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The following Press Release was posted on Facebook by the City of Athens and the Athens Police Department.

“The Athens Police Department is requesting public assistance in identifying this person of interest.

On Wednesday, August 28, between 5:15 pm and 6:45 pm, this unknown subject(s) busted the passenger side window out of the victims vehicle at Eureka Trail and stole her purse. Shortly after, the subject in this photo attempted to use the victim’s Credit/Debit card.”

If you believe you can identify this individual, please contact the APD at (423)-744-2730.

Source: [Facebook - City of Athens](#)

Community News You Can Use

- Helping Hands Ministry of McMinn County is in need of volunteers who are prepared to donate at least two days per month (usually for no more than 5 hours in any day) to carry on their community assistance efforts. They perform emergency home repairs for low-income families. The organization is looking for volunteers with carpentry, plumbing, or electrical skills. To volunteer, contact Helping Hands at (423) 920-4179 or helpinghandsathens@yahoo.com.
- The Good Faith Clinic scheduled for Tuesday, September 10 (today) will be a refill only clinic with patients reporting directly to the clinic rather than the church triage area. Appearances can be made for Physician visits for Tuesday September 17 beginning at 2:30. Appointments will only be made through the [GFC Facebook page](#) or at the September 10 refill clinic. The clinic will return to regular schedule beginning September 24.
- The Etowah Library Board will meet at 5pm on Monday, September 16 at the library. This meeting is open to the public. The Friends of Etowah Carnegie Library will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 5:30 pm at the library. This meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (423) 263-9475 or visit us online at www.etowahlibrary.com.

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Homicide in Cleveland

Cleveland Police are looking for a man in connection with an apparent homicide after a woman was found dead inside a home on Sunday.

Dayren Lopez Roque, 41, has an active warrant for first-degree murder and reportedly fled Tennessee, police said in a news release Monday. Cleveland police are working with other law enforcement agencies to apprehend him, according to the release.

Police responded Sunday to reports of a missing person at a home on Northcrest Circle, near North Ocoee Street and Highway 11. They found the missing woman, Dayana Garcia, 25, dead in the home, according to the release.

"The Cleveland Police Department has deemed this domestic-related incident as a homicide investigation," police said. **Source:** [Chattanooga Times Free Press](#)

Community News You Can Use

- The Etowah Area Senior Center is having a Flu and COVID Vaccine Clinic on Monday, September 16th from 11:00 until 12:30. The vaccines are free with almost all insurance.
- The City of Athens Public Works Department announces the following street closures:
 - The following streets will be occupied by runners and spectators from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 21: Jackson Street, Washington Avenue, Madison Avenue, Keith Lane, Crestway Drive, McMinn Avenue, Elizabeth Street, and White Street. The purpose of these closings is for the St. Paul's Episcopal Church Run to the Table 5K.
 - A portion of College Street will be closed. This closure will be on Friday, September 13 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The purpose of this closing is for Tennessee Wesleyan University's Student Special Engagement event.
 - Richardson Street from Oak Street to Haley Street. This closure will be on Tuesday, September 10 (today) from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The street will be closed to thru traffic. The purpose of this closing is for road repairs.
 - Hornsby Street from Jackson Street to Long Street, Parking Spaces 265 AND 266, and sidewalk on Jackson Street from Washington Avenue to Hornsby Street. These closures will be from Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 a.m. until Sunday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Motorists are advised to use extreme caution and watch for traffic signs, workers, and pedestrians. Motorists should allocate additional time for traffic delays when traveling in this area. For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

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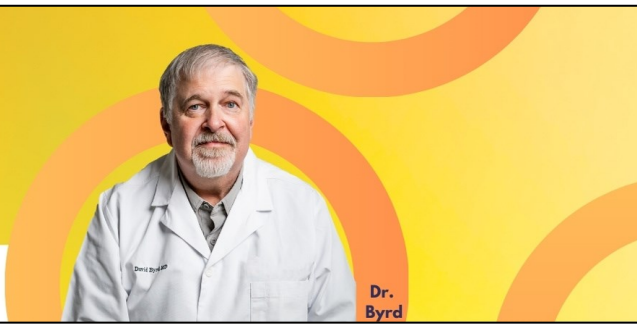


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AFD Receives ACS Donation



The Athens Fire Department recently received a generous donation of three busses from the Athens City school system, originally set for demolition. This contribution enabled AFD to organize and take part in a comprehensive 16-hour Mass Transit training course. The hands-on experience provided by this course equips rescuers with the skills necessary to effectively respond to transit related emergencies. Such extensive training requires significant collaboration, and AFD would like to extend its gratitude to Seaton's Iron & Metal Co. and the dedicated instructors from TARS who played a key role in making this valuable training possible. *Source: [Facebook - City of Athens](#)*

Etowah Senior Center Receives Major Grant



The Etowah Senior Center has been awarded a Major Grant from the Department of Disability and Aging for the 2024-2025 period. Senior centers across Tennessee were eligible to apply for a share of the \$3 million allocated by the Tennessee General Assembly. Out of 147 applicants, 47% were approved for funding.

The Etowah Senior Center was granted \$65,000, which will be used to purchase a new van and an updated sign for the facility. The van will provide transportation for seniors to various locations, supporting their physical and mental well-being through travel, which fosters exploration, self-discovery, and social connections. The new sign will help inform the community about the center's programs and activities.

Traveling offers numerous benefits for seniors, allowing them to create lasting memories while promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. The Etowah Senior Center is excited about the opportunities this grant will provide for its members. *Source: [Etowah Senior Center](#)*



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Monroe Co. Hazardous Waste Collection

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) mobile household hazardous waste collection service will be in Hickman, Marshall, and **Monroe** counties on **Saturday, September 14**.

Tennesseans are encouraged to bring household hazardous waste – including cleaning fluids, pesticides, swimming pool chemicals and more – to a designated drop-off location. A person does not need to live in the county to participate. In Monroe County, the drop-off location is the Monroe County Highway Department, 3475 New Highway 68, Madisonville, from 8 a.m. -noon. The contact is Brandon West at (423) 442-2497.

Since 1993, more than 373,000 Tennessee households have safely disposed of over 24 million pounds of hazardous materials through more than 1,500 one-day collection events. Household hazardous waste, including items like cleaning fluids, pesticides, and batteries, should not be mixed with regular garbage due to their flammable, toxic, or corrosive nature. Collection events are free and no appointment is required, though businesses and other non-household sources must schedule an appointment and pay for disposal. Many local areas also offer collection for batteries, oil, paint, and electronic scrap (BOPAE). For more details, call 800-287-9013.

Rockwood Detective Arrested



Rockwood Police Department detective Charles Crothers has been federally indicted on multiple child pornography charges. The alleged incidents occurred between June 26 and June 28, 2024, involving Crothers and a minor. He

faces one felony count of attempted child enticement and two felony counts of attempted production of child pornography. Crothers was suspended from the police department on September 5, 2024, and is currently being held without bond in Laurel County, Kentucky. His trial is set for November 12, 2024. The investigation remains ongoing.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week on *Main Street Moments*: Host Sandra Kinney invites a local guest to discuss all the new and exciting offerings coming to The Friendly City. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO : AM-1390 and FM-94.5. *See ad below*

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Obituaries

Charles Patrick (Pat) Jaquish, 75 of Athens, passed away on Friday, Sept. 6. He served twelve years in the US Air Force and retired from the postal service. A memorial service will be held 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, Sept. 12 in the Chapel of Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home followed by Military Honors. A private family burial will be in Upper Spring Creek Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 5-7 Thursday in the funeral home. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home, Athens, Tenn. is in charge of arrangements.

Gary Ronald Watson, 69, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 8. Funeral service will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 10 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m., Tuesday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11 at the funeral home and proceed to McMinn Memory Gardens for the 11 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Belinda Lee Winford, 61 of McMinn County, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024. Services will be held at a later date. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Belinda Lee Winford.

Michael "Mike" Eugene Burnette, age 71, passed away on Monday, Aug. 26. Services will be held at 1:30 P.M. on Wednesday, Sept. 11 at The Chattanooga National Cemetery. Ziegler Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Michael "Mike" Eugene Burnette.

Deborah Woody, of Etowah, passed away on Sept. 8. The family will have the Receiving of Friends on Thursday, Sept. 12 from 4-6 pm at Companion Funeral Home of Athens with the Funeral Service starting at 6pm. A Grave-side Service will be held on Friday, Sept. 13 at 1:00pm at Green Hill Cemetery in Etowah. Companion Funeral Home in charge of arrangements

Community News You Can Use

- Today In History - September 10**
- 1813** - An American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Afterward, Perry sent the message, "We have met the enemy and they are ours."
 - 1823** - Simon Bolivar was named President of Peru. Bolivar led the wars for independence from Spain in Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, and Bolivia, which was named in his honor. Bolivar was sometimes called the "George Washington" of South America.
 - 1912** - The jungle character Tarzan made his debut as "Tarzan of the Apes" by Edgar Rice Burroughs was first published in The All-Story magazine.
 - 1929** - Golfing star Arnold Palmer was born.
 - 1945** - Singer Jose Feliciano was born. His best-known hit record is the Christmastime song, "Feliz Navidad."
 - 1963** - African Americans entered the white public schools of Birmingham, Tuskegee, and Mobile, Alabama, after President Kennedy federalized the state's national guard.
 - 2006** - Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts defeated Eli Manning and the New York Giants 26-21 in the first NFL game to feature two brothers starting at quarterback.

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Live Radio Continues to Bring Awareness to Community Businesses

WYXI Radio FM 94.5/AM 1390 was pleased to have recently participated in live promotional events for Hennessee Hydraulics and the McMinn Senior Activity Center. Hennessee was celebrating its first year in the Friendly City and held a Customer Appreciation Day on Friday, providing free food for guests. The McMinn Senior Activity Center was celebrating 50 years in Athens on Monday and did so with a "Legislative Breakfast" opening the day with local elected officials. The fun continued with a live broadcast from WYXI Radio. WYXI provided music and held many giveaways at both events. Below are pictures from the festivities.



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