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## Vehicular Incident in Etowah



A 2006 Volvo Tractor Trailer and a 2010 Ford Fusion collided around 1:30 pm on Friday afternoon on Tennessee Ave. at First Street in Etowah. Fire personnel removed the Fusion driver's door for easier removal of the driver, who was treated by AMR then transported to Starr Regional in Etowah. Responding agencies were Etowah City & Rural Fire Departments. Etowah City Police Sgt. John Farris and Patrolman Seth Johnson investigated the incident. *Photos by Etowah Rural Fire Department.*

## Another Dead at Blythe's Ferry, Meigs Co.

A Tennessee fisherman in his mid-70s died Friday morning in Meigs County after suffering a medical issue while on the water. The incident occurred at 9:30 AM near the confluence of the Hiwassee and Tennessee Rivers and the Blythe's Ferry boat ramp, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). The man, from Dyer County, Tennessee, was fishing with a friend when he experienced a medical emergency and fell into the water without wearing a lifejacket. His friend jumped in, pulled him back to the boat, called 911, and drove toward the Highway 58 boat ramp. First responders pronounced the man, who remains unidentified, dead at the scene. This marks the 11th water-related death in Tennessee in 2024. Earlier in February, two people drowned in the same area, prompting nearby counties to plan for collaborative responses to water accidents....[Newschannel9.com](http://Newschannel9.com)



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## CRIME ALERT: Information Wanted



The Athens Police Department is requesting the public's assistance in identifying the subjects involved in several car burglaries in the early morning hours of June 27, 2024. The subjects can be seen on [VIDEO](#) rummaging through several vehicles, stealing

multiple items including chainsaws, gas, cans and other miscellaneous items. If you have any information that could help and would like to submit an anonymous tip, please visit [www.athenstn.gov/tips](http://www.athenstn.gov/tips) and reference case number: 2024-08279 on the form. Athens Police Department would also like to remind everyone to lock their vehicles and store valuables out of sight or in the trunk.



Also, a utility trailer was stolen from 441 County Road 61 in Riceville around Wednesday night or Thursday Morning. If you have information about its location, contact the McMinn County Sheriff's Non-Emergency line at (423) 745-5620.

## Obituaries

**Ernest "Ernie" Womack, Sr.**, died Saturday, July 6, 2024, at Terra Bella Assisted Living. Ernie was retired from the U.S. Army. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.

**James "Jim" Benton**, age 78, of Athens, died early Sunday morning, July 7, 2024, at his home. Jim served in the U.S. Navy and retired from the City of Athens Fire Department. Funeral arrangements will be announced later by Ziegler Funeral Home.



### Today In History - July 8

**1835** - The Liberty Bell cracked while being rung during the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshal in Philadelphia.  
**1889** - Journalist Charles Henry Dow published the first issue of *The Wall Street Journal*.  
**1947** - A local newspaper reported that a "flying saucer" had been recovered near Roswell, New Mexico; although that claim was refuted by authorities, the Roswell incident eventually became the center of a conspiracy theory involving UFOs and extraterrestrials.  
**2011** - The orbiter Atlantis was launched on the last space shuttle mission.

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To all Citizens of McMinn County and Athens, Tennessee,

I am so humbled to have been chosen by you to win the Best of the Best Award this year. My wife and I have lived in McMinn County all of our lives and we both love our area and all the people who live here.

I will always strive to do the right thing for our community, as I have and before I was elected to the City Council. I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July celebration of our freedoms and our INDEPENDENCE.

Keep me in your prayers that God will always have his hand on me to do the right thing for this great city. I never expected to win such an honor as this, and I owe it to all of you fine folks that voted for me and all the people that put their trust in me as well. Thank you again from the bottom of my heart, for this means the world to me. God bless our great city, county and each one of you.

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## Run Katie Run for Sounds of Summer



Friendly City Festivals announces the fifth concert in the 2024 Sounds of Summer series will feature Georgia based band Run Katie Run on Friday, July 12th.

The concert will be held at Market Pavilion on 106 South Jackson Street in downtown Athens, Tennessee starting at 7:00 p.m. Concert goers are encouraged to bring their lawn chairs, blankets, family and friends for a toe tapping-hand clapping night of entertainment. Food trucks for the evening will include Kona Ice, The Traveling Lunchbox and Magnolia Cookies.

Kate Coleman may be front and center in Run Katie Run but the band's album Cowboy

Boots with Fishnet Tights released in spring of 2023 reflects the group as a whole. The band's Americana rock roots covers the good, the sad, the inspired and the tired- and everything in between - about relationships of all kinds. As RKR performed throughout 2023, the five friends who met at an open mic night in Georgia have played all over Metro Atlanta and the South East including Atlanta Dogwood Festival, Wire & Wood Songwriters Festival, Pigs and Peaches Festival, Dollywood Harvest Festival and Sounds of Summer in 2023.

Run Katie Run features a unique blend of rock sensibilities and folksy textures that reflects this quintet of best friends. With their playful mixture of folk, pop and Americana, Run Katie Run is folk rock at its finest.

The remaining line up in the 2024 Sounds of Summer series is:

- July 19th - Sugar Lime Blue
- July 26th - Second Wind Band
- August 2nd - Will Carter
- August 9th - Tim Hughes Quartet
- August 16th - Trailer Hippies
- August 23rd - Mendingwall
- August 30th - The Dexter Thomas Band

This free to the public series is produced by Friendly City Festivals, a 501(c)3 subsidiary of Willsonthropic, Inc. and is made possible by the financial support of: The City of Athens, McMinn County Tourism Board, Wolfenden Family Pharmacies, Dynasty Spas and Pools, TVA, Tennessee Overhill Association, Tennessee Arts Commission, Mayfield Dairy Farms, DENSO, Humana, VEC Customer Shares, Citizens National Bank of Sevier County, Valley Oil, Starr Regional Medical Center, Kona Ice, Pendleton's Playground, Simmons Bank, Simmons Wealth Management Group, WarrenJackson CPAs and Athens Kiwanis Club. Special thanks to The Morning Fax, Daily Post-Athenian, Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, The Arts Center and Main Street Athens for social media/advertising support.

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## 4th Annual Battle of Athens Festival



The Battle of Athens Festival Committee is thrilled to announce the 4th annual Battle of Athens Festival on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Market Park in Athens. This year's festival continues to emphasize the historic aspects of the Battle, featuring more historical, cultural, and educational vendors. Food trucks

will be available, and misting fans will help keep attendees cool.

The festival will include displays with photos and information about the Battle, the individuals involved, and the issues of the campaign. Memorabilia, artifacts, primary source materials, and multiple perspectives on the Battle will be showcased. Descendants of Battle participants will speak, and a large HD television will screen video interviews and documentary material. Audio interviews and live broadcasts of the Battle will be played through a sound system. Attendees are invited to join a downtown walking tour of related sites.

New additions to the festival include a slideshow of photographs,

newspaper headlines, and letters to Congressman John Jennings from McMinn Countians seeking help with honest elections. Children's story time, featuring a new book about the Battle, will be hosted by E.G. Fisher and Etowah Carnegie Libraries. Festival t-shirts will be on sale, and there will be two door prize drawings. Thanks to new sponsors, this year's festival promises to be the best yet.

Festival activities will be organized into four hour-long blocks:

- 4:00 PM: Documentaries and Radio broadcasts
- 5:00 PM: Vendor showcase, children's storytime, slideshows, pop-up museum, and memorabilia/artifact displays
- 6:00 PM: 1st Door Prize Drawing and guest speakers
- 7:00 PM: Downtown Walking Tour and Documentaries
- 7:45 PM: 2nd Door Prize Drawing and Finale

The committee hopes that young people, new residents, and East Tennessee natives will join to learn more about the Battle. Everyone is invited to attend and share in the commemoration of this significant event in McMinn County's history.



### OPEN INTERVIEWS

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## Vehicular Incident, Riceville



A 2018 Honda CRV and a 2011 Dodge Charger collided on Saturday close to 1 pm on Highway 163 at County Road 750 in Riceville leaving the driver of the Dodge Charger slightly injured. The driver refused medical transport. Claxton Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, and AMR all responded. THP Sgt Kyle Millsaps investigated the accident. *Photos by Etowah Rural Fire Department.*

## 4th of July Victim Identified



From WATE.COM: The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency has identified a man whose body was recovered at Watts Bar Lake after he went overboard at Tennessee National Marina on Thursday.

James Doyle Frost, 75, of Knoxville, drowned while docking his boat at Tennessee National Marina the afternoon of July 4. TWRA said that witnesses said he fell overboard, went underwater, and did not resurface. Multiple agencies responded to search for him. His body was located by a TWRA investigator using a Remote Operated Vehicle (ROV) and members of the Loudon County Dive Rescue team made the recovery just after 9 p.m. Thursday.

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# Arrest Reports

Monnie Adams, 63 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of a Schedule IV Substance, Driving on a Revoked License (2nd Offense), and Open Container. No Bond.

Donnie McKheen, 29 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Attempted Theft from a Coin Machine, Violation of Probation, Vandalism, & Burglary. Total Bond: \$18,296.35

Joseph Vann, 25 of Decatur, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$3,287.40

Ginger Fetner, 40 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,679.90.

Johnathan McKheen, 41 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Criminal Trespassing. Total Bond: \$1,500.

Anthony Walden, 36 of Niota, was arrested by the MCSO for Unpaid Child Support and Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$6,500.

Charles Williams, 57 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Simple Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, and Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine. Total Bond: \$12,000.

Walter Byas, 43 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Attempted Theft of Property. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Tharron White, 35 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for two counts of Failure to Appear, and Unpaid Child Support. Total Bond: \$4,000.

Kobe Jackson, 23 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$590.95.


Loriana Jackson, 25 of Niota, was arrested by the MCSO for Driving under the Influence and Unpaid Child Support. Total Bond: \$5,000.

William Smith, 26 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Theft of Property - Shoplifting, Possession/Casual Exchange of Methamphetamine, and Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale. Total Bond: \$32,499.

Tracy Gore, 53 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Violation of Probation and Driving Under the Influence. Total Bond: \$2,295.85

Sarah Lynn, 33 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the Athens PD for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$28,000.

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