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Friday, January 26, 2024

Athens, Tennessee

Building Collapses On Railroad Avenue

The Athens Fire and Police Departments responded to a dispatch from E-911 for a building collapse located at 1416 Railroad Avenue. Upon arrival of the Fire and Police Departments, it was confirmed that the front of the building had collapsed, littering the roadway with bricks and debris. It was established that no one was inside the building at the time of collapse. AUB was notified and all utilities were controlled. There were no injuries. Minor damage was caused to the adjacent building. Units on scene determined the collapse was most likely weather and age related. Both the tenant and landlord were notified, and the building was turned over to them. For more information, contact Fire Chief Brandon Ainsworth at 423-744-2789 or bainsworth@athenstn.gov

◆ COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE:

- ✓ An upcoming event at the McMinn Living Heritage Museum on Saturday, February 3rd at 11:00 will be Redwork Embroidery with Maddi Garvin. Class size is limited to 12. Cost is \$5 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. For more information about this event visit livingheritagemuseum.org
- ✓ MEDIC Regional Blood Centers will be open from 7:30 to 6 today, January 26th. The Athens Center is located at 927 Decatur Pike. More Community News on Page 2

House Fire in Madisonville

Gudger Fire Dept called for mutual aid for this structure fire on Big Oak Drive, Madisonville around noon on Wednesday. Upon arrival of Fire departments, the structure was fully involved with no one at home. Responding agencies was Gudger Fire, Madisonville City Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Tri Community Fire, Hopewell Fire, and Mt Vernon Fire Departments. Also assisting at the scene was Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Monroe County EMS, and Fort Loudoun Electric Cooperative. Gudger Assistant Fire Chief Jacob Hall was in command of the scene. Photo Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department



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Community News You Can Use

- ✓ There will be a Gospel Singing at Cooke Ministry Building on Walter Street, today, January 26 ,at 7 p.m.
- ✓ Athens Community Theatre (ACT) is pleased to present the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic, "The Sound of Music ", directed by Melonie Carideo with music directed by Ellen Kimball, on February 15 - 25, 2024. "The Sound of Music" takes place in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, February 15 - 17 and 22 - 24, at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, February 18 and 25 at 2:00 PM. Prices for ACT tickets range from \$15 to \$20 for every performance except the 17th. Saturday, February 17th, is a special event that includes admission to The Von Trapp Family Ball and tickets are \$25 for this single performance. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets early, as ACT events tend to sell out on, or before, the performance date. For more information [visit athensartscouncil.org](http://visit.athensartscouncil.org), or call 423-745-8781. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.
- ✓ The Mid East Tennessee Community Chorus will have their first meeting beginning Monday night, January 29 at 7 pm at Tennessee Wesleyan University's chorus room. For more information contact Elise Howell at 423-381-0008 or visit themetcc.org

Church News and Events

- Brother Jerry Mitchel will be singing Sunday, January 28th, 11:am at Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, Etowah. Everyone is welcome.
- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery meets at the following churches: The Englewood Church of God every Sunday at 6 p.m. and Woodward Avenue Church of God every Tuesday at 6 p.m.
- Mars Hill Presbyterian Church (205 North Jackson Street) is sponsoring a free children's playgroup on Mondays, 9-11 a.m. for ages 0-5. For additional information, contact the Church Office (423-745-1403) or Mary Ann Reed (910-200-2905).

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- National Green Juice Day
- National Fun At Work Day
- National Big Wig Day

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Ribbon Cutting Up & Up Mobile Health Clinic

A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, Up & Up Mobile Health Clinic located in Knoxville. Up & Up Mobile Health Clinic is located at the McMinn County Health Department every Wednesday from 10am-3pm at no cost to you. Please call 865-348-7718 for more information and for an appointment. Chamber friends joining the celebration and pictured here (left to right) are: Wesley Skinner, Chamber Diplomat; Paul Semenoff, The Capital Group; McMinn County Mayor John Gentry, Congressman Chuck Fleischmann, Stacey Nelson, Up & UP Mobile Health Clinic; David Jackson, Up & UP Mobile Health Clinic; Karen Sullivan, Athens Chamber; Hugh Willson. Back: Stephanie Devine; Tod Marner (Chamber Board/Retired), Rob Preston, Chamber President/CEO; John Rodriguez, Chamber Board; Doug Bailey, Chamber Diplomat; Hunter Starr, Chamber Diplomat; Luke Shepherd.



Three Charged-Drug Related Death-Crossville Man

A joint investigation by special agents with the Drug Investigation Division of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department has resulted in the indictment and arrest of three individuals, following the drug-related death of a Crossville man. In July 2022, a detective with the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department responded to the death of Christopher Hale (DOB 01/01/1990). It was ultimately determined the victim died of combined toxic effects of fentanyl and ethanol, and TBI drug agents joined the investigation. During the course of that investigation, agents and detectives developed information that identified a Crossville man as the individual who provided the drugs to the victim, and two others who also provided drugs to that man. On January 8th, the Cumberland County Grand Jury returned indictments charging Michael Daignault, Jerrica Hayes, and Frazier Norris. Hayes and Norris were arrested on January 10th. Daignault was arrested in North Carolina and extradited to Tennessee on January 23rd. All three were booked into the Cumberland County Jail: *Michael R. Daignault (DOB 04/26/1962): One count Manufacture or Sale of Schedule II Fentanyl, one count Manufacture or Delivery of Schedule II Fentanyl, one count Second Degree Murder. Bond: \$500,000. *Jerrica Marie Hayes (DOB 09/21/1988): Four counts manufacture, delivery, or sale of Schedule II Controlled Substance Fentanyl. Bond: \$70,000. *Frazier Norris (DOB 10/21/1946). Four counts manufacture, delivery, or sale of Schedule II Controlled Substance Fentanyl. Bond: \$70,000.