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Monroe County Dive Team Assists in Vehicle Recovery at Vonore Beach

Cherokees Beat Howard

On Sunday, March 2, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office Dive Team responded to the Vonore Beach boat ramp to assist the Vonore Police Department and Vonore Fire Department in recovering a submerged vehicle and trailer.



According to Monroe County Sheriff Tommy Jones, the vehicle rolled down the ramp and became fully submerged. Due to the swift efforts of Morning Fax public safety divers and dive tenders, the truck and trailer were safely recovered.

Fortunately, no occupants were inside or injured during the incident. **Source:** [Sheriff Tommy Jones - Facebook](#)

The McMinn County Cherokees opened Region 3-4A tournament play with an 83-51 basketball victory over Howard. McMinn used a balanced scoring attack to pull away from the Hutslin' Tigers. Brady Mullins and Madden Cobb scored 12 points each, followed by Reese Frazier and Maddox Frazier with 11 points each. Joc Williams made it 5 Cherokees in double figures with 10 points. The Cherokees will be back in action Tuesday (tonight) against Bradley for their second-round matchup. Tip-off is at 7:30 PM at Walker Valley High School. **Source: Shane Sewell**

LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on *Main Street Moments*: Host Sandra Kinney invites Tia Stephens to talk about Daffodil Days and The Fun Run taking place during the event. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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Obituaries

Tawana Ann Howard, of Sweetwater, passed away on Saturday, February 22. Visitation will be held at Ziegler Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 4, 2025, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. Graveside services will follow at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Tawana Ann Howard.

Mary "Frankie" Seargeant Miller, 86 of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, March 1, 2025. She was a member of Valley Road Baptist Church. The family will receive friends at Ziegler Funeral Home from 12:00 until 2:00 PM on Saturday, March 8. Funeral services will be held at 2:00pm at Ziegler Funeral Home. Interment will follow directly after funeral services at Valley Road Baptist Church Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Mary "Frankie" Seargeant Miller.

Gemima "Jeannie" Leonardo Boyce, 87 of Brooklyn, NY, passed away on Sunday, January 5. She was a nurse in the US Army. Jeannie earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), and the Armed Forces Medal. She retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, March 9, at Sweetwater Valley Memorial Park with full military honors. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Gemima "Jeannie" Leonardo Boyce.

Rebecca "Becky" Shell Smith, 77 of Athens, passed away in the morning of Monday, March 3 at her home surrounded by her loved ones. She was a lifelong member of Keith Memorial UMC, and was associated with Mayfield Dairy Farms for over 30 years. The family will receive friends at Smith Funeral Home from 4:00-7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 5. A funeral service will be conducted 11:00am, Thursday, March 6 at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Rebecca "Becky" Shell Smith.

James John Dale Woodcock, 67 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, February 18th. John attended the University of Tennessee and spent his career working in the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Knoxville. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (305 Ingleside Ave, Athens) on Saturday, March 8th. The family will receive friends beginning at 11:30 am with the Service to follow at 1:00 pm.

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Clarification of Fund Allocation for TWU Improvements

Community News You Can Use

TN Department of Labor & Workforce Development

As announced last week, Tennessee Wesleyan University was one of 38 schools across the state to receive a rural health care grant. \$300,000 have been secured for enhancements to TWU's dental hygiene program. Funds from the grant, part of the previously-announced \$10.7 million Tennessee Dept. of Labor & Workforce Development's Rural Healthcare Initiative, will be used to establish a state-of-the-art simulation center, which will be used to train and equip students with dental skills and confidence needed to excel in the workforce. Information about the Tennessee Department of Labor's Rural Healthcare Workforce Initiative can be found at tn.gov/workforce.

- Packets are now available for Athens City School's (ACS) Pre-K Registration for the 25-26 school year. Registration Packets are located at the ACS Central Office (943 Crestway Drive, Athens). Find the list of Required Documents for Pre-K Registration [HERE](#). For questions, call (423) 745-3862.
- Casa Corridor of East TN is hosting a Pickleball Tournament on April 12-13. For More Information, visit their website at casacorridor.org
- Nominations are being accepted for the Athens "Young Woman / Man of the Year". These awards are sponsored by TWU and will be presented at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet on April 24. Candidates must be 39 years of age or younger and the date of birth should be included on the application. Candidates should exhibit leadership qualities and participate in providing overall contributions to community welfare. Nomination forms are available upon request by calling 423-746-5202 and nominations should be sent to President's Office, Tennessee Wesleyan University, 204 East College Street, Athens, TN, 37303. Deadline for nominations is Monday, March 28.



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Richard Willis, 50 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Failure to Appear. No Bond.

Steve Borden, 50 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,500

Joshua Woltz, 44 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for DUI. Total Bond: \$2,000

Lacey Tinchler, 34 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Child Endangerment, Simple Possession and Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond.

Michael Case, 52 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Bond Unclear.

Yobani Martinez, 30 of Cleveland, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. No Bond.

Ashley Graves, 32 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication and Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,650

Christopher Baker, 42 of Knoxville, was arrested by the THP for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$2,000

Ryan Sharp, 41 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Failure to Appear and Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$27,000

Aaron Jack, 35 of Englewood, was arrested by the Englewood PD for Domestic Assault and Resisting Stop. Total Bond: \$2,000

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources.



Central Chargerettes Advance

The McMinn Central Chargerettes advanced to the Region 2-2A final with a 76-49 win over Tellico Plains in the semi's Monday night. Karina Bystry scored 25 and became the all time Chargerette leading scorer with 2617 career points and counting. Reagan Baker scored 17. Malea Masingale added 12 points and Alahna Powell scored 10. The win also guarantees a sectional berth. The Chargerettes will play Meigs County Wednesday night in the region 2-2A final at 7pm. The winner will host the runner-up from region 1-2A Saturday at 7pm with a spot in the state tournament on the line. The loser of Wednesday's region 2-2A final will travel to face the region 1-2A champion in Saturday's sectional.


Source: Todd Loveday WYGO Radio's Voice of the Chargers

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