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Athens, Tennessee

Athens City Council to Meet August 19

The Athens City Council will hold its regular session on Tuesday, August 19, at 6 p.m. in the Burkett L. Witt Council Chambers at City Hall.

The meeting will include the presentation of the VIVID Award honoring the late Randy Sliger, consideration of several bids and resolutions, and discussion of projects ranging from Heritage Park renovations to downtown parking improvements.

Items on the consent agenda include street resurfacing, fire hose equipment surplus, participation in safety and property conservation grant programs, and approval of the process for a new retail package store application. Council will also hold a public hearing and second reading of Ordinance 1143, concerning penalties and court costs in Athens Municipal Court.

New business items include the design and construction of Fire Station #3, installation of poles and banners at Veterans Park, possible property transactions, sidewalk project results, charter amendments, and a request for funds from the Commemorative Air Force. Monthly reports from the finance, fire, and police departments are also scheduled, along with an update from City Manager Randall Dowling.

Tennessee Watercolor Society Brings Biennial Exhibit to Athens

Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) welcomes artists from the Tennessee Watercolor Society back to The Arts Center for The Magic of Watercolor in a biennial exhibition from August 18 through September 26.

There is an Opening Reception on Friday, August 22, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, when guests may visit with artists and enjoy refreshments. The Tennessee Watercolor Society (TnWS) is the largest and most respected organization in Tennessee dedicated to water media. Revered Athenian artists, such as Betty Grater and Frances Graves, have long been represented in the prestigious society as painters, signature members, and even past officers.

It should be noted there are no paintings by either Mrs. Grater or Mrs. Graves in this exhibit. Exhibiting artists include active, associate, and signature members from the Eastern Tennessee chapters. More information is available at athensartscouncil.org, or over the phone at 423-745-8781.

Source: Lauren Brown, AACA

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Athens, Tennessee

Peoples Bank Supports Local Educators with School Supply Funding



Peoples Bank of East Tennessee recently honored two local educators with \$250 awards to help purchase classroom supplies. The recipients were Roya McConkey of Madisonville Primary School and Michelle Eller of Central High School of McMinn County.

The initiative is part of the bank's ongoing support for teachers and school employees, which also includes its *Good Life Educator Checking* account. The account, created exclusively for educators, offers benefits such as no monthly service charge, tiered interest earnings, and a \$500 lending voucher toward closing costs on a mortgage loan with Peoples Bank or Mountain Trust Mortgage.



Bank officials said the classroom supply awards are intended to ensure students have the resources they need for a successful school year, while also showing appreciation for the lasting impact of teachers in the community.

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Athens, Tennessee

Etowah's Roby Helm Inducted into National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame



Longtime motorsports broadcaster, announcer, and publicist, Etowah's own, **Roby Helm** has been inducted into the **National Dirt Late Model Hall of Fame Class of 2025**. The Hall of Fame is located at Florence Speedway in Walton, Kentucky.

Helm has spent more than 45 years in the industry, working with many of the nation's top short track racing sanctioning bodies. For three decades, he provided play-by-play and color commentary on national television, appearing on Prime Network, Speedvision, the SPEED Channel, and Hunt The Front TV. He continues to stay active in the sport as the lead announcer at Dixie Speedway in Woodstock, Georgia, and as a play-by-play voice for the Hunt The Front Super Dirt Series on huntthefront.tv.

Helm's induction honors a career marked by dedication to dirt late model racing and his influential role in growing the sport's visibility across the country.

Etowah Senior Center to Host Monthly Mobile Medical Clinic



The Etowah Senior Center will begin offering a new medical service for McMinn County residents through a partnership with the University of Tennessee Chattanooga School of Nursing. Starting this Wednesday, and continuing on the third Wednesday of each month, the Mobile Medical Unit—known as the “Mobile Moc”—will be on site from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The clinic will prioritize adults age 62 and older, but will also see patients 18 and up as time allows. Services include primary care, wellness exams, cancer screenings, acute care, vision and hearing screenings, referrals to specialists, strength and balance assessments, mental health and memory screenings, caregiver support, end-of-life planning, nutrition, chronic disease management, medication assistance, and telehealth. Appointments are strongly encouraged and can be made by calling 423-425-1657.

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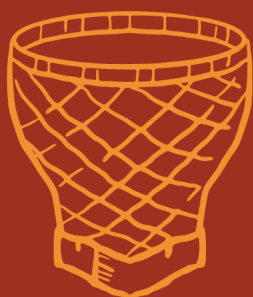
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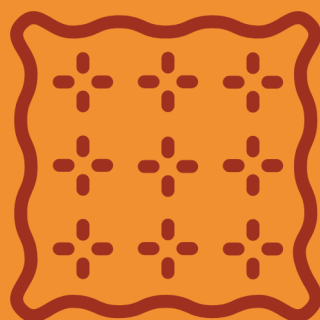


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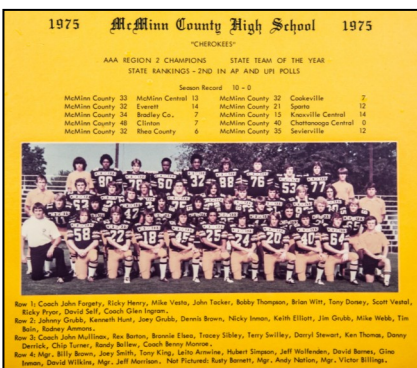
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Athens, Tennessee

Plans Underway to Honor MCHS 1975 Perfect Season Team at Home Opener



A special event is being planned to celebrate McMinn County High School's golden milestone during its football home opener on Friday, August 29, when the Cherokees host Cleveland. The game will mark the 50th anniversary of the school's

1975 football team, which finished with a perfect 10-0 record.

Members of that undefeated squad will be recognized during the game in honor of their achievement. Former player Jeff Wolfenden is helping organize the reunion and is working to locate as many teammates as possible for the event. Anyone with information on members of the 1975 team is asked to email: Cherokeefb1975@gmail.com.

Photo courtesy of: studio d photography, Jessica Kimball Wolfenden and Leslie McKaig. www.imagesbystudiocd.com

Obituaries

Patricia Louise Howard Dennis, 83 of Cleveland, passed away on Friday, August 15. She was a member of the East Side Church of Christ. A Graveside Service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Dennis Family.

Danny Edgar Long, 76 of Calhoun, passed away on Wednesday, August 13. He had a lifelong passion for baseball and was drafted to play for the Minnesota Twins. After his time on the diamond, he built a career as an electrician with DuPont where he remained until retirement. Visitation was on Sunday August 17 at Companion Funeral in Cleveland TN, followed by the service. A private graveside burial for the family followed. Companion Funeral Home of Cleveland and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

McMinn County Arrest Reports

8-12-25

Mitchell Price, 50 of Athens, charged with violation of probation.

Aleta Randolph, 40, of Cleveland, charged with violation of state probation in Bradley County.

Kelly Wildes Jr, 35 of Athens, charged with DUI and violation of implied consent, Bond is \$2,000.

Donnie Dawson, 44 of Cleveland, charged with violation of probation.

Thomas Miller, 34 of Decatur, charged with possession and or carry of a weapon, Motor Vehicle theft of property, and violation of the sex offender registry.

Michael Couch, 27 of Sweetwater, charged with DUI while using a commercial vehicle, Bond is \$2,000.

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using public sources.

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