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Athens, Tennessee

Victim Identified in Madisonville Hit-and-Run



Police have identified the victim in a fatal hit-and-run as 43-year-old Larrylee "Anthony" Holtzclaw of Sweetwater.

Holtzclaw was struck late Tuesday night on Oak Grove Road near Lincoln Drive and died from his injuries. A father of four, Holtzclaw was remembered by loved ones as a musician, artist, and devoted friend.

"Even at work, I can't concentrate, it's just consumed everything," said Katie Kimsey, who shared a child with Holtzclaw after meeting him in high school. "It's unbelievable how much support I have right now from his friends—that's the type of person Anthony was."

Investigators say surveillance video and interviews led them to a suspect vehicle and person of interest. The vehicle was seized under a search warrant on Friday and is being analyzed at the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation crime lab in

Knoxville. No arrests have been made, and the investigation remains ongoing.

"I'm just hoping they can find it in their heart to do the right thing and turn themselves in," Kimsey said. "Even if it was an accident, that was a person, that was a father."

Holtzclaw's 21-year-old son is listed as next of kin. Kimsey and the mother of Holtzclaw's other children are working together to ensure he receives a respectful service. See page 5 for a complete obituary.

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2025 Tennessee Governor's Conference on Tourism sets Record



(Left to Right) Amy Anderson (SouthEast Tennessee Association), Nancy Dalton & Adrian Lambert (Tennessee Overhill), Brianna Baker (McMinn County Tourism), Aryn Stewart (Discover McMinn)

and travel in Tennessee. Topics included lodging, food, retail, recreation, events, and transportation—industries that drive billions of dollars into the state's economy each year.

Governor Bill Lee and Tourism Commissioner Mark Ezell joined representatives from all 95 counties at the conference, highlighting the importance of tourism as one of Tennessee's fastest-growing economic sectors.

Community News You Can Use

- McMinn County Highway Dept. has announced that McMinn County Road 413, Torbett Lane, will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 23 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm for road construction.
- The City of Niota's Febb Fest scheduled for Saturday, September 27th has been cancelled. However, the Socks and Sundae Ice Cream Social and Dance will still be held Friday evening 6pm to 9pm at the Niota Depot, September 26th. All are welcome.

The 2025 Tennessee Governor's Conference on Tourism drew its largest crowd ever this year, with more than 400 tourism professionals from across the state gathering in Kingsport.

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Athens, Tennessee

Restraining Order Filed Over Graffiti on Athens Business



A McMinn County business has been ordered to cover graffiti painted on its building after officials deemed the language “offensive,” according to Sheriff Joe Guy.

District Attorney General Stephen Hatchett filed the restraining order against Liberty Property Services and its owner, Connie Ammerman. The graffiti includes curse words and references to the Athens mayor and city attorney.

Under the order, the business must cover the graffiti with weatherproof material for at least 30 days to “prevent minors from seeing it” while the matter is addressed in court.

“Should additional orders for covering the rest of the offensive language be issued by the court, we will be happy to serve and execute those as well,” Sheriff Guy said.

The defendant has until October 14 to respond to the order. *Source:* [Sheriff Joe Guy - Facebook](#)

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Athens, Tennessee

McMinn County Arrest Reports

9-21-25

Troy Hensley, 45 of Rockwood, charged with state violation of probation for burglary.

Rita Good, 51 of Athens, charged with disorderly conduct, Bond \$1,000

Jamal Norman, 23 of Chattanooga, charged with failure to appear for attempted auto burglary.

William Sullivan, 24 of Athens, charged with murder, Bond \$500,000

Charles Ballard, 36 of Sweetwater, charged with Schedule II meth for resale, armed and dangerous felonies, theft of property over \$2,500, unlawful carry, possession of a weapon by a convicted felon, Bond \$308,000

Jeffrey Tudor, 28 of Englewood, charged with domestic assault, Bond \$1,000

Tristan Wilson, 28 of Sweetwater, charged with criminal trespassing, Bond \$500

Kelvin Wells, 30 of Athens, charged with resisting stop.

Brent Cooper, 37 of Englewood, charged with possession of handgun while under the influence, and felony reckless endangerment, Bond \$2,000

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

Don R. Moore, 91 of Riceville, passed away on Saturday, September 20, at UT Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens. He served in the US Air Force and attended Tennessee Wesleyan College. He worked for the L&N Railroad and then at Olin from where he retired after 35 years of service. A funeral service will be conducted, 7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 23, in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home. The committal service will be 11:00 am on Wednesday, September 24 at McMinn Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 pm, Tuesday, at the funeral home prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Don R. Moore.

Love Lorene Hackler Delaney, 78 of Georgetown, passed away on Monday, September 22. She was a member of Decatur Church of God. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2025, in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Johnson Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 - 3 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Delaney family.

June Deloras Coleman Ammons, 78 of McMinn County, passed away on Monday, September 21. She was retired after 40 years of service from the Athens Housing Authority and was a lifelong member of Woodward Church of God. Graveside services will be held at McMinn Memory Gardens on Friday, September 26 at 2:00 PM. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of June Deloras Coleman Ammons.

Virginia Irene Perkinson Davis, 96 of Decatur, passed away on Saturday, September 20. Virginia was a devoted member of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m., on Saturday, September 27 in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will follow in the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1 - 3 p.m., prior to the service. The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff at Decatur Wellness & Rehabilitation for their compassionate care during Virginia's final years. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Davis Family.

Larrylee "Anthony" Holtzclaw, 43 of Sweetwater, passed away Tuesday from injuries sustained in a hit and run vehicle wreck. His service will be on Saturday, September 27 at Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Athens. Visitation will be from 2pm - 4pm with the service and burial to follow at 4pm. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is located at 400 S. White Street. (423) 453-2302. <https://companionfunerals.com/athens/>

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