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Two-Vehicle Collison on Highway 307 Injures Three



A collision involving a 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo and a 2020 Chevy Equinox occurred on Highway 307 near Athens just before 10 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

The driver and passenger of the Jeep sustained injuries but declined medical transport. The driver of the Chevy was treated at the scene and subsequently

transported to Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens by AMR (American Medical Response) paramedics.

Responders from Englewood Rural and Niota Rural Fire Departments, along with Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Travis Ryans, were on the scene to manage the situation and conduct an investigation into the accident.

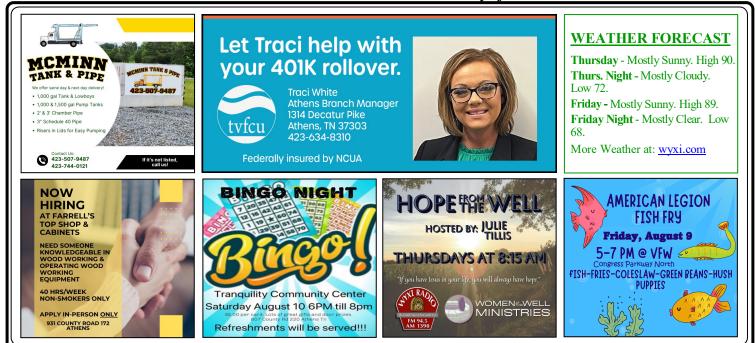
Photos courtesy of Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Dept.

Bridge Deteriorating in Polk Co.



Residents in Polk County are concerned about a bridge on Highway 411 that crosses the Ocoee River. They say it looks like a pillar is deteriorating, but the

Tennessee Department of Transportation says it's safe. In response to the concerns, TDOT released this statement: "This bridge was built in 2012 and was rated good until its inspection in 2023. During that inspection, a defect was found in the column at the waterline, which dropped its rating to Poor. While this defect needs to be corrected, it does not present any immediate concerns. The bridge is structurally sound and completely safe. Repairs are being scheduled, and inspection frequency was increased until repairs are made." *Photo Courtesy of Local 3 News*





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Free Diapers for TennCare Kids



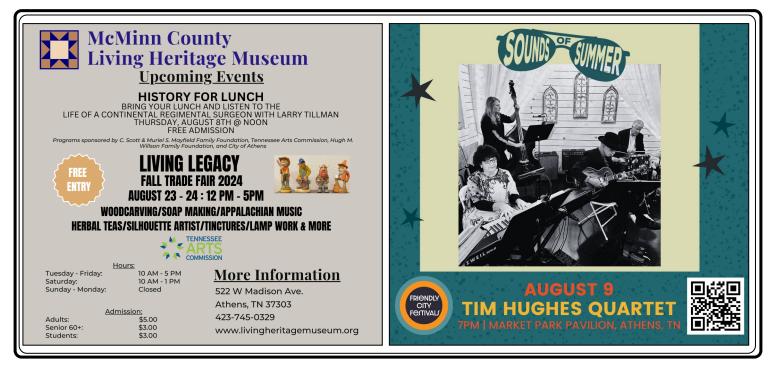
TennCare will now be providing 100 diapers per month for children under the age of two who are enrolled in TennCare or CoverKids healthcare coverage. This new program took effect on

Wednesday, August 7. This benefit is part of Governor Lee's Strong Families Initiative, which is focused on helping families with practical needs and supporting working parents. TennCare will be partnering with pharmacies across Tennessee to make sure there's easy access. To receive diapers, you will be able to walk into any participating pharmacy and show your child's OptumRx TennCare pharmacy card or provide your child's social security number at the pharmacy. New parents waiting on a TennCare ID for their newborn may temporarily use their own TennCare pharmacy ID card or social security number. There is no prescription required. TennCare will initially cover select lines and sizes of Huggies and Cuties diapers and other brands will be added over time.

HHM CPAs joins the Athens Chamber



A ribbon cutting was celebrated recently for new Athens Area Chamber of Commerce member, HHM CPA's, located in Cleveland. HHM offers traditional and custom accounting services. They also provide, tax and consulting services. Shown here are chamber representatives Rob Preston, Karen Sullivan, John Rodriguez, Simmons bank representatives Shayne Whaley, Kimberly Croft, Karen Raby, Direct Primary Care representative Cathy Thompson, and the staff from HHM CPA's: Abigail Bentley, Drew Linkous, Madison Dispensa, Branden Wilson, Cassie Bell, Kellye Cawood, McCall Marbury, Kortney Saunders, Terry Winstead, Brock Oliver, Ryne Shumaker, Ethan Toomire, Adam Osborne, Michael Murphy, Miraina Rogers, Christina Dill, Rhea Joyner and Kathy Austin.





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Crossville Woman Charged with Second Degree Murder

An investigation by special agents with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation's Drug Investigation Division has led to the indictment of a Crossville woman on charges of second-degree murder.

On September 14, 2021, Crossville Police Department officers responded to a 911 call at a residence on Willow Street, where they discovered Samuel Mashburn deceased in the driveway. An autopsy later revealed that Mashburn died from acute combined multiple drug intoxication. The investigation, conducted with the assistance of the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department, Crossville PD, and the office of the 13th Judicial District Attorney General, identified Jerica Marie Hayes, a friend of Mashburn, as the person who supplied him with fentanyl.

On August 5, the Cumberland County Grand Jury returned indictments against Hayes, charging her with one count of Second Degree Murder and one count of Delivery of Fentanyl. Hayes, who is currently incarcerated at the Cumberland County Jail, was served with the indictments, and her bond has been set at \$1,000,000.

The charges and allegations referenced are merely accusations of criminal conduct and not evidence. The defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt and convicted through due process of law.



Obituaries

Shirley Maxine Kennedy Stokes, of Decatur, passed away peacefully while surrounded by family at The University of Tennessee Medical Center on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. She was employed with Athens Table Company and Duck Head Apparel in quality control. Shirley was a member of Concord United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends on Friday, August 9, 2024, from 12:00-2:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 2:30 at Decatur Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Shirley Maxine Kennedy Stokes.

Dr. Harold Joseph "Joe" Holliday, M.D., 79, of Athens passed away Monday, August 5, 2024 at his residence. He served in the military with the United States Marine Corps for four years. He was a graduate of Austin Peay State University and a graduate of The University of Tennessee Medical School. He established his medical practice in 1983 in Athens, where he served the community for 41 years. A family graveside service will be held at McMinn Memory Gardens. There will be no formal visitation, but a celebration of life event will be announced at a later date. Arrangements by Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home in Athens.

