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Athens, Tennessee

Old-Fashioned Downtown Christmas Lights Up the Night

Athens Main Street and the City of Athens hosted the Old Fashioned Downtown Christmas and City Christmas Tree Lighting last Friday. It was a lovely evening with a great kickoff to the Holiday Season. To join in the Christmas celebration, the attendees for the tree lighting were the newly elected members and the other members of the Athens City Council. These city officials joined together for the countdown to the lighting of the tree. It was a great way to kick off the Christmas season in the Friendly City!

Photo submitted by Frank Clark, City of Athens Communications Director




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Obituaries

Larry Dewayne Johnson, 55 of Decatur, passed away on Thursday, November 21. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Johnson Family.

Esther Judd Altizer, 87 of Decatur, passed away on Friday, November 22. She was a member of Shiloh Baptist Church. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Altizer Family.

Tracy Jamerson, 54 of Etowah, TN passed away on Saturday, November 23. Tracy enjoyed helping others and was a hard-worker. In his free time, he loved riding through the mountains enjoying the nature. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 26th, 2024 in the chapel of Bordwine Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service. Bordwine Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Community News You Can Use

- Etowah Senior Center has scheduled another day of Medicare Counseling with SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program) on December 4th. Please call the senior center at 423-781-7632 to schedule an appointment.
- Etowah Carnegie Library will be closed Thursday, 11/28 through Saturday, 11/30 for Thanksgiving. Normal business hours will resume December 2nd.
- The Kanusita Garden Club will host "Christmas Around the World", a National Garden Club, Inc. standard flower show on Thursday, December 5 from 2pm - 4pm at the McMinn County Living Heritage Museum in Athens. For more information about the flower show, please contact Meredith Willson at (423) 887-3544 or Martha Culvahouse (901) 484-9679.
- VFW Post 7189 (17434 TN-58, Decatur) will host a Free Breakfast on Saturday, November 30. They will serve biscuits, gravy, eggs, pancakes, sausage and bacon.
- The Good Faith Clinic will be open Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 3:30 p.m. for refills and at 4:00 p.m. for doctor visits. The Good Faith Clinic is free primary health care for residents of McMinn and Meigs counties, ages of 18-64, who have no form of medical insurance, including TennCare. The clinic meets on the campus of Christ Community Church at 18 S Congress Parkway in Athens.
- The American Legion Post 68 is hosting a Military ball for veterans at the Niota Train Depot on Dec 6 at 6pm. Tickets are for sale at the veterans Service office. This is for veterans, active duty, reserve and their spouses. For more information, call the VSO office at (423) 7441605.

LISTENING REMINDER: This week on *Main Street Moments*: Sandra Kinney invites Julie Simbeck from the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5. *See ad on Page 6.*

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Garage Fire Destroys Property in Athens



A fire early Sunday morning resulted in the total loss of a garage and its contents on County Road 600. Relatives of the homeowner, who were staying in a camper on the property, reported hearing an explosion around 1:30 a.m.

Upon investigating, they discovered the garage engulfed in flames and attempted to extinguish the fire using a garden hose.

Despite their efforts, the garage and its contents were destroyed, including a John Deere tractor, a Gator, a motorcycle, a Honda four-wheeler, and various tools. Multiple fire departments responded to the blaze, including Athens Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, and Claxton Fire. Additional support was provided by AMR, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and Athens Utilities Board (AUB). Englewood Rural Fire Lt. Caleb Martin led the response. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Photo credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department

Resident Burned in Bonfire in Englewood



A bonfire accident late Friday night resulted in a resident being airlifted to a specialized burn center. Around 10:30 p.m., the homeowner on County Road 461 attempted to ignite a

bonfire using gasoline, which caused the flames to ignite his clothing.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived to find the fire extinguished by a water hose. Due to the severity of the injuries, AMR requested a medical helicopter, which transported the patient from Starr Regional Medical Center in Etowah to Wellstar Cobb Medical Burn Center in Austell, Georgia.

Responding agencies included Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department.

Photo credit: Englewood Rural Fire Department

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SEC Football Weekend Scores

- (#9) Ole Miss @ Florida: 17 - 24
- UMass @ (#10) Georgia 21 - 59
- UTEP @ Tennessee 0 - 56
- Kentucky @ (#3) Texas 14 - 31
- LA Tech @ Arkansas 14 - 35
- Wofford @ (#18) South Carolina 12 - 56
- (#23) Missouri @ Mississippi State 39 - 20
- (#7) Alabama @ Oklahoma 3 - 24
- (#15) Texas A&M @ Auburn 41 - 43
- Vanderbilt @ LSU 17 - 24

AP Top 10 Rankings (as of 11/24/24)

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Oregon (11-0) - | 6 Georgia (9-2) +2 |
| 2 Ohio State (10-1) - | 7 Tennessee (9-2) +3 |
| 3 Texas (10-1) - | 8 Miami (FL) (10-1) +3 |
| 4 Penn State (10-1) - | 9 SMU (10-1) +4 |
| 5 Notre Dame (10-1) +1 | 10 Indiana (10-1) -5 |

Sam Goodin H S Sports Report

Meigs County (9 - 4) @ Sequatchie County (14 -1)
Final: Meigs County - 27—Sequatchie County - 35

Despite a comeback after being down 28-14 at halftime, the Meigs County Tigers' season ended Friday night. The Tigers threw an interception late in the fourth quarter to seal the deal for the Indians.

Passing: Meigs: Ricker 4/8 for 13 4/8 for 13 Yds, 2 Int
Sequatchie: 166 Yds
Rushing: Meigs: Hiefnar 11 carries for 94 Yds
Sequatchie: 35 carries for 170 Yds
Total Offensive Yards: Tigers: 230 Yds; Indians: 336 Yds
Source: Ethan Cross

2025-2029 Region Classification Changes

Football

Region 3-5A: McMinn County, East Hamilton, Lenoir City, Ooltewah, Rhea County, Soddy-Daisy, Walker Valley
Region 2-3A: McMinn Central, Meigs County, Austin-East, Kingston, Scott, Sweetwater

Basketball, Baseball, and Softball

District 4-4A: McMinn County, Bearden, Farragut, Hardin Valley, Lenoir City, Oak Ridge, Rhea County
District 3-2A: McMinn Central, Meigs County, Kingston, Sweetwater, Tellico Plains

Soccer

District 5-AAA: McMinn County, Cleveland, Rhea County, Walker Valley
District 3-A: McMinn Central, Cleveland, Rhea County, Sweetwater, Tellico Plains, Tyner Academy

Volleyball

District 5-AAA: McMinn County, Cleveland, Rhea County, Walker Valley
District 5-AA: McMinn Central, Meigs County, Brainerd, Chattanooga Central, East Ridge, Sweetwater, Tyner Academy

McMinn and Rhea County appealed to the new classifications in Mt. Juliet to move to District 5 in baseball, softball, and basketball but were denied by the committee.

Contributor: Sam Goodin

