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Friendly City Disaster Relief

The Staff of The Morning Fax would like to thank all of our faithful readers that have reached out about organizations and businesses that are coordinating disaster relief efforts in and around the McMinn County area. Northeast Tennessee and Western North Carolina were recently devastated by the effects of Hurricane Helene. Strong winds and heavy rains caused massive amounts of flooding that in some cases have left some towns without a single building standing. Others were left without communications to the outside world with no way for us to know their exact condition. Many places in and around McMinn County have reached out to us after seeing our coverage of the tragedy and have let us know that they are accepting donations to help survivors of this storm. It is important to remember that it will take months, even years, in some cases, to fully recover from the effects of this storm. Your ongoing help will always be appreciated. Joining yesterday's list of Disaster Relief drop off locations are the following: —>

- **The McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association** (350 N. Congress Pkwy, Athens) from 8:30 am-4:30 pm, Monday-Friday [Bottled Water, Contact Solution, Feminine Hygiene, ToothBrushes/ Toothpaste, Hand Sanitizer, Wipes, Paper Plates]
- **TCAT Athens** (1635 Technology Way, Athens) from 8am-4pm, Monday-Friday [Bottled Water]
- **HR Sources & Solutions** (308 N Congress Pkwy, Athens) from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday [Bottled Water, Shelf-Stable Foods, Baby Food] They also need Volunteers to assist in loading items. If you are unable to make it to the Athens location, any HR Sources and Solutions will accept your donation and bring it to the Athens Office.

Any business or organization that would like to notify the public of their efforts to maximize the amount of help provided, please Email us at: wyxiradio@gmail.com



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Thursday, Oct. 24th @ Noon *Free admission*

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Athens, Tennessee

Monroe Co. Man Indicted for Sexual Assault

An investigation by TBI special agents into a sexual assault allegation has resulted in the indictment and arrest of a Madisonville man.

At the request of 10th Judicial District Attorney General Stephen Hatchett, on September 5th, TBI special agents began investigating a complaint of a sexual assault that took place on August 24th. During the course of the investigation, agents developed information that Brian Hodge had committed sexual battery against an individual at the Monroe County EMS Station in Madisonville.

On October 2nd, the Monroe County Grand Jury returned an indictment charging Brian Keith Hodge (DOB 07/20/1984) with one count of Sexual Battery. TBI agents took Hodge into custody and transported him to the Monroe County Jail, where he was booked. His bond was set at \$10,000.

The charges and allegations referenced in this release are merely accusations of criminal conduct and not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.

Community News You Can Use

- The VFW Auxiliary is hosting Trunk or Treat at the VFW on Saturday, October 26 from 4-6 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure. The area to be affected is Velma Road from George Street to Congress Parkway. This closure will be from Friday, October 4, 2024 at 7:30 a.m. until Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution and watch for detour and traffic signage, workers, and pedestrians. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. The purpose of this closing is for drainage repairs. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.
- **WYXI Radio is LIVE on-location at NAPA Auto Parts (312 N. White St., Athens) TODAY from 11am-3pm.** Come meet the NAPA staff and enjoy the Milwaukee Tools Sales Event. Many Giveaways with no purchase necessary. The Traveling Lunchbox Food Truck will be on site, and the MEDIC Bloodmobile will be there accepting donations for Storm Victims. Listen in on FM 94.5 and AM 1390.



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NO CARVED PUMPKINS WILL BE ACCEPTED, BUT PAINTED PUMPKINS ARE ALLOWED!

DETAILS:

- ✓ Accepting Submissions until October 18th
- ✓ Age Categories: (1) 4-8, (2) 9-12, and (3) 13-18
- ✓ Drop-off Location: Tennessee Overhill office (at the Depot) or the Nancy Dender Gallery (next to the Gem Theater on Tennessee Avenue in Etowah)
- ✓ Prizes will be awarded in each age group, and all participants will receive a certificate of achievement. Plus, the entries will be displayed at the Nancy Dender Gallery throughout the month of October!

RECEPTION:

Oct. 30 at 5 pm

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IRS to Provide Tax Relief to Helene Victims

The IRS is providing tax relief to individuals and businesses in parts of Tennessee impacted by Tropical Storm Helene, following a FEMA disaster declaration. Affected taxpayers now have until May 1, 2025, to file various federal tax returns and make payments.

Individuals and households in the following Tennessee counties qualify:

- Carter
- Cocke
- Greene
- Hamblen
- Hawkins
- Johnson
- Unicoi
- Washington

Deadlines for filing after September 26, 2024, and before May 1, 2025, are extended to May 1, 2025.

The deadline applies to:

- Individuals who had a valid extension to file their 2023 return due to run out on Oct. 15, 2024. The IRS noted, however, that because tax payments related to these 2023 returns were due on April 15, 2024, those payments are not eligible for this relief.
- Calendar-year corporations whose 2023 extensions run out on

Oct. 15, 2024.

- Any payment normally due during this period, including the quarterly estimated tax payments due on Jan. 15, and April 15, 2025.
- The quarterly payroll and excise tax returns that are normally due on Oct. 31, 2024, and Jan. 31, and April 30, 2025.

Penalties for payroll and excise tax deposits due between September 26 and October 11, 2024, will be waived if deposits are made by the October date.

The IRS will automatically apply relief to affected taxpayers in the disaster area. *Those living outside the designated area who were impacted should contact the IRS disaster hotline at 866-562-5227*

Tax preparers in the disaster area with clients located outside the area can choose the ['bulk requests from practitioners for disaster relief'](#) option on the [IRS website](#).




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