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Storm Damage in Englewood



High winds and heavy rain on Friday morning caused a large tree to fall at the intersection of E Athens St and Unaka St in Englewood, breaking a power pole and downing power lines that extended to W Athens St. The incident left most of Englewood without power for about three hours. Local agencies responded quickly to manage the situation. Traffic control was handled by the Englewood Police Department, Englewood Rural Fire, and Etowah Rural Fire. Utility companies, including AUB, TDS, Comcast, and Xfinity, worked to restore services. Lance Tree Service was responsible for clearing the fallen tree. *Photo Credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department*

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Community News You Can Use

- The McMinn County Veterans service office will be closed on September 30-October 2 for their annual training. They will reopen on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 8:30 am
- Looking for Weather Alerts to be sent directly to your phone? Text "JOIN MCMINN" to 66893 to sign up for the emergency notification system for our area.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week on *Main Street Moments*: Sandra Kinney invites Brett King from the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum to discuss upcoming museum events. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO : AM-1390 and FM-94.5. *See ad on page 5*

FOUR COUNTS OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

Officers with the Athens Police Department investigated a shooting incident which occurred around 10:00 am Saturday, according to sources, in or near the parking lot of North Athens Baptist Church on Tellico Avenue. Two victims (who through other sources have been identified as teen-aged girls) have been transported to area medical facilities and are receiving treatment. One of the victims, a 15 year old girl, received 2 gunshot wounds to her leg. One person has been taken into custody and charged with 4 counts of attempted murder. He was identified as 27-year-old Shyheim Benton of Athens and is in the McMinn County Jail under a \$500,000 bond. APD says that other persons of interest are actively being sought for questioning. If you have any information regarding this incident, please contact APD Detective Jamie Carmack at 423-744-2736 or Athens PD dispatch at 423-745-3687.



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Obituaries

Alma (Sally) Norton Anderson passed away at her home in Athens, Tennessee on Thursday, September 26th. She was an active member of Mars Hill Presbyterian for 62 years. She also was a member of Kanunsita Garden Club and Springbrook Golf Club. A private family burial was held at Cedar Grove Cemetery on Sunday, September 29. At 2:00 pm, a memorial service was held at Mars Hill Presbyterian Church. The family received friends in the church fellowship hall immediately following the service. Smith Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements.

Michael "Mike" Hughes, 69 of Delano, TN passed away on Friday, September 27. Mike loved TN football and spending time with his family. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 1 in Delano Cemetery. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

Violet Trotter Duncan passed away on Friday, September 27 at her home with family at her bedside. She was a dedicated nurse, with most of her career spent at Woods Memorial Hospital. She also loved gospel music and dancing. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 30 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., Monday, prior to the service. Family and friends will assemble Tuesday, October 1 at Green Hill Cemetery for the 11:00 a.m. committal service. Bordwine Funeral Home of Etowah is in charge of arrangements.

43rd Governor of TN Passes Away at 97



Former Tennessee Governor Winfield Dunn passed away peacefully Saturday, September 27th at the age of 97, surrounded by family, according to an announcement from Governor Bill Lee's office. Born on July 1, 1927, in Meridian, Mississippi, Dunn served in both the U.S. Navy during World War II and as a reserve lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. He graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1950, the same year he married his wife, Betty, before earning

his D.D.S. at the University of Tennessee Medical Units in Memphis, where he later practiced dentistry.

Dunn made history in 1970 as Tennessee's first Republican governor in 50 years, despite having never held public office before. During his tenure, he established a statewide kindergarten program, enhanced the state's highway infrastructure, created public parks, and formed the Department of Economic and Community Development. He also chaired the University of Tennessee Board of Trustees and the Tennessee State Board of Regents.

Dunn is remembered for his strong faith, deep love for his family, and dedicated service to the people of Tennessee. His legacy as a unifying and civil leader continues to resonate throughout the state.

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Fatal Accident in Riceville Claims One



A tragic accident on Wednesday night involving a Kia Sportage on County Road 756 in Riceville resulted in one fatality. A passenger was seriously injured and transported

to Erlanger Hospital, while the driver sustained minor injuries. The driver of the car, Danielle Swafford of Riceville, has been charged with vehicular homicide. She is in the McMinn County Jail under a \$62,000 bond. Multiple agencies responded to the scene, including Claxton Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Calhoun Fire, AMR, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and the Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP). THP Trooper Tyra Johnson is leading the investigation, with Claxton Fire Chief Mike Stewart overseeing the scene.

Photo Credit: Etowah Rural Fire Department

Cougar Cross Country State Bound



Congratulations to the Athens City Middle School Girls Cross Country team for finishing in 1st place in the TSSAA Sectionals. They are now heading to the State Meet in Hendersonville at Sanders Ferry Park in early November.

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Vols Focus on Improvement During Bye Week



No. 5/6 Tennessee is enjoying a strong start to the season, sitting at 4-0 as it heads into its first of two open weeks. The Volunteers are fresh off a statement win, defeating No. 15/13 Oklahoma in Norman—marking their first road victory over a top-15 AP-ranked team since 2006.

Despite the early success, head coach Josh Heupel emphasized the need for improvement during the bye week. "Focusing on us...and trying to improve in the areas we need to," Heupel said. He pointed to communication and technique in all phases of the game as areas that need sharpening.

A key strength for Tennessee has been its defensive line, which has been bolstered by depth and standout performances from veterans like Jayson Jenkins and Elijah Simmons. Jenkins, once an under-the-radar player, has emerged as a consistent force on the line. Simmons, meanwhile, set the tone early against Oklahoma with a tackle for loss on the first play from scrimmage.

As the season moves deeper into conference play, the Volunteers are aiming to keep improving, with Heupel stressing, "Good teams continue to get better throughout the course of the year."

Football Round-Up

Last Week's Scoreboard

- Sequoyah @ Loudon (0-35)
- Chattanooga Central @ Meigs Co. (19-45)
- McMinn Co. @ Ooltewah (30-0)
- Walker Valley @ Rhea Co. (0-16)
- Tyner Academy @ Sweetwater (21-16)
- McMinn Central (OFF)
- Polk County (OFF)

This Week's Match-Ups

- Hixson (1-5) @ Sequoyah (0-6) 7pm
- Walker Valley (4-2) @ Howard (2-3) 7pm
- Rhea Co. (3-2) @ McMinn Co. (2-4) 7pm
- McMinn Central (4-1) @ Meigs Co. (4-1) 7:30pm
- Chatt. Central (2-4) @ Sweetwater (1-5) 7:30pm
- Polk Co. (3-2) @ Wartburg (0-5) 7:30pm

UT Football

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64,000	Highway 411	Etowah	300,000	County Road 250	Niota
120,000	Glendale Avenue	Athens	314,900	Highway 307	Athens
122,500	County Road 899	Etowah	327,000	Crestway Drive	Athens
167,000	Palos St	Athens	329,900	County Road 891	Etowah
175,000	Chestuee St	Englewood	342,000	County Road 791	Etowah
187,000	Kilgore Street	Athens	349,000	Matlock	Athens
199,900	Warren Street	Athens	360,000	Yale Rd	Athens
200,000	Washington	Etowah	389,900	Tidence Lane	Athens
217,500	Lafayette St	Athens	400,000	County Road 314	Sweetwater
229,000	Kenneth St	Athens	414,000	Lynnwood Dr	Athens
239,900	Cedar Springs	Athens	479,900	County Road 7030	Athens
247,000	Washington Avenue	Etowah	557,500	County Road 110	Athens
260,000	Southern Parkway	Athens	599,900	Crestway Drive	Athens
267,000	Crestway Avenue	Athens	699,900	Deer Path Road	Englewood
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