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Athens City Schools will honor the legacy of Camp Oo-Tah-Nee-Noh-Chee with a 75th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2026, at Watts Bar Lake.

The day begins with a free public open house from 2–4 p.m., featuring camp tours, activities, and a chance to revisit memories shared by generations of students, teachers, and volunteers. A Donor Appreciation Dinner will follow from 5:30–7:30 p.m., with tickets at \$75 per person including Prof Powers' chili and remarks from community leaders. Tickets are available through Sept. 25.

Parking will be at Hornsby Hollow boat ramp with shuttle service to camp. In case of bad weather, events will move

to Oct. 25.

The celebration also launches a Legacy Campaign to raise \$250,000 for camp improvements and an endowment. Donations may be made online at tinyurl.com/75CampO or by contacting organizers. Commemorative merchandise will be available at both events. This milestone offers the community a chance to invest in the future of Camp O, ensuring its traditions continue for generations of Athens City Schools students.

Source: Julie Lofland, ACS

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Tennessee Wesleyan University Marks Record Enrollment for Fall 2026



Tennessee Wesleyan University has begun the Fall 2026 semester with a record enrollment of 1,601 students, a 13.2% increase over last year. The milestone reflects steady growth, with enrollment rising from 1,177 in 2024 to 1,398 in 2025, and now more than 36% higher in just two years.

President Dr. Tyler Forrest credited the achievement to the dedication of faculty, staff, and coaches, noting TWU's commitment to offering personalized, affordable education. Graduate and professional programs saw particularly strong numbers, including 286 Dual Enrollment students, 197 in the Executive Master of Science program, and 132 in the Executive MBA program.

University officials say the growth highlights TWU's expanding academic offerings, investments in campus facilities, and focus on student success inside and outside the classroom. More information about programs is available at:

tnwesleyan.edu.

Source: Chrsi Jackson, College Editor, TWU

Community News You Can Use

- Athens Utilities Board offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 7 for Labor Day, reopening Tuesday, Sept. 8, 7:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Standby crews from natural gas, water, wastewater, and power remain on call. Report outages at 423-745-3131.
- The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce will host its 20th Annual Benefit on June 26, featuring John Schneider, best known as *Bo Duke* from *The Dukes of Hazzard*. Schneider, co-founder of the Children's Miracle Network and a country artist with four No. 1 hits, will take part in a Q&A and perform some of his songs. Tickets are available at athenschamber.org or by calling 423-745-0334.
- Athens Area Council for the Arts will host beginner-friendly visual and performing arts workshops for school-aged youth on Tuesday, Oct. 13. Registration is due by Monday, Oct. 12, with a Pay What You Can fee scale (materials included). Details and registration links are available at athensartscouncil.org/youth.

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Church News & Events

- **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 and Thursdays at 6:30pm at **Spirit City Church North Etowah**.
- **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.*
- Englewood First Church of God will host a Grandparents & Grandkids Night on Saturday, Sept. 19, 3–5 p.m. in the church gymnasium. Admission is \$12 per adult; children 17 and under attend free. Proceeds benefit the church's inclusive playground and recreational field project. Register at: Facebook.com/englewoodfcog.
- The Brand New Me Singing Group with Roy Poole will be at Conasauga Baptist Church. The church is located at 649 County Road 475 in Etowah, on Sunday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m.
- Redemption to the Nations Church, located at 2329 Clearwater Road in Athens, will distribute free food boxes on Friday, Sept. 11 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.
- Union Grove Baptist Church will host its second annual Salvation Color Run on the Eureka Trail in Athens, Saturday, Sept. 5 at 9 a.m. The free event is open to all ages and fitness levels, with color stations along the course. White T-shirts recommended; sunglasses provided. **See Page 5 for more info.**
- First Baptist Church of Niota is seeking a part-time Worship Leader to plan and lead services and collaborate with ministry teams. Applicants should be Christ-centered and passionate about worship. Apply by sending resumé via email to cullen@niotafbc.org.

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Athens Chamber Gets "Juiced"



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Genesis Juicery, located at 2 N White Street, Athens. Shown here are chamber and business representatives, and the owners of Genesis Juicery, Johnny and Keely Storaska.

Source: Julie Simbeck, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce

Niota Rural Volunteer Fire Department Awarded \$65K Grant



The Niota Rural Volunteer Fire Department received a \$65,323 grant during the 2026 Tennessee Fire Department Grant Programs Awards Luncheon, hosted by the Tennessee State Fire Marshal's Office.

The funding will be used to purchase new equipment to better serve the community. Department officials expressed deep grati-

tude to the Fire Marshal's Office and all involved in making the program possible.

The grant is part of statewide efforts to strengthen resources for volunteer fire departments. *Source: David Prater, NFD*

Obituaries

Martha A. "Marty" Wood Wagner, age 85, of Athens, passed away on September 2, 2026. Marty and her husband, Jerry, owned and operated the All-Vets Club in Etowah for numerous years. Martha was loved by so many and was everyone's nana, aunt and mom. A visitation will be held on Friday, September 4, 2026, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7:00 PM with Scott Cass officiating. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, September 5, 2026, at 11:00 AM at Cedar Grove Cemetery. [Ziegler Funeral Home](#) of Ath-



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

September 02, 2026

Chelsea Seiler, 30, of Athens, charged with state violation of probation.

Desiree Goff, 38, of Decatur, charged with failure to appear for burglary.

Richard Gann, 34, of Riceville, charged with failure to appear for aggravated domestic assault.

Ismael Vichicher, 28, of Coropolis, Pennsylvania, charged with driving on a suspended license, Bond \$1,500.

Mark Hughes, 47, of Niota, charged with violation of probation for possession of meth. Bond \$2,075.

Jonathan Slager, 41, charged with violation of probation, possession of a controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$21,000.

Donald Rowland, 48, of Etowah, charged with state violation of probation for possession of schedule 2 for resale.

Wendy Laura, 38, of Athens, charged with state violation of probation for theft \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Troy Frazier, 41, of Etowah, charged with failure to appear for possession of paraphernalia, evading arrest, and drug paraphernalia. Bond \$19,000.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
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McMinn County Board of Education and SROs Sworn In

Members of the McMinn County Board of Education and the district's School Resource Officers (SROs) were officially sworn in during a ceremony at the McMinn County Courthouse this week.

The board, which governs policy and supports leadership across all nine campuses, formally began its new term of service. At the same time, SROs pledged their commitment to student safety and well-being, continuing their role as trusted daily presences in schools.

"We're proud of the men and women who stepped up to serve our students this year," said Director Melasawn Knight, noting the importance of both guiding the district's direction and maintaining safe learning environments.

McMinn County Schools congratulated its board members and SROs, thanking them for their dedication to students and families across the district.

Source: Camille Luttrell, MCS

DENSO Manufacturing Athens Tennessee Donates \$5,000 to McMinn Central High School Athletics



Pictured from left to right, Brent Masingale, McMinn Central's Athletic Director accepting the check from Jessica Derrick & John Devine, DMAT Recruiting

DENSO Manufacturing Athens Tennessee (DMAT) has donated \$5,000 to the McMinn Central High School athletic department to support the school's athletic programs.

DMAT, McMinn County's largest employer, has been part of the local community for nearly three decades and has a long record of supporting area students and organizations. The gift to McMinn Central continues that commitment to the young people of McMinn County.

McMinn County Schools is grateful to DMAT for its generosity and its ongoing partnership with local education.

Source: Camille Luttrell, MCS

Obituaries

Ruth Ann Sabedra Barton, 89 of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, September 1. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 8, from 2:00-4:00 PM, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 4:30 at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery. [Ziegler Funeral Home](#) has been entrusted with the care of Ruth Ann Sabedra Barton.

Angelia Kay Sutton, 54 of Madisonville, passed away on Tuesday, September 1. Angie dedicated many years of her life to the Monroe County School System, serving as a cafeteria cook since 1999 where she eventually became cafeteria manager. In accordance with Angelia's wishes, there will be no formal services at this time. [Companion Funeral and Cremation Service Athens](#) Chapel and the Cody family are honored to assist her family during this time.

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