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**Athens, Tennessee**

## Multiple Street Closures Announced in Athens for Upcoming Events



The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced several upcoming street closures to accommodate community events.

College Street, from Jackson Street to Long Street, will be closed twice in the coming weeks. The first closure will take place Thursday, Sept. 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. for Tennessee Wesleyan University's Seesawathon event and Mimi & Papa's Food Truck. The second closure will follow on Thursday, Oct. 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for Tennessee Wesleyan's Choose Blue Open House.

A larger set of closures is scheduled for the Pumpkintown Festival. From 4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10, until 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, the following streets will be closed: Madison Avenue from Hill to Green; Washington Avenue from Church to Green; Hornsby Street from Church to Green; White Street from College to Bank; North Jackson Street from College to Highway 30; Long Street from Washington to Madison; and Baxter Street from Washington to Highway 30.

Detours will be posted for all closures. City officials urge motorists to use caution, watch for signage, and allow extra travel time. For more information, contact Athens Public Works at 423-744-2745.

*Source: Debbie Goins, City of Athens Public Works*

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**Upcoming Sept. & Oct. Events**

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Tickets: \$125 per person.

**History For Lunch**

Thursday, Oct. 2nd @ Noon  
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Tuesday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM  
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## Good Faith Clinic Open TODAY

## Community News You Can Use



The Good Faith Clinic will be open **TODAY**, Thursday, September 25 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.

*REMINDER: The Good Faith Clinic is open the 2nd, 4th, and 5th, **Thursdays** of each month.*

*Source: Norma Barham, Good Faith Clinic*

- The Cherokee Beekeepers Association has changed the weekday and location of their monthly meetings. The next monthly meeting will be on Thursday, September 25, at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held at the McMinn Senior Activity Center located at 205 McMinn Avenue, Athens. The public is always invited. You do not need to be a member to attend.
- The Meigs County Historical Society will meet Sunday, September 28 at 2pm. We will have a time to remember and honor our member, Jim Holcomb. Mr. Franklin Billingsly will be sharing his military experience with us. Social time with refreshments will follow. Everyone is invited. Address: 200 Smith Avenue, Decatur, TN 37322. Phone: 423-334-4424.
- The City of Athens Parks and Recreation Department has closed the pavilion, ballfield, and playground at Heritage Park as of Monday, Sept. 22, to make way for major renovation work. The project will bring several upgrades to the park. Plans include improved ADA accessibility, ballfield renovations, a new playground, and a new walking trail. The basketball court will remain open during the construction period. For more information, contact the Athens Parks and Recreation Department at 423-744-2704.
- The Pilot Club of Athens will be hosting a Yard Sale on Sept. 27 from 8 am- 3pm at 580 S. Congress Parkway in Athens. This is a fundraiser for 2025-2026 projects which benefit the community.



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## Upcoming Health and Wellness Programs in McMinn County

Several upcoming programs in McMinn County are aiming to support family well-being and promote healthier lifestyles.

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, UT Extension–McMinn will host a court-approved “Parenting Apart: Effective Co-Parenting” course from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the McMinn Higher Education Center, 2345 Denso Drive, Athens. The \$45 class is designed to help parents navigating divorce or custody challenges, covering topics such as communication, mediation, and children’s adjustment. Registration is available at [mcminn.tennessee.edu](http://mcminn.tennessee.edu).

Beginning Oct. 13, the Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program will run through Oct. 29 at Athens First Baptist Church, 305 Ingleside Ave., Athens. Sessions meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 10–11 a.m. and are free to attend. The program focuses on safe movement, pain management, and improving mobility. To register, call 423-745-2852.

Also starting Oct. 13 is the 20th Annual Walk Across Tennessee, a free five-week fitness challenge encouraging participants ages 8 and up to log their weekly physical activity. The program runs through Nov. 16 and includes prize drawings for activities ranging from walking and biking to swimming and yardwork. Registration is available at [mcminn.tennessee.edu](http://mcminn.tennessee.edu).

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## Vols Head to Starkville for First Road Test of Season

No. 15 Tennessee will face its first road challenge of the 2025 season when it travels to Starkville to take on Mississippi State this Saturday. Kickoff is set for 4:15 p.m. Eastern at Davis Wade Stadium, with the game airing on SEC Network.

The matchup comes against an undefeated Bulldogs team that is off to its first 4-0 start since 2014. Mississippi State boasts one of the league's most productive offenses, averaging nearly 40 points per game behind veteran quarterback Blake Shapen. Tennessee's defense, which showed progress last week, will be tested by the Bulldogs' ability to generate both explosive passing plays and strong rushing production.

Offensively, the Vols will look to continue their early-season success against a Mississippi State defense that has improved significantly from a year ago. Depth and upgraded personnel have made the Bulldogs a more balanced and consistent opponent across all three phases of the game.

Odds makers list Tennessee as a 7.5-point favorite, with the over/under set at 63.5 total points.

### Game Information

- When:** Saturday, Sept. 27, 4:15 p.m. ET
- Where:** Davis Wade Stadium, Starkville, MS
- Watch:** SEC Network
- Odds:** Tennessee -7.5 | Total: 63.5

### Series History

- First Meeting:** Nov. 16, 1907
- All-Time Series:** Tennessee leads 30-1-16
- Last Meeting:** Nov. 10, 2024 (Tennessee win)
- Streaks:** Tennessee has won the last two matchups (2019, 2024)
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Saturday's contest will mark the Volunteers' first trip to Starkville since 2012 which resulted in a Tennessee loss.



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## McMinn County Arrest Reports

**9-23-25**

**Michael Ware**, 41 of Riceville, charged with theft of property over \$500, state violation of probation for theft of property over \$1,000. Bond \$1,000

**Tina Eaton**, 63 of Athens, charged with failure to surrender auto license, or registration upon revocation, simple possession, casual exchange of fentanyl, driving without a license, drug paraphernalia, and failure to have insurance, Bond \$8,000

**Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered using Public Sources.**

## Obituaries

**Tammy Ark Shackelford**, 58 of Decatur, passed away on Monday, September 22. A funeral service will be held at 7 p.m., on Monday, September 29, in the Chapel of Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be held at 11 a.m., on Tuesday, September 30 in the Community Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5 – 7 p.m., prior to the service. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Shackelford Family.

**Kerry Duncan**, 67, passed away on Sunday, September 21. His ability to connect with others through humor was one of his remarkable traits that will be fondly remembered by all who knew him. His memory will continue to live on in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know him. Good Samaritan Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

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