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Monday, May 15, 2023 Athens, Tennessee

## ENGLEWOOD OFFICERS SEIZE FELONY AMOUNT OF DRUGS ALONG WITH STOLEN FIREARM

◆ On May 10<sup>th</sup> at approximately 8:30 pm, officers with the Englewood Police Department and the McMinn County Sheriff's Office, responded to a residence at 3242 N. Amhurst Pl on a 911 call. A female reported that she could see trespassers on her property thru her surveillance cameras and that she had also heard gunshots. The responding officers secured the scene and were able to determine by watching the surveillance footage, that there never were any trespassers noticeable by viewing it. Officers did notice some evidence of drugs and paraphernalia that was in plain view. As a result of a consensual search, more than 5 ounces of suspected Marijuana, several items of paraphernalia, 2 firearms (one stolen), and a suspected Xanax pill were located and seized. Hunter Kaiden Ellison, 22, of Englewood was arrested and charged with Felony Possession of Marijuana For Resale, Possession of a Firearm During Commission of Felony, Theft by Possession of Stolen Property under \$500, Possession of Controlled Substance Schedule IV, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. FB Photo



## YMCA 2022 Annual Meeting

"The Athens-McMinn Family YMCA held the 2022 Annual Meeting this past April. Several YMCA staff and volunteers were celebrated, including Volunteer of the Year: Trinity Grace Church, Aquatics Staff of the Year: Alex James, Youth Programs Staff of the Year: Aaryn Simbeck, Wellness Staff of the Year: Rochel Howe, Staff Member of the Year: Jedi Gabel, Outreach Programs Staff of the Year: Autumn Rollo, Spirit of the Y: Abby Creasman, Outgoing Board Members: Matt Ronne and Jackie Newman, and Rookie of the Year: Ronnie Jenkins. Along with receiving the Chairman's Award, Mr. Troy Giles and Mr. Taylor Hickman (in photo below) received several standing ovations as their retirements were announced and celebrated by all. After two decades of service each, the time has arrived to spend more time at home. YMCA Board Chair Fred Burke also announced to the group of the YMCA's plans to renovate the locker rooms, a major project the YMCA is in the planning stages of at this time."



Photo (L-R) Taylor, Ann, and Troy). Photo submitted by Erica Peden

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- Tuesday-Madisonville Wil-Sav-10:30 - 1:30
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- Thursday-Athens - Simmons Bank (across from Burkes) - 10:30 - 2:00
- Thursday PM Foster Eye Care-Sweetwater 4:30-6:30
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30

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## Obituaries

♦ **James P. "Pat" Norton**, age 75, passed away on Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a native of Franklin, North Carolina, lived many years in Pueblo, Colorado, and was a long-time resident of McMinn County. He retired as General Manager of Western Sizzlin' after 30 years and served in the United States Army. Memorial services were held this weekend. Ziegler Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

♦ **Diamond Cassandra Ray Stroud**, age 28, of Athens, passed away Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Starr Regional Medical Center. She was born in Madisonville and was a lifelong resident of McMinn County. She was a graduate of McMinn County High School. A funeral service will be at 6 pm, Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Smith Funeral Home. The committal service will be at 11 am, Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> at Sullins Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 4 - 6 pm Monday at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Diamond Natasha Young**, age 24, passed away Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at UT Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a native of Etowah. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Betty Morrow Elliott**, age 87, of Riceville, died Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at her home. She was associated with Niota Hosiery for over 40 years until her retirement. Funeral services will be at 2 pm Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Hilltop Baptist Church in Riceville. Burial will follow in the Hilltop Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 1 - 2 pm prior to the service at the church. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

♦ **Josephine Johnkins Arnwine**, age 91, of Athens, passed away May 12<sup>th</sup> at Starr Regional Nursing Home in Etowah. Josephine in Athens. She was a 1950 graduate of J.L. Cook High School and had a long and successful career, retiring after many years of service at Plastics Industrial. Family and friends of Josephine are invited to celebrate her life at M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will begin at 1 pm followed by a funeral service at 2 pm. Interment will follow the service at McMinn Memory Gardens in Athens. M.D. Dotson and Sons Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

## Athens City Middle School Receives Energy Upgrade Grant

Athens Utilities Board announced that Athens City Middle School has received a \$10,000 Building Energy Upgrade grant through TVA's School Uplift Program. The program's year-long energy management training program helps the school make smart choices that improve classroom learning while saving money through energy conservation. The program was developed with the state of Tennessee's Energy Efficient Schools Initiative. Participating schools compete to earn grants by reducing energy waste through behavioral changes and by engaging students as well as school faculty and staff. "School Uplift is a great way for us to invest in our community and to partner with TVA on something we believe in," said AUB's Amy McDonald, who worked with the school on the program. "It is great to see Athens City Middle School earn a grant that will help them improve facilities, making the school more energy efficient and more comfortable for teachers and students. "Everyone involved at the middle school, including faculty, staff, and students, are really committed to making energy efficiency a priority. Their hard work earned this grant and AUB wants to recognize this and congratulate them," McDonald said. Athens City Middle School is one of 118 schools that have completed School Uplift. On average, participating schools have saved nearly 10% on their annual energy bills from behavior changes alone. "Every dollar invested in our schools helps districts allocate resources to where it matters most - educating our children," said Monika Beckner, vice president of TVA's Energy Services & Programs.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Clifton Taulbert, Author & Entrepreneur, and guest speaker for Juneteenth Celebration. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.



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