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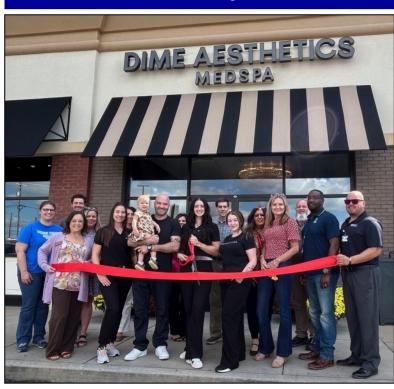
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Dime Aesthetics joins the Athens Chamber of Commerce



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A ribbon cutting was held Wednesday afternoon for Dime Aesthetics Medspa located at 2015 South Congress Parkway in Athens. At Dime Aesthetics Medspa, they specialize in personalized treatment plans that address the visible signs of aging, facial volume loss, skin texture changes, and more. For more information, visit www.dimeaesthetics.com.

Pictured from left to right: Sarah Harris (diplomat), Stacey Hester (diplomat), Chris Plovich, Miriah Cline, Becky Furnal (Dime Aesthetics), Kelly Blassingame, Josephine Giampa (baby), Mike Giampa, Rhonda Wilson (in back), Cassandra Giampa (Dime Aesthetics owner), Rob Preston (chamber), Chelsea Weik (Dime Aesthetics), Stephanie Devine, Diane Evans, Doug Bailey (diplomat), DeShane Oggs and Brandon Johnson.

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Good Faith Clinic Open TODAY



The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, October 9 at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits.

The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for resi-

dents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.

REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, **Thursdays** of each month.

Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens City Schools Board of Education draft agenda and packet for the Monday, October 13, 2025, board meeting can be viewed online on the Athens City Schools website. The meeting will take place at 5:30 pm at the ACS Administration Building.
- The McMinn County Election Commission will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the conference room of the McMinn County Courthouse. The commission will conduct any election-related business that may legally come before the board. The meeting agenda will be posted on the bulletin board at the Election Office and on the Election Commission's website by Thursday, October 16.







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Cleveland State to Host 5th Annual Cougar Classic Speech & Debate Tournament



Cleveland State Community College will welcome student competitors from across the country for the 5th Annual Cougar Classic Speech and Debate Tournament on October 17–18, 2025, at the Cleveland State campus.

The two-day event will feature competitions in the International Public Debate Association (IPDA), National Parliamentary Debate Association (NPDA), and American Forensic Association (AFA) Individual Speaking Events (IE), showcasing a range of speech and dramatic interpretation performances.

Preliminary IPDA rounds will take place Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., followed by elimination rounds, NPDA debates, and IE events on Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The awards ceremony is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening.

The Cougar Classic provides students with an opportunity to strengthen skills in research, critical thinking, and public speaking while engaging in civil discourse and performance-based communication.

Community members are invited to attend and are encouraged to volunteer as judges or event assistants. Those interested in helping or seeking more information can contact Laurie Rowland, Speech and Debate Coach, at laurie.rowland@cscctn.edu.

Source: Andrea Byerly, CSCC





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Athens, Tennessee

Vols Prepare for Unpredictable Arkansas in Return to Neyland

As the 12th-ranked Tennessee Volunteers return from their open week, the focus at Haslam Field has been on adaptability. The Vols face an Arkansas team now led by interim head coach Bobby Petrino and interim defensive coordinator Chris Wilson, creating an unusual challenge with limited film and plenty of unknowns.

"It kind of has a feel like the first game of the year," said Tennessee offensive coordinator Joey Halzle. "They had a bye, so they can get whatever they want installed and ready to go. Early in the game, we just have to call sound football plays and let our guys go play fast."

With so many variables, Halzle said the key will be adjusting quickly and maintaining tempo on offense. Quarterback Joey Aguilar's ability to remain calm and adapt mid-game has been an asset for the Vols.

"His blood pressure doesn't rise," Halzle said. "He's steady, even when the picture changes mid-play."

Defensively, Tennessee's focus will be on containing Arkansas quarterback Taylen Green, one of the SEC's top dual-threat playmakers.

"Everybody has to do their job," said outside linebackers coach Levorn Harbin. "He's got that Vince Young, Michael Vick type ability — long, fast, and electric. If one man misses, he'll make you pay."

Harbin praised the continued growth of his young pass rushers, including Joshua Josephs, Caleb Herring, and Jordan Ross, who he said are progressing weekly and pushing each other to improve.

"Joshua wants to be a first-rounder," Harbin said. "There's no shortcut to that. You have to play within the defense, trust your teammates, and finish."

Tennessee enters the matchup looking to build on its 4–1 record and continue improving in red-zone efficiency and balance between the run and passing game.

"We've done a good job, but we've also left a lot out there," Halzle said. "Finishing drives and taking advantage of opportunities will be key."

Kickoff between Tennessee and Arkansas is set for Saturday at 4:15 p.m. as the Vols look to stay sharp, play fast, and keep their SEC championship hopes alive. Television coverage will be on the SEC Network.









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McMinn County Arrest Reports

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Manny Adams, 20 of Athens, charged with disorderly conduct, Bond \$1,500

Joshua Millsaps, 38 of Riceville, charged with evading arrest in Meigs County.

Jeremy Bennett, 33 of Loudon, charged with theft of property and motor vehicles, over 2,500, Bond \$12,000

Robin Lamb, 40 of Spring City, charge with violation of probation for possession of marijuana, simple possession casual exchange, and drug paraphernalia, Bond \$20,000

Jeffrey Portman, 47 of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for possession of Schedule II meth for resale.

Diana Vest, 48 of Benton charged with DUI.

Sikandar Mir, 32 of Etowah, charged with vehicular assault, and leaving the scene of an accident with serious bodily injuries.

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

Athens Arts Council Announces Fall Art Class Lineup

The Athens Area Council for the Arts is now accepting registrations for several upcoming fall art classes. Participants should register at least three days before the class begins unless otherwise noted.

- <u>Intuitive Painting with Lizz Harris</u> Tuesdays, October 14–28, 5:30–7:30 p.m. Open to ages 18+, no experience required. Three-week class exploring creativity and relaxation through mixed media. Cost: \$100, includes materials.
- <u>Holiday Tree Ceramics with Patricia Shook</u> Saturday, November 1, 1–3 p.m. Ages 12+, no experience needed. Create a light-up clay holiday tree. Cost: \$35, includes materials. Registration deadline: October 31, 5 p.m.
- Watercolor Studio with Sandy Brown
 — Thursdays, November 6 & 13, 4:30–6:30 p.m. For intermediate to advanced artists, focusing on critique and composition. Ages 18+. Cost: \$40, supplies not included.
- <u>Loom Weaving with Nancy Kyzer</u> Saturday, November 8, 1–4 p.m. Open to all ages, children should be accompanied by an adult. Create a woven wall hanging—perfect for holiday gifts. Cost: \$25, includes materials. Registration deadline: November 7, 5 p.m.

The Council also announced that several pottery wheel classes originally scheduled for September have been canceled and will be rescheduled later this year. For more information or to register, visit the Athens Area Council for the Arts website or contact their office directly.



