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## New TVA East Regional Executive



The Tennessee Valley Authority made an announcement on Monday regarding the appointment of Bert Robinson, a former resident of Athens, as the executive leader of the agency's East Region. This region has a focus on providing services to customers and communities in East Tennessee, as well as in North Georgia, Western North Carolina, and Southwest Virginia. According to officials, Robinson has had a successful 16-year career at TVA, showcasing achievements in strategic planning, incident management, talent development, and strategic alliances. His broad range of experience and expertise makes him a sought-after figure on matters concerning policy initiatives, regulatory compliance, transmission right-of-way, and asset strategy decisions. Robinson's previous experience includes working on Capitol Hill in the office of former Congressman John J. Duncan, Jr. He holds an Eagle Scout title, is a Private Pilot, and possesses numerous leadership credentials along with a bachelor's degree from UTK. He officially commenced his new position on Monday, April 8th. Additionally, Robinson's family has ties to the Athens office of Century 21 real estate.

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## Community News You Can Use

- The UT Extension Office will be hosting WITS Workout: An Interactive Brain Health Program, April 8 through May 1. Meetings will be Mondays and Wednesdays at First Baptist Church (305 Ingleside Ave., Athens) from 11 am - noon. It is proven that brains benefit from: quality sleep, a healthy diet, exercise, stress management, social connections, and intellectual challenge. Classes will be engaging, interactive, and educational. You will enjoy fun brain activities that will help you with forgetfulness, short-term and long-term memory, focus, attention, recall and you'll have to come to learn more! Classes are free. Please register by calling 423-745-2852.

### ◆ TENNESSEE LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

County	February, 2024				Jan 2024	
	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate	Rate	Change
Bradley	50,653	49,187	1,466	2.9	3.6	-0.07
McMinn	21,,192	20,482	710	3.4	4.4	-1.0
Meigs	4,824	4,622	202	4.2	5.8	-1.66
Monroe	20,737	20,129	608	2.9	4.8	-1.9
Polk	7,104	6,895	209	2.9	3.9	-1.0



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## Starr Regional Implants New Cardiac Monitoring Tech

Starr Regional Medical Center (SRMC) has successfully implemented an insertable cardiac monitor (ICM), a significant advancement in detecting irregular heart rhythms. Dr. Yasir Akhtar and the cardiac catheterization team performed the first ICM implantation at SRMC, showcasing the hospital's dedication to advancing cardiac care in McMinn County and nearby areas. The ICM, a compact device implanted under the skin, allows continuous, real-time heart monitoring, crucial for detecting arrhythmias. This technology supports long-term monitoring and integrates Bluetooth® for seamless data transmission to the clinic, enhancing diagnostic capabilities without frequent visits. Dr. Akhtar emphasized that the ICM enhances the quality of care provided to cardiac patients at SRMC, complementing the hospital's comprehensive cardiovascular services. John McLain, CEO of Starr Regional Medical Center, highlighted the hospital's commitment to expanding access to life-saving heart care, aligning with their mission to promote community health. Visit [StarrRegional.com/heart](http://StarrRegional.com/heart) for more information on cardiovascular services at SRMC.



Pictured (L to R): Yasir Akhtar, MD, Interventional Cardiologist; Kati Parker, RN, Cardiac Cath Lab nurse; Courtney Dietrich, RN, Cardiac Cath Lab nurse; Kelly Kales, RN, BSN, CVRN-BC, Cardiac Cath Lab charge nurse; Angela James, RN, Cardiac Cath Lab nurse; Kassidy Jordan, RCIS, Cardiovascular Technologist; and Jonathan Moore, RN, Director of Cardiovascular Services.

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## Obituaries

## Obituaries-continued

**Earlene Lisa Peeler Womac**, 63 of Calhoun, passed away Saturday, April 6th. She was raised in Englewood and attended McMinn Central High School. She enjoyed racecar driving in her spare time. She was a wonderful mom and great grandma. Visitation will be Thursday, April 11 from 1 pm to 3 pm in the Chapel of Poole Funeral home and Cremation Services of Cleveland, TN.

**David Ray Armstrong**, 66, and lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Monday, April 8. He served in the United States Navy for eleven years. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 11 at Ziegler Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at 11:30 AM CST at Morton Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery in Walnut Grove, AL on Friday, April 12. Ziegler Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Delores "Jan" Carter**, 81 of Athens, passed away Monday, April 8, 2024, at her residence. She was a resident of McMinn County for 64 years. She founded and operated Carter Insurance Agency and was was a member of Triumphant Baptist Church. She was a former member and President of Athens Pilot Club, and former President and teacher of Life Underwriters Association. Her ministry and passion was playing the piano. She played for many churches in the area. Jan along, with her siblings, were the members of the singing Hogan Family.

◆ The guest this week on "Hope From the Well" will be Connie McIntosh discussing "Women of the Bible: The Woman At The Well". Hope From the Well is heard each Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.



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## Arrest Reports

### 04/06/24

James Fritts, 19 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation. Bond was assigned of \$4,000 plus an additional Cash Bond of \$876.90.

Devon Roberts, 43 of Riceville, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Simple Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine and Simple Possession of Schedule IV Clonazepam. Bond was assigned of \$10,000.

Dallas Gordon, 23 of Chattanooga, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office on a Probation Order for Aggravated Reckless Driving. Bond was not assigned and he was sentenced to serve 48 hours in the McMinn County Justice Center.

Brandon Leight, 21 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for State Violation of Probation. He was denied bond.

Brandon Hopkins, 27 of Chattanooga, was arrested by the Athens PD for Failure to Appear for a Warrant in Bradley County. He was denied bond as he awaited transfer to Bradley County.

Ronnie L. Bohannon, 32 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Driving on a Revoked License and was assigned a bond of \$1,000.

Elias Lara Garcia, 30 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Public Intoxication. Bond was assigned of \$1,000.

### 04/07/24

Devin B. Kincaid, 25 of Newport, TN, was arrested by the McMinn County Sheriff's Office for Violation of Probation. Cash bond of \$1,009.95 was assigned.

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