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## More Athens City Council Recap

The Athens City Council recently approved a motion for minimum and maximum amounts to be allowed per entity for tourism funds request applications. The minimum will be \$500 and the maximum was increased from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Also a motion was passed to review submitted applications for tourism funds no later than the July 1st deadline.

Another motion was passed to allocate funds for Fiscal Year 2025 from the Hotel / Motel tax. The Athens Area Council for the Arts will receive the maximum of \$15,000. Friendly City Festivals was granted the maximum of \$15,000. Main Street Athens was granted \$8,200 and the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum was granted \$10,000.

A motion was approved to reallocate funds between Main Street Athens and the LITE HOUSE from the General Fund. \$35,000 will go to Main Street and \$15,000 will go to the LITE HOUSE.

A motion was tabled to an annexation of property request located on County Road 126 aka Milton Road, by George Andrew Hodges. The tract is being considered for a subdivision for 141 new homes. More engineering work will have to be done before the city will reconsider annexation.

## Community News You Can Use

- Sweetwater Main Street presents: "The Adventures of the Holy Rollers: The Musical" on Nov. 15, 16, 22, & 23 at 6 pm. There is a Sunday Matinee on Nov. 17 at 3 pm. All Shows will be at Sweetwater Elementary School. All tickets are \$15. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#).
- The Athens Arts Center will present "Crooners of the 1940s," the latest in their 2024-25 House Blend Concert Series, on November 8 and 9, at 7:00 PM. The show will feature music from World War II. Local vocalists and musicians will perform at the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater. Tickets range from \$17.50 to \$22.50 and include catered refreshments. For more details, visit [athensartscouncil.org](http://athensartscouncil.org) or call 423-745-8781.

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# Obituaries

**Sammie Lynn Stokes Womac**, 85, resident of Athens and native of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, October 19. She was a member of Concord Methodist Church in Decatur. Visitation will be held from 9:30-10:30 on Wednesday, October 23, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 11:00 AM at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Sammie Lynn Stokes Womac.

**James Ronnie Decker**, 67 of Riceville, passed away on Sunday, October 20. He enjoyed livestock trading and was a former employee of TVA. Visitation will be held from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM on Friday, October 25, at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow funeral services at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of James Ronnie Decker.

**Elizabeth "Shorty" White**, 94, of Athens, TN, born in Englewood TN, passed away Sunday, October 20. Elizabeth attended First Church of God, of Athens, TN. She retired from Damy Industries. Funeral service will be held at 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 23, in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday prior to the service. The committal service will be at 11 am on Thursday, Oct. 26 at McMinn Memory Gardens. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

**Wendell Cate**, passed away on Monday, October 21. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Wendell Cate.

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Ben Stiles recently achieved a career milestone by becoming a journeyman lineman after dedicating five years to an apprenticeship program. Starting as a groundman at a utility company right after high school, Ben has honed his skills

and is now ready for new challenges. Outside of work, he enjoys outdoor activities with his wife Megan and their three sons—Casen, Huntson, and Leelan—often taking them hunting, fishing, or spending time on the lake. Ben's commitment to both his family and career reflects his passion for building a lasting legacy.

## Phone Appointments Available for Medicare Part D Open Enrollment

While all in-person slots are booked, the McMinn Senior Activity Center is offering phone appointments for individuals needing assistance with Medicare Part D during the open enrollment period. Trained, non-biased counselors will be available to help those who want to enroll, make changes, or leave their current plan. Phone appointments are available on October 31, November 21, and December 5.

Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 through December 7, with changes taking effect on January 1, 2025. This period is for individuals aged 65 and over who are already enrolled in Medicare, allowing them to adjust their coverage for the coming year.

Appointments are free, and no membership is required to access this service. To book an appointment, call the McMinn Senior Activity Center at 423-745-6830. Before your appointment, stop by the Center to pick up a 2024 Medicare Part D Plan Comparison Worksheet or print one from [www.mcminnseniors.com](http://www.mcminnseniors.com). Completed worksheets must be returned to the Center before your scheduled appointment.

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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

**Joshua King**, 32 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. No Bond.

**Harley Martin**, 25 of Niota, was arrested by the MCSO for two counts of State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

**Caitlyn Spain**, 25 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,502.

**Brandon Ledford**, 26 of Benton, was arrested by the Athens PD for Evading, Violation of Probation, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$9,155.

**Curtis Jordan**, 31 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

**Dale Wallace**, 64 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Assault. Total Bond: \$15,000

**Brandon Ferguson**, 30 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$1,000.

**Tony Phillips**, 36 of Chattanooga, was arrested by the MCSO for Murder, Aggravated Burglary, Armed Drug Felonies, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, Interference with 911, Theft of Property, and Assault. Total Bond: \$150,000.

**Terrie Henry**, 57 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Child Abuse (Neglect/Non-violent) and Resisting Arrest. Total Bond: \$25,500

**Antwan Kennedy**, 42 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$6,188.

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