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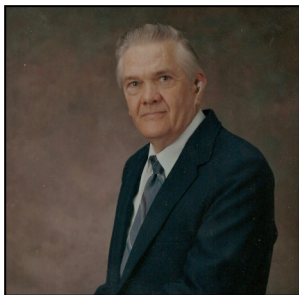
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Athens, Tennessee

## Whitaker Honored with State's Top Environmental Award



Ernest Howard Whitaker, a McMinn County native whose lifelong passion for conservation has inspired generations, has been awarded the **Robert Sparks Walker Lifetime Achievement Award**—the highest honor in the Governor's Environmental Stewardship Awards, presented by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation.

For more than 70 years, Whitaker has advanced conservation practices and environmental education, leaving an enduring mark both in Tennessee and across the nation. He is perhaps best known for creating **Sammy Soil** and **Ruby Raindrop**, beloved mascots used by the USDA to teach children about protecting natural resources. The characters have appeared at White House Earth Day celebrations, Smithsonian exhibits, and countless classrooms and community events.

Closer to home, Whitaker led the \$1 million **Chestnut Watershed Project**, engineered animal waste control systems for 160 McMinn County dairy farms, and helped establish Athens' **Tree Day** and the nationally recognized **Earth Team** volunteer program. In neighboring Meigs County, he guided the planting of more than 2 million trees, founded the local Lions Club and Red Cross Blood Bank, and introduced Sammy Soil to local schools.

Whitaker's efforts have earned national recognition, including the USDA Superior Service Award and Tennessee Technological University's Distinguished Alumnus honor. Despite hearing loss from childhood illness, he continued his work undeterred—later receiving the USDA Handicapped Employee of the Year Award.

Alongside his wife Nell, Whitaker also taught English and agriculture to international families, instilling a spirit of service in their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Whitaker's award is named for **Robert Sparks Walker**, the late Chattanooga naturalist, writer, and Audubon Society founder who devoted his life to wildlife preservation and environmental education.

"Ernest Howard Whitaker's legacy proves how one person can make a difference," TDEC officials noted in the announcement.

Source: State of Tennessee ([tn.gov](https://tn.gov))

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## Vols Hold No. 15 Ranking After Overtime Thriller vs. Georgia



Tennessee football stayed at No. 15 in both the AP Top 25 and AFCA Coaches Poll after falling 44-41 in overtime to Georgia at Neyland Stadium.

The Volunteers (2-1, 0-1 SEC) posted 496 yards of offense — their most against Georgia since 2015. Quarterback Joey Aguilar, in his first SEC start, tied Peyton Manning's program record for passing yards vs. the Bulldogs with 371, throwing four touchdowns. Chris Brazzell II caught six passes for 177 yards and three scores, the most by a Vol since Jalin Hyatt's 207 against Alabama in 2022.

Defensively, Arion Carter leads the SEC in tackles (27) after a 14-stop performance, while Joshua Josephs is tied for the league lead in sacks (3). This marks the 23rd straight week Tennessee has been ranked in the AP poll and the 51st consecutive appearance in the Coaches rankings.

Head coach Josh Heupel said Monday, "At the end of the day in this game, you have to constantly move forward, and you have to take advantage of every day. You can't look in the rearview mirror. You have to look out the windshield and keep driving forward."

The Vols close their homestand against UAB (2-1) on Saturday at 12:45 p.m. on SEC Network. Neyland Stadium will be sold out for the 23rd straight game.

Source: [UTSports.com](https://www.utsports.com)

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**Athens, Tennessee**

### Athens City Council will meet TODAY to Consider Salaries, Rezoning, and Park Projects



The Athens City Council will meet today, Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. in the Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers at City Hall to review a full agenda that includes school funding, city salaries, rezoning, and community improvements.

Council will consider a resolution to remove fixed salary provisions for the mayor and councilmembers, allowing future compensation to be set by ordinance. Members will also vote on a budget amendment for Athens City Schools and whether to move forward with Phase II of renovating the house at Regional Park into the new Parks & Recreation offices.

Other consent agenda items include awarding a bid to Whaley Construction for improvements at Mt. Verd Industrial Park, applying for a Braves Foundation grant for field renovations at Brody Ellis Field in Prof Powers Park, and approving the purchase of more than \$257,000 in equipment and services for the Decatur Pike traffic signal retiming project.

Appointments to city boards are also scheduled, including Abby Burke Carroll to the Council Advisory Board and Frances Witt-McMahan to the Athens Municipal Regional Planning Commission.

New business will include first readings of two ordinances—one to rezone property at 2201 Decatur Pike from business to residential use, and another amending sections of the city zoning code. Council will also consider the design and construction of Fire Station No. 3, a funding request from the Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus, and awarding a bid for a stormwater grant construction project. The meeting will feature proclamations honoring community members Janice Hardaway, Arliss Douglas, and Silas Millsaps, as well as reports from the finance, fire, and police departments. City Manager Randall Dowling will present his monthly program of work.

The meeting is open to the public and includes time for citizen comments.



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Athens, Tennessee

## Athens Community Theatre Announces Auditions for *Annie*

Athens Community Theatre will hold auditions for *Annie* on Sunday and Monday, Nov. 9–10, 2025, at 6 p.m. at The Arts Center. Callbacks will be Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 6 p.m. The show runs Feb. 19–March 1, 2026.

Director Melonie Carideo seeks a large cast, including a strong adult ensemble and a dozen children for the “orphans.” Music direction is by Ellen Kimball.

Auditionees should prepare a solo of any style with either sheet music or a recorded track, wear comfortable shoes for a movement audition, and be ready for possible cold reads. Children with special talents should come prepared to share them.

All participants must bring work, school, and family schedules covering Nov. 11, 2025–March 2, 2026. Parents of minors must accompany their child to auditions to complete required forms.

Anyone interested in helping with the production in any capacity should attend auditions.

## McMinn County Arrest Reports

9-14-25

Robert Tice, 37, of Athens, charged with violation of probation for possession of Schedule II fentanyl, Bond \$4,000

Christopher Giu, 43, of Riceville, charged with failure to appear for attempted theft of property, \$10,000 to \$60,000, Bond \$50,000

Houston Stanfield, 32, of Athens, charged with drug paraphernalia and casual exchange possession of meth, Bond \$21,000

Janice Davis, 53, of Ooltewah, charged with failure to appear for criminal impersonation.

Adam Fowler, of Worcester, Ohio, charged with manufacturing, selling, delivery, possession of Schedule VI, Reckless driving, Bond \$7,500

Angela Jorgensen, 61 of Athens, charged with public intoxication, Bond \$500

Shirley Neal, 54 of Athens, charged with shoplifting, simple possession, casual exchange of Schedule II, violation of probation, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$1,621.90

Charles Farnar, 48 of Niota, charged with DUI, and Violation of implied consent, Bond \$1,000

Teresa Cole, 52 of Etowah, charged with aggravated criminal trespassing, Bond \$500

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## Obituaries

**Phillip Wesley Gordon**, 77 of McMinn County, passed away on Thursday, September 11. He began preaching the gospel in 1960 at the age of 12. He spent most of his life in the Mid-Ohio Valley. Phillip pastored multiple churches, traveled as an evangelist from an early age, held a radio broadcast, opened a Christian bookstore, and published two books. A visitation will be September 18, from 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM with a short service to follow. A closed graveside service will be held on September 19 at 11:00AM. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Phillip Wesley Gordon.

**Oneida Perry Grubb**, 96 a lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, September 13. A graveside service will be held at Clearwater Baptist Church Cemetery on Wednesday, September 17 at 10:30 AM. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Oneida Perry Grubb.

**Geraldine Blair**, 96, passed away on Friday, September 12. Her life was simple, long, and filled with many wonderful memories that her family and friends will cherish forever. She retired after many years of service at Dany Industries. The family will gather for a private ceremony at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens, Tennessee on Wednesday, September 17. A special thank you to Dr. Olsen and the wonderful nurses and CNAs at Etowah Health and Rehabilitation for the care they provided to our loved one. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to:

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