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Athens, Tennessee

WYXI to host Official Broadcast of Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas



WYXI Radio will take part in the Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 6, with a special live broadcast from 3-7 p.m. The station will set up at Jim's Mattress & More, located at 4 East Washington Avenue in Athens, offering visitors a festive stop full of giveaways, interviews, and holiday cheer. Organizers say Santa and Mrs. Claus are expected to make an appearance as well.

As the celebration fills downtown from 3-8 p.m., attendees can enjoy local vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, Christmas carols, and a Live Nativity Scene presented by Keith Memorial United Methodist Church. *With so much happening across the city square, WYXI encourages visitors to bring the broadcast along as they explore—tune in on FM 94.5, AM 1390, or stream on the [Live365 website or app](http://Live365.com).*

WYXI is streaming and broadcasting Christmas music throughout the holiday season, making it the perfect soundtrack as families walk from shop to shop and take in the sights and sounds of this year's downtown celebration.

Community News You Can Use

- The Mid-East Tennessee Community Chorus will be performing on the courthouse steps as part of the celebration of Main Street's Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas, December 6 @ 4:30 p.m. This will be the first public performance of the newly formed children's chorus, METCC Kids. A full concert, *A Tennessee Christmas*, featuring songs by Tennessee artists, composers, and arrangers will take place on Tuesday, December 9 at 7pm at Allen Memorial Church in Athens. The concert is free and open to the public.
- The regularly scheduled Work Session of the Athens City Council has been rescheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to avoid conflict with the Christmas Parade. The meeting will take place at Athens City Hall, 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, December 8.
- Medders and Patterson Surveying will be surveying on Tuesday, December 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. As a result, the city is closing Green Street from S. Jackson Street to E. Madison Avenue. Use caution when driving in the area.

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Athens, Tennessee

Athens City Council Appoints Perry McCowan to Vacant Council Seat

The Athens City Council has appointed Perry McCowan to fill the vacant council seat during its special-called meeting held on December 4, 2025. The vacancy was created following the October resignation of Dr. Dick Pelley.

The Council received five applications for the open position and, after consideration, selected Mr. McCowan, a long-time Athens resident with more than three decades of service at Johnson Controls/Adient. During his 32-year tenure, he worked in a variety of roles that strengthened his understanding of local industry and workforce needs.

Before beginning his civilian career, Mr. McCowan served three years in the United States Army with the 101st Airborne Division, stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, further grounding his lifelong commitment to service.

Mr. McCowan is also well known for his civic engagement. His community involvement includes service on the Athens City Council Advisory Committee, as well as the Hope Center Board and the Free Hill Team Project.

Mr. McCowan was sworn into office on December 4th and will serve until the next municipal election in November 2026.

"A Soulful Christmas" Brings Holiday Cheer to 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 2025-26 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. 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.

More information about AACA programs is available at athensartscouncil.org, or over the phone at 423-745-8781. Staff is available via phone, or in person, at The Arts Center. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.



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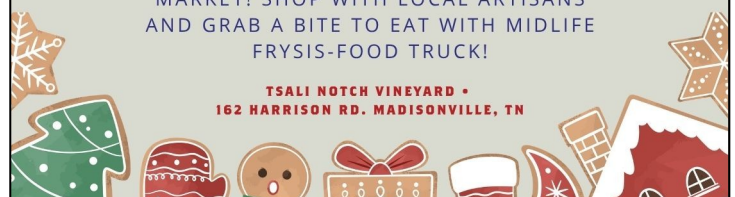
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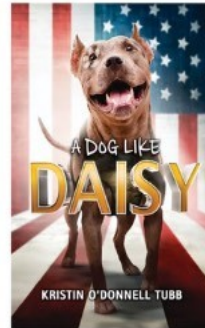
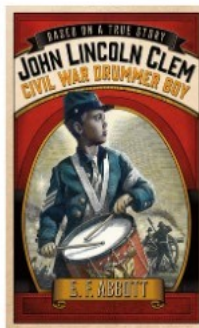
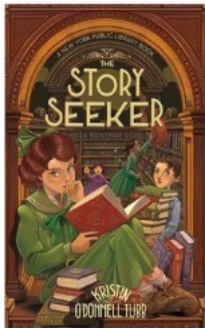
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Keith Church Choir 5:30PM

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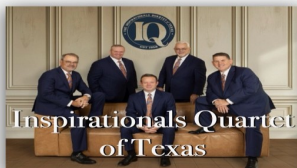
Church News and Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church (314 Co Rd 316, Niota) will be having a Live Nativity Scene on Friday, Dec. 5 & Saturday, Dec. 6 from 6pm - 8pm each night.
- The next Christian Men's Prayer Breakfast sponsored by New Hope Methodist Church will occur on Thursday, December 11 at 8 a.m. at Maddi Mae's Cafe in downtown Athens. This ecumenical prayer breakfast is open to all men of Christian faith plus those who want to establish a relationship with Jesus. Please contact Marcus Guinn (marcusguinn@gmail.com or call 423-507-7769) for more information.
- Concord Missionary Baptist Church (3115 Upper Concord Road, Ten Mile) will be presenting their Christmas Play on Sunday, December 7 at 7:00 pm.
- Athens Lutheran Church (710 Forrest Ave., Athens) is hosting Advent Midweek Services on Wednesdays continuing on December 10, and 17 at 7 pm nightly. There will be a Pot Luck Meal at 6pm before the service.
- [Celebrate Recovery](#) meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur.
- [St. Mary's Legacy Clinic](#) offers free mobile medical care for the uninsured. 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.*

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Athens, Tennessee

Athens City Primary Teacher Honored with State Recreation Award



Athens City Primary physical education teacher AJ Whited (pictured center) has been recognized with the Recreation Professional Award at the Tennessee Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD) Annual Convention.

Whited plays a key role in Athens City Schools' long-running

Camp Oo-Tah-Nee-Noh-Chee program, a 74-year tradition that provides students with hands-on outdoor learning and recreation. The camp exposes children to activities such as archery, fishing, canoeing, ropes courses, volleyball, nine square, water safety, campfire building, and nature trail exploration.

The statewide award honors individuals who serve as positive role models by creating safe, innovative, and effective recreation opportunities. School officials say they are proud to see Whited's leadership and dedication recognized. In the photo: (L-R) Todd Layne - Executive Director TAHPERD; AJ Whited - Athens City Primary School PE Teacher; Becky Bocz - President TAHPERD. *Source: Julie Lofland, Athens City Schools*

McMinn County Arrest Reports

12-03-25

DeMarcus Dillard, 26 of Chattanooga, charged with state violation of probation with no bond.

Quentin Derrick, 20 of Englewood, charged with violation of an order of protection restraining order in Hamilton County with no bond.

Starla Hopper, 44 of Athens, charged with casual exchange, possession of meth, and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$14,000.

Joshua Beadnell, 41 of Athens, charged with aggravated domestic assault. Bond \$2,000.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
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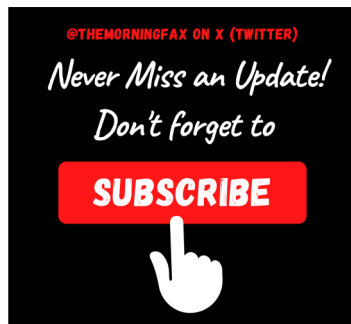
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WOMEN of the WELL
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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Dr. Charles David Keylon, 78 of Athens, passed away on Wednesday December 3. He was the former owner of Keylon Eyecare and a founding member and Deacon of Genesis Baptist Church. Funeral services will be 6:00 P.M. Friday, December 5 in the Chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5-6 at the funeral home. Interment will be a private family service. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Brenda Boyd, 74 of Etowah, passed away on Monday, December 1. She was a stay-at-home mother and later worked as a seamstress. Brenda was a member of Star Bethel Baptist Church. There will be no formal services at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the Boyd family with these arrangements.

Brenda Sue Edmundson, 80, passed away on Saturday, November 29. Brenda retired from South Central Bell. After retirement she attended Broadcasting School and the Cooper Institute. She volunteered at the James White Fort, Tennessee Valley Fair and Fantasy of Trees. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church in Halls. A graveside service will be held on Monday, December 8 at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Athens at 2:00 PM. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Carolyn Ann Vandiver Gray, 87, passed away on Wednesday, December 3. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Etowah. Graveside services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 7 in Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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