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Cleveland State celebrates Plumbing Bootcamp Graduation

Cleveland State Community College's Workforce Development Department recently hosted a 40-hour Plumbing Bootcamp at the Cleveland State Plumbing Lab inside the Partners in Industry and Education (PIE) Center.

In partnership with City Fields, eight students successfully completed the program, earning two NC3 RIDGID certifications in Manual/Handheld Threading and Pressing for HVAC/Plumbing. The bootcamp is part of Cleveland State's continued efforts to provide hands-on, career-ready training in high-demand skilled trades.



Pictured left to right: Cleveland State Plumbing Instructor Jason Taylor, Eleazar Thomas, Charles Drew, David Grayless, Austin Stevison, Ethan Yarber, Marcus Bradford, Jalen Hickey, Cleveland State Workforce Development Specialist Chelsea Falana, Zachary McCray, and Cleveland State Vice President of Economic & Institutional Development Dr. John Squires.

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Tellico Plains Post Office closed after accident



The Tellico Plains Police Department recently posted a Public Service Announcement on their Facebook page on Wednesday announcing that the Tellico Plains Post Office is closed until further notice following an accident that left the building structurally unstable.

Residents are urged not to enter the building under any circumstances. For

information on mail pickup or drop-off, please contact the post office during regular business hours.

Your cooperation is appreciated as safety remains the top priority.

Source: [Tellico Plains Police Department](#) Morning Fax®
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Upcoming Holy Week Service Locations

Beginning on Monday of next week, Holy week services will take place around Athens. The services will start at 12:00 pm daily and a light lunch will be served every day. The locations are as follows:

Monday, April 14
Rev. Claire Brown
Mars Hill Presbyterian Church
205 N Jackson St, Athens

Tuesday, April 15
Rev. Steve Yeane
Athens Christian Church
802 S Matlock Ave, Athens

Wednesday, April 16
Rev. Mark Reedy
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
123 S Jackson St, Athens

Thursday, April 17
Rev. Scott Cardin
Allen Memorial UMC
800 Decatur Pike, Athens

Friday, April 18
Rev. Vant Hardaway
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Community News You Can Use

- The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the library. The meeting is open to the public. Families are invited to Toddler Storytime on Wednesday, April 16 at 11 a.m. This free event, held in partnership with Nurture the Next McMinn, features stories, play, and brain-building activities for children ages 0–4. No registration is required. **Please note, the library will be closed April 18–19 in observance of Easter.** For more details, visit etowahlibrary.com or call (423) 263-9475.
- The Athens City Schools Board of Education will meet on Monday, April 14 at 5:30 pm at the Administration Building at 943 Crestway Drive. The agenda is available to view [HERE](#)
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closure. The area affected is TELLICO AVENUE from Knoxville Avenue to Hammerhill Road. This closure will be until Friday, April 11 at 4:00 p.m. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution and watch for detour and traffic signage, workers, and pedestrians. The purpose of this closing is for drainage tile replacement. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.
- The ACMS Fine Arts Department invites you to journey down the rabbit hole with their production of *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, taking place April 10–13 in the ACMS Auditorium. Show times are Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday at 6:30 p.m., and a Sunday matinee at 3:00 p.m. Doors will open 30 minutes before each performance. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for students, and children 5 and under get in free. Don't miss this magical and whimsical adaptation of a Disney classic, brought to life by the talented students of ACMS!
- The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, April 10 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.
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McMinn County Arrest Records

Richard Byrann Taylor, 60 of Harrison, TN, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of the Sex Offender Registry. Total Bond: \$20,000.

Neal Taylor Lance, 43 of Cleveland, was arrested by the THP for four charges of Aggravated Assault, and three counts of Vehicular Homicide. Total Bond: \$310,000.

Brandon Sisson, 45 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$500.

Steven Boles, 35 of McMinn Co., was arrested by the MCSO for DUI. Bond Unclear.

Christopher McLemore, 32 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Shoplifting. Bond Unclear.

Joshua Hooper, 46 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Simple Possession of Schedule IV Xanax and Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$10,000.

Patty Lowe, 47 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. Total Bond: \$14,000.

Ryan Baker, 33 of Knoxville, was arrested by the MCSO for Evading Arrest, Possession of Methamphetamine, Driving on a Revoked License, Reckless Driving, and State Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$42,000.

Aaron Marion, 31 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Criminal Trespassing, Possession of Schedule VI Cannabis, Violation of Probation, & Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$4,427.45.

Michael Ritchey, 21 of Madisonville, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$2,132.90

James Flowers, 44 of Ten Mile, was arrested by the Athens PD for Violation of Probation, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Schedule IV Alprazolam and Possession of Schedule VI Cannabis. Total Bond: \$49,886.45

Vanessa Moser, 41 of Ten Mile, was arrested by the Athens PD for Shoplifting, Possession of a Schedule II Controlled Substance, Manufacturing, Delivery, Possession of Methamphetamine, Unlawful Drug Paraphernalia, and Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$52,000.

Lauren McMahan, 31 of Ten Mile, was arrested by the Athens PD for Simple Assault. Total Bond: \$2,000.

Jeffery Simmons, 46 of Signal Mountain, was arrested by the MCSO for Vehicular Homicide by Recklessness. No Bond.

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Obituaries

Marcella Annette Robison, 67 of Athens, passed away on Tuesday, April 8 at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. She was a retired Pre-K teacher and a former employee of Athens Head Start. Funeral services will be 2:00 PM Saturday, April 12 in the chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Niota Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 Noon - 2 PM prior to the service at the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. in charge of arrangements.

Connie Regina Dennis Watters, 71 of McMinn County, passed away on Tuesday, April 8. She was a passionate nurse who loved the outdoors, horseback riding, hiking, genealogy, traveling cross-country by RV and Harley Davidson with her husband, Dwight. Visitation will be held on Saturday, April 12 from 12:00-2:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Double Springs Cemetery in Athens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Connie Regina Dennis Watters.

Hyde Strikes Out 10 as McMinn Edges Rhea County 4-3

Kade Hyde was lights out on the mound Tuesday night, striking out 10 batters over six innings to lead the McMinn County Cherokees to a 4-3 win over Rhea County in a hard-fought District 5-4A matchup at home.

Hyde allowed just three hits and three runs while walking three in his six-inning start. Luke Lawson closed the game with a scoreless seventh, earning the save.

McMinn trailed early after Rhea took a 2-0 lead in the second, but the Cherokees responded in the bottom of the frame. Lawson doubled in a run, and Chase McDonald followed with a two-RBI single to put McMinn ahead 3-2. Rhea tied it in the third on an error, but Auston Fugate's sacrifice bunt in the sixth proved to be the game-winner.

McDonald and Lawson each drove in a run, while McDonald also stole two bases. The Cherokees collected eight hits overall.

Rhea's Jax Schmitt led the visitors with an RBI double and a hit, while Levi Love allowed three runs on eight hits over five innings. With the win, McMinn improves to 12-7, while Rhea falls to 5-11.

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