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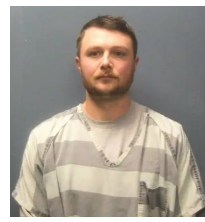
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TDOT Statewide Repaving Efforts

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) is ramping up its pavement repair efforts to address those lingering potholes from January's record winter storm. The department is investing an additional \$15 million in a total of 121 various projects statewide over and above their annual work program. Transportation Modernization Act dollars were accelerated to supplement the state repair and maintenance budget. Warmer temperatures in the spring and early summer months mean asphalt plants are regularly producing the hot mix needed for more permanent repairs. Most of the projects will involve milling - the removal of the top layer and paving with a layer of fresh asphalt. There are two locations in east Tennessee in which they will be performing concrete rehabilitation of two bridges. In some cases, motorists should be prepared for short-term traffic delays during these operations. While every effort will be made to perform repairs during off-peak travel times (9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. weekdays), some lane closures may extend into the late afternoon, evening, and weekends.. Please note - inclement weather, emergency repairs or incidents may disrupt daily schedules. Drivers can report potholes by calling the TDOTFIX Hotline at 833-TDOTFIX or by submitting an [online maintenance request form](#).

Teacher Faces Multiple Child Sex Crimes



Per Hope McAlee of WATE.com, Nathan McKinley Maples, 32 of Sevier County faces multiple child sex crime charges and has been suspended indefinitely while the legal process unfolds. The school administrators received a report from a parent on February 19 alleging inappropriate conduct between Maples and their child. The school system immediately involved law enforcement and connected the family and investigators. Maples was brought to the Central Office the next morning and suspended. The charges include four counts of statutory rape by an authority figure, one count of continuous sexual abuse of a child, one count of aggravated sexual battery, one count of sexual exploitation of a child, and one count of exploitation of a minor by electronic means, as per an eight-count indictment. Maples was arrested by the Gatlinburg Police Department on April 30, but released on bond later that day. *Photo Courtesy of Sevier County Sheriff's*

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MVA in Englewood



Around 10 am on Friday morning, the drivers of a 1998 Toyota Camry and that of a 2019 Honda Odyssey collided head-on on Highway 39E close to County Road 566 in Englewood.

The driver of the Toyota was treated and transported by AMR to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Englewood Rural Fire Department responded with the investigating THP Officer Logan Ballew. Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

Obituaries

- **Linda Dell Hogan Evans**, 79, of Andrews, NC, and life-long resident of McMinn County, passed away on Friday, May 3. She worked for many years in accounting at Evans Construction and was a member of Freedom Baptist Church for over 20 years. She loved the Lord and devoted herself to His service through singing with the Hogan family. Proclaiming Jesus Christ through song was her joy in life. The family will receive friends from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 7 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Linda Dell Hogan Evans.
- **Marion Elizabeth Alexander Greene**, 89, native of Bay Springs, Mississippi, and longtime resident of McMinn County, went home to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 2, 2024. She retired from Johnson's Home Furnishings as a sales representative for over 40 years. She received several awards for her time as a substitute teacher at Athens Head Start. Marion was a member of First Baptist Church of Athens. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, May 6 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Marion Elizabeth Alexander Greene.

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LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Christina DeBusk, owner of Thistle Cottage Mercantile. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5.

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Athens, Tennessee

Bookout's Celebrates 50 Years

Bookout's Tire, Lube & Storage Units in Etowah celebrated their 50th year in operation Saturday, May 4 from 11:00 a.m. til 1:00 p.m. They are located at the intersection of 809 Athens Pike and Highway 30. (Photos by Gene Choate)



Robert & Libby Bookout, Owners



Bookout Siblings
Standing L-R: Sallie, Martha, Mary, & Blanche
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Willson Named Good Scout of the Year



Paul Willson, pictured here on the left, was presented the Good Scout of the Year Award for McMinn & Meigs Counties Thursday evening by Rick Shepherd, representing the

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- **Shytez Daran Jackson**, 16 of Athens, departed this earth on April 26, 2024 with his loving girlfriend **Air'ra Wilson**. Shytez was a junior at Cleveland High School. He loved playing basketball, listening to music and hanging with his close friends, and also loved dogs. A Celebration of Life Service will be 1:00 PM Saturday, May 11 at First Baptist Church of Cleveland. Interment will follow at Fort Hill Cemetery South. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM prior to the service at the church. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens is in charge of the arrangements.
- **Dorothy Hopkins Cook**, 92 of Englewood, passed away on April 20 at her home. She attended Wildwood Baptist Church. She was known for sending unique hand-decorated birthday & greeting cards, as well as frequently visiting nursing homes, tutoring reading at prisons, and delivering meals-on-wheels. She also was an accomplished artist, enjoying oil painting since college. A memorial service will be held 6PM Thursday, May 9 at Wildwood Baptist Church in Englewood. Graveside services will be held in Sherman, TX. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is honored to assist her family with these arrangements.

Driver Injured on Hwy 411S



At 9:30, Thursday morning, on Hwy 411S at Co Rd 850, Etowah this 2016 Toyota Camry landed down an embankment when

the driver lost control. The driver was unresponsive and was brought up the embankment by fire personnel to AMR, who transported the patient to LifeForce. LifeForce was transporting to Erlanger in Chattanooga when the patient went into emergency distress forcing LifeForce to land at Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland. Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Police Department and McMinn County Sheriff's Department all responded. THP Officer Dean Conk investigated the accident. *Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department*

TODAY IN HISTORY-MAY 6

1856 - Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis, was born in Freiberg, Moravia (present-day Pribor, Czech Republic).

1861 - Arkansas seceded from the Union.

1915 - Babe Ruth of the Boston Red Sox hit the first of his 714 major league home runs in a 4-3 loss to the New York Yankees at the Polo Grounds.

1937 - The Hindenburg disaster took place. The German dirigible exploded in flames as it was landing at Lakehurst, New Jersey, after a trans-Atlantic crossing. Thirty-six people died. The crash was described in a live radio broadcast.

1954 - The world's first four-minute mile was run on this date in Oxford, England. The man who broke the barrier was 25-year-old Roger Bannister.

2002 - "Spider-Man" became the first movie to make more than \$100 million in its opening weekend.



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