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# **Vehicle Overturns on Icy Englewood Roads**



Fire personnel responded to an accident near 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14 at the intersection of County Roads 460 and 459 in Englewood. A 2002 Ford Escape appeared to have hit a patch of ice and overturned.

When fire crews arrived, they discovered the vehicle's occupants had left the scene. Englewood Rural Fire and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department both responded to the incident. Sheriff's Corporal Zac Hawkins is investigating the accident.

#### Photo credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire **Department**

• This week on *Hope From the Well*, Julie Tillis and Robin Nation discuss "What is Women at the Well?" Hope From the Well is heard every Thursday morning at 8:15 a.m. on WYXI RADIO, AM-1390 & FM-94.5.

#### WEATHER FORECAST FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 Thursday - Sunny. High 50. Thurs. Night - Partly Cloudy. **BIKER WINGS** Low 28 **SPECIAL** Friday - Sunny. High 52. Friday Night - 80% Chance of PLATE OF 10 WINGS & Rain. Low 39. **FRIES FOR ONLY \$12** More Weather at: ATHENS VFW OPEN TO THE <u>wyxi.com</u> 5 - 7 PM **PUBLIC NIOTA YOUTH ASSOCIATION 2025** SPRING BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS AGES 3 - 14 FOR BASEBALL AGES 4 - 18 FOR SOFTBALL CLICK AD TO SIGN UP OR CALL (865) 705-2449 \* \* \*





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# **Obituaries**

**Joy Mullinax** passed peacefully from our world December 23, in Athens, TN at the age of 78. The Celebration of life and receiving of friends for Joy Mullinax will be held on, Saturday, January 18, 2025 from 10:30am-1:00pm at Smith Funeral Home in Athens, TN. Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Linda Joy Mullinax.

Kelly Lingerfelt, 73 of Athens passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at Parkwest Medical Center in Knoxville. The family is holding a celebration of life on Friday, January 17th at the Conference Center at Regional Park in Athens from 5:00 to 7:30. They invite anyone who knew Kelly to stop by and share any stories you might have about him. In keeping with Kelly's style this will be a very casual event. Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

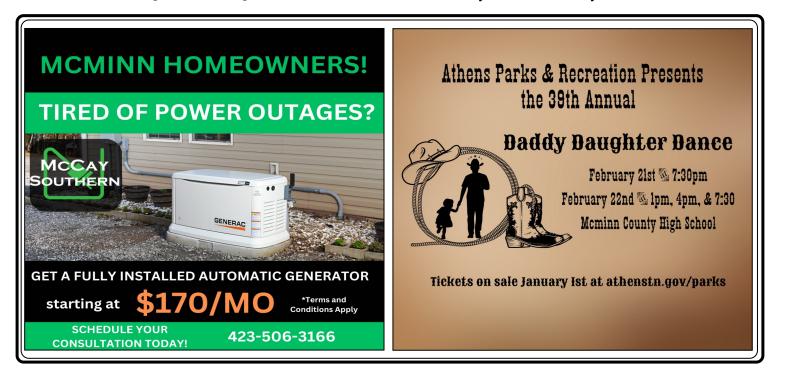
**Paul Thomas Campbell,** age 79, a native of East Liverpool, Ohio and current resident of Sweetwater, passed away on Tuesday, January 14. Arrangements will be announced later by Roberts Funeral Home in Wellsville, Ohio. Ziegler Funeral Home will be in charge of local arrangements.

## Party with a Princess with Let's Read 20



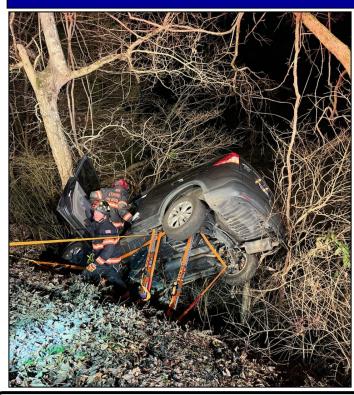
Let's Read 20 of McMinn County is hosting the 2nd Annual Party with a Princess event on Saturday, January 18 from 10 am to 12 pm

at the McMinn County High School Cafeteria. There will be picture opportunities with six different princesses from 10 am to 11:30 am. Take the floor during the dance party beginning at 11:30. Face Painting, Cookies, and Lemonade will be available. You must register in advance to be a part of the event. Cost is \$20 per child / \$10 per each additional child. (One adult per child included) You may sign up today and either pay by Venmo HERE or at the door on Saturday. All proceeds will assist Let's Read 20 of McMinn County to enhance literacy in the community.





# **Driver Extricated After Crash in Etowah Last Week**



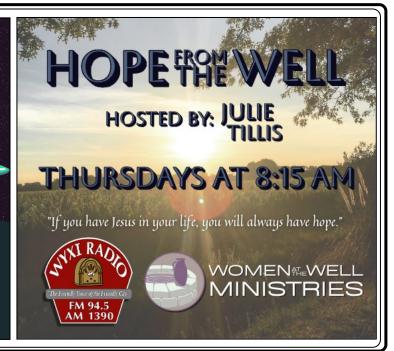
A 2013 Honda CRV crashed into a tree after the driver lost control near the intersection of County Roads 880 and 875 in Etowah around 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8. The vehicle went down a steep embankment, requiring an extensive extrication effort involving multiple agencies.

Crews from Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Etowah City Fire, McMinn County Sheriff's Department, and AMR worked together to safely remove the driver. After extrication, the patient was brought up the embankment and transported by AMR to UT Knoxville for treatment.

Etowah Rural Fire Deputy Chief Dustin Ruebush led the scene, and the crash is under investigation by THP Trooper Tyra Johnson.

Photo credit: Lynn Ingram, Englewood Rural Fire Department.

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## Lady Vols to Host "We Back Pat" Game Tonight



Tennessee will host its annual "We Back Pat" game on Thursday, as Mississippi State comes to Food City Center and joins the Lady Vols in commemorating the 13th anniversary of the initiative, which is a partnership between the Pat Summitt Foundation and the Southeastern Conference.

UT (14-2, 2-2 SEC) and MSU (15-3, 2-2 SEC) are slated to meet at 7 p.m. ET on Thursday, with the contest televised on SEC Network and carried by Lady Vol Network radio stations statewide and via audio stream on UTSports.com.

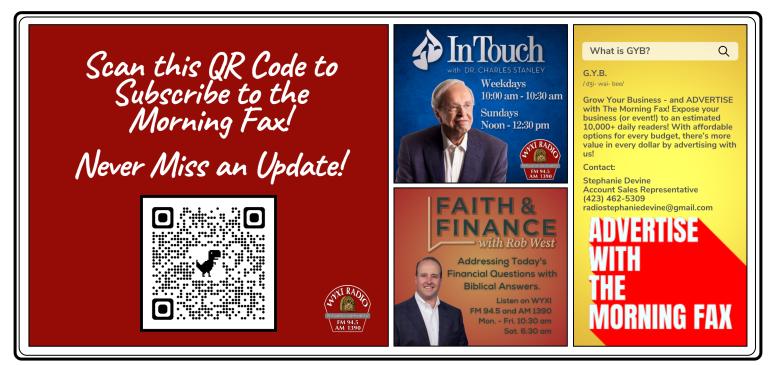
Orange Mountain Designs, located in The Gallery shopping center at 7240

Kingston Pike in Knoxville, is selling "We Back Pat" shirts, and a portion of the proceeds will go to the Pat Summitt Foundation.

The Pat Summitt Foundation was launched on Nov. 27, 2011, by the late, legendary Lady Vol head coach Pat Summitt after her diagnosis of early onset dementia, Alzheimer's type, at the age of 59. Each year, "We Back Pat" games are held around the nation to create awareness and help raise funds for research that can lead to more effective treatment and a cure for the disease.

Summitt, a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom and an inductee into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame and Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, produced a 1,098-208 record in 38 seasons at the helm of the UT women's basketball program. She led her teams to eight NCAA national championships, 18 NCAA Final Fours, 16 SEC regular season titles and 16 SEC tournament crowns. The program maintained a 100 percent graduation rate for every player who completed her eligibility at UT, with 122 players under her leadership earning degrees.

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# Athens Area Council for the Arts presents: "One"



Athens Area Council for the Arts (AACA) is pleased to present the next installment of the 2024-25 House Blend Concert Series: "ONE" on Friday and Saturday January 17 & 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Directed by G. David Brown, who brought audience favorites "Evening with the Stars" and "64 - '71: The Music of a Changing World," "One" celebrates one-hit-wonders and chart-topping records. This show features songs brought to you by the number 1.

Vocalists include local favorites Alex Sharp, Amanda Reynolds, Andrew Kimball, Crystal Hall, Emerson McKenzie, Jasmine Porter-McDermott, Joe Littleton, Kinslee Melhorn, Lauren Brown, Lindsey Kimball, Lori Royal, Louie Royal, Melonie Carideo, Miah Baker, Rae-

gan Graves, and Tad Roberts. The singers will be backed up by The Arts Center's house band, September Song.

All House Blend Concert Series shows are in the Sue E. Trotter Black Box Theater at The Arts Center. Prices for House Blend tickets range from \$17.50 to \$22.50. All tickets include catered refreshments. Refreshments are available starting 30 minutes before show time.

All AACA programs are supported by premiere sponsors Edward Jones of Athens, Tennessee Valley Authority, Willsonthropic, Inc. and Mintie C. Willson, and Wolfenden Family Pharmacies. Additional support comes from presenting sponsor: Friendly City Festivals. All other sponsors are recognized on AACA's website.

More information about AACA programs is available at <u>athensartscouncil.org</u>, or over the phone at 423-745-8781. Staff is available via phone, or in person, at The Arts Center. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Arts Center is located in Historic Downtown Athens, Tennessee, in the Main Street District, at 320 North White Street.

