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Sweetwater Shooter Apprehended



A man is in custody after a shooting that happened in Sweetwater Tuesday, according to the Sweetwater Police Department. The shooting happened in the 400 block of Patton Street, according to Sweetwater PD. Officers got on the scene and were told that two men had a fight, and one had shot the other in the shoulder.

That suspect, identified as Elisha Goins, left the scene but was later found and taken into custody.

"Thanks to the quick actions of our officers and detectives, the suspect, identified as Mr. Elisha Goins, and the firearm used were located within 30 minutes," SPD reported.

The injured man was taken to the University of Tennessee Medical Center in stable condition, according to police. Goins is facing one count of aggravated assault and two charges of reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon. *Source: WVLT*

Community News You Can Use

- The Meigs Decatur Public Library will hold their Fall Fundraiser Book Sale on September 19 and 20. Sale opens 9am and closes at 4pm both days. The Library is located at 120 E. Memorial Dr., Decatur. TN.
- The TN Highway Patrol will be conducting a Sobriety Checkpoint on November 29th at 9:00 PM on US-11 at County Road 50. The scheduled checkpoint is contingent upon manpower and weather conditions.
- An earthquake with a magnitude of 2.3 struck McMinn County Sunday morning (9-15) at 4:12 a.m. It was located 1.1 mile northwest of Niota and was 500 meters underground with a width of 200 meters. An earthquake of this magnitude, though a little stronger than normal, usually does not cause major property damage or injuries. At 2.3 magnitude, it probably was felt or heard in the area.

Monday – Private Event

- Tuesday-Madisonville-Will Say -10:30 - 2:00
- Wednesday-Etowah Across from Johnsons-10:30 - 2:00
- Thursday-Athens Sock Shop-10:30 - 2:00
- Thursday PM: E K Baker School 5-6 (Open to Public)
- Friday-Sweetwater-Little Drugs-10:30 - 2:30

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Monday - Sunny, High 82.
Monday night - Mostly Clear. Low 56.
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Driver Uninured After Losing Control on Highway 307



Around 3 p.m. on Friday, September 13, the driver of a 2000 Nissan Xterra lost control and veered off Highway 307 in Athens, causing the vehicle to roll multiple times. Fortunately, the driver was unharmed. Englewood Rural Fire, Niota Rural Fire Department, and THP State Trooper Jack-

son Mowrer responded to the scene and conducted the investigation. *Source/Photo Credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.*

Obituaries

Gary Rose, 70 of Delano, passed away on Friday, September 12. Funeral Service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. Family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 17 at the funeral home and proceed to Delano Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. A complete obituary will be released soon. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah in charge of arrangements.

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.

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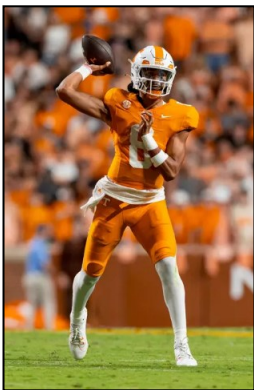
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Vols Run Through Golden Flashes



No. 9 Tennessee football shattered school scoring records with a dominant 71-0 victory over Kent State on Saturday night. The Vols (3-0) set modern-era records for points in a quarter (37), a half (65), a game (71), and total offense (740 yards). UT scored touchdowns on nine consecutive drives before settling for a field goal in the third quarter, outgaining Kent State 740-112 in total offense. Dylan Sampson led the charge with

four rushing touchdowns, just one shy of the school's single-game record, while quarterback Nico Iamaleava threw for 173 yards and a TD before exiting the game in the second quarter with the Vols up 51-0. Tennessee has now scored 50+ points in three straight games for the first time since 1913. The Vols continue their impressive non-conference streak, extending their winning run to 13 games. Next up is their highly anticipated SEC opener at No. 13 Oklahoma on Sept. 21. *Photo: Tennessee Athletics*

Football Round-Up

Last Week's Scoreboard

Walker Valley @ Bradley Central 28-7
 Sequoyah @ Soddy Daisy 0-35
 East Hamilton @ McMinn Co. 29-28
 Tellico Plains @ Polk Co. 13-24
 Meigs Co. @ Sweetwater 35-3
 McMinn Central @ Brainerd 35-0

This Week's Match-Ups

Friday

Ooltewah (0-4) @ Walker Valley (3-1) 7 pm
 Sequoyah (0-4) @ Howard (1-2) 7 pm
 McMinn Co. (1-3) @ Oak Ridge (1-2) 7 pm
 Stone Memorial (2-2) @ Meigs Co. (3-0) 7 pm
 Sweetwater (1-3) @ McMinn Central (3-1) 7:30 pm
 Polk Co. (2-2) @ Oneida (3-1) 7:30 pm

UT Football

Saturday

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East Tennessee Nursery Closes for Construction



The East Tennessee Nursery in Delano, operated by the Tennessee Division of Forestry, will be closed to recreational users, such as walkers, until April 2025 due to a hydrology

construction project. This closure is necessary for public and worker safety. The project aims to improve drainage and maintain the quality of native trees and shrubs sold at the nursery. The nursery office remains open for seedling sales, pickups, and forester consultations. Orders can be placed at PlantTNTrees.org, and inquiries can be directed to 423-649-1520. *Source: Gina Sowders, Reforestation Unit Leader, TN Division of Forestry*


Constitution Week Bell-Ringing Events



September 17-23 marks Constitution Week, a time to honor and protect the freedoms established by the framers of the Constitution in 1787. To celebrate, the Hiwassee Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Alexander Keith Chapter

of the Daughters of the American Revolution invite the public to participate in bell-ringing events: McMinn County Courthouse at noon on September 17, Monroe County Courthouse at noon on September 18, Sweetwater Gazebo at 4:00 p.m. on September 19, and E.G. Fisher Public Library at 4:15 p.m. on September 23. During the week, copies of the Constitution will be distributed to 8th graders, and flags to 1st through 7th graders.

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A lifelong member and Deacon of Oak Grove, Mr. Smith remains vibrant and full of life. His secret to longevity? "I've always trusted God and treated others the way I wanted to be treated," he shared.

The church honored him with a heartfelt morning service, a fellowship lunch, and surprise family visits.

A pillar of faith, love, and dedication, Mr. Smith's life is an inspiration to all. With tears of joy in his eyes he ended the service singing and said, "I am blessed."



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Keith Memorial Bicentennial



Keith Memorial UMC celebrated its Bicentennial and 75 years in its current sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 8. Established in 1824 as Athens' first Methodist church, Keith Church rebuilt after a devastating Christmas night fire in 1947 and opened its new location at 400 W. Madison Ave. on September 4, 1949. The Bicentennial service featured sermons by former ministers Rev. Mike Hubble and Rev. Dr. Stella Roberts. Distinguished guests included local officials and leaders from the community. Special music included a newly arranged version of

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" by church organist Tristen Rowland. Long-time members Alma Broyles and Dr. William Foree, confirmed in 1944, were honored, as was church historian Sally Ealy for her nearly 50 years of research. Keith Memorial invites the public to its traditional 9 a.m. service and contemporary service, The Gathering, at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Photos by Lauren Cockrell Rucker.

MEDIC Needs Type-O Donations



MEDIC Regional Blood Center announced Thursday that it is critically low on O-type blood, with less than a two-day supply in inventory. Both O-negative and O-positive blood are urgently needed, as they are commonly used in trauma situations like car accidents. MEDIC encourages eligi-

ble donors to visit a local donor center or mobile location to help replenish the supply. The Athens Center is located at 927 Decatur Pike in the McMinn Plaza Shopping Center next to Ingles. Appointments can be made by calling (423) 453-5846 or online at MEDICBlood.org. It takes three days for donated blood to be processed before it can be used in medical facilities across East Tennessee, where MEDIC is the main blood supplier. *Source: [MEDIC Regional Blood Center - Facebook](#)*



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