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Athens, Tennessee

Brittany Cook Wins DAISY Award



Starr Regional Medical Center recently honored Brittany Cook, RN, with The DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses for the third quarter of 2024, recognizing her for her dedication to compassionate, patient-centered care. Cook serves as both a patient care provider and the staff development coordinator & infection prevention nurse at Starr Regional Health & Rehabilitation. A patient nomination praised her and noted, "She is so good at her job. She is consistent and uses all her tools to get the job done the right way. She takes an interest in her patients and makes us feel seen and validated."

Cook has previous roles at Starr Regional including in the Emergency Department and the Senior Care program. She earned her nursing degree from Cleveland State Community College in May 2024. Chief Nursing Officer Deborah Vaughn, RN, MSN, highlighted Cook's positive impact, stating, "Nurses like Brittany make a difference in the lives of their patients by providing the best care and acting with kindness in all they do."

Community News You Can Use

- 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 or call 423-745-8781.
- This Sunday, Nov. 3rd at 2 pm, the McMinn County Historical Society & Archives is hosting an event detailing East Tennessee Life in the Civil War. It will be presented by Kate & Jim Brewster in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse.

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Obituaries

Russell Lee Fish, Sr., 79 of Decatur, entered his heavenly home on Sunday, October 27. He was an avid fisherman and coin collector and served in the United States Army. The family will receive friends from 1 – 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 30 in the chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. A graveside service will follow in the Meigs County Memorial Gardens with the Rev. Josh Cornelius officiating with military honors. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Fish Family.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

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- The McMinn County Commissioners will meet in the Blue Room of the McMinn County Courthouse, Athens, Tennessee in Regular Session on Monday, November 4 at 6:00pm. The regularly scheduled meetings for October 2024 and November 2024 are being combined in this meeting.
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures: PARKING SPACES 102, 103, 104, and 105 on MADISON AVENUE from White Street to Jackson Street on Monday, November 4 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. MADISON AVENUE from White Street to Jackson Street on Tuesday, November 5 from 5:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m. PARKING SPACES 102, 103, 104, and 105 on MADISON AVENUE from White Street to Jackson Street on Wednesday, November 6 from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this closing is the McMinn County Election Commission's election supply pick up and drop off and election returns.

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Etowah Fire Training

High School Sports Report



Etowah City Fire and Etowah Rural Fire Departments attended a training Saturday, October 26th. A training tower was set up behind the library in Etowah. The course, which was **Above Ground Fires**, was taught by Tennessee Fire Service Codes and Enforcement Academy Instructors Kenneth McQueen and Brandon Phillips. The

course taught placement of ladders for rescue and fire suppression, hoisting equipment for multi story structures and the proper knots for the ropes used in hoisting the equipment.

Photo by Etowah Rural Fire Department

High School Football Scoreboard October 25, 2024 by Sam Goodin

Powell (8-1) @ McMinn County (4-5) Final: 38-14. The Powell Panthers controlled the football throughout last week's game, giving the Cherokees their fifth loss. The Cherokees punched in two scores with the running game in the fourth quarter. Passing: Lawson 18/30 for 199 yds, 2 int. Rushing: White 2 carries 8 yds, 2 tds. Thompson 4 carries 45 yds. Total Offensive Yards: Panthers: 349 Cherokees: 271. District Standing: 3rd (3-1). Source: Terry Stansell

McMinn Central (6-3) Tellico Plains (5-4) Final: 22-6. Plemons lead the offense with a pair of touchdowns. One rushing, and one passing to his receiver McInturff. The defense made their presence known, stealing two interceptions in the secondary by Mayfield and Moss. Rushing: Mayfield 16 carries 82 yds, 1 td. Plemons 7 carries 1 yd, 1 td. Total Offensive Yards: Chargers: 322 Bears: 219. District Standing: 4th (2-2)

Meigs County (7-2) @ Brainerd (1-8) Final: 43-8. After an impressive win over the Brainerd Panthers, the Tigers look to stay hot entering the district championship this coming Friday. The Tigers dominated after Hiefner scored a sixty-yard touchdown on the first play from scrimmage. Passing: Ricker 11/12 for 118 yds, 2 tds. Rushing: Hiefner 11 carries 110 yds, 2 tds. Ricker 12 carries 78 yds, 2 tds. Total Offensive Yards: Tigers: 365 Panthers 144. District Standing: 1st (4-0). Source: Ethan Cross Meigs County.

This Week's Matchups

McMinn County (4-5) @ Walker Valley (7-2) 7 p.m.
Chattanooga Christian (5-4) @ McMinn Central (6-3) 7:30 p.m.
Meigs County (7-2) @ Tynes (5-4) 7:30 p.m.
Sweetwater (2-7) @ Brainerd (1-8) 7:30 p.m.
East Hamilton (6-3) @ Rhea County (5-3) 7:00 p.m.

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Boys & Girls Club Raising Funds for Permanent Structure



The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Ocoee Region's Etowah Unit is rallying community support to build a dedicated facility in Etowah, aiming to expand its afterschool program for local youth. The Etowah Unit, established in September 2022, currently operates out of the First Baptist Church on Washington Avenue, offering tutoring, life-skills training, arts, and STEM programs, as well as daily meals. The Club's impact reaches middle and high schoolers who are now preparing for Junior Youth of the Year and Youth of the Year, where top achievers can earn scholarships totaling up to \$200,000 in the national competition.

Sierra Fischer, Etowah Unit Director, shared her commitment to the mission, saying, "I love what I get to do at Boys & Girls Clubs. I play a role in having a positive impact on the lives of every child who walks through our doors, and there is nowhere else I'd rather be. My greatest hope is to have our own space large enough to serve all the amazing kids in Etowah." To help make this dream a reality, the McMinn Community Campaign is seeking donations.

Those interested in supporting the campaign or enrolling their children can visit bgcoccoee.org or contact Director Sierra Fischer at sfischer@bgcoccoee.org or simply scan the QR Code in the upper left corner of this article with your smart phone.



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Joshua Lowe, 40 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,367.

Patrick Wilson, 40 of Philadelphia, was arrested by the THP for Violation of an Order of Protection. Total Bond: \$4,000.

Lindsey Newlin, 22 of Decatur, was arrested by the MCSO for Driving on a Suspended License. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Steven Womac, 41 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Evading arrest and Possession of Schedule II for Resale. Total Bond: \$2,000, but held awaiting ATF.

Kolbee Crader, 24 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$15,000.

April Hiefner, 36 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Burglary, Attempted Aggravat-

ed Arson, Resisting Arrest, Attempted First Degree Murder, and Theft Under \$1,000. Total Bond: \$100,000.

Travis Wright, 38 of Englewood, was arrested by Englewood PD for DUI and Driving on a Suspended License. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Drew Barker, 32 of Maryville, for State Violation of Probation and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond.

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