

Unveiling of Women's Suffrage Mural
 Friday, January 31 • 11:30 AM
 Niota Depot



Saturday, February 1 • 10:30 AM
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Athens Crime Rate Drops in 2019

The crime rate in Athens dropped in nearly every category in 2019 compared to 2018.

CRIME	2019	2018
Theft	656	732
Burglary	117	169
Assault	164	185
Robbery	8	12
Vehicle Theft	69	64
Sex Offense	20	10

The only categories to show an increase were vehicle thefts and sex offenses.

Officers issued 2183 citations for moving violations in 2019, compared to 2361 in 2018.

There were 929 traffic accidents in Athens in 2019. That was down from 1021 in 2018.

There were 143 injuries from traffic accidents in 2019, compared to 201 in 2018. There was one traffic fatality in Athens in 2019, compared to two in 2018.

Community News You Can Use

✓ According to the State of Tennessee, taxpayers who have an Application Credit Voucher (ACV) for property tax relief from the State of Tennessee must process the ACV for payment by April 6th. If the ACV has not been processed by that date, the taxpayer may lose his/her credit for 2019. Anyone needing assistance should go to the City of Athens Finance Department at the Municipal Building.

✓ This coming Saturday, February 1st, is National Sew Day. Quilts of Valor invites you to celebrate the day at the McMinn Senior Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The group meets on the 1st Saturday of each February to cut, iron, sew, quilt, and finish Quilts of Valor. For information, contact Beth Sizemore at: tenfolks@gmail.com

✓ Camp Living Stones will present the annual 2020 Run for the Hills 5K Trail and Fun Run this coming Saturday, Feb. 1st. The entry fee is \$30. Check-in is 8 to 8:45 a.m. The 5K starts at 9 a.m. and the Fun Run starts at 9:10 a.m. For details, call 263-5060.

✓ The unveiling of the Women's Suffrage Mural will take place this Friday, January 31st, at 11:30 a.m. at the Niota Depot.

✓ The Athens Community Theatre announce auditions for the April 2020 production, *Hamlet*, will be held Sunday, February 16th at 6 p.m. and Monday, February 17th, at 6 p.m. at The Arts Center. Actors age 13 and up are needed to audition with a prepared monologue from Shakespeare or Classic texts from that era.

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Tuesday: Turning cloudy.
 High 50.
Tue Night: Cloudy. Low 35.
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Obituaries

- ♦ **Gary Leon Wilson**, age 73, of Niota, died last Wednesday at Life Care of Athens. He was retired from H&V Ford. Funeral services were held on Saturday at Union McMinn Baptist Church in Niota.
- ♦ **Patricia "Patty" Averett**, age 75, of Etowah, died Monday. No services will be held. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge.
- ♦ **Carl Voyles**, age 62, of Athens, died last Thursday. He worked for T.V.A. Hydro Electric Dams and Watts Bar and Sequoyah Nuclear plants, Pen Gulf Inc, Olin Chemical and Blassingame Painting in Athens. He was a painter and retired from Richard Harrill & Sons Construction. A Celebration of Life service will be announced later. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is in charge.
- ♦ **Warren J. (Foots) Kelly**, age 76, of Athens and formerly of Dundee, Michigan, died Monday at Park West Hospital in Knoxville. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Graveside services will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge.

♦ TWRA FIGHTING ASIAN CARP

Tennessee is joining forces with neighboring states to control Asian carp. The recent reports of a silver carp from Chickamauga Lake suggests that a few silver carp have migrated upstream through navigation locks. The most upstream observation of silver carp prior to that was Wheeler Lake near Decatur, Alabama. Asian carp negatively impact Tennessee's fisheries, recreational boaters, and local economies. The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency is increasing surveillance of carp in Chickamauga, Watts Bar, and Nickajack Lakes. If necessary barriers involving a combination of sound, light, and bubbles will be installed to deter silver carp from entering those lakes.

Another Joe Guy History Moment

In Niota is the Burn Mansion. Built between 1845-49 as the home of J.F. Sherman, its bricks were made on-site by slaves, its elaborate wood trim by Jacob Fisher.

It is said that Mrs. Sherman provided meals for the workers who built the Niota Depot in 1854, and that she announced meal-time by hanging a pair of Mr. Sherman's red underwear out by the railroad to be easily seen by the work crew a mile south.

The house and farm remained in the Sherman family until 1905, when it changed hands several times before being purchased by James and Febb Burn in 1914, and the farm was later named Hathburn. In 1920, their son Harry T., a Tennessee state representative, cast the deciding vote on the 19th Amendment to give women nationwide the right to vote.

The home eventually was inherited by Harry T., who added the front columns from the Blizzard mansion when it was demolished in Athens in 1957. It continued to be a part of the Burn family until the early 2000's.

Hathburn continues to awe visitors who pass by, its stately columns visible down the gravel drive off Farrell Street in Niota.

(Joe Guy, McMinn County Historian, compiles these interesting tidbits of our county's history. In addition to being published in The Morning Fax, they are also aired daily on WYXI, FM 94.5 and AM-1390)

Upcoming:

Tour Hours: Tues-Fri (10am-5pm); Sat (10am-4pm); Sun-Mon (Closed)

- Feb 1 (11:00 AM) Brad Sells "The Story Behind the Tree" Presentation
- Feb 8 (6:30 PM-10:00 PM) Valentine Extravaganza "Puttin' on the Ritz"
- Feb 15 (1:00 PM-3:00 PM) Celebrating Black History
- March 13 (11:00 AM-1:00PM) Women Veteran's Program

Daily Exhibits:

- Feb 1-Feb 28 Wood Sculpting Exhibit by Brad Sells
- March 3-5 Rug Hooking Classes (Contact museum for details)
- March 6-7 Rug Hook-In (Contact museum for details)



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