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Athens, Tennessee

**Registration for 4-H Junior Camp  
Opens March 3**

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## UT EXTENSION INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

The UT Extension - McMinn County would like to remind parents that the McMinn County 4-H Junior Camp registration opens online at midnight on March 3, 2025. Parents can visit [mcminn.tennessee.edu](http://mcminn.tennessee.edu) to secure a spot for their child.

The camp, held May 26-30 at Clyde Austin 4-H Center in Greeneville, TN, is open to all McMinn County students in grades 4-6. Transportation is included.

The first 25 registrants will receive a \$100 discount, reducing the total cost to \$270. An additional 13 spots will be available at the full price of \$370.

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- The **19th Annual Fly Fishing Film Tour** is coming to Cleveland, TN. This event will take place on **Saturday, March 22, at 4 PM** in the **Doris Johnson Screening Room** at Lee University.
- The **McMinn County FCE** (Family & Community Education) is hosting a **Saint Patrick's Day Party** with games, crafts, prizes and refreshments on **Monday, March 17** from 1pm - 2pm at the **McMinn Senior Activity Center** (205 McMinn Ave., Athens). Bring a friend and find out about FCE Clubs for adults of all ages.
- The **Good Faith Clinic** will be open **TOMORROW, Tuesday, February 25** at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, 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. **REMINDER: BEGINNING IN MARCH, GOOD FAITH CLINIC WILL BE OPEN THE 2nd, 4th, and 5th THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH, rather than Tuesdays.**

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## Obituaries

**Jo Evans Burnette**, 84 of Riceville, passed away on Saturday, February 22. She was a member of Solid Rock Baptist Church. Visitation will be held from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 25 at Ziegler Funeral Home, with funeral services at 7:00 PM. Graveside services will be at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 26 at Riceville Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Jo Evans Burnette.

**Harry Lee Randolph II**, 46, passed away on Tuesday, February 18. The family received friends on Sunday, February 23 at Good Samaritan Funeral Home, Athens. Good Samaritan Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

**Brianna Hamilton**, 23 of Etowah, passed away on Wednesday, February 19. She was a 2020 graduate of McMinn Central High School. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday February 24, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday, prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble Tuesday, February 25 at Gateway Church of Christ Cemetery for the 2:00 p.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

**Lawrence "Leo" Ballew**, 59 of Ten Mile, passed away on Thursday, February 20. He spent most of his career as a boat manufacturer for Bryant Boats. Leo was a poet and a freelance artist. He was a member of The Gathering Church in Ten Mile. A Funeral Service will be held at Companion Funeral Home of Athens on Tuesday, February 25 at 1:00pm. Visitation will be held prior from 11:00am - 1:00pm. A Graveside Service will follow the funeral at McMinn Memory Gardens. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service and the Cody family are honored to assist the Ballew family with these arrangements.

**Carl "Butch" Oody**, 71 of Madisonville, passed away on Thursday, January 30. The family will have a memorial service on Saturday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m. at The Church of God of Prophecy in Madisonville, TN. Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

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## Etowah Senior Center Announces Digital Literacy Series



Etowah Senior Center is excited to announce its participation in a new nationwide effort aimed at improving digital literacy among older adults. This initiative, led by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) in collaboration with AT&T, seeks to empower older adults with the essential skills needed to navigate today's increasing digital world.

As one of only 50 senior centers selected across the country, Etowah Senior Center will be offering a series of in-person workshops designed to guide older adults through modules that will help build confidence in using technology. These modules will cover a range of topics, including online safety, communication tools, and accessing essential services online.

The goal of this program is to ensure that older adults have access to the knowledge and resources they need to stay connected, informed, and safe while using the internet. Workshops and support will be available in both English and Spanish, ensuring accessibility for all participants.

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The first workshop was held on Friday, February 21 which was an introduction to Android cellphones. The second workshop will be February 28th at 12:00. This one will cover Cybersecurity. It is very important that you know how to protect your personal information online. You will learn some tips on how to keep your information secure. There will also be workshops that will include an introduction to Email, Basics to Video Conferencing, Using an IOS (Apple iPhone), Digital Citizenship, Connecting with Kindness, Accounts and Passwords, and Connecting with a Purpose.

Each participant that is present for any workshop will receive one chance to win an Apple iPad valued at \$347.00. The iPad will be given away during the last workshop. For more information or to sign up for the workshops, please contact the Etowah Senior Center at 423-781-7632 or visit our website at [etowahseniorcenter.com](http://etowahseniorcenter.com).



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### MCHS SPORTS REPORT

The McMinn County Cherokees and Lady Cherokees split their first-round district tournament basketball games this past week. The Lady Cherokees lost to the Rhea County Lady Golden Eagles 55-24. Mia Sewell led the Lady Cherokees with 15 points. The Cherokees used a 27-0 second half run to pull away from the Cleveland Blue Raiders winning by a final score of 84-53. The Cherokees were led by Madden Cobb with 29 points followed by Reese Frazier with 20 points, Jaxson Gonzalez with 12 points and Brady Mullins with 10 points.

The Lady Cherokees will play Walker Valley in the district consolation game this (Monday) evening at 6:00 PM. The Cherokees will play Walker Valley for the district championship on Tuesday night at 7:30 PM. Both games are at Walker Valley High School.

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## Tennessee Wesleyan University Welcomes Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson for Heritage Day



Tennessee Wesleyan University is honored to host The Rev. Dr. Dennis C. Dickerson as this year's Heritage Day speaker. A distinguished historian and Retired General Officer in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Dr. Dickerson has dedicated his career to studying American labor history, the U.S. civil rights movement, and African American religious history.

Dr. Dickerson has authored several books, including *Out of the Crucible: Black Steel Workers in Western Pennsylvania, 1875-1980*, *Militant Mediator: Whitney M. Young, Jr.*, and *The African Methodist Episcopal Church: A History*. His extensive research has been supported by prestigious organizations such as the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Rockefeller Foundation.

Dr. Dickerson will deliver two addresses: Monday, February 24, at 7 p.m. in the Johnson Event Center at Colloms Campus Center and Tuesday, February 25, at 11 a.m. in Townsend Auditorium, where he will speak on "A Wesleyan Warrant for Global Reconstruction." Both events are free and open to the public.

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## Obituaries

**Cynthia "Dinah/Granny" Prince Johnson**, 82 of Riceville passed away on Thursday, February 20. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church, Riceville and previously Covenant Baptist Church, Athens. There was a Celebration of Life Service on Sunday, February 23 at Covenant Baptist Church in Athens. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

**William Bryan Baldwin**, 57, passed away on February 21. He enjoyed Bluegrass and Southern Gospel music. He worked at Hooper and Sons Excavation HSE for 32 years. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the Baldwin family with these arrangements.

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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

**Tashena Williams**, 34 of Englewood, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

**Ronald Ison**, 55 of Decatur, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,500.

**Chelsie Resor**, 31 of Englewood, was arrested by the MCSO for State violation of Probation. No Bond.

**Kelsey Galligan**, 31 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for DUI and Open Container. Total Bond: \$2,000.

**Logan McKhean**, 31 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Solicitation of a Person Under 18 Years of Age, Statutory Rape, Solicitation of a Minor to Observe Sexual Conduct, and Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. Total Bond: \$100,000.

**Catelin Blackdeer**, 32 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Murder Criminal Negligent Homicide. Bond Unclear.

**David Hicks**, 61 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Misuse of 911 and Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$500.

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