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Athens, Tennessee


## Vehicle Overturns

Around 4 am Saturday on Hwy 307 near Athens, a 2007 Buick Lucerne overturned several times hitting a fence when the driver lost control. AMR arrived on the scene finding 2 passengers injured but required no transport. Athens Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Niota Rural Fire, and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded. THP Officer Becca Nye investigated the accident. Photos by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department





## Fleischmann, EPB, ORNL Announce Plans

U.S. Representative Chuck Fleischmann, Chairman of the Energy and Water Subcommittee of Appropriations, hosted recently appointed Oak Ridge National Lab (ORNL) Director Dr. Stephen K. Streiffer and EPB to announce the new Collaborative for Energy Resilience and Quantum Science (CERQS). The new joint research effort builds on over \$180 million in joint research between EPB and ORNL through the Chattanooga-Oak Ridge partnership created by Rep. Fleischmann. CERQS will focus on utilizing Chattanooga's highly advanced energy and communications infrastructure to develop technologies and best practices for enhancing the resilience and security of America's power grid while accelerating the commercialization of quantum technologies to power the economy into the future. "Since I came to Congress, one of my highest priorities has been creating and strengthening the Chattanooga-Oak Ridge Partnership that's changed East Tennessee and the entire Southeastern region of our great nation. Because of the increased collaboration between outstanding entities in Chattanooga, such as EPB, and organizations in Oak Ridge, like ORNL, major advancements are taking place in science, technology, research - generating hundreds of millions of dollars in economic impact and making Tennessee and the entire Southeastern United States the world leader in new and emerging technologies and industries," said Rep. Fleischmann. To date, EPB and ORNL have collaborated on nearly 30 funded projects. These efforts encompass a wide range of research, including the development of advanced energy models to optimize power distribution, the utilization of predictive algorithms to identify likely energy equipment failures so they can be addressed before customers lose power, and the deployment of dynamic micro-grids that can be rapidly scaled to meet changing energy needs as power supplied by solar and other renewable energy resources changes unpredictably throughout the day. Taken together, these projects reflect efforts to keep energy costs lower for customers while enhancing the reliability and resilience of their energy and communications services.


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 • Tuesday-Madisonville Walmart-10 - 5:30  
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## Obituaries

◆ **William Harold Ammons**, age 91, of Athens, passed away Friday, January 26, at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a lifelong native of McMinn County. He was a member of East Athens Baptist Church for over 70 years serving in many positions. He was a 1950 graduate of McMinn County High School and joined the U. S. Air Force after graduation. He served at Ladd Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska, until his discharge in 1955. He was associated with Bowater for nearly 40 years in the Technical Department and Recycle until his retirement. A funeral service will be conducted at 7:00 PM, on Monday, January 29, at Smith Funeral Home. The committal service will be at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, January 30, at McMinn Memory Gardens. Visitation will be at the funeral home from 5:00-7:00 PM, Monday prior to the service. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is in charge of arrangements

◆ **Amanda Paige Lankford**, age 21, of Etowah, passed away on Tuesday, January 23. Although her life was short, she lived it to the fullest. She always saw the good in people and had the most tender caring heart. She was aspiring to put her heart to good use by becoming a nurse at TCAT. A Memorial Service was held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 28, 2024, at Englewood First Church of God. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Lankford Family. Please go to [www.decaturnfuneralsandcremations.com](http://www.decaturnfuneralsandcremations.com) and sign the guest book and offer your condolences and memories. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

◆ **Phyllis Jean Kilgore Graham**, age 72, passed away in her home on January 27, surrounded by loved ones. She was born in Chattanooga. She retired from Tennessee Valley Authority where she served as a Material Clerk in the Power Division. She also attended Chattanooga State. Mrs. Graham retired early due to health problems. She was of the Baptist faith. Visitation will be on Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Cleveland Chapel of Companion Funeral Home, Cleveland, located at 2415 Georgetown Rd in Cleveland. A service celebrating her life will follow the visitation time at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Graham will be laid to rest beside her husband in the Old Zion Cemetery in Sparta, in a private ceremony. Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Arrest Reports

### From The McMinn County Justice Center:

**Larry Stewart**, 54 of Sweetwater, charged by MCSO with simple possession schedule VI drugs, domestic assault, interference with E-911 system. \$4000 bond.

**Russell Farmer**, 56 of Athens, charged by APD with possession of schedule II fentanyl, schedule II meth, schedule VI marijuana, drug paraphernalia. \$20,000 bond.

**James Hubbard**, 38 of Etowah, charged by MCSO with simple assault, \$2000 bond.

**David Fairbanks**, 30 of Madisonville, charged by MCSO with possession of schedule II fentanyl, drug paraphernalia. \$21,000 bond.

**Jacob Ricker**, 30 of Riceville, charged by APD with simple possession of schedule II meth, driving on revoked license, DUI. \$8000 bond.

**Kimberly Lowers**, 47 of Niota, charged by MCSO with possession of schedule II fentanyl for resale, drug paraphernalia, violation of state probation - theft of property \$2500 to \$10,000, simple possession casual exchange schedule II oxymorphone HCL, simple possession of schedule II meth, simple possession - casual exchange alprazolam, schedule II fentanyl for resale. \$47,000 bond.

**Pamela Liner**, 31 of Sweetwater, charged by MCSO with simple possession - fentanyl. \$7000 bond.

**James Batch**, 62 of Hollywood, Florida, charged by MCSO with identity theft, criminal simulation, forgery, theft of property. \$72,000 bond.

**Cody Proaps**, 38 of Loudon, charged by MCSO with DUI 1st offense, driving on suspended license, violation of implied consent law. \$4500 bond.

The accused are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from public sources

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