnes, Tennessee has been ranked in the AP Poll for 73 straight weeks, the third-longest active streak in the nation behind Houston (99) and Kansas (78).

Tennessee split a pair of top-12 matchups last week, falling 78-73 to No. 12 Kentucky before rebounding with a dominant 64-44 win over No. 5 Florida on Saturday. Despite missing key players Zakai Zeigler and Igor Miličić Jr., the Vols delivered a defensive clinic, led by Chaz Lanier's 19-point performance. The SEC remains a powerhouse in the rankings, with nine teams in the Top 25 of at least one poll.

The Volunteers will face their fifth straight AP Top 15 opponent when they host No. 15/16 Missouri on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Food City Center, airing live on SEC Network. *Source: [UTSports.com](http://UTSports.com)*




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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

**Teresa Davis**, 55 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of Methamphetamine for Resale, Joyriding, Introduction of Contraband into a Penal Facility, Simple Possession / Casual Exchange, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$23,000

**Benjamin Parsons**, 32 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for Simple Possession / Casual Exchange, Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$22,000

**Lacare McDermott**, 22 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,300.

**Cynthia Wos**, 54 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for State Violation of Probation and Theft of Property. Total Bond: \$1,000.

**Ashley Gammey**, 32 of Englewood, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication and Resisting Arrest. Total Bond: \$3,000.

**Daniel Travis**, 54 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

**Kelly Leroy Segó**, 65 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Domestic Assault and Child Abuse. Total Bond: \$6,000.

**Justin Morgan**, 41 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of Schedule II Cocaine, Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine, and Simple Possession/Casual Exchange of a Schedule VI substance. Total Bond: \$13,000

**John Greene**, 34 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Felony Evading and Resisting Arrest. Total Bond: \$5,500.

**Kelsey Roberts**, 27 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,500

**Michael Clark**, 35 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault. Bond unreported.

**Those accused remain innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from Public Sources.**

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