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## Today's News...This Morning

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Tuesday, March 26, 2024

Athens, Tennessee

## Phone Scammers in Athens

The Athens Police Department has issued a warning to the public about a scam involving a male caller claiming to be an Athens police officer. The caller demands a large amount of money to avoid going to jail, with the caller sometimes having personal information such as your name or address. Residents are advised to hang up, contact the Athens Police Department to verify the call's authenticity, and not provide any information over the phone. Similar scam calls have been reported to other law enforcement agencies in the area. For inquiries, contact Lieutenant Blake Witt at 423-744-2730 or 423-745-3222.

**LISTENING REMINDER:** This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Karen Gillis, Coordinator of the Walk-Run-Pedal-Jamz Festival. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

## Community News You Can Use

✓ The Good Faith Clinic will be open TODAY at 3 p.m. for refills and at 3:30 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who do not have any form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens. **Be advised that this week they will not have access to the church so triage will be set up on the clinic deck. Please Dress Accordingly.** REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, Tuesday of each month.

✓ The City of Niota will have a called Commission Meeting on Thursday, March 28 at 11 am in the Niota City Hall. On the agenda: Ordinance on burn permits. Also, Niota will be having its annual Easter Egg Hunt this Saturday at 10 am at the depot.

✓ Today's Holy Week service is being observed at St. Paul's Episcopal which will be hosting Rev. Sheryl Bourne. Service starts at noon, with a light lunch and fellowship to follow. Services hosted by the Athens/McMinn Ministerial Fellowship.

COME WORSHIP WITH  
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EASTER SUNDAY MORNING



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Tuesday, March 26, 2024 Morning Fax@...Today's News This Morning Page 2 Athens, Tennessee

# TWU Announces Athletic Restructuring



Tennessee Wesleyan University Athletics recently announced restructuring in their athletic department, with Coaches Jeff Rice and Ray Stone transitioning to new roles. Jeff Rice, a 1994 Tennessee Wesleyan graduate, will become Director of Golf while remaining head men's golf coach. Ray Stone, a TWU graduate from 2000, will shift to Assistant Athletic Director for Internal Operations after coaching men's basketball. Both coaches have long histories with the university and significant coaching experience. Their institutional knowledge and dedication will contribute to advancing Bulldog Athletics. Tennessee Wesleyan, a member of the NAIA, fields 19 teams in the Appalachian Athletic Conference. Donny Mayfield, TWU's Vice President and Director of Athletics, expresses gratitude for the coaches' contributions and emphasizes the university's commitment to investing in athletic programs. He stated, "the athletics programs at Tennessee Wesleyan continue to compete at a very high level. To maintain a competitive advantage, we must invest in our programs. Currently we have almost 400 student athletes competing around the nation. I am appreciative of the resources to build on the successes of Jeff and Ray, and the many coaches that came before them, and continue to work with them in their new roles." A national search will begin immediately to fill the vacancies. For more information, visit [www.twbulldogs.com](http://www.twbulldogs.com).

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8 - 9:30AM BREAKFAST 9:45AM SERVICE HOURS

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# The Living Last Supper

By Ruth Elaine Schram

featuring Music by Chancel Choir of Allen Memorial UMC

## Maundy Thursday

March 28, 2024

7 PM

Allen Memorial United Methodist Church  
800 Decatur Pike, Athens

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

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Athens, Tennessee

## Fighting Opioid Abuse

The McMinn County Opioid Abatement Council invites proposals for funding from local organizations and agencies to address the opioid epidemic through various initiatives such as prevention, treatment, education, and research. Funding will be distributed across priority areas including primary prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery support, education and training, and research and data communication, tailored to meet the community's needs. The council, established in 2023, aims to ensure that these funds are utilized in compliance with state regulations. For inquiries regarding the application process, contact the McMinn County Mayor's Office at 423-745-7634 or [mayoroffice@mcminncountyttn.gov](mailto:mayoroffice@mcminncountyttn.gov).

## Obituaries

**James W. "Bill" Clark**, 93 of Etowah, passed away on March 23. A funeral service will be held at 7 pm on Friday, March 29, at Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 pm prior to the service. A committal service with Military Honors will take place on Monday, April 1 at 10 am at East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

**Harold Gary Brinkman**, age 79, passed away on Sunday, March 24, 2024. Further arrangements will be announced later. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Harold Gary Brinkman.



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# Arrest Reports

## 03/20/24

- Hunter Kaiden Ellison, age 23 of Philadelphia, TN, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for a warrant related to Domestic Assault in Roane County. He was not assigned bond and was awaiting transfer to Roane County.
- Victoria Morris, age 34 of Niota, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation and was not assigned a bond.

## 03/21/24

- Darlene Vargas, 64 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office, for shoplifting and was assigned a \$2,000 bond.
- Dylan Yearwood, age 25 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for the charges of Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Simple Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, Tampering w/ Evidence. Bond was set at \$9,000.
- Theodore Zywics, age 30 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Driving on a Restricted License. Bond is assigned at \$2,000.
- Joshua Arrowood, 30 of Athens, was arrested (No Org Listed) for Possession of Methamphetamine. He is being held without bond and is to serve 30 days in Jail.

## 03/22/24

- Jessica White, 38 of Riceville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. She was assigned a \$7,000 bond.
- James Shelton, 41 of Englewood, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl, Unlawful Paraphernalia, and Falsification of a Drug Test. Bond was assigned of \$7,500.
- Timothy Bergeron, 50 of Riceville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation and was assigned a cash bond of \$1,931.45.
- Tara Shumate, 31 of Niota, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Illegal Possession or Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card under \$1,000 and Failure to Appear. Bond was assigned of \$3,000.
- Kenneth Frazier, 49 of Niota, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Driving Under the Influence. No bond was assigned.

**The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.  
Information gathered from public sources.**



CONGRESSMAN  
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