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Athens, Tennessee

Sinkhole Opens in Riceville



Due to the heavy rainfall on Thursday, the Riceville Volunteer Fire Department issued a notice on Facebook that a large sinkhole opened up on Highway 39W between County Road 708 and Faith Baptist Tabernacle Church. They have stressed that the road is not passable and ask all motorists to avoid the area. Rae Ann Bradley with **TDOT** posted on X that the sinkhole is located at mile marker 3.4 and that

it is large enough to close the road.

Source: Riceville Volunteer Fire Department - Face-

<u>book</u>

Photo Credit: Rae Anne Bradley (TDOT)

Community News You Can Use

- Due to the very high probability of hazardous weather and travel conditions, Athens City Schools will be closed today, 9/27/24 for all students and staff. Kids Connection will also be closed. McMinn County Schools and Christ Legacy Academy will also be closed.
- The McMinn County Board of Education will meet in Regular Session on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.
- The Isaiah 117 House golf tournament, originally scheduled for today, Sept. 27, has been postponed due to the inclement weather. The tournament will now take place on Friday October 4 at Springbrook Golf and Country Club. All flights, teams, and logistics will be the same.

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Church News & Events

- McMahan Calvary Baptist Church (569 County Road 172, Athens) will be having a Revival from Sunday, Sept. 29 until Wednesday, October
 Sunday will be at 6 pm, other days will be at 7 pm. The speakers will be Randy Elijah and Isaiah Pickle.
- Are you grieving the loss of someone close to you? Clearwater Baptist
 Church (964 County Road 180, Athens) is starting a new ministry helping those grieving find hope, comfort, and guidance. On Fridays from 6
 pm 7:30 pm there will be a 13-week grief support group that you can
 join at any time. For more info visit: clearwaterbc.org/grief-share
- Old National Bank and the leadership of St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church have established an account for anyone that would like to make a monetary donation to assist the church rebuild from the fire that destroyed their building. Donations can be made at any Old National Bank office or mailed to Old National Bank, 106 West Washington Avenue, Athens, TN 37303. Checks should be made payable to St. Mark A.M.E. Zion Church.
- Celebrate Recovery meets every Thursday at 6:00 P.M. at Watts Bar Community Church (1517 TN-68, Decatur)
- The Etowah Church of Christ, 501 Athens Pike, is starting a series on "Revelation and Premillennialism" at 6 p.m. each Wednesday.

- Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship, 317 Maple Street, in Athens, invites you to attend Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.
- TODAY is the final day of the revival at Conasauga Baptist Church (649 County Road 475, Etowah). Tonight's revival begins at 7 pm. There will be special singing and the preachers will be Daniel and Mickey Stewart.
- Spring Creek United Methodist Church (115 County Raod 36, Riceville) is hosting a Camp Meeting & Old Time Singing, THIS Sunday, Sept. 29 at 6 pm. The guest speaker is Rev. Mickey Rainwater.
- Pastor Scott Martin with Solid Rock Baptist Church (4975 Hwy. 11, Calhoun) would like to invite you to their Homecoming Service on Sunday, October 6 at 10:30 am. The Trinity Trio will be the special guest singers.
- Glorybound Church (446 Isbill Rd., Madisonville) will have their revival from Sunday, Sept. 29 to Friday. Oct. 4. Sunday will be at 6pm and Mon-Fri will be at 7pm. The Preachers will be Joey Cagley and Michael McLemore. Everyone is Welcome.
- Athens Lutheran Church will be holding services in the public pavilion at Athens Regional Park, Sunday September 29th. Bible Study starts at 9 am and Worship is at 10 am followed by food and fellowship and games for the children. All are welcome.





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Obituaries

Alma Pauline (Sally) Norton Anderson, 94 of Athens, passed away Thursday, September 26 at her home. The family will have a Memorial Service and visitation at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church at 2:00 pm Sunday, September 29 with Rev. Cheryl Bourne officiating. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Alma Pauline (Sally) Norton Anderson.



Football Preview

Tonight's Football Match-Ups

Due to weather conditions, ALL sporting events will be based on weather conditions. Please monitor school communications closely.

Sequoyah (0-5) @ Loudon (5-0) 7pm Chattanooga Central (2-3) @ Meigs Co. (3-1) 7pm McMinn Co. (1-4) @ Ooltewah (0-5) 7pm Walker Valley (4-1) @ Rhea Co. (2-2) 7pm Tyner Academy (2-3) @ Sweetwater (1-4) 7:30pm McMinn Central (OFF) Polk County (OFF)

UT Football

BYE WEEK — Next Game: UT @ Arkansas (October 5)

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax.

If you take a newsworthy photograph, e-mail it to: wyxiradio@gmail.com







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Community News You Can Use

- Saturday, September 28, at 9 a.m. at AgCentral Co-op, is the McMinn County 4-H Chicken Show and Sale. Three breeds of laying hens are available for purchase: Rhode Island Red, Brown Star, and Barred Rock. Come experience some small town fun and bring laying chickens home to eat fresh eggs and support your McMinn County 4-H'ers. All Buyers Welcome. For more information call 423-745-2852.
- The VFW is having their Annual Turkey Shoot every Saturday from 8am-12 Noon and each Saturday through November 23 at VFW Post #5146 at 706 North Congress Parkway in Athens. They are raising funds for their Christmas baskets to be distributed to Veterans & spouses. For more information, call 423-745-8387.

Vehicle Overturns in Delano



Wednesday around 3pm on Hwy 163 @ Co Rd 970, Delano. The driver of this 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer lost control and overturned. The driver was slightly injured requiring no medical transport.

Responding agencies were Claxton Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, AMR, McMinn County Sheriff's Department and THP. THP Trooper Andrew Metelits investigated the accident.

Photo by Etowah Rural Fire Department





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Helene Bringing Tropical Weather to the TN Valley

Hurricane Helene hit the Florida Gulf Coast as a Category 4 storm, bringing with it major impacts across the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) service area. The region should brace for heavy rainfall, significant flooding, and moderate winds, with the most severe effects expected in Chattanooga and Knoxville.

Local Flooding Expected Flooding is likely in the Chattanooga and Knoxville metro areas starting this morning and continuing throughout the day. Drivers are urged to exercise extreme caution during commutes or consider working remotely. Small streams, creeks, and roads in the area are at risk of flooding, especially in known trouble spots.

Rainfall and Wind Impacts Helene will bring 3-5 inches of rain to much of the TVA region, including Nashville, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and Huntsville. Areas affected by earlier rainfall on Wednesday are particularly vulnerable to additional flooding. The Smoky Mountains and Blue Ridge could see 8-16 inches of rain, with the risk of mudslides and locally devastating floods. Wind gusts of 30-50 mph are expected in the mountains, with isolated gusts up to 80 mph.

Flooding Concerns Flooding is the biggest safety threat, especially in mountainous areas where saturated soil could lead to uprooted trees, impacting power lines. Local Power Companies in TVA's eastern service area, particularly in mountainous regions, are likely to face widespread disruptions.



Residents are advised to avoid crossing flooded areas, especially at night, and to closely monitor local updates for further information. Source: Jeff House - TVA



