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Starr Regional Debuts Advanced PAD Treatment



(L - R) Members of SRMC's Cardiovascular team: Kati Parker, RN; Courtney Dietrich, RN; Jonathan Moore, RN, Dir. of Cardiovascular Services; Yasir Akhtar, MD, Interventional Cardiologist; Cassidy Jordan, RCIS; and Kelly Kales, RN, BSN, CVRN-BC.

Starr Regional Medical Center has become one of the first facilities in East Tennessee to perform a groundbreaking treatment for severe peripheral arterial disease (PAD), offering new hope to patients with calcified arteries.

The innovative procedure applies lithotripsy technology, traditionally used to treat kidney stones, to address problematic arterial lesions above and below the knee, including critical limb-threatening ischemia (CLTI).

"The cardiovascular team at Starr Regional Medical Center is dedicated to providing patients access to the latest advancements in treating peripheral artery disease," said Dr. Yasir Akhtar, interventional cardiologist. "We are thrilled to offer new treatment options and improve outcomes... right here in McMinn County."

Starr Regional's cardiac catheterization lab, launched in 2023, is part of the hospital's comprehensive cardiovascular program, which includes diagnostic, interventional, and rehabilitative care for heart and vascular conditions. The hospital is also an accredited Chest Pain Center.

CEO John McLain emphasized the hospital's commitment to advancing care locally.

"By enhancing our cardiovascular services, we... ensure the entire region we serve has greater access to life-saving care," McLain said.

PAD affects over 8 million Americans over age 40, increasing their risk of heart attack or stroke, according to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

For more information on Starr Regional's cardiovascular services, visit StarrRegional.com/heart.

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Obituaries

Lavonne Wallace Crabtree, 92 of Athens, passed away on Friday, Nov. 29 at her residence. She was retired from Athens Hosiery Mill and had worked at Crescent Hosiery Mill and Niota Textile. She was of the Baptist Faith. Graveside services will be 2:00 P.M. Thursday in McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 12:00-1:30 P.M. on Thursday at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. in charge of arrangements.

James "Tim" Timothy Haney, 70 of Athens, passed away at his home on Sunday, November 24 after a brief illness. Tim was a United States Air Force Veteran and retired from the Tennessee Valley Authority. At Tim's request, he will be cremated. The family will hold a private Memorial Service at a later date. Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

Community News You Can Use

- The Athens Historic Preservation Commission is holding their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 3:30pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Dr. Lane Tillner from the Tennessee Historical Commission will be presenting information about the benefits of historic overlays. This meeting will be a great opportunity for property and business owners to learn more about what all that would entail.
- Free computer classes will be held at Etowah Senior Center December 9-13 from 11:30 until 2:30. If you are a Southeast Tennessee resident, and at least 60 years of age you are eligible. You will receive 15 hours of training and receive a free Chromebook upon completion. You will also receive a year of free internet if eligible. Please call the center at 423-781-7632 if you are interested. If you are already on the waiting list, please call the center to confirm that you are still interested.
- The next Work Session of the Athens City Council will be held on Monday, Dec. 9th at 5:00pm at the Athens Municipal Building located at 815 N. Jackson Street. The time change, from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, was approved by the Athens City Council during their regular meeting on Tues., Nov. 19th.

LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on *Main Street Moments*: Host Sandra Kinney interviews Francis Witt-McMahan, Director of CASA Corridor. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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House Fire in Philadelphia Under Investigation



The Loudon County Sheriff's Office said a house fire in Philadelphia is under investigation. According to Cody Bengel with LCSO, a fire broke out at an abandoned home on Spring Street at around 10:30 p.m. on Thursday. Bengel said the fire started in the garage and spread to the inside of the home. Additionally, Bengel said it is being investigated as a case of reckless burning inside the home. Bengel added that investigators have a "decent description of the suspect" but have yet to identify one. No injuries were reported in the fire, Bengel said. Responding agencies include Loudon County Fire and Rescue, Greenback and Philadelphia fire departments and LCSO.

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Tennessee Men's Basketball Climbs to No. 3 in the Nation



The University of Tennessee men's basketball team (7-0) surged to third place in the Associated Press Top 25 and USA TODAY Coaches Poll, marking another milestone under head coach Rick Barnes. This ascent continues Tennessee's streak of excellence, as the Volunteers have been ranked in the AP Poll for 64 consecutive weeks—third-longest in the nation behind Houston and Kansas.

across seven contests, with no deficit exceeding three points. Their most recent victory, a 78-35 win over UT Martin, set program records for defensive performance.

Tennessee's dominance this season is evident. The team has led for over 95% of game time

The Volunteers boast 60 AP top-10 rankings during Barnes' tenure, including 28 in the top five—a program benchmark. They are joined in the top 25 by seven other SEC teams, with Auburn ranked second and Kentucky in the top six. Tennessee also leads the nation in the NCAA's first NET rankings of the season and is ranked second in KenPom. The team looks to extend its winning streak on Tuesday night, hosting Syracuse in the SEC/ACC Challenge at Food City Center. [Source: Tennessee Athletics](#)

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

John Thompson, 54 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,600.

Stephanie Austin, 36 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,300.

Michael Freeman, 39 of Decatur, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$5,700.

Aaliyah Jobbins, 22 of Niota, was arrested by the Athens PD for Disorderly Conduct and Vandalism. Total Bond: \$1,500

Howard Victor of Athens was arrested by the THP for DUI. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Sharon Crocker, 46 of Smithville, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear and Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$7,100.

Craig Destreich, 57 of Athens, was arrested by the THP for DUI and Violation of Implied Consent. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Adrian King, 49 of Calhoun, was arrested by the MCSO for Driving on Revoked License (2nd Offense) and No Insurance. Total Bond: \$200.

Melissa Gajewski, 42 of Cleveland, was arrested by the Athens PD for Simple Possession, Possession of Methamphetamine, and Driving without Due Care. Total Bond: \$28,000.

Robyne Harden, 44 of Englewood, was arrested by Etowah PD for Dui and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$4,000.

Pamela Moses, 45 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$6,000.

April Young, 23 of athens, was arrested by the MCSO for DUI and Possession of Schedule II substance, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$24,000

Roger Peetz, 56 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the THP for DUI. Total Bond: \$2,000

Gary Andrew, 48 of Riceville, was arrested by the MCSO for Simple Possession of Schedule VI Cannabis, Schedlue II Meth, and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. No Bond.


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



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