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Athens, Tennessee

Athens City Schools Announces 2025–2026 Building Level Teachers of the Year

Athens City Schools has announced its **2025–2026 Building Level Teacher of the Year** winners, recognizing three outstanding educators for their excellence and dedication to students.

- **Cayci Powers**, *Athens City Primary School* — Pre-K through 4th Grade category
- **Leidy Newton**, *Athens City Intermediate School* — Pre-K through 4th Grade category
- **Amanda Million**, *Athens City Middle School* — 5th through 8th Grade category

These teachers were selected for their commitment to academic excellence, leadership in the classroom, and positive impact on their school communities. Athens City Schools congratulates each of these educators for their exceptional contributions to student learning and for representing the district with distinction.



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Athens, Tennessee

"A Soulful Christmas" Brings Holiday Cheer at The Arts Center

Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is pleased to announce a special holiday concert, A Soulful Christmas, Friday-Sunday, December 5, 6, 7, 2025. A Soulful Christmas is the next installment of AACA's 2025-2026 House Blend Concert Series.

A Soulful Christmas is a festive holiday concert with the heart of Gospel and the groove of R&B; this is a celebration of love, community, and the soulful sounds of the season.

Featured performers include Joshua Bragg, Abriel Hardaway, Ashley Espey, and Angel Hardaway. Special guest performances will be announced soon.

All House Blend Concert Series shows are in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center. Friday and Saturday, December 5 & 6 shows start at 7:00 PM. Sunday matinee, December 7, starts at 2:00 PM. Tickets for this catered event are \$25.

Source: Lauren Brown, AACA

Community News You Can Use

- The Mother Son Dance will be November 8th, from 6:30 pm-8 pm at McMinn County High School. The doors will open one hour prior to the dance for photos. Tickets can be purchased online, over the phone by calling the Parks and Recreation Office at 423-744-2704, and in person by visiting Athens City Hall at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, TN 37303. Here's the link: <https://secure.recl.com/TN/athens-tn/catalog>
- The Athens Parks and Recreation Department has announced the park restrooms at Prof Powers Park, Cook Park, and Fisher Field will be closed for the winter. These restrooms are not heated and are subject to freezing. The Heritage Park restrooms will be closed throughout the renovation of the park. The restrooms at the Ingleside Recreation Complex will remain open at this time. The Eureka Trail head restroom, the Eco Park restroom, and all Athens Regional Park restrooms will remain open throughout the winter. For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation Office at (423) 744-2704.
- The McMinn County Historical Society and Archives monthly meeting is scheduled for this Sunday at 2:00 pm in the Blue Room of the McMinn Co. Courthouse. Everyone is invited and it's free. Click on their ad on page 1 for a link to their Facebook page for info on this month's guests.

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Athens, Tennessee

Church News and Events

- Highway to Heaven Church (1413 Knoxville Ave., Athens) will be holding a Revival on Sunday, November 9 at 11 am and 6:30 pm. Brother Chad Wilburn will be presiding over the services.
- Union McMinn Baptist Church (314 County Road 316, Niota) will be serving a free plate lunch for all on November 27th from 11am to 1pm. Come to the table for a free plate lunch. First Come, First Served. The church is located right off I-75 Niota exit 56.
- [Celebrate Recovery](#) meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00 pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur.
- The next Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by New Hope Methodist Church will occur on Thursday, November 6 at 8 a.m. at Maddi Mae's Cafe in downtown Athens. This prayer breakfast is open to all men of Christian faith plus those who want to establish a relationship with Jesus. Contact Marcus Guinn by email at marcusguinn@gmail.com or 423-507-7769 for more information.
- Clay Hill Baptist Church (594 County Road 675, Riceville) is hosting a fall festival on Saturday, November 1 from 4:30-8pm
- Watts Bar Community Church monthly Man Up Breakfast is this Saturday morning November 1st, starting at 9:00 A.M. All men of all ages are welcome. There's Great Food and Great Fellowship with other Men. Doesn't matter if you go to church anywhere or another church, just come on out. We're up on the big hill on the right, on Highway 68 going towards Watts Bar Dam.
- Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (1923 Pleasant Hill Dr., Ten Mile) invites the entire community to their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27 from 12 noon until 2 pm. You may eat-in or take home, and even take home for others. The menu will include: Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Dessert, and drinks.
- [St. Mary's Legacy Clinic](#) offers free mobile medical care for the uninsured. The clinic is run by a small staff and many volunteer physicians. Their goal is to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to rural East Tennessee. Anyone who is medically uninsured is eligible to receive care. *St. Mary's Catholic Church (1291 E Madison Ave, Athens) is the McMinn County location and accepts patients every 3rd Thursday of the month.*



Dear Community,

As many of you know, services for Dr. Julie Goodin were held this past week. The staff at Bordwine Funeral Home would like to extend our deepest appreciation to everyone in our community for the outpouring of support and assistance in creating such a meaningful tribute to Julie's life.

We are especially grateful to our first responders, the school board, teachers, staff, and all those whose helping hands ensured that the services were conducted with dignity and care. It was truly an honor to be entrusted with her arrangements.

Please continue to keep the Goodin and Aderhold families in your thoughts and prayers during this time.

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Athens, Tennessee

Driver Hospitalized After Truck Overtakes on County Road 405



A 69-year-old man was taken to a local hospital Thursday morning after his 2020 Chevy Colorado overturned in a crash on County Road 405.

The accident occurred around 10:30 a.m. in the 300 block when the driver lost control on a curve, causing the truck to leave the roadway and land on its side in a

ditch. Firefighters performed an extrication to remove the driver from the vehicle.

The patient was transported by AMR ambulance to a nearby hospital for treatment. Responding agencies included the Nioti Fire Department, Englewood Fire Department, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and AMR. Austin Smith with the Englewood Fire Department served as incident command.

Photo by Chad Gates, Nioti Rural Fire Department

Beloved UT Mascot Smokey X Diagnosed with Cancer



The University of Tennessee announced that retired mascot Smokey X, a nearly 14-year-old Bluetick Coonhound, has been diagnosed with kidney cancer. A small mass was discovered during a routine checkup and confirmed to be renal carcinoma.

Veterinarians at the UT College of Veterinary Medicine are providing palliative care to keep Smokey comfortable and ensure a good quality of life. Despite his diagnosis, Smokey

remains in good spirits, spending time with his family, including Smokey XI, and enjoying his favorite salmon treats.

Dean Paul Plummer said it is an honor to care for Smokey, praising his years of service and the joy he brought to the UT community. The Hudson family thanked fans for their support and prayers.

Updates on Smokey X can be found at vetmed.tennessee.edu.

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

10-29-25

Brian Malone, 32 of Athens, charged with violation of probation for possession of paraphernalia, Bond \$1,562.45

Richard Jones, 30 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for burglary.

George Treadway, 35 of Madisonville, charged with state violation of probation for theft of property.

Adrian King, 50 of Calhoun, charged with violation of probation for assault, Bond \$1,000

Dylan Rose, 28 of Ten Mile, charged with DUI and resisting arrest.

Cheyenne Blackwell, 26 of Madisonville, charged with violation of probation for possession of fentanyl, Schedule II fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$2,119.45

Tracy Bell, 27 of Athens, charged with burglary of a motor vehicle, and driving without a license, Bond \$11,000

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using Public Sources.

Obituaries

James "Buster" E. Evans, 80 of McMinn County, passed away on Wednesday, October 29. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Kim Gilpen for her love and care of Buster. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, November 3 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Grave-side services will be held on Tuesday, November 4 at 11:00 AM at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of James "Buster" E. Evans.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, 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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