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Friday, April 11, 2025 Page 1 Athens, Tennessee

Main Street Athens Invites Community to Inaugural Culture Crawl on May 3



Main Street Athens is excited to announce its first-ever **Culture Crawl**, set for **Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** in downtown Athens. This vibrant new event is designed to celebrate the area's **arts, culture, and local businesses**, while encouraging residents and visitors to shop, dine, and explore the historic district.

Highlights of the day include live art demonstrations, interactive craft activities, walking tours, and a special **mural**

dedication at The Arts Center. Participating businesses will offer **spring-themed promotions**, activities, or artist showcases. Among the confirmed happenings are a **make-your-own flower crown station** at **Athens Flower Shop**, live art at **The Arts Center**, **Fuller's Frame Shop**, and the **McMinn County Living Heritage Museum**, as well as a **Shop Hop "Main Street Bucks" giveaway** coordinated by Timberly Guffey.

Businesses interested in participating must commit to being open or present downtown during event hours and host an activity or offer a themed promotion. Participation details must be confirmed by **April 11**, including business name, logo, and planned activity or offer. Email **Brianna Baker** at brianna@makeitinthemcminn.org to sign up.

The Culture Crawl promises to bring the community together to enjoy the **spring season and the rich cultural assets of downtown Athens**. For more information and updates, follow [Main Street Athens on Facebook](#).

Source: Lauren Brown, Executive Director, AACA

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Athens, Tennessee

Search for Missing Teens Near Tennessee River Bridge Paused Due to Weather



Search efforts for two missing teenagers last seen near the Tennessee River Bridge were temporarily paused Thursday morning due to rain and unsafe boating conditions, according to the Loudon County Sheriff's Office. Crews resumed the search briefly around 8 a.m. but were forced to halt again due to rising safety concerns.

The two teens reportedly jumped off the bridge around 4 a.m. Wednesday following a police pursuit involving a stolen car. The pursuit was eventually called off, and the vehicle was later found abandoned near the bridge on I-75 North. Officers believe the suspects fled on foot before law enforcement arrived.

Shortly after, Loudon County E-911 received reports of vehicle breaks in the nearby Lake Drive community. Deputies responding to the scene detained one teenage suspect who claimed he and two other teens had jumped from the bridge into the river. Multiple agencies continue to work together in the search, which the sheriff's office says remains a top priority. "We remain fully committed to locating the missing teenagers and bringing answers to their families," said Cpl. Cody Bengel.

Anyone with information or who sees suspicious activity is urged to contact the Loudon County Communication Center at 865-458-9081.

Source: WVLT

Japanese Culture Series Continues with Bento Box Workshop at MHEC



[The Athens Isahaya Sister City Committee](#), in partnership with Tennessee Wesleyan University, recently hosted a Japanese Business Etiquette Seminar, where students learned essential customs such as the importance of respect, how to

exchange business cards formally, and the art of bowing in Japanese culture.

This seminar is part of a yearlong Japanese Culture Series presented by the Sister City Committee. The next event in the series is a [Japanese Bento Box Packing Workshop](#), taking place on May 13 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the McMinn County Higher Education Center (Room N-125), 2345 Denso Dr., Athens. The interactive session will teach participants how to create their own delicious and visually appealing bento lunch box.

Registration is required, and there is a \$10 materials fee due at the time of registration. To sign up, visit: <https://www.knoxasianfestival.com/asian-culture-outreach-program-event-registration>. The final two events in the series will be hosted later this year at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum and the YMCA. Source: Victoria White, DENSO

WEATHER FORECAST

Friday - 70% Chance of Rain.
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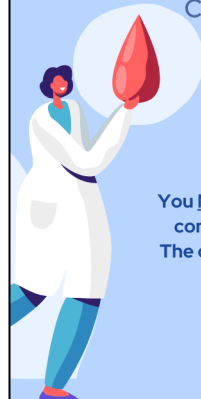
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Church News & Events

- TOMORROW, Saturday, April 12 from 10am - 4pm, [Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church](#) (1799 County Road 250, Niota) will host the [Gary Newman Benefit Craft Event and Silent Auction](#). There will be over 20 vendors and a food truck on-site. Make sure you bring cash as some vendors can't take electronic payment.
- [Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship](#) (317 Maple Street, Athens) holds Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00pm.
- [Celebrate Recovery](#) meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God (507 Woodward Ave., Athens). They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church (1517 TN-68, Decatur)
- [Mt. Harmony Baptist Church](#) will celebrate Easter at the Barn at Faith Farms (136 County Road 260, Athens) on Sunday, April 20 at 10:00am.
- [New Life Church](#) hosts weekly Prayer Meetings every Wednesday night beginning at 7:00pm. The church is located at 204 Fisher St. in Athens. All are welcome.
- [SRBC Kids presents: Kingdom Seekers](#) on Sunday Nights at 5:30pm at [Solid Rock Baptist Church](#) (4975 Hwy. 11, Calhoun) This event combines, God, music, games and fun into a very special all ages affair.
- [North Englewood Missionary Baptist Church](#) invites you to join them for an [Easter Egg Hunt](#) on Saturday, April 19. The egg hunt begins at 1:00pm with Pizza and Snacks to follow. Their [Family and Friends Day](#) is set for Sunday, April 27. Morning Worship is at 11am and lunch is to follow the service. The church is located at 21 Pin St., Englewood.

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Athens, Tennessee

Knoxville Symphony Orchestra to Close AACA's Black Box Concert Series May 1



The Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is set to close its 2024-25 Black Box Concert Series with a performance by the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra on Thursday, May 1, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater.

Led by KSO Concertmaster William Shaub, the evening will feature light classical favorites by Mozart, Schubert, and more—including the theme from HBO's "Game of Thrones."

Tickets, ranging from \$20 to \$25, are available now, and early purchase is encouraged due to limited seating. *Source: Lauren Brown, Exec. Director, AACA*

Teddie Hambaugh awarded DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses



Starr Regional Medical Center has announced that Teddie Hambaugh, RN, is the recipient of the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses for the first quarter of 2025. The national award honors nurses who provide exceptional and compassionate care to patients and their families.

Hambaugh, who currently works in the Emergency Department, was nominated by a patient's family member who commended her for her attentiveness and kindness during a long wait in the ER. "When Teddie came on duty Monday morning we again expressed how cold it was [in the room]. She immediately went and found a heater to warm up the bed and then the room. Although my husband wasn't admitted until 4:00 Monday, the presence of the heater and Teddie's attentiveness certainly improved the waiting time greatly."

Throughout her career at Starr Regional, Hambaugh has also served in the medical-surgical unit, labor and delivery, surgery, and The Surgery Center, and has held the role of nursing supervisor.

The DAISY Award can be given based on nominations from patients, family members, or colleagues who witness extraordinary care. *Source: Brandi Armstrong - Starr Regional*

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Janet Finch, 45 of Calhoun, was arrested by the MCSO for Vandalism and Harassment. Bond Unclear.

William Finch, 48 of Calhoun, was arrested by the MCSO for Harassment. Bond Unclear.

Jimmy Trew, 63 of Cleveland, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. No Bond.

Newell Thurman, 50 of Charleston, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear. No Bond.

Maryce Madden, 23 of Chattanooga, was arrested by the MCSO for Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale. No Bond.

Dustin Tindall, 43 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear, Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl and Methamphetamine, and Theft over \$1,000. Total Bond: \$19,000

Wesley Head, 25 of Niota, was arrested by the MCSO for Resisting Arrest. Bond Unclear.

Madison Weatherbee, 25 of Decatur, was arrested by the MCSO for Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Benjamin Martin, 36 of Cleveland, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation and Driving on a Suspended License. Total Bond: \$4,752.95

Kenneth Chrisman, 61 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,320.45.

Michael Rogers, 34 of Cleveland, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Cody Gunter, 30 of Graysville, was arrested by the MCSO for Exploitation of a Minor and Simple Possession of Methamphetamine. Bond Unclear.

Daniel Teague, 53 of Athens, was arrested for Failure to Appear. No Bond.

Dallas Jenkins, 27 of Vonore, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Bond Unclear.

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



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Athens, Tennessee

AACA Offers Spring Art Classes for Adults

The Athens Area Council for the Arts is offering two upcoming art classes for adults ages 18 and up.

Watercolor Studio with Chris Ingram is a five-week course for intermediate and advanced painters, meeting *Thursdays from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm, April 24–May 22*. The class, which focuses on critique, technique, and composition, is \$85 (materials not included).

Beginner Pottery Throwing with Patricia Shook runs *Saturdays from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm, May 10–June 21*. Students will learn pottery wheel basics and glazing techniques. The seven-week course is \$230 and includes materials. Register online at athensartscouncil.org/classes, by phone at 423-745-8781, or in person at The Arts Center. Please register at least three days before the class start date.

Source: Lauren Brown, AACA Executive Director

Obituaries

Charles Martin, 84 of Etowah, passed away on Wednesday, April 9. He was an electrician and graduate of Etowah High School. He was a member of North Etowah Baptist Church. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, April 12 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Saturday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at Green Hill Cemetery, Sunday, April 13 for the 1:00 p.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Bernard T. Roberts, 59, of Athens, passed away on Thursday, April 10 at Starr Regional Medical Center. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. in charge of arrangements.

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