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Fire Damages Vacant Home Near Etowah



LISTENING REMINDER: TODAY on Main Street Moments: Host Maggie Blaine invites The McMinn County Friends of the Library to discuss their Annual Book Sale! The broadcast will be aired at 8:15 a.m. TODAY on WYXI RADIO: AM-1390 and FM-94.5. See ad on Page 4

A fire broke out in a vacant home on County Road 812 Sunday afternoon, prompting a multi-agency response and causing significant smoke and water damage.

Neighbors reported seeing smoke coming from the residence around 1:00 p.m. Firefighters arrived to find visible flames and smoke. The homeowner had reportedly been at the property earlier that morning around 10:30 a.m. and noticed nothing unusual.

The fire began in the bathroom, but damage extended throughout the home due to smoke and water. Crews from Etowah City Fire, Etowah Rural Fire, Englewood Rural Fire, Claxton Fire, EUB, and the McMinn County Sheriff's Department responded to the scene. Englewood Rural Fire Chief Billy Roach led the response.

Photos courtesy of Lynn Ingram of the Englewood Rural Fire Department









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Cleveland State Library Renovations Begin This Month

Cleveland State Community College will begin renovations to its library this month, with work expected to last approximately six months. The project will modernize the facility with updated fixtures, improved technical and electrical systems, and a redesigned layout to better support both quiet study and group collaboration.

To maintain uninterrupted service during the renovation, the library will relocate to Room 109 in the Career Education Building. The current library will close on Wednesday, June 18, and reopen in its temporary location on Friday, June 20.

Students and community members will continue to have access to research assistance, circulation services, student computer stations, a print kiosk, student ID card services, and quiet study areas during the transition.

Summer library hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, visit <u>clevelandstatecc.libanswers.com</u>, or email <u>library@clevelandstatecc.edu</u>, or call (423) 473-2277.

Community News You Can Use

- TVFCU is hosting a job fair TODAY, Tuesday, June 17, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Southside Branch, (125 W 20th St, Chattanooga). Job seekers can participate in on-the-spot interviews for entry-level and experienced positions. No resume or appointment required. For details, visit tvfcu.com.
- The monthly meeting for the Cherokee Beekeepers
 Association will be on Tuesday, June 24 at 7:00

 P.M. The meeting will be held at the AgCentral
 Farmers Co-Op located at 920 Congress Pkwy. N.,
 Athens. The public is always welcome. You do not need to be a member to attend.

We encourage you to e-mail community events, church news, school sports results or other items of interest for possible use in the Morning Fax. If you take a newsworthy photograph, send it to:

wyxiradio@gmail.com

The United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties is currently seeking a new

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties is responsible for leading the organization in its mission to improve health, education, and financial stability in the community. The role involves strategic planning, fundraising, community engagement, and overseeing operational and administrative tasks to ensure the organization meets its short- and long-term goals. This position will remain open until filled.

Click here for full job description and application information.





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Athens, Tennessee

New Law Launches Disability Housing Pilot in Bradley County



Governor Bill Lee has signed Senate Bill 110 into law, establishing a pilot program in Bradley County to provide residential facilities for adults with disabilities. Senator Adam Lowe of Calhoun

sponsored the legislation.

The program, operated through Real Life Village, will create small residential homes—each housing four individuals—on a 26-acre community site. The goal is to offer supportive, community-based housing that promotes independent living for adults with disabilities. The pilot is set to become permanent in 2032.

Obituaries

Cathy Aileen Russell Murray, 69, passed away on Saturday, June 14. She was of the Baptist faith who with her singing group "By Faith", she lived and spoke her ministry and testimony to her Lord. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 PM at Ziegler Funeral Home with a funeral service to follow at 7:00 PM. Graveside services will be held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at Sunrise Cemetery in Englewood at 10:00 AM. Ziegler Funeral Home has been entrusted with serving the family of Cathy Aileen Russell Murray.

Charles "Charlie" Franklin Blevins, 83, of Riceville, passed away on Friday, June 13. He retired from Bowater after 36 years. He was a member of Sanford Baptist Church in Riceville A Funeral Service will be held Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at Sanford Baptist Church in Riceville, TN at 7:00pm with Former Pastor Floyd Boggess officiating. A Visitation will be held prior from 5:00-7:00 pm. Graveside services will be on Thursday at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Cleveland. Companion Funeral Home and Cremation Service is in charge of arrangements.



