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Athens, Tennessee

Grants Awarded to Meigs, Bradley & Polk



Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and TNECD Commissioner Stuart C. McWhorter announced \$162.7 million in grants for broadband and digital opportunity programs, aiming to provide access to over 236,000 residents in 92 counties. Several multi-million dollar grants have been awarded to Meigs, Bradley and

Polk Counties that will expand broadband availability and are designed to help promote digital skills and workforce development. The state investments will support community-based digital skills training, public Wi-Fi projects, distribution of free or low-cost devices and marketing for low-cost internet plans. The grants are administered by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development (TNECD). A total of almost 10 million dollars will be distributed to various internet service providers in the 3 county area. These grant programs assist with capital expenses related to broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas of Tennessee. They are part of a broader strategy to ensure every resident has access to high-speed internet by the year of 2028.

Athens Street Closures for This Weekend

The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures for MooFest:

- Madison Avenue from Hill Street to Green Street
- Washington Avenue from Hill Street to Green Street
- Hornsby Street from Church Street to Long Street
- White Street from College Street to Bank Street
- N. Jackson Street from College Street to Highway 30
- Long Street from Washington Avenue to Madison Avenue
- Baxter Street from Washington Avenue to Highway 30

These closures will be from Friday, May 31, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. until Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
See Page 2 for more street closures.

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TN National Guard Rescues Hiker



A UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter and medical flight crew from the Tennessee National Guard recently rescued a hiker suffering from a severe illness in a remote part of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Shortly before 7 p.m., the Tennessee National Guard and the Tennessee

Emergency Management Agency were notified of a hiker requiring immediate medical assistance. The hiker was located more than 5,000 feet above sea level, at Icewater Spring. Less than an hour later, a flight crew from the Tennessee National Guard's Task Force Smoky took off from the McGhee-Tyson Air National Guard Base to rescue the hiker. The Blackhawk helicopter arrived on scene about 20 minutes later and quickly performed a hoist rescue to carefully lift the hiker into the aircraft. The crew transported the hiker to the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, shortly after 9 p.m. The entire operation, from first notification of a potential mission to patient handoff at the hospital, took about two hours.

Photo Courtesy of the Tennessee National Guard

Obituaries

Howard Eugene High Sr., (Ol Man) (Sarge) 71, of Englewood, passed away peacefully Monday, May 27th at Tennova Healthcare in Cleveland. He was born February 12th, 1953 in Kendaville, Indiana to Harold High and Dorothy Squires. He was very artistic. He enjoyed old westerns and old classic music. Most of all he loved to ride. Pavement beneath him, open sky's above him, the highway and unknown ahead of him. There are no formal services planned at this time. Companion Funeral Home of Athens is honored to assist his family with these arrangements.

STREET CLOSURES CONTINUED:

- KEITH LANE from Prof Powers Lane to Cedar Springs Road
- CRESTWAY DRIVE from McMinn Avenue to Matlock Avenue, and GIDEON STREET from Boaz Street to Keith Lane.

These closures will be on Saturday, June 1, 2024 from 4:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The purpose of this closure is for the Soap Box Derby event.

Detours will be posted. Motorists are advised to use extreme caution, watch for detour and traffic control signage, pedestrians, and work crews. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area.

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What Day Is It?

Today In History - May 30

1431 - Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in France at the age of 19 after being found guilty of sorcery.

1498 - Christopher Columbus began his third voyage to America.

1868 - Memorial Day was first observed in the U.S.

1908 - Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny, Elmer Fudd, Porky Pig, and many other cartoon characters was born.

1964 - Country singer Wynonna Judd was born.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to: wyradio@gmail.com

WEATHER FORECAST

Thursday - Sunny. High 78.

Thurs. Night - Mostly Clear. Low 55.

Friday - Sunny. High 79.

Friday Night - Partly Cloudy. Low 58.

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