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Athens, Tennessee

## Future of Tennessee Valley Fair at Chilhowee Park in Question



The Tennessee Valley Fair is raising concerns about its future at Chilhowee Park after the City of Knoxville announced plans to move Muse Knoxville into the Jacob Building.

The fair has used the Jacob Building for shopping areas and events for more than a century at its East Knoxville location. Fair officials said they learned of the city's decision at the same time as the public.

"We just want to know what our place is here," marketing director Abby Villas said. "It takes us 12-18 months to plan each fair, and we're already working on 2026, so it hurts us when we don't know exactly what's going on."

Knoxville Mayor Indya Kincannon said the fair will remain at Chilhowee Park through 2026 but will no longer have access to the Jacob Building once Muse Knoxville moves in. Other events that rely on the building, including Remote Area Medical's annual free health clinic, will also need new venues. Despite the uncertainty, Villas said the fair hopes to stay at Chilhowee Park. "It's our home," she said.

For now, the tradition continues. The Tennessee Valley Fair returns for its 105th year Sept. 5-14 at Chilhowee Park and Exposition Center. This year's lineup includes concerts by **Jessie Murph**, **Styx**, and **Flo Rida**, along with rodeos, demolition derbies, the Anastasini Circus, livestock shows, and new attractions such as the Disc-Connected K9s Frisbee dog team and Cow Capers costume contest. A full schedule is available at [tnvalleyfair.org](http://tnvalleyfair.org).

Source: [WBIR.com](http://WBIR.com)

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## Sweetwater Police Warn of Facebook Scam



The Sweetwater Police Department is alerting residents to a scam involving a fraudulent Facebook profile.

According to SPD, the profile is circulating false claims that permits have been issued allowing individuals to solicit money at the intersection of High-

ways 68 and 11. Officials clarified that no such permit has ever been issued—and none will ever be authorized—for that location. Police emphasized that anyone collecting money at the intersection is doing so illegally.

"We take these scams seriously and will continue to protect our community from fraudulent activity," the department stated.

SPD urged residents who encounter the fake profile or related posts to report them immediately.

**Source:** [Sweetwater PD - Facebook](#)

## Ribbon Cutting Held for Ink Theory Tattoo & Body Piercing Studio



The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Ink Theory Tattoo & Body Piercing Studio as a new member with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Located at 201 North Hill St. in Athens, the studio is owned by Crystal Tallent and offers a clean, comfortable, and friendly environment specializing in custom tattoos and piercings. Chamber representatives, staff, family members, and friends joined in the celebration.

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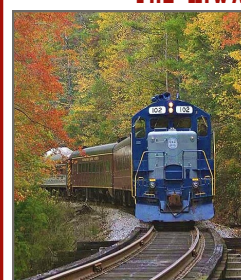


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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

### 8-31-25

**Brentley Brabson**, 40 of Athens, charged with speeding, theft of property - motor vehicle, driving on a revoked license, failure to have insurance, driving while in possession of meth, simple possession, casual exchange, casual exchange while in possession of meth for resale, possession of drug paraphernalia, Bond \$49,000

**Dylan Sherwood**, 33 of Madisonville, charged with possession of meth for resale in Monroe County, and is being held for Monroe County pick up.

**Gerald Espy**, 21 of Riceville, charged with failure to appear for driving on a suspended license, Bond \$4,000

**William Doty**, 63 of Ten Mile, charged with DUI, Bond \$1,000

**Sarah Webb**, 19, of Athens, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$1,000

**James Wilson**, 53 of Sweetwater, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$1,000

**Stan Lee Sherrill**, 54 of Savannah, GA, charged with simple possession, casual exchange, casual exchange while in possession of meth, tampering with evidence, and possession of drug paraphernalia, Bond \$30,000

**Charles Gooded**, 55 of Etowah, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$2,000

**Trey Ellis**, 30 of Athens, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$1,000

### 9-1-25

**Sebastian Jimenez**, 37 of Knoxville, charged with driving on a revoked license, Bond \$2,000

**Adam Shelton**, 42 of Niota, charged with domestic assault by intimidation, Bond \$1,000

**Amber Hall**, 43 of Etowah, charged with DUI.

**Michael Henry**, 39 of Cleveland, charged with evading arrest. DUI, simple possession, casual exchange of fentanyl, reckless endangerment, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of implied consent.

**Tracy Blackman**, 37 of Lotta, TN, charged with assault, child abuse or neglect - nonviolent, aggravated assault, and vandalism, Bond \$150,000

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## Obituaries

**Donnie Lee "Don" Weir**, passed away on Friday, August 29, at his home. Don graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College with a B.S. degree in Microbiology and Chemistry. He retired from M&M Mars after 30 years of service as a food scientist. Don attended North Cleveland Church of God where he was active in the Boy Scout Troop. The family received friends on Tuesday, September 2 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held on Saturday, September 6 at 11:00 AM at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Cleveland. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Donnie Lee "Don" Weir.

**Ethel Mae Bunch Copeland**, 83 of Calhoun, passed away on Sunday, August 31 at her residence. She was a housewife, mother, and farmer. She was a member of Bethel Springs Baptist Church. Graveside services will be 1:00 P.M. Thursday in the Bethel Springs Cemetery Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. Is in charge of arrangements.

**Joann Crabtree**, 77 of Riceville, passed away on Sunday, August 31. Joann was a member of Clear Springs Bible Church. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 4 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble in McMinn Memory Gardens Friday, September 5th for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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