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Thursday, October 31, 2024 Page 1 Athens, Tennessee

Today is the Final Day of Early Voting

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OCTOBER 31, 2024

For the November 5th Election

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On Wednesday, Secretary of State Tre Hargett issued one final reminder that the early voting period in Tennessee officially ends today — Thursday, Oct. 31.

“If you have made your electoral decision go ahead and cast your ballot. Don’t risk not being able to get to the polls on Election Day. Head to the polls today and vote,” said Secretary Hargett.

Through the first 11 days, more than 1.7 million voters have already cast their ballot, including an in-person turnout of more than 1.64 million, which outpaces 2020 in-person numbers. Those voting

McMinn County Early Voting:
Wednesday 10-30-'24
Ballots cast: 1,192
Overall: 14,992
City Elections:
Athens-3,627
Calhoun-89
Niota-219

early or on Election Day should remember to bring valid photo identification to the polls. A driver's license or photo ID issued by the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Tennessee state government, or the federal government can be used even if they are expired. College student IDs are not acceptable. Tennessee remains number one in the nation in election integrity for the third consecutive year; registered voters can find hours and polling locations, view sample ballots, and more by downloading the Secretary of State's free [GoVoteTN app](http://GoVoteTN.app) or by visiting your trusted source for election information, GoVoteTN.gov.

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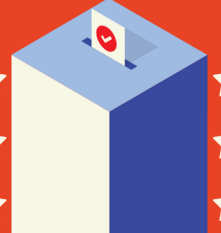
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Obituaries

Lela Diane Lucas "Sissy", went to be with the Lord on October 28. Sissy was a wonderful mother and enjoyed fishing with her 3 boys. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. The family will have a graveside service on Friday, November 1, 2024 at 1:00 pm at Forkners Chapel Cemetery, 436 Burdette Road, Sweetwater. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

No Trash November



No Trash November is a month to raise awareness about not littering our beautiful state. On November 16, from 9 to 11:30 a.m., The UT Extension - McMinn

County will be picking up litter in Veterans Park and downtown Athens. Supplies for cleanup will be available.

To join the effort to Keep McMinn Beautiful, call Sara Smith and sign up at (423) 745-2852 or email: ssmit226@utk.edu.

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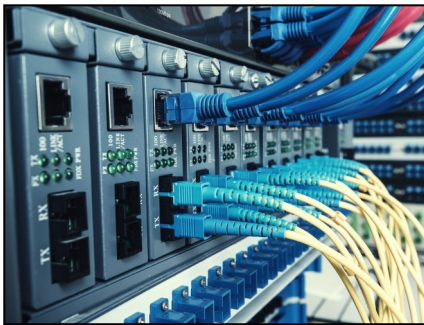


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Athens, Tennessee

TN to Invest \$101.6M in Broadband Expansions



Gov. Bill Lee and TNECD Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter announced on Wednesday that Tennessee will invest \$101.6 million in broadband and digital opportunity grants to expand internet access and digital resources for over 97,000 residents in 75 counties. This funding brings TNECD's total commitment to broadband infrastructure to \$683 million, connecting 700,000 Tennesseans across 280,000 locations.

The grants focus on enhancing high-speed internet access and digital literacy, with completion set for December 2026. The \$34.5 million Last Mile grants will expand broadband in six counties, while \$67.1 million in digital opportunity grants will equip 3 million Tennesseans with skills for high-paying digital jobs. Additional funding supports local government projects, virtual health, education, and digital skills training across the state.

To learn more about Tennessee's broadband initiatives or apply for these programs, please visit [here](#).

For a full list of the recipients for the latest round of funding: visit the TNECD website [HERE](#).

Source: *TNECD*

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Sweetwater PD Drug Bust on Friday



On Friday, October 25, the Sweetwater Police Department, in collaboration with the 10th Judicial Drug Task Force, executed a search warrant at a residence in the 200 block of Oakland Road, concluding a thorough investigation into suspected narcotics distribution. Officers seized 65 grams of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and

U.S. currency. James Viar was arrested and will face charges related to the incident. The department issued a warning to anyone involved in drug activities, stating, "We... want to remind anyone that is involved in selling narcotics in Sweetwater, we will be at your door next."

Viar is presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Story and Photo Provided by [Sweetwater Police Department - Facebook](#)

Upcoming Area Entertainment

- 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 Community Theatre (ACT) presents the beloved Barbara Robinson play, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, directed by Melonie Carideo, November 21, 23, and 24, 2024..... In *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Barbara Robinson's misfit Herdmans crash the church pageant and end up teaching the true meaning of Christmas. *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* is the next installment of Athens Community Theatre's Mainstage 2024 - 2025 season. Show dates and times are Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 PM, *two shows* Saturday, November 23 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM, and *two shows* Sunday November 24 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM. More information about AACA programs is available at [athensartscouncil.org](#), or over the phone at 423-745-8781. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Keith Roberts, 45 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$962

Phillip Pirkle, 53 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Casual Exchange / Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Driving on a Suspended License. Total Bond: \$8,000

Patty Lowe, 47 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Casual Exchange / Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$7,000.

Tasha Ross, 37 of Madisonville, was arrested by the MCSO for Manufacturing, Sale, Delivery, Possession of Methamphetamine, Simple Possession / Casual Exchange of Klonopin. Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$22,000

Zackary Fox, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Criminal Trespass. No Bond

Samantha Kelly, 33 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Manufacturing, Sale, Delivery, Possession of Fentanyl & Methamphetamine, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$31,000.

Jamie Melvin, 65 of Calhoun, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$15,000

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from Public Sources.



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