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## McMinn County High Cheerleaders Claim Division Title at UCA Smoky Mountain Championships



The McMinn County High School cheerleading squad brought home top honors after winning their division at the Universal Cheerleading Association's Smoky Mountain Championship in Sevierville. The annual event, hosted by Varsity Spirit, draws school and All-Star teams from across the region to compete for titles, points, and potential bids to national championships in Florida.

Pictured left to right are team members Ava Peake, Georgiana Cullen, and Kataruh Mills.

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**Hours:**  
Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM  
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**Admission:**  
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Good Faith Clinic Open TODAY

Update from the Etowah Library



The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, December 11 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 residents 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 South Congress Parkway in Athens.

*REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic's December schedule will be altered for the holidays. The next open day will be Tuesday, December 23.*

*Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic*

It's not too late to read -- we're halfway through our all-ages winter reading challenge at Etowah Carnegie Library. Log your reading at: <https://etowahcarnegie.readsquared.com/> to win prizes. December 31st is the last day to log your reading!

Etowah Carnegie Library is offering kid's activities at 4 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays leading up to winter break. Join us for a reindeer puppet craft on December 16th and a paper gingerbread man craft on December 18th.

Etowah Carnegie Library will open at 2 PM on Friday, December 19th due to our annual employee holiday party. The library will be open normal hours the rest of the week.

For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit [www.etowahlibrary.com](http://www.etowahlibrary.com).

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OUR SPONSORS WERE DENSO, TRUIST & FRIENDLY CITY FESTIVALS ALONG WITH THE CITY OF ATHENS AND MCMINN COUNTY WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT, THIS ANNUAL FESTIVAL WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE. PARKS AND RECREATION GAVE SANTA & MRS. CLAUSE A TREE TO LIGHT AND WITHOUT THE HELP OF PUBLIC WORKS, OUR NEW BANNERS AND DECORATIONS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ON DISPLAY. LET'S NOT FORGET BRIAN KEY AT JOHNSON'S HOME FURNISHINGS FOR STORING OUR SNOWFLAKES AND ASSISTING AUB WITH INSTALLING THEM. HOW ABOUT THE PO PO PO TOO? POLICE NAVIDAD!

AND HOW ABOUT OUR DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS, RETAILERS, RESTAURANTS AND SERVICE SHOPS? THEY HELPED TO MAKE THE HOLIDAY PASSPORT A SUCCESS ALONG WITH THE HARD WORK MAGGIE CONTRIBUTED.

DID YOU MAKE IT TO KNIGHT PARK TO SEE THE KEITH CHURCH LIVE NATIVITY SCENE OR THE ORNAMENT HOUSE? WE OWE THANKS TO THE ARTS CENTER AND MAYFIELD FARM PARK.

MERCY, THERE WAS A LOT GOING ON! E.G. FISHER LIBRARY HAD STORY TIME AND EAST TENNESSEE ENTERTAINMENT BROUGHT US SOME HOLIDAY CHEER AS WELL. AND DID YOU SEE THE SIZE OF THOSE BUNNIES AT THE PETTING ZOO? WOW!

JOY, ALONG WITH HER ELVES AND JOHN AND MARK, DID A GREAT JOB DECORATING THE COURTHOUSE AND PROVIDING THE SLEIGH AND FOOD FOR SANTA'S REINDEER. THE GIRLS AT EDA CHIPPED IN WITH SOME FANCY BALLOONS FOR PHOTOS AROUND THE STAIRS AT THE COURTHOUSE AS WELL. JULIE AT THE CHAMBER MADE SURE SANTA AND MRS. CLAUSE KEPT THE NAUGHTY LIST UP TO DATE TOO!

JOEL ALWAYS KEEPS OUR EARS ENTERTAINED BY PROVIDING THE BEST SOUND AROUND, AND SANDRA, OUR DIRECTOR, MANAGED THE VENDORS AND THEIR NEEDS.

THE ONLY THING LEFT TO SAY IS MERRY CHRISTMAS AND THANK YOU! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY! LIVE, LOVE AND TRAVEL!

STUART MASON



## Sales of Homes in McMinn County September 1 to October 30 (via tvasinc.com)

Close Date	Close Price	Street Name	City
9/2/2025	355000	Fyke Dr	Athens
9/2/2025	245000	Crestway Dr	Athens
9/3/2025	490000	County Road 135	Athens
9/3/2025	292500	County Road 192	Niota
9/4/2025	238000	County Road 212	Athens
9/4/2025	33500	County Road 882	Etowah
9/5/2025	368000	County Road 275	Niota
9/5/2025	248000	Gettys Ln	Athens
9/5/2025	315000	County Road 155	Riceville
9/5/2025	317000	County Road 723	Athens
9/10/2025	342000	County Road 192	Niota
9/15/2025	525000	County Road 674	Riceville
9/15/2025	175000	Old Englewood Rd	Athens
9/17/2025	209900	Highway 11n	Niota
9/19/2025	317000	County Road 213	Athens
9/22/2025	225000	Chestuee St	Englewood
9/25/2025	200000	County Road 260	Niota
9/26/2025	327000	Lynnwood Dr	Athens
9/26/2025	47500	County Road 655	Athens
9/29/2025	103000	County Road 801	Etowah
9/29/2025	251400	County Road 326	Sweetwater
9/30/2025	277000	Chesapeake Dr	Athens
9/30/2025	259900	County Road 435	Englewood
9/30/2025	399900	County Road 102	Athens
9/30/2025	185000	Ohio Avenue	Etowah
9/30/2025	220000	County Road 260	Athens
10/2/2025	229000	Meadow Lawn Dr	Englewood
10/3/2025	830000	County Road 116	Athens
10/3/2025	260000	Long Mill Rd	Athens
10/6/2025	462000	Highway 68	Niota
10/8/2025	415000	County Road 580	Athens
10/8/2025	190000	5th St	Etowah
10/8/2025	355000	County Road 570	Englewood
10/9/2025	669000	County Road 609	Etowah
10/9/2025	677950	Wood Creek Cir	Athens
10/9/2025	344900	County Road 155	Riceville
10/10/2025	270000	County Road 148	Riceville
10/15/2025	485000	County Road 619	Etowah
10/16/2025	156500	County Road 875	Etowah
10/17/2025	320000	County Road 534	Etowah
10/17/2025	317900	County Road 312	Sweetwater
10/17/2025	150000	College St	Athens
10/17/2025	269500	Railroad Avenue	Athens
10/17/2025	292000	County Road 527	Etowah
10/20/2025	182000	Lynn Ave	Athens
10/20/2025	165000	County Road 202	Athens
10/22/2025	250000	Apache Street	Athens
10/23/2025	280000	County Road 213	Athens
10/23/2025	250000	County Road 902	Etowah
10/24/2025	275000	Sunset Ave	Athens
10/27/2025	340000	County Road 616	Athens
10/28/2025	587000	County Road 602	Athens
10/29/2025	250000	Sockhill	Englewood
10/30/2025	239000	Unknown	Athens



## Obituaries

**Lesley "Paul" Shankle**, 58 of Etowah, passed away on Thursday, December 4. He was employed with Homer's Home Improvement, with whom he'd worked for many years. He loved being outdoors, especially in the mountains and Hiwassee River. The family will have a memorial service on Paul's birthday, December 28 at 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Poole Funeral Home in Etowah, TN and invites all family and friends to attend. Companion Funeral Home of Athens, TN and the Cody Family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

**Albert Mitchum**, 65 of Delano, passed away on Monday, December 8. He was a member of Brentwood United Methodist Church and currently attended Carlock United Methodist Church. He also enjoyed a successful and notable career as a competitor in White Water Slalom Racing. Albert became a champion in White Water Slalom regionally and nationally in both C1 and OC1. His success gained him a position on the US Canoe and Kayak Team, placement in two Olympic Trials ('92 & '96) and international competition at five World Cup Competitions throughout Europe. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m., Friday, December 12 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery, Saturday, December 13 for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

**Ronald "Ron" Eibel**, 72 of Niota, passed away on Tuesday, December 9. Ron was a dedicated employee of Bargain Barn/UGO for 25 years until he retired. A jack of all trades, he enjoyed utilizing his skills in carpentry and construction for building and remodeling. He enjoyed boating, bike riding, travelling, and spending time with his family and friends. A graveside service will be conducted, 1:30 pm, Saturday, December 13 at Cedar Grove Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Smith Funeral Home, Saturday from 11:00am-1:00pm prior to the graveside service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Ronald "Ron" Eibel.