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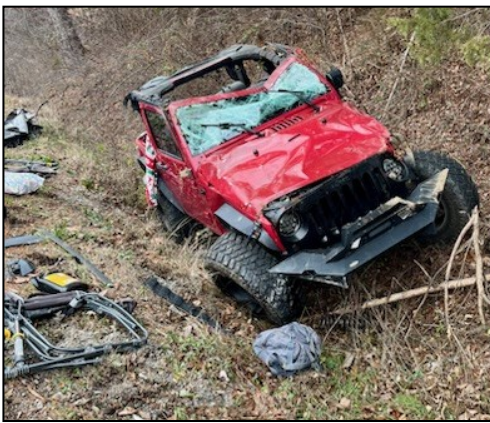


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Driver Ejected in Rollover Crash on Highway 39




A 2008 Jeep Wrangler traveling east on Highway 39 near County Road 567 in Englewood rolled over after hitting a culvert around 3 p.m. Wednesday. The driver was ejected onto the highway during the crash. Englewood Rural Fire first responders provided initial treatment at the scene before AMR transported the patient to a landing zone set up at Englewood School by Etowah Rural Fire Department. From there, the patient was airlifted by LifeStar to UT Hospital in Knoxville. Athens Rural Fire, the McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and Tennessee Highway Patrol Trooper Andrew Metelits assisted at the scene. Englewood Rural Fire Captain Josh Roach managed the incident. *Photos courtesy of Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department*

All Local Schools Closed Today, 1/10 (See Pg 6)



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Athens, Tennessee

Car Crashes into Etowah Nutrition



Smoothie and juice bar **Etowah Nutrition** will be temporarily closed after a car crashed through the store. The business posted to their [Facebook](#) about the incident on Wednesday, January 8:

"Sorry for the inconvenience we will be closed until further notice. I am hoping to get back open as soon as possible but given the situation, it may take a bit. Please reach out for to-go teas or go support other local small businesses around us."

Originally Reported by [Local 3 News](#)

Obituaries

Terrance Joseph Depa, 85 of Sweetwater, passed away on Wednesday, January 8. Terrance served in the United States Army, and retired from General Electric in Albany, NY. Visitation will be held at Ziegler Funeral Home on Tuesday, January 14 from 12:00-2:00 PM with a funeral service at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at Sweetwater Valley Memorial Park. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with the care of Terrance Joseph Depa.

William "Bill" Schaefer, 84 of Decatur, passed away on January 7 at his home. A Graveside Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2025, in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Decatur Funeral Home & Cremation Services is honored to serve the Schaefer Family.

Athena "Tina" Barbara Hicks, 56 of Madisonville, passed away on January 6, 2025. Tina was a member of Friendship Baptist Church of Madisonville. The family will have a graveside service at Chestnut Campground Cemetery (6112 US Hwy 422, Madisonville, TN) on Tuesday, January 14th at 10am. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

Nola Beatrice "Bea" Crowe, 87, of Decatur, went to be with the Lord on January 8. Bea loved spending time with her family and cooking for her kids. She was an amazing mother and homemaker, always cooking, gardening and canning. The family will have a funeral service on Tuesday January 14, at Companion Funeral Home of Athens at 2pm. Visitation will be prior from 12-2pm. A graveside service will follow at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Decatur, TN. Companion Funeral Home of Athens and the Cody family are honored to assist the family with these arrangements.

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Brush Fire Near A&J Body Shop Contained by Firefighters



A brush fire near the A&J Body Shop on Highway 30 East got out of control Thursday morning, causing damage to items near the building.

While the fire did not reach the A&J Body Shop building, the structure may have suffered some smoke damage. The property, located outside the Athens city limits, prompted a quick response from local fire crews.

Lt. Austin Hancock of the Etowah Rural Fire Department was in command of the scene, ensuring the fire was

contained and further damage prevented. No injuries were reported. *Photo courtesy of Rhonda Murphy - City of Athens Facebook Page*

City of Athens Inclement Weather Schedule

The City of Athens Public Works Department has announced their inclement weather schedule.

Due to inclement weather, the **Recycle Center will be closed Friday and Saturday, January 10 and 11, 2025.**

The residential garbage collection for **Friday, January 10, 2025** will be **picked up early**. Please place garbage totes curbside the night before to ensure they are out in time for pick-up. Commercial routes for Friday and Saturday, January 10 and 11, 2025 will be picked up on Friday, January 10, 2025.

For more information, please contact the Office of the Public Works Department at 423-744-2745.

Friday Jan 10 - Saturday Jan 11, 2025

Winter Storm Cora Outlook



Weather Outlook 3-6 Inches of Snow for Athens



- Travel impacted through weekend
- Expect School, Business, & Church Closures - Follow Media Outlets
- Slow down when traveling, watch for road crews working

Expect snow showers from approximately 10:00 am Friday until 7:00 am Saturday

Chance of Snow	Temp Range	Information as of
74% of 2"+	26-33°F	JAN 8 - 2:00

Athens Parks & Recreation Presents the 39th Annual

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Church News & Events

- Cambria Baptist Church invites you to their service on Sunday, January 12th at 11:00 a.m. as [Journey Home](#) will be singing during their service. The church is located at 305 County Road 875 in Etowah.
- [Solid Rock Baptist Church](#) (4975 Hwy-11, Calhoun) celebrates the return of the Lead Vocalist of *The Kingdom Heirs*, [Chris Bryant](#) in concert on Sunday, January 19 at 6:00 pm.
- Celebrate Recovery meets every [Tuesday](#) at 6:00 P.M. at Woodward Ave. Church of God (507 Woodward Ave., Athens). They also meet every [Thursday](#) at 6:00 P.M. at Watts Bar Community Church (1517 TN-68, Decatur)
- [Planted In Christ Outreach Fellowship](#) (317 Maple Street, Athens) holds Outreach Deliverance Classes every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

Athens-Isahaya Japan Sister City Committee Offers Free Cultural Lectures

The Athens-Isahaya Sister City Committee is continuing its series of free cultural lectures, open to all McMinn County residents. The series began last October and runs through July. Participation is free, with the only requirement being to sign up in advance.

Tuesday night, the committee hosted a Japanese calligraphy event at the McMinn Senior Center, providing attendees with a hands-on opportunity to learn this traditional art form. The lecture series features a variety of topics and events designed to celebrate Japanese culture and foster connections between Athens and its sister city, Isahaya, Japan.

For more information or to sign up for upcoming events, visit the Athens-Isahaya Sister City Committee on their Facebook page [HERE](#).



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December 2024 McMinn County Health Inspection Scores

McDonald's Etowah (620 N. Tenn Ave. Etowah)
December 27, 2024 | 97

Don Armando (3654 Hwy 11 South Riceville)
December 20, 2024 | 98 // Mobile Unit ; December 20, 2024 | 99

Silver Springs (3275 Highway 11 S Riceville)
December 20, 2024 | 99

Ramble Creek Event Center (277 County Road 437 Athens)
December 20, 2024 | 100

Springbrook Golf & Country Club Restaurant
(123 Country Club Rd Niota) December 19, 2024 | 99

Mexi-Wing (112 N. White St. Athens)
December 19, 2024 | 96

Rice Inn (3692 Hwy 11 South, Riceville)
December 19, 2024 | 93

Olde White Oaks Golf Course (705 County Rd 105 Athens)
December 19, 2024 | 99

Ethel Mae's Monday Night Dinner
(922 Cedar Springs Road Athens) December 19, 2024 | 100

Miracle Lake Kitchen (182 County Road 498 Etowah)
December 18, 2024 | 99 // Camp; December 18, 2024 | 98

Holiday Inn Express Pool (1116 Highway 68 Sweetwater)
December 18, 2024 | 96

The R.E.L. Prohibition Pub (3 Jackson St. Athens)
December 18, 2024 | 99 // Restaurant; December 18, 2024 | 98

The Social on Depot Hill Bar (105 Decatur Pike Athens)
December 11, 2024 | 100 // Restaurant; December 11, 2024 | 98

Tellico Junction Restaurant (17 W. Main St. Englewood)
December 11, 2024 | 98

Ambiance (5107 Lee Hwy Calhoun)
December 11, 2024 | 96

AmVets Post 100 (205 County Road 813 Etowah)
December 11, 2024 | 95

Cracker Barrel #9 (110 Burkett L Witt Blvd. Athens)
December 10, 2024 | 97

Thai House Restaurant (921 Decatur Pike Suite 925 Athens)
December 10, 2024 | 98

Mi Ranchito (331 N Tennessee Ave., Etowah)
December 9, 2024 | 98

Hong Kong King Buffet (866 Highway 411 N., UNIT D Etowah)
December 9, 2024 | 97

YMCA Pool (205 Knoxville Ave. Athens)
December 9, 2024 | 99

Pepo's Burrito Bar (924-A Highway 411 Etowah)
December 9, 2024 | 97

Double C (1084 Highway 30 Athens)
December 6, 2024 | 100

Tasteful Gatherings (4780 Hwy 11 S Calhoun)
December 6, 2024 | 97

Athens Social Club (109 Hill St. Athens)
December 6, 2024 | 96

Papaw's Place (705 East Ave Athens)
December 6, 2024 | 100

Mexi-Wing Etowah (235 N. Tennessee Ave. Etowah)
December 5, 2024 | 98

Subway #30016 (10 N. Amhurst Englewood)
December 5, 2024 | 96

Mulligan's at Mouse Creek (1118 Congress Pkwy N Athens)
December 4, 2024 | 99

V.F.W. (706 N. Congress Pkwy Athens)
December 3, 2024 | 98 // Dining Room; December 3, 2024 | 98

Gondolier Pizza & Steak House (2241 Congress Pkwy S. Athens)
December 3, 2024 | 99

Pepo's Burrito Bar #2 (307 Congress Pkwy S Athens)
December 3, 2024 | 96

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McMinn County Arrest Reports

Daniel Watson, 48 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Failure to Appear, Driving on a Revoked License, Possession of Schedule II Methamphetamine for Resale and Possession of Schedule VI Cannabis for Resale. No Bond.

Dewayne Douglas, 59 of Athens, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Domestic Assault, and Unlawful Carry/Possession of a Weapon. Total Bond: \$63,000

Kelly Dickerson, 40 of Ten Mile, was arrested by the MCSO for Violation of Probation. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Elijah Marcus, 19 of Athens, was arrested by the Athens PD for Domestic Assault. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Scott Styles, 53 of Englewood, was arrested by the Englewood PD for Filing False Reports. No Bond.

Dustin Sampler, 32 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for Aggravated Robbery. Total Bond: \$65,000

Thomas Tanner, 52 of Magee, MS, was arrested by the THP for Public Intoxication. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Craig Jermaine, 37 of Knoxville, was arrested by the THP for Violation of Probation. No Bond.

Kaitlyn Ward-Miller, 24 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the THP for DUI. Total Bond: \$1,000.

Taylor Young, 28 of Etowah, was arrested by the MCSO for State Violation of Probation, Resisting Arrest, Evading Arrest, and Possession of Schedule II Fentanyl for Resale. No Bond.

Joshua Dyda, 29 of Sweetwater, was arrested by the MCSO for Assault and Assault by Intimidation. Total Bond: \$4,000

Those accused are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Information gathered from Public Sources.

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