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## TN Overhill Fall Pumpkin Art Contest Winners Announced

The winners of this year's TN Overhill Heritage Association Fall Pumpkin Art Contest have been revealed, showcasing creativity across all age groups.

• **Ages 4-8:** 1st Place – *Fairyhouse* by Paisleigh Madera (Englewood) 2nd Place – *Unicorn* by Presleigh Madera (Englewood)

• **Ages 9-12:** 1st Place – *Pumpkin Garden* by Ruby Miller (Cleveland, TN) 2nd Place – *Razzle Dazzle* by Madison Sparks (Etowah), which also earned the Mayor's Award.

• **Ages 13-18:** 1st Place – *Paper Quilling* by Ash Focken (Englewood) 2nd Place – *Harvest Pumpkin* by Isabella Haren (Etowah), which also won the People's Choice Award.

The winners were celebrated at a reception held in the Nancy Cantrell Dender Gallery, with Etowah Mayor Garwood presenting the ribbons. The event was sponsored by the Etowah Arts Commission, Tennessee Arts Commission, and Tennessee Overhill. Congratulations to all participants, and thank you to the community for their support!

(Top Right) Etowah Mayor Burke Garwood



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Tourism & Marketing Coordinator,  
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helped to present awards to the contest winners.

(Bottom Right) Display of pumpkin art works that were chosen as winners.



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**Wed. night** - Periods of rain. Low 49.  
**Thursday** - Periods of rain, cloudy & cooler. High 59.  
**Thurs. night** - Clear to partly cloudy. Low 46.  
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## McMinn Senior Activity Center Opens Applications for Safe at Home Program

The McMinn Senior Activity Center has opened applications for its \*Safe at Home\* program, which offers financial assistance to seniors dealing with three major challenges: food insecurity, senior safety, and home repairs. This initiative, supported by grants from the Athens Federal Foundation and the TVA Community Care Fund, is designed to help older adults manage rising living costs.

"We are blessed to have organizations like Athens Federal Foundation and TVA Community Care Fund supporting these vital social services," said Diane Hutsell, Executive Director of the McMinn County Senior Activity Center. "The high costs of everything from food to housing continue to impact seniors, especially those on fixed incomes."

The program, expanded this year to include those aged 50 and older, provides assistance for a wide range of needs, including food pantry access, SETHRA public transportation costs, home repairs such as roof or gutter work, wheelchair ramps, grab bar installations, and medical devices like hearing aids and medic alert systems. Utility assistance and heating/cooling system repairs are also covered.

### \*\*Eligibility Requirements\*\*

Applicants must:

1. Be aged 50 and older
2. Reside in McMinn County
3. Applicants must work with the MSAC Senior Advocate and must have exhausted all other funding resources.
4. Applicants may only apply for funds one (1) time per year (within 365 days) but applications will be available year-round as long as funding is available and will be processed in the order they are received.
5. Funds will be paid directly to the service provider or in the form of a gift card depending on the request. NO CHECKS will be written/paid directly to the applicant.

"According to the AARP, 77% of adults 50 and older hope to age in their own homes," Hutsell added. "This program helps make that possible by addressing essential needs like groceries, transportation, and home safety improvements."

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to apply, visit [www.mcminnseniors.com](http://www.mcminnseniors.com) or call 423-745-6830 to schedule an appointment with the Senior Advocate.

Source: Diane Hutsell, McMinn Senior Activity Center



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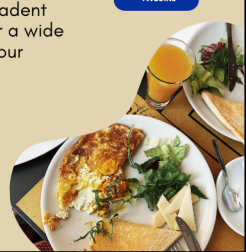

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## Community News You Can Use

- **CORRECTION:** The Mountain Valley Blue Star Mothers meet on the 4th Saturday of the month at **E.G. Fisher Public Library in Athens** at 10 am.
- McMinn County Road 752 (Hub Dodson Road) near Box 209 will be closed on Wednesday, November 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for road construction. Motorists are advised to plan alternate routes during this time.
- Through November 27, E.G. Fisher Public Library in Athens, TN, is offering \$1 off overdue fines (up to \$50) for each non-perishable food item donated. Donations will support holiday meals for local families. Visit 1289 Ingleside Avenue or call 423-745-7782 for details.
- Athens City Council will hold its next Quarterly Joint meeting with Athens City Schools in the City Council Chambers at the Athens City Hall at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, Tennessee. The meeting will be held at 5:00 pm on Monday, November 18th.
- The McMinn Regional Humane Society is hosting an Indoor Yard Sale at the Old Spay & Neuter Clinic (3 Davidson Rd., Athens) on Friday and Saturday, November 15 & 16 from 8am - 2pm. There will be furniture, home décor, kitchen items, as well as Bake Sale items. All proceeds benefit the animals of McMinn Regional Humane Society and residents of the Larry Dean Wallace Sr. Animal Shelter.

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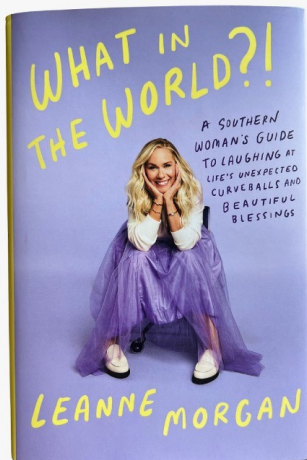
## Friendly Fellow Club Food Basket Drive Returns this December

The Friendly Fellow Club food basket drive, a Christmastime tradition for the Athens and McMinn County community for almost 90 years, will be held again this December. Started by J. Neal Ensminger and Frank Buttram, the effort serves households in the community with food to get them through the winter. The Friendly Fellow Club is a 501(c)(3) organization. Not only are the donations tax-deductible, but because the Friendly Fellow Club operates under an all-volunteer board, 100 percent of all donations—every single penny—goes to help families in Athens and McMinn County. Beginning this week of November 11th, applications for assistance will be available for pickup from the drive-through windows of the McMinn County branches of the following financial institutions: Old National Bank, Simmons Bank, Truist Bank, Peoples Bank of East Tennessee, SouthEast Bank, Citizens National Bank, Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union, ORNL Federal Credit Union, or Bowater Credit Union. Applications must be returned to those financial institutions' drive-through windows or mailed by the close of business on Saturday, November 30, 2024. For those wishing to mail applications, send them to Friendly Fellow Club, P.O. Box 325, Athens, TN 37371-0325. Applicants are asked to return only the white copy of their application and keep the yellow copy for

verification purposes when picking up their food box. All applicants must reside within McMinn County, Tennessee, in order to qualify for assistance. The boxes will be packed and distributed at the National Guard Armory, located between Athens and Etowah off Highway 30. Boxes will be packaged on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. They will be distributed to members of eligible households at the same location on Thursday, December 19, 2024, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. No boxes will be available after 11:30 a.m. on December 19. Online donations via credit/debit card or PayPal can be made online at [friendlyfellows.org](http://friendlyfellows.org) by clicking the donate button. Donations can also be mailed to P.O. Box 325, Athens, TN 37371-0325 or dropped off at The Daily Post-Athenian offices on Washington Avenue in Downtown Athens. Make checks payable to Friendly Fellow Club. Donations in honor or memory of a loved one are always a special tribute and are most welcome. Donors using the online payment portal can add an "in honor of" or "in memory of" by including that information in the "Add Note" section of the donation portal. For more information, visit [friendlyfellows.org](http://friendlyfellows.org)



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