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Wednesday, November 12, 2025 Page 1 Athens, Tennessee

TVFCU Golf Classic Raises \$70,000 for Local Education Programs



On September 30, 2025, 167 golfers gathered at the Council Fire Golf Club to enjoy a day on the course while supporting education across the Tennessee Valley. For nearly three decades, the annual tournament hosted by Tennessee Valley Federal Credit Union (TVFCU) has raised funds to benefit students and educators throughout the region.

This year's event generated almost \$70,000 to support organizations including STARS (Students Taking a Right Stand) and the Junior Achievement chapters in Chattanooga, the Ocoee Region, and Northwest Georgia.

"By participating in our tournament, golfers are making an impact on our local students," said Tammy Zumbrun, Director of Marketing and Community Engagement at TVFCU. "The beneficiary organizations are helping shape positive school climates and preparing

students for their futures through career readiness, business ownership, financial literacy, and more."

For the first time, a portion of proceeds also supported the Karen Glenn Scholarship Fund, established in memory of the late STARS director. Karen dedicated her career to strengthening school communities by addressing issues such as bullying and substance abuse. TVFCU said it is honored to continue her legacy through this donation.

Along with contributing to a worthy cause, golfers enjoyed morning and afternoon tournaments under sunny skies, delicious food, exciting contests, and prizes. Many left with trophies created by students at Red Bank High School.

Those who missed the tournament but still want to support local students can:

- **Donate to STARS:** Email Dr. Kevin McKenzie at mckenzie_kevin@hcde.org
- **Support Junior Achievement:** Visit chattanooga.ja.org, ocoeeregion.ja.org, or georgia.ja.org

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Athens, Tennessee

Athens Christmas Parade Deadline Approaching



The Athens Area Chamber of Commerce is reminding the community to "beat the deadline" for entries in this year's Jimmy Limer Memorial Christmas Parade, set for Monday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. in downtown Athens.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, November 25, and no applications will be accepted after that date.

This year's parade theme is "Light Up the Season," and all local organizations, churches, businesses, and industries are encouraged to begin building floats and making plans to participate.

Application forms and parade guidelines are available at the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, located at 13 N. Jackson Street, by calling (423) 745-0334, or by emailing julie@athenschamber.org.

WWII Veteran Honored as Parade Grand Marshal and WYXI Birthday Winner



World War II veteran Tiny Willis celebrated his 101st birthday in grand fashion last week, winning the WYXI Radio Birthday Drawing, personally delivered by Stephanie Devine, WYXI Radio and *Morning Fax* salesperson.

Adding to the celebration, Mr. Willis was also chosen to serve as Grand Marshal in this past weekend's Veterans Parade in Etowah, a fitting honor for his remarkable service and longevity.

"We are truly honored to have such an extraordinary

man calling our Dominion community home," said representatives of Dominion Senior Living of Athens, where Mr. Willis resides.

Pictured with Tiny is Amberly Jackson, Marketing Director of Dominion on top left and Stephanie Devine, WYXI / *Morning Fax* Sales Representative. *Photo by Dominion Senior Living of Athens*

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Athens, Tennessee

TWU Honors Program Continues to Thrive in Its Fourth Year



The Honors Program continues to thrive as it enters its fourth year at TWU and prepares to graduate its first cohort this spring. This fall, the program welcomed 18 new first-year students. The new class represents a variety of majors—from criminal justice to environmental science—and shares a passion for learning and understanding education in light of global needs. Their first Honors course, co-taught by Dr. Seitz and Dr. Murray, explores themes of citizenship and community.

Meanwhile, senior Honors students are completing their capstone projects, researching topics like AI's impact on human

flourishing, corporate greed in the Enron scandal, and the effects of childhood stress on adult anxiety. As Dr. Thompson, program director, notes, "The capstone allows students to bring together what they've learned and create meaningful interdisciplinary work."

Outside the classroom, students have enjoyed enrichment events like visiting the Kilbride Nature Sanctuary, attending Jazz on the Square, and creating TWU Honors swag. Applications for next year's class are now open! Honors students receive a \$1,000 scholarship, special classes, study abroad funds, and unique opportunities such as free printing and primary class registration. Apply by the early deadline, December 1—or by the final deadline, April 30.

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

11-10-25

Elizabeth Knox, 33 of Athens, charged with escape, shoplifting, failure to appear for theft of merchandise, and violation of probation. Bond \$26,000.

Megan Alfredo, 33 of Athens, charged with violation of probation for possession of paraphernalia, Bond \$1,300

Krista Green, 41 of Athens, charged with domestic assault, and kidnapping, Bond \$16,000

Brandon Barnes, 38 of Madisonville, charged with failure to appear for a violation of probation, and failure to appear for aggravated domestic assault, Bond \$30,000

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

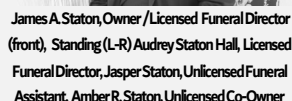
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Obituaries

Pat Avon Tucker, 88 of Athens, passed away on Saturday, November 8. She worked as a telephone operator, dazzled crowds as a stunt car driver with Joey Chitwood and the Daredevils, met her husband at Sears, and later managed medical offices. A proud member of The Ninety-Nines, the international organization of women pilots, she flew medical supplies for Doctors Without Borders, turning her love of flight into a mission of mercy. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Walt Tindle, 67 of Niota, passed away Monday, November 10 at his residence. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. in charge of arrangements.

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