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Athens, Tennessee

Car in Flames in Etowah



This 2012 Nissan Altima burst into flames after the driver lost control and hit a tree on County Road 795, Etowah close to 8:30 Saturday night. The driver had minor lacerations with no medical transport necessary. Responding agencies were Etowah City Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Claxton Fire, EUB, and McMinn County Sheriff's K9 Officer Darrell Wright, who investigated the accident. Etowah Rural Assistant Fire Chief Kevin Elliott was in command of the scene. *Photo Credit: Austin Hancock, Etowah City Firefighter*

Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn Senior Activity Center invites the community to enjoy their summer Family Day programs every Friday at 10 am throughout July. All activities are free, but the Center does ask that you sign up in advance to ensure a spot. The center is located at 205 McMinn Ave., in Athens. Call them at (423) 745-6830 or visit their website mcminnseniors.com
- The UT Extension - McMinn is hosting Master Gardeners on Duty every Monday from 9 am - 11 am. If you have questions about flowers, fruit trees, or your backyard garden, call the office and talk to a Master Gardener! Call the office at (423) 745-2852 or visit them at 2345 Denso Drive in Athens and trained volunteers will give you prompt responses with fact-based information and links to reliable sources! This valuable resource is available to the public for FREE!

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Athens, Tennessee

New TN Laws Effective on July 1st

The Tennessee General Assembly has passed several new laws related to criminal offenses and public safety, effective July 1. Key highlights include:

Enhanced Penalties and New Offenses: Penalties for existing crimes have been increased, and new crimes such as "abortion trafficking" have been introduced. Several laws are named after victims who inspired the legislation.

Jillian's Law: Alters how the criminal justice system handles offenders deemed incompetent to stand trial, requiring them to be committed to treatment facilities and entered into the National Instant Criminal Background Check System.

Anti-Squatter Laws: Allows property owners to request the removal of unlawful occupants by the sheriff's office under certain conditions.

Laken Riley Act of 2024: Permits the carrying of non-lethal weapons for self-defense on public college campuses.

Death Penalty for Child Rape: Allows capital punishment for adults convicted of aggravated rape of a child, with specific conditions and exceptions.

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Obituaries

James Edwin "Ed" Chrisman, age 89, lifelong resident of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, June 29. He was retired from Athens Stove Works and served in the United States Army. The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Friday, July 5 at Ziegler Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Interment will follow at McMinn Memory Gardens. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of James Edwin "Ed" Chrisman.

Shirley Boudreau Harrawood, age 71, passed away on Sunday, June 30, 2024. Funeral arrangements will be announced at a later time. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Shirley Harrawood.

Ronald Jay Lyon, age 70, passed away on Sunday, June 30, at his residence. He loved and served the Lord his entire life. Ronald was a member of The Upper Room Church in Riceville, where he served as the Sunday School Superintendent. The family will receive friends from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Friday, July 5, at The Upper Room Church with a funeral service to follow at 6:00 PM. Interment will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 6, at Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Ronald Jay Lyon.

Angela Cook Greene, 59, of Etowah, passed away Friday, June 28 after a brief illness. Angela loved the outdoors. She enjoyed reading in her spare time. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, July 5th in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m., Friday prior to the service. Interment will follow the service in Green Hill Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

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Athens, Tennessee

New TN Laws Implemented in July

Other new laws that took effect on July 1 are:

Abortion Trafficking: Criminalizes the act of taking a minor to get an abortion without parental or legal guardian consent.

Increased Penalties for School Threats: Elevates the offense of threatening mass violence on school property to a Class E felony.

Chris Wright Act: Converts certain repeat misdemeanor offenses to felonies after multiple convictions.

Dr. Benjamin Mauck Act: Establishes new offenses for assault within healthcare facilities.

Protecting Bees: Makes it a felony to take bees or related structures without consent.

Making Drag Racing a Felony: Elevates the penalty for drag racing to a Class E felony.

For full list and description of new laws, click [HERE](#)
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What Day is It?

Today In History - July 2

1776 - After a dramatic all-night ride, Delaware delegate Caesar Rodney arrived just in time to cast the decisive vote in the Continental Congress formally approving a resolution which would become the Declaration of Independence from Britain. It was signed two days later.

1908 - Thurgood Marshall, the first African-American Supreme Court justice, was born in Baltimore.

1937 - Aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappeared over the Pacific Ocean while attempting to make the first around-the-world flight at the equator.

1964 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act, perhaps the most important U.S. law on civil rights since Reconstruction and a hallmark of the American civil rights movement.

1979 - The United States first issued the Susan B. Anthony dollar coin, making Anthony the first woman to be depicted on U.S. currency.

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