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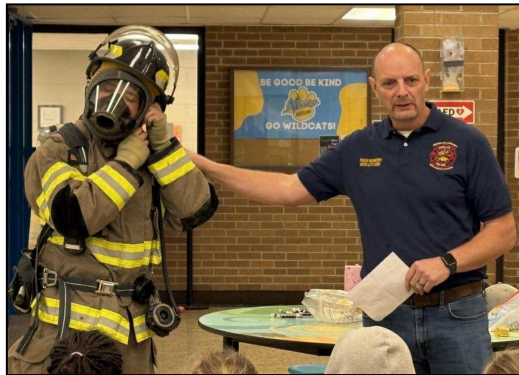


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Niota Fire Department Teaches Fire Safety at Niota Elementary



Members of the Niota Fire Department visited Niota Elementary School on Thursday for Fire Prevention Day, spending time with students from pre-K

through third grade.

Firefighters gave classroom lessons on safety tips, explaining what to do — and what not to do — in case of an emergency. Students also learned about the equipment firefighters use during emergencies and got to see it up close.

Pictured above, Niota City Fire Chief Travis Newberry demonstrated the gear firefighters wear when entering a burning building, with firefighter Elisha Goins modeling the full protective suit for the students. *Photo by Abigail Newberry*

Etowah FD Receives Donation to Help Save Pets

The Etowah Fire Department has received four new pet oxygen kits thanks to a generous donation from The Mona Pants Foundation.

The specialized kits, which allow firefighters to administer oxygen to animals suffering from smoke inhalation or other breathing issues, will be used by the department's K-9 program and during emergency calls involving pets. Each kit has been placed on the department's main fire trucks and K-9 units to ensure quick access when needed.

Officials said the donation came at no cost to taxpayers and will help first responders provide better care to both working dogs and family pets affected by fires or other emergencies.

The department expressed its gratitude to The Mona Pants Foundation for supporting local first responders and the community. More information about the foundation can be found at www.monapants.com.

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Youth Leadership Day at TWU



The McMinn County Education Foundation sponsored "A Day in the Life of a College Student" for area Youth Leaders representing every school in the county. Over seventy 7th, 8th and 9th graders spent the day attending classes, exploring Tennessee Wesleyan University and learning vocabulary that will hopefully be useful in the next season of their educational journey. Discussions of "majors, minors, undergrad and focus areas" were debated with other teenage leaders in the area. Students apply to be awarded this honor completing a personal essay and gathering references from community members earlier in the year. MCEF continues to focus on improving education for all children in our community.

Source: Ginger Robinson, Executive Director, MCEF

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Veterans Parade will be this Saturday, November 8th, in Etowah. Staging starts at 10:00 and the parade begins at 11:00. Terra Bella will be providing a Thanksgiving style meal after the parade at the Etowah Community Center.
- The Mother Son Dance will be **TOMORROW**, November 8th, from 6:30pm-8pm at McMinn County High School. The doors will open one hour prior to the dance for photos. Tickets can be purchased online, over the phone by calling the Parks and Recreation Office at 423-744-2704, and in person by visiting Athens City Hall at 815 North Jackson Street, Athens, TN 37303. Here's the link to buy them online: <https://secure.recl.com/TN/athens-tn/catalog>
- The Athens City Schools Board of Education draft agenda and packet for the Monday, November 10 board meeting at the ACS Administration Building can be viewed online on the Athens City Schools website.
- The Athens Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and Animal Shelter will be closed on Tuesday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day. The Municipal Building, Public Works, Recycle Center, and the Animal Shelter will re-open Wednesday, November 12, 2025, during regular business hours. Residential garbage routes will be picked up on a regular schedule. For more info contact the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.



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Church News and Events

- Union McMinn Baptist Church (314 County Road 316, Niota) will be serving a free plate lunch for all on November 27th from 11am to 1pm. Come to the table for a free plate lunch. First Come, First Serve. The church is located right off I-75 exit 56.
- Highway to Heaven Church (1413 Knoxville Ave., Athens) will be holding a Revival on Sunday, November 9 at 11 am and 6:30 pm. Bro. Chad Wilburn will be presiding over the services.
- [St. Mary's Legacy Clinic](#) offers free mobile medical care for the uninsured. The clinic is run by a small staff and many volunteer physicians. Their goal is to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to rural East Tennessee. Anyone who is medically uninsured is eligible to receive care. *St. Mary's Catholic Church (1291 E Madison Ave, Athens) is the McMinn County location and accepts patients every 3rd Thursday of the month.*
- [Celebrate Recovery](#) meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00pm at Woodward Ave. Church of God in Athens They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00pm at Watts Bar Community Church in Decatur.
- Pleasant Hill Baptist Church (1923 Pleasant Hill Fr., Ten Mile) invites the entire community to their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 27 from 12 noon until 2 pm. You may eat-in or take home, and even take home for others. The menu will include: Turkey, Ham, Dressing, Sweet Potato Casserole, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Mac and Cheese, Dessert, and drinks.
- Mt. Verd Baptist Church (251 County Road 249, Athens) will be offering the community a Drive-Thru Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday, November 26 from 11am - 1pm.
- Boyd Memorial First Church of God requests your presence for a special Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday, November 15th from 4pm - 6pm. The church is located at 1130 N. Congress Pkwy in Athens. Come hungry and leave blessed!



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McMinn County Arrest Reports

11-05-25

Emma Martin, 58 of Riceville, charged with state violation of probation for a Schedule II resale.

Christopher Shaw, 41 of Etowah, charged with DUI, implied consent, and driving without due care.

Shannon Norwood, 26 of Athens, charged with burglary, and theft of property under \$1,000.

Roxanne Frazier, 51 of Athens, charged with DUI, Bond \$1,000.

James Pressley, 38 of Madisonville, charged with driving on a suspended license, Bond \$1000.

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

Obituaries

Eunice McAllister, 88, passed away on Monday, November 3. She was an active member of Eastanallee Baptist Church for more than thirty years. The family will receive friends on Saturday, November 8 at Companion Funeral and Cremation in Oak Ridge from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. A brief graveside service will follow at New Zion Baptist Church Cemetery in Athens at 1:00 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Creasman Chapel at Eastanallee Baptist Church in Riceville. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Oak Ridge is honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

Dorothy "Dot" Jane Walker Thompson, 88 of Wesley Chapel, FL, passed away on Thursday, November 6. Graveside services will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025, at 2:00 PM at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Dorothy "Dot" Jane Walker Thompson.

Debbie Shelton Crain, 61, passed away on Wednesday, November 5. Debbie was a member of Union Grove Baptist Church in Decatur. Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 9, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, followed by a Funeral Service at 2:00 PM at Good Samaritan Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Crain Family Cemetery. Good Samaritan Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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