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driver saw smoke and flames coming from the rear of the truck so he quickly unloaded the materials from the truck to keep from damaging it. Englewood Rural Fire and Etowah Rural Fire Departments both responded.

Photo by Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

Community News You Can Use

- VBS at Cambria Baptist Church, 305 County Road 875, Etowah, began yesterday, June 2nd at 6:PM and will go through Friday, June 7th, at 6:PM nightly. Classes are for all ages, including adults.
- The Juneteenth Community Celebration is set to take place on Saturday, June 22 from 10 am - 2 pm at J.L. Cook Memorial Park (414 Cook Dr. in Athens). There will be live music, food, and dancers. This free event is a Celebration of Culture and is open to the public and for all ages.
- The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, June 6, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.

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Athens, Tennessee

Obituaries

James "Jimmy" Orlen Baker, 85, of Athens, passed away Thursday, May 30 at Starr Regional Medical Center. He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County and a member of Genesis Baptist Church as well as a former member of Antioch Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon. He was instrumental in starting the Baptist Student Union at Tennessee Wesleyan College. He served in the Tennessee National Guard for 6 years and was associated with Bowater as a millwright for 30 years until his retirement and also served as a chaplain during lunch hours. A funeral service will be conducted, 11:00 am, Wednesday, June 5 at Antioch Baptist Church. The family will receive friends at Smith Funeral Home, 5:00-9:00 pm, Tuesday, June 4. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of James "Jimmy" Orlen Baker.

Dianne Lanning, 75, of Etowah passed away Thursday, May 30. A graveside service was held at 2:00p.m., Sunday, June 2, 2024, at Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah was in charge of arrangements.

Mildred Lee Presswood McDowell, 77, of Decatur, passed away on Thursday, May 30. She was of the Baptist faith. She enjoyed crocheting, fishing, camping, and off-roading. A funeral service will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7p.m. at Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services. Interment will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 in the McClellan Cemetery in Madisonville, TN. The family will receive friends from 5 – 7p.m., prior to the service on Monday. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the McDowell Family.

Helen Ruth Rucker, 89, affectionately known as "Puddin" passed away on May 31, at Athens Life Care Center. Throughout her life, she was a faithful member of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church where she served as a church mother, choir member, and head of the kitchen committee. Puddin" enjoyed cooking and had a host of famous recipes. services will be held Tuesday, June 4 at 1:00 p.m. at Light of Life International Ministries The family will receive friends one hour before the service from 12:00 noon until 1:00 p.m. at the church. Interment will follow the service at Moore Cemetery in Niota, TN. Dotson Funeral Home of Athens is in charge of arrangements.

Camellia Faye Duncan, 86, of Knoxville, formerly of Englewood, passed away Saturday, June 1. Faye was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, as well as NARFE. She worked at East Tennessee Children's Hospital for 10 years after retiring from 30 years at the Social Security Administration. Faye was also a member of the Knoxville Women's Club. A graveside service will be held at 2:00p.m., Tuesday, June 4, at Sunrise Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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Athens, Tennessee

Fire on Seventh Street, Etowah

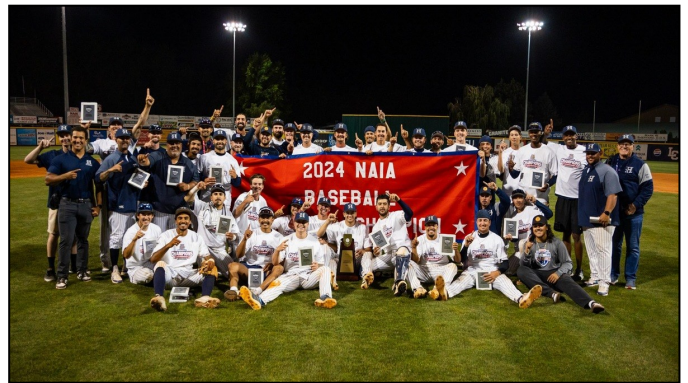


On Friday, around 2 PM, the Etowah City Fire Department requested mutual aid from Etowah Rural Fire and Englewood Rural Fire for a structure fire on Seventh Street in Etowah. Upon arrival, city fire personnel found flames emerging from the front window of the residence, with the interior suffering heavy fire and smoke damage and the exterior sustaining moderate damage. No one was home at the time of the fire. The Etowah Police Department, EUB, and AMR assisted at the scene, which was commanded by Etowah City Fire Captain Nathan Coe. *Photos courtesy of: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.*



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TWU Falls to Hope International



Hope International (Calif.) won the 67th Annual NAIA World Series, marking their first championship and the second consecutive title for a Golden State Athletic Conference team. Despite losing their first game, the Royals won five straight elimination games. In the final, they overcame an early 2-0 deficit against Tennessee Wesleyan to win 14-6. Key players included JJ Cruz, Alec Arnone, and Steven Ordorica. Tennessee Wesleyan's Stevens and Newman had strong performances, but it wasn't enough to secure the win. TWU finished their season with 44 wins and 18 losses. *Photo Courtesy of: Spencer Ferrin/NAIA*

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TWRA Turkey Survey



If you happen to spot a turkey in Tennessee this summer, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency wants you to tell them about it. The TWRA invites everyone to participate in its wild turkey summer observational survey.

Open to the public from June 1st through August 31st, this survey has been conducted annually by agency staff and cooperators since the 1980s and was made accessible to the public in 2022. Participants can assist the TWRA in monitoring the state's wild turkey population by reporting sightings. In the 2023 summer survey, 158 TWRA staff members and 742 public observers submitted 2,664 wild turkey observations from 93 of the state's 95 counties. The 2023 results estimated an average of 2.1 poult per hen, below the five-year average of 2.5 poult per hen, with West Tennessee showing higher production than East Tennessee. All observations recorded by TWRA staff and volunteers during the three-month survey will be documented by county and summarized both regionally and statewide. Click [HERE](#) to learn more and participate in the survey!

Bear Sighting in Athens



At approximately 5:52 am this past Saturday, June 1st, a black bear was spotted on

Keith Lane in Athens. This picture was submitted from one of our Morning Fax subscribers. The subscriber was able to confirm that this was in fact a bear and not a large dog.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week's guest on Main Street Moments will be Erica Peden, Kiwanis Club President. 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

What Day is It?

Today In History - June 3

1927 - Saxophone player Boots Randolph was born.

1937 - The Duke of Windsor, formerly King Edward the 8th of Great Britain, married Wallis Simpson, a divorced American woman. He had given up the throne for the marriage because his government said it would not allow Simpson to become queen.

1946 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that segregation of blacks and whites on buses was unconstitutional.

1965 - Astronaut Ed White became the first American to make a "walk" in space. He was attached to a "tether."

1989 - The Chinese government called in the military to put down a pro-democracy demonstration carried out by more than 100,000 people in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, resulting in hundreds of deaths.

2008 - Barack Obama clinched the Democratic presidential nomination.

2016 - Muhammad Ali - arguably the most admired and dominant heavyweight boxer in the history of the sport—died at age 74.

Arrest Reports

Kyle Witt, 32 of Sweetwater was arrested by the MCSO for Driving on a Revoked License and unlawful drug paraphernalia. Total Bond: \$2,000

Esteban Palacios, 34 of Etowah, was arrested by the Etowah PD for Domestic Assault and Driving on a Restricted License. No Bond Reported.

Frederick Donahue, 18 of Athens was arrested by the MCSO for the charge of Rape of a Child. Total Bond: \$250,000.

Taylor Young, 27 of Athens, was arrested by the McMinn Drug Task Force for 2 Counts of Failure to Appear. No Bond Given.

Layla Burgner, 42 of Tellico was arrested by the Etowah PD for Domestic Assault No Bond Reported.

Annette McNabb, 40 of Knoxville, was arrested by the Athens PD for 2 counts of Reckless Endangerment Driving Under the Influence, and Violation of Implied Consent. Total Bond: \$20,000.

Joseph Mooney, 32 of Etowah was arrested by the McMinn Drug Task Force for a warrant issued in Monroe County. Mooney was awaiting transfer to Monroe County. No Bond Given.

The accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The preceding information was compiled from public sources.



TODAY IS:

- National Egg Day
- Insect Repellent Awareness Day
- National Chocolate Macaroon Day
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- Chimborazo Day (Chimborazo Mtn. is the highest point on Earth)

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